Natural Frequency of Bridge Pier Considering Soil Shear Effect in Layer Foundation

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Abstract-To improve Winkler foundation model that ignores the shear effect of the layered soil, the second soil elastic parameter is introduced to take into account the shear deformation of soil. An initial parameter method is developed to solve the dynamic differential equation of lateral vibration for a pile which is embedded in a layered Pasternak foundation. By means of the transfer matrix method, the relationship of the lateral displacement, rotation angle, bending moment and shear force between the pile head and pile tip is investigated. Based on the boundary conditions as well as the continuity conditions, the accuracy of the theoretical derivation and the calculation program of the natural frequency has been verified through an engineering example. The method in this paper gives much better results in contrast to the energy method and equivalent depth method. The analysis also demonstrates that the role of soil shear makes the dynamic stiffness of a pile increase when compared with one in the Winkler foundation model.

Index Terms—Bridge pier, natural frequency, pasternak foundation, soil-foundation dynamic interaction.

I. INTRODUCTION

The natural frequency reflects the inherent vibration characteristics of the structure. At the same time, the soil-structure interaction (SSI) under impact or seismic excitations is a key issue in the dynamic problems of pile foundation. Therefore attention has been paid to the natural frequency of a pile considering pile-soil dynamic interaction. Various Models, such as the continuum model [1], the Winkler model [2], [3] and the finite element model [4], [5] have been presented to study the dynamic interaction problems. The continuum model only applies to the homogeneous foundation model, on the other hand, the numerical model cannot be extended to large practical projects because of high cost. The Winkler foundation has experienced widespread applications in which the pressure at that point is only related to the deflection at that point, in addition to the clear physical concept and simple calculation. In contrast to the three-dimensional analysis results, Kagawa [6] established the coefficients of the pile-soil model. Some domestic scholars compared this model in consideration of the shear effect [7] of a pile and layered soil [8] with the finite element results. However, based on a series of independent springs and dashpots, the Winkler model ignores the shear behavior of soil, that is to say, it cannot describe the continuous deformation of a practical foundation, which is not theoretically rigorous.

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Combing spring-dampers with the incompressible pure shear element that only result in vertical shear deformation, the Pasternak foundation model introducing a second foundation parameter improves the previous model, namely, it overcomes the limitation of the Winkler model. Jue Wang [9] made vibration impedance analysis on a pile considering soil shear effect in layered foundation which indicated it was necessary to make use of two-parameter foundation model. In addition, the vibration of pile foundation is that of infinite number of degrees of freedom system. Considering the complexity of pile-soil interaction, the primary circular frequency of a pile simplified to the cantilever structure is solved by the equivalent depth method [10] which presented a simplified analytical formulation. Weifeng Sun [10] adopted the energy method [11] to simplify the layered foundation into soil springs with equivalent stiffness coefficient as well as obtained the results compared with the energy method and the measured data. In this paper, a study is focused on vibration of a pile in the two-parameter foundation. The method of initial parameter and transfer matrix are developed to acquire the differential equation of lateral vibration of a pile. According to the boundary condition and continuous condition, the accuracy of the natural frequency formula is verified by an engineering example.

II. FORMULATIONS

A. Vibration of the Pile below the Ground

To better understand the behavior of dynamic interaction of the bridge pier in Pasternak foundation model, lateral vibration model of the pile below the ground is shown in Fig.1. The Euler-Bernoulli beam theory is used to describe the vibration of a pile. When the piers are impacted, the displacement and deformation will be transmitted to the superstructure through the bearings while the deformation of the superstructure will also restrain the piers correspondingly. In such a case, springs with compressive rigidity and rotational stiffness can be used to represent the lateral restraint to the piers. The pile below the ground is divided into N segments along its shaft according to the specific distribution of the stratum. Each segment with more or less uniform mechanical property is taken into account as a system composed of an incompressible shear layer, which is connected through infinitely close linear springs and dashpots.

The dynamic equation of the jth segment, without consideration of the damping effect, can be expressed as

$$E_{\mathbf{b}}I_{\mathbf{b}}\frac{\partial^{4}u_{\mathbf{b}j}(z,t)}{\partial z^{4}} + \rho_{\mathbf{b}}A_{\mathbf{b}}\frac{\partial^{2}u_{\mathbf{b}j}(z,t)}{\partial t^{2}} + k_{xj}u_{\mathbf{b}j}(z,t) - g_{xj}\frac{\partial^{2}u_{\mathbf{b}j}(z,t)}{\partial z^{2}} = 0.$$
(1)

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Fig. 1. Lateral vibration model of the pile below the ground in Pasternak foundation.

