

## FREE VIBRATION ANALYSIS OF CSCS & CSSS RECTANGULAR PLATE BY SPLIT-DEFLECTION METHOD

<sup>1</sup>Asomugha A.U.,<sup>2</sup>Onyeka J.O., and <sup>3</sup>Opara H.E.

<sup>1,2,3</sup>Civil Engineering Department, Imo State University, Owerri, Nigeria

**Abstract**—This work presents free vibration analysis of rectangular plate by split-deflection method. In this method, the deflection was split into  $x$  and  $y$  components of deflection. That is the deflection of the rectangular plate was taken as the product of these two components. Having made this assumption, the study went ahead to formulate total potential energy functional from principles of theory of elasticity based on work-error approach. This energy function was minimized by direct variation and equation for resonating frequency was obtained. Two illustrative examples were used to test this method. They are (i) plate with edges 1 & 3 clamped and edges 2 & 4 simple supported (CSCS), and (ii) plate with edge 1 clamped and the other three edges simple supported (CSSS). The first and second examples used polynomial function for both  $x$  and  $y$  components of deflection. Fundamental resonating frequencies (in non-dimensional forms) of the two plates for aspect ratios ranging from 1.0 to 2.0 (at increment of 0.1) were determined and compared with the values from previous study. From the comparison, it was observed that the maximum percentage difference of -0.07 was recorded for the first example at aspect ratios of 2.0 with non-dimensional resonating frequency of 13.72. For the second example, there was no difference between the present and previous studies.

**Keywords**—Deflection, Resonating-frequency, Split-deflection, Work-error, Energy function, Non-dimensional, Polynomial function.

### INTRODUCTION

Most scholarly works on classical plate theory (CPT) analysis of rectangular plates rely on single orthogonal function (Hutchinson, 1992; Ibearugbulem, 2014). Obviously, one can affirm that all energy methods in use are based on single orthogonal deflection function and none has used a deflection function that is typically separated into two independent distinct functions ( $w = w_x * w_y$ ). Some energy methods used for free vibration analysis of rectangular plates include Raleigh, Raleigh-Ritz, Ritz, Galerkin, minimum energy potential, work-error etc (Ugural, 1999, Eduard and Kranthammer, 2001, and Ibearugbulem et al., 2014). The deflection (displacement normal to the plane of the plate) is a single orthogonal function,  $w$ . This is apparent in the energy function for Raleigh, Raleigh-Ritz and Ritz. Typical energy function is (Ibeaugbulem et al., 2014):

$$\Pi = \frac{D}{2} \int_0^a \int_0^b \left( \left[ \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \right]^2 + 2 \left[ \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x \partial y} \right]^2 + \left[ \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} \right]^2 \right) \partial x \partial y$$

$$- \frac{m \cdot \lambda^2}{2} \int_0^a \int_0^b w^2 \partial x \partial y$$

The use of single orthogonal deflection function is also seen in Galerkin and work-error methods. Typical work-error function is (Ibearugbulem et al., 2014):

$$\Pi = \frac{D}{2} \int_0^a \int_0^b \left( \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^4} w + 2 \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^2 \partial y^2} w + \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial y^4} w \right) \partial x \partial y$$

$$- \frac{m \cdot \lambda^2}{2} \int_0^a \int_0^b w^2 \partial x \partial y$$

In this present study  $w_x$  and  $w_y$  are polynomial functions. The advantage of this method is that deflection is split into two for in-depth study. Also it presents an alternative reliable method of free vibration analysis to engineers. Also an analyst who may have difficulty in obtaining an orthogonal function for a plate of a particular boundary condition will have this method as a way out. In this case, the analyst who may have easy access to deflection equations for beams of any boundary condition can find the proposed method quite useful and handy.

**ASSUMPTIONS**

**1. Basic-** The assumption here is that the general deflection,  $w$  is split into  $w_x$  and  $w_y$ . That is the split-deflection function is given as:

$$w = w_x * w_y \quad \dots\dots\dots 1$$

Where the  $w_x$  and  $w_y$  components of the deflection are defined as:

$$w_x = \sqrt{A} * h_1 \quad \dots\dots\dots 2$$

$$w_y = \sqrt{A} * h_2 \quad \dots\dots\dots 3$$

Substituting equations (2) and (3) into equation (1) gives:

$$w = A h_1 h_2 \quad \dots\dots\dots 4$$

**PRINCIPLES OF THEORY OF ELASTICITY**

**2. In-Plane Displacements-** From the assumption that vertical shear strains equal to zero for classical plate, and making use of split-deflection method, we have:

$$u = -z \frac{dw}{dx} = -z \frac{dw_x}{dx} w_y \quad \dots\dots\dots 5$$

$$v = -z \frac{dw}{dy} = -z \frac{dw_y}{dy} w_x \dots\dots\dots 6$$

**3.Strain-Deflection Relationship-** Using equations (5) and (6), the three in-plane strains of CPT are obtained as:

$$\epsilon_x = \frac{du}{dx} = -z \frac{d^2w_x}{dx^2} w_y \dots\dots\dots 7$$

$$\epsilon_y = \frac{dv}{dy} = -z \frac{d^2w_y}{dy^2} w_x \dots\dots\dots 8$$

$$\gamma_{xy} = \frac{du}{dy} + \frac{dv}{dx} = -2z \frac{dw_x}{dx} \frac{dw_y}{dy} \dots\dots\dots 9$$

**4. Stress – Strain Relationship-**The CPT constitutive equations for plane stress plate are given as:

$$\sigma_x = \frac{E}{1 - \mu^2} [\epsilon_x + \mu\epsilon_y] \dots\dots\dots 10$$

$$\sigma_y = \frac{E}{1 - \mu^2} [\mu\epsilon_x + \epsilon_y] \dots\dots\dots 11$$

$$\tau_{xy} = \frac{E(1 - \mu)}{2(1 - \mu^2)} \gamma_{xy} \dots\dots\dots 12.$$

**DERIVATION OF FREE-VIBRATION LOAD EQUATION APPLYING SPLIT-DEFLECTION METHOD.**

**5. Stress – Deflection Relationship-** Substituting equations (7), (8) and (9) into equations (10), (11) and (12) accordingly gives the split-deflection stress-deflection equation as:

$$\sigma_x = \frac{-Ez}{1 - \mu^2} \left[ \frac{d^2w_x}{dx^2} w_y + \mu \frac{d^2w_y}{dy^2} w_x \right] \dots\dots\dots 13$$

$$\sigma_y = \frac{-Ez}{1 - \mu^2} \left[ \mu \frac{d^2w_x}{dx^2} w_y + \frac{d^2w_y}{dy^2} w_x \right] \dots\dots\dots 14$$

$$\tau_{xy} = \frac{-Ez(1 - \mu)}{(1 - \mu^2)} \frac{dw_x}{dx} \frac{dw_y}{dy} \dots\dots\dots 15$$

**6. Total Potential Energy** -Total potential energy is mathematically defined as:  $\Pi = U - V$

U = Strain energy or internal work

V = External work.

