

Frequency and Mode Shapes of Au Nanowires Using the Continuous Beam Models

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Abstract

Free vibration analysis of Au nanowires has been investigated. Au nanowire is modeled as a thin beam by using the continuum theory. Three-different cross-sections such as circular, rectangular and triangular are taken into consideration for ultra thin nanowires. Frequency values have been obtained for different geometric parameters and simply supported boundary condition (S-S). This study is helpful for design of the nanowires based instruments in modern Nanoelectromechanical systems (NEMS).

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1. Introduction

It is known that the nanowire is one-dimensional nanostructure. Nanowires have many novel and potential applications due to their unique physical properties such as electrical, magnetic, optical, and mechanical. Many of previous theoretical investigations in this area employed molecular dynamic simulations to obtain the mechanical properties [1-7]. Frequency properties are important for some nanowire applications such as actuators, probes, resonators, and sensors. In this study, free vibration analysis of Au nanowire is investigated. Nanowire is modeled via Euler-Bernoulli beam as mechanical model. The effects of cross-section, mode numbers and dimension on frequency have been discussed.

2. Discrete singular convolution (DSC)

The method of discrete singular convolution (DSC) is a novel kind numerical approach for numerical solutions of differential equations [8]. Wei and his co-workers first applied the DSC algorithm to solve solid and fluid mechanics problem [9-18]. Civalek [19-30] gives numerical solution of free vibration problem of rotating and laminated conical shells and plates. Consider a distribution, T and $\eta(t)$ as an element of the space of the test function. A singular convolution can be defined by [9]



$$F(t) = (T * \eta)(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} T(t-x)\eta(x)dx \quad (1)$$

where $T(t-x)$ is a singular kernel. For example, singular kernels of delta type [10]

$$T(x) = \delta^{(n)}(x); \quad (n=0,1,2,\dots). \quad (2)$$

Kernel $T(x) = \delta(x)$ is important for interpolation of surfaces and curves, and $T(x) = \delta^{(n)}(x)$ for $n>1$ are essential for numerically solving differential equations. With a sufficiently smooth approximation, it is more effective to consider a discrete singular convolution [11]

$$F_{\alpha}(t) = \sum_k T_{\alpha}(t-x_k)f(x_k), \quad (3)$$

The Shannon's kernel is regularized as [11]

$$\delta_{\Delta,\sigma}(x-x_k) = \frac{\sin[(\pi/\Delta)(x-x_k)]}{(\pi/\Delta)(x-x_k)} \exp\left[-\frac{(x-x_k)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right]; \quad \sigma>0. \quad (4)$$

Equation (4) can also be used to provide discrete approximations to the singular convolution kernels of the delta type [12]

$$f^{(n)}(x) \approx \sum_{k=-M}^M \delta_{\Delta}(x-x_k)f(x_k), \quad (5)$$

3. Euler-Bernoulli beam model

Beam model is widely used for nano-scaled components analysis [31-33]. Governing equation of motion for a beam is given as [35]:

$$EI \frac{\partial^4 w(x,t)}{\partial x^4} + \rho A \frac{\partial^2 w(x,t)}{\partial t^2} = f(x,t) \quad (6)$$

By using the analytical (separation of variables) and the DSC methods, related equation is solved for three different cross-sections (Table 1) and S-S boundary condition listed in Table 2. The resulting frequency equation can be expressed as follows:

$$\omega = \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2} \sqrt{\frac{EI}{\rho A}} \quad (7)$$

4. Numerical results

By using the three-different cross sections given in Table 1, frequency values are obtained for S-S nanowires for Au material. The Young modulus of Au used in calculations is 79 GPa, and mass density is $\rho = 19.3 \text{ gr/cm}^3$. Results are depicted in Table 2 and Figs 1-2, respectively. The results given in Table 2 are obtained via DSC method. The other results are obtained via analytical.

