

# Vibration of sandwich plates considering elastic foundation, temperature change and FGM faces

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**Abstract.** This study presents a comprehensive nonlinear dynamic approach to investigate the linear and nonlinear vibration of sandwich plates fabricated from functionally graded materials (FGMs) resting on an elastic foundation. Higher-order shear deformation theory and Hamilton's principle are employed to obtain governing equations. The Runge-Kutta method is employed together with the commercially available mathematical software MAPLE 14 to solve the set of nonlinear dynamic governing equations. Method validity is evaluated by comparing the results of this study and those of previous research. Good agreement is achieved. The effects of temperature change on frequencies are investigated considering various temperatures and various volume fraction index values,  $N$ . As the temperature increased, the plate frequency decreased, whereas with increasing  $N$ , the plate frequency increased. The effects of the side-to-thickness ratio,  $c/h$ , on natural frequencies were investigated. With increasing  $c/h$ , the frequencies increased nonlinearly. The effects of foundation stiffness on nonlinear vibration of the sandwich plate were also studied. Backbone curves presenting the variation of maximum displacement with respect to plate frequency are presented to provide insight into the nonlinear vibration and dynamic behavior of FGM sandwich plates.

**Keywords:** nonlinear vibration; dynamics; sandwich plate; functionally graded materials; frequency analysis; higher order shear deformation theory; Runge-Kutta method

## 1. Introduction

Beams and plates are structural components which are relatively small in a specific dimension (Ghayesh and Farokhi 2015, Ghayesh *et al.* 2016, Ghayesh *et al.* 2013, Farokhi *et al.* 2013). Beams are formulated as one-dimensional elements or line structural elements (Ghayesh 2018, Ghayesh *et al.* 2017, Farokhi and Ghayesh 2015, Ghayesh *et al.* 2013, Farokhi *et al.* 2017) while plates are represented as two-dimensional or surface structural elements (Farokhi and Ghayesh 2015, Ghayesh *et al.* 2013, Farokhi and Ghayesh 2018). Plates have been widely used as key components in various structures, such as vehicles, containers, and spacecraft (Mohammadzadeh, and Noh 2014, Ebrahimi and Heidari 2018, Mohammadzadeh, and Noh 2016, Mohammadzadeh *et al.* 2018). Sandwich plates possess advantages of light-weight, significant rigidity, fatigue resistance, and excellent vibration properties; hence, they have attracted considerable attention for use in engineering applications (Ahmadi 2018, Boudierba *et al.* 2016, Elmoossouess *et al.* 2017, Choi *et al.* 2018). They are categorized as specific batches of laminates and are generally formed with two thin face sheets and a thick core (Belarbi *et al.* 2016, Daoudii and Adim 2017, Feli and

Jalilian 2017, Sharivat *et al.* 2015). The face sheets have the role of carrying planar and bending loads, while the core resists against compressive stresses and transfers shear loads (Mohammadzadeh 2016). In 1984, Japanese scientists mixed ceramic and metal powders into a graded profile to create a new generation of engineering materials, so-called functionally graded materials (FGMs) (Rajabi *et al.* 2016). High fracture toughness is a specific characteristic of the metallic part, while the ceramic part is characterized by high thermal resistance (Rajasekaran 2013). The volume fraction index,  $N$ , dictates the variation of material properties in a specific direction. Material properties like the modulus of elasticity  $E$ , Poisson's ratio  $\nu$ , material density  $\rho$ , and shear modulus of elasticity  $G$ , gradually change in the intended direction. FGMs were developed by combining the forms of fibers, particulates, whiskers, or platelets of advanced materials (Heydari *et al.* 2015). Considerable attention have been attracted to FGMs because of their superior characteristics in comparison to conventional materials. Because of the wide use of FGMs in industries and structures such as spacecraft heat shields, heat exchanger tubes, fusion reactors, and airplane fuselages, numerous studies have investigated FGM plates (Ninh and Bich 2016). Some studies employed first-order shear deformation theory to deal with static analysis, free vibration, or buckling of FGMs (El Meiche *et al.* 2011). Other methods including the third-order shear deformation and three-dimensional elasticity have also been considered to investigate FGM structures (Li *et al.* 2009). A nonlinear analysis of sandwich plates with FGM face sheets resting

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on an elastic foundation in thermal environments was performed in (Wang and Shen 2011).

Transverse shear deformation was included in the kinematics of composite laminates because the thickness significantly affects the behavior of composite laminates (Yang *et al.* 2013, Soni *et al.* 2017). To account for shear effects, two theories can be employed: first-order shear deformation theory (FSDT) and higher-order shear deformation theory (HSDT). FSDT cannot correctly represent through-thickness distribution and requires shear coefficients to correct the corresponding strain energy terms. Besides, the effect of warping, which is important for thick plates, is not included in FSDT. To overcome the disadvantages of FSDT, HSDT has been applied because it considers the through-thickness displacement as the higher-order polynomial functions (Demasi 2013, Nguyen *et al.* 2017).

Dynamic and nonlinear analyses of structural elements have attracted the attentions as in practical applications the structure frequently subject to dynamic loads while suffering both the geometrical and material nonlinearities (Ghayesh 2018, Gholipour *et al.* 2015, Ghayesh *et al.* 2013, Farokhi and Ghayesh 2018). The vibration analysis of FGMs structural components has attracted attention during the last decade because of the increased interests in using FGMs for the design and construction of structures (Wang and Zu 2018, Wang 2018, Wang and Zu 2017). However, the literature on the frequency analysis of FGM sandwich plates is very limited. Some studies have employed FSDT (Zhu *et al.* 2018), second-order shear deformation theory (Shahrierdi *et al.* 2011), and HSDT-based new approaches (Vafakhah and Navayi Neva 2019) to perform mechanical vibration analysis of FGM sandwich plates while some studied the thermal vibration of FGM sandwich plates [Alibeigloo 2017, Wang *et al.* 2018] and presented a new theory for free vibration analysis of bi-directional FGMs (Zamani Nejad *et al.* 2017). The nonlinear vibration of a functionally graded graphene platelet-reinforced composite with a rectangular shape and different edge conditions considering geometric nonlinearity, rotary inertia, and transverse shear deformation was investigated by (Gholami and Ansari 2018). By use of Hamilton's principle and the variational differential quadrature technique, the weak form of discretized nonlinear equations of motion was obtained and solved by a multistep numerical approach based on the Galerkin method, time-periodic discretization method, and pseudo-arc-length continuation. (Natarajan and Manickam 2012) investigated the free flexural vibration behavior of FGM sandwich plates by employing the QUAD-8 shear flexible element developed based on the HSDT. They investigated the effects of the gradient index and the plate aspect ratio on the plate global and local responses. Despite several studies on the vibration analysis of FGM plates, sandwich plates and laminated composites (Ghayesh 2018, Ghayesh *et al.* 2017, Ghayesh *et al.* 2018, Wang *et al.* 2019, Wang and Yang 2017, Wang and Zu 2018, Wang *et al.* 2013), the effects of temperature changes, complex boundary conditions, and changes in material properties have been rarely taken into consideration (Wang and Zu 2017, Wang *et al.* 2016).

Wang *et al.* (2018), investigated the free thermal vibration of FGM cylindrical shells containing porosities. They considered the even and uneven distribution of

porosities as well as three thermal load types uniform, linear and nonlinear temperature rise. A modified power-law formulation was employed for a description of the material properties of FGM plates in thickness-direction. Love's shell theory was employed to formulate the strain displacement equations while the Rayleigh-Ritz method was used to calculate the natural frequencies of the system. In another study (Wang and Zu 2017), the vibration analysis of FGM rectangular plates was conducted considering the thermal environment, porosities and geometric nonlinearity based on the von Kármán nonlinear plate theory. For this purpose, the equation of motion of the system was obtained by using the D'Alembert's principle taking into account the thermal effect and longitudinal speed. The Galerkin method was utilized to reduce the partial differential equation of motion to a set of ordinary differential equations, and solved by the method of harmonic balance.

Having all above it can be mentioned that dealing with analytical analysis of composite laminated structural elements considering complex conditions and advanced materials are still facing challenges; thus, this study was intended to provide a comprehensive approach considering complex conditions such that any desired material can be specified to the sandwich plate in any desired number of layers through the plate thickness to investigate the plate linear and nonlinear vibrations together with the frequency behavior. Besides, having look at the literature, a few number studies can be found investigating the nonlinear vibration of plates (Wang 2014, Wang *et al.* 2019, Wang *et al.* 2018). Therefore, the need for the providing a comprehensive approach for nonlinear vibration analysis of plates comes up.

In this study, linear and nonlinear vibration analyses of sandwich plates having FGM faces resting on the elastic foundation were performed. In this regard, a comprehensive nonlinear dynamic approach was presented employing higher-order shear deformation theory as well as Hamilton's principal. The effects of temperature change, elastic foundation, and variations in material properties on the linear and nonlinear vibration of sandwich plates were included in the presented approach. This approach was designed so that any order of materials in any number of layers can be considered through the thickness of sandwich plates. This characteristic of the presented approach results in more precise results than other methods because any variation of material through the plate thickness can be modeled without the application of any approximation.

## 2. Derivation of equation of motion

The concepts and guidelines given in the literature were employed to derive the set of equations of motion of the FGM sandwich plate (Mantari *et al.* 2014, Mohammadzadeh and Noh 2017, Cadou *et al.* 2016), solve the equations (Mohammadzadeh and Noh 2015, Kamil Zur 2018, Mohammadzadeh and Noh 2014, Trinh *et al.* 2018, Mohammadzadeh and Noh 2018), obtain the material properties of the face sheets and the core (Choi *et al.* 2018, Arunkumar *et al.* 2018, Choi *et al.* 2018) and interpret the results (Ruocco *et al.* 2018, Ngyuen *et al.* 2016, Wang and Zhu 2017).

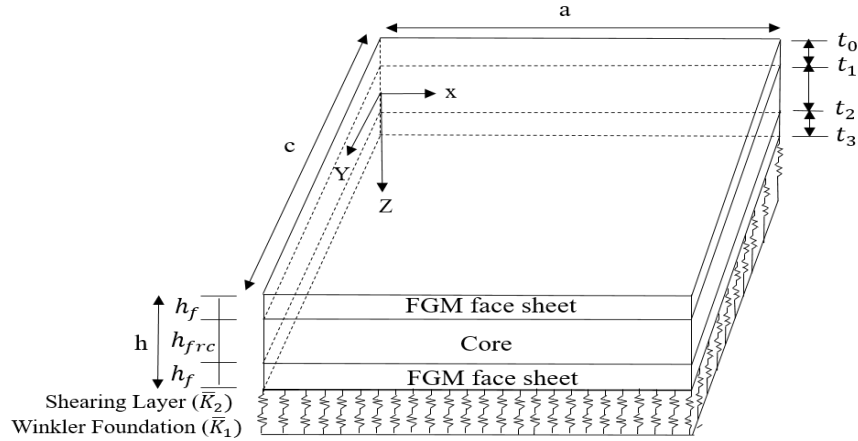


Fig. 1 Illustration of sandwich plate

This study considered a rectangular sandwich plate made of three layers. An FGM is considered for the top and bottom layers, while fiber-reinforced concrete is specified for the core located in the middle. The parameters ‘a’, ‘c’ and ‘h’ denote the length, width, and thickness of the plate, respectively. An illustration of a typical sandwich plate is provided in Fig. 1. It is appropriate to note that the origin of the coordinate system is placed at mid-plane on the corner.

Displacements along the X-direction, length of the plate; Y-direction, the width of the plate; and Z-direction, plate thickness, are  $U$ ,  $V$ , and  $W$ , respectively. The mid-plane rotations around the Y-axis and X-axis are indicated by  $\psi_x$  and  $\psi_y$ , respectively. The displacement components are assumed to have the following form as given in Eq. (1) (Wang and Shen 2011):

$$U = U_0 + Z \left[ \psi_x - \frac{4}{3} \left( \frac{Z}{h} \right)^2 \left( \psi_x + \frac{\partial W_0}{\partial X} \right) \right], \quad (1a)$$

$$V = V_0 + Z \left[ \psi_y - \frac{4}{3} \left( \frac{Z}{h} \right)^2 \left( \psi_y + \frac{\partial W_0}{\partial Y} \right) \right], \quad (1b)$$

$$W = W_0 \quad (1c)$$

where the  $U_0, V_0, W_0$ , displacements at the mid-surface of the plate, and the rotations  $\psi_x$ , and  $\psi_y$  are uncertain.