The strain energy is defined as:

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \int_x \int_y \left[ \int_{-\frac{t}{2}}^{\frac{t}{2}} [\sigma_x \epsilon_x + \sigma_y \epsilon_y + \tau_{xy} \gamma_{xy}] dz \right] dx dy \dots\dots\dots 16$$

For pure bending analysis, the external workdone by free vibration is given as:

$$V = \int_x \int_y \frac{m \cdot \lambda^2}{2} w_x^2 \cdot w_y^2 dx dy$$

That is

$$V = \frac{m \cdot \lambda^2}{2} \int_x w_x^2 dx \int_y w_y^2 dy \dots\dots\dots 17$$

Substituting equations (7), (8), (9),(13), (14)and (15) into equation (16) gives strain energy – deflection relationship as:

$$U = \frac{D}{2} \int_x \int_y \left[ \left( \frac{d^2 w_x}{dx^2} \right)^2 + 2 \left( \frac{dw_x}{dx} \right)^2 \left( \frac{dw_y}{dy} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{d^2 w_y}{dy^2} \right)^2 w_x^2 \right] dx dy$$

In work-error approach, the strain energy becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} U &= \frac{D}{2} \left[ \int_x \frac{d^4 w_x}{dx^4} w_x dx \int_y w_y^2 dy \right] \\ &+ \frac{2D}{2} \left[ \int_x \frac{d^2 w_x}{dx^2} w_x dx \int_y \frac{d^2 w_y}{dy^2} w_y dy \right] \\ &+ \frac{D}{2} \left[ \int_x w_x^2 dx \int_y \frac{d^4 w_y}{dy^4} w_y dy \right] \dots\dots\dots 18 \end{aligned}$$

Subtracting equation (17) from Equation (18) gives the total potential energy function as:

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi &= \frac{D}{2} \left[ \int_x \frac{d^4 w_x}{dx^4} w_x dx \int_y w_y^2 dy \right] \\ &+ \frac{2D}{2} \left[ \int_x \frac{d^2 w_x}{dx^2} w_x dx \int_y \frac{d^2 w_y}{dy^2} w_y dy \right] \\ &+ \frac{D}{2} \left[ \int_x w_x^2 dx \int_y \frac{d^4 w_y}{dy^4} w_y dy \right] \\ &\quad - \frac{m \cdot \lambda^2}{2} \int_x w_x^2 dx \int_y w_y^2 dy \dots\dots 19 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting equations (2) and (3) into equation (19) gives:

$$\Pi = \frac{A^2 D}{2} \left[ \int_x \frac{d^4 h_1}{dx^4} h_1 dx \int_y h_2^2 dy \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \frac{2A^2D}{2} \left[ \int_x \frac{d^2h_1}{dx^2} h_1 dx \int_y \frac{d^2h_2}{dy^2} h_2 dy \right] \\
 & + \frac{A^2D}{2} \left[ \int_x h_1^2 dx \int_y \frac{d^4h_2}{dy^4} h_2 dy \right] \\
 & - \frac{m \cdot \lambda^2}{2} A^2 \int_x h_1^2 dx \int_y h_2^2 dy \dots 20
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, equation (20) can be written in non- dimensional axes R and Q.

$$x = aR \dots\dots\dots 21$$

$$y = bQ \dots\dots\dots 22$$

$$P = \frac{b}{a} \dots\dots\dots 23$$

Where a & b are the plate lengths in x and y axes respectively and p is the long span-short span aspect ratio.

Substituting equations (21), (22) and (23) into equation (20) gives:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Pi = & \frac{abA^2D}{2a^4} \left[ \int_0^1 \frac{d^4h_1}{dR^4} h_1 dR \int_0^1 h_2^2 dQ \right] \\
 & + 2 \frac{abA^2D}{2a^4P^2} \left[ \int_0^1 \frac{d^2h_1}{dR^2} h_1 dR \int_0^1 \frac{d^2h_2}{dQ^2} h_2 dQ \right] \\
 & + \frac{abA^2D}{2a^4P^4} \left[ \int_0^1 h_1^2 dR \int_0^1 \frac{d^4h_2}{dQ^4} h_2 dQ \right] \\
 & - \frac{m \cdot \lambda^2}{2} A^2 ab \int_0^1 h_1^2 dR \int_0^1 h_2^2 dQ \dots 24
 \end{aligned}$$

**7. Direct Variation of Total Potential Energy**-Equation (24) is differentiated with respect to the deflection coefficient, A and the result is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d\Pi}{dA} & = \frac{AD}{a^4} \left[ \int_0^1 \frac{d^4h_1}{dR^4} h_1 dR \int_0^1 h_2^2 dQ \right] \\
 & + 2 \frac{AD}{a^4P^2} \left[ \int_0^1 \frac{d^2h_1}{dR^2} h_1 dR \int_0^1 \frac{d^2h_2}{dQ^2} h_2 dQ \right] \\
 & + \frac{AD}{a^4P^4} \left[ \int_0^1 h_1^2 dR \int_0^1 \frac{d^4h_2}{dQ^4} h_2 dQ \right] \\
 & - m \cdot \lambda^2 A \int_0^1 h_1^2 dR \int_0^1 h_2^2 dQ = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

That is  $\frac{d\Pi}{dA} =$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{D}{\alpha^4} \left[ \int_0^1 \frac{d^4 h_1}{dR^4} h_1 dR \int_0^1 h_2^2 dQ \right] \\ & + 2 \frac{D}{\alpha^4 P^2} \left[ \int_0^1 \frac{d^2 h_1}{dR^2} h_1 dR \int_0^1 \frac{d^2 h_2}{dQ^2} h_2 dQ \right] \\ & + \frac{D}{\alpha^4 P^4} \left[ \int_0^1 h_1^2 dR \int_0^1 \frac{d^4 h_2}{dQ^4} h_2 dQ \right] \\ & - m \cdot \lambda^2 \int_0^1 h_1^2 dR \int_0^1 h_2^2 dQ \dots 25 \end{aligned}$$

This equation (25) is the direct governing equation of rectangular plate under free vibration using work-error approach from this present method. Re-arranging equation (25) and making resonating frequency,  $\lambda$  the subject of the equation gives:

$$\lambda^2 = \left( \frac{k_x + 2 \frac{k_{xy}}{P^2} + \frac{k_y}{P^4}}{k_\lambda} \right) * \frac{D}{m \alpha^4} \dots \dots \dots 26$$

