



DYNAMIC ANALYSIS OF A NON-PRISMATIC DAMPED CANTILEVER THIN BEAM RESTING ON AN EXPONENTIALLY DECAYING ELASTIC FOUNDATION UNDER CONSTANT AND HARMONIC DISTRIBUTED LOADS

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ABSTRACT

This research examines the dynamic response of a non-prismatic damped cantilever thin beam (NPDCTB) under constant distributed load (CDL) and harmonic distributed load (HDL). The beam governing equation is a fourth-order partial differential equation (PDE), which is reduced into a second-order ordinary differential equation (ODE) using the generalized Galerkin method (GGM). The resulting ODEs are solved analytically for both loading cases using Laplace transforms (LT) and convolution theory (CT) to evaluate the transverse deflection of the NPDCTB. The effects of load speed c , axial force, damping coefficient, beam depth, and beam breadth on the dynamic response are examined and presented in the curve. The results showed the significant influence of cantilever boundary conditions on the vibration characteristics of non-prismatic beams under dynamic loading. The results demonstrate that load speed significantly amplifies the transverse deflection, while increases in axial force, damping coefficient, beam depth, and beam breadth lead to reductions in vibration amplitude.

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INTRODUCTION

This research builds on earlier work by (Ogunlusi & Okarfor, 2025) which investigates the vibration of a non-prismatic damped thin beam (NPDCTB) with exponentially varying thickness resting on exponentially decaying foundations under uniform distributed loads. Thin beam (TB) is a structural component that mostly withstands loads applied laterally across its axis (Bauchau & Craig, 2009). It can be used in a variety of civil and aerospace engineering applications due to its strong stiffness and light weight. Non-prismatic thin beams (NPTB), sometimes referred to as beams with non-constant cross-sections or beams of variable cross-sections, are a specific class of thin bodies that are of interest to practitioners because of the potential to optimize their geometry in relation to particular needs (Timoshenko, 1965; Auricchio et al., 2015). Many researchers, such as Dado & Al-Sadder (2005), Hashim et al. (2022), Elshabrawy et al. (2021), Oyelami & Falodun (2021), and Ogbo et al. (2025), have worked on the NPTB due to the variation of cross-sectional properties along its length, which has significantly affected its dynamic behavior.

Their studies showed that the NPTB model is a better representation of real-life engineering structures; as a result, they have attracted considerable attention from many authors in literature. Damping is an important parameter in structural dynamics, referring to the mechanism by which vibrational energy dissipates within a structure, thereby reducing the amplitude of oscillation and preventing excessive dynamic responses. (Inman, 2014; Clough & Penzien, 1993). The NPTB considered in this work is subjected to damping, which can have an effect on its dynamic behavior. The material

(internal) damping, air resistance, structural damping, and some structural effects are the main causes of damping in the dynamics of a structure, and their influence in the dynamics of a structure must be carefully studied because they affect the vibrational response and stability of structural engineering systems. An analytic solution for a thin beam with non-proportional damping under a moving load developed by (Svedholm, 2016) provides knowledge into how the damping materials affect the beam structure. Additionally, (Prahara & Datta, 2022) studied the response of a viscoelastic beam under dynamic loading using a fractional-order Kelvin-Voigt method, showing that the order of the fractional derivative strongly affects the natural frequencies and damping of the beam. Other researchers that worked on the dynamic behavior of NPTB with damping parameters, including the work of Jimoh & Ajoge (2018), Lei et al. (2013), Fadugba et al. (2022), Alimi & Adekunle (2018), Geraschenko et al. (2018) and Olotu et al. (2025). A cantilever beam is a rigid structural component that has one free end and one fixed end. This makes it possible to use cantilever beams in overhanging structures, allowing for the creation of an open area beneath the beam. In a study on cantilever beams, studied in Jassim et al., Wu & Chen (2002), Li et al. (2013), Al-Raheimy & Hamed (2022) Sarkar et al. (2016) and Omole et al. (2025). They worked on cantilever beams under various loading conditions. The NPDCTB in this research is subjected to exponentially decaying foundations. The exponentially decaying foundation diminishes exponentially with depth. Applications for this kind of foundation can be seen in offshore buildings, where the stiffness of the foundation diminishes with the depth as a result of the surrounding soil

decreasing in density. Research on the dynamic behavior of structures on exponentially decaying foundations has been investigated by Tolorunshagba (2014), Adekunle & Folakemi (2017), Jimoh & Ajoge (2019), Adedowole & Famuagun (2017), Okafor et al. (2025) and Sunday et al. (2026). The non-prismatic thin beam considered in this work is a cantilever beam, which is fixed at one end and free at the other. Previous studies investigate the vibration of non-prismatic damped simply supported thin beams with exponentially varying thickness resting on exponentially

decaying foundations under uniform distributed loads by (Ogunlusi & Okarfor, 2025). There is a significant difference in the analysis of non-prismatic cantilever beams supported by exponentially decaying foundations, particularly under distributed constant and harmonic loads. Despite much research on non-prismatic beams, the case of a non-prismatic cantilever beam on a decaying foundation remains unknown, with a limited understanding of its dynamic response under different loading conditions.

Methodology

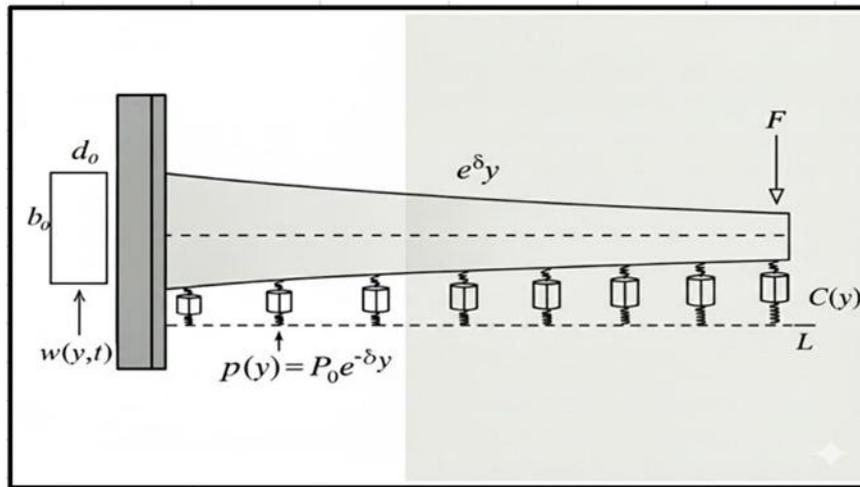


Figure 1: Geometry Representation of NPDCTB on Exponential Decaying Foundation

The dynamic behavior of an NPCTB with exponentially varying thickness, subject to distributed loads at constant velocity, and resting on an exponentially decaying foundation is described by the fourth-order PDE:

$$(\sigma A(y)D_t^2 + C(y)D_t^2 + L_y)w(y, t) = F(y, t). \tag{1}$$

Where L_y is the spatial differential operator defined by

$$L_y = P(y) + D_y^2(EI(y))D_y^2 + N_0D_y^2. \tag{2}$$

Table 1: Meaning of Symbol use in Governing Equation

Symbol	Meaning
σ	Density
$A(y)$	Variable Cross section area
$I(y)$	Variable Moment of inertia
$C(y)$	Variable Damping
$P(y)$	Exponential decaying foundation
N_0	Axial force
D_y	partial derivative in relation to the spatial coordinate y
D_t	Partial derivative in relation to time t
$w(y, t)$	Beam Displacement

Further simplification of equation (1), gives $\sigma A(y)w_{tt}(y, t) + C(y)w_t(y, t) + EI(y)w_{yyyy}(y, t) + 2EI'(y)w_{yyy}(y, t) + EI''(y)w_{yy}(y, t) - N_0w_{yy}(y, t) + P(y)w(y, t) = F(y, t).$ (3)

According to Ece et al. (2017) the variable moment of inertia $I(y)$ and cross section area $A(y)$ of the beam can be represented in exponential form, the NPCTB has a constant breadth $b = b_0$ and a depth that varies exponentially along its length (L), given by

$$d(y) = 2d_0 \exp^{\delta y}. \tag{4}$$

The beam area is given by

$$A(y) = bd(y) = 2b_0d_0 \exp^{\delta y}. \tag{5}$$

The TB's moment of inertia is expressed as

$$I(y) = \frac{1}{12}d^3b = d_0^3b_0 \exp^{3\delta y}. \tag{6}$$

The damping acting on the beam is modeled as

$$C(y) = bd(y)C_0\zeta \tag{7}$$

where d_0 and b_0 denote the constant reference (initial) depth and breadth of the beam cross-section, ζ is the damping ratio and C_0 is the damping coefficient. For a critically damped system ($\zeta = 1$), this reduces to

$$C(y) = b_0d_0 \exp^{\delta y} C_0 \tag{8}$$

The exponential decay foundation is modeled as follows, using (Omolofe et al., 2011)

$$P(y) = P_0 \exp^{-\delta y} \tag{9}$$

We assumed the TB initial condition is given by

$$w(y, t)|_{t=0} = 0 = D_t w(y, t)|_{t=0}. \tag{10}$$

When equations (5)– (8) are substituted into equation (3), the result is

$$\begin{aligned} & \exp^{3\delta y} \left(\frac{2E}{3} d_0^3 b_0 w_{yyyyy}(y, t) + 4E\delta d_0^3 b_0 w_{yyy}(y, t) + \right. \\ & 6E\delta^2 d_0^3 b_0 w_{yy}(y, t) - N_0 w_{yy}(y, t) + \\ & P_0 \exp^{-\delta y} w(y, t) + 2\sigma d_0 b_0 \exp^{\delta y} (\sigma + C_0) w_{tt}(y, t) = \\ & \left. F(x, t). \right. \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

CASE 1: NPDCBTB Resting on an Exponentially Decaying Elastic Foundation under CDL

This section examines the dynamic response of an NPDCBTB with exponentially varying thickness that is subjected to a CDL while resting on an exponentially decaying foundation, the applied load $F(y, t)$ is expressed as

$$F(y, t) = F_0 U(y - ct) \tag{12}$$

Using equation (12) in equation (11), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sigma d_0 b_0 \exp^{\delta y} (\sigma w_{tt} + C_0 w_{tt}) + \exp^{3\delta y} \left(\frac{2E}{3} d_0^3 b_0 w_{yyyyy} + \right. \\ & 4E\delta d_0^3 b_0 w_{yyy} + 6E\delta^2 d_0^3 b_0 w_{yy} - N_0 w_{yy} + \\ & \left. P_0 \exp^{-\delta y} = F_0 H(x - ct). \right. \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

The definition of the Heaviside function, represented by $U(y - ct)$, is

$$U(y - ct) = \begin{cases} 0, & y < ct; \\ 1, & y \geq ct, \end{cases} \tag{14}$$

with the properties

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dy} (U(y - ct)) = \delta(x - ct) \\ & u(y)U(y - ct) = \begin{cases} 0, & y < ct; \\ u(y), & y > ct. \end{cases} \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

$$\int_0^L U(y - ct) f(y) dy = \int_{ct}^L f(y) dy, \quad 0 \leq ct \leq L \tag{16}$$

To obtain the closed-form solution of Equation (12), GGM developed by (Ojih et al., 2014) is adopted, defined as:

$$w(y, t) = \sum_{h=1}^{\infty} w_h^*(t) U_h^*(y). \tag{17}$$

where $w_h^*(t)$ is the time dependent modal coordinates, $U_h^*(y)$ is the spatial normal mode shapes associated with the free vibration of the beam.

$$U_h^*(y) = \sin \frac{\theta_h y}{L} + A_h \cos \frac{\theta_h y}{L} + B_h \sinh \frac{\theta_h y}{L} + C_h \cosh \frac{\theta_h y}{L}. \tag{18}$$

The constants A_h , B_h , and C_h describe the vibration amplitude and mode shape and the value depend on the boundary conditions.

