

Geometrically Non-Linear Free In-Plane Vibration of Circular Arch Elastically Restrained Against Rotation At The Two Ends

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Abstract - In this present paper, the geometrical non-linearity in free In-plane vibration of inextensible circular arch with uniform cross section and elastically restrained against rotation at the two ends has been investigated. Using the ends conditions and the transfer matrix, the eigen values of problem are determined iteratively using the Newton-Raphson algorithm. The kinetic and potential energy are discretized into a series of a finite spatial functions which are a combination of linear modes and basic function contribution coefficients. The use of Hamilton's principle energy reduces the problem into a set of non-linear algebraic system that solved numerically using an approximate explicit method developed previously the so-called second formulation. Considering the multi-mode approach, the effect of the dimensionless rotational stiffness of springs at the two ends on non-linear frequency in the neighborhood of the first mode shape of the arch has been presented with their corresponding non-linear deflections and curvatures.

Keywords - Geometrical non-linearity, circular arch, elastically restrained, second formulation, the dimensionless rotational stiffness of springs

I. INTRODUCTION

The Arches are one of the important structural element on many fields such as mechanical, aerospace, and civil engineering, the authors classified the arches by their shallowness ratio into two classes; shallow arch and deep or no-shallow arch.

The vibration analysis of the arches is different from the analogous problems of rectilinear beam, because they depend on two variables: radial displacement, and tangential displacement. The present study will be mainly focused on the nonlinear free in-plane vibration of non-shallow circular arch. Many researchers have investigated dynamic behaviour and vibration of arches, such as a review papers of P. Chidamparam and A.W. Leissa¹. N. M. Auciello and M. A. De Rosa², Laura et al³, Also the books about the Theory of Arched Structure by Igor A. Karnovsky, and The Dynamics of Arches and Frames by J. Henrych⁴. The early investigators into the in-plan theory of rings and arches were Hope (1871) and Love (1944). Robert R. Archer⁵ employed the equations of motion as given in Love with the addition of terms to represent damping effects to find the first four natural frequencies clamped incomplete ring with a constant symmetrical cross section. The general dynamic slope-deflection equations, which include the effect of dynamic load for a continuous

circular arch frames are presented by T. M. Wang and J. M. Lee⁶. F Yang, R. Sedaghati and E. Esmailzadeh⁷ investigated the free vibration of curved beam based on different hypotheses including and excluding the axial extensivity, rotary inertia and the shear deformation. Chu. Chengyi et al⁸ developed a new theory for nonlinear buckling and nonlinear analysis of circular arch including the shear deformation, the theory of a Cosserat point was used by M.B. Rubin, E. Tufekci⁹ to study a three-dimensional free vibrations of a circular arch in small deformations, the problem of the base-excited motions of a circular arch is solved by Mau and Williams¹⁰. Concerning the geometrical nonlinearity of circular arch, J.D. Yau, Y.B. Yang¹¹ proposed a nonconventional structural approach for deriving the planar curved beam element. C.A. Dimopoulos, C.J. Gantes¹² investigated the effect of other behaviour factors, such as the geometrical and material nonlinearities and the initial imperfections on the strength of the arches. Recently, A semi analytical solution for free in-plane vibration of inextensible circular arches with a uniform cross-section and added point masses is presented by Ahmed Babahammou and Rhali Benamar¹³.

In this present paper, the geometrically non-linear free in plane vibration of circular arch elastically restrained at the two ends against the rotation will be presented following the analogous of references¹⁴ and¹⁵. For the simplification, the complicating effects such as rotary inertia and shear deformation will be ignored. The arch is assumed to be inextensible. The theoretical model is based on the Euler-Bernoulli beam theory in polar coordinates and the von Karman geometrical non-linearity assumptions. Harmonic motion is assumed and expended into a series of finites spatial functions. The use of Hamilton's principle energy, reduces the problem into a set of non-linear algebraic equations solved numerically using an approximate method the so-called second formulation developed in¹⁶. The effect of the dimensionless rotational stiffness of spring at the two ends on non-linear behaviour of arch will be presented.



II. REVIEW OF THE MATHEMATICAL APPROACH

A. Linear problem

Considering the circular arch elastically restrained at the two ends by a rotational springs K_R and K_L in Fig. 1, with radius R and opening angle θ , young's modulus E , cross section A , moment of inertia I and distributed mass μ . The shear deformation and rotary inertia are neglected because the arch is supposed to be thin. u and w are respectively radial and tangential displacement of the arch, when The arch axis is supposed to inextensible radial and tangential displacement are related by¹⁷ :

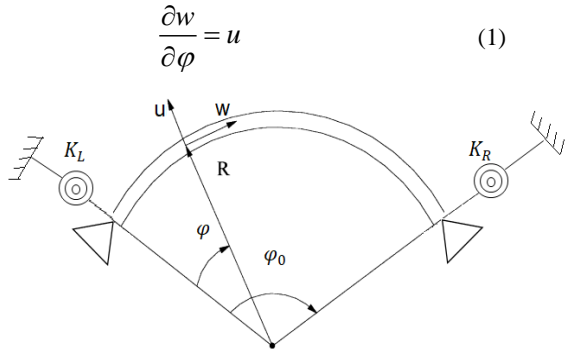


Fig.1: Schematic of system

In this case the planar equation of motion can be expressed as:

$$\frac{\partial^5 u}{\partial \varphi^5} + 2 \frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial \varphi^3} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial \varphi} + \frac{\mu R^4}{EI} \frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial t^2 \partial \varphi} = 0 \quad (2)$$