Where

$$k_x = \int_0^1 \frac{d^4 h_1}{dR^4} h_1 dR \int_0^1 h_2^2 dQ \dots \dots \dots 27$$

$$k_{xy} = \int_0^1 \frac{d^2 h_1}{dR^2} h_1 dR \int_0^1 \frac{d^2 h_2}{dQ^2} h_2 dQ \dots \dots \dots 28$$

$$k_y = \int_0^1 h_1^2 dR \int_0^1 \frac{d^4 h_2}{dQ^4} h_2 dQ \dots \dots \dots 29$$

$$k_\lambda = \int_0^1 h_1^2 dR \int_0^1 h_2^2 dQ \dots \dots \dots 30$$

**APPLICATION**

Analysis of a classical rectangular thin isotropic plate with:

- i. Edges 1 & 3 clamped and edges 2 & 4 simply supported using polynomial function for both  $w_x$  and  $w_y$ .
- ii, Edge 1 clamped and the other three edges simple supported using also polynomial function for both  $w_x$  and  $w_y$

In the derivation of the particular resonating split-deflection polynomial plate equations, the following deflection expression,  $w$ , in expanded form was used.

$$w = (\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 R + \alpha_2 R^2 + \alpha_3 R^3 + \alpha_4 R^4) * (\beta_0 + \beta_1 Q + \beta_2 Q^2 + \beta_3 Q^3 + \beta_4 Q^4) \dots \dots \dots 3$$

1

Recall  $w = w(x) * w(y)$

$$\therefore w(x) = (\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 R + \alpha_2 R^2 + \alpha_3 R^3 + \alpha_4 R^4) \dots\dots\dots 32$$

$$w(y) = (\beta_0 + \beta_1 Q + \beta_2 Q^2 + \beta_3 Q^3 + \beta_4 Q^4) \dots\dots\dots 33$$

**1. Rectangular plate with edges 1 & 3 clamped and edges 2 & 4 simple supported (CSCS).**

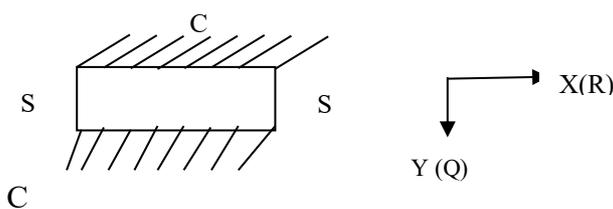


Figure 1: CSCS Rectangular Plate

**Along x- direction:**

$$w(x) = (\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 R + \alpha_2 R^2 + \alpha_3 R^3 + \alpha_4 R^4) \dots\dots\dots 34$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{1st derivative of } w(x) &= w'(x) \\ &= (\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2 R + 3\alpha_3 R^2 + 4\alpha_4 R^3) \dots\dots\dots 35 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{2nd derivative of } w(x) &= w''(x) \\ &= (2\alpha_2 + 6\alpha_3 R + 12\alpha_4 R^2) \dots\dots\dots 36 \end{aligned}$$

**Boundary conditions:**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{At } R=0, w(R=0) & \\ &= \alpha_0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0. \Rightarrow \alpha_0 = 0 \\ w''(R=0) &= 2\alpha_2 + 0 + 0. \Rightarrow 2\alpha_2 = 0, \quad \alpha_2 = 0 \\ \therefore \alpha_0 &= 0; \quad \alpha_2 = 0 \dots\dots\dots 37 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{At } R=1: & \\ w(1) = 0 &= (\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 R + \alpha_2 R^2 + \alpha_3 R^3 + \alpha_4 R^4) \\ \therefore w(1) = 0 &= \alpha_1 + \alpha_3 + \alpha_4 \dots\dots\dots 38 \\ w''(1) = 0 &= 2\alpha_2 + 6\alpha_3 R + 12\alpha_4 R^2 \\ \therefore w''(1) &= (\alpha_3 = -2\alpha_4) \dots\dots\dots 39 \end{aligned}$$

Substitute  $\alpha_3$  in equation (38)

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \alpha_1 - 2\alpha_4 + \alpha_4 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \alpha_1 &= 2\alpha_4 - \alpha_4 \Rightarrow \alpha_1 = \alpha_4 \dots\dots\dots 40 \end{aligned}$$

**Summary:**  $\alpha_0=0, \alpha_1=\alpha_4, \alpha_2=0, \alpha_3=-2\alpha_4$

Substitute these constants in equation (34).

$$w(x) = 0 + \alpha_4 R + 0 - 2\alpha_4 R^3 + \alpha_4 R^4$$

$$w(x) = \alpha_4 R - 2\alpha_4 R^3 + \alpha_4 R^4$$

$$w(x) = \alpha_4 (R - 2R^3 + R^4) \dots\dots\dots 41$$

**Considering y- direction:**

$$w(y) = (\beta_0 + \beta_1 Q + \beta_2 Q^2 + \beta_3 Q^3 + \beta_4 Q^4) \dots\dots\dots 42$$

$$w'(y) = (\beta_1 + 2\beta_2 Q + 3\beta_3 Q^2 + 4\beta_4 Q^3) \dots\dots 43$$

**Boundary conditions:**

At  $Q = 0$ .

$$w(Q = 0) = 0 = \beta_0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0. \Rightarrow \beta_0 = 0$$

$$w'(Q = 0) = 0 = \beta_1 + 0 + 0 + 0. \Rightarrow \beta_1 = 0$$

At  $Q=1$ .

$$w(Q = 1) = 0 = \beta_0 + \beta_1 + \beta_2 + \beta_3 + \beta_4$$

$$w(Q = 1) = 0 = \beta_2 + \beta_3 + \beta_4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta_2 + \beta_3 = -\beta_4 \dots\dots\dots 44$$

$$w'(Q = 1) = \beta_1 + 2\beta_2 + 3\beta_3 + 4\beta_4$$

$$2\beta_2 + 3\beta_3 - 4\beta_4 \dots\dots\dots 45$$

Multiply Eqn. (44) by 2. And subtract from Eqn. (45).  $(2\beta_2 +$

$$2\beta_3 + 2\beta_4) \Rightarrow \beta_3 = -2\beta_4$$

Substitute  $\beta_3$  in equation (44)

$$\therefore \beta_2 - 2\beta_4 = -\beta_4. \Rightarrow \beta_2 = \beta_4$$

Summary  $\beta_0 = 0, \beta_1 = 0, \beta_2 = \beta_4, \beta_3 = -2\beta_4$ .

