

Vibration Analysis of FG Plate

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Abstract-In this article, vibration response of functionally graded material(FGM) plates are investigated by finite element formulation. By applying the Hamilton's principle, the governing equations of the FGM plates are derived based on the first-order shear deformation theory. The FGM plate is modelled by using 9-noded heterosis element by incorporating the effect of rotary inertia and shear deformation. 9- noded heterosis plate element is used to formulate the elastic stiffness matrix and mass matrix. The results are also extracted from Abaqus CAE by using S8R5 shell elements. Free vibration analysis is done to obtain the different modes as well as the frequencies. Harmonic sine load is applied at the centre of the FGM plate to obtain a forced vibration response. Impulse forces of rectangular, triangular, and half-cycle sine shapes are applied on the top of the plate at the centre and the Response spectra of C-Si C FGM plate is plotted.

Keywords-FGMs, Finite element method, heterosis plate element, Response spectra

1. INTRODUCTION

The diverse and potential applications of FGMs in aerospace, medicine, defence, energy, and other industries have attracted a lot of attention recently. The concept of functionally graded materials (FGMs) were first demonstrated by a group of scientists in Japan in 1984 during a space plane project[1]. Combination of materials used here served the purpose of a thermal barrier system capable of withstanding a surface temperature of 2000 K with a temperature gradient of 1000 K across a 10 mm thick section (Jha *et al.* [2]). Later, its applications have been expanded to also the components of chemical plants, solar energy generators, heat exchangers, nuclear reactors, and high-efficiency combustion systems. The concept of FGMs has been successfully applied in thermal barrier coatings where requirements are aimed to improve thermal, oxidation and corrosion resistance. FGMs can also find application in communication and information techniques. Abrasive tools for metal and stone cutting are other important examples where the gradation of the surface layer has improved performance.

It has been found from the literature that not many studies are done to the vibration analysis of functionally graded plates. B. Sidda Reddy *et al.* [3] carried out the free vibration analysis of functionally graded plates. The variations of the volume

fractions through the thickness are assumed to follow a power-law function. The Reissener-Mindlin first-order shear deformation theory is very much appropriate for thick plates [4]. It was taken to analyze the behaviour of the plate subjected to free and forced vibration. They have developed analytical formulations and solutions for the free vibration analysis of functionally graded plates using higher-order shear deformation theory (HSDT). The principle of virtual work was used to derive the equations of equilibrium and boundary conditions. Navier's technique was used to obtain the solutions for FGM plates. Jyoti Vimal *et al.* [5] have studied the free vibration analysis of functionally graded skew plates using the finite element method. The first-order shear deformation plate theory is used to consider the transverse shear effect and rotary inertia. The properties of functionally graded skew plates are assumed to vary through the thickness according to a power law. It is found that when the length to thickness ratio of functionally graded skew plates increases beyond 25, the variation in the frequency parameter is very negligible and also found that a volume fraction exponent that ranges between 0 and 5 has a significant influence on the frequency. M. N. Gulshan Taj *et al.* [6] carried out a free vibration analysis of functionally graded material (FGM) skew plates subjected to the thermal environment. It was concluded that the volume fraction index and skew angle plays an important role in predicting the vibration of FGM skew plate subjected to thermal load.

J. N. Reddy [7] have studied theoretical formulation and FEM model based on TSDT for FGM plate. The formulation accounted for thermo-mechanical effects combining change with time and geometric nonlinearity. In this higher-order theory, transverse shear stress was expressed as a quadratic function along with the depth. Hence this theory requires no shear correction factor. The plate was considered as the homogeneous and material composition was varied along with the thickness. The Young's modulus was assumed to vary as per rule of the mixture in terms of the volume fractions of the material constituents. Hughes and Cohen [8] developed the heterosis element and elemental equation. They derived lumped positive definite mass matrix, element matrix and load vector and method for finding critical time step. High-accuracy finite element for thick and thin plate bending is developed, based upon Mindlin plate theory.

It has been found from the literature survey that not many researchers attempted to the vibration analysis of functionally graded plates. Further, we observed that many authors could

model such problems with a stepped variation in material properties instead of continuous variation. This would have happened because of the limitations of the commercial software available. In this context, we felt that MATLAB code could be used for tailoring the continuous variation in material properties in FE Modelling. Hence MATLAB code was developed for vibration analysis of FG plate. The analysis was carried out for C-Si C FGM plate with different volume fraction indices. The results are compared with Abaqus CAE by using S8R5 shell elements.