Considering the arch in a harmonic motion, we put:

$$u(\varphi, t) = U(\varphi) \cos(\omega t) \quad (3)$$

By writing this form of solution:

$$U(\varphi) = e^{\Omega \varphi} \quad (4)$$

By replacing the Equation (3) and (4) into equation (2) the characteristic equation can be written as:

$$\Omega^5 + 2\Omega^3 + (1 - \lambda^2)\Omega = 0 \quad (5)$$

Where $\lambda^2 = \frac{\mu R^4 \omega^2}{EI}$ is the non-dimensional frequency.

The general solution of the differential equation (2) in term of radial displacement can be written as:

$$U(\varphi) = C_1 + C_2 \cosh(\alpha\varphi) + C_3 \sinh(\alpha\varphi) + C_4 \cos(\beta\varphi) + C_5 \sin(\beta\varphi) \quad (6)$$

Where: $\alpha = \sqrt{\lambda - 1}$, $\beta = \sqrt{\lambda + 1}$ and $\lambda \geq 1$

The boundary condition circular arch may be written as:

$$U(\varphi = 0) = U(\varphi_0 = 0) \quad (7)$$

$$(8)$$

$$W(\varphi = 0) = W(\varphi_0 = 0)$$

$$M(\varphi = 0) - k_L \delta(\varphi = 0) = 0 \quad (9)$$

$$M(\varphi_0 = 0) + k_R \delta(\varphi_0 = 0) = 0$$

Where the bending moment expression may be written as:

$$M(\varphi) = \frac{-EI}{R^3} \left(\frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial \varphi^4} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial \varphi^2} \right) \quad (10)$$

The eigenvalues of system 6×6 are determined iteratively using the Newton-Raphson algorithm in Matlab. The corresponding frequency parameter λ are presented in Table 1 and 2 for various values of the dimensionless rotational stiffness of spring $K_R^* = \frac{K_R R}{EI}$ and $K_L^* = \frac{K_L R}{EI}$.

Using the Cartesian coordinate the first and second mode shape of arch are plotted respectively in Fig.3.

Table1: Frequency parameter λ for circular arch elastically restrained against the rotation at the ends

φ_0	$K^* = 0$			$K^* = 6$			$K^* = 12$		
	Present	Galerkin	Ref ¹⁹	Present	Galerkin	Ref ¹⁹	Present	Galerkin	Ref ¹⁹
80°	19,25	17,932	17.964	23,3875	23,345	22.788	25,3507	25,489	24.711
120°	8	6,9168	6.9268	9,93484	9,8534	9.5407	10,8348	10,719	10.337
180°	3	2.2646	2.2646	3,97311	3.7656	3.6196	4,40242	4.068	3.9151
	$K^* = 24$			$K^* = 100$			$K^* = 10^7$		
	Present	Galerkin	Ref ¹⁹	Present	Galerkin	Ref ¹⁹	Present	Galerkin	Ref ¹⁹
80°	27,2562	26,275	26.399	29,7513	29,268	28.383	30,8942	30,061	29.218
120°	11,6994	10,9	10.954	12,8193	11,778	11.599	13,3281	12,225	11.848
180°	4,80443	4.2825	4.1194	5,31211	4.4710	4.3140	5,53832	4.5387	4.3844

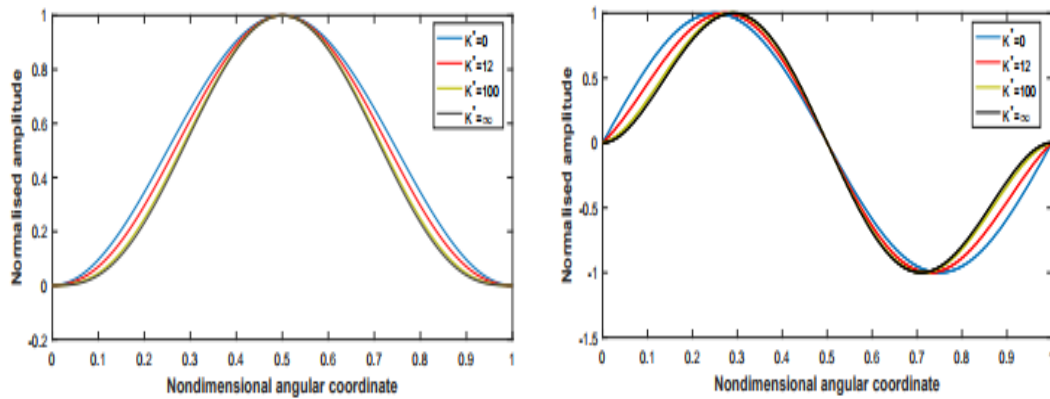


Fig.2: Representation of the first longitudinal and transversal displacement of circular arch elastically Restrained at the ends by a rotational springs at the two ends

Table2: Frequency parameter λ for circular arch elastically restrained against the rotation at the ends $K_L^* = \infty$ and K_R^* variable.