Substitute these constants into equation (42)

$$w(y) = 0 + 0 + \beta_4 Q^2 - 2\beta_4 Q^3 + \beta_4 Q^4 = 0 \dots\dots\dots 46$$

$$\beta_4 Q^2 - 2\beta_4 Q^3 + \beta_4 Q^4 = 0$$

$$\beta_4 (Q^2 - 2Q^3 + Q^4) = 0 \dots\dots\dots 47$$

Recall  $w = w(x) * w(y) = w(R) * w(Q)$

$$w = \alpha_4 (R - 2R^3 + R^4) * \beta_4 (Q^2 - 2Q^3 + Q^4)$$

$$w = \alpha_4 \beta_4 (R - 2R^3 + R^4) * (Q^2 - 2Q^3 + Q^4)$$

Let  $\alpha_4 \beta_4 = A$

$$w = A(R - 2R^3 + R^4)(Q^2 - 2Q^3 + Q^4) \dots\dots 48$$

$$w_x = \sqrt{A}(R - 2R^3 + R^4) \dots\dots\dots 49$$

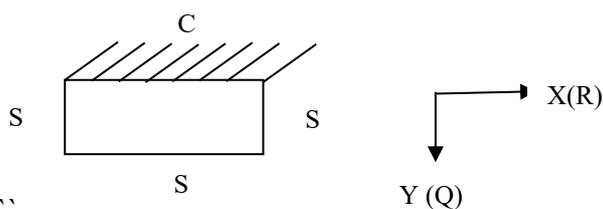
$$w_y = \sqrt{A}(Q^2 - 2Q^3) \dots\dots + Q^4 \dots\dots\dots 50$$

From equations (49) and (50),  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  are:

$$h_1 = R - 2R^3 + R^4 \dots\dots\dots 51$$

$$h_2 = Q^2 - 2Q^3 + Q^4 \dots\dots\dots 52$$

**2.Rectangular plate with Edge 1 clamped and the other 3 edges simple supported (CSSS).**



**Figure 2.CSSS Rectangular Plate.**

**In x- direction:**

$$w(x) = (\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 R + \alpha_2 R^2 + \alpha_3 R^3 + \alpha_4 R^4) \dots\dots\dots 53$$

1st derivative of  $w(x) = w'(x)$

$$= (\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2 R + 3\alpha_3 R^2 + 4\alpha_4 R^3) \dots\dots\dots 54$$

2nd derivative of  $w(x) = w''(x)$

$$= (2\alpha_2 + 6\alpha_3 R + 12\alpha_4 R^2) \dots\dots\dots 55$$

**Boundary conditions:**

At  $R=0$ ;,  $w=0$ .

$$w(R = 0) = \alpha_0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0. \Rightarrow \alpha_0 = 0$$

$$w''(R = 0) = 2\alpha_2 + 0 + 0. \Rightarrow 2\alpha_2 = 0$$

$$\therefore \alpha_0 = 0 ; \alpha_2 = 0 \dots\dots\dots 56$$

At  $R= 1$ :

$$w(1) = 0 = (\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 R + 0 + \alpha_3 R^3 + \alpha_4 R^4)$$

$$\therefore w(1) = 0 = \alpha_1 + \alpha_3 + \alpha_4 = 0 \dots\dots\dots 57$$

$$w''(1) = 0 = 2\alpha_2 + 6\alpha_3R + 12\alpha_4R^2$$

$$\therefore w''(1) = (\alpha_3 = -2\alpha_4)$$

Substitute  $\alpha_3$  in equation (57)

$$\therefore \alpha_1 - 2\alpha_4 + \alpha_4 = 0 \quad \therefore \alpha_1 = 2\alpha_4 - \alpha_4$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_1 = \alpha_4$$

**Summary:**  $\alpha_0 = 0, \alpha_1 = \alpha_4, \alpha_2 = 0, \alpha_3 = -2\alpha_4$

Substitute these constants in equation (53).

$$w(x) = 0 + \alpha_4R + 0 - 2\alpha_4 R^3 + \alpha_4R^4$$

$$w(x) = \alpha_4R - 2\alpha_4 R^3 + \alpha_4R^4$$

$$w(x) = \alpha_4(R - 2R^3 + R^4) \dots \dots \dots 58$$

**In y – direction**

$$w(y) = (\beta_0 + \beta_1Q + \beta_2Q^2 + \beta_3 Q^3 + \beta_4Q^4) \dots \dots \dots 59$$

1<sup>st</sup> derivative of  $w(y) = w'(y)$

$$= \beta_1 + 2\beta_2Q + 3\beta_3 Q^2 + 4\beta_4Q^3$$

2<sup>nd</sup> derivative of  $w(y) = w''(y)$

$$= 2\beta_2 + 6\beta_3 Q + 12\beta_4Q^2.$$

**Boundary conditions.**

At  $Q = 0$ ,

$$w(Q = 0) = \beta_0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0. \Rightarrow \beta_0 = 0$$

$$w'(Q = 0) = \beta_1 + 2\beta_2Q + 3\beta_3 Q^2 + 4\beta_4Q^3 \Rightarrow \beta_1 = 0$$

At  $Q = 1$ .

$$w(Q = 1) = (\beta_0 + \beta_1Q + \beta_2Q^2 + \beta_3 Q^3 + \beta_4Q^4)$$

$$\therefore w(Q = 1) = \beta_2 + \beta_3 + \beta_4 \dots \dots \dots 60$$

$$w''(Q = 1) = 2\beta_2 + 6\beta_3 Q + 12\beta_4Q^2$$

$$\therefore w(Q = 1) = 2\beta_2 + 6\beta_3 + 12\beta_4$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta_2 + 2\beta_3 + 6\beta_4 = 0 \quad \dots \dots \dots 61$$

Subtract Eqn. (60) from Eqn. (61).

$$(\beta_2 + 2\beta_3 + 6\beta_4) - (\beta_2 + \beta_3 + \beta_4) = 2\beta_3 + 5\beta_4$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta_3 = -2.5\beta_4$$

substitute  $\beta_3$  in Eqn. 60

$$\beta_2 - 2.5\beta_4 + \beta_4 \Rightarrow \beta_2 = 1.5\beta_4$$

**Summary:**  $\beta_0 = 0, \beta_1 = 0, \beta_2 = 1.5\beta_4, \beta_3 = -2.5\beta_4$ .

Substitute these constants into equation (59)

$$w(y) = (0 + 0 + 1.5\beta_4 Q^2 - 2.5\beta_4 Q^3 + \beta_4 Q^4)$$

$$w(y) = \beta_4(1.5Q^2 - 2.5Q^3 + Q^4) \dots\dots\dots 62$$

Recall  $w = w(x) * w(y) = w(R) * w(Q)$

$$w = \alpha_4 \beta_4 (R - 2R^3 + R^4) * (1.5Q^2 - 2.5Q^3 + Q^4)$$

$$\text{Let } \alpha_4 \beta_4 = A$$

$$w_x = \sqrt{A}(R - 2R^3 + R^4) \dots\dots\dots 63$$

$$w_y = \sqrt{A}(1.5Q^2 - 2.5Q^3 + Q^4) \dots\dots\dots 64$$

From equations (63) and (64),  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  are:

$$h_1 = R - 2R^3 + R^4 \dots\dots\dots 65$$

$$h_2 = 1.5Q^2 - 2.5Q^3 + Q^4 \dots\dots\dots 66$$

**Determination of the Stiffness Coefficients (ki) for the Two Plates with Various Boundary Conditions using Polynomial Functions for Both  $w_x$  and  $w_y$ :**