where $u_{bj}(z,t)$ is the transverse deflection of the *j*th segment and $\rho_b A_b$ is the mass per unit length along the single pile; $E_b I_b$ is the flexural stiffness of the pile. g_{xj} and k_{xj} are the shear stiffness and the compressive stiffness of the *j*th layer, respectively. $\lambda_G = g_{xj}/k_{xj}$ is defined as the ratio of the elastic foundation parameters in the Pasternak model, whose algebraic expressions have been developed in [2]. During the steady-state harmonic vibration, the deflection of a pile can be expressed as $u_{bj}(z,t) = U_{bj}(z)e^{i\omega t}$, where $i = \sqrt{-1}$, ω is the frequency of the excitation. In such a case, equation (1) becomes

$$\frac{d^4 U_{bj}(z)}{dz^4} - \frac{\delta_j^2}{H_j^2} \frac{d^2 U_{bj}(z)}{dz^2} - \frac{\alpha_j^4}{H_j^4} U_{bj}(z) = 0.$$
(2)

where δ_j and α_j are defined by $\delta_j = H_j \sqrt{\lambda_{\rm G} k_{xj} / E_{\rm b} I_{\rm b}}$ and $\alpha_j = H_j \sqrt[4]{\rho_{\rm b} A_{\rm b} \omega^2 - k_{xj} / E_{\rm b} I_{\rm b}}$, respectively. The general solution for (2), which exists four characteristic roots, is obtained by

$$U_{bj}(z) = A_j \cosh \frac{\zeta_{1j}}{H_j} z + B_j \sinh \frac{\zeta_{1j}}{H_j} z + C_j \cos \frac{\zeta_{2j}}{H_j} z + D_j \sin \frac{\zeta_{2j}}{H_j} z.$$
(3)

in which

 $\zeta_{2j} = \sqrt{\sqrt{(\delta_j^4/4) + \alpha_j^4} - (\delta_j^2/2)} \quad , \quad \zeta_{1j} = \sqrt{(\delta_j^2/2) + \sqrt{(\delta_j^4/4) + \alpha_j^4}} \quad .$

 A_j , B_j , C_j , D_j are undetermined coefficients which are determined by the boundary condition between the head of the pile below the ground and the tip of the pile above the ground.

According to the deflection curve differential equation of the beam, rotation angle $\varphi_{\rm bj}(z)$, bending moment $M_{\rm bj}(z)$ and shear force $P_{\rm bj}(z)$ of the pile are

$$\varphi_{bj}(z) = -\frac{dU_{bj}(z)}{dz} = -\frac{\zeta_{1j}}{H_j} (A_j \sinh \frac{\zeta_{1j}}{H_j} z + B_j \cosh \frac{\zeta_{1j}}{H_j} z) -\frac{\zeta_{2j}}{H_j} (-C_j \sin \frac{\zeta_{2j}}{H_j} z + D_j \cos \frac{\zeta_{2j}}{H_j} z) M_{bj}(z) = E_b I_b \frac{d^2 U_{bj}(z)}{dz^2} = E_b I_b \frac{\zeta_{1j}^2}{H_j^2} (A_j \cosh \frac{\zeta_{1j}}{H_j} z + B_j \sinh \frac{\zeta_{1j}}{H_j} z) + E_b I_b \frac{\zeta_{2j}^2}{H_j^2} (-C_j \cos \frac{\zeta_{2j}}{H_j} z - D_j \sin \frac{\zeta_{2j}}{H_j} z) P_{bj}(z) = E_b I_b \frac{d^3 U_{bj}(z)}{dz^3} = E_b I_b \frac{\zeta_{1j}^3}{H_j^3} (A_j \sinh \frac{\zeta_{1j}}{H_j} z + B_j \cosh \frac{\zeta_{1j}}{H_j} z) + E_b I_b \frac{\zeta_{2j}^3}{H_j^3} (C_j \sin \frac{\zeta_{2j}}{H_j} z - D_j \cos \frac{\zeta_{2j}}{H_j} z).$$
(4)

According to the initial parameter method, we define a local coordinate system for *j*th segment to represent the internal forces and deflections at the top of the segment as

$$\begin{cases}
U_{bj}(0) = A_{j} + C_{j} \\
\varphi_{bj}(0) = -\frac{\zeta_{1j}}{H_{j}}B_{j} - \frac{\zeta_{2j}}{H_{j}}D_{j} \\
M_{bj}(0) = E_{b}I_{b}(\frac{\zeta_{1j}^{2}}{H_{j}^{2}}A_{j} - \frac{\zeta_{2j}^{2}}{H_{j}^{2}}C_{j}) \\
P_{bj}(0) = E_{b}I_{b}(\frac{\zeta_{1j}^{3}}{H_{j}^{3}}B_{j} - \frac{\zeta_{2j}^{3}}{H_{j}^{3}}D_{j})
\end{cases}$$
(7)