		First frequency parameter λ_1					
		40	60	80	100	120	180
0	Present	101.203	44.497	24.652	15.468	21.311	4.195
	Ref ¹⁸	99,582	42,940	23,178	14,091	9,210	3,254
6	Present	109.9715	48.435	26.899	16.934	11.523	4.706
	Ref ¹⁸	106,407	46,892	25,826	16,010	10,672	4,027
12	Present	114.201	50.328	27.975	17.631	12.015	4.940
	Ref ¹⁸	110,360	48,752	26,888	16,684	11,129	4,205
24	Present	118.274	52.147	29.005	18.297	12.482	5.157
	Ref ¹⁸	114,705	50,500	27,771	17,189	11,440	4,298
100	Present	123.479	54.467	30.3152	19.138	13.070	5.423
	Ref ¹⁸	119,970	52,473	28,720	17,718	11,766	4,411
∞	Present	125.792	55.495	30.894	19.509	13.328	5.538
	Ref ¹⁸	123,977	53,740	29,218	17,926	11,848	4,384

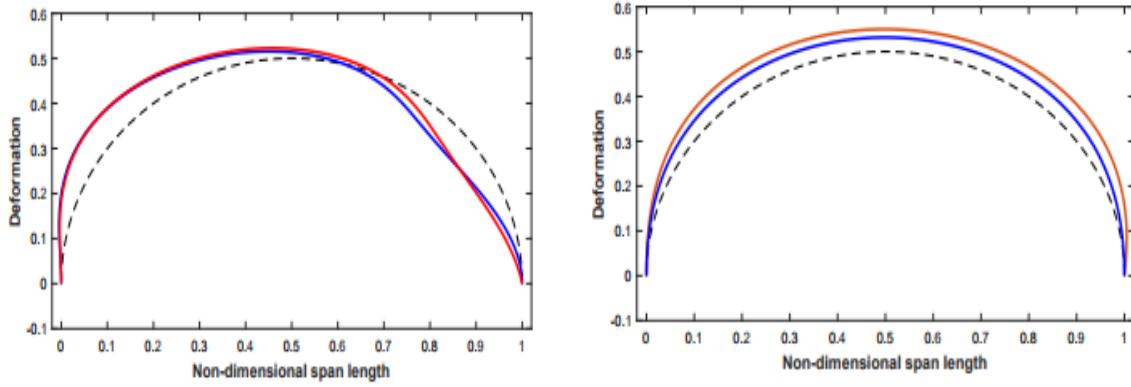


Fig.3: Representation of the first longitudinal and transversal displacement of circular arch elastically

At two ends. In blue $K_R^* = \infty, K_L^* = \infty$, in red $K_R^* = 100$ and $K_L^* = \infty$

B. Formulation of the Nonlinear Problem

Kinetic energy T potential energies V for the system in Fig.1 can be written as ²⁰:

$$T = \frac{R\mu}{2} \int_0^{\varphi_0} \left[\left(\frac{\partial w^{(1)}}{\partial t} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} \right)^2 \right] dt \quad (11)$$

$$V_a = \frac{EI}{2R^3} \int_0^{\varphi_0} \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial \varphi} + \frac{\partial^3 w}{\partial \varphi^3} \right)^2 d\varphi \quad (12)$$

$$+ \frac{K_L}{2R^4} \left(\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial \varphi^2} \right)^2 \Big|_{\varphi=0} + \frac{K_R}{2R^4} \left(\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial \varphi^2} \right)^2 \Big|_{\varphi=\varphi_0}$$

$$V_b = \frac{EA}{8R^3} \int_0^{\varphi_0} \left(w + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial \varphi^2} \right)^4 d\varphi \quad (13)$$

To develop the non-linear theory, the displacement function is expanded as a series of N basic spatial functions:

$$w(\varphi, t) = \sum_{i=1}^N a_i W_i \sin(\omega t) \quad (14)$$

Using a generalized parameterization and the usual summation convention defined in [10] and [9] The kinetic energy T

and potential energy V due to axial, bending and elastic foundation energy of the arch can be expressed as:

$$T = \frac{1}{2} a_i a_j \omega^2 m_{ij} \cos^2(\omega t) \quad (15)$$

$$V_a = \frac{1}{2} a_i a_j k_{ij} \sin^2(\omega t) \quad (16)$$

$$V_b = \frac{1}{2} a_i a_j a_k a_l b_{ijkl} \sin^4(\omega t) \quad (17)$$

m_{ij} , k_{ij} and b_{ijkl} are respectively, the mass tensor, linear and quadratic nonlinear rigidity tensors of the arch in which their expressions are defined as:

$$m_{ij} = R\mu \int_0^{\varphi_0} \left(\frac{\partial W_i}{\partial \varphi} \frac{\partial W_j}{\partial \varphi} + W_i W_j \right) d\varphi \quad (18)$$

$$k_{ij} = \frac{EI}{R^3} \int_0^{\varphi_0} \left(\frac{\partial W_i}{\partial \varphi} + \frac{\partial^3 W_i}{\partial \varphi^3} \right) \left(\frac{\partial W_j}{\partial \varphi} + \frac{\partial^3 W_j}{\partial \varphi^3} \right) d\varphi \quad (19)$$