The stress is related to strain with respect to the matrix form given in Eq. (2) (Wang *et al.* 2017):

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \sigma_{xx} \\ \sigma_{yy} \\ \sigma_{xy} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Q_{11} & Q_{12} & Q_{16} \\ Q_{12} & Q_{22} & Q_{26} \\ Q_{16} & Q_{26} & Q_{66} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \varepsilon_{xx} \\ \varepsilon_{yy} \\ \varepsilon_{xy} \end{Bmatrix}, \quad (2a)$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \sigma_{yz} \\ \sigma_{xz} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Q_{44} & Q_{45} \\ Q_{45} & Q_{55} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \gamma_{yz} \\ \gamma_{xz} \end{Bmatrix}. \quad (2b)$$

Hamilton's principle is employed to derive the equations of motion of the sandwich plate as presented in Eq. (3) (Mohammadzadeh and Noh 2017):

$$\int_0^t (\delta U_{se} + \delta V_{ew} - \delta K_e) dt = 0 \quad (3)$$

The strain energy, external work, and kinetic energy are denoted by  $U_{se}$ ,  $\delta V_{ew}$ , and  $\delta K_e$  respectively. To provide a better understanding, the extended equation used for derivation of  $\delta U$  is expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} \delta U_{se} = \int_{\Omega_0} \int_{-\frac{h}{2}}^{\frac{h}{2}} \{ & ((\sigma_{xx} + \sigma_x^T) \delta \varepsilon_{xx} + (\sigma_{yy} + \sigma_y^T) \delta \varepsilon_{yy} \\ & + (\sigma_{xy} + \sigma_{xy}^T) \delta \varepsilon_{xy} \\ & + (\sigma_{xz} + \sigma_{xz}^T) \delta \gamma_{xz} \\ & + (\sigma_{yz} + \sigma_{yz}^T) \delta \gamma_{yz}) dz \} dxdy \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

where the thermal stresses are indicated by  $\sigma^T$ .

The external work is obtained by employing the following equation (Shahrjerdi *et al.* 2011, Mohammadzadeh and Noh 2017):

$$\begin{aligned} \delta V_{ew} = - \int_{\Omega_0} [ & q_x \delta u + q_y \delta v + (q_b + q_t) \delta w \\ & + (K_1 W - K_2 \nabla^2 W) \delta w ]. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

External loads applied on the upper and lower face sheets of the plate are denoted by  $q_t$  and  $q_b$ , respectively. External forces acting on the plate length and width are denoted by  $q_x$  and  $q_y$ , respectively. The stiffness of the elastic foundation takes the amount of 10,  $K_f=10$ , while that of the shear layer is zero,  $K_2 = 0$ . The surface area of the sandwich plate is denoted by  $\Omega_0$ .

The kinetic energy,  $\delta K_e$ , can be obtained as

$$\begin{aligned} \delta K_e = \int_{\Omega_0} \left\{ & \int_{t_1}^{t_0} \rho(Z) [(\dot{U} \delta \dot{U}) + (\dot{V} \delta \dot{V}) + (\dot{W} \delta \dot{W})] dz \right. \\ & + \int_{t_2}^{t_1} \rho_c [(\dot{U} \delta \dot{U}) + (\dot{V} \delta \dot{V}) + (\dot{W} \delta \dot{W})] dz \\ & + \int_{t_3}^{t_2} \rho(Z) [(\dot{U} \delta \dot{U}) + (\dot{V} \delta \dot{V}) \\ & \left. + (\dot{W} \delta \dot{W})] dz \right\} dxdy, \end{aligned} \quad (6a)$$

where superposed dotted variables are related to their time-dependency. Here,  $t_i$  is attributed to the layer height. It can be said that each layer is placed between  $t_{i-1}$  and  $t_i$ . In this regard, as an example, the bottom face sheet is confined between  $t_2$  and  $t_3$  as seen in Fig. 1.

Substituting the Von-Karman strain-displacement relations and mass moments of inertias into Eq. (6a),  $\delta K$  can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} \delta K = \int_{\Omega_0} & \left[ I_{0i}(\dot{u}_0 \delta \dot{u}_0 + \dot{v}_0 \delta \dot{v}_0 + \dot{w}_0 \delta \dot{w}_0) \right. \\ & + I_{1i}(\dot{U}_0 \delta \dot{\psi}_x + \dot{\psi}_x \delta \dot{U}_0 + \dot{V}_0 \delta \dot{\psi}_y \\ & + \dot{\psi}_y \delta \dot{V}_0) + I_{2i}(\dot{\psi}_x \delta \dot{\psi}_x + \dot{\psi}_y \delta \dot{\psi}_y) \\ & - \frac{4}{3h^2} I_{3i} \left( \dot{U}_0 \delta \dot{\psi}_x + \dot{U}_0 \frac{\partial \delta \dot{W}_0}{\partial x} \right. \\ & + \dot{\psi}_x \delta \dot{U}_0 + \frac{\partial \dot{W}_0}{\partial x} \delta \dot{U}_0 + \dot{V}_0 \delta \dot{\psi}_y \\ & + \dot{V}_0 \frac{\partial \delta \dot{W}_0}{\partial y} + \dot{\psi}_y \delta \dot{V}_0 + \frac{\partial \dot{W}_0}{\partial y} \delta \dot{V}_0 \left. \right) \\ & - \frac{4}{3h^2} I_{4i} \left( 2\dot{\psi}_x \delta \dot{\psi}_x + \dot{\psi}_x \frac{\partial \delta \dot{W}}{\partial x} \right. \\ & + \frac{\partial \dot{W}_0}{\partial x} \delta \dot{\psi}_x + 2\dot{\psi}_y \delta \dot{\psi}_y + \dot{\psi}_y \frac{\partial \delta \dot{W}}{\partial y} \\ & + \frac{\partial \dot{W}_0}{\partial y} \delta \dot{\psi}_y \left. \right) \\ & + \frac{16}{9h^4} I_{6i} \left( \dot{\psi}_x \delta \dot{\psi}_x + \dot{\psi}_x \frac{\partial \delta \dot{W}_0}{\partial x} \right. \\ & + \frac{\partial \dot{W}_0}{\partial x} \delta \dot{\psi}_x + \frac{\partial \dot{W}_0}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \delta \dot{W}_0}{\partial x} + \dot{\psi}_y \delta \dot{\psi}_y \\ & + \dot{\psi}_y \frac{\partial \delta \dot{W}_0}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \dot{W}_0}{\partial y} \delta \dot{\psi}_y \\ & \left. + \frac{\partial \dot{W}_0}{\partial y} \frac{\partial \delta \dot{W}_0}{\partial y} \right) \Big] dx dy \end{aligned} \quad (6b)$$

The mass moment of inertias of each layer,  $I_{ji}$ , is obtained by Eq.(6c) (Mohammadzadeh and Noh 2017):

$$I_{ji} = \int_{t_{i-1}}^{t_i} Z^j \rho_i(Z) dz \quad (6c)$$

$$j = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

where  $\rho_i(Z)$  is the height-dependent density,  $Z$  is the height of the layer, sub-index  $j$  is the order of momentum of inertia, and sub-index  $i$  denotes the layer limitation number as shown in Fig. 1 by  $t_0$  to  $t_3$ . The membrane force  $N_m$ , shear force,  $Q$ , bending moment  $M_b$ , higher-order bending

moment  $P$ , and higher-order shear force  $R$ , are defined as shown in Eq. (7) (Wang and Shen 2011):

$$(N_m, M_b, P) = \int_{-\frac{h}{2}}^{\frac{h}{2}} \sigma(1, Z, Z^3) dz \quad (7a)$$

$$(Q_x, R_x) = \int_{-\frac{h}{2}}^{\frac{h}{2}} \sigma_{xz}(1, Z^2) dz \quad (7b)$$

$$(Q_y, R_y) = \int_{-\frac{h}{2}}^{\frac{h}{2}} \sigma_{yz}(1, Z^2) dz \quad (7c)$$

Here,  $\bar{N}^T$ ,  $\bar{M}^T$ ,  $\bar{S}^T$  and  $\bar{P}^T$  are the thermal forces, moments, and higher-order moments caused by elevated temperature, respectively. They are defined as presented in Eq. (8) (Alibeigloo 2017):

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{N}_x^T & \bar{M}_x^T & \bar{P}_x^T \\ \bar{N}_y^T & \bar{M}_y^T & \bar{P}_y^T \\ \bar{N}_{xy}^T & \bar{M}_{xy}^T & \bar{P}_{xy}^T \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{k=1}^N \int_{t_{k-1}}^{t_k} \begin{bmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \\ A_{xy} \end{bmatrix}_k (1, Z, Z^3) \Delta T dZ \quad (8a)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{S}_x^T \\ \bar{S}_y^T \\ \bar{S}_{xy}^T \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{M}_x^T \\ \bar{M}_y^T \\ \bar{M}_{xy}^T \end{bmatrix} - \frac{4}{3h^2} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{P}_x^T \\ \bar{P}_y^T \\ \bar{P}_{xy}^T \end{bmatrix} \quad (8b)$$

where  $\Delta T = T - T_0$  is the temperature variation from the reference temperature  $T_0$  at which there is no thermal strain. Matrix  $A$  is defined as

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \\ A_{xy} \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} \bar{Q}_{11} & \bar{Q}_{12} & \bar{Q}_{16} \\ \bar{Q}_{12} & \bar{Q}_{22} & \bar{Q}_{26} \\ \bar{Q}_{16} & \bar{Q}_{26} & \bar{Q}_{66} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_{11} \\ \alpha_{22} \end{bmatrix} \quad (8c)$$

where  $\alpha_{11}$  and  $\alpha_{22}$  are the thermal expansion coefficients in the longitudinal and transverse directions, respectively. Substituting Eqs. (4)-(6) into Eq. (3) and considering Eqs. (7)-(8), a set of governing differential equations of motion is obtained as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial(N_m)_{xx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial N_x^T}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(N_m)_{xy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial N_{xy}^T}{\partial y} \\ = I_{0i} \frac{\partial^2 U_0}{\partial t^2} + \left( I_{1i} - \frac{4}{3h^2} I_{3i} \right) \frac{\partial^2 \psi_x}{\partial t^2} \\ - \frac{4}{3h^2} I_{3i} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \left( \frac{\partial W_0}{\partial x} \right) + q_x \end{aligned} \quad (9a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial(N_m)_{yy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial N_y^T}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(N_m)_{xy}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial N_{xy}^T}{\partial x} \\ = I_{0i} \frac{\partial^2 V_0}{\partial t^2} + \left( I_{1i} - \frac{4}{3h^2} I_{3i} \right) \frac{\partial^2 \psi_y}{\partial t^2} \\ - \frac{4}{3h^2} I_{3i} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \left( \frac{\partial W_0}{\partial y} \right) + q_y \end{aligned} \quad (9b)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ \frac{1}{2} ((N_m)_{xx} + N_x^T) \frac{\partial W_0}{\partial x} - \frac{4}{3h^2} (P_{xx} + P_x^T) \frac{\partial W_0}{\partial x} + Q_x \right. \\
& \quad - \frac{4}{h^2} R_x + ((N_m)_{xy} + N_{xy}^T) \frac{\partial W_0}{\partial y} \\
& \quad \left. - \frac{8}{3h^2} (P_{xy} + P_{xy}^T) \frac{\partial W_0}{\partial y} \right] \\
& + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ \frac{1}{2} ((N_m)_{yy} + N_y^T) \frac{\partial W_0}{\partial y} \right. \\
& \quad - \frac{4}{3h^2} (P_{yy} + P_y^T) \frac{\partial W_0}{\partial y} + Q_y - \frac{4}{h^2} R_y \\
& \quad \left. + ((N_m)_{xy} + N_{xy}^T) \frac{\partial W_0}{\partial x} \right. \\
& \quad \left. - \frac{8}{3h^2} (P_{xy} + P_{xy}^T) \frac{\partial W_0}{\partial x} \right] \\
& = P(x, y, t) - (K_1 W_0 - K_2 \nabla^2 W_0) \\
& + I_{0i} \frac{\partial^2 W_0}{\partial t^2} \\
& - \frac{4}{3h^2} I_{3i} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial^2 U_0}{\partial t^2} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial^2 V_0}{\partial t^2} \right) \right] \\
& - \frac{4}{3h^2} I_{4i} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \Psi_x}{\partial t^2} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \Psi_y}{\partial t^2} \right) \right] \\
& - \frac{16}{9h^4} I_{6i} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \Psi_x}{\partial t^2} + \frac{\partial^2 W_0}{\partial t^2} \right) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \Psi_y}{\partial t^2} + \frac{\partial^2 W_0}{\partial t^2} \right) \right)
\end{aligned} \quad (9c)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& Q_x - \frac{4}{h^2} R_x + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (S_{xx} + S_x^T) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (S_{xy} + S_{xy}^T) \\
& = I_{1i} \frac{\partial^2 U_0}{\partial t^2} + I_{2i} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi_x}{\partial t^2} \\
& - \frac{4}{3h^2} I_{4i} \left[ 2 \frac{\partial^2 \Psi_x}{\partial t^2} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial^2 W_0}{\partial t^2} \right) \right] \\
& + \frac{16}{9h^4} I_{6i} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 \Psi_x}{\partial t^2} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial^2 W_0}{\partial t^2} \right) \right]
\end{aligned} \quad (9d)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& Q_y - \frac{4}{h^2} R_y + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (S_{yy} + S_y^T) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (S_{xy} + S_{xy}^T) \\
& = I_{1i} \frac{\partial^2 V_0}{\partial t^2} + I_{2i} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi_y}{\partial t^2} \\
& - \frac{4}{3h^2} I_{4i} \left[ 2 \frac{\partial^2 \Psi_y}{\partial t^2} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial^2 W_0}{\partial t^2} \right) \right] \\
& + \frac{16}{9h^4} I_{6i} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 \Psi_y}{\partial t^2} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial^2 W_0}{\partial t^2} \right) \right]
\end{aligned} \quad (9e)$$

