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Static, Free and Forced Vibration of Functionally Graded (FG) Sandwich Beams **Excited by Two Successive Moving Harmonic Loads** 

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Abstract

This paper examines static, free and forced vibration of functionally graded (FG) sandwich

beams under the action of double moving harmonic loads travelling with constant velocities

using Timoshenko beam theory (TBT). Three different sandwich beam models with various

cross-sectional shape and various boundary conditions are considered. It is assumed that in

FG part of sandwich beams, the material properties vary continuously through the thickness

of the beam according to simple power-law form. The problem is formulated based on the

energy approach. For this purpose, the unknown displacement functions are approximated by

using the simple polynomials together with the auxiliary functions for satisfying the essential

boundary conditions. The equations of the motion are obtained by using the Lagrange's

equations, and solved with the help of the implicit time integration method of Newmark- $\beta$ .

In this study, the effects of the different sandwich beam models, boundary conditions,

gradient index, the velocity, excitation frequency and the phase angles of the two successive

harmonic loads, and the distance between the loads on the mechanical behavior of sandwich

beams are discussed in detail. At the same time, extensive static and free vibration results are

presented to check the reliability of the present formulation. Good agreement is observed.

Keywords: A. Layered structures; B. Vibration; C. Computational modelling; C. Numerical analysis

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