$$+ \frac{K_R}{2R^4} \left(\frac{\partial^2 W_i}{\partial \varphi^2} \frac{\partial^2 W_j}{\partial \varphi^2} \right) \Big|_{\varphi=0} + \frac{K_L}{2R^4} \left(\frac{\partial^2 W_i}{\partial \varphi^2} \frac{\partial^2 W_j}{\partial \varphi^2} \right) \Big|_{\varphi=\varphi_0}$$

$$b_{ijkl} = \frac{EI}{R^3} \int_0^{\varphi_0} \left(W_i + \frac{\partial^2 W_i}{\partial \varphi^2} \right) \left(W_j + \frac{\partial^2 W_j}{\partial \varphi^2} \right) d\varphi \quad (20)$$

$$\int_0^{\varphi_0} \left(W_k + \frac{\partial^2 W_k}{\partial \varphi^2} \right) \left(W_l + \frac{\partial^2 W_l}{\partial \varphi^2} \right) d\varphi$$

The coefficients a_i are unknowns as well as the frequency ω .

The dynamic behavior of a conservative system may be obtained using Hamilton's principle by taking into account the forcing term, may be written as follow:

$$\delta \int_0^{\frac{2\pi}{\omega}} (V - T) dt \quad (21)$$

The process leads to non-linear algebraic equations for the unknown coefficients a_i that can be written in a matrix form as follows:

$$([K] - \omega^2 [M])\{A\} + \frac{3}{2}[B(A)]\{A\} = \{0\} \quad (22)$$

Where $\{A\}$ is a column vector of a basic functions contribution a_i . To evaluate the non-dimensional parameter, ones put:

$$W_i(\varphi) = hW_i^* \left(\frac{\varphi}{\varphi_0} \right) = hW_i^*(\varphi^*) \quad (23)$$

$$\frac{m_{ij}^*}{m_{ij}^*} = \mu R^3 h^2, \frac{k_{ij}^*}{k_{ij}^*} = \frac{b_{ijkl}}{b_{ijkl}} = \frac{EIh^2}{R^3} \quad (24)$$

Which leads to:

$$\omega^{*2} = \frac{EI}{\mu R^3} \quad (25)$$

Where m_{ij}^* , k_{ij}^* and b_{ijkl}^* are the non-dimensional generalized parameter given by:

$$m_{ij}^* = \int_0^1 \left(\frac{1}{\varphi_0^2} \frac{\partial W_i^*}{\partial \varphi^*} \frac{\partial W_j^*}{\partial \varphi^*} + W_i^* W_j^* \right) \varphi_0 d\varphi^* \quad (26)$$

$$k_{ij}^* = \int_0^1 \left(\frac{1}{\varphi_0} \frac{\partial W_i^*}{\partial \varphi^*} + \frac{1}{\varphi_0^3} \frac{\partial^3 W_i^*}{\partial \varphi^{3*}} \right) \left(\frac{1}{\varphi_0} \frac{\partial W_j^*}{\partial \varphi^*} + \frac{1}{\varphi_0^3} \frac{\partial^3 W_j^*}{\partial \varphi^{3*}} \right) \varphi_0 d\varphi^* \quad (28)$$

$$b_{ijkl}^* = \alpha \int_0^1 \left(W_i^* + \frac{\partial^2 W_i^*}{\varphi^2 \partial \varphi^{2*}} \right) \left(W_j^* + \frac{\partial^2 W_j^*}{\varphi^2 \partial \varphi^{2*}} \right) \varphi d\varphi^* \quad (29)$$

$$\int_0^1 \left(W_k^* + \frac{\partial^2 W_k^*}{\varphi^2 \partial \varphi^{2*}} \right) \left(W_l^* + \frac{\partial^2 W_l^*}{\varphi^2 \partial \varphi^{2*}} \right) \varphi d\varphi^*$$

For uniform rectangular section $\alpha = 3$.

Equation can be rewritten in non-dimensional form as:

$$([K^*] - \omega^2 [M^*])\{A\} + \frac{3}{2}[B^*(A)]\{A\} = \{0\} \quad (30)$$

Using the tensorial notation, one put:

$$a_i k_{ir}^* + \frac{3}{2} a_i a_j a_k b_{ijk}^* - a_i \omega^{*2} m_{ir}^* = 0 \quad (31)$$

with $r = 1, \dots, n$

ω^{*2} is given in by:

$$\omega^{*2} = \frac{\{A\}^T [K] \{A\} + \frac{3}{2} \{A\}^T [B(\{A\})] \{A\}}{\{A\}^T [M] \{A\}} \quad (32)$$

For higher amplitudes, a second formulation has been considered in which only second order terms of the type $\varepsilon_i \varepsilon_j a_i b_{ijl}^*$ are neglected when considering the first non-linear mode. By separating in the non-linear expression $a_i a_j a_k b_{ijk}^*$ terms proportional to a_1^3 , terms proportional to $\varepsilon_i a_1^2$ and neglecting terms proportional to $a_1 \varepsilon_i \varepsilon_j$ leads to:

$$a_i a_j a_k b_{ijk}^* = a_1^3 b_{111r}^* + a_1^2 \varepsilon_i b_{11ir}^* \quad (33)$$

After substituting and rearranging, equation can be written in matrix form as:

$$([K_r^*]_R - \omega^2 [M_r^*]_R)\{A_r\}_R + \frac{3}{2} [\alpha_r^*]_R \{A_r\}_R = \left\{ -\frac{3}{2} a_r^3 b_{111r}^* \right\} \quad (34)$$

Where the term $[\alpha_r^*]_R = [a_r^{*2} b_{ijrr}^*]_R$ is a $r \times r$ matrix depending on a_r .