The polynomial shape functions,  $h$ , of the two rectangular plates derived and recorded in equations 51,52,65&66 are used in the analysis for stiffness coefficients ( $k_x, k_{xy}, k_y$  and  $k_\lambda$ ) of the two rectangular plates under study.

Recall the derived split-deflection resonating frequency equation for every thin rectangular plate based on work error method.

**1. Edges 1 & 3 Clamped and Edges 2 and 4 Simply Supported (CSCS)**

$$w = A (R - 2R^3 + R^4)(Q^2 - 2Q^3 + Q^4)$$

$$w_x = \sqrt{A}(R - 2R^3 + R^4) \dots\dots\dots 67$$

$$w_y = \sqrt{A}(Q^2 - 2Q^3 + Q^4) \dots\dots\dots 68$$

From equations (67) and (68),  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  are:

$$h_1 = (R - 2R^3 + R^4)$$

$$h_2 = (Q^2 - 2Q^3 + Q^4)$$

Integrating  $h_1^2$  in a closed domain.

$$h_1^2 = (R - 2R^3 + R^4)(R - 2R^3 + R^4)$$

$$h_1^2 = R^2 - 2R^4 + R^5 - 2R^4 + 4R^6 - 2R^7 + R^5 + R^5 - 2R^7 + R^8$$

$$h_1^2 = R^2 - 4R^4 + 2R^5 + 4R^6 - 4R^7 + R^8$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{i. } \int_0^1 h_1^2 dR &= \int_0^1 (R^2 - 4R^4 + 2R^5 + 4R^6 - 4R^7 + R^8) dR \\
 &= \left( \frac{R^3}{3} - \frac{4R^5}{5} + \frac{2R^6}{6} + \frac{4R^7}{7} - \frac{4R^8}{8} + \frac{R^9}{9} \right) \Big|_0^1 \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} - \frac{4}{5} + \frac{2}{6} + \frac{4}{7} - \frac{4}{8} + \frac{1}{9} \\
 &= \left( \frac{31}{630} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Also integrating  $h_2^2$  in a closed domain.

$$\begin{aligned}
 h_2^2 &= (Q^2 - 2Q^3 + Q^4)(Q^2 - 2Q^3 + Q^4) \\
 &= Q^4 - 2Q^5 + Q^6 - 2Q^5 + 4Q^6 - 2Q^7 + Q^6 - 2Q^7 + Q^8 \\
 &= Q^4 - 4Q^5 + 6Q^6 - 4Q^7 + Q^8
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{ii. } \int_0^1 h_2^2 dQ &= \int_0^1 (Q^4 - 4Q^5 + 6Q^6 - 4Q^7 + Q^8) dQ \\
 &= \left( \frac{Q^5}{5} - 4 \frac{Q^6}{6} + 6 \frac{Q^7}{7} - 4 \frac{Q^8}{8} + \frac{Q^9}{9} \right) \Big|_0^1 \\
 &= \left( \frac{1}{5} - \frac{4}{6} + \frac{6}{7} - \frac{4}{8} + \frac{1}{9} \right) \\
 &= \left( \frac{1}{630} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{iii. 1st derivative of } h_1 = d^1 h_1 = 1 - 6R^2 + 4R^3$$

$$2\text{nd derivative of } h_1 = d^2 h_1 = -12R + 12R^2$$

$$3\text{rd derivative of } h_1 = d^3 h_1 = -12 + 24R$$

$$4\text{th derivative of } h_1 = d^4 h_1 = 24$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(iv) } \int_0^1 \frac{d^2 h_1}{dR^2} \cdot h_1 dR &= \int_0^1 (-12R + 12R^2)(R - 2R^3 + R^4) dR \\
 \int_0^1 \frac{d^2 h_1}{dR^2} \cdot h_1 dR &= \int_0^1 (-12R^2 + 24R^4 - 12R^5 + 12R^3 - 24R^5 + 12R^6) dR \\
 &= \int_0^1 (-12R^2 + 12R^3 + 24R^4 - 36R^5 + 12R^6) dR \\
 &= \left( -\frac{12R^3}{3} + \frac{12R^4}{4} + \frac{24R^5}{5} - \frac{36R^6}{6} + \frac{12R^7}{7} \right) \Big|_0^1 \\
 &= \left( -\frac{12}{3} + \frac{12}{4} + \frac{24}{5} - \frac{36}{6} + \frac{12}{7} \right) = \left( -\frac{17}{35} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(v) \int_0^1 \frac{d^4 h_1}{dR^4} \cdot h_1 dR = \int_0^1 24(R - 2R^3 + R^4) dR$$

$$\int_0^1 (24R - 48R^3 + 24R^4) dR$$

$$\left( \frac{24R^2}{2} - \frac{48R^4}{4} + \frac{24R^5}{5} \right) \Big|_0^1$$

=

4.8

Also, 1st derivative of  $h_2 = d^1 h_2 = 2Q - 6Q^2 + 4Q^3$

2nd derivative of  $h_2 = d^2 h_2 = 2 - 12Q + 12Q^2$

3rd derivative of  $h_2 = d^3 h_2 = -12 + 24Q$

4th derivative of  $h_2 = d^4 h_2 = 24$

$$(vi) \int_0^1 \frac{d^2 h_2}{dQ^2} \cdot h_2$$

$$= (Q^2 - 2Q^3 + Q^4)(2 - 12Q + 12Q^2) dQ$$

$$\int_0^1 (2Q^2 - 4Q^3 + 2Q^4 - 12Q^3 + 24Q^4 - 12Q^5 + 12Q^4 - 25Q^5 + 12Q^6) dQ$$

$$\int_0^1 (2Q^2 - 16Q^3 + 38Q^4 - 36Q^5 + 12Q^6) dQ$$

$$\left( \frac{2Q^3}{3} - \frac{16Q^4}{4} + \frac{38Q^5}{5} - \frac{36Q^6}{6} + \frac{12Q^7}{7} \right) \Big|_0^1$$