Thus, the four unknown coefficients can be acquired from (3)-(7) as follows:

$$\begin{cases} A_{j} = \zeta_{2j}^{2} k_{1j} U_{bj}(0) + H_{j}^{2} k_{1j} M_{bj}(0) / E_{b} I_{b} \\ B_{j} = -\zeta_{2j}^{2} k_{2j} \varphi_{bj}(0) + H_{j}^{2} k_{2j} P_{bj}(0) / E_{b} I_{b} \\ C_{j} = \zeta_{1j}^{2} k_{1j} U_{bj}(0) - H_{j}^{2} k_{1j} M_{bj}(0) / E_{b} I_{b} \\ D_{j} = -\zeta_{1j}^{2} k_{3j} \varphi_{bj}(0) - H_{j}^{2} k_{3j} P_{bj}(0) / E_{b} I_{b} \end{cases}$$
(8)

in which
$$k_{1j} = \frac{1}{(\zeta_{1j}^2 + \zeta_{2j}^2)}$$
, $k_{2j} = \frac{H_j}{(\zeta_{1j}\zeta_{2j}^2 + \zeta_{1j}^3)}$
 $k_{3j} = \frac{H_j}{(\zeta_{1j}^2\zeta_{2j} + \zeta_{2j}^3)}$.

The relationship of deflections and internal forces between the top and the head at the *j*th segment by substituting (8) into (3)-(6) can be written in a matrix form, as shown below

$$\begin{cases} U_{bj}(H_{j}) \\ \varphi_{bj}(H_{j}) \\ P_{bj}(H_{j}) \\ M_{bj}(H_{j}) \end{cases} = T_{bj} \begin{cases} U_{bj}(0) \\ \varphi_{bj}(0) \\ P_{bj}(0) \\ M_{bj}(0) \end{cases}.$$
(9)

where the expression of each element in matrix T_{bj} is given in Appendix.

Based on the continuity condition at the interface of the adjacent segments, we can obtain the relationship of the

deflections and internal forces between the head and the tip of a pile by means of the transfer matrix method, which is recommended as

$$\begin{cases} U_{b}(L) \\ \varphi_{b}(L) \\ P_{b}(L) \\ M_{b}(L) \end{cases} = T_{b} \begin{cases} U_{b}(0) \\ \varphi_{b}(0) \\ P_{b}(0) \\ M_{b}(0) \end{cases}.$$
(10)

where $T_{b} = T_{bN}T_{bN-1}\cdots T_{1}$ is called the lumped transfer matrix.

B. Vibration of the Pile above the Ground

When the compressive stiffness in the (1) is zero, the dynamic equation of the *i*th segment of the pile above the ground can be derived as

$$E_{ui}I_{ui}\frac{\partial^4 u_{ui}(z,t)}{\partial z^4} + \rho_{ui}A_{ui}\frac{\partial^2 u_{ui}(z,t)}{\partial t^2} = 0.$$
(11)

where $u_{ui}(z,t)$ is the transverse deflection of the *i*th segment and $\rho_{ui}A_{ui}$ is the mass per unit length along the pile; $E_{ui}I_{ui}$ is the flexural stiffness of the pile. Lateral vibration model of the pile above the ground is shown in Fig.2.



Fig. 2. Lateral vibration model of the pile above the ground in Pasternak foundation.

Referring to the solution of the dynamic equation of the *j*th segment as well as the transfer matrix of the pile below the ground, we can establish the transfer matrix T_{ui} of the *i*th segment above the ground correspondingly, where $\beta_i = h_i \sqrt{\omega \sqrt{\rho_{ui} A_{ui} / E_{ui} I_{ui}}}$ and the expression of each element in matrix T_{ui} are given in Appendix.

III. CONTINUITY CONDITIONS

According to the continuity condition at the interface of the pile above the ground and that below the ground, equation (12) can be expressed as

$$\begin{cases} U_{u1}(0) = U_{b1}(0) \\ \varphi_{u1}(0) = \varphi_{b1}(0) \\ P_{u1}(0) = P_{b1}(0) \\ M_{u1}(0) = M_{b1}(0) \end{cases}$$
(12)

where $U_{\rm bl}$, $\varphi_{\rm bl}$, $P_{\rm bl}$, $M_{\rm bl}$ are amplitude of lateral displacement, rotation angle, shear force and bending moment of the first segment of the pile above the ground. Applying the dynamic equation of the *i*th segment on (3)-(6), equation (13) is

$$\begin{cases} a_{1} + c_{1} = A_{1} + C_{1} \\ -\frac{\beta_{1}}{h_{1}}(b_{1} + d_{1}) = -\frac{\zeta_{11}}{H_{1}}B_{1} - \frac{\zeta_{21}}{H_{1}}D_{1} \\ E_{u1}I_{u1}\frac{\beta_{1}^{2}}{h_{1}^{2}}(a_{1} - c_{1}) = E_{b}I_{b}(\frac{\zeta_{11}^{2}}{H_{1}^{2}}A_{1} - \frac{\zeta_{21}^{2}}{H_{1}^{2}}C_{1})^{\cdot} \\ E_{u1}I_{u1}\frac{\beta_{1}^{3}}{h_{1}^{3}}(b_{1} - d_{1}) = E_{b}I_{b}(\frac{\zeta_{11}^{3}}{H_{1}^{3}}B_{1} - \frac{\zeta_{21}^{3}}{H_{1}^{3}}D_{1}) \end{cases}$$
(13)

in which, $E_{ul}I_{ul}$ is the flexural stiffness of a pile above the ground in the first segment. a_i , b_i , c_i , d_i are undetermined coefficients which are determined by the boundary condition.