III. NUMERICAL RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The first eight linear frequencies of an arch elastically restrained against the rotation at the two ends, are summarized in Table 3 for $K^* = K_L^* = K_R^*$ and in Table 4 for $K_L^* = \infty$ and various values of K_R^* with an opening angle $\varphi_0 = 180^\circ$.

The linear analysis was performed in order to use the linear modes shapes as a basics functions on non-linear analysis.

For a given value of a_1 , Table 5,6 and 7 present the frequency ratio $\omega_{nl}^* / \omega_1^*$, the dimensionless non-linear amplitude W_{max}^* / h and the basic Contribution coefficient functions ε_i obtained by this method in case of SS circular arch ($K_L^* = K_R^* = 0$), CS circular arch ($K_L^* = 0, K_R^* = \infty$) and CC circular arch ($K_L^* = K_R^* = \infty$) respectively.

The Fig.4 and 5 give the backbone curves corresponding to various values of dimensionless rotational stiffness at the two ends K_L^* and K_R^* .

The corresponding normalized first non-linear mode shape and curvatures are shown in Fig.6 to 11 respectively.

The hardening behaviour type of geometrical non-linearity can be clearly observed in Fig. 4 and 5.

The effect of the dimensionless rotational stiffness at the two ends on the curvatures and frequency ratio associated to the first non-linear deflection can be clearly observed in Table 8 by the difference between linear and non-linear theory for an estimate non-linear normalized

amplitude $W_{max}^* / h = 1.6$.

Table 3: The first fundamental frequencies of circular elastically restrained at two ends with $K_L^* = \infty$ and various level of K_R^* and $\varphi_0 = 180^\circ$.

K_R^*	0	6	12	100	∞
λ_1	4,1957	4,7068	4,9402	5,4237	5,5383
λ_2	8,9916	9,369	9,5976	10,242	10,439
λ_3	17,119	17,647	17,988	19,047	19,398
λ_4	25,982	26,431	26,753	27,964	28,449
λ_5	38,095	38,641	39,043	40,66	41,35
λ_6	50,978	51,465	51,844	53,583	54,449
λ_7	67,082	67,64	68,082	70,21	71,326
λ_8	83,976	84,475	84,903	87,124	88,45

Table 4 : The first eight fundamental frequency of circular arch elastically restrained at two ends with various values of $K^* = K_L^* = K_R^*$ and $\varphi_0 = 180^\circ$

K^*	0	6	12	100	∞
λ_1	3	3,9731	4,4024	5,3121	5,5383
λ_2	7,5875	8,3637	8,8096	10,05	10,439
λ_3	15	16,02	16,671	18,705	19,398
λ_4	23,582	24,494	25,131	27,489	28,449
λ_5	35	36,066	36,847	39,984	41,35
λ_6	47,583	48,567	49,322	52,735	54,449
λ_7	63	64,095	64,96	69,116	71,326
λ_8	79,584	80,613	81,448	85,822	88,45

Table 5: Contribution coefficient functions corresponding to the first non-linear mode shape of circular arch for $K_L^* = K_R^* = 0$ and $\varphi_0 = 180^\circ$

$\omega_{nl}^* / \omega_1^*$	W_{max}^* / h	a_1	ε_2	ε_3	ε_4	ε_5	ε_6	ε_7	ε_8
1,002004	0,08165	0,05	3,70E-10	-7,82E-07	2,91E-13	-4,91E-08	7,57E-14	-8,25E-09	7,54E-14
1,064259	0,46947	0,2875	4,86E-08	-0,00015	1,72E-11	-9,28E-06	1,03E-11	-1,56E-06	1,34E-11
1,200969	0,857231	0,525	1,70E-07	-0,0009	-1,10E-10	-5,56E-05	3,95E-11	-9,46E-06	7,57E-11
1,390341	1,244886	0,7625	3,13E-07	-0,00274	-6,59E-10	-0,000166	8,25E-11	-2,87E-05	2,18E-10
1,613943	1,632399	1	4,57E-07	-0,00613	-1,78E-09	-0,000364	1,41E-10	-6,38E-05	4,64E-10

Table 6: Contribution coefficient functions corresponding to the first non-linear mode shape of circular arch for $K_L^* = 0, K_R^* = \infty$ and $\varphi_0 = 180^\circ$

$\omega_{nl}^* / \omega_1^*$	W_{max}^* / h	a_1	ε_2	ε_3	ε_4	ε_5	ε_6	ε_7	ε_8
1,000552	0,084803	0,05	9,47E-06	5,16E-07	1,96E-07	5,21E-08	2,71E-08	1,06E-08	6,30E-09
1,018089	0,487909	0,2875	0,001797	9,88E-05	3,77E-05	1,01E-05	5,25E-06	2,05E-06	1,23E-06
1,059116	0,892589	0,525	0,010914	0,000613	0,000237	6,36E-05	3,34E-05	1,31E-05	7,87E-06
1,121058	1,301556	0,7625	0,033317	0,001932	0,0007599	0,000206	0,00011	4,30E-05	2,60E-05
1,200683	1,719943	1	0,074879	0,004508	0,001812	0,000497	0,00027	0,000106	6,47E-05

