

**INTERVAL ARITHMETIC  
APPLIED TO  
STRUCTURAL DESIGN OF  
UNCERTAIN MECHANICAL SYSTEMS**



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# Uncertainties in mechanical systems

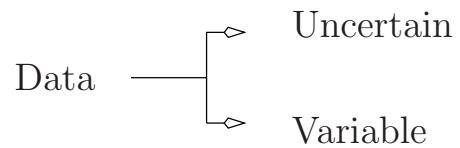
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Modeling: Finite Element Method



Hypothesis = Deterministic Structure



Computations made for the mean value of the parameters

Variations of the parameters, the geometry



Variations of the results

- constraints
- displacements
- eigenfrequencies

Different types of uncertainties

- **stochastic** parameters: Young's modulus, density, thickness...
- **unknown** parameters: boundary conditions, assembly...
- **evolutive** parameters: aging, variation in time
- **model** uncertainties: behavior law, choice of the mesh...

Modeling

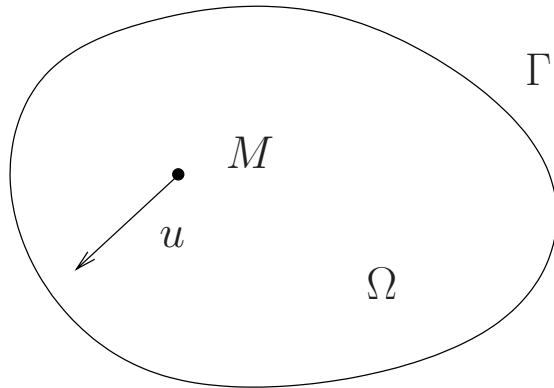
- **stochastic** variables

generic laws (Gaussian, uniform)  
particular laws (bounded domain)

- **Intervals**

uncertain and bounded variables

# Finite Element Problems



Formulation : PDE

$$L(u) = 0 \quad \text{on } \Omega$$

$$C(u) = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma$$

Stationarity of an integral functional

$$J(u) = \int R(u) d\Omega$$

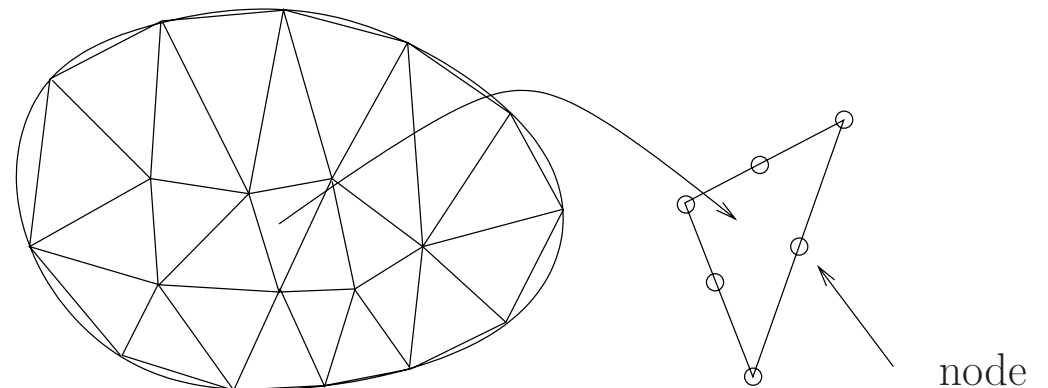
$$\delta J(u) = 0 \quad u \in E_u$$

$E_u$  space of the admissible fields

Discretization of  $E_u$

sub domains (FE) and interpolation

$$\hat{u} = \sum_{nodes} U_i N_i(M)$$



# Finite Element Problems

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Elementary formulation  $\longrightarrow$  Assembly  $\longrightarrow$  global formulation



$$K = \frac{EI}{L^3} \begin{bmatrix} 12 & 6L & -12 & 6L \\ 6L & 4L^2 & -6L & 2L^2 \\ -12 & -6L & 12 & -6L \\ 6L & 2L^2 & -6L & 4L^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Static problems

$$KU = F$$

- Dynamic problems

$$M\ddot{U} + R\dot{U} + KU = F$$

harmonic load  $F = F_0 e^{i\omega t}$

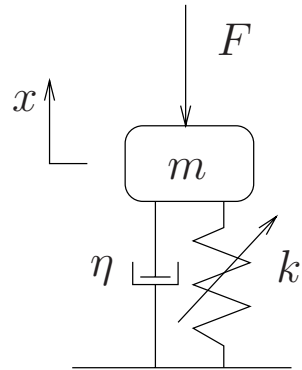
Frequency Response Function  $U_0$

$$(K + i\omega R - \omega^2 M) U_0 = F_0$$

- Properties of  $M$  and  $K$

Symmetric, (semi) definite, positive

# One DOF example



$$F = 10$$

$$m = 1$$

$$k \in [99, 101]$$

$$\eta = 0.02$$

Static problem

$$kx = F$$

$$x = \frac{F}{k} = \left[ \frac{1}{11}, \frac{1}{9} \right]$$

Dynamic problem (Frequency response function)

$$(k(1 + i\eta) - \omega^2 m) x = F_0$$

$$\text{real problem: } \begin{bmatrix} k - \omega^2 m & -\eta k \\ \eta k & k - \omega^2 m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_r \\ x_i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F_0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$k$  appears four times in the matrix!

Direct interval resolution (Intlab)

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_r \\ x_i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} [-0.3425, 0.3425] \\ [-0.6780, -0.3960] \end{bmatrix}$$

overestimation

$$\text{Analytic solution: } \begin{bmatrix} x_r \\ x_i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{(k - \omega^2 m) F_0}{(\eta^2 + 1)k^2 - 2k\omega^2 m + \omega^4 m^2} \\ \frac{-\eta k F_0}{(\eta^2 + 1)k^2 - 2k\omega^2 m + \omega^4 m^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_r \\ x_i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} [-0.204, 0.197] \\ [-0.501, -0.397] \end{bmatrix}$$

Young's modulus varying in  $\mathbf{E}$

Stiffness matrix  $\mathbf{E} \begin{bmatrix} k_{11} & k_{12} \\ k_{21} & k_{22} \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{E}k_{11} & \mathbf{E}k_{12} \\ \mathbf{E}k_{21} & \mathbf{E}k_{22} \end{bmatrix} \quad \curvearrowright \quad \begin{bmatrix} E_1k_{11} & E_2k_{12} \\ E_3k_{21} & E_4k_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$E_i \in \mathbf{E}$     $E_i$  independent

FEM

- Symmetric
- Definite (or semi-definite)
- Positive

General form:

$$[A] = [A_0] + \sum_{n=1}^N \epsilon_n [A_n]$$

$$\{b\} = \{b_0\} + \sum_{p=1}^P \beta_p \{b_p\}$$

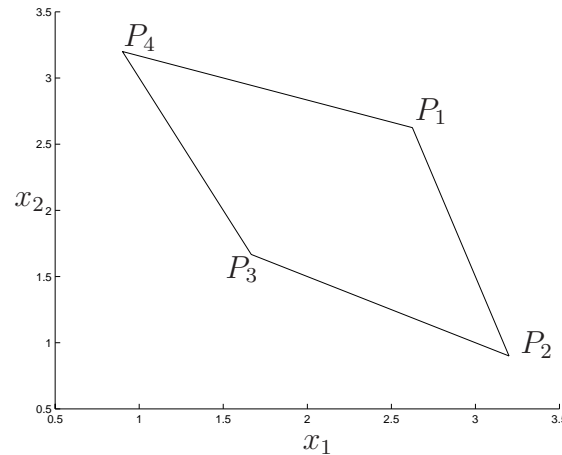
$$[K] = [K_0] + \sum_{n=1}^N \epsilon_n [K_n]$$

for  $\epsilon_n \in \epsilon_n$

$[K]$  corresponds to a stiffness matrix

# Symmetry, Vertex

$$[\mathbf{A}] = \begin{bmatrix} [3, 4] & [1, 2] \\ [1, 2] & [3, 4] \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \{x\} = \begin{Bmatrix} 10.5 \\ 10 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 38 & -10 \\ -10 & 6 \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{e}_1 \begin{bmatrix} 10 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \{x\} = \begin{Bmatrix} -44 \\ 20 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} [-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{-1}{3}] \\ [\frac{9}{5}, \frac{13}{3}] \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathbf{e}_1 = -1 \longrightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = \frac{-1}{3} \leftarrow \text{sup bound} \\ x_2 = \frac{13}{3} \leftarrow \text{sup bound} \end{cases} \\ \mathbf{e}_1 = 0 \longrightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = \frac{-1}{2} \leftarrow \text{inf bound} \\ x_2 = \frac{5}{2} \end{cases} \\ \mathbf{e}_1 = 1 \longrightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = \frac{-7}{15} \\ x_2 = \frac{9}{5} \leftarrow \text{inf bound} \end{cases} \end{array}$$

# The algorithm of Rump

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Rump's inclusion

Fix point theorem

$$[A]\{x\} = \{b\} \Leftrightarrow \{x\} = \{x_0\} + \{x^*\}$$

$$\{x^*\} = [G]\{x^*\} + \{g\}$$

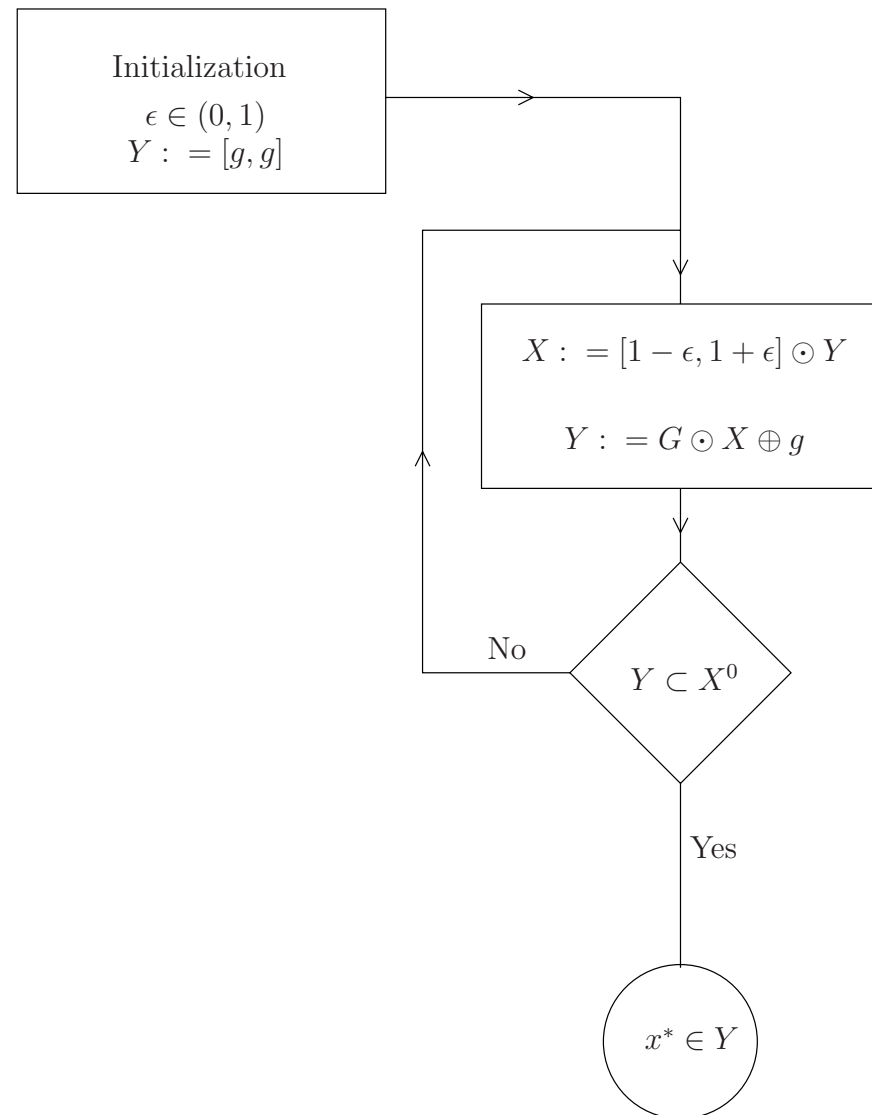
with  $[G] = [I] - [R][A]$

$$\{g\} = [R](\{b\} - [A]\{x_0\})$$

In practice

$$[R] \approx [A^{-1}]$$

$$\{x_0\} = [R]\{b\}$$





# Algorithm adapted to the mechanical formulation

Taking into account the factorization  
example with one (centered) parameter  $\alpha$

$$[\mathbf{A}] = [A_0] + \alpha[A_1]$$

$$[R] = \text{mid}([\mathbf{A}])^{-1} = [A_0]^{-1}$$

$$\{x_0\} = [R]\{b\} = [A_0]^{-1}\{b\}$$

$$\{x_1\} = [\mathbf{G}]\{x_0\} + \{g\}$$

$$[\mathbf{G}] = [I] - [R][\mathbf{A}] = -\alpha[A_0]^{-1}[A_1]$$

$$\{g\} = [R](\{b\} - [\mathbf{A}]\{x_0\}) = -\alpha[A_0]^{-1}[A_1]\{x_0\}$$

$$\{x_n\} = \{x_{n-1}\} + (-1)^{n+1}\alpha^{n+1}\epsilon^n[B]^{n+1}\{x_0\}$$

$$[B] = [A_0]^{-1}[A_1]$$

Convergence

$$\rho(|G|) < 1$$

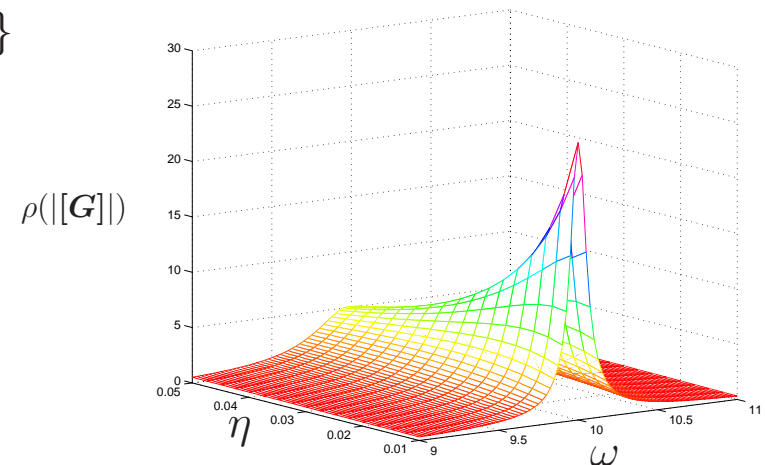
partition of  $e$ :

$$e = \cup_i e_i \quad \rho(|G(e_i)|) < 1 \quad \forall e_i$$

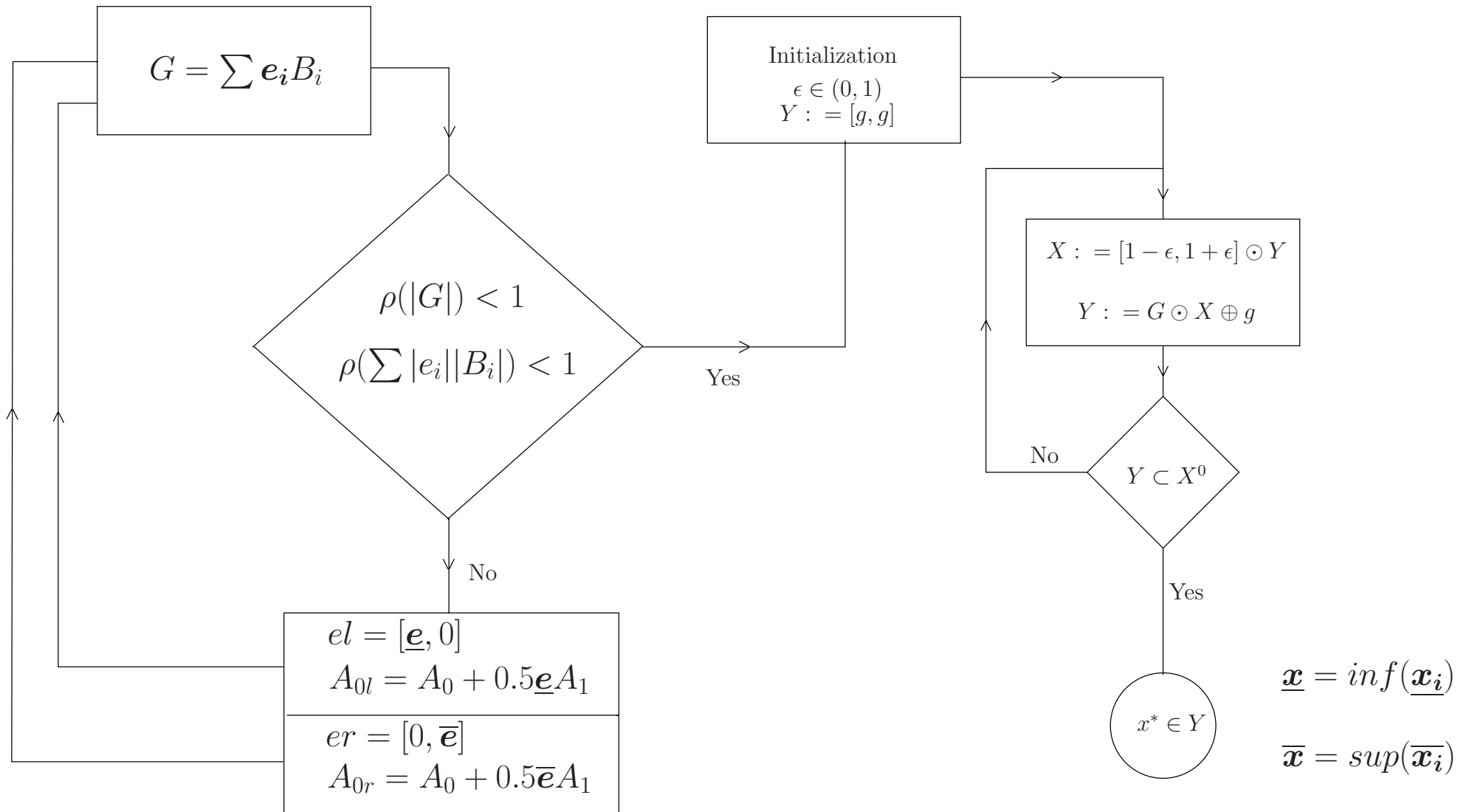
$$x = \cup_i x_i$$

$$[\mathbf{G}] = -\epsilon_1[A_0]^{-1}[A_1]$$

$$\rho(|[\mathbf{G}]|) = \rho(\eta, \omega) = \frac{k_1|k_0(1+\eta^2) - \omega^2 m| + \eta k_1 \omega^2 m}{|(1+\eta^2)k_0^2 - 2k_0\omega^2 m + \omega^4 m^2|}$$



# The proposed algorithm



# Example

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$$1e5 \begin{bmatrix} [2.178, 2.360] & [-1.18, -1.08] \\ [-1.18, -1.08] & [0.72, 0.787] \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} d \\ \theta \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} [-102, -98] \\ [44.1, 45.9] \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$EI \begin{bmatrix} 12 & -6 \\ -6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} d \\ \theta \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} [-102, -98] \\ [44.1, 45.9] \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{EI}{L^3} \begin{bmatrix} 12 & -6L \\ -6L & 4L^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} d \\ \theta \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} F \\ M \end{Bmatrix}$$

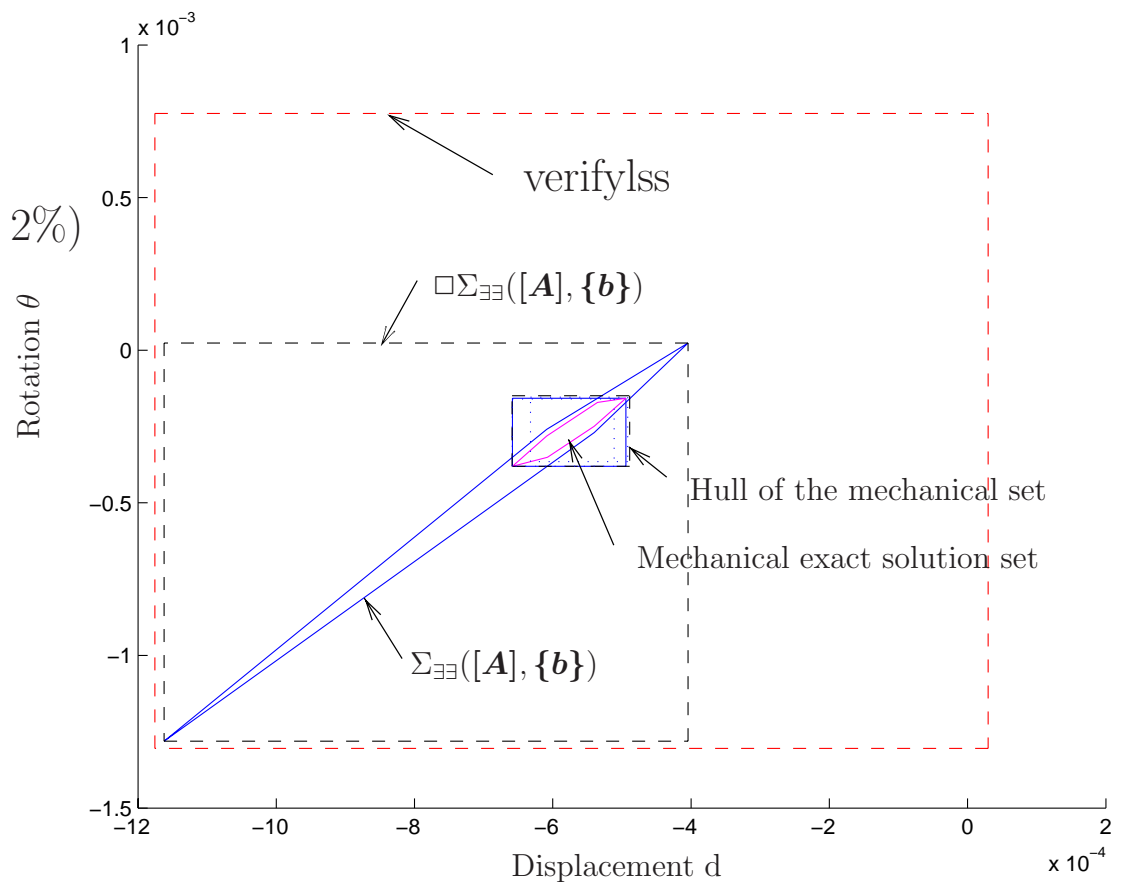
$$EI \in [1.8151, 1.9664]e4 \quad (1.8908e4 \pm 2\%)$$

$$F \in [-102, -98] \quad M \in [44.1, 45.9] \quad \theta$$

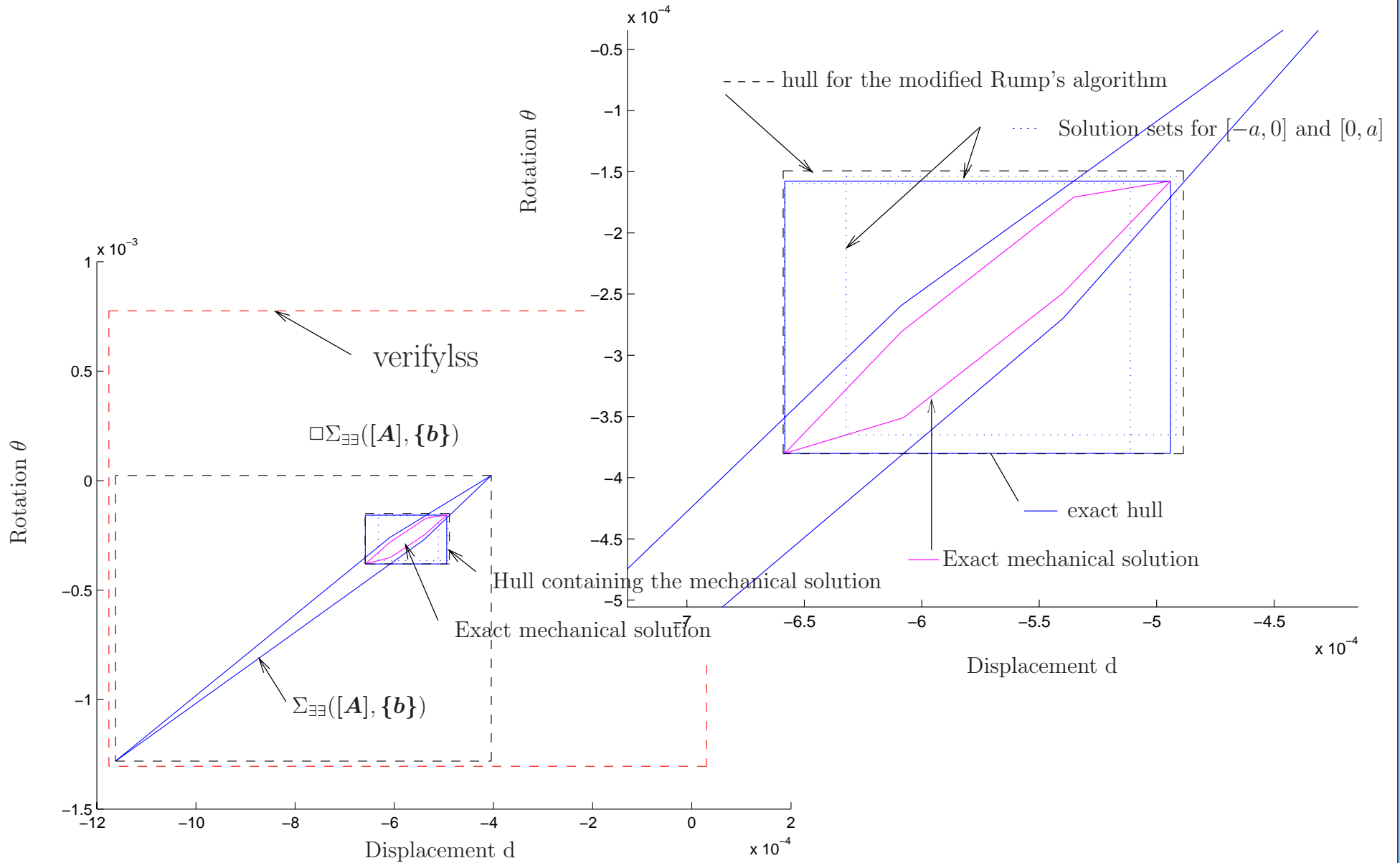
$$L = 1$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} d \\ \theta \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} [-1.163, -0.404] \\ [-1.282, 0.024] \end{Bmatrix} e^{-3}$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} d \\ \theta \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} [-0.659, -0.494] \\ [-0.381, -0.157] \end{Bmatrix} e^{-3}$$

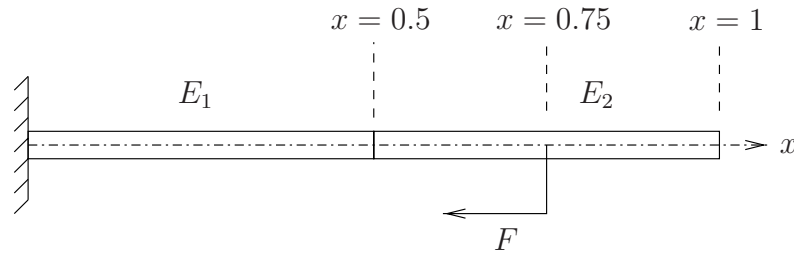


# Algorithm adapted to the mechanical formulation



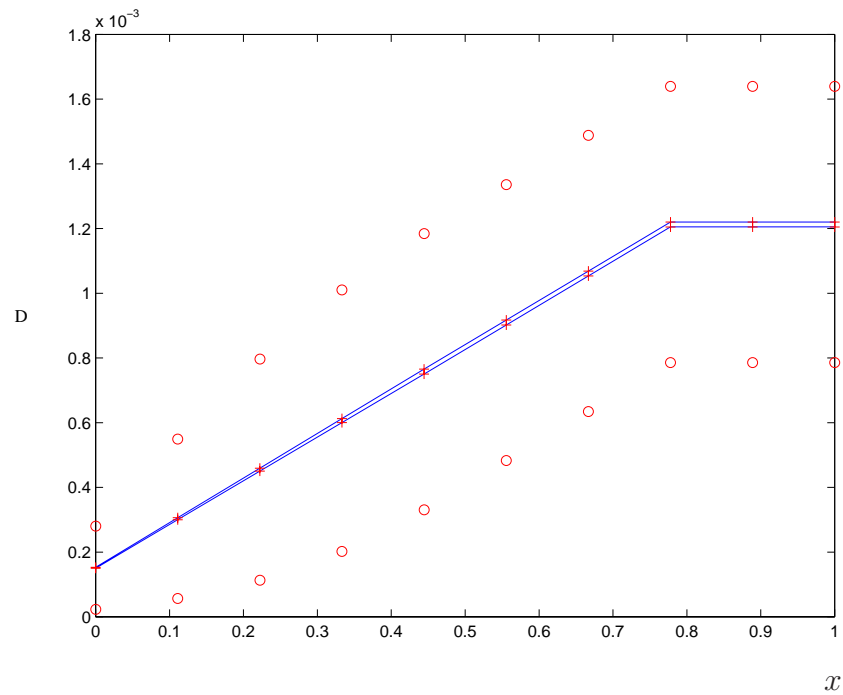
# Clamped free Bar. Comparison

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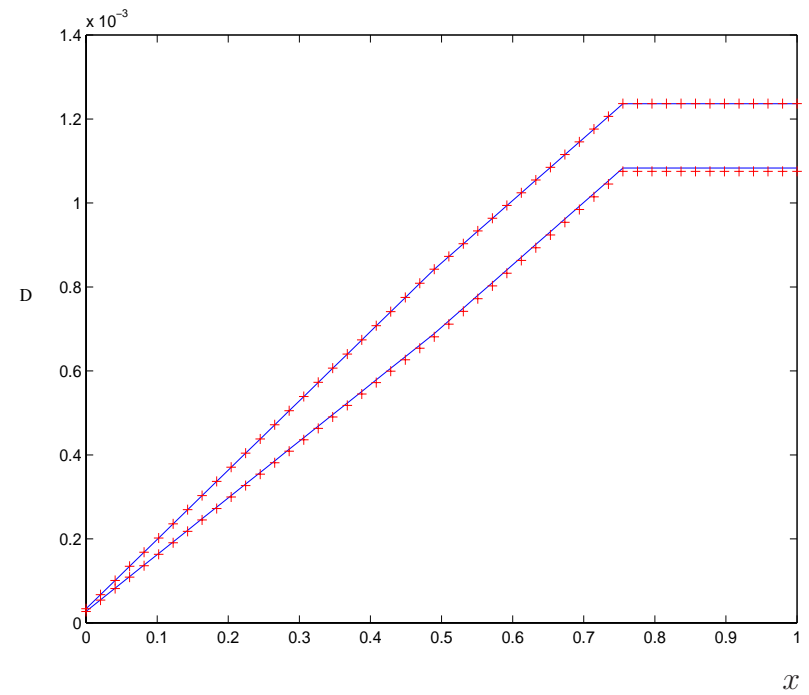


$$E_2 = 210 \pm 10\% \text{ GPa}$$

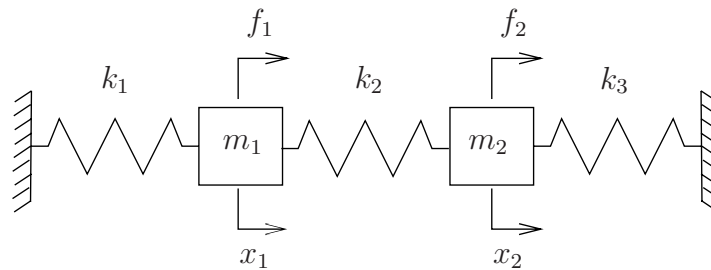
Original Rump's algorithm



Adapted algorithm



# Example 1



Static Case

$$\left( \begin{bmatrix} k_1^0 + k_2^0 & -k_2^0 \\ -k_2^0 & k_2^0 + k_3^0 \end{bmatrix} + e_1 \begin{bmatrix} k_1^1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + e_2 \begin{bmatrix} k_2^1 & -k_2^1 \\ -k_2^1 & k_2^1 \end{bmatrix} + e_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & k_3^1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

Monte Carlo 100000

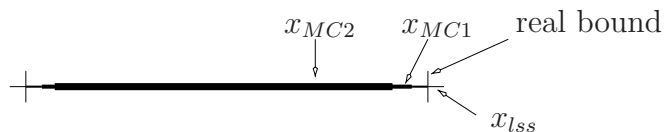
$$x_{MC1} = \begin{Bmatrix} [0.010374, 0.011333] \\ [0.018436, 0.019962] \end{Bmatrix}$$

Monte Carlo 1000

$$x_{MC2} = \begin{Bmatrix} [0.010399, 0.011306] \\ [0.018454, 0.019925] \end{Bmatrix}$$

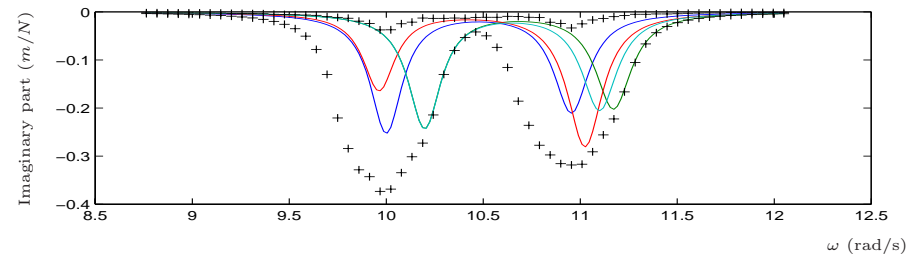
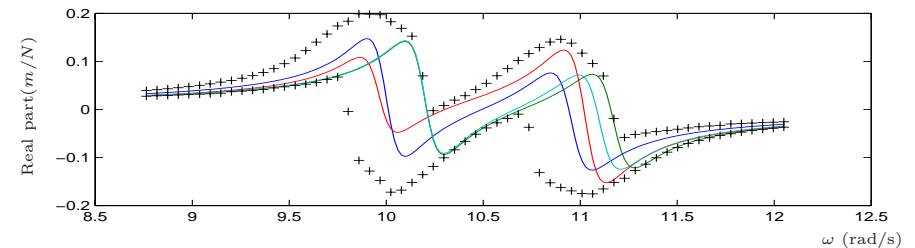
Proposed algorithm

$$x_{lss} = \begin{Bmatrix} [0.010331, 0.011353] \\ [0.018394, 0.019968] \end{Bmatrix}$$

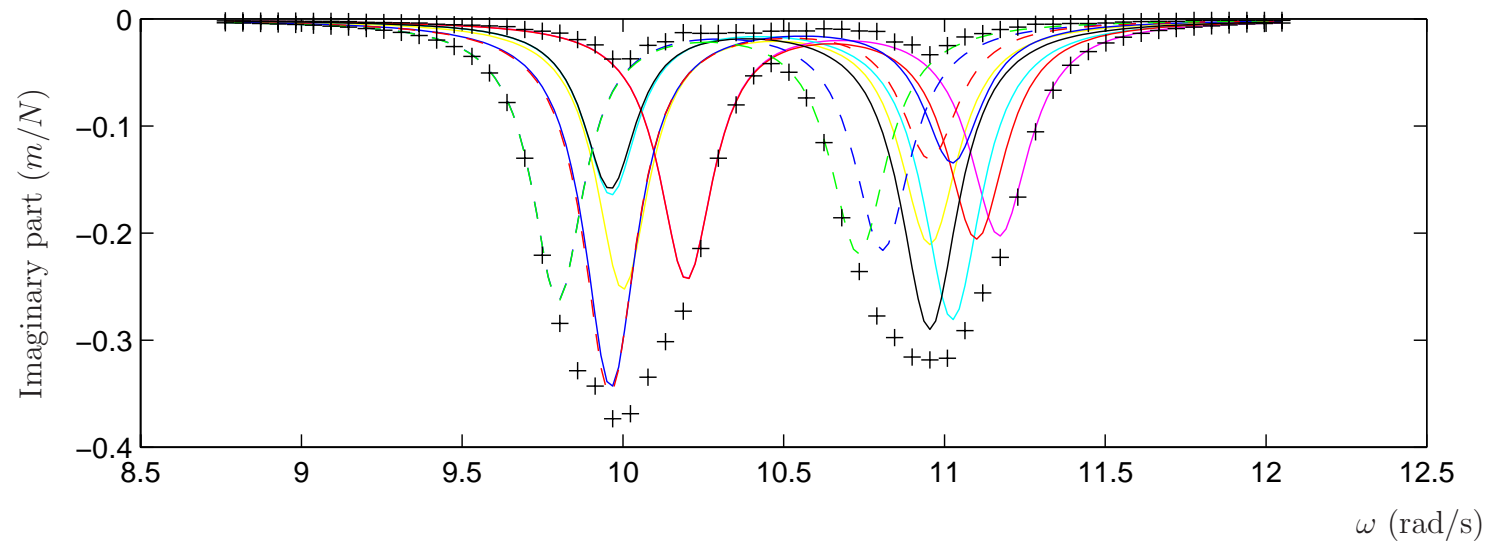
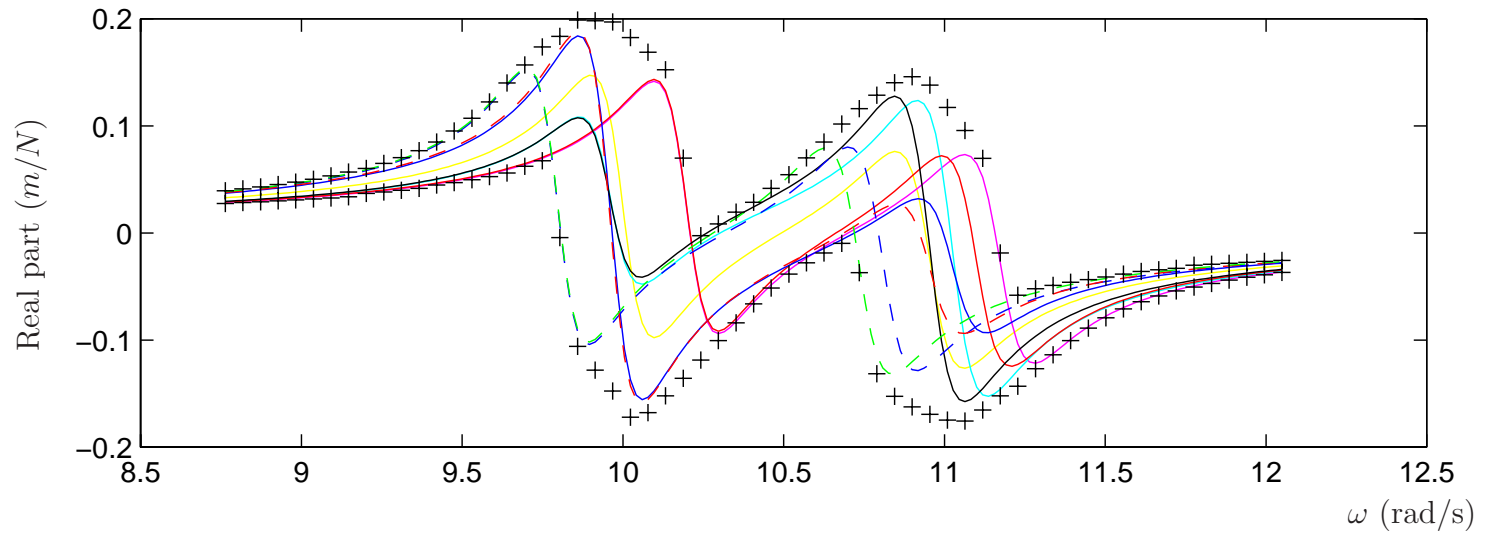


Dynamic Case

$$\left( \begin{bmatrix} (1 + i\eta_1)k_1^0 + (1 + i\eta_2)k_2^0 & -(1 + i\eta_2)k_2^0 \\ -(1 + i\eta_2)k_2^0 & (1 + i\eta_2)k_2^0 + (1 + i\eta_3)k_3^0 \end{bmatrix} + e_1 \begin{bmatrix} (1 + i\eta_1)k_1^1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + e_2 \begin{bmatrix} (1 + i\eta_2)k_2^1 & -(1 + i\eta_2)k_2^1 \\ -(1 + i\eta_2)k_2^1 & (1 + i\eta_2)k_2^1 \end{bmatrix} + e_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (1 + i\eta_3)k_3^1 \end{bmatrix} - \omega^2 \begin{bmatrix} m_1 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2 \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{Bmatrix} H_1 \\ H_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

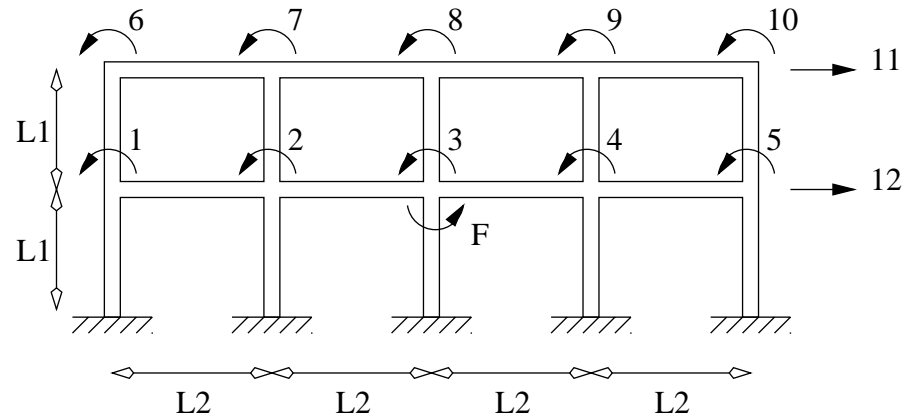


# Example 1



# Example 2: Truss structure

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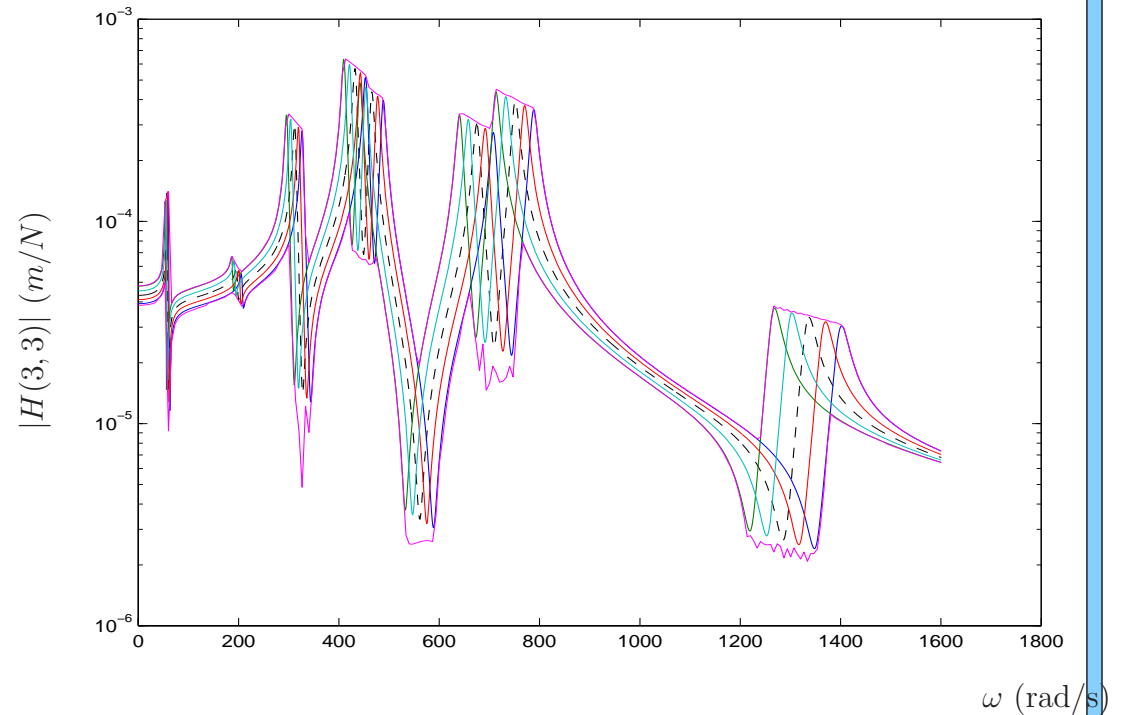
$$L1 = L2 = 1m$$

$$F = 10^3 Nm$$

$$I = \pi \cdot 10^{-8} / 4 m^4$$

$$S = \pi \cdot 10^{-4} m^2$$

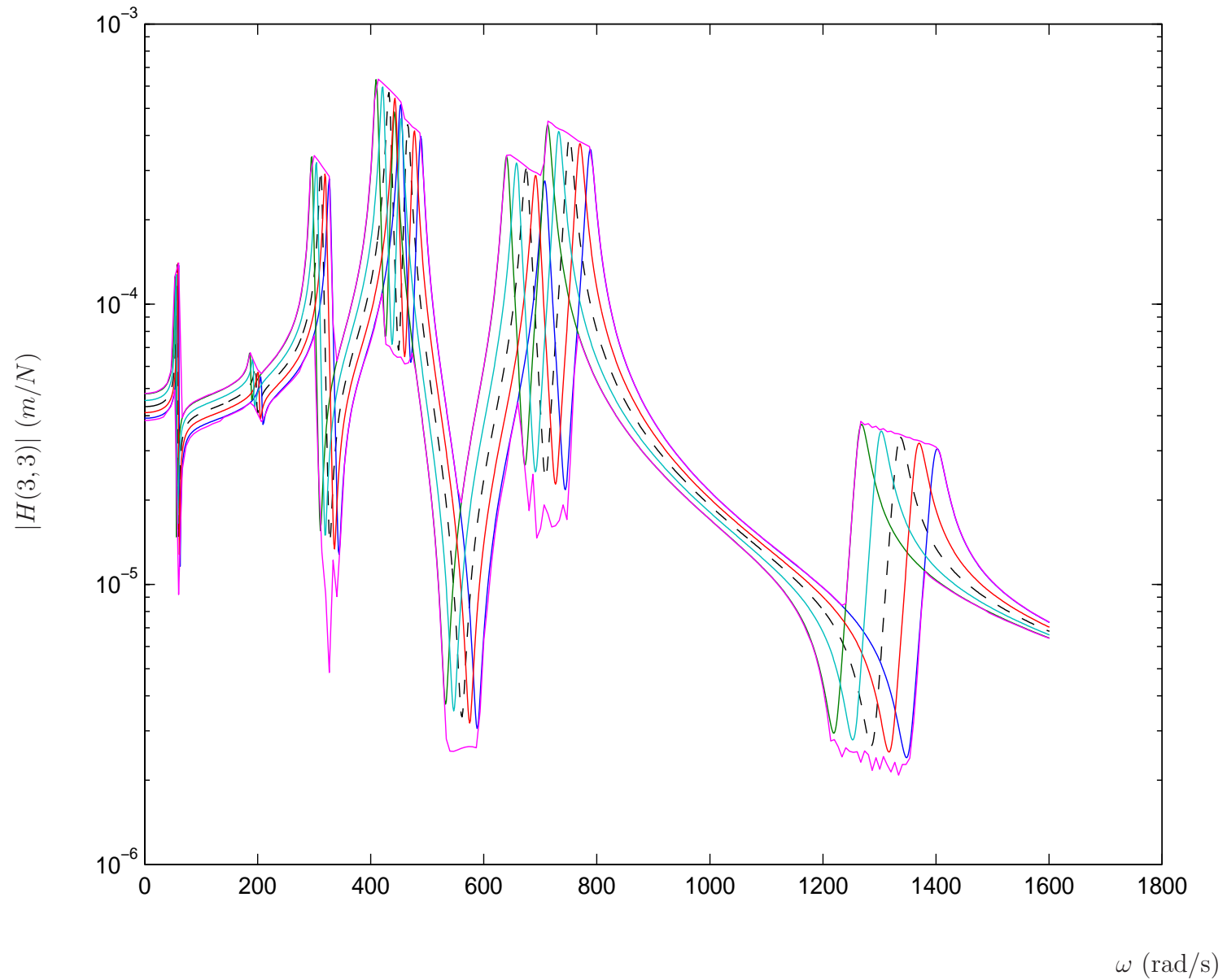
$$E = 210 \pm 10\% GPa$$





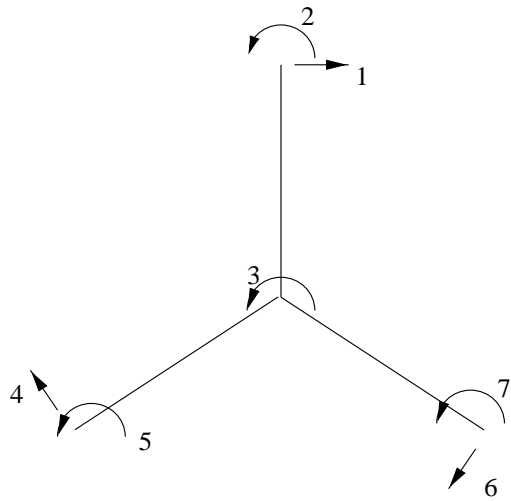
Modulus of the FRF  $H(3, 3)$  of the truss.  
The stiffness is uncertain ( $E = 210 \pm 10\%$  GPa).  
Min and max values, FRF for several values of  $E$

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# Example 3: Multiple eigenvalues system

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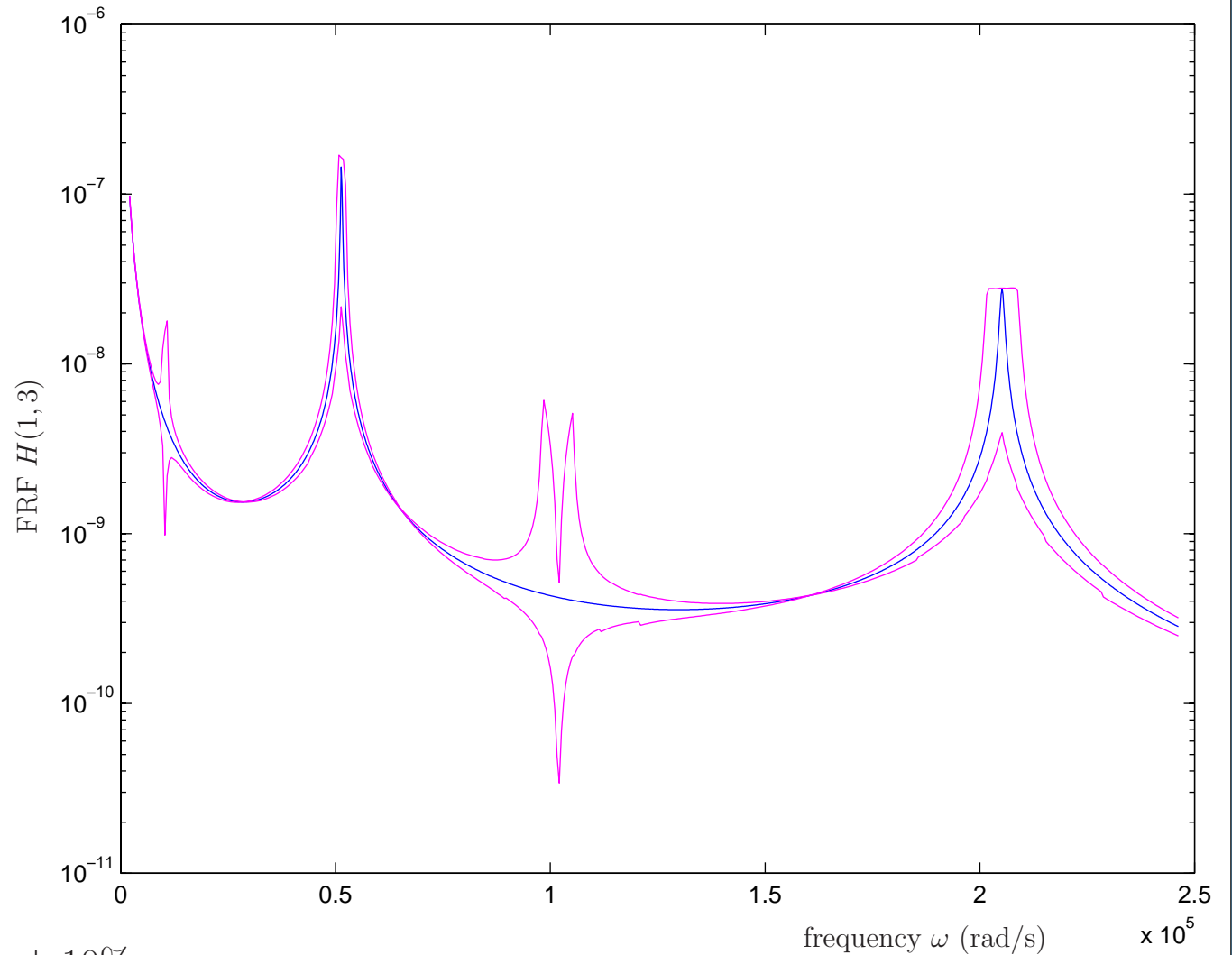
$$L = 1 \text{ m} \quad S = \pi 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2$$

$$\rho = 7800 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$E_0 = 210 \text{ GPa}$$

$$\eta = 2\%$$

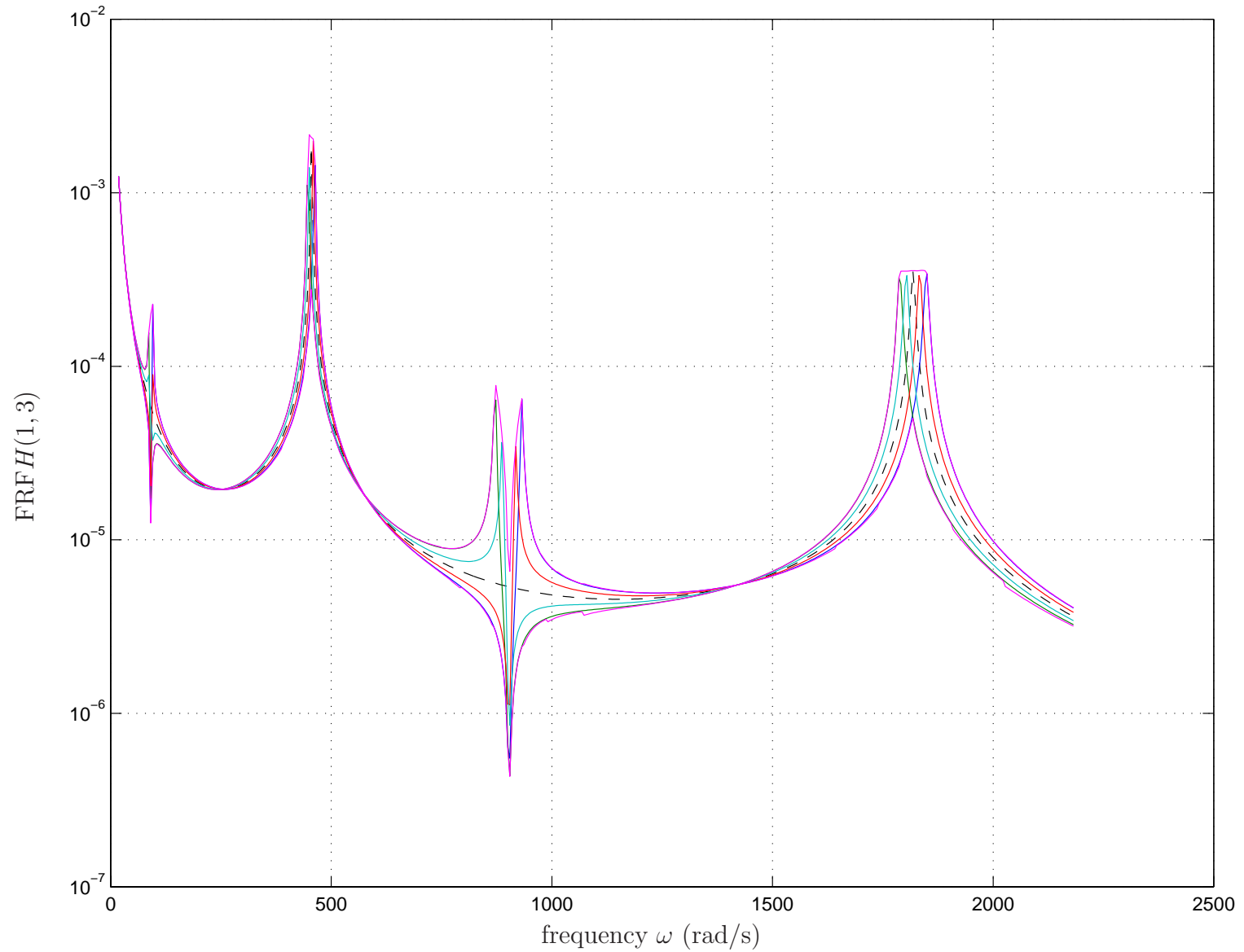
For the first blade  $E = E_0 \pm 10\%$



Modulus of the transfer function  $H(1, 3)$

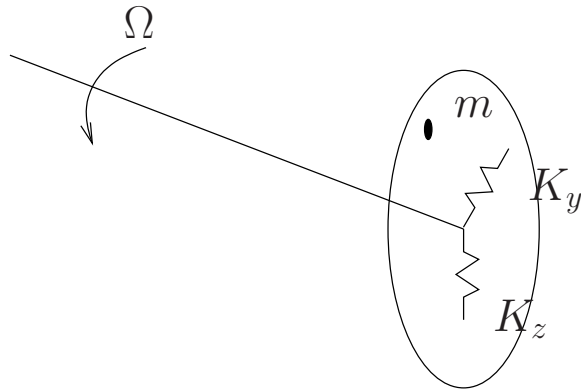
$E = E_0 \pm 10\%$  for the first blade

Crisp cases, envelope calculated with the modified algorithm



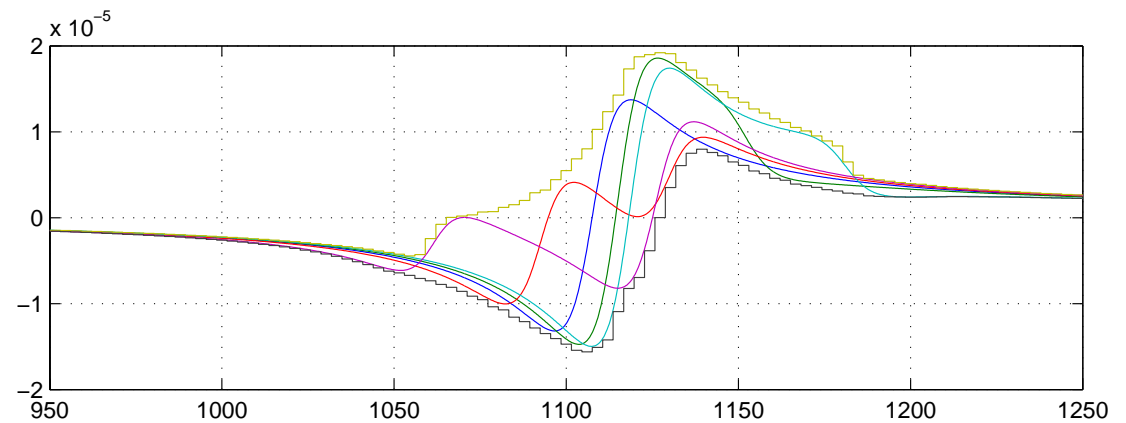
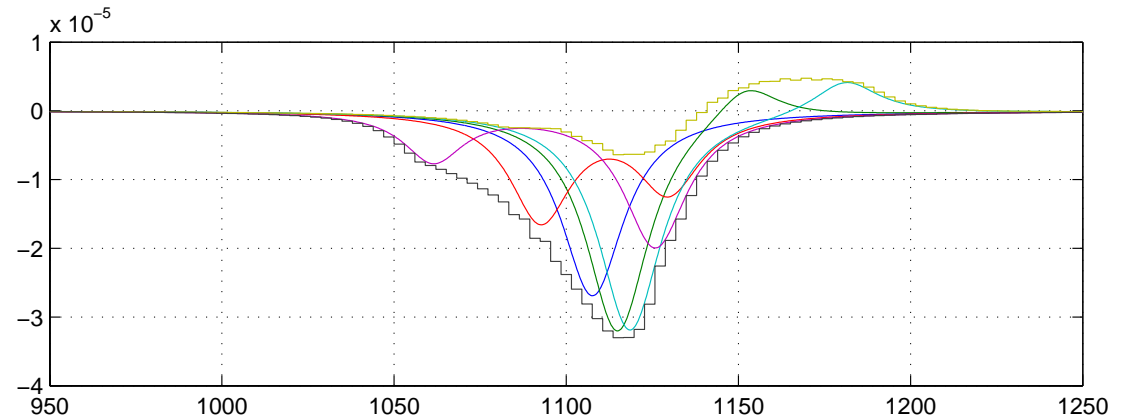
# Gyroscopic System

$$(J' + J_B) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{\Psi} \\ \ddot{\Theta} \end{Bmatrix} + J'a\Omega \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{\Psi} \\ \dot{\Theta} \end{Bmatrix} + K_z L^2 \begin{bmatrix} \mu & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \Psi \\ \Theta \end{Bmatrix} = J_B \frac{r}{L} \Omega^2 \begin{Bmatrix} \cos \Omega t \\ \sin \Omega t \end{Bmatrix}$$



unbalanced rotating disk

$\Omega$  and  $\mu = \frac{K_y}{K_z}$  intervals



$$\left( \begin{bmatrix} -\Omega_0 * M + K_0 & -\Omega_0 * G - \eta K_0 \\ \Omega_0 * G + \eta K_0 & -\Omega_0 * M + K_0 \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{e}_1 \begin{bmatrix} -\Omega_r M & -\Omega_r G \\ \Omega_r G & -\Omega_r M \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{e}_2 \begin{bmatrix} K_1 & -\eta K_1 \\ \eta K_1 & K_1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{Bmatrix} \Psi \\ \Theta \end{Bmatrix} = \Omega_0 \begin{Bmatrix} F_r \\ F_i \end{Bmatrix} + \mathbf{e}_1 \Omega_r \begin{Bmatrix} F_r \\ F_i \end{Bmatrix}$$

# Conclusion

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- ➡ Use of Interval Arithmetic
  - overestimations
  - resolution of linear systems
- ➡ Mechanical Formulation
  - $[A] = [A_0] + \alpha[A_1]$
- ➡ Modification of the algorithm of Rump
  - $\longrightarrow$  "smallest" Hull
  - convergence
  - efficiency
- ➡ "robust" envelopes
  - Static cases
  - Dynamic cases (FRF)