$$\left( \frac{2}{3} - \frac{16}{4} + \frac{38}{5} - \frac{36}{6} + \frac{12}{7} \right) = -\frac{2}{105}$$

$$(v) \int_0^1 \frac{d^4 h_1}{dR^4} \cdot h_1 dR = \int_0^1 24(R - 2R^3 + R^4) dR$$

$$\int_0^1 (24R - 48R^3 + 24R^4) dR$$

$$\left( \frac{24R^2}{2} - \frac{48R^4}{4} + \frac{24R^5}{5} \right) \Big|_0^1$$

$$= \frac{24}{2} - \frac{48}{4} + \frac{24}{5} = 4.8$$

$$(vi) \int_0^1 \frac{d^4 h_2}{dQ^4} \cdot h_2 dQ = \int_0^1 24(Q^2 - Q^3 + Q^4) dQ$$

$$\int_0^1 (24Q^2 - 48Q^3 + 24Q^4) dQ$$

$$\left( \frac{24Q^3}{3} - \frac{48Q^4}{4} + \frac{24Q^5}{5} \right) \Big|_0^1$$

$$\left( \frac{24}{3} - \frac{48}{4} + \frac{24}{5} \right) = \frac{4}{5}$$

Recalling equation (27) to (30) and substituting accordingly.

$$k_x = (4.8) \left( \frac{1}{630} \right) = \frac{4}{525} = 0.007619 \dots \dots \dots 69$$

$$k_{xy} = \left( -\frac{17}{35} \right) \left( -\frac{2}{105} \right) = \frac{34}{3675} = 0.0092517 \dots \dots \dots 70$$

$$k_y = \left( \frac{31}{630} \right) \left( \frac{4}{5} \right) = \left( \frac{62}{1575} \right) = 0.039365 \dots \dots \dots 71$$

$$k_\lambda = \left( \frac{31}{630} \right) \left( \frac{1}{630} \right) = \left( \frac{31}{396,900} \right) = 0.000078105 \dots \dots \dots 72$$

## 2. Edge 1 clamped and the other three edges simply supported (CSSS).

$$w_x = \sqrt{A}(R - 2R^3 + R^4) \dots \dots \dots 73$$

$$w_y = \sqrt{A}(1.5Q^2 - 2.5Q^3 + Q^4) \dots \dots \dots 74$$

From equations (73) and (74),  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  are:

$$h_1 = (R - 2R^3 + R^4) \dots \dots \dots 75$$

$$h_2 = (1.5Q^2 - 2.5Q^3 + Q^4) \dots \dots \dots 76$$

Integrating  $h_1^2$  in a closed domain we would obtain:

$$(i) \int_0^1 h_1^2 dR = \int_0^1 (R^2 - 2R^3 + R^4)^2 dR$$

$$\int_0^1 h_1^2 = (R^2 - 2R^3 + R^4)^2 dR$$

$$\int_0^1 h_1^2 = (R^2 - 4R^4 + 2R^5 + 4R^6 - 4R^7 + R^8) dR$$

$$\left( \frac{R^3}{3} - \frac{4R^5}{5} + \frac{2R^6}{6} + \frac{4R^7}{7} - \frac{4R^8}{8} + \frac{R^9}{9} \right) \Big|_0^1$$

$$\left( \frac{1}{3} - \frac{4}{5} + \frac{2}{6} + \frac{4}{7} - \frac{4}{8} + \frac{1}{9} \right) = \frac{31}{630}$$

Integrating  $h_2^2$  in a closed domain we shall have:

$$(ii) \int_0^1 h_2^2 dQ = \int_0^1 (1.5Q^2 - 2.5Q^3 + Q^4)^2 dQ$$

$$h_2^2 = (2.25Q^4 - 3.75Q^5 + 1.5Q^6 - 3.73Q^5 + 6.25Q^6 - 2.5Q^7 + 1.5Q^6 - 2.5Q^7 + Q^8) dQ$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_0^1 (2.25Q^4 - 7.5Q^5 + 9.25Q^6 - 5Q^7 + Q^8) dQ \\
&= \left[ \frac{2.25Q^5}{5} - \frac{7.5Q^6}{6} + \frac{9.25Q^7}{7} - \frac{5Q^8}{8} + \frac{Q^9}{9} \right]_0^1 \\
&= \left[ \frac{2.25}{5} - \frac{7.5}{6} + \frac{9.25}{7} - \frac{5}{8} + \frac{1}{9} \right] = \left( \frac{19}{2520} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

1st derivative of  $h_1 = d^1h_1 = 1 - 6R^2 + 4R^3$

2nd derivative of  $h_1 = d^2h_1 = -12R + 12R^2$

3rd derivative of  $h_1 = d^3h_1 = -12 + 24R$

4th derivative of  $h_1 = d^4h_1 = 24$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{(iii)} \int_0^1 \frac{d^2h_1}{dR^2} \cdot h_1 dR &= \int_0^1 (-12R + 12R^2)(R^2 - 2R^3 + R^4) dR \\
&= \int_0^1 (-12R^3 + 24R^4 - 12R^5 + 12R^3 - 24R^5 + 12R^6) dR \\
&= \int_0^1 (-12R^2 + 12R^3 + 24R^4 - 36R^5 + 12R^6) dR \\
&= \int_0^1 \left( -\frac{12R^3}{3} + \frac{12R^4}{4} + \frac{24R^5}{5} - \frac{36R^6}{6} + \frac{12R^7}{7} \right) dR \\
&= \left( -\frac{12}{3} + \frac{12}{4} + \frac{24}{5} - \frac{36}{6} + \frac{12}{7} \right) = \left( \frac{17}{35} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Also, 1st derivative of  $h_2 = d^1h_2$

$$= 3Q - 7.5Q^2 + 4Q^3$$

2nd derivative of  $h_2 = d^2h_2 = 3 - 15Q + 12Q^2$

3rd derivative of  $h_2 = d^3h_2 = -15 + 24Q$

4th derivative of  $h_2 = d^4h_2 = 24$

$$\text{(iv)} \int_0^1 \frac{d^2h_2}{dQ^2} \cdot h_2 dQ = (3 - 15Q + 12Q^2)$$

$$((1.5Q^2 - 2.5Q^3 + Q^4))dQ$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d^2h_2}{dQ^2} &= (4.5Q^2 - 22.5Q^3 + 18Q^4 - 7.5Q^3 + 37.5Q^4 - 30Q^5 + 3Q^4 - 15Q^5 \\
&\quad + 12Q^6)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d^2 h_2}{dQ^2} \cdot h_2 = (4.5Q^2 - 30Q^3 + 58.5Q^4 - 45Q^5 + 12Q^6)$$