Table 7 : Contribution coefficient functions corresponding to the first non-linear mode shape of circular arch for $K_L^* = K_R^* = \infty$ and $\varphi_0 = 180^\circ$

$\omega_{nl}^* / \omega_1^*$	W_{max}^* / h	a_1	ε_2	ε_3	ε_4	ε_5	ε_6	ε_7	ε_8
1,000595	0,087679	0,05	-4,26E-11	3,36E-06	3,12E-13	2,95E-07	-3,78E-14	6,05E-08	4,52E-12
1,019487	0,504433	0,2875	-7,82E-09	0,000634	6,03E-11	5,62E-05	-8,61E-12	1,16E-05	8,76E-10
1,063593	0,922336	0,525	-4,41E-08	0,003789	3,93E-10	0,000344	-6,99E-11	7,19E-05	5,57E-09
1,129963	1,342267	0,7625	-1,22E-07	0,01129	1,41E-09	0,001061	-2,74E-10	0,000226	1,82E-08
1,214955	1,764991	1	-2,47E-07	0,024557	4,00E-09	0,002406	-7,19E-10	0,000524	4,43E-08

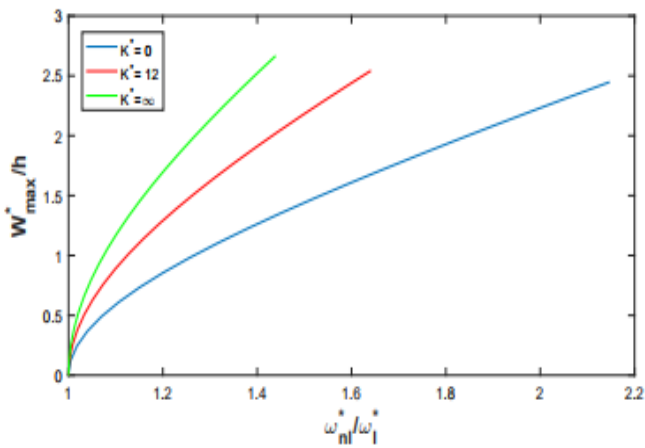


Fig.4: Backbone curve of circular arch elastically restrained at the end , in the vicinity of the first mode, for various values of K^* , with $K^* = K_L^* = K_R^*$

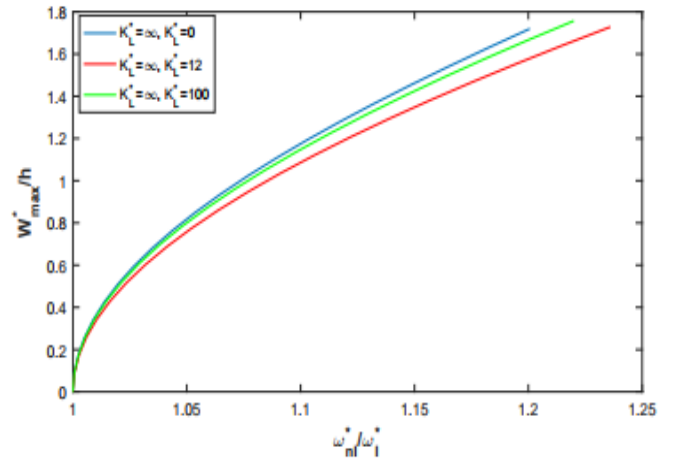


Fig.5: Backbone curve of circular arch elastically restrained at the end , in the vicinity of the first mode, $K_L^* = \infty$ and various values of K_R^*

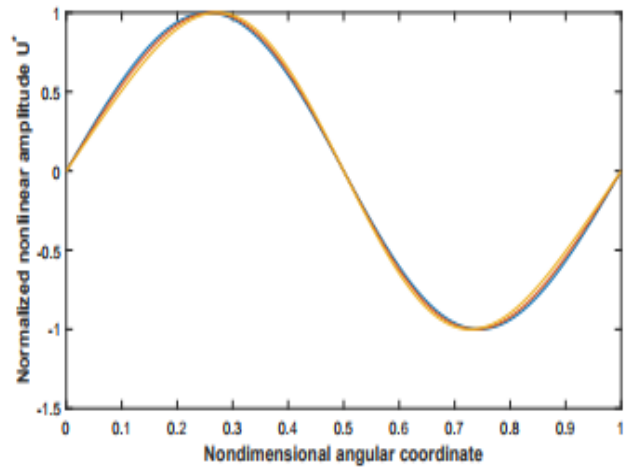
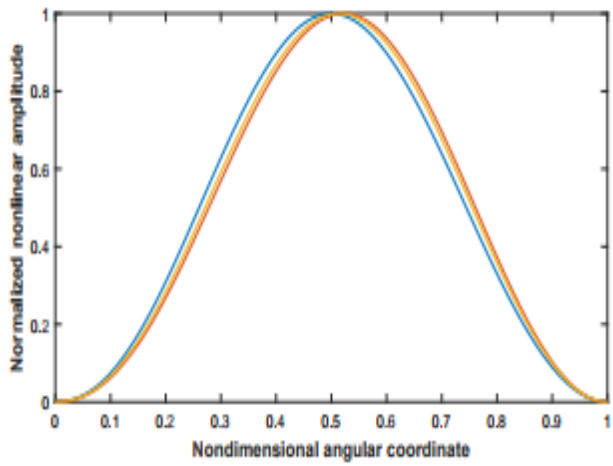