### 3. Solution Method

#### 3.1 Nonlinear dynamic equations of plate frequency

To find the vibration frequencies of the sandwich plate considered in this study, Navier's solution is employed. Accounting for clamped boundary conditions, the displacement fields are defined as follows:

$$U_0 = \sum_{\kappa=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\lambda=1}^{\infty} U_{\kappa\lambda} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{b} \right) e^{-i\omega_{\kappa\lambda} t}, \quad (10a)$$

$$V_0 = \sum_{\kappa=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\lambda=1}^{\infty} V_{\kappa\lambda} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \sin \frac{2\pi y}{b} e^{-i\omega_{\kappa\lambda} t}, \quad (10b)$$

$$W_0 = \sum_{\kappa=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\lambda=1}^{\infty} W_{\kappa\lambda} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{b} \right) e^{-i\omega_{\kappa\lambda} t}, \quad (10c)$$

$$\Psi_x = \sum_{\kappa=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\lambda=1}^{\infty} \Psi_{x\kappa\lambda} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{b} \right) e^{-i\omega_{\kappa\lambda} t}, \quad (10d)$$

$$\Psi_y = \sum_{\kappa=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\lambda=1}^{\infty} \Psi_{y\kappa\lambda} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \sin \frac{2\pi y}{b} e^{-i\omega_{\kappa\lambda} t}, \quad (10e)$$

where  $\omega_{\kappa\lambda}$  is the natural frequency of the sandwich plate, and  $\kappa, \lambda$  are the half-sine mode shapes. The method presented in this study can divide the thickness of the plate into the desired number of plies. It is helpful, especially in the case of having FGMs, to accurately predict the material properties, plate responses, and frequencies. Accordingly, three layers are considered along with FGM face sheets as seen in Fig. 2.

Substituting Eq. (10) into Eq. (9) results in Eq. (11) by which the frequencies of the sandwich plate can be calculated.

$$\begin{aligned}
& c_{-1} U + c_{-2} V + c_{-3} W + c_{-4} W^2 + c_{-5} \Psi_x \\
& \quad + c_{-6} \Psi_y + c_{-7} U + c_{-8} \Psi_x \\
& \quad + c_{-9} W - c_{-10} \Delta T_{xi} - c_{-11} \Delta T_{yi} \\
& \quad - q_x = 0
\end{aligned} \quad (11a)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& d_{-1} U + d_{-2} V + d_{-3} W + d_{-4} W^2 + d_{-5} \Psi_x \\
& \quad + d_{-6} \Psi_y + d_{-7} V + d_{-8} \Psi_y \\
& \quad + d_{-9} W - d_{-10} \Delta T_{yi} \\
& \quad - d_{-11} \Delta T_{xi} - q_y = 0
\end{aligned} \quad (11b)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& e_{-1} UW + e_{-2} VW + e_{-3} \Psi_x W + e_{-4} \Psi_y W + e_{-5} W \\
& \quad + e_{-6} W^2 + e_{-7} W^3 + e_{-8} \Psi_x \\
& \quad + e_{-9} \Psi_y - e_{-10} W - e_{-11} U \\
& \quad - e_{-12} V - e_{-13} \Psi_x \\
& \quad - [e_{-14} \Psi_y + e_{-15} W \Delta T_{xi} \\
& \quad + e_{-16} W \Delta T_{yi} - P(x, y, t) \\
& \quad + (K_{-1} W_0 - K_{-2} \nabla^2 W_0)] = 0
\end{aligned} \quad (11c)$$

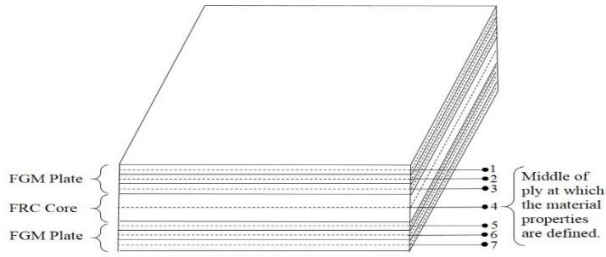


Fig. 2 Sandwich plate layout and ply midline for defining material properties

$$f_1 U + f_2 V + f_3 W + f_4 W^2 + f_5 \psi_x + f_6 \psi_y + f_7 \ddot{U} + f_8 \ddot{\psi}_x + f_9 \ddot{\psi}_y + f_{10} \Delta T_{xi} + f_{11} \Delta T_{yi} = 0 \quad (11d)$$

$$g_1 U + g_2 V + g_3 W + g_4 W^2 + g_5 \psi_x + g_6 \psi_y + g_7 \ddot{V} + g_8 \ddot{\psi}_y + g_9 \ddot{W} + g_{10} \Delta T_{yi} + g_{11} \Delta T_{xi} = 0 \quad (11e)$$

Coefficients of Eq. (11),  $c_i$ ,  $d_i$ ,  $e_i$ ,  $f_i$  and  $g_i$  are given in Appendix A.

### 3.2 Natural frequency

To find the natural frequencies of the sandwich plate, the external forces should be set to zero. The general equation by which the free vibration of a system is calculated can be stated as given in Eq. (12) (Natarajan and Manickam 2012)

$$[K] - \omega_{\kappa\lambda}^2 [M] = 0, \quad (12)$$

where  $[K]$  is the stiffness matrix,  $[M]$  is the mass matrix and  $\omega_{\kappa\lambda}$  is the natural frequency. The set of equations of natural frequencies of a sandwich plate can be stated in the form of a matrix, with respect to Eq. (12), as

$$([X]_{5 \times 16} - \omega_{\kappa\lambda}^2 [M]_{5 \times 16}) \begin{pmatrix} U \\ V \\ W \\ W^2 \\ \psi_x \\ \psi_y \\ \ddot{U} \\ \ddot{V} \\ \ddot{W} \\ \ddot{\psi}_x \\ \ddot{\psi}_y \\ UW \\ VW \\ \psi_x W \\ \psi_y W \\ W^3 \end{pmatrix}_{16 \times 1} = 0, \quad (13)$$

where  $[X]$  is the coefficient matrix,  $[M]$  the mass matrix, and  $\omega$  the natural frequency of the sandwich plate. The elements of matrices  $[X]$  and  $[M]$  are provided in

Appendices B and C, respectively.

### 3.3 Evaluation of the validity of the suggested method

To verify the validity of the method presented in this study, the non-dimensional fundamental frequencies of the sandwich plate with FGM face sheets are calculated and compared with the results reported by (Li *et al.* 2009, Wang and Shen 2011). The material properties of the FGM face sheets are  $E_c = 380 \text{ GPa}$ ,  $\rho_c = 3800 \text{ kg/m}^3$  for alumina ( $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ), one of the most cost effective and widely used materials in engineering ceramics, which is used for the top surface of FGM sheets or ceramic parts and  $E_m = 70 \text{ GPa}$ ,  $\rho_m = 2707 \text{ kg/m}^3$  for aluminum which is considered for the bottom face of an FGM sheet and a core as well. The Poisson's ratio for the core ( $\nu_c$ ) and the face sheet ( $\nu_f$ ) are assumed to be constant, since the effect of Poisson's ratio on the sandwich plate responses is much less than that of the elastic modulus, and equal to each other:  $\nu_f = \nu_c = 0.3$ . The non-dimensional natural frequency parameter is defined as Eq. (14) presents (Gholami and Ansari 2018):

$$\tilde{\omega} = \omega \left( \frac{c^2}{h} \right) \sqrt{\rho_0 / E_0} \quad (14)$$

where  $\rho_0 = 1 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and  $E_0 = 1 \text{ GPa}$ .

The effective material properties ( $P_F$ ), such as elastic modulus  $E_f$ , density  $\rho_f$ , Poisson's ratio  $\nu_f$ , and thermal expansion coefficient,  $\alpha_f$  are defined as given in Eq. (15) (Mohammadzadeh and Noh 2017):

$$P_F = P_c V_c + P_m V_m, \quad (15)$$

where  $P_c$  and  $P_m$  denote the temperature-dependent properties of the ceramic and metal, respectively. Here,  $V_c$  is the volume fraction of ceramic, while  $V_m$  is the volume fraction of the metal as described in Eq. (16) (Wang *et al.* 2017):

$$V_{mt} = \left( \frac{z-t_0}{t_1-t_0} \right)^N, \quad V_{mb} = \left( \frac{t_3-z}{t_3-t_2} \right)^N, \quad V_m + V_c = 1, \quad (16)$$

where  $N$  is the volume fraction index, which dictates the material variation profile through the FGM layer thickness, and indices  $t$  and  $b$  represent the top and bottom faces of layers, respectively.

The core to face sheet thickness ratio is  $\frac{h_c}{h_f} = 8$ . Various volume fraction index values ( $N$ ) of 0.0, 0.5, 1.0, 5.0, and 10.0 are considered, so the material properties shall be defined with respect to  $N$ . To consider gradual variation of material properties through the thickness of an FGM sheet, each face sheet is divided into three layers, top, middle, and bottom, as seen in Fig. 2. The material properties of the FGM face sheets are provided in Table 1.

The material properties given in Table 1 together with Eq. (13) are employed to find the natural frequencies of a sandwich plate. For this aim, the Runge-Kutta method, as well as MAPLE 14, are used. Thereafter, Eq. (14) is used to calculate the non-dimensional natural frequencies of a sandwich plate. Table 2 shows a comparison of the results

Table 1 Material properties of FGM faces with respect to the variation of N

Layer position	N	$E_F$ (GPa)	$\rho_F$ kg/m <sup>3</sup>	$\alpha_F \times 10^{-6}/^\circ\text{C}$	$\nu_F$
Top	0.00	70.00	2707.00	23.10	0.30
Top	0.50	253.44	3353.78	13.69	0.30
Top	1.00	328.33	3617.83	9.85	0.30
Top	5.00	379.96	3799.86	7.20	0.30
Top	10.00	380.00	3800.00	7.20	0.30
Middle	0.00	70.00	2707.00	23.10	0.30
Middle	0.50	160.80	3027.13	18.44	0.30
Middle	1.00	225.00	3253.50	15.15	0.30
Middle	5.00	370.31	3765.84	7.70	0.30
Middle	10.00	379.70	3798.93	7.22	0.30
Bottom	0.00	70.00	2707.00	23.10	0.30
Bottom	0.50	97.01	2802.23	21.71	0.30
Bottom	1.00	121.67	2889.17	20.45	0.30
Bottom	5.00	255.42	3360.75	13.59	0.30
Bottom	10.00	329.93	3623.47	9.77	0.30

Table 2 Non-dimensional natural frequencies  $\tilde{\omega}$ 

b/h	Source	N				
		0.0	0.5	1.0	5.0	10.0
100	Li <i>et al.</i> (2009)	0.96022	1.26557	1.38331	1.57035	1.60457
100	Wang & Shen 2011	0.96022	1.26557	1.38332	1.57036	1.60458
100	Present (Analytical)	0.96015	1.26468	1.38314	1.57028	1.60445
100	Present (ABAQUS)	0.96007	1.26270	1.38119	1.57016	1.60327
Error (%)	Li & present	0.00700	0.07000	0.01200	0.00400	0.00700
Error (%)	Wang & present	0.00700	0.07000	0.01300	0.00500	0.00800
10	Li <i>et al.</i> (2009)	0.92897	1.20553	1.30825	1.46647	1.49481
10	Wang & Shen 2011	0.92839	1.20559	1.30854	1.46696	1.49535
10	Present (Analytical)	0.92813	1.20535	1.30803	1.46597	1.49458
10	Present (ABAQUS)	0.92705	1.20349	1.30472	1.46382	1.49228
Error (%)	Li & present	0.09000	0.01500	0.01700	0.03400	0.01500
Error (%)	Wang & present	0.02800	0.02000	0.03900	0.06700	0.05100

of this study with those reported in the literature. The differences among the results obtained from the analytical method of this study and those of the literature are calculated and reported in Table 2 as Error (%).