2. PROBLEM FORMULATION

First-order shear deformation theory is used for plate formulation. Displacement variation is linear, across the plate thickness. But there is no change in plate thickness during deformation. A further assumption is that the normal stress across the thickness is neglected. Properties are graded through the thickness direction which follows a volume fraction power-law distribution. The different elements of the plate are expected to undergo translational and rotational displacement. In the present work 9- noded heterosis element is used to discretize the plate.

2.1 Strain-Displacement Relations

The displacement field at any arbitrary distance z from the midplane based on the first-order shear deformation plate theory is given by

$$\left[\bar{u}_p(x, y, z), \bar{v}_p(x, y, z), \bar{w}_p(x, y, z) \right] = \left[u_0(x, y), v_0(x, y), w_0(x, y) \right] + z \begin{bmatrix} \theta_x(x, y), \theta_y(x, y), 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

where, \bar{u}_p , \bar{v}_p , \bar{w}_p are displacements in x , y and z directions respectively, u_0 , v_0 and w_0 are the associated midplane displacements along x , y and z axes respectively. and θ_x and θ_y are the rotations about y and x -axes respectively.

The linear strain displacement relations are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_{xl} &= u_{0,x} + z\chi_x \\ \varepsilon_{yl} &= v_{0,y} + z\chi_y \\ \gamma_{xyl} &= u_{0,y} + v_{0,x} + z\chi_{xy} \\ \gamma_{xzl} &= w_{0,x} + \theta_x \\ \gamma_{yzl} &= w_{0,y} + \theta_y \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where, ε_{xl} , ε_{yl} and γ_{xyl} are the linear in-plane normal and shear strains, γ_{xzl} and γ_{yzl} are transverse shear strains, z is the distance of any layer from the middle plane of the plate and χ are the curvatures.

$$\{\chi\} = \begin{bmatrix} \chi_x \\ \chi_y \\ \chi_{xy} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \theta_x}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial \theta_y}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial \theta_x}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \theta_y}{\partial x} \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

The strain-displacement field at any distance z as shown in Figure.1.

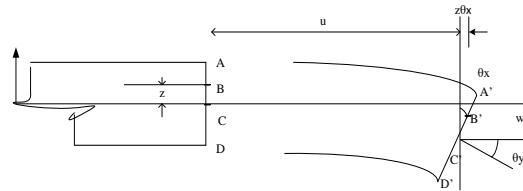


Figure 1. Deformed and un-deformed beam

2.2 Finite element formulation

In the current work, the FGM plate has been discretized using 9-noded heterosis element with 5-degree of freedom (dofs) at all the edge nodes and 4 dofs at the internal node as shown in the Figure 2. The serendipity shape functions have been used for the transverse dofs, w , and Lagrange shape function are used in the remaining dofs, u , v , θ_x , and θ_y

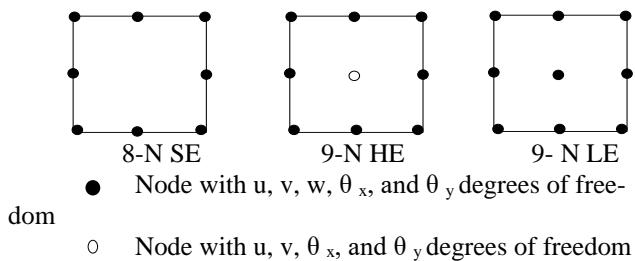


Figure 2. Nodal configuration of the plate element

2.3 Resultant Forces and moments.

The analysis of FG plate is carried out to establish the relation between the forces and strains by considering transverse shear terms.

Constitutive matrix of the isotropic plate is

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} Q_{11} & Q_{12} & 0 \\ Q_{12} & Q_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & Q_{66} \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

where,

$$Q_{11} = \frac{E}{1-v^2}, \quad Q_{12} = \frac{vE}{1-v^2}, \quad Q_{66} = \frac{E}{2(1+v)}$$

The material properties P_z (Elastic constants E , v , density) at distance, z from the middle surface of the plate is

$$P_z = P_b + (P_t - P_b)[(z/h) + 0.5]^n = P_b + (P_t - P_b)V_f \quad (5)$$

where, h is the plate thickness, t and b denotes the top and the bottom surface ($\pm z/2$), n is material volume fraction index, V_f is volume fraction.