Fig.6:Representation of the first normalized longitudinal transversal non-linear amplitude of circular arch elastically restrained at the end with $K_L^* = K_R^* = 0$

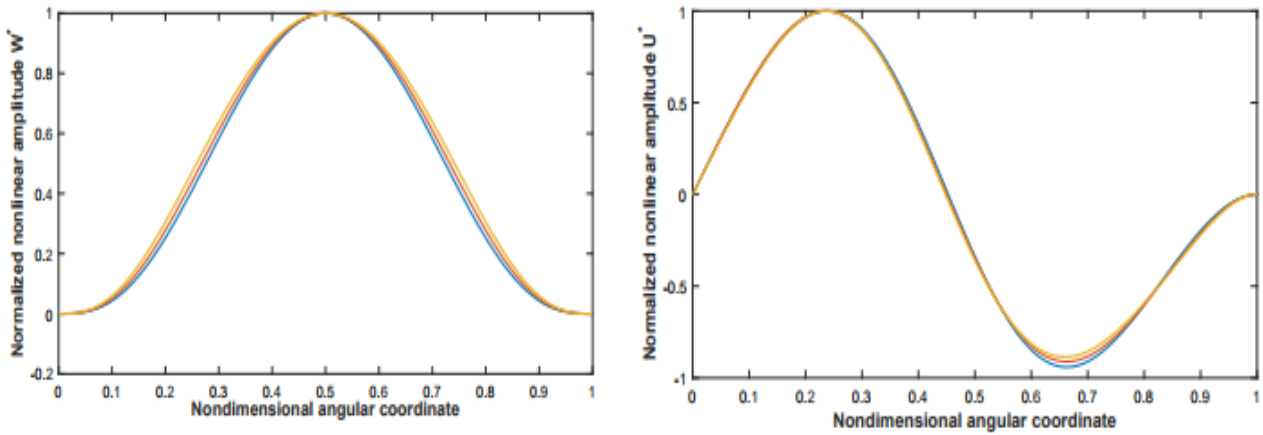


Fig.7:Representation of the first normalized longitudinal transversal non-linear amplitude of circular arch elastically restrained at the end with $K_L^* = 0$ and $K_R^* = \infty$.

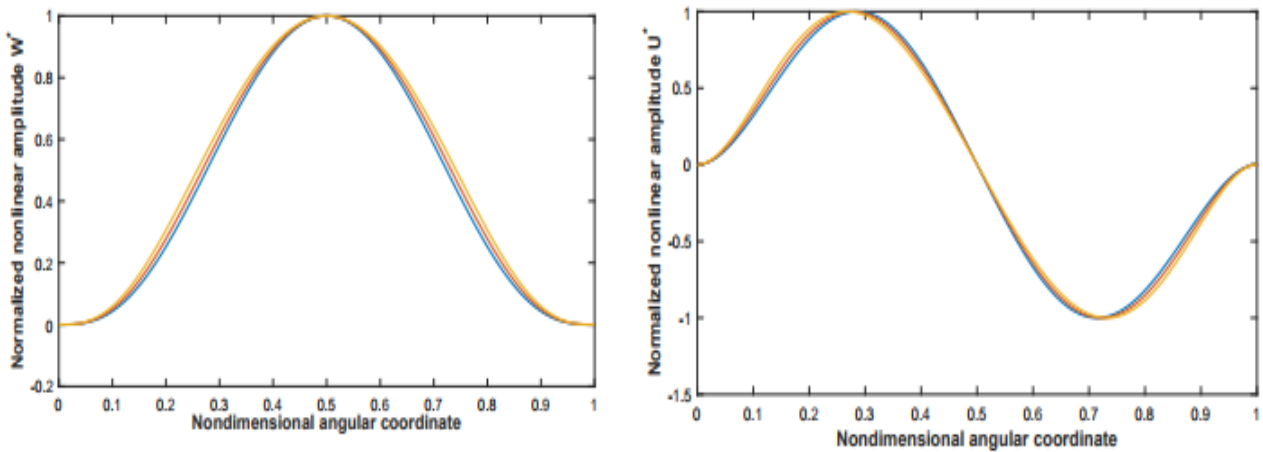


Fig.8:Representation of the first normalized longitudinal transversal non-linear amplitude of circular arch elastically restrained at the end with $K_L^* = \infty$ and $K_R^* = \infty$.