As seen in Table 2, the non-dimensional natural frequencies obtained from the present study, which were obtained by analytical and numerical methods, and those of (Li *et al.* 2009, Wang and Shen 2011) show good agreement.

The system of nonlinear dynamic equations cannot be

Table 3 Calculation of the error of Runge Kutta Method

Step size	Error
0.002	0.08123
0.001	0.03253
0.0005	0.00654
0.00025	0.00125
0.000125	0.00009
0.0000625	0.00002

directly solved and lead to an exact solution, so the Runge–Kutta scheme is employed. To provide an explanation of the error, it is only possible to estimate the error. For this aim, the one-step method can be used as follows.

The one-step method is a 5<sup>th</sup>-order Runge–Kutta formula which is embedded in a 4<sup>th</sup>-order Runge–Kutta formula as follows as Eq. (17) presents (Mohammadzadeh and Noh 2017):

$$k_0 = hf(x_n, y_n),$$

$$k_1 = hf(x_n + h/2, y_n + k_0/2),$$

$$k_2 = hf(x_n + h, y_n + (k_0 + k_1/4), \quad (17a)$$

$$k_3 = hf(x_n + h, y_n - k_1 + 2k_2),$$

$$k_4 = hf(x_n + \frac{2h}{3}, y_n + \frac{(7k_0 + 10k_1 + k_3)}{27}),$$

$$k_5 = hf(x_n + \frac{2h}{10}, y_n + \frac{(28k_0 - 125k_1 + 546k_2 + 54k_3 - 378k_4)}{625})$$

The fourth-order formula is expressed as

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + (k_0 + 4k_2 + k_3)/6 \quad (17b)$$

and the fifth-order formula is expressed as

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + (14k_0 + 35k_3 + 162k_4 + 125k_5)/336 \quad (17c)$$

Therefore, the error can be obtained by subtracting solutions obtained from both 4<sup>th</sup>- and 5<sup>th</sup>-order Runge–Kutta methods as follows:

$$E_{n+1} = (y_{n+1})_{4th} - (y_{n+1})_{5th} \quad (17d)$$

Considering the explanations above, the amounts of error are given in Table 3.

As seen in Table 3, the error is proportional to  $h^5$ , which agrees with the theory of the Runge–Kutta method.

### 3.3.1 Evaluation of convergence of the plate frequencies

Although the method was validated in the previous section, to have more reliable results, a convergence study was performed considering frequencies corresponding to five first mode shapes of the plate. To investigate the convergence of the sandwich plate frequencies, the numerical method was employed. For this aim, the example problem defined in method validity was used. The material properties given in Table 1 were specified to the sandwich plate corresponding to various values of volume fraction index,  $N = 0, 1.0$ , and  $10$ . Fig. 3 presents the convergence of sandwich plate frequency with respect to mode shape.

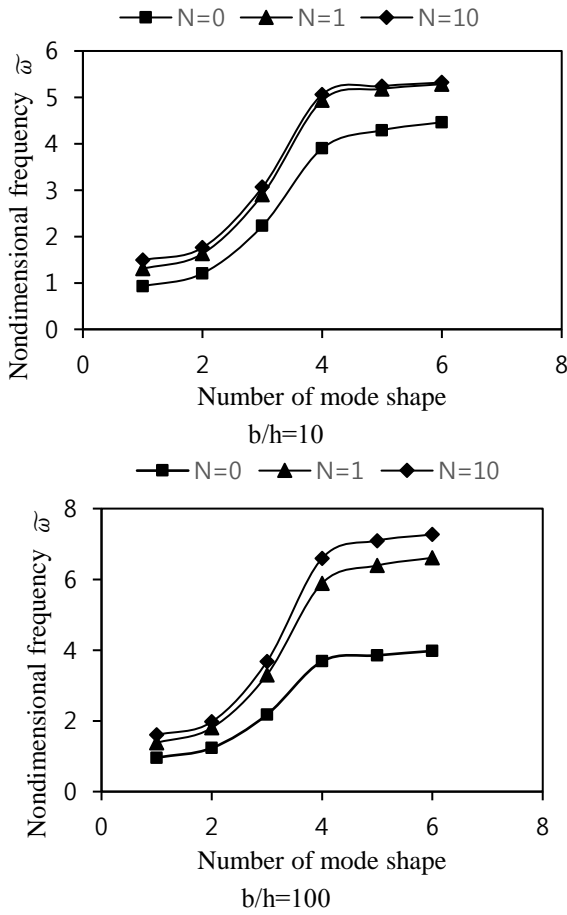


Fig. 3 Convergence of sandwich plate frequency for various volume fraction index ( $N$ ) values with respect to mode shape

As seen in Fig. 3, convergence was obtained for the sandwich plate frequencies, and after mode 4, the increase in plate frequency is negligible. Therefore, the results are reliable, and the method can be used for further study and nonlinear dynamic analyses.

### 3.4 Effects of temperature change and volume fraction index

In this part, an attempt is made to investigate the effects of the temperature change and volume fraction index  $N$  on the frequencies of a sandwich plate having 3 layers, FGM/FRC/FGM, resting on elastic foundations. The core-to-face sheet thickness ratio of  $h_c/h_F = 10$  is considered, while the aspect ratio of  $a/c=1$  is specified to the plate. A range of volume fraction index,  $N$ , from 0 to 10 as well as three different temperatures of  $T=300$  K ( $27^\circ\text{C}$ ),  $500$  K ( $227^\circ\text{C}$ ) and  $700$  K ( $427^\circ\text{C}$ ) for which the material properties of FGM face sheets with respect to various amounts of volume fraction index,  $N$ , are provided in Tables 4–6, respectively. Since high temperatures occur in burst events, fires, and nuclear explosions, the high temperatures of  $500$  K and  $700$  K are taken into account in this study.

The provided material properties are specified to the face sheets of the sandwich plate to calculate the natural

Table 4 Material properties of FGM faces for various  $N$  ( $T=300\text{K}$ ,  $27^\circ\text{C}$ )

Layer position	$N$	$E_F(\text{GPa})$	$\rho_F \text{ kg/m}^3$	$\alpha_F * 10^{-6}/^\circ\text{C}$	$\nu_F$
Top	0	105.70	2707.00	6.94	0.29
Top	0.5	142.60	3353.78	13.83	0.29
Top	1	157.67	3617.83	16.65	0.29
Top	5	168.05	3799.86	18.59	0.29
Top	10	168.06	3800.00	18.59	0.29
Middle	0	105.70	2707.00	6.94	0.29
Middle	0.5	123.96	3027.13	10.35	0.29
Middle	1	136.88	3253.50	12.77	0.29
Middle	5	166.11	3765.84	18.23	0.29
Middle	10	168.00	3798.93	18.58	0.29
Bottom	0	105.70	2707.00	6.94	0.29
Bottom	0.5	111.13	2802.23	7.96	0.29
Bottom	1	116.09	2889.17	8.88	0.29
Bottom	5	143.00	3360.75	13.91	0.29
Bottom	10	157.99	3623.47	16.71	0.29

Table 5 Material properties of FGM faces for various  $N$  ( $T=500\text{K}$ ,  $227^\circ\text{C}$ )

Layer position	$N$	$E_F(\text{GPa})$	$\rho_F \text{ kg/m}^3$	$\alpha_F * 10^{-6}/^\circ\text{C}$	$\nu_F$
Top	0	94.46	2707.00	4.13	0.29
Top	0.5	121.24	3353.78	22.54	0.29
Top	1	132.18	3617.83	30.06	0.29
Top	5	139.71	3799.86	35.24	0.29
Top	10	139.72	3800.00	35.25	0.29
Middle	0	94.46	2707.00	4.13	0.29
Middle	0.5	107.71	3027.13	13.25	0.29
Middle	1	117.09	3253.50	19.69	0.29
Middle	5	138.30	3765.84	34.27	0.29
Middle	10	139.68	3798.93	35.22	0.29
Bottom	0	94.46	2707.00	4.13	0.29
Bottom	0.5	98.40	2802.23	6.84	0.29
Bottom	1	102.00	2889.17	9.32	0.29
Bottom	5	121.53	3360.75	22.74	0.29
Bottom	10	132.41	3623.47	30.22	0.29

frequencies of the sandwich plate for the corresponding volume fraction index and temperature. The obtained frequencies are normalized by employing Eq. (14) and reported as non-dimensional natural frequencies as given in Table 7.

As seen in Table 7, with increasing temperature, the natural frequencies of the plate decrease. This can be seen for all values of  $T$  and  $N$ . The reason is that increasing temperature leads to a decrease in sandwich plate stiffness since only the elastic modulus is decreased as temperature increases, so natural frequencies are decreased. The investigation into the effects of  $N$  on non-dimensional



Table 6 Material properties of FGM faces for various N (T=700K, 427°C)

Layer position	N	$E_F$ (GPa)	$\rho_F \frac{kg}{m^3}$	$\alpha_F * 10^{-6}/C^\circ$	$\nu_F$
Top	0.0	83.22	2707.00	-0.59	0.29
Top	0.5	107.53	3353.78	36.49	0.29
Top	1.0	117.46	3617.83	51.63	0.29
Top	5.0	124.30	3799.86	62.07	0.29
Top	10.0	124.31	3800.00	62.07	0.29
Middle	0.0	83.22	2707.00	-0.59	0.29
Middle	0.5	95.25	3027.13	17.77	0.29
Middle	1.0	103.76	3253.50	30.74	0.29
Middle	5.0	123.03	3765.84	60.12	0.29
Middle	10.0	124.27	3798.93	62.01	0.29
Bottom	0.0	83.22	2707.00	-0.59	0.29
Bottom	0.5	86.80	2802.23	4.87	0.29
Bottom	1.0	90.06	2889.17	9.86	0.29
Bottom	5.0	107.79	3360.75	36.89	0.29
Bottom	10.0	117.67	3623.47	51.95	0.29

Table 7 Non-dimensional natural frequencies obtained from analytical approach considering variation of N and T (a/c=1, c/h=100)

No	Temperature(K)	N	$\tilde{\omega}$
1	300	0.0	0.9865
2		0.5	0.9894
3		1.0	0.9906
4		5.0	0.9921
5		10.0	0.9924
6	500	0.0	0.9783
7		0.5	0.9777
8		1.0	0.9770
9		5.0	0.9753
10		10.0	0.9749
11	700	0.0	0.9698
12		0.5	0.9686
13		1.0	0.9678
14		5.0	0.9655
15		10.0	0.9648

natural frequencies  $\tilde{\omega}$  shows that for the temperature of 300 K, increasing N results in increasing  $\tilde{\omega}$ . It occurs because N directly affects the face sheet stiffness, so the natural frequency increases. For the higher temperatures of 500 K and 700 K, a reverse trend was observed, as shown in Fig. 4.

As seen in Fig. 4, non-dimensional frequencies  $\tilde{\omega}$ , vary differently with respect to the volume fraction index N, for different temperatures. For the temperature of 300 K, as the volume fraction index increases, the plate frequency increases. It should be noted that for  $N < 1$ , changes in frequencies are larger than those for  $N > 1$ . A steep slope is observed in the graph for  $N < 1$ . The graph corresponding

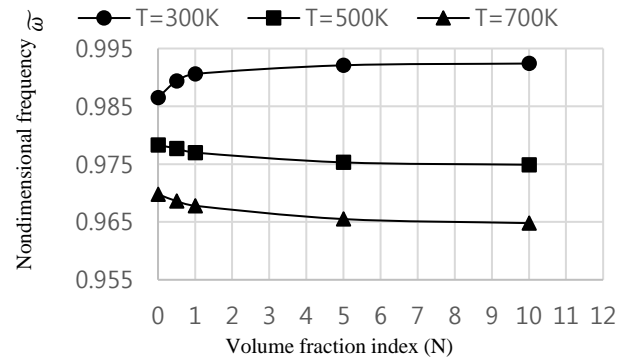


Fig. 4 Variation of the non-dimensional frequency with respect to N

to 300 K plateaus after  $N=3$ . The graphs corresponding to 500 K and 700 K are descending; the plate frequencies decrease as the volume fraction index increases. For 500 K and for  $N < 2$  a steep slope can be seen which shows a sudden drop in natural frequencies, and the graph plateaus for  $N > 4$ . For the graph corresponding to 700 K, a steep slope is seen for  $N < 3$ , and the graph plateaus when  $N > 5$ . From these results, it can be inferred that as the temperature increases, the plate frequencies decrease. This phenomenon can be described based on Eq. (18), which relates the elastic modulus of the materials to the temperature and volume fraction index (Mohammadzadeh and Noh 2017):

$$E_F(Z, T) = (E_b(T) - E_t(T)) \left( \frac{2Z + h}{2h} \right)^N + E_t, \quad (18)$$

where  $E_F(Z, T)$  is the elastic modulus of the plate materials as a function of temperature, depth in thickness and N,  $E_b(T)$  temperature-dependent elastic modulus at the bottom of face sheet and  $E_t(T)$  temperature-dependent elastic modulus at the top of the face sheet. In the case of this study, for the temperatures of 500 K and 700 K the numerical value of  $(E_b(T) - E_t(T))$  is negative (refer to Tables 5 and 6), and increasing N results in a larger value of  $\left( \frac{2Z + h}{2h} \right)^N$ , so a larger amount is subtracted from  $E_t$ . Therefore, a smaller amount is obtained for  $E_F$ , which means that the stiffness of the face sheets is decreased, and it leads to smaller  $\tilde{\omega}$ . Figs. 5–7 present the variation of the non-dimensional fundamental natural frequencies of a sandwich plate having FGM face sheets with respect to side-to-thickness ratio,  $c/h$ , considering various volume fraction index values and for various temperatures of 300 K, 500 K, and 700 K, respectively.