IV. BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

Selecting the segments of the first and second line in the transfer matrix of (10), the following matrix equation is recurrently obtained as

$$\begin{cases} U_{b}(L) \\ \varphi_{b}(L) \end{cases} = \begin{bmatrix} T_{b11} & T_{b12} & T_{b13} & T_{b14} \\ T_{b21} & T_{b22} & T_{b23} & T_{b24} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_{b}(0) \\ \varphi_{b}(0) \\ P_{b}(0) \\ M_{b}(0) \end{bmatrix}.$$
(14)

By applying the boundary condition at the pile tip { $U_{\rm b}(L) = 0$, $\varphi_{\rm b}(L) = 0$ } to (14), the force-displacement relationship at the pile head below the ground can be acquired

$$\begin{bmatrix} T_{b11} & T_{b12} \\ T_{b21} & T_{b22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_{b}(0) \\ \varphi_{b}(0) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} T_{b13} & T_{b14} \\ T_{b23} & T_{b24} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_{b}(0) \\ M_{b}(0) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$
(15)

Combined with (7), the unknown coefficients can be obtained

$$\begin{bmatrix} T_{b11} & T_{b12} \\ T_{b21} & T_{b22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{cases} A_{1} + C_{1} \\ -\frac{\zeta_{11}}{H_{1}} B_{1} - \frac{\zeta_{21}}{H_{1}} D_{1} \\ \end{bmatrix} + \\ \begin{bmatrix} T_{b13} & T_{b14} \\ T_{b23} & T_{b24} \end{bmatrix} \begin{cases} E_{b} I_{b} \frac{\zeta_{11}^{3}}{H_{1}^{3}} B_{1} - E_{b} I_{b} \frac{\zeta_{21}^{3}}{H_{1}^{3}} D_{1} \\ E_{b} I_{b} \frac{\zeta_{11}^{2}}{H_{1}^{2}} A_{1} - E_{b} I_{b} \frac{\zeta_{21}^{2}}{H_{1}^{2}} C_{1} \\ \end{cases} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$
(16)

Taking the restraint of the superstructure to the pier into consideration, the boundary conditions of the pile head above the ground can be derived as

$$\begin{cases} P_{un}(z,t)\big|_{z=-h_n} - \overline{M} \frac{\partial^2 u_{un}(z,t)}{\partial t^2}\Big|_{z=-h_n} + K_{\mathrm{T}} u_{un}(z,t)\big|_{z=-h_n} = 0\\ M_{un}(z,t)\big|_{z=-h_n} + K_{\mathrm{Z}} \varphi_{un}(z,t)\big|_{z=-h_n} = 0 \end{cases}.$$
(17)

in which, u_{un} , φ_{un} , P_{un} , M_{un} are lateral displacement, rotation angle, shear force and bending moment of the segment *n* of the pile above the ground. During the steady-state harmonic vibration, we have combined with the transfer matrix above the ground. Equation (18) can be written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{M} \, \omega^2 + K_{\rm T} & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & K_{\rm Z} & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{T}_{\rm u} \begin{cases} \boldsymbol{U}_{\rm u1}(0) \\ \varphi_{\rm u1}(0) \\ \boldsymbol{P}_{\rm u1}(0) \\ \boldsymbol{M}_{\rm u1}(0) \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 0 \\ 0 \end{cases}. \quad (18)$$

We define \boldsymbol{t} as $\boldsymbol{t} = \begin{bmatrix} \overline{M} \omega^2 + K_{\mathrm{T}} & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & K_{\mathrm{Z}} & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{T}_{\mathrm{u}}$. Equation

(19) is in the following form in consideration of the initial parameter solution of the pile above the ground

$$\begin{bmatrix} t_{11} & t_{12} & t_{13} & t_{14} \\ t_{21} & t_{22} & t_{23} & t_{24} \end{bmatrix} \begin{cases} a_1 + c_1 \\ -\frac{\beta_1}{h_1}(b_1 + d_1) \\ E_{u1}I_{u1}\frac{\beta_1^2}{h_1^2}(a_1 - c_1) \\ E_{u1}I_{u1}\frac{\beta_1^3}{h_1^3}(b_1 - d_1) \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 0 \\ 0 \end{cases}.$$
(19)

V. FREQUENCY EQUATION

Equation (13), equation (16) and equation (19) can be written in the form of BC = 0 (20), in which $C = [a_1 \ b_1 \ c_1 \ d_1 \ A_1 \ B_1 \ C_1 \ D_1]^T$. The expression of each element in matrix **B** is given in Appendix in detail. To make (20) have nonzero solutions, that is to say, $a_1, \ b_1, \ c_1, \ d_1, \ A_1, \ B_1, \ C_1, \ D_1 \neq 0$, the determinant of matrix **B** must be zero, then the frequency equation about ω can be acquired finally.