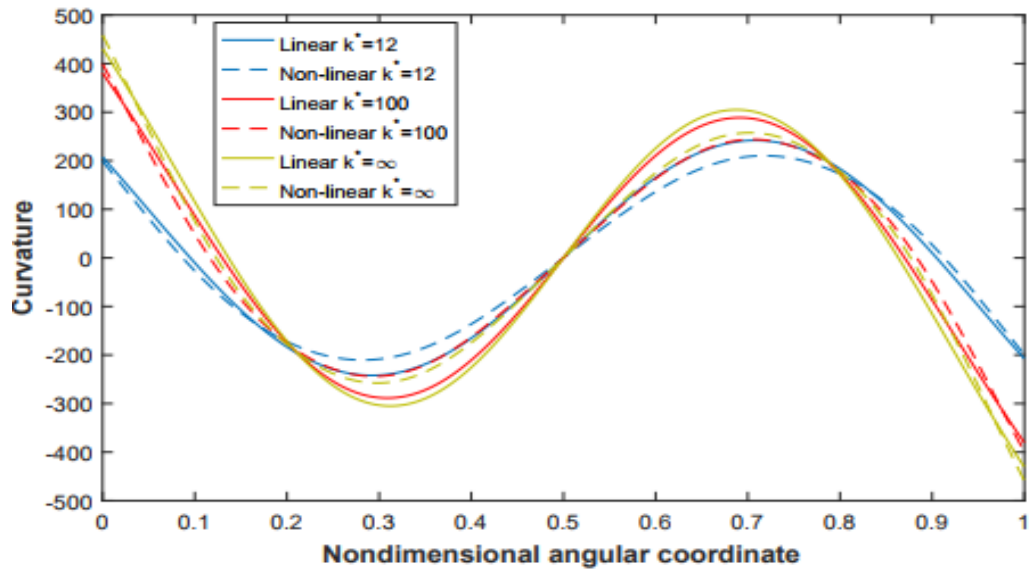


Fig.9: The curvature associated to the first non-linear modes shape for various values of K^*

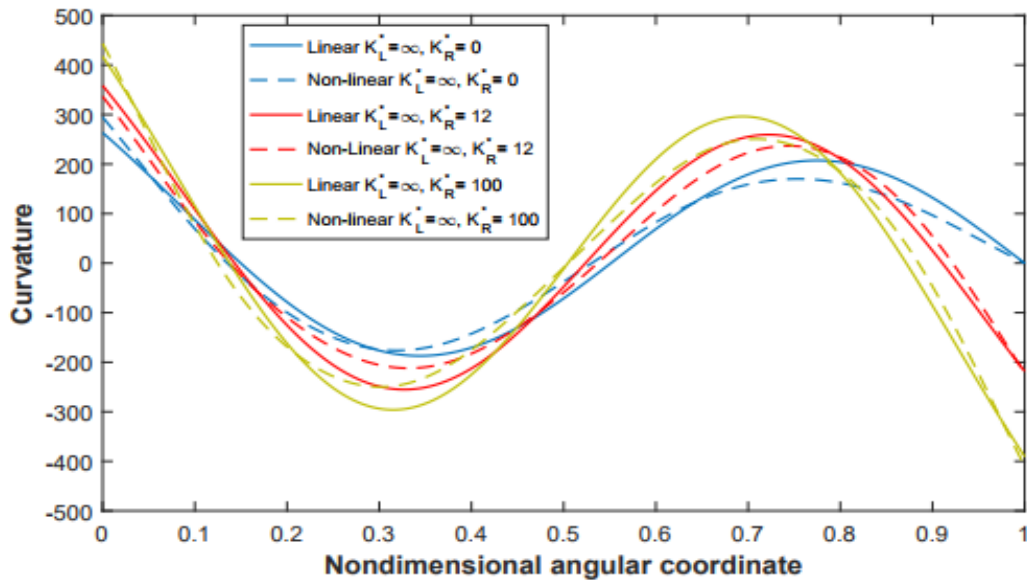


Fig.10: The curvature associated to the first non-linear modes shape for $K_L^* = \infty$ and various values of K_R^*

Table 8: effect of torsion spring stiffness K^* on non-linear curvature and frequency ration of circular arch

	Curvature at $\varphi = 0$			ω_l^*	ω_{nl}^*	$\omega_l^* / \omega_{nl}^*$
	Linear	Non-linear	difference			
$K^* = 12$	207.50	211.39	3.85	2.875	3.726	1.295
$K^* = 100$	380.47	399.13	18.66	4.018	4.770	1.187
$K^* = \infty$	430.80	458.78	27.93	4.390	5.168	1.177

IV. CONCLUSION

The geometrical non-linearity in free In-plane vibration of inextensible circular arch elastically restrained at the ends against rotation has been investigated. The generalized transcendent equation of frequency has been solved iteratively using the Newton-Raphson algorithm. The analysis of the geometrical non-linearity was performed based on the Euler Bernoulli theory and the Von Karman geometrical non-linearity assumptions. The linear frequencies have been obtained for various values of the dimensionless rotational stiffness of springs at the two ends. The linear modes shapes have been plotted and used as a basic function on non-linear analysis. The kinetic and total strain energy were discretized into a set of non-linear algebraic equations and derived using a Hamilton’s principle energy and spectral analysis. The problem is reduced into a set of non-linear algebraic equations solved numerically by an approximate explicit method the so-called second formulation. Based on multi-mode approach, the effect of the dimensionless rotational stiffness of springs at the two ends on non-linear behavior of arch has been illustrated on the backbone curves of the frequency-amplitude dependence for various cases. Also the non-linear amplitude and curvature associated to the first non-linear deflection has been presented in case of CC, SS and CS circular arch.

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