Stress-strain relationship is

$$\{\sigma\} = [Q]\{\varepsilon\} \quad (6)$$

$$\text{where, } \{\sigma\} = \{\sigma_x, \sigma_y, \tau_{xy}\}^T, \quad \varepsilon = \varepsilon_0 + z\chi$$

The in-plane resultant forces and moments in the k^{th} layer are evaluated as

$$\{N, M\} = \sum_{k=1}^N \int_{z_{k-1}}^{z_k} \{\sigma\}(1, z) dz \quad (7)$$

Resultant Transverse Shear Force on the k^{th} layer is given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} Q_{xz} \\ Q_{yz} \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{k=1}^N \int_{z_{k-1}}^{z_k} \begin{bmatrix} \tau_{xz} \\ \tau_{yz} \end{bmatrix} dz = \sum_{k=1}^N \int_{z_{k-1}}^{z_k} \begin{bmatrix} Q_{44} & Q_{45} \\ Q_{45} & Q_{55} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_{xz} \\ \gamma_{yz} \end{bmatrix} dz \quad (8)$$

$$Q_{44} = (G_{13t} - G_{13b}) \left[\frac{(2z+h)}{2h} \right]^k + G_{13b}$$

$$Q_{55} = (G_{23t} - G_{23b}) \left[\frac{(2z+h)}{2h} \right]^k + G_{23b}$$

$$Q_{45} = 0$$

(9)

The constitutive relation for FGM plate is given by

$$\{N\} = [C]\{\varepsilon\} \quad (10)$$

Where,

$\{N\} = [N_x, N_y, N_{xy}, M_x, M_y, M_{xy}, Q_{xz}, Q_{yz}]^T$ represents the in-plane stress resultants (N), out of plane bending moments (M) and shear resultants (Q). Here, $[C]$ is the constitutive matrix [9] of the FGM plate. To compensate for the parabolic shear stress variation across the thickness of the plate, a correction factor of $5/6$ is used in the shear-shear coupling components of the constitutive matrix [10]. Using Green-Lagrange's strain-displacement expression [11], the linear strain-displacement matrix $[B]$ have been worked out.

The different participating element-level matrices such as elastic stiffness matrix $[k_e]$, and consistent mass matrix $[m_e]$ have been derived using corresponding energy expression. The element elastic stiffness matrix and element mass matrix are derived using the following relations

$$[k_e] = \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 [B]^T [C] [B] J d\eta d\eta \quad (11)$$

$$[m_e] = \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 [\bar{N}]^T [I] [\bar{N}] J d\eta d\eta \quad (12)$$

In which, $[I]$ is the inertia matrix

2.4 Computer coding and Implementation

A computer program is developed using MATLAB to implement the finite element formulation and include all the necessary parameters to investigate the vibration behaviour of the FGM plate. In the present code, selective integration scheme is incorporated for the generation of the element stiffness matrix. The 3×3 Gauss quadrature rule is adopted to get the bending terms and 2×2 Gauss rule is used to solve shear terms to avoid possible shear locking. The mass matrix is evaluated by using 3×3 Gauss rule [12].

2.5 Formulation of Dynamic problems

Stiffness matrix is validated by bending problems and mass matrix is validated through vibration problems. In order to validate the formulation of mass matrix, one has to solve a free vibration problem by incorporating the validated elastic stiffness matrix. The standard governing equation in matrix form for the deflection problem is

$$[K_e]\{q\} = \{F\} \quad (13)$$

$\{F\}$ is the nodal load vector, $[K_e]$ is the system elastic stiffness matrix. For a given set of loads, the displacement $\{q\}$ can be

determined using the above equation. If the displacement vector is validated, it ensures the correctness of formulation and coding of the stiffness matrix.