$$\int_0^1 \frac{d^2 h_2}{dQ^2} \cdot h_2 dQ = \int_0^1 (4.5Q^2 - 30Q^3 + 58.5Q^4 - 45Q^5 + 12Q^6) dQ$$

$$\left( \frac{4.5Q^3}{3} - \frac{30Q^4}{4} + \frac{58.5Q^5}{5} - \frac{45Q^6}{6} + \frac{12Q^7}{7} \right) \Big|_0^1$$

$$= \left( \frac{4.5}{3} - \frac{30}{4} + \frac{58.5}{5} - \frac{45}{6} + \frac{12}{7} \right) = \left( \frac{3}{35} \right)$$

$$(v) \int_0^1 \frac{d^4 h_1}{dR^4} \cdot h_1 dR = \int_0^1 24(R - 2R^3 + R^4) dR$$

$$\int_0^1 (24R - 48R^3 + 24R^4) dR$$

$$\left( \frac{24R^2}{2} - \frac{48R^4}{4} + \frac{24R^5}{5} \right) \Big|_0^1$$

$$\frac{24}{2} - \frac{48}{4} + \frac{24}{5} = 4.8$$

$$(vi) \int_0^1 \frac{d^4 h_2}{dQ^4} \cdot h_2 dQ$$

$$= \int_0^1 24(1.5Q^2 - 2.5Q^3 + Q^4) dQ$$

$$= \int_0^1 (36Q^2 - 60Q^3 + 24Q^4) dQ$$

$$\left( \frac{36Q^3}{3} - \frac{60Q^4}{4} + \frac{24Q^5}{5} \right) \Big|_0^1$$

$$= \left( \frac{36}{3} - \frac{60}{4} + \frac{24}{5} \right) = \left( \frac{9}{5} \right)$$

Recalling equations (27) to (30) and substituting accordingly, we have

$$k_x = (4.8) \left( \frac{19}{2520} \right) = \frac{19}{525} = 0.0361905 \dots 77$$

$$k_{xy} = \left( \frac{17}{35} \right) \left( \frac{3}{35} \right) = \left( \frac{51}{1225} \right) = 0.041632 \dots 78$$

$$k_y = \left( \frac{31}{630} \right) \left( \frac{9}{5} \right) = \left( \frac{31}{350} \right) = 0.0885714 \dots 79$$

$$k_z = \left( \frac{31}{630} \right) \left( \frac{19}{2520} \right) = 0.000371 \dots \dots 80$$

## PARTICULAR RESONATING FREQUENCY EQUATION FOR THE RECTANGULAR PLATES.

Substituting the values of the stiffness coefficients ( $k_x$ ,  $k_{xy}$ ,  $k_y$  &  $k_\lambda$ ) in turn into equation (26), we obtained the particular resonating frequency equation for each rectangular plate.

Recall Equation. (26).

$$\lambda^2 = \frac{\left(k_x + \frac{2k_{xy}}{p^2} + \frac{k_y}{p^4}\right) * \frac{D}{ma^4}}{k_\lambda}$$

### A. Edges 1 & 3 Clamped and Edges 2 and 4 Simply Supported (CSCS)

$$\lambda^2 = \left(\frac{\frac{4}{525} + \frac{68}{3675p^2} + \frac{62}{1575p^4}}{\frac{31}{396900}}\right) * \frac{D}{ma^4}$$

$$\therefore \lambda^2 = \left(97.548387 + \frac{236.90323}{p^2} + \frac{504}{p^4}\right) * \frac{D}{Ma^4} \dots \dots \dots 81$$

### B. Edge 1 Clamped and the other three Edges Simply Supported (CSSS)

$$\lambda^2 = \left(\frac{\frac{19}{525} + \frac{1}{p^2} \cdot \frac{102}{1225} + \frac{1}{p^4} \cdot \frac{31}{350}}{0.000371}\right) * \frac{D}{ma^4}$$

$$\therefore \lambda^2 = \left(97.548453 + \frac{231.035811}{p^2} + \frac{238.737004}{p^4}\right) * \frac{D}{ma^4} \dots \dots 82$$

## RESULTS.

The non - dimensional form of the resonating frequencies for different aspect ratios for cscs and csss plates are shown on tables 1 and 2. Also, the non-dimensional resonating frequencies were plotted against the corresponding aspect ratios. The behaviour of the curves shows the relationship between the non-dimensional resonating frequencies of each rectangular plate and the corresponding aspect ratios.

Table 1: Non dimensional form of resonating frequency of cscs isotropic thin plate

Aspect ratio, P	Resonating frequency, $\lambda\left(\frac{1}{a^2}\sqrt{\frac{D}{m}}\right)$		Percentage difference
	Present	Past (Ibearugbulem et al., 2014)	
1	28.96	28.96	0.00
1.1	25.25	25.25	0.00
1.2	22.48	22.48	0.00
1.3	20.35	20.36	-0.05
1.4	18.70	18.70	0.00
1.5	17.39	17.39	0.00
1.6	16.33	17.34	-0.06
1.7	15.49	15.49	0.00
1.8	14.79	14.79	0.00
1.9	14.21	14.21	0.00
2	13.72	13.73	-0.07

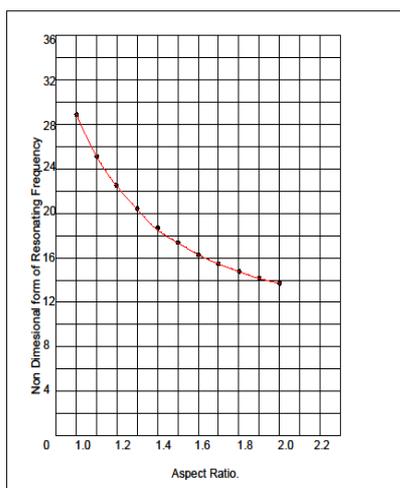


Fig.4.3. Non dimensional form of resonating frequency against aspect ratio (CSCS plate)

Table 2: Non dimensional form of resonating frequency of csss isotropic thin plate

Aspect ratio, P	Resonating frequency, $\lambda \left( \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \sqrt{\frac{D}{m}} \right)$		Percentage difference
	Present	Past (Ibearugbulem et al., 2014)	
1	23.68	23.68	0.00
1.1	21.12	21.12	0.00
1.2	19.20	19.20	0.00
1.3	17.72	17.72	0.00
1.4	16.56	16.56	0.00
1.5	15.64	15.64	0.00
1.6	14.89	14.89	0.00
1.7	14.28	14.28	0.00
1.8	13.77	13.77	0.00
1.9	13.34	13.34	0.00
2	12.98	12.98	0.00