VI. EXAMPLE VALIDATION

The first order natural frequency of No.6 test pile of Qingdao Bay Bridge was obtained with the energy method in [10]. In this paper, we choose this engineering example to verify the accuracy of the theoretical deduction. Geological conditions of No.6 test pile is shown in Table I.

TABLE I: GEOLOGICAL CONDITIONS OF NO.6 TEST PILE.

Layer	Bottom	Layer	Geotechnical	Bearing	Friction
Number	Elevation	Thickness	Classification	Capacity	Resistance
1	-10.54	5.62	Silt Clay	70	20

2	-15.92	5.38	Clay	270	55
3	-18.32	2.4	Coarse Sand	350	70
4	-20.22	1.9	Clay	200	50
5	-33.82	13.6	Gravel Sand	500	100
6	-37.52	3.7	Strongly Weathered Mudstone	400	80
7	-66.12	28.6	Weakly Weathered Mudstone	550	110

In ABAQUS analysis, we use Unit C3D8R to simulate the bridge pier and linear Drucker Prager plasticity model for each soil layer setting the shear hardening parameters, as well as tangential friction coefficients at the interface of adjacent layers, regardless of those at pile-soil interface. We employ far-place boundaries to improve the accuracy when simulating the soil boundary, whose diameter is taken as 10 times that of the bridge pier. Fig. 3 gives modal analysis results of No.6 test pile in Pasternak foundation.



Fig. 3. Modal analysis results of No.6 test pile in Pasternak foundation.

The numerical results of MATLAB program are developed to obtain the first order natural frequency of a pile embedded in the Pasternak foundation model in contrast to the theoretical result, which is given in Table II.

TABLE II: ANALYSIS OF FUNDAMENTAL NATURAL FREQUENCY OF NO.6

I ESI PILE								
	Measured Value	Abaqus	Matlab	Energy Method	Equivalent Depth Method			
Frequency	2.000	2.031	2.593	2.670	4.030			
Error	-	1.55%	29.65%	33.50%	101.50%			

It can be seen from the above analysis that the method proposed in this article is more accurate than the equivalent method [10] and energy method [11], namely, as a theory model, the Pasternak model is more reasonable than the Winkler model due to overcoming the defect of ignoring shear capacity of layered soils. In Winkler model, foundation parameter ratio λ_G is taken as zero, while the actual value is in the range of 0-1. For the Pasternak model in the current analysis, the value of λ_G is assumed to be 1. It can be seen from Fig. 4 that stiffness coefficient in the Pasternak model which takes the shear effect into consideration is significantly larger than that in the Winkler model. Therefore, it is more accurate to obtain the natural frequency of a pile in the two-parameter foundation model.



Fig. 4. Comparison of the stiffness coefficient of a pile in Pasternak foundation.

VII. CONCLUTION

In the present analysis, the natural frequency of a pile

embedded in the two-parameter (Pasternak) foundation model has been investigated in the framework of the Euler-Bernoulli beam theory. A pile is divided into n+Nsegments along its shaft with the transfer matrix employed to deal with the layered characteristics of the soil media. The correctness of the theoretical derivation has been proved through a comparative study. The Winkler model is less reasonable than the Pasternak model because it ignores the shear stiffness of the soil layer. Throughout the comparison to the equivalent method, the energy method and the engineering example, the Pasternak model is more accurate in terms of the natural frequency. The numerical results indicate that the dynamic stiffness coefficient in the two-parameter model composed of infinitely close linear springs and dashpots, which is connected with incompressible shear layers is obviously larger than that in the single-parameter (Winkler) model.

APPENDIX

The elements in matrix B:

$$\boldsymbol{B} = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & b_{13} & b_{14} & b_{15} & b_{16} & b_{17} & b_{18} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & b_{23} & b_{24} & b_{25} & b_{26} & b_{27} & b_{28} \\ b_{31} & b_{32} & b_{33} & b_{34} & b_{35} & b_{36} & b_{37} & b_{38} \\ b_{41} & b_{42} & b_{43} & b_{44} & b_{45} & b_{46} & b_{47} & b_{48} \\ b_{51} & b_{52} & b_{53} & b_{54} & b_{55} & b_{56} & b_{57} & b_{58} \\ b_{61} & b_{62} & b_{63} & b_{64} & b_{65} & b_{66} & b_{67} & b_{68} \\ b_{71} & b_{72} & b_{73} & b_{74} & b_{75} & b_{76} & b_{77} & b_{78} \\ b_{81} & b_{82} & b_{83} & b_{84} & b_{85} & b_{86} & b_{87} & b_{88} \end{bmatrix}$$