Table 1. Cross-sections, areas and moment of inertia formulas of nanowire

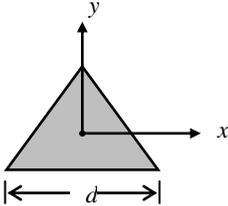
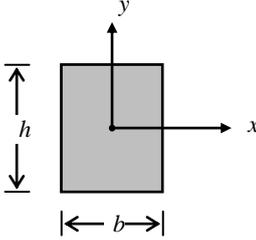
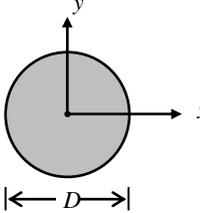
Cross-section	Name	Area	Moment of Inertia
	Triangular	$A = \frac{d\sqrt{3}}{4}$	$I_x = \frac{d^4\sqrt{3}}{96}$
	Rectangular	$A = bh$	$I_x = \frac{bh^3}{12}$
	Circular	$A = \frac{\pi D^2}{4}$	$I_x = \frac{\pi D^4}{64}$

Table 2. Frequency values (GHz) for three-different cross sections

Mode Numbers	$A = 10 \text{ nm}^2, L = 50 \text{ nm}$		
	Circular $D = 3.57 \text{ nm}$	Rectangular $h = 5 \text{ nm}$ $b = 2 \text{ nm}$	Triangular $d = 4.81 \text{ nm}$
1	7.1346	11.5345	7.8439
2	28.5285	46.1207	31.6972
3	64.1647	103.7664	70.5801
4	114.0682	184.4720	125.4836
5	178.2203	288.2246	196.0677

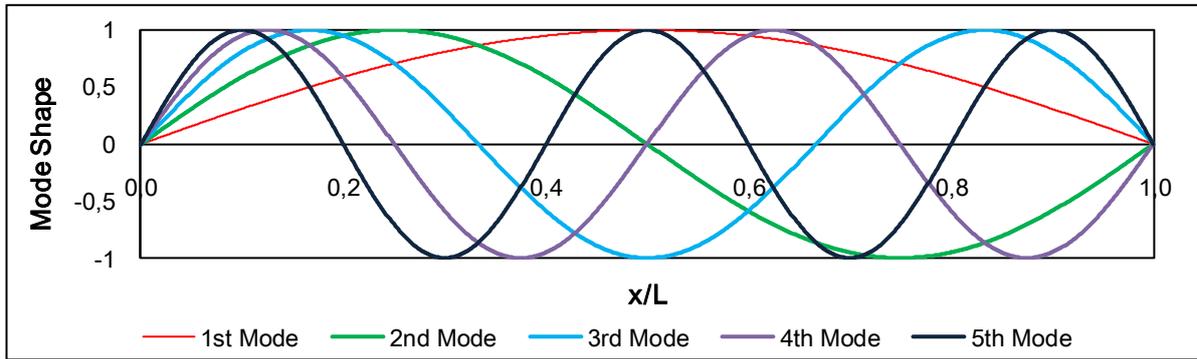


Fig. 1. First five mode shape for both ends are simply supported microbeam.

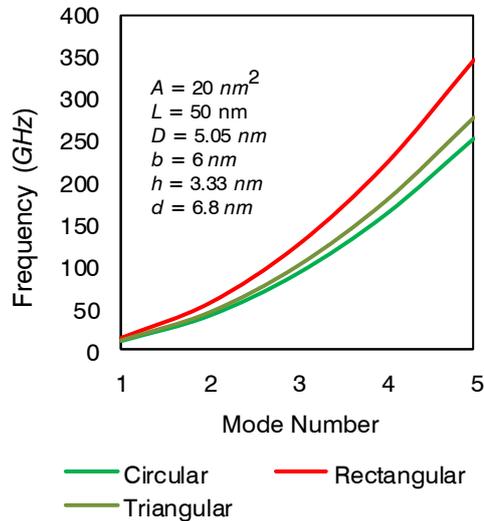


Fig. 2. Natural frequency values for different cross-sections and first five mod numbers

5. Concluding remarks

Free vibration analysis of gold nanowire is presented. By using continuum beam theory, the governing equation is obtained for Au nanowire. Then frequency and mode shapes obtained for different parameters. Frequency values are increased with the increasing value of mode numbers. Rectangular cross-section has biggest frequency value for Au nanowires using same cross-section area. Also, circular nanowire has smaller frequency value than the rectangular and triangular.

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