Equation (17) is substituted into equation (13), and after simplification, gives $\sum_{h=1}^{\infty} \{ \exp^{\delta y} (U_h^*(y) \ddot{w}_h^*(t) +$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{C_0}{\sigma} U_h^*(y) \dot{w}_h^*(t) \} + \exp^{3\delta y} \left(\left(\frac{2E}{3\sigma} \right) U_h^{*iv}(y) - \right. \\ & \left. \left(\frac{2Ed_0^2\delta}{\sigma} \right) U_h^{*''''}(y) \right) - \left(\frac{3Ed_0^2\delta^2}{\sigma} \right) U_h^{*'''}(y) + \\ & \left. \left(\frac{N}{2\sigma d_0 b_0} \right) U_h^{*''}(y) + \frac{P_0}{2\sigma d_0 b_0} e^{-\delta y} U_h^*(y) \right\} w_h^*(t) \frac{F_0}{2\sigma d_0 b_0} U(y - ct) \} = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

Equation (19) is orthogonalized with respect to $U_h^*(y)$ in order to solve $w_h^*(t)$

Where

$$U_h^*(y) = \sin \frac{\theta_{\alpha} y}{L} + A_{\alpha} \cos \frac{\theta_{\alpha} y}{L} + B_{\alpha} \sinh \frac{\theta_{\alpha} y}{L} + C_{\alpha} \cosh \frac{\theta_{\alpha} y}{L} \tag{20}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^L \sum_{h=1}^N \left\{ \exp^{\delta y} \left(U_h^*(y) \ddot{w}_h^*(t) + \frac{C_0}{\sigma} U_h^*(y) \dot{w}_h^*(t) \right) + \right. \\ & \left. \left(\exp^{3\delta y} \left(\left(\frac{2E}{3\sigma} \right) U_h^{*iv}(y) + \left(\frac{2Ed_0^2\delta}{\sigma} \right) U_h^{*''''}(y) \right) + \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. \left(\frac{3Ed_0^2\delta^2}{\sigma} \right) U_h^{*'''}(y) \right) + \left(\frac{N}{2\sigma d_0 b_0} \right) U_h^{*''}(y) + \right. \end{aligned}$$

$$\left. \left. \left. \frac{P_0}{2\sigma d_0 b_0} e^{-\delta y} U_h^*(y) \right) \right\} w_h^*(t) - \frac{F_0}{2\sigma d_0 b_0} U(y - ct) \right\} U_h^*(y) dy = 0 \tag{21}$$

Simplification and rearrangement of equation (21) yield $\lambda_1 \ddot{w}_h^*(t) + \lambda_2 \dot{w}_h^*(t) + (\lambda_3 - \lambda_4 - \lambda_5 - \lambda_6 + \lambda_7) w_h^*(t) = F_h \lambda_8$. (22)

Where

$$\begin{aligned} & F_h = \frac{F_0}{2\sigma d_0 b_0} \\ & \lambda_1 = \int_0^L \exp^{\delta y} U_h^*(y) U_h^*(y) dy \\ & \lambda_2 = \frac{C_0}{\sigma} \int_0^L \exp^{\delta y} U_h^*(y) U_h^*(y) dy \\ & \lambda_3 = \frac{2E}{3\sigma} \int_0^L \exp^{3\delta y} U_h^*(y) U_h^{*iv}(y) dy \\ & \lambda_4 = \frac{2Ed_0^2\delta}{\sigma} \int_0^L \exp^{3\delta y} U_h^*(y) U_h^{*''''}(y) dy \\ & \lambda_5 = \frac{3Ed_0^2\delta^2}{\sigma} \int_0^L \exp^{3\delta y} U_h^*(y) U_h^{*'''}(y) dy \\ & \lambda_6 = \frac{N}{2\sigma d_0 b_0} \int_0^L \exp^{3\delta y} U_h^*(y) U_h^{*''}(y) dy \\ & \lambda_7 = \frac{P_0}{2\sigma d_0 b_0} \int_0^L \exp^{-\delta y} U_h^*(y) U_h^*(y) dy. \end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

$$\lambda_8 = \int_0^L U(y - ct) U_h^*(y) dy. \tag{24}$$

The beam is modeled is a cantilever thin beam. Accordingly, the boundary conditions are in the form

$$\begin{aligned} & w(y, t)|_{y=0} = 0 = D_y w(y, t)|_{y=0}, \\ & \text{and } D_y^2 w(y, t)|_{y=L} = 0 = D_y^3 w(y, t)|_{y=L}. \end{aligned} \tag{25}$$

using the boundary condition in equation (20), it is easier to show that.

$$A_{\alpha} = - \frac{\sin \theta_{\alpha} + \sinh \theta_{\alpha}}{\cos \theta_{\alpha} + \cosh \theta_{\alpha}} = \frac{\cosh \theta_{\alpha} + \cos \theta_{\alpha}}{\sin \theta_{\alpha} - \sinh \theta_{\alpha}} = -C_{\alpha} \tag{26}$$

$$\text{and } B_k = -1. \tag{27}$$

And the frequency equation for both end conditions is $\cos \alpha_{\alpha} \cosh \alpha_{\alpha} = -1$ (28)

$$\text{substituting equation (26) and (27) in equation (20), it gives } U_h^*(y) = \sin \frac{\theta_{\alpha} y}{L} - \sinh \frac{\theta_{\alpha} y}{L} + A_{\alpha} \left(\cos \frac{\theta_{\alpha} y}{L} - \cosh \frac{\theta_{\alpha} y}{L} \right) \tag{29}$$

Evaluate the integral in equation (24) using the properties of The Heaviside function is defined in equation (14); equation (28)

$$\lambda_1 \ddot{w}_h^*(t) + \lambda_2 \dot{w}_h^*(t) + \lambda_{21} w_h^*(t) = \frac{F_h}{\theta_{\alpha}} (\theta_{\alpha} c + \cos \phi t + \cosh \phi t + A_{\alpha} (-\sinh \phi t + \sin \phi t)) \tag{30}$$

Where

$$\theta_{\alpha} c = -\cos \theta_{\alpha} - \cosh \theta_{\alpha} + A_{\alpha} (\sin \theta_{\alpha} - \sinh \theta_{\alpha}) \text{ and } \phi = \frac{\theta_{\alpha}}{L}. \tag{31}$$