in which,

$$b_{11} = 1, b_{12} = 0, b_{13} = 1, b_{14} = 0, b_{15} = -1, b_{16} = 0, b_{17} = -1, b_{18} = 0, b_{21} = 0, b_{22} = -\frac{\beta_1}{h_1}, b_{23} = 0, b_{24} = -\frac{\beta_1}{h_1}, b_{25} = 0, b_{26} = \frac{\zeta_{11}}{H_1}, b_{27} = 0, b_{28} = \frac{\zeta_{21}}{H_1}, b_{21} = 0, b_{23} = -\frac{\beta_1}{h_1}, b_{23} = 0, b_{33} = -E_{ul}I_{ul}\frac{\beta_1^2}{h_1^2}, b_{34} = 0, b_{35} = -E_{b}I_{b}\frac{\zeta_{21}^2}{H_1^2}, b_{36} = 0, b_{37} = E_{b}I_{b}\frac{\zeta_{21}^2}{H_1^2}, b_{38} = 0, b_{41} = 0, b_{42} = E_{ul}I_{ul}\frac{\beta_1^3}{h_1^3}, b_{43} = 0, b_{44} = -E_{ul}I_{ul}\frac{\beta_1^3}{h_1^3}, b_{45} = 0, b_{46} = -E_{b}I_{b}\frac{\zeta_{11}^3}{H_1^3}, b_{47} = 0, b_{48} = E_{b}I_{b}\frac{\zeta_{21}^3}{H_1^3}, b_{51} = t_{11} + E_{ul}I_{ul}\frac{\beta_1^2}{h_1^2}t_{13}, b_{52} = -t_{12}\frac{\beta_1}{h_1} + E_{ul}I_{ul}\frac{\beta_1^3}{h_1^3}t_{14}, b_{53} = t_{11} - E_{ul}I_{ul}\frac{\beta_1^2}{h_1^2}t_{13}, b_{51} = 0, b_{58} = 0, b_{57} = 0, b_{58} = 0, b_{57} = 0, b_{58} = 0, b_{61} = t_{21} + E_{ul}I_{ul}\frac{\beta_1^2}{h_1^2}t_{23}, b_{62} = -t_{22}\frac{\beta_1}{h_1} + E_{ul}I_{ul}\frac{\beta_1^3}{h_1^3}t_{24}, b_{63} = t_{21} - E_{ul}I_{ul}\frac{\beta_1^2}{h_1^2}t_{23}, b_{64} = -t_{22}\frac{\beta_1}{h_1} - E_{ul}I_{ul}\frac{\beta_1^3}{h_1^3}t_{24}, b_{65} = 0, b_{57} = 0, b_{58} = 0, b_{71} = 0, b_{72} = 0, b_{73} = 0, b_{74} = 0, b_{75} = T_{b11} + T_{b14}E_{b}I_{b}\frac{\zeta_{11}^2}{H_1^2}, b_{76} = -T_{b12}\frac{\zeta_{11}}{H_1} + T_{b13}E_{b}I_{b}\frac{\zeta_{11}^3}{H_1^3}, b_{81} = 0, b_{82} = 0, b_{83} = 0, b_{85} = T_{b21} + T_{b24}E_{b}I_{b}\frac{\zeta_{11}^2}{H_1^2}, b_{76} = -T_{b12}\frac{\zeta_{11}}{H_1} + T_{b23}E_{b}I_{b}\frac{\zeta_{11}^3}{H_1^3}, b_{81} = 0, b_{82} = 0, b_{83} = 0, b_{85} = T_{b21} + T_{b24}E_{b}I_{b}\frac{\zeta_{11}^2}{H_1^2}, b_{86} = -T_{b22}\frac{\zeta_{11}}{H_1} + T_{b23}E_{b}I_{b}\frac{\zeta_{21}^3}{H_1^3}, b_{81} = 0, b_{82} = 0, b_{83} = 0, b_{85} = T_{b21} + T_{b24}E_{b}I_{b}\frac{\zeta_{11}^2}{H_1^2}, b_{86} = -T_{b22}\frac{\zeta_{11}}{H_1} + T_{b23}E_{b}I_{b}\frac{\zeta_{11}^3}{H_1^3}, b_{81} = 0, b_{82} = 0, b_{83} = 0, b_{85} = T_{b21} + T_{b24}E_{b}I_{b}\frac{\zeta_{11}^2}{H_1^2}, b_{86} = -T_{b22}\frac{\zeta_{11}}{H_1} + T_{b23}E_{b}I_{b}\frac{\zeta_{21}^3}{H_1^3}, b_{87} = T_{b21}\frac{\zeta_{11}}{H_1} + T_{b23}E_{b}I_{b}\frac{\zeta_{$$