The results shown in Figs. 5–7 indicate that increasing temperature leads to lower natural frequencies. A reason for this phenomenon is that the FGM characteristics are temperature dependent; that is, the material properties of the face sheets vary as the temperature changes. Increasing temperature results in decreased sandwich plate face sheet stiffness, so considering Eq. (12), the natural frequencies of the sandwich plate decrease.

Investigation into the variation of the natural frequency of the sandwich plate with respect to change in values of  $c/h$  shows that by increasing the side-to-thickness ratio in the

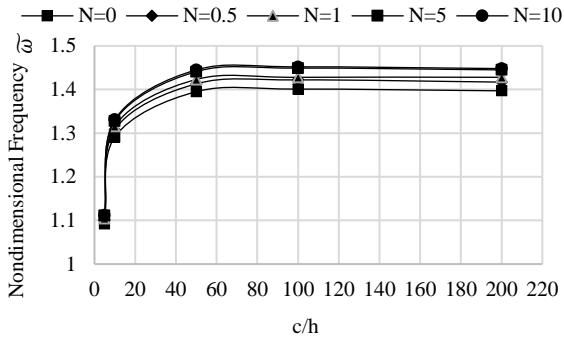


Fig. 5 Non-dimensional fundamental natural frequencies versus  $c/h$  considering various  $N$  for 300K

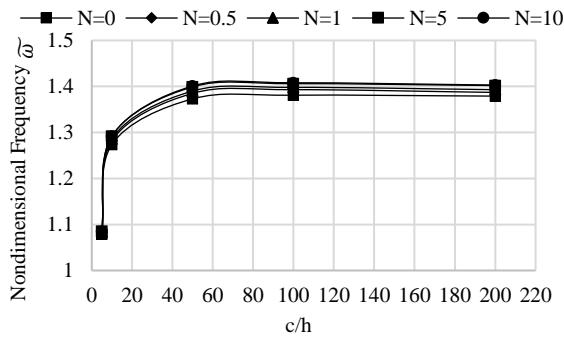


Fig. 6 Non-dimensional fundamental natural frequencies versus  $c/h$  considering various  $N$  for 500K

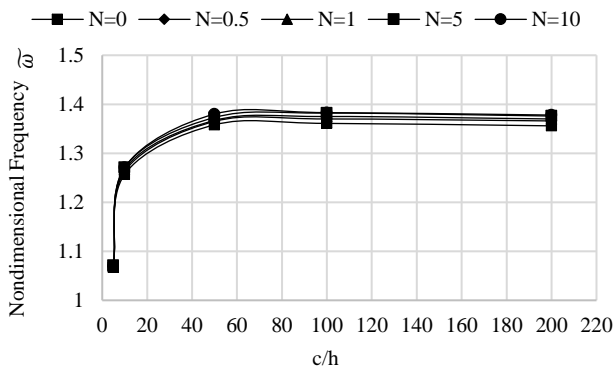


Fig. 7 Non-dimensional fundamental natural frequencies versus  $c/h$  considering various  $N$  for 700K

range  $1 < c/h < 60$  which can be categorized as a batch of thick plates, a non-linear sudden increase in the non-dimensional natural frequency of the sandwich plate  $\tilde{\omega}$  can be observed as shown in Figs. 5–7. Moreover, the effects of an increase in  $c/h$  on  $\tilde{\omega}$  for the range of  $c/h > 60$ , which can be indicated as thin plates, is infinitesimal and can be neglected.

### 3.5 Nonlinear vibration

The nonlinear vibrations of a sandwich plate are calculated and presented in Table 8 in the form of nonlinear-to-linear frequency ratios for  $c/h=1$ , and considering the effects of foundation stiffness, various temperatures, and volume fraction index  $N$ . The nonlinearity is considered as effects of existent initial

Table 8-1 Nonlinear frequencies of the sandwich plate in the form of  $\omega_{NL}/L$  for various  $N$  and  $\frac{W_{max}}{h} < 1.0$

(K1, K2)	Temperature(K)	N	$\tilde{\omega}$	$W_{max}/h$			
				0.1	0.25	0.5	0.75
(0, 0)	300	0.0	0.9865	1.0135	1.0513	1.1432	1.2562
		1.0	0.9906	1.0088	1.0476	1.1341	1.2413
		5.0	0.9921	1.0026	1.0368	1.1295	1.2314
		10	0.9921	1.0026	1.0368	1.1295	1.2314
	500	0.0	0.9783	1.0102	1.0513	1.1432	1.2562
		1.0	0.9770	1.0088	1.0463	1.1364	1.2413
		5.0	0.9753	1.0056	1.0427	1.1296	1.2239
		10	0.9753	1.0056	1.0427	1.1296	1.2239
	700	0.0	0.9698	1.0102	1.0513	1.1432	1.2562
		1.0	0.9678	1.0089	1.0471	1.1409	1.2499
		5.0	0.9655	1.0029	1.0357	1.1329	1.2339
		10	0.9655	1.0029	1.0357	1.1329	1.2339
(10, 0)	300	0.0	1.1147	1.0092	1.0351	1.1071	1.1963
		1.0	1.2116	1.0051	1.0345	1.1064	1.1948
		5.0	1.6222	1.0018	1.0328	1.1025	1.1917
		10	1.6222	1.0018	1.0328	1.1025	1.1917
	500	0.0	1.0667	1.0085	1.0346	1.1032	1.1892
		1.0	1.1844	1.0081	1.0328	1.1027	1.1786
		5.0	1.4747	1.0073	1.0309	1.1024	1.1705
		10	1.4747	1.0073	1.0309	1.1024	1.1705
	700	0.0	1.0217	1.0080	1.0325	1.0988	1.1826
		1.0	1.1123	1.0075	1.0304	1.0955	1.1776
		5.0	1.4045	1.0066	1.0273	1.0933	1.1746
		10	1.4045	1.0066	1.0273	1.0933	1.1746
(10, 1)	300	0.0	1.3376	1.0042	1.0178	1.0697	1.1558
		1.0	1.4152	1.0040	1.0165	1.0676	1.1521
		5.0	1.4548	1.0038	1.0157	1.0667	1.1514
		10	1.4548	1.0038	1.0157	1.0667	1.1514
	500	0.0	1.2986	1.0036	1.0157	1.0622	1.1477
		1.0	1.3572	1.0035	1.0151	1.0590	1.1455
		5.0	1.3952	1.0034	1.0148	1.0586	1.1446
		10	1.3952	1.0034	1.0148	1.0586	1.1446
	700	0.0	1.2583	1.0031	1.0136	1.0569	1.1386
		1.0	1.3151	1.0030	1.0131	1.0563	1.1371
		5.0	1.3545	1.0028	1.0129	1.0556	1.1362
		10	1.3545	1.0028	1.0129	1.0556	1.1362

displacement in the form of the ratio of maximum central displacement to the plate thickness,  $\frac{W_{max}}{h}$ . The results given in Table 8 show that the natural frequencies of the sandwich plate decrease with increasing temperature for the same volume fractions, while they increase with increases in the volume fraction index  $N$  and the foundation stiffness. In contrast, the nonlinear-to-linear frequency ratios are reduced with an increase in the foundation stiffness for the same volume fractions, and the temperature change has a very small effect on the nonlinear-to-linear frequency ratios of the same plate and the same volume fractions.

#### 3.5.1 Backbone curve

The main idea of backbone curves is that, for most structures, resonances lead to the largest vibration amplitude, so the resonant responses must be understood. This is relatively straightforward for a linear system because resonances occur independently of each other and

Table 8-2 Nonlinear frequencies of the sandwich plate in the form of  $\omega_{NL}/L$  for various  $N$  and  $1.0 \leq \frac{W_{max}}{h} \leq 2.0$ 

(K <sub>1</sub> , K <sub>2</sub> )	Temperature(K)	N	$\bar{\omega}$	$W_{max}/h$				
				1.0	1.25	1.5	1.75	2.0
(0, 0)	300	0.0	0.9865	1.3858	1.5330	1.7049	1.9033	2.1362
		1.0	0.9906	1.3632	1.5025	1.6649	1.8488	2.0620
		5.0	0.9921	1.3449	1.4730	1.6189	1.7847	1.9743
		0.0	0.9783	1.3832	1.5275	1.6988	1.8965	2.1286
		1.0	0.9770	1.3611	1.4965	1.6497	1.8239	2.0239
		5.0	0.9753	1.3294	1.4481	1.5802	1.7291	1.8991
	500	0.0	0.9698	1.3846	1.5307	1.7043	1.9047	2.1343
		1.0	0.9678	1.3679	1.5010	1.6527	1.8234	2.0217
		5.0	0.9655	1.3242	1.4385	1.5684	1.7148	1.8811
	700	0.0	1.1147	1.2971	1.4128	1.5444	1.6980	1.8872
		1.0	1.2116	1.2944	1.4087	1.5394	1.6923	1.8676
		5.0	1.6222	1.2902	1.4048	1.5331	1.6812	1.8514
(10, 0)	300	0.0	1.0667	1.2851	1.3985	1.5288	1.6751	1.8478
		1.0	1.1844	1.3522	1.5527	1.7875	2.0613	2.3816
		5.0	1.4747	1.3393	1.5338	1.7597	2.0212	2.3245
	500	0.0	1.0217	1.2762	1.3829	1.5024	1.6370	1.7902
		1.0	1.1123	1.2913	1.4197	1.5650	1.7303	1.9200
		5.0	1.4045	1.2759	1.3898	1.5166	1.6594	1.8226
	700	0.0	1.3376	1.2533	1.3641	1.4897	1.6367	1.8116
		1.0	1.4152	1.2496	1.3618	1.4904	1.6379	1.8110
		5.0	1.4548	1.2506	1.3646	1.4997	1.6533	1.8334
(10, 1)	300	0.0	1.2986	1.2432	1.3534	1.4771	1.6168	1.7821
		1.0	1.3572	1.2451	1.3590	1.4900	1.6385	1.8061
		5.0	1.3952	1.2414	1.3508	1.4755	1.6186	1.7823
	500	0.0	1.2583	1.2299	1.3341	1.4536	1.5892	1.7423
		1.0	1.3151	1.2274	1.3308	1.4498	1.5853	1.7465
		5.0	1.3545	1.2265	1.3282	1.4430	1.5735	1.7237

respond only to external sources of excitation. However, for nonlinear systems, there is the possibility that resonances or modes can interact due to nonlinear coupling between different parts of the structure. Backbone curves can be used to help understand the complexities of resonant behavior. This is because the resonant response of a forced system is closely linked to the unforced response, and a backbone curve represents the unforced, undamped response.

To provide a better understanding of the nonlinear behavior of the sandwich plate, the backbone curves are provided in Fig. 8. The abscissa is specified to the ratio of the nonlinear vibration to the linear vibration,  $\omega_{NL}/L$ , and the ordinate is specified to the maximum displacement to the plate thickness,  $\frac{W_{max}}{h}$ . They are derived for the various values of the volume fraction index,  $N$ , temperature, and foundation conditions.

As seen from the backbone curves in Fig. 8, by increasing the initial imperfection, the nonlinear vibration

of the sandwich plate increases. This shows that resonance, in nonlinear vibration, is a function of imperfection. The volume fraction index,  $N$ , also has a significant effect on the nonlinear vibration of the sandwich plate for a large imperfection,  $W_{max}/h$ , and Winkler foundation,  $K_1 = 10$  and  $K_2 = 0$ . For the foundation conditions of  $K_1 = 10$  and  $K_2 = 1$ , the volume fraction index has no significant effect on the nonlinear vibration of the system. From the graphs, it can be inferred that the nonlinear vibration of the sandwich plate is not a function of temperature.