Equation (22) can be further simplified to obtain

$$\ddot{w}_h^*(t) + E_1 \dot{w}_h^*(t) + E_2 w_h^*(t) = E_h (\theta_{\alpha} c + \cos \phi t + \cosh \phi t + A_{\alpha} (-\sinh \phi t + \sin \phi t)). \tag{32}$$

Where

$$E_1 = \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1}, \quad E_2 = \frac{\lambda_3}{\lambda_1} \text{ and } E_h = \frac{L F_h}{\theta_{\alpha} \lambda_1}. \tag{33}$$

Equation (32) represents a reduce second-order ODE, which can be solved using the LT method. The LT of a function $w_h^*(t)$ is defined as

$$L\{w_h^*(t)\} = \int_0^{\infty} w_h^*(t) e^{-st} \tag{34}$$

Applying the LT together with the initial conditions defined in equation (10) gives

$$(S^2 + SE_1 + E_2) w_h^*(s) = E_h \left(\frac{\theta_{\alpha} c}{S} + \frac{S}{S^2 + \phi^2} + \frac{S}{S^2 - \phi^2} - A_{\alpha} \left(\frac{\phi}{S^2 + \phi^2} + \frac{\phi}{S^2 - \phi^2} \right) \right). \tag{35}$$

Simplifying equation (35) further yields

$$w_h^*(s) = \frac{E_h}{(s-v_1)(s-v_2)} \left(\frac{\theta_{\alpha} c}{S} + \frac{S}{S^2 + \phi^2} + \frac{S}{S^2 - \phi^2} + A_{\alpha} \left(\frac{\phi}{S^2 + \phi^2} - \frac{\phi}{S^2 - \phi^2} \right) \right) \tag{36}$$

Where

$$v_{1,2} = -\frac{\sigma_1}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{E_1^2 - 4E_2}}{2} \tag{37}$$

To obtain the inverse LT of equation (29), we will utilize the following representation

$$F(S) = \frac{1}{(S-v_1)(S-v_2)}, \quad G(S) = \frac{\theta_{ac}}{S} + \frac{S}{S^2+\phi^2} + \frac{S}{S^2-\phi^2} + A_\alpha \left(\frac{\phi}{S^2+\phi^2} - \frac{\phi}{S^2-\phi^2} \right). \tag{38}$$

The inverse LT of Equation (26) can be represented as the CT of F and G, expressed as:

$$F * G = \int_0^t F(t-\xi)G(\xi)d\xi \tag{39}$$

the inverse LT of Equation (26) is written in the form

$$w_h^*(t) = \frac{E_h}{(v_1-v_2)} (\theta_{ac}J_1 + J_2 + J_3 + A_\alpha(J_4 - J_5) - \theta_{ac}J_6 - J_7 - J_8 - A_\alpha(J_9 + J_{10})). \tag{40}$$

where

$$w_h^*(t) = \frac{E_h}{(v_1-v_2)} \left\{ \left(\theta_{ac} \frac{exp^{v_1 t} - 1}{v_1} + \frac{1}{\phi^2 + v_1^2} (\phi \sin \phi t - v_1 \cos \phi t + v_1 exp^{v_1 t}) + \frac{1}{\phi^2 - v_1^2} (\phi \sinh \phi t + v_1 \cosh \phi t - v_1 exp^{v_1 t}) + A_\alpha \left(\frac{1}{\phi^2 + v_1^2} (-\phi \cos \phi t - v_1 \sin \phi t + v_1 exp^{v_1 t}) - \frac{1}{\phi^2 - v_1^2} (\phi \cosh \phi t + v_1 \sinh \phi t - v_1 exp^{v_1 t}) \right) \right) - \left(\theta_{ac} \frac{exp^{v_2 t} - 1}{v_2} + \frac{1}{\phi^2 + v_2^2} (\phi \sin \phi t - v_2 \cos \phi t + v_2 exp^{v_2 t}) + \frac{1}{\phi^2 - v_2^2} (\phi \sinh \phi t + v_2 \cosh \phi t - v_2 exp^{v_2 t}) + A_\alpha \left(\frac{1}{\phi^2 + v_2^2} (-\phi \cos \phi t - v_2 \sin \phi t + v_2 exp^{v_2 t}) - \frac{1}{\phi^2 - v_2^2} (\phi \cosh \phi t + v_2 \sinh \phi t - v_2 exp^{v_2 t}) \right) \right) \right\} \tag{42}$$

Inserting equation (42) into equation (17) yields:

$$w(y, t) = \sum_{h=1}^{\infty} \frac{E_h}{(v_1-v_2)} \left\{ \left(\theta_{ac} \frac{exp^{v_1 t} - 1}{v_1} + \frac{1}{\phi^2 + v_1^2} (\phi \sin \phi t - v_1 \cos \phi t + v_1 exp^{v_1 t}) + \frac{1}{\phi^2 - v_1^2} (\phi \sinh \phi t + v_1 \cosh \phi t - v_1 exp^{v_1 t}) + A_\alpha \left(\frac{1}{\phi^2 + v_1^2} (-\phi \cos \phi t - v_1 \sin \phi t + v_1 exp^{v_1 t}) - \frac{1}{\phi^2 - v_1^2} (\phi \cosh \phi t + v_1 \sinh \phi t - v_1 exp^{v_1 t}) \right) \right) - \left(\theta_{ac} \frac{exp^{v_2 t} - 1}{v_2} + \frac{1}{\phi^2 + v_2^2} (\phi \sin \phi t - v_2 \cos \phi t + v_2 exp^{v_2 t}) + \frac{1}{\phi^2 - v_2^2} (\phi \sinh \phi t + v_2 \cosh \phi t - v_2 exp^{v_2 t}) + A_\alpha \left(\frac{1}{\phi^2 + v_2^2} (-\phi \cos \phi t - v_2 \sin \phi t + v_2 exp^{v_2 t}) - \frac{1}{\phi^2 - v_2^2} (\phi \cosh \phi t + v_2 \sinh \phi t - v_2 exp^{v_2 t}) \right) \right) \right\} \times \sin \frac{\theta_{\alpha} y}{L} + A_\alpha \cos \frac{\theta_{\alpha} y}{L} + B_\alpha \sinh \frac{\theta_{\alpha} y}{L} + C_\alpha \cosh \frac{\theta_{\alpha} y}{L}. \tag{43}$$

Equation (43) described transverse deflection of NPDCTB with exponentially varying thickness that is supported by an exponentially decaying foundation and subjected to a CDL

CASE 2: NPDCTB Resting on an Exponentially Decaying Elastic Foundation under HDL.