The elements in matrix T_{ui} :

$$\boldsymbol{T}_{ui} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5(\cosh(-\beta_i) + \cos(-\beta_i)) & -\frac{h_i}{2\beta_i}(\sinh(-\beta_i) + \sin(-\beta_i)) & \frac{h_i^3}{2E_{ui}I_{ui}\beta_i^3}(\sinh(-\beta_i) - \sin(-\beta_i)) & \frac{h_i^2}{2E_{ui}I_{ui}\beta_i^2}(\cosh(-\beta_i) - \cos(-\beta_i)) \\ \frac{\beta_i}{2h_i}(\sin(-\beta_i) - \sinh(-\beta_i)) & 0.5(\cosh(-\beta_i) + \cos(-\beta_i)) & \frac{h_i^2}{2E_{ui}I_{ui}\beta_i^2}(\cos(-\beta_i) - \cosh(-\beta_i)) & -\frac{h_i}{2E_{ui}I_{ui}\beta_i}(\sin(-\beta_i) + \sinh(-\beta_i)) \\ \frac{E_{ui}I_{ui}\beta_i^3}{2h_i^3}(\sinh(-\beta_i) + \sin(-\beta_i)) & \frac{E_{ui}I_{ui}\beta_i^2}{2h_i^2}(\cos(-\beta_i) - \cosh(-\beta_i)) & 0.5(\cosh(-\beta_i) + \cos(-\beta_i)) \\ \frac{E_{ui}I_{ui}\beta_i^2}{2h_i^2}(\cosh(-\beta_i) - \cos(-\beta_i)) & \frac{E_{ui}I_{ui}\beta_i}{2h_i}(\sin(-\beta_i) - \sinh(-\beta_i)) \\ \frac{E_{ui}I_{ui}\beta_i^2}{2h_i^2}(\cosh(-\beta_i) - \cos(-\beta_i)) & \frac{E_{ui}I_{ui}\beta_i}{2h_i}(\sin(-\beta_i) - \sinh(-\beta_i)) & \frac{h_i}{2\beta_i}(\sinh(-\beta_i) + \sin(-\beta_i)) \\ \frac{E_{ui}I_{ui}\beta_i}{2h_i^2}(\cosh(-\beta_i) - \cos(-\beta_i)) & \frac{E_{ui}I_{ui}\beta_i}{2h_i}(\sin(-\beta_i) - \sinh(-\beta_i)) & \frac{h_i}{2\beta_i}(\sinh(-\beta_i) + \sin(-\beta_i)) \\ \frac{E_{ui}I_{ui}\beta_i}{2h_i^2}(\cosh(-\beta_i) - \cos(-\beta_i)) & \frac{E_{ui}I_{ui}\beta_i}{2h_i}(\sin(-\beta_i) - \sinh(-\beta_i)) \\ \frac{E_{ui}I_{ui}\beta_i}{2h_i^2}(\cosh(-\beta_i) - \cos(-\beta_i)) \\ \frac{E_{ui}I_{ui}\beta_i}{2h_i^2}(\cosh(-\beta_i) - \cos(-\beta_i$$

The elements in matrix T_{b_i} :

$$\boldsymbol{T}_{bj} = \begin{bmatrix} k_{1j}(\zeta_{2j}^{2}\cosh\zeta_{1j} + \zeta_{1j}^{2}\cos\zeta_{2j}) & -(\zeta_{2j}^{2}k_{2j}\sinh\zeta_{1j} + \zeta_{1j}^{2}k_{3j}\sin\zeta_{2j}) & \frac{H_{j}^{2}}{E_{b}I_{b}}(k_{2j}\sinh\zeta_{1j} - k_{3j}\sin\zeta_{2j}) & \frac{k_{1j}H_{j}^{2}}{E_{b}I_{b}}(\cosh\zeta_{1j} - \cos\zeta_{2j}) \\ \frac{k_{1j}\zeta_{1j}\zeta_{2j}}{H_{j}}(\zeta_{1j}\sin\zeta_{2j} - \zeta_{2j}\sinh\zeta_{1j}) & \frac{\zeta_{1j}\zeta_{2j}}{H_{j}}(\zeta_{2j}k_{2j}\cosh\zeta_{1j} + \zeta_{1j}k_{3j}\cos\zeta_{2j}) & \frac{H_{j}}{E_{b}I_{b}}(\zeta_{2j}k_{3j}\cos\zeta_{2j} - \zeta_{1j}k_{2j}\cosh\zeta_{1j}) & \frac{-H_{j}k_{1j}}{E_{b}I_{b}}(\zeta_{1j}\sinh\zeta_{1j} + \zeta_{2j}\sin\zeta_{2j}) \\ \frac{E_{b}I_{b}\zeta_{1j}^{2}\zeta_{2j}^{2}k_{1j}}{H_{j}^{3}}(\zeta_{1j}\sinh\zeta_{1j} + \zeta_{2j}\sin\zeta_{2j}) & \frac{E_{b}I_{b}\zeta_{1j}^{2}\zeta_{2j}^{2}}{H_{j}^{3}}(k_{3j}\zeta_{2j}\cos\zeta_{2j} - k_{2j}\zeta_{1j}\cosh\zeta_{1j}) & \frac{\zeta_{1j}^{3}k_{2j}\cosh\zeta_{1j} + \zeta_{2j}^{3}k_{3j}\cos\zeta_{2j}}{H_{j}} & \frac{k_{1j}}{H_{j}}(\zeta_{1j}^{3}\sinh\zeta_{1j} - \zeta_{1j}^{3}\sin\zeta_{2j}) \\ \frac{E_{b}I_{b}\zeta_{1j}^{2}\zeta_{2j}^{2}k_{1j}}{H_{j}^{2}}(\cosh\zeta_{1j} - \cos\zeta_{2j}) & \frac{E_{b}I_{b}\zeta_{1j}^{2}\zeta_{2j}^{2}}{H_{j}^{2}}(k_{3j}\sin\zeta_{2j} - k_{2j}\sinh\zeta_{1j}) & \zeta_{1j}^{2}k_{2j}\sinh\zeta_{1j} + \zeta_{2j}^{2}k_{3j}\sin\zeta_{2j}} \\ k_{1j}(\zeta_{1j}^{2}\cosh\zeta_{1j} - \zeta_{2j}^{3}\cos\zeta_{2j}) & \frac{E_{b}I_{b}\zeta_{1j}^{2}\zeta_{2j}^{2}}{H_{j}^{2}}(k_{3j}\sin\zeta_{2j} - k_{2j}\sinh\zeta_{1j}) & \zeta_{1j}^{2}k_{2j}\sinh\zeta_{1j} + \zeta_{2j}^{2}k_{3j}\sin\zeta_{2j} \\ k_{1j}(\zeta_{1j}^{2}\cosh\zeta_{1j} + \zeta_{2j}^{2}\cos\zeta_{2j}) & \frac{E_{b}I_{b}\zeta_{1j}^{2}\zeta_{2j}^{2}}{H_{j}^{2}}(k_{3j}\sin\zeta_{2j} - k_{2j}\sinh\zeta_{1j}) & \zeta_{1j}^{2}k_{2j}\sinh\zeta_{1j} + \zeta_{2j}^{2}k_{3j}\sin\zeta_{2j} \\ k_{1j}(\zeta_{1j}^{2}\cosh\zeta_{1j} + \zeta_{2j}^{2}\cos\zeta_{2j}) & \frac{E_{b}I_{b}\zeta_{1j}^{2}\zeta_{2j}^{2}}{H_{j}^{2}}(k_{3j}\sin\zeta_{2j} - k_{2j}\sinh\zeta_{1j}) & \zeta_{1j}^{2}k_{2j}\sinh\zeta_{1j} + \zeta_{2j}^{2}k_{3j}\sin\zeta_{2j} \\ k_{1j}(\zeta_{1j}^{2}\cosh\zeta_{1j} + \zeta_{2j}^{2}\cos\zeta_{2j}) & \frac{E_{b}I_{b}\zeta_{1j}^{2}\zeta_{2j}^{2}}{H_{j}^{2}}(k_{3j}\sin\zeta_{2j} - k_{2j}\sinh\zeta_{1j}) & \zeta_{1j}^{2}k_{2j}\sinh\zeta_{1j} + \zeta_{2j}^{2}k_{3j}\sin\zeta_{2j} \\ k_{1j}(\zeta_{1j}^{2}\cosh\zeta_{1j} + \zeta_{2j}^{2}\cos\zeta_{2j}) \\ k_{1j}(\zeta_{1j}^{2}\cosh\zeta_{1j} + \zeta_{2j}^{2}\cos\zeta_{2j}) & \frac{E_{b}I_{b}\zeta_{1j}^{2}\zeta_{2j}^{2}}{H_{j}^{2}}(k_{3j}\sin\zeta_{2j} - k_{2j}\sinh\zeta_{1j}) \\ k_{2j}(\zeta_{1j}^{2}\cosh\zeta_{1j} + \zeta_{2j}^{2}\delta_{2j}\sin\zeta_{2j}) \\ k_{2j}(\zeta_{1j}^{2}\cosh\zeta_{1j} + \zeta_{2j}^{2}\delta_{2j}\cos\zeta_{2j}) \\ k_{2j}(\zeta_{1j}^{2}\cosh\zeta_{1j} + \zeta_{2j}^{2})(\zeta_{1j}^{2}\cos\zeta_{2j}) \\ k_{2j}(\zeta_$$

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