#### 4. Concluding Remarks

This study was motivated to provide a comprehensive nonlinear dynamic method for the investigation of one of the frequently used plated structures called sandwich plates. The most important dynamic parameter which should be highly paid attention is the vibration of a structure or structural component as it may lead to structural failure. In this regard, this study presented an analytical approach to investigate the frequencies of a sandwich plate with FGM face sheets. The interaction between the sandwich plate and the elastic foundation was taken into account as well as the effects of temperature variation which directly affects the material properties and consequently the stiffness of the plate. For the derivation of governing equations of motion of this study, the higher-order shear deformation theory was employed in conjunction with Hamilton's principle. The sinusoidal displacement fields satisfying the clamped boundary conditions were employed to convert the set of equation of motions to the solvable form of the set of nonlinear dynamic equations. The Runge-Kutta method was taken into account for solving the equations and finding the natural frequency and nonlinear frequency of the several cases of sandwich plates corresponding to various conditions. In order to evaluate the validity of the method, the results obtained from the method of this study were compared with those reported in the literature for some special cases. The results showed that as the temperature increased, the sandwich plate frequency decreased, as increasing temperature led to a decrease in the stiffness of the sandwich plate. For the temperature of 300 K, an increase in the volume fraction index,  $N$ , caused the non-dimensional natural frequencies,  $\bar{\omega}$ , to grow as  $N$  directly affects the face sheet stiffness. For the higher temperatures of 500 K and 700 K, a reverse trend was observed. A possible explanation is that an increase in  $N$  resulted in an increasing portion of the material in the FGM face sheets for which the stiffness decreases with increase in temperature, so the natural frequencies decrease. Nonlinear vibration analyses of the sandwich plate were performed with consideration of the effects of foundation stiffness, temperature change, and  $N$ . For this aim, the geometrical nonlinearities were considered by imposing the initial displacement of different amounts to the plate in form of the ratio of displacement of the plate center to the plate thickness. The nonlinear frequencies were reported in the form of the ratio of the nonlinear frequency to the linear frequency or natural frequency of the desired case,  $\omega_{NL}/L$ .

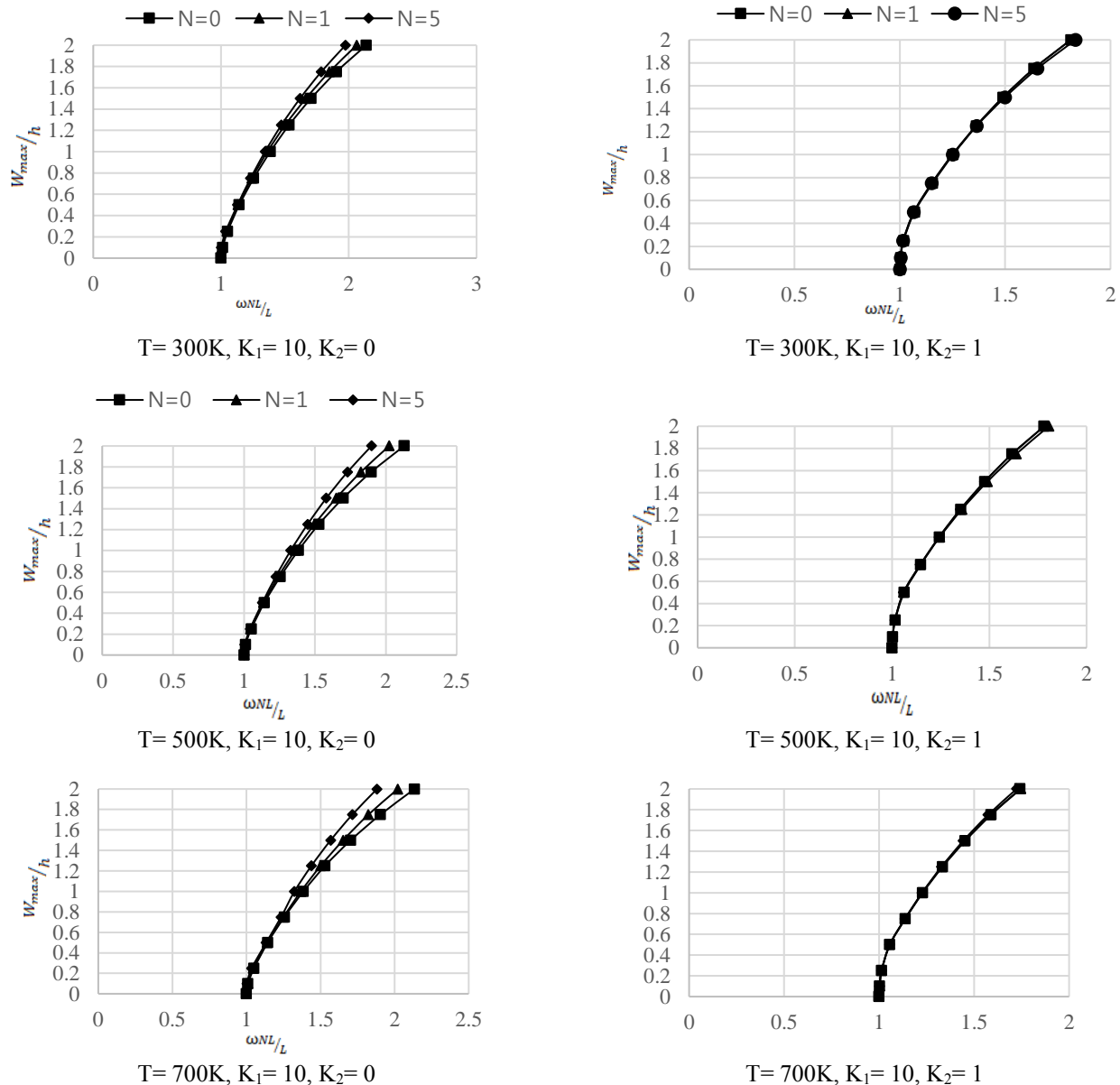


Fig. 8 Backbone curves of sandwich plates for various temperatures and foundation conditions

Results showed that the nonlinear-to-linear frequency ratios,  $\omega_{NL}/L$ , decreased with an increase in the foundation stiffness. Temperature change had a very small effect on the nonlinear-to-linear frequency ratios of the same plate. For a better understanding of the nonlinear behavior of the sandwich plate the backbone curves were presented. It was observed that the nonlinear vibration of the plate did not depend on temperature change. Besides,  $N$  affected the nonlinear vibration of the plate only for the foundation conditions of  $K_1 = 10$  and  $K_2 = 1$ . Further studies are required to investigate sandwich plate and composite plate frequencies in the case of severe loadings, such as blast loads which are accompanied by elevated temperature.

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## Nomenclature

$t$	time
$\omega_{\kappa\lambda}$	Natural frequency

$[K]$	stiffness matrix
$[M]$	mass matrix
$[\chi]$	coefficient matrix
$M$	mass
$E$	modulus of elasticity
$\nu$	Poisson's ratio
$\rho$	material density
$G$	shear modulus of elasticity
$\kappa$	curvature
$I_{ji}$	mass moment of inertias
$q_x$	distributed load along x-direction
$q_y$	distributed load along y-direction
$q_b$	distributed forces at bottom layer
$q_t$	distributed forces at top layer
$N_m$	membrane force
$M_b$	bending moment
$P$	higher order bending moment
$Q$	shear force
$R$	higher order shear moment
$\bar{N}^T$	thermal force
$\bar{M}^T$	thermal moment
$\bar{P}^T$	thermal higher order moment
$\Omega_0$	plate area
$\sigma$	stress
$\sigma^T$	thermal stress
$\varepsilon$	strain
$\gamma$	shear strain
$a$	length of plate (long side)
$c$	width of plate (short side)
$h$	thickness of plate
$h_f$	thickness of face sheet
$h_{frc}$	thickness of core
$t_i$	layer height through the plate thickness
$P_F$	effective material properties
$P_c$	temperature-dependent properties of ceramic
$P_m$	temperature-dependent properties of metal
$V_c$	volume fraction of ceramic
$V_m$	volume fraction of metal
$Z$	depth through the plate thickness
$A_M$	cross-sectional area of matrix
$A_r$	cross-sectional area of reinforcement
$A_c$	cross-sectional area of composite
$N$	volume fraction index
$\alpha$	thermal expansion coefficient
$\bar{Q}_{ij}$	constitutive stiffness matrix element
$U$	displacement in x-direction
$V$	displacement in y-direction
$W$	displacement in z-direction
$\Psi_x$	rotation in y-direction
$\Psi_y$	rotation in x-direction
$\dot{U}$	time-derivative of $U$
$\dot{V}$	time-derivative of $V$
$\dot{W}$	time-derivative of $W$
$\dot{\Psi}_x$	time-derivative of $\Psi_x$

$\dot{\Psi}_y$	time-derivative of $\Psi_y$
$\ddot{U}$	second time-derivative of U
$\ddot{V}$	second time-derivative of V
$\ddot{W}$	second time-derivative of W
$\dot{\Psi}_x$	second time-derivative of $\Psi_x$
$\dot{\Psi}_y$	second time-derivative of $\Psi_y$
$K_1$	Winkler foundation stiffness
$K_2$	shear layer stiffness
$\rho_0$	1 $kg/m^3$
$E_0$	1 GPa
$U_{se}$	strain energy
$V_{ew}$	external work
$K_e$	kinetic energy



**Appendix A: Coefficients for equations of Frequency**

For simplicity and neat appearance,  $\omega_{\kappa\lambda}$  is replaced by  $\omega$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
c_1 &= \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ (\bar{Q}_{16})_i \frac{4\pi^2 h_i}{ac} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} - \right. \\
&(\bar{Q}_{11})_i \frac{4\pi^2 h_i}{a^2} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) + \\
&(\bar{Q}_{66})_i \frac{4\pi^2 h_i}{c^2} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} + \\
&(\bar{Q}_{16})_i \frac{4\pi^2 h_i}{ac} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left. \right] e^{-i\omega t} \\
c_2 &= \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ (\bar{Q}_{12})_i \frac{4\pi^2 h_i}{ac} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} - (\bar{Q}_{26})_i \frac{4\pi^2 h_i}{c^2} \left( 1 - \right. \right. \\
&\cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left. \right) \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} + (\bar{Q}_{66})_i \frac{4\pi^2 h_i}{ac} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} + \\
&(\bar{Q}_{16})_i \frac{4\pi^2 h_i}{a^2} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left. \right] e^{-i\omega t} \\
c_3 &= \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ (\bar{Q}_{16})_i \frac{8\pi^3 h_i^2}{3a^2 c} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} + (\bar{Q}_{26})_i \frac{8\pi^3 h_i^2}{3c^3} \left( 1 - \right. \right. \\
&\cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left. \right) \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} - (\bar{Q}_{66} + \bar{Q}_{12})_i \frac{8\pi^3 h_i^2}{3ac^2} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} - \\
&(\bar{Q}_{11})_i \frac{8\pi^3 h_i^2}{3a^3} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) - \\
&(\bar{Q}_{16})_i \frac{16\pi^3 h_i^2}{3ac^2} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left. \right] e^{-i\omega t} \\
c_4 &= \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ (\bar{Q}_{16})_i \frac{8\pi^3 h_i}{ca^2} \sin^2 \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right. \\
&+ (\bar{Q}_{26})_i \frac{8\pi^3 h_i}{c^3} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right)^2 \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \\
&+ (\bar{Q}_{66})_i \frac{8\pi^3 h_i}{ac^2} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \left( 1 - \right. \\
&\cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left. \right) \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \\
&+ (\bar{Q}_{11})_i \frac{8\pi^3 h_i}{a^3} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right)^2 \\
&+ (\bar{Q}_{12})_i \frac{8\pi^3 h_i}{ac^2} \sin^2 \frac{2\pi y}{c} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \\
&- (\bar{Q}_{16})_i \frac{8\pi^3 h_i}{a^2 c} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \left( 1 - \right. \\
&\cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left. \right) \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left. \right] e^{-2i\omega t} \\
c_5 &= \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ (\bar{Q}_{16})_i \frac{4\pi^2 h_i^2}{3ac} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} + \right. \\
&(\bar{Q}_{66})_i \frac{2\pi^2 h_i^2}{3c^2} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} - (\bar{Q}_{11})_i \frac{2\pi^2 h_i^2}{3a^2} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \right. \\
&\cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left. \right) \left. \right] e^{-i\omega t} \\
c_6 &= \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ (\bar{Q}_{26})_i \frac{2\pi^2 h_i^2}{3c^2} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} + (\bar{Q}_{66} + \right.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\bar{Q}_{12})_i \frac{2\pi^2 h_i^2}{3ac} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} + \\
&(\bar{Q}_{16})_i \frac{2\pi^2 h_i^2}{3a^2} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left. \right] e^{-i\omega t} \\
c_7 &= \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ I_{0i} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) \right] \omega^2 e^{-i\omega t} \\
c_8 &= \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \left( I_{1i} - \frac{4}{3h^2} I_{3i} \right) \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) \right] \omega^2 e^{-i\omega t} \\
c_9 &= \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \frac{8\pi}{3ah_i^2} I_{3i} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) \right] \omega^2 e^{-i\omega t} \\
c_{10} &= \sum_{i=1}^N (\bar{Q}_{11} \alpha_{11} + \bar{Q}_{12} \alpha_{22})_i h_i \\
c_{11} &= \sum_{i=1}^N (\bar{Q}_{16} \alpha_{11} + \bar{Q}_{26} \alpha_{22})_i h_i \\
d_1 &= \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ (\bar{Q}_{12})_i \frac{4\pi^2 h_i}{ac} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} - \right. \\
&(\bar{Q}_{16})_i \frac{4\pi^2 h_i}{a^2} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) + \\
&(\bar{Q}_{26})_i \frac{4\pi^2 h_i}{c^2} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} + \\
&(\bar{Q}_{66})_i \frac{4\pi^2 h_i}{ac} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left. \right] e^{-i\omega t} \\
d_2 &= \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ (\bar{Q}_{26})_i \frac{4\pi^2 h_i}{ac} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} - (\bar{Q}_{22})_i \frac{4\pi^2 h_i}{c^2} \left( 1 - \right. \right. \\
&\cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left. \right) \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} + (\bar{Q}_{26})_i \frac{4\pi^2 h_i}{ac} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} + \\
&(\bar{Q}_{66})_i \frac{4\pi^2 h_i}{a^2} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left. \right] e^{-i\omega t} \\
d_3 &= \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ (\bar{Q}_{12})_i \frac{8\pi^3 h_i^2}{3a^2 c} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} + (\bar{Q}_{22})_i \frac{8\pi^3 h_i^2}{3c^3} \left( 1 - \right. \right. \\
&\cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left. \right) \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} - (\bar{Q}_{26})_i \frac{16\pi^3 h_i^2}{3ac^2} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} - \\
&(\bar{Q}_{16})_i \frac{8\pi^3 h_i^2}{3a^3} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) - \\
&(\bar{Q}_{66})_i \frac{16\pi^3 h_i^2}{3ac^2} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left. \right] e^{-i\omega t} \\
d_4 &= \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ (\bar{Q}_{12})_i \frac{8\pi^3 h_i}{ca^2} \sin^2 \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} + \right. \\
&(\bar{Q}_{22})_i \frac{8\pi^3 h_i}{c^3} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right)^2 \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} + \\
&(\bar{Q}_{26})_i \frac{8\pi^3 h_i}{ac^2} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} + \\
&(\bar{Q}_{16})_i \frac{8\pi^3 h_i}{a^3} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right)^2 + \\
&(\bar{Q}_{26})_i \frac{8\pi^3 h_i}{ac^2} \sin^2 \frac{2\pi y}{c} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) - \\
&(\bar{Q}_{66})_i \frac{8\pi^3 h_i}{a^2 c} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \left( 1 - \right. \\
&\cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left. \right) \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left. \right] e^{-2i\omega t} \\
d_5 &= \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ (\bar{Q}_{12})_i \frac{2\pi^2 h_i^2}{3ac} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} + \right. \\
&(\bar{Q}_{26})_i \frac{2\pi^2 h_i^2}{3c^2} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} - (\bar{Q}_{16})_i \frac{2\pi^2 h_i^2}{3a^2} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \right. \\
&\cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left. \right) - (\bar{Q}_{66})_i \frac{4\pi^2 h_i^2}{3ac} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left. \right] e^{-i\omega t}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
d_6 &= \sum_{i=1}^8 \left[ (\bar{Q}_{22})_i \frac{2\pi^2 h_i^2}{3c^2} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} + \right. \\
&(\bar{Q}_{26})_i \frac{4\pi^2 h_i^2}{3ac} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} + \\
&(\bar{Q}_{66})_i \frac{2\pi^2 h_i^2}{3a^2} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left. \right] e^{-i\omega t} \\
d_7 &= \sum_{i=1}^8 \left[ I_{0i} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right] \omega^2 e^{-i\omega t} \\
d_8 &= \sum_{i=1}^8 \left[ \left( I_{1i} - \frac{4}{3h^2} I_{3i} \right) \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right] \omega^2 e^{-i\omega t} \\
d_9 &= \sum_{i=1}^8 \left[ \frac{8\pi}{3bh_i^2} I_{3i} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right] \omega^2 e^{-i\omega t} \\
d_{10} &= \sum_{i=1}^8 (\bar{Q}_{12}\alpha_{11} + \bar{Q}_{22}\alpha_{22})_i h_i \\
d_{11} &= \sum_{i=1}^8 (\bar{Q}_{16}\alpha_{11} + \bar{Q}_{26}\alpha_{22})_i h_i \\
e_1 &= \sum_{i=1}^8 \left[ (Q_{11})_i \frac{4\pi^3 h_i}{3a^3} (2h_i - 3) \sin^2 \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right)^2 + \right. \\
&(Q_{16})_i \frac{4\pi^3 h_i}{3a^2 c} (3 - 2h_i) \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 5 \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} - 2 \right) \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left( 1 - \right. \\
&\cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left. \right) + (Q_{66} + \frac{1}{2} Q_{12})_i \frac{8\pi^3 h_i}{3ac^2} (3 - 2h_i) \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \right. \\
&\cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left. \right) \sin^2 \frac{2\pi y}{c} + (Q_{26})_i \frac{4\pi^3 h_i}{3c^3} (3 - 2h_i) \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \right. \\
&\cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left. \right) \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} + (Q_{66})_i \frac{8\pi^3 h_i}{3ac^2} (3 - \\
&2h_i) \sin^2 \frac{2\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) \left. \right] e^{-2i\omega t} \\
e_2 &= \sum_{i=1}^8 \left[ \left( Q_{66} + \frac{1}{2} Q_{12} \right)_i \frac{8\pi^3 h_i}{3a^2 c} (3 - \right. \\
&2h_i) \sin^2 \frac{2\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) + (Q_{16})_i \frac{4\pi^3 h_i}{3a^3} (3 - \\
&2h_i) \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) + \\
&(Q_{26})_i \frac{4\pi^3 h_i}{3ac^2} (3 - 2h_i) \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \right. \\
&\cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left. \right) \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left( 5 \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} - 2 \right) + (Q_{66})_i \frac{8\pi^3 h_i}{3a^2 c} (3 - \\
&2h_i) \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \sin^2 \frac{2\pi y}{c} + (Q_{22})_i \frac{4\pi^3 h_i}{3c^3} (3 - \\
&2h_i) \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) \left. \right] e^{-2i\omega t} \\
e_3 &= \sum_{i=1}^8 \left[ (Q_{11})_i \frac{\pi^3 h_i^2}{315a^3} (32h_i - 210) \sin^2 \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \right. \right. \\
&\cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left. \right)^2 + (Q_{16})_i \frac{3\pi^3 h_i^2}{315a^2 c} (210 - \\
&32h_i) \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) + (Q_{12} + \\
&2Q_{66})_i \frac{\pi^3 h_i^2}{315ac^2} (210 - 32h_i) \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \right. \\
&\cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left. \right) \sin^2 \frac{2\pi y}{c} + (Q_{26})_i \frac{\pi^3 h_i^2}{315c^3} (210 - 32h_i) \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \right. \\
&\cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left. \right) \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} + (Q_{66})_i \frac{2\pi^3 h_i^2}{3ac^2} (210 - \\
&32h_i) \sin^2 \frac{2\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) + \left. \right] e^{-2i\omega t}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&(Q_{16})_i \frac{2\pi^3 h_i^2}{315a^2 c} (210 - 32h_i) \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \right. \\
&\cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left. \right) \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) \left. \right] e^{-2i\omega t} \\
e_4 &= \sum_{i=1}^8 \left[ (Q_{12} + 2Q_{66})_i \frac{\pi^3 h_i^2}{315a^2 c} (210 - \right. \\
&32h_i) \sin^2 \frac{2\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) + (Q_{16})_i \frac{\pi^3 h_i^2}{315a^3} (210 - \\
&32h_i) \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) + \\
&(Q_{26})_i \frac{3\pi^3 h_i^2}{315ac^2} (210 - 32h_i) \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \right. \\
&\cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left. \right) \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} + (Q_{66})_i \frac{2\pi^3 h_i^2}{315a^2 c} (210 - \\
&32h_i) \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \sin^2 \frac{2\pi y}{c} + (Q_{22})_i \frac{\pi^3 h_i^2}{315c^3} (210 - \\
&32h_i) \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right)^2 \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} + \\
&(Q_{26})_i \frac{2\pi^3 h_i^2}{315ac^2} (210 - 32h_i) \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \right. \\
&\cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left. \right) \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) \left. \right] e^{-2i\omega t} \\
e_5 &= \sum_{i=1}^8 \left[ (2Q_{45})_i \frac{92\pi^2 h_i}{15ac} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} - \right. \\
&(Q_{55})_i \frac{92\pi^2 h_i}{15a^2} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) + (Q_{44})_i \frac{92\pi^2 h_i}{15c^2} \left( 1 - \right. \\
&\cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left. \right) \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left. \right] e^{-i\omega t} \\
e_6 &= \sum_{i=1}^8 \left[ (Q_{11})_i \frac{8\pi^4 h_i^2}{63a^4} (32h_i - 21) \sin^2 \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \right. \right. \\
&\cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left. \right)^2 + (Q_{12})_i \frac{8\pi^4 h_i^2}{63a^2 c^2} (32h_i - \\
&21) \sin^2 \frac{2\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) + (Q_{16})_i \frac{16\pi^4 h_i^2}{63a^3 c} (32h_i - \\
&21) \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) + \\
&(Q_{66})_i \frac{32\pi^4 h_i^2}{63a^2 c^2} (32h_i - 1) \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \sin^2 \frac{2\pi y}{c} + \\
&(Q_{22})_i \frac{8\pi^4 h_i^2}{63c^2} (21 - 32h_i) \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right)^2 \sin^2 \frac{2\pi y}{c} + \\
&(Q_{66})_i \frac{16\pi^4 h_i^2}{63a^2 c^2} (64h_i - 1) \sin^2 \frac{2\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) + \\
&(Q_{12})_i \frac{8\pi^4 h_i^2}{63a^2 c^2} (21 - 32h_i) \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \sin^2 \frac{2\pi y}{c} + \\
&(Q_{26})_i \frac{16\pi^4 h_i^2}{3ac^3} (21 - 32h_i) \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \right. \\
&\cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left. \right) \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) + (Q_{26})_i \frac{8\pi^4 h_i^2}{3ac^3} (64h_i - \\
&3) \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left. \right] e^{-2i\omega t} \\
e_7 &= \sum_{i=1}^8 \left[ (Q_{11})_i \frac{8\pi^4 h_i}{3a^4} (3 - 2h_i) \sin^2 \frac{2\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \right. \right. \\
&\cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left. \right)^3 + (2Q_{12})_i \frac{8\pi^4 h_i}{3a^2 c^2} (3 - 2h_i) \sin^2 \frac{2\pi x}{a} \sin^2 \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left( 1 - \right.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) + (Q_{16})_i \frac{16\pi^4 h_i}{3ac^3} (3 - \\
& 2h_i) \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right)^2 \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} + \\
& (Q_{26})_i \frac{16\pi^4 h_i}{3ac^3} (3 - 2h_i) \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right)^2 \sin^3 \frac{2\pi y}{c} + \\
& (Q_{66})_i \frac{16\pi^4 h_i}{3a^2 c^2} (3 - 2h_i) \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right)^2 \sin^2 \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) + (Q_{22})_i \frac{8\pi^4 h_i}{3c^4} (3 - \\
& 2h_i) \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right)^3 \sin^2 \frac{2\pi y}{c} \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} + (Q_{26})_i \frac{8\pi^4 h_i}{3ac^3} (3 - \\
& 2h_i) \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right)^2 \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) + \\
& (Q_{16})_i \frac{16\pi^4 h_i}{3a^3 c} (3 - 2h_i) \sin^3 \frac{2\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right)^2 + \\
& (Q_{26})_i \frac{16\pi^4 h_i}{3ac^3} (3 - 2h_i) \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right)^2 \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) + \\
& (Q_{66})_i \frac{16\pi^4 h_i}{3a^2 c^2} (3 - 2h_i) \sin^2 \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right)^2 \Big] e^{-3i\omega t} \\
& e_8 = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ (Q_{55})_i \frac{46\pi h_i}{15a} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) + \right. \\
& (Q_{45})_i \frac{46\pi h_i}{15b} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \Big] e^{-i\omega t} \\
& e_9 = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ (Q_{44})_i \frac{46\pi h_i}{15c} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} + \right. \\
& (Q_{45})_i \frac{46\pi h_i}{15a} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \Big] e^{-i\omega t} \\
& e_{10} = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ I_{0i} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) - \right. \\
& \frac{32\pi I_{6i}}{9h_i^4} \left( \frac{1}{a} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) + \frac{1}{b} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) \Big] \omega^2 e^{-i\omega t} \\
& e_{11} = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ I_{3i} \frac{8\pi}{3ah_i^2} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) \right] \omega^2 e^{-i\omega t} \\
& e_{12} = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ I_{3i} \frac{8\pi}{3bh_i^2} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right] \omega^2 e^{-i\omega t} \\
& e_{13} = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \left( \frac{8\pi I_{4i}}{3ah_i^2} + \frac{32\pi I_{6i}}{9ah_i^2} \right) \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) \right] \omega^2 e^{-i\omega t} \\
& e_{14} = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \left( \frac{8\pi I_{4i}}{3ah_i^2} + \frac{32\pi I_{6i}}{9ah_i^2} \right) \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right] \omega^2 e^{-i\omega t} \\
& e_{15} = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \frac{\pi h_i}{3a} (2h_i - 3) (\bar{Q}_{11} \alpha_{11} + \bar{Q}_{12} \alpha_{22})_i \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) + \frac{2\pi h_i}{3a} (2h_i - 3) (\bar{Q}_{16} \alpha_{11} + \bar{Q}_{26} \alpha_{22})_i \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

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& \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \Big] \\
& e_{16} = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \frac{\pi h_i}{3b} (2h_i - 3) (\bar{Q}_{12} \alpha_{11} + \bar{Q}_{22} \alpha_{22})_i \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} + \frac{2\pi h_i}{3a} (2h_i - 3) (\bar{Q}_{16} \alpha_{11} + \bar{Q}_{26} \alpha_{22})_i \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) \right] \\
& f_1 = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ -(\bar{Q}_{11})_i \frac{2\pi^2 h_i^2}{3a^2} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) + (2\bar{Q}_{16})_i \frac{2\pi^2 h_i^2}{3ac} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} + (\bar{Q}_{66})_i \frac{2\pi^2 h_i^2}{3c^2} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right] e^{-i\omega t} \\
& f_2 = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ (\bar{Q}_{12} + \bar{Q}_{66})_i \frac{2\pi^2 h_i^2}{3ac} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} + (\bar{Q}_{16})_i \frac{2\pi^2 h_i^2}{3a^2} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} - (\bar{Q}_{26})_i \frac{2\pi^2 h_i^2}{3c^2} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right] e^{-i\omega t} \\
& f_3 = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ -(\bar{Q}_{11})_i \frac{32\pi^3 h_i^3}{315a^3} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) - (\bar{Q}_{12} + 2\bar{Q}_{66})_i \frac{32\pi^3 h_i^3}{315ab^2} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} - (\bar{Q}_{16})_i \frac{32\pi^3 h_i^3}{315a^2 c} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} + (\bar{Q}_{26})_i \frac{32\pi^3 h_i^3}{315c^3} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} + (\bar{Q}_{45})_i \frac{46\pi h_i}{15c} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} - (\bar{Q}_{55})_i \frac{46\pi h_i}{15a} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) \right] e^{-i\omega t} \\
& f_4 = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ -(\bar{Q}_{11})_i \frac{4\pi^3 h_i^2}{3a^3} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right)^2 + (\bar{Q}_{12})_i \frac{4\pi^3 h_i^2}{3ac^2} \sin^2 \frac{2\pi y}{c} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) - (\bar{Q}_{16})_i \frac{4\pi^3 h_i^2}{3a^2 c} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) + (\bar{Q}_{16})_i \frac{4\pi^3 h_i^2}{3a^2 c} \sin^2 \frac{2\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) + (\bar{Q}_{26})_i \frac{4\pi^3 h_i^2}{3c^3} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right)^2 \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} + (\bar{Q}_{66})_i \frac{4\pi^3 h_i^2}{3ac^2} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right] e^{-2i\omega t} \\
& f_5 = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ -(\bar{Q}_{11})_i \frac{68\pi^2 h_i^3}{315a^2} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) + (\bar{Q}_{16})_i \frac{136\pi^2 h_i^3}{315ac} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} + (\bar{Q}_{66})_i \frac{68\pi^2 h_i^3}{315c^2} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} + (\bar{Q}_{55})_i \frac{23h_i}{15} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) \right] e^{-i\omega t}
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f_6 &= \sum_{i=1}^{\aleph} \left[ (\bar{Q}_{12} + \bar{Q}_{66})_i \frac{68\pi^2 h_i^3}{315a^2} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} + \right. \\
&(\bar{Q}_{16})_i \frac{68\pi^2 h_i^3}{315ac} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} + \\
&(\bar{Q}_{26})_i \frac{68\pi^2 h_i^3}{315c^2} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} + \\
&(\bar{Q}_{45})_i \frac{23h_i}{15} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left. \right] e^{-i\omega t} \\
f_7 &= \sum_{i=1}^{\aleph} \left[ I_{1i} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) \right] \omega^2 e^{-i\omega t} \\
f_8 &= \sum_{i=1}^{\aleph} \left[ \left( I_{2i} - \frac{8}{3h_i^2} I_{4i} + \right. \right. \\
&\left. \left. \frac{16}{9h_i^4} I_{6i} \right) \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) \right] \omega^2 e^{-i\omega t} \\
f_9 &= \sum_{i=1}^{\aleph} \left[ \left( \frac{32\pi}{9ah_i^4} I_{6i} - \right. \right. \\
&\left. \left. \frac{8\pi}{3ah_i^2} I_{4i} \right) \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) \right] \omega^2 e^{-i\omega t} \\
f_{10} &= \sum_{i=1}^{\aleph} \left[ \frac{h_i^2}{6} (\bar{Q}_{11}\alpha_{11} + \bar{Q}_{12}\alpha_{22})_i \right] \\
f_{11} &= \sum_{i=1}^{\aleph} \left[ \frac{h_i^2}{6} (\bar{Q}_{16}\alpha_{11} + \bar{Q}_{26}\alpha_{22})_i \right] \\
g_1 &= \sum_{i=1}^{\aleph} \left[ (\bar{Q}_{12} + \bar{Q}_{66})_i \frac{2\pi^2 h_i^2}{3ac} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} + \right. \\
&(\bar{Q}_{26})_i \frac{2\pi^2 h_i^2}{3c^2} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} - \\
&(\bar{Q}_{16})_i \frac{2\pi^2 h_i^2}{3a^2} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) \left. \right] e^{-i\omega t} \\
g_2 &= \sum_{i=1}^{\aleph} \left[ (2\bar{Q}_{26})_i \frac{2\pi^2 h_i^2}{3ac} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} + \right. \\
&(\bar{Q}_{66})_i \frac{2\pi^2 h_i^2}{3a^2} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} - \\
&(\bar{Q}_{22})_i \frac{2\pi^2 h_i^2}{3c^2} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left. \right] e^{-i\omega t} \\
g_3 &= \sum_{i=1}^{\aleph} \left[ (\bar{Q}_{12} - 2\bar{Q}_{16})_i \frac{32\pi^3 h^3}{315a^2c} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} + \right. \\
&(\bar{Q}_{22})_i \frac{32\pi^3 h^3}{315c^3} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} - \\
&(3\bar{Q}_{26})_i \frac{32\pi^3 h^3}{315ac^2} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} - \\
&(\bar{Q}_{16})_i \frac{32\pi^3 h^3}{315a^3} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) + \\
&(\bar{Q}_{44})_i \frac{46\pi h_i}{15c} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} + \\
&(\bar{Q}_{45})_i \frac{46\pi h_i}{15a} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) \left. \right] e^{-i\omega t} \\
g_4 &= \sum_{i=1}^{\aleph} \left[ (\bar{Q}_{12})_i \frac{4\pi^3 h_i^2}{3a^2c} \sin^2 \frac{2\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{2\pi y}{b} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) + \right. \\
&(\bar{Q}_{22})_i \frac{4\pi^3 h_i^2}{3c^3} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right)^2 \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} + \\
&(\bar{Q}_{26})_i \frac{4\pi^3 h_i^2}{3ac^2} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} + \\
&(\bar{Q}_{16})_i \frac{4\pi^3 h_i^2}{3a^3} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right)^2 +
\end{aligned}$$

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&(\bar{Q}_{26})_i \frac{4\pi^3 h_i^2}{3ac^2} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \sin^2 \frac{2\pi y}{c} - \\
&(\bar{Q}_{66})_i \frac{4\pi^3 h_i^2}{3a^2c} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \right. \\
&\left. \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) \left. \right] e^{-2i\omega t} \\
g_5 &= \sum_{i=1}^{\aleph} \left[ (\bar{Q}_{45})_i \frac{23h_i}{15} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) + (\bar{Q}_{12} + \right. \\
&\bar{Q}_{66})_i \frac{68\pi^2 h_i^3}{315ac} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} + \\
&(\bar{Q}_{26})_i \frac{68\pi^2 h_i^3}{315c^2} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} - \\
&(\bar{Q}_{16})_i \frac{68\pi^2 h_i^3}{315a^2} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right) \left. \right] e^{-i\omega t} \\
g_6 &= \sum_{i=1}^{\aleph} \left[ (\bar{Q}_{44})_i \frac{23h_i}{15} \left( 1 - \right. \right. \\
&\left. \left. \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} + (2\bar{Q}_{26})_i \frac{68\pi^2 h_i^3}{315ac} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} + \right. \\
&(\bar{Q}_{66})_i \frac{68\pi^2 h_i^3}{315a^2} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} + (\bar{Q}_{22})_i \frac{68\pi^2 h_i^3}{315a^2} \left( 1 - \right. \\
&\left. \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \cos \frac{2\pi y}{c} \left. \right] e^{-i\omega t} \\
g_7 &= \sum_{i=1}^{\aleph} \left[ I_{1i} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right] \omega^2 e^{-i\omega t} \\
g_8 &= \sum_{i=1}^{\aleph} \left[ \left( I_{2i} - \frac{8}{3h_i^2} I_{4i} + \right. \right. \\
&\left. \left. \frac{16}{9h_i^4} I_{6i} \right) \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right] \omega^2 e^{-i\omega t} \\
g_9 &= \sum_{i=1}^{\aleph} \left[ \left( \frac{32\pi}{9bh_i^4} I_{6i} - \right. \right. \\
&\left. \left. \frac{8\pi}{3bh_i^2} I_{4i} \right) \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{a} \right) \sin \frac{2\pi y}{c} \right] \omega^2 e^{-i\omega t} \\
g_{10} &= \sum_{i=1}^{\aleph} \left[ \frac{h_i^2}{6} (\bar{Q}_{12}\alpha_{11} + \bar{Q}_{22}\alpha_{22})_i \right] \\
g_{11} &= \sum_{i=1}^{\aleph} \left[ \frac{h_i^2}{6} (\bar{Q}_{16}\alpha_{11} + \bar{Q}_{26}\alpha_{22})_i \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$\aleph$  is the number of layers and plies considered through the sandwich plate thickness.

**Appendix B: Elements of Coefficient Matrix  $[\chi]$** 

$$[\chi]_{5 \times 16} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & d_1 & 0 & f_1 & g_1 \\ c_2 & d_2 & 0 & f_2 & g_2 \\ c_3 & d_3 & e_5 & f_3 & g_3 \\ e^2 c_4 & e^2 d_4 & e^2 e_6 & e^2 f_4 & e^2 g_4 \\ c_5 & d_5 & e_8 & f_5 & g_5 \\ c_6 & d_6 & e_9 & f_6 & g_6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^2 e_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^2 e_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^2 e_3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^2 e_4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^3 e_7 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T$$

**Appendix C: Elements of Math Matrix  $[M]$** 

$$[M]_{5 \times 16} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -c_7 & 0 & e_{11} & -f_7 & 0 \\ 0 & -d_7 & e_{12} & 0 & -g_7 \\ -c_9 & -d_9 & -e_{10} & -f_9 & -g_9 \\ -c_8 & 0 & e_{13} & -f_8 & 0 \\ 0 & -d_8 & e_{14} & 0 & -g_8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T$$