This section examines the dynamic response of an NPDCTB with exponentially varying thickness that is subjected to a HDL while resting on an exponentially decaying foundation. The applied load $F(y, t)$, is expressed as

$$F(y, t) = F_0 \cos t \Omega U(y - ct) \tag{44}$$

Where Ω denotes the angular frequency of the applied harmonic distributed load.

$$2\sigma d_0 b_0 exp^{\delta y} (\sigma w_{tt} + C_0 w_{tt}) + exp^{3\delta y} \left(\frac{2E}{3} d_0^3 b_0 w_{yyyy} + 4E\delta d_0^3 b_0 w_{yyy} + 6E\delta^2 d_0^3 b_0 w_{yy} \right) - N_0 w_{yy} + P_0 exp^{-\delta y} = F_0 \cos t \Omega U(y - ct). \tag{45}$$

By comparing Equation (45) with Equation (13), it is straightforward to show that Equation (45) reduces to

$$\dot{w}_h^*(t) + E_1 w_h^*(t) + E_2 w_h^*(t) = \cos t \Omega E_h (\theta_{ac} + \cos \phi t + \cosh \phi t + A_\alpha (-\sinh \phi t + \sin \phi t)) \tag{46}$$

Equation (46) is analogous to equation (32), thus subjecting equation (46) to LT in conjunction with the initial conditions defined in equation (10) and using CT, we obtain

$$w_h^*(t) = \frac{E_h}{2(v_1-v_2)} \left\{ \frac{2\theta_{ac}}{\Omega^2 + v_1^2} (\Omega \sin \Omega t - v_1 \cos \Omega t + v_1 exp^{v_1 t}) + \frac{1}{\Omega^2 + v_1^2} (\Psi_1 \sin \theta_1 t - v_1 \cos \Psi_1 t + v_1 exp^{v_1 t}) + \frac{1}{\Omega^2 + v_1^2} (\Psi_2 \sin \Psi_2 t - v_1 \cos \Psi_2 t + v_1 exp^{v_1 t}) + \frac{1}{\Omega^2 + \Phi_1^2} (\Omega \sin \Omega t exp^{\phi t} \Phi_1 \cos \Omega t exp^{\phi t} - \Phi_1 exp^{v_1 t}) + \frac{1}{\Omega^2 + \Phi_2^2} (\Omega \sin \Omega t exp^{-\phi t} - \Phi_2 \cos \Omega t exp^{-\phi t} + \Phi_2 exp^{v_1 t}) - A_\alpha \left(\frac{1}{\Omega^2 + v_1^2} (-\Psi_1 \cos \Psi_1 t - v_1 \sin \Psi_1 t + v_1 exp^{v_1 t}) + \frac{1}{\Omega^2 + v_1^2} (-\Psi_2 \cos \Psi_2 t - v_1 \sin \Psi_2 t + v_1 exp^{v_1 t}) + \frac{1}{\Omega^2 + \Phi_1^2} (\Omega \sin \Omega t exp^{\phi t} + \Phi_1 \cos \Omega t exp^{\phi t} - \Phi_1 exp^{v_1 t}) - \frac{1}{\Omega^2 + \Phi_2^2} (\Omega \sin \Omega t exp^{-\phi t} - \Phi_2 \cos \Omega t exp^{-\phi t} + \Phi_2 exp^{v_1 t}) \right) - \frac{2\theta_{ac}}{\Omega^2 + v_2^2} (\Omega \sin \Omega t - v_2 \cos \Omega t + v_2 exp^{v_2 t}) - \right\}$$

$$\frac{1}{\Psi_1^2+v_2^2}(\Psi_1\sin\theta_1t - v_2\cos\Psi_1t + v_2\exp^{v_2t}) + \frac{1}{\Psi_2^2+v_2^2}(\Psi_2\sin\Psi_2t - v_2\cos\Psi_2t + v_2\exp^{v_2t}) - \frac{1}{\Omega^2+\Phi_3^2}(\Omega\sin\Omega t \exp^{\phi t} + \Phi_3\cos\Omega t \exp^{\phi t} - \Phi_3\exp^{v_2t}) - \frac{1}{\Omega^2+\Phi_4^2}(\Omega\sin\Omega t \exp^{-\phi t} - \Phi_4\cos\Omega t \exp^{-\phi t} + \Phi_4\exp^{v_2t}) - A_\alpha \left(\frac{1}{\Psi_1^2+v_2^2}(-\Psi_1\cos\Psi_1t - v_2\sin\Psi_1t + v_2\exp^{v_2t}) - \frac{1}{\Psi_2^2+v_2^2}(-\Psi_2\cos\Psi_2t - v_2\sin\Psi_2t + v_2\exp^{v_2t}) - \frac{1}{\Omega^2+\Phi_3^2}(\Omega\sin\Omega t \exp^{\phi t} + \Phi_3\cos\Omega t \exp^{\phi t} - \Phi_3\exp^{v_2t}) + \frac{1}{\Omega^2+\Phi_4^2}(\Omega\sin\Omega t \exp^{-\phi t} - \Phi_4\cos\Omega t \exp^{-\phi t} + \Phi_4\exp^{v_2t}) \right) \} \times \sin \frac{\theta_h y}{L} + A_h \cos \frac{\theta_h y}{L} + B_h \sinh \frac{\theta_h y}{L} + C_h \cosh \frac{\theta_h y}{L} \tag{47}$$

$\Psi_1 = S - \phi, \Psi_2 = S + \phi, \Phi_1 = \phi - v_1, \Phi_2 = v_1 + \phi, \Phi_3 = \phi - v_2$ and $\Phi_4 = v_2 + \phi$
 Inserting equation (47) into equation (17) yields

$$\omega(y, t) = \sum_{h=1}^{\infty} \frac{E_h}{2(v_1-v_2)} \left\{ \frac{2\theta_{\alpha c}}{\Omega^2+v_1^2}(\Omega\sin\Omega t - v_1\cos\Omega t + v_1\exp^{v_1t}) + \frac{1}{\Psi_1^2+v_1^2}(\Psi_1\sin\theta_1t - v_1\cos\Psi_1t + v_1\exp^{v_1t}) + \frac{1}{\Psi_2^2+v_1^2}(\Psi_2\sin\Psi_2t - v_1\cos\Psi_2t + v_1\exp^{v_1t}) + \frac{1}{\Omega^2+\Phi_1^2}(\Omega\sin\Omega t \exp^{\phi t} \Phi_1\cos\Omega t \exp^{\phi t} - \Phi_1\exp^{v_1t}) + \frac{1}{\Omega^2+\Phi_2^2}(\Omega\sin\Omega t \exp^{-\phi t} - \Phi_2\cos\Omega t \exp^{-\phi t} + \Phi_2\exp^{v_1t}) - A_\alpha \left(\frac{1}{\Psi_1^2+v_1^2}(-\Psi_1\cos\Psi_1t - v_1\sin\Psi_1t + v_1\exp^{v_1t}) + \frac{1}{\Psi_2^2+v_1^2}(-\Psi_2\cos\Psi_2t - v_1\sin\Psi_2t + v_1\exp^{v_1t}) + \frac{1}{\Omega^2+\Phi_1^2}(\Omega\sin\Omega t \exp^{\phi t} + \Phi_1\cos\Omega t \exp^{\phi t} - \Phi_1\exp^{v_1t}) - \frac{1}{\Omega^2+\Phi_2^2}(\Omega\sin\Omega t \exp^{-\phi t} - \Phi_2\cos\Omega t \exp^{-\phi t} + \Phi_2\exp^{v_1t}) \right) - \frac{2\theta_{\alpha c}}{\Omega^2+v_2^2}(\Omega\sin\Omega t - v_2\cos\Omega t + v_2\exp^{v_2t}) - \frac{1}{\Psi_1^2+v_2^2}(\Psi_1\sin\theta_1t - v_2\cos\Psi_1t + v_2\exp^{v_2t}) + \frac{1}{\Psi_2^2+v_2^2}(\Psi_2\sin\Psi_2t - v_2\cos\Psi_2t + v_2\exp^{v_2t}) - \frac{1}{\Omega^2+\Phi_3^2}(\Omega\sin\Omega t \exp^{\phi t} + \Phi_3\cos\Omega t \exp^{\phi t} - \Phi_3\exp^{v_2t}) - \frac{1}{\Omega^2+\Phi_4^2}(\Omega\sin\Omega t \exp^{-\phi t} - \Phi_4\cos\Omega t \exp^{-\phi t} + \Phi_4\exp^{v_2t}) - A_\alpha \left(\frac{1}{\Psi_1^2+v_2^2}(-\Psi_1\cos\Psi_1t - v_2\sin\Psi_1t + v_2\exp^{v_2t}) - \frac{1}{\Psi_2^2+v_2^2}(-\Psi_2\cos\Psi_2t - v_2\sin\Psi_2t + v_2\exp^{v_2t}) - \frac{1}{\Omega^2+\Phi_3^2}(\Omega\sin\Omega t \exp^{\phi t} + \Phi_3\cos\Omega t \exp^{\phi t} - \Phi_3\exp^{v_2t}) + \frac{1}{\Omega^2+\Phi_4^2}(\Omega\sin\Omega t \exp^{-\phi t} - \Phi_4\cos\Omega t \exp^{-\phi t} + \Phi_4\exp^{v_2t}) \right) \} \times \sin \frac{\theta_h y}{L} + A_h \cos \frac{\theta_h y}{L} + B_h \sinh \frac{\theta_h y}{L} + C_h \cosh \frac{\theta_h y}{L} \tag{48}$$

Equation (48) described transverse deflection of NPDCTB with exponentially varying thickness that is supported by an exponentially decaying foundation and subjected to a constant distributed

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Table 2: NPDCTB Parameters For Numerical Result

Parameter	Value/ Range
Elastic modulus (E)	2.109 x 10 ⁹ N/m ²
Density (σ)	7850 kg/m ³
Span length (L)	12.192m
Moment of inertia (I)	2.877 x 10 ⁻³ kg/m ²
Axial force (N)	100000- 800000N
Damping coefficient (C)	200- 800 kg/m ²
Beam depth (d ₀)	0.300- 0.750m
Beam breath (b ₀)	0.150- 0.300m
Foundation modulus (F ₀)	1000000 kg/m ²
Speed (c)	8.120m/s

Figure 2 shows the deflection of an NPDCTB on an exponentially decaying foundation under CDL; increasing the load speed *c* amplifies the deflection, with similar trends seen in Figure 3 under HDL. Also, Figures 4 and 5 showed the dynamic response of NPDCTB under CDL and HDL, respectively. Both show that increasing the axial force *N*₀ leads to a decrease in the beam’s response amplitude. An increase in the damping coefficient *C*₀ decreases the deflection of the NPDCTB on an exponentially decaying

foundation, as shown in Figure 6 for CDL and Figure 7 for HDL. An increase in beam depth *d*₀ reduces the deflection of NPDCTB for both CDL and HDL, as shown in figures 8 and 9. Similarly, an increase in beam breath *b*₀ decreases the deflection of NPDCTB for both CDL and HDL, as shown in figures 10 and 11. Lastly, Figure 12 presents a comparison between the CDL and the HDL.

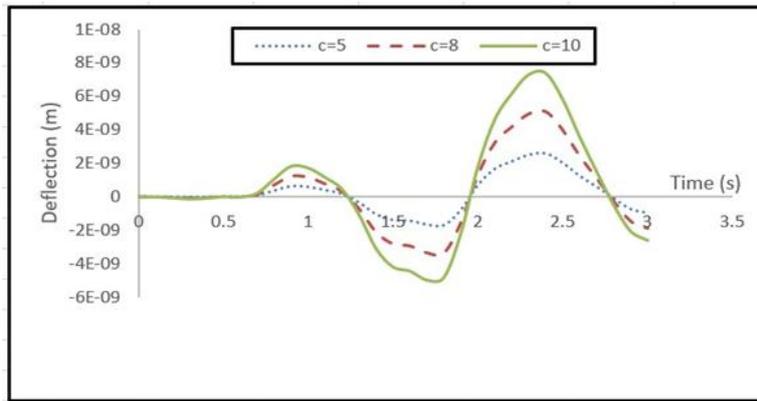


Figure 2: NPDCTB Deflection Profile under CDL for Various Speed c Values

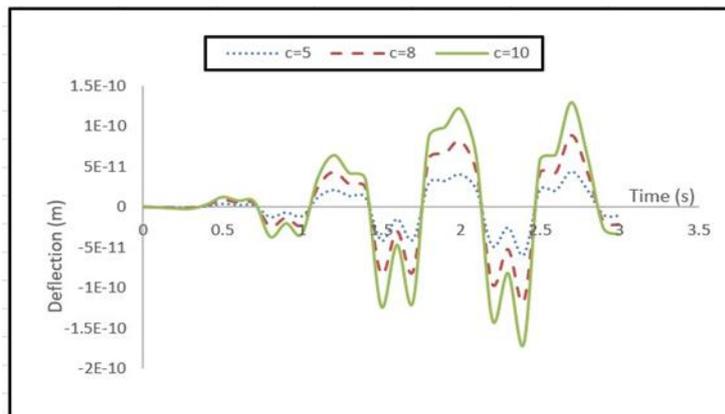


Figure 3: NPDCTB Deflection Profile under HDL for Various Speed c Value

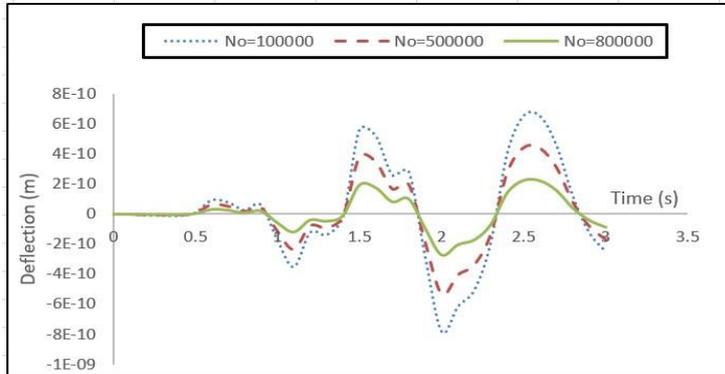


Figure 4: NPDCTB Deflection Profile under CDL for Various Axial force N_0 Values

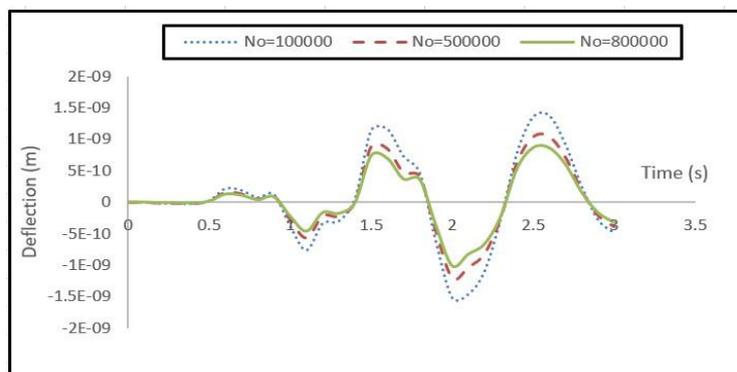


Figure 5: NPDCTB Deflection Profile under HDL for Various Axial force N_0 Values

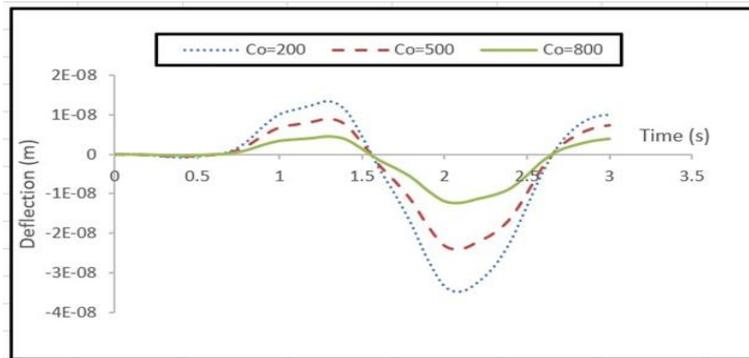


Figure 6: NPDCTB deflection Profile under CDL for Various Damping Coefficient C_0 Values

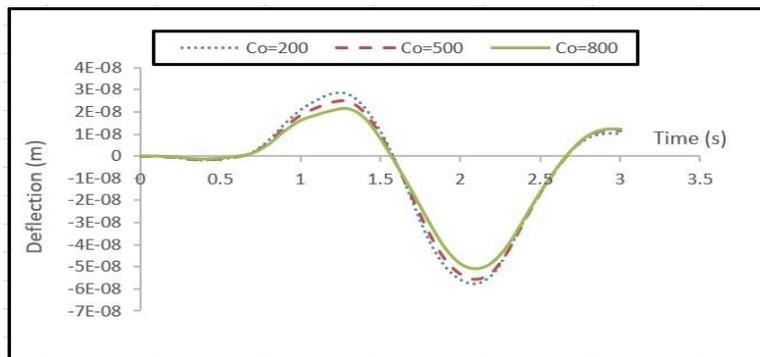


Figure 7: NPDCTB Deflection Profile under HDL for Various Damping Coefficient C_0 Values

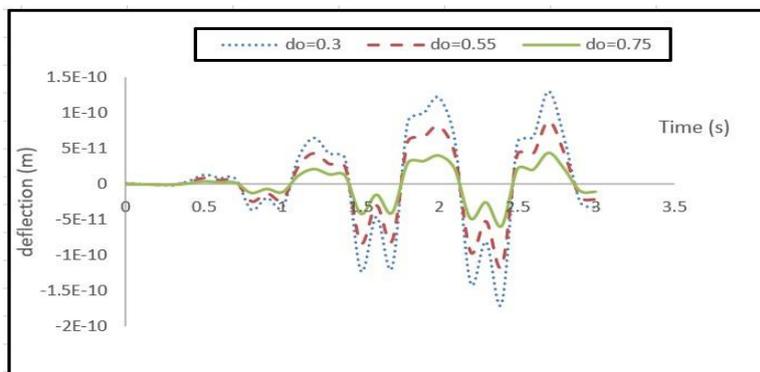


Figure 8: NPDCTB Deflection Profile under CDL for Various Beam Depth d_0 Values

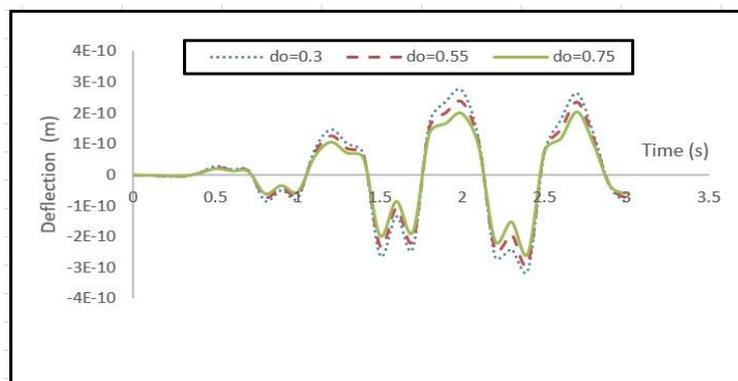


Figure 9: NPDCTB Deflection Profile under HDL for Various Beam Depth d_0 Values

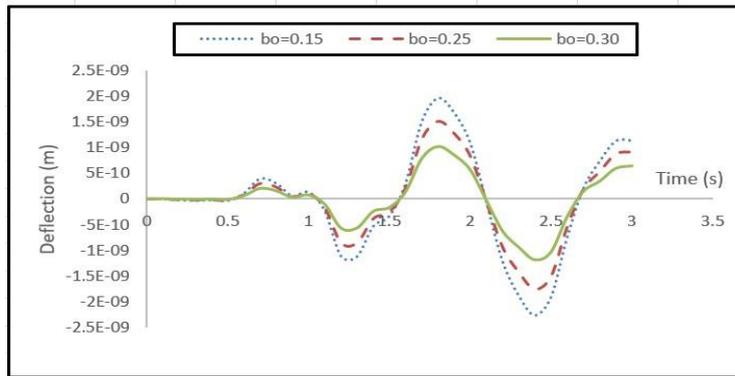


Figure 10: NPDCTB Deflection Profile under CDL for Various Beam Breath b_0 Values

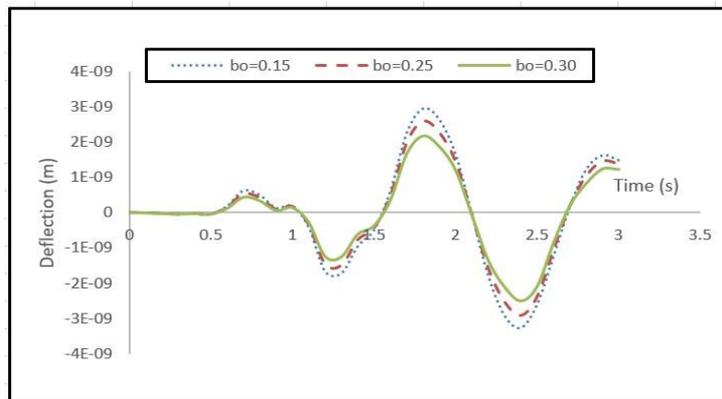


Figure 11: NPDCTB Deflection Profile under HDL for Various Beam Breath b_0 Values

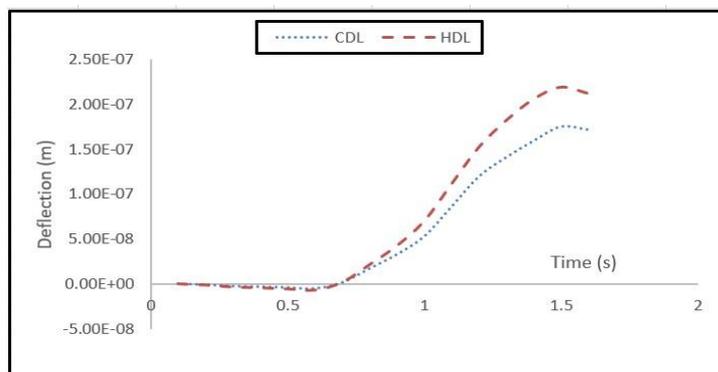


Figure 12: Comparison of CDL and HDL

The numerical results show that the dynamic response of an NPDCTB resting on an exponentially decaying foundation is strongly influenced by load speed, axial force, damping, and beam dimension (depth and breadth). Increases in load speeds increase deflection, while increases in axial force, damping, beam depth, and beam breadth reduce vibrations. HDL oscillations than CDL. These findings are applicable to the design of cantilever structures in bridges, offshore buildings, and some engineering structures, where controlling deflection and vibration is critical for safety and structural performance.

CONCLUSION

The NPDCTB resting on an exponentially decaying foundation was investigated in this research; the results show that load speed amplifies vibrations, while axial force, damping, and beam dimensions reduce deflections. The cantilever boundary and foundation decay strongly influence

the dynamic behavior of NPDCTB, providing valuable insights for the design and optimization of cantilever structures in bridges, offshore buildings, and aerospace applications.

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