The standard governing equation in matrix form for the free vibration problem is

$$[M]\{\ddot{q}\} + [K_e]\{q\} = \{F\} \quad (14)$$

The standard governing equation in matrix form for the force vibration problem is

$$[M]\{\ddot{q}\} + [C]\{\dot{q}\} + [K_e]\{q\} = \{F\} \quad (15)$$

$[M]$, $[K_e]$ and $[C]$ represents global mass matrix, global stiffness matrix and damping matrix respectively.

$$[C] = \alpha[M] + \beta[K_e] \quad (16)$$

where, α and β are the Rayleigh damping coefficients. From this, we can solve the forced vibration problem. From this, we can solve the force vibration problem using Newmark-beta method.

3 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The properties of FGM plates are graded through the thickness direction according to a volume fraction power law distribution (Figure 3).

3.1 Free vibration analysis

The heterosis element is used in the code for free vibration analysis. For validation of the present code, the data available for the functionally graded plate aluminium oxide –titanium alloy of size $0.4m \times 0.4m \times 0.005m$ available in the literature of He *et al.* [13] is used. In numerical simulation by Abaqus, S8R5 element has been used. Table 1. shows the material properties. Table 2. validated the code with literature and simulation.

Table1. Material properties of Aluminium Oxide –Titanium alloy FGM plate

Material	E(N/m ²)	ρ (kg/m ³)	ν
Ti-6Al-4V (ceramic)	122.56×10^9	4429	0.2884
Aluminium oxide	349.55×10^9	3750	0.26

Table2. Variation of fundamental frequency with n values – Cantilever FGM plate-comparison

n	9-NHE	Simulation	He 2001)
0	25.37	27.21	25.58
0.2	29.14	31.45	29.87
0.5	32.27	33.86	32.84
1	33.90	36.79	35.33
5	38.48	42.14	40.97
15	42.16	45.34	43.97
100	45.64	48.12	46.12
1000	46.08	48.94	46.55

The present code is validated with results of He *et al.* (2001). The simulation results are also in good agreement with results obtained from FEM coding. This ensures the correctness of the formulation of the stiffness and mass matrix.

3.2 Free Vibration Analysis of C-Si C Plate

The analysis is done for C-Si C plate ($0.5 \times 0.5 \times 0.001m$). Material properties are given in Table 3. Convergence results are shown in Figure 4. First four mode of vibration shown in Figure. 5 by Abaqus using S8R5 shell element .Frequency of Vibration is minimum for carbon plate as shown in Table 4.

Table3. Material Properties C-Si C FGM plate

Material	E(G Pa)	ν	ρ (Kg/m ³)
Si-C (Ce-ramic)	320	0.3	3220
C(Metal)	28	0.3	1780

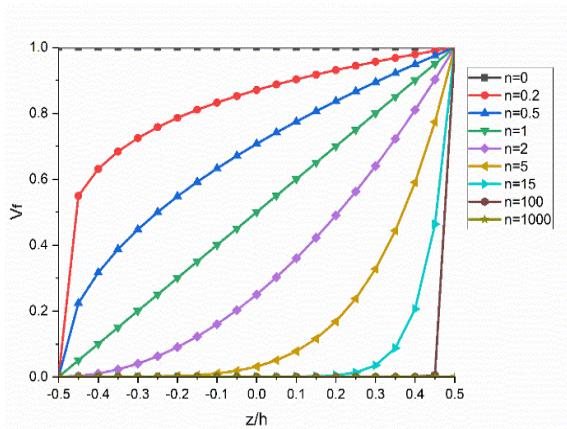


Figure 3. Variation of volume fraction with the non-dimensional thickness

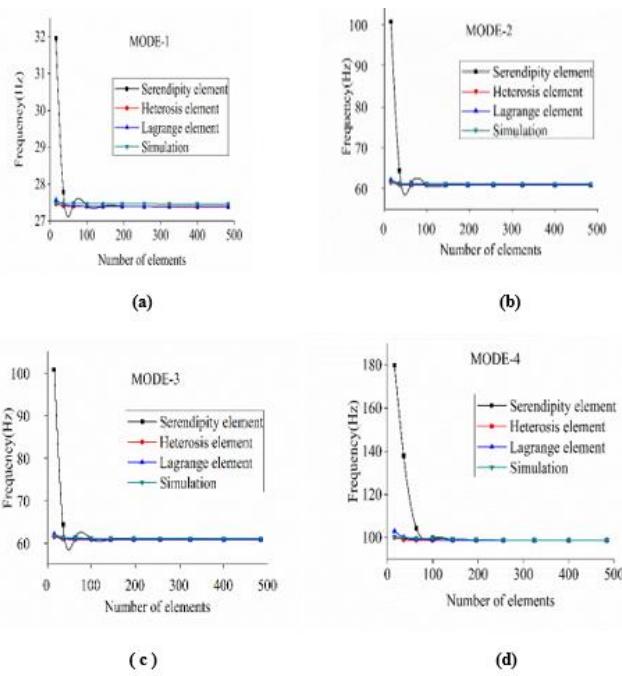


Figure 4. Convergence of fundamental frequency of simply supported C-Si C FGM plate for first 4 modes (n=2)

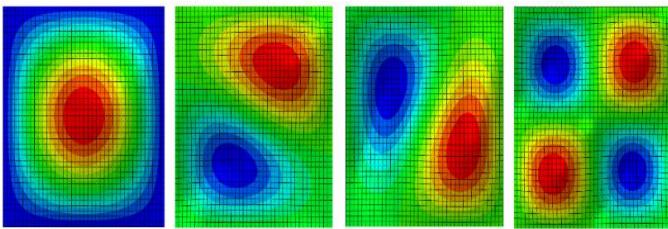


Figure 5. First 4 mode shapes of simply supported C-Si C FGM plate (n=2)-Simulation

Table 4. Variation of the natural frequencies (Hz) of FGM simply supported Square Plate for different k values. 22x22 mesh-Heterosis element(FEM)

Mode no	k=0 Si C	n=2	k=15	k=1000 Carbon
1	37.91	27.39	22.2114	15.08
2	94.77	60.84	51.9549	37.7
3	94.77	60.84	51.9549	37.7
4	151.63	98.77	83.7656	60.33
5	189.55	121.26	103.718	75.41
6	189.55	123.04	104.522	75.41
7	246.41	158.98	135.449	98.03
8	246.41	158.98	135.449	98.03
9	322.27	202.97	174.955	128.21
10	322.27	202.97	174.955	128.21

3.3 Forced vibration analysis

Forced vibration analysis was carried out at the centre of the plate using harmonic sine loading and different impulse loadings.

3.3.1 Harmonic Sine Wave Loading.

A harmonic force $P(t) = P_0 \sin(\omega t)$ load is applied at the centre of the plate (Figure 6(a)-6(b)), where P_0 is the amplitude or peak value of the force and ω is the forcing frequency. $T = 2\pi/\omega$ is the forcing period of the FGM plate $P_0 = 1$ N and $\omega = 2\pi f$ where ω is circular frequency and f is natural frequency of the Plate.. Table 5 compares the un-damped and damped cases. Figure 6(c) for simply supported plate. The maximum displacement at the center of the fixed plate as shown in Figure 6(d) is less than that of simply supported plate. Fig. 6 shows that maximum displacement at the centre of the plate increases with the material index (n value)

Table 5. Displacement of simply supported C-Si C plate for different n values

Power-law index	Maximum Displacement at Centre(m)			
	CCCC		SSSS	
	Undamped	Damped	Undamped	Damped
n=0 (Si C)	4.759x ^{10⁻⁵}	4.73x ^{10⁻⁵}	1.165 x ^{10⁻⁴}	1.006 x ^{10⁻⁴}
n=2	1.722 x10 ⁻⁴	1.71 x ^{10⁻⁴}	3.142 x ^{10⁻⁴}	3.035 x ^{10⁻⁴}
n=15	2.796 x10 ⁻⁴	2.68 x ^{10⁻⁴}	5.222x ^{10⁻⁴}	5.201x ^{10⁻⁴}
n=1000(C)	5.442 x10 ⁻⁴	5.41 x ^{10⁻⁴}	1.229x10 ⁻³	1.199x ^{10⁻³}

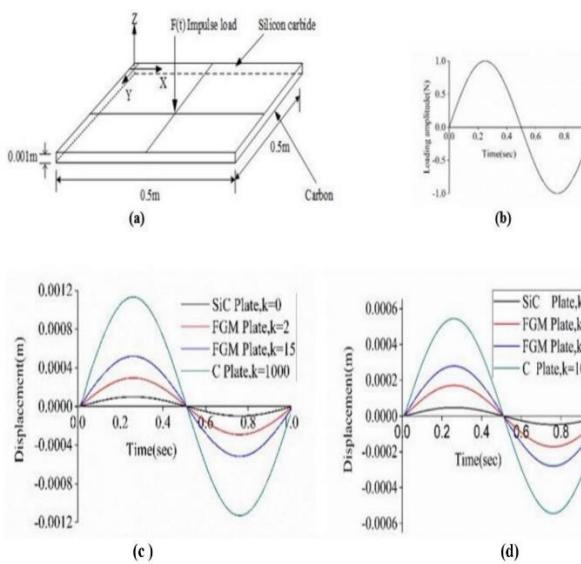


Figure 6. Response of C-Si C FGM plate for different k values using heterosis element.

3.3.2 Impulse loading

A very large force that acts for a very short time but with a time integral that is finite is called an impulse force. Impulse forces of rectangular, half-cycle sine, triangular shapes each with the same value of maximum force 1N is applied at the centre of the plate. The response behavior of FGM plate is studied for material index(k) value=2. t_d is pulse duration. The Response spectra of the FGM plate with material index $n=2$ is shown in Figure 7. T_n is the natural time period of vibration of the plate and u_{st0} is the static deflection of the plate. Static deflection is $1.438e-4$ m and Natural time period is 0.0365 sec. Table 6 presents the variation of deformation response factor (R_d) with t_d/T_n values ($n=2$). The present results are in good agreement with the available literature [14].

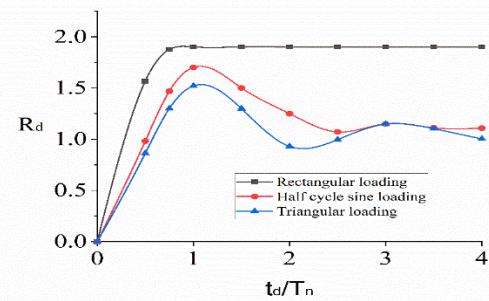


Figure 7. Response spectra of simply supported C-Si C FGM Plate (material index $n=2$)

Table 7. Variation of deformation response factor (R_d) with t_d/T_n values ($n=2$)

t_d/T_n	$R_d = u_{d0}/u_{st0}$		
	Rectangular Loading	Half Sine Loading	Triangular Loading
0	0	0	0
0.5	1.569	0.982	0.863
0.75	1.876	1.469	1.3
1	1.901	1.701	1.52
1.5	1.901	1.5	1.298
2	1.901	1.25	0.93
2.5	1.901	1.071	0.996
3	1.901	1.15	1.148
3.5	1.901	1.111	1.103
4	1.901	1.108	1.003

4. CONCLUSIONS

In the present study, an FE solution is obtained for free and forced vibration analysis of FG plates using heterosis element. The analysis is carried out by developing a computer program in MATLAB. A 9- noded heterosis element is used to model the FGM plate. The heterosis element exhibits improved characteristics as compared to the 8- noded serendipity and 9-noded Lagrange elements. It offers a high level of accuracy for extremely thin plate configurations. Convergence study has been carried out for ensuring the convergence of the numerical results. The results are also extracted from Abaqus CAE by using S8R5 shell elements and are in very good agreement with the developed elements. Free vibration analysis is done to study the different modes as well as frequencies. It is observed that free vibration response is minimum

for carbon and maximum for Silicon carbide plate. The central deflection of the plate increases with increase in volume fraction index for all types of boundary conditions. From the Response spectra, it is clearly understood that if the pulse duration (t_d) is longer than $T_n/2$, the overall maximum deformation occurs during the pulse. Then the pulse shape is of great significance. For the larger value of t_d/T_n , the overall maximum deformation is influenced by the rapidity of the loading. The rectangular pulse in which the force increases suddenly from zero to maximum show the large deformation. The triangular pulse in which the increase in the force is initially slowest among the three pulses produces the smallest deformation. The half-cycle sine pulse in which the force initially increases at an intermediate rate causes deformation that for many values of t_d/T_n is larger than the response of the triangular pulse. Sufficient duration steep loading produces a magnification factor of 2 and gradual loading increase results in a magnification factor of 1.

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