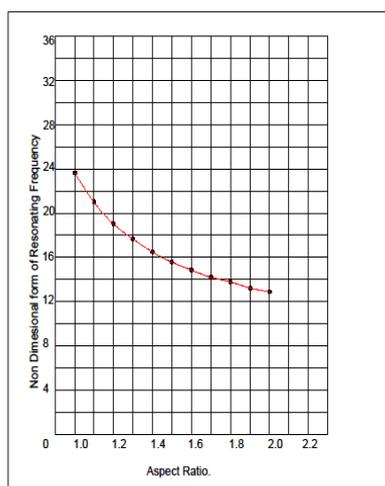


Fig.4.4. Non dimensional form of resonating frequency against aspect ratio (CSSS plate)

Considering Table 1 for the CSCS rectangular plate, the aspect ratio of 1.0 yielded the resonating frequency of 28.96. For the aspect ratio of 2.0 the resonating frequency was 13.72. Thus as the aspect ratio increased from 1.0 to 2.0, the resonating frequency decreased from 28.96 to 13.72. Therefore, for an increment of 1.0 (1.0-2.0) aspect ratio, there was a decrement of 15.24 (28.96-13.72) non-dimensional form of resonating frequency.

In figure 3, (CSCS plate), at the origin of the curve, the aspect ratio was 1.0 with non-dimensional resonating frequency of 23.68. The graph descended gradually to non-dimensional resonating frequency of 12.98. This corresponded to an aspect ratio of 2.0. At the beginning, the slope of the curve was very steep, while at the end, the slope reduced gradually.

In Table 2, the case of CSSS plates was considered. For the aspect ratio of 1.0, the resonating frequency was 23.68. For the aspect ratio of 2.0 the resonating frequency was 12.98. Thus as the aspect ratio increased from 1.0 to 2.0, the resonating frequency decreased from 23.68 to 12.98. Therefore, for an increment of 1.0 (1.0-2.0) aspect ratio, there was a decrement of 15.24 (28.96-13.72) non-dimensional form of resonating frequency

Considering the CSSS plate in Figure 4; at the origin of the curve, the aspect ratio was 1.0 with non-dimensional resonating frequency of 27.13. The graph descended gradually to non-dimensional resonating frequency of 17.84. This corresponded to an aspect ratio of 2.0. The implication of these are:

- a. At the same aspect ratios, plates of different boundary conditions have different resonating frequencies.
- b. For all the plates of different boundary conditions, as the aspect ratio increased, the resonating frequency decreased.
- c. Different rectangular plates have different boundary conditions.
- d. To design a structure with high resonating frequency, the aspect ratio must be made to be low.

## **CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.**

A close examination of the tables reveals that the maximum percentage difference between the values from the present study and those from previous study, Ibearugbulem et al., 2014,

is 0.07. From statistical point of view, this implies that no difference existed between the two sets of values. Thus, one can infer that the procedure, the deflection function and the energy function formulated in this present study are reliable and adequate in CPT free vibration analysis of rectangular plates. Hence, this method is recommended for stability analysis of CPT plates. It is also recommended that the present method is extended to refined plate theory analysis (RPT).

This small value of percentage difference from CSCS plate and zero value of percentage difference from the CSSS plate show that this present method is adequate and reliable for classical plate theory (CPT) free vibration analysis of rectangular plates

## REFERENCES

- Erdem, C. Imrak and Ismail Gerdemeli(2007).The problem of isotropic rectangular plate with four clamped edges.S<sup>-</sup>adhan<sup>-</sup>a Vol. 32, Part 3, pp. 181–186.
- Ezeh, J. C., Ibearugbulem, O. M., Njoku, K. O., and Ettu, L. O. (2013).** Dynamic Analysis of Isotropic SSSS Plate Using Taylor Series Shape Function in Galerkin's Functional. International Journal of Emerging Technology and Advanced Engineering, 3 (5): 372-375.
- Hutchinson, J. R. (1992).** On the bending of rectangular plates with two opposite edges simply supported. J. Appl. Mech. Trans. ASME 59: 679–681.
- Ibeabuchi, V. T. (2014).**Analysis of Elastic Buckling of Stiffened Rectangular Isotropic Plates Using Virtual Work Principles. A Master's Thesis submitted to the Post graduate School, Federal University of Technology, Owerri, Nigeria.
- Ibearugbulem, O. M. (2014),**Using the product of two mutually perpendicular truncated polynomial series as shape function for rectangular plate analysis, International Journal of Emerging Technologies and Engineering (IJETE) ISSN: 2348–8050, ICRTIET-2014 Conference Proceeding, 30th -31st August 2014, 1-4
- Ibearugbulem, O.M., Ibearugbulem, C.N., Habib M. and Asomugha A.U.(2016).** Free Vibration Analysis of SSSS & CCCC Rectangular Plates by Split-Deflection Method.International Journal of Multidisciplinary Research Academy (IJMRA),
- Ibearugbulem, O.M., Ibearugbulem, C.N., Habib M. and AsomughaA.U.(2016).**Split-Deflection Method of Classical Rectangular Plate Analysis.International Journal of Scientific and Research Publications. Vol. 6, Issue 5, ISSN 2250-3153.
- Jiu, Hui Wu, A. Q. Liu, and H. L. Chen (2007).**Exact Solutions for Free-Vibration Analysis of Rectangular Plates. Journal of Applied Mechanics Vol. 74 pp. 1247-1251.

- Njoku, K. O., Ezeh, J. C., Ibearugbulem, O. M., Ettu, L. O., and Anyaogu, L. (2013).** Free Vibration of Thin Rectangular Isotropic CCCC Plate Using Taylor Series Formulated Shape Function in Galerkin's Method. *Academic Research International*, 4 (4): 126-132.
- Szilard, R. (2004).** Theories and Applications of Plate Analysis. New Jersey: John Wiley & Sons Inc. Taylor, R. L. and S. Govindjee (2004). Solution of clamped rectangular plate problems. *Communi.Numer.Meth. Eng.* 20: 757–765.
- Ugural, A. C. (1999).** Stresses in plates and shells, 2nd ed. Singapore: McGraw-hill.
- Ventsel, E. and T. Krauthammer (2001). *Thin Plates and Shells: Theory, Analysis and Applications*. New York: Marcel Dekker.
- Wang, C. M., Y. C. Wang, and J. N. Reddy (2002).** Problems and remedy for the Ritz method in determining stress resultant of corner supported rectangular plates. *Comput.Struct.* 80: 145–154
- Ye, Jianqiao (1994).** Large deflection of imperfect plates by iterative BE-FE method. *Journal of Engineering Mechanics*, Vol. 120, No. 3 (March).