



# Free flexural vibration of geometrically imperfect functionally graded microbeams



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## ABSTRACT

Free flexural vibration characteristics of functionally graded (FG) microbeams with geometric imperfection are explored numerically, taking into account the size effect phenomenon based on modified couple stress theory. This theory employs only one material length scale parameter to interpret the size-dependent mechanical behavior of microstructures. The mechanical and physical properties of FG microbeam are assumed to vary smoothly and continuously through the thickness direction according to a power-law distribution. Hamilton's principle in conjunction with Euler-Bernoulli beam theory is used to establish the coupled longitudinal-transverse equations of motion and associated boundary conditions. A weighted-residual method is utilized to evaluate the size-dependent free flexural vibration behavior of FG microbeams with clamped-clamped, clamped-pinned, and pinned-pinned boundary conditions. The influences of different dimensionless parameters i.e., maximum imperfection amplitude-to-length ratio, length-to-thickness ratio, flexural rigidity ratio, and power-law index on the flexural frequencies and mode shapes of FG microbeams are investigated. The mode veering phenomenon is also explored. Finally, the role of longitudinal displacement in the free flexural vibration of the geometrically imperfect FG microbeams is examined.

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## 1. Introduction

The experimental tests (Lam, Yang, Chong, Wang, & Tong, 2003; Liebold & Müller, 2016; Liu et al., 2013; Motz, Schöberl, & Pippin, 2005; Son, Jeong, & Kwon, 2003) on microstructures proved that the behavior of these components is different from that predicted by the classical continuum theories. Hence, various higher-order elasticity theories have been developed to interpret the size-dependent behavior of microstructures. (Yang, Chong, Lam, & Tong, 2002) proposed a modified version of couple stress theory by introducing one additional equilibrium relation to govern the behavior of the couples. The relation requires that the deviatoric part of couple stress tensor must be symmetric and also that the strain tensor and symmetric curvature tensor are the deformation measures conjugate to the symmetric stress tensor and the deviatoric couple stress tensor, respectively. Based on modified couple stress theory, there is only one independent material length scale parameter for linear isotropic elastic materials.

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Modified couple stress theory has become a popular higher-order elasticity theory. Many researchers have used this theory to derive governing equations of microstructures and to study the influence of size-dependency on their mechanical behavior. Some of these works can be outlined as: an Euler-Bernoulli beam model for static bending analysis and comparison with experimental data by (Park & Gao, 2006), a microstructure-dependent Timoshenko beam model for static bending and free vibration analysis by (Ma, Gao, & Reddy, 2008), a nonlinear Euler-Bernoulli beam model for static bending, free oscillation and post buckling analysