

Linearization of a Model Equation for Structural Vibration Problems using Differential Forms

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Abstract

In this paper, the linearizing point transformation for the model equation of structural vibration problems using the method of differential forms is obtained.

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1. Introduction

The problem of linearization of ordinary differential equations has a long history. It attracted attention of mathematicians such as Sophus Lie and E. Cartan [1]. The first linearization problem for ordinary differential equations was solved by Sophus Lie in 1883 [2].

The linearization problem for a second order ordinary differential equation was also investigated with respect to differential forms in [3]. It is important to state that, linearization method in general, has to do with point transformation (PT) and non-point transformation (NPT) [4]. Point transformation preserves the integrability of the equation and its Lie symmetry structure [5], and hence the reason for the use of point transformation.

The model equation for structural vibration problems was also treated in [6] using the method of classification of second order ordinary differential equations admitting Lie groups of fibre-preserving symmetries.

In this paper, the linearizing point transformation for the model equation of structural vibration problems using the method of differential forms given in [7], is constructed with its solution.

2. Construction of the Point Transformation

The method is explicitly stated in [7] and following the procedure in [7], we can construct the point transformation of the model equation for structural vibration problems.

The equation is given as

$$y'' = (x - 1)y'^3$$

which can be written as

$$y'' + (1 - x)y'^3 = 0 \quad (1)$$

with the coefficients

$$f_0 = f_1 = f_2 = 0, f_3 = 1 - x$$

satisfying the linearizability conditions stated in [7], hence, the equation (1) is linearizable. We can therefore proceed to construct the 3×3 matrix M to have

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ (1-x)dy & 0 & -dy \\ -dx & dy & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Setting $r = \begin{bmatrix} U \\ V \\ W \end{bmatrix}$, we have

$$dr = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ U(1-x)dy - Wdy \\ -Udx + Vdy \end{bmatrix}.$$

Taking $U = 0$ we have $dV = -Wdy$ and $dW = Vdy$ which are satisfied by

$$V = -\sin y \text{ and } W = \cos y.$$

We can now have that $K = \frac{U}{W} = 0$, $L = \frac{V}{W} = -\tan y$, from [7].

We can now construct the matrix Z as

$$Z = \begin{bmatrix} \tan y \, dy & 0 \\ \tan y \, dx + (x - 1)dy & 2 \tan y \, dy \end{bmatrix}.$$

Setting $R = \begin{bmatrix} b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F_x \\ F_y \end{bmatrix}$, then

$$dR = \begin{bmatrix} b \tan y \, dy \\ b \tan y \, dx + [b(x - 1) + 2c \tan y]dy \end{bmatrix}$$

so that $db = b \tan y \, dy$. On integration, we have

$$b = k \sec y \tag{2}$$

where k is a constant.

We also note that

$$dc = b \tan y \, dx + [b(x - 1) + 2c \tan y]dy. \tag{3}$$

Substituting the value of b into equation (3) we have

$$dc = k \sec y \tan y \, dx + [k \sec y (x - 1) + 2c \tan y]dy$$

so that

$$c_y = k \sec y (x - 1) + 2c \tan y \tag{4}$$

and

$$c_x = k \sec y \tan y.$$

Differentiating equation (2) with respect to y we have; $b_y = k \sec y \tan y$, that is $b_y = c_x$.

Integrating $c_x = k \sec y \tan y$ with respect to x , we have

$$c = kx \sec y \tan y + g(y). \tag{5}$$

Differentiating equation (5) with respect to y , we obtain:

$$c_y = kx \sec y + 2kx \tan^2 y \sec y + g'(y). \quad (6)$$

Equating equations (4) and (6), and simplifying we have

$$g'(y) - 2 \tan y g(y) = -k \sec y. \quad (7)$$

Using the integrating factor, we can solve equation (7) as follows;

$$P = -2 \tan y, Q = -k \sec y$$

so that

$$I.F = e^{-2 \int \tan y dy} = e^{-2 \ln \sec y} = e^{\ln \frac{1}{\sec^2 y}} = \cos^2 y.$$

Therefore $g \times I.F = \int (Q \times I.F) dy + m$ becomes

$$g \cos^2 y = \int (-k \sec y) \cos^2 y dy + m$$

where m is a constant.

Integrating the above and simplifying, we have

$$g = -k \sec y \tan y + m \sec^2 y. \quad (8)$$

Substituting equation (8) into equation (5) we obtain

$$c = kx \sec y \tan y - k \sec y \tan y + m \sec^2 y. \quad (9)$$

Now considering $F_x = k \sec y$, on integration we have;

$$F = kx \sec y + h(y). \quad (10)$$

Differentiating equation (10) with respect to y we have,

$$F_y = kx \tan y \sec y + h'(y). \quad (11)$$

Equating equations (9) and (11) and simplifying we have;

$$h'(y) = -k \sec y \tan y + m \sec^2 y. \quad (12)$$

Integrating equation (12), we have

$$h(y) = -k \sec y + m \tan y. \quad (13)$$

Substituting equation (13) into equation (10) and simplifying, we have

$$F = kx \sec y - k \sec y + m \tan y$$

or

$$F = k(x - 1) \sec y + m \tan y.$$

Therefore,

$$X = \tan y, Y = (x - 1) \sec y$$

is the linearizing point transformation of equation (1).

3. Conclusion

In conclusion, the results

$$X = \tan y, Y = (x - 1) \sec y$$

was also obtained in [6] using the method of classification of second order ordinary differential equations admitting Lie groups of fibre-preserving symmetries. Using differential forms, the same results obtained in [6] is obtained.

The solution thus becomes

$$(x - 1) \sec y = a \tan y + b$$

where a and b are constants. This can be simply written as

$$x = a \sin y + b \cos y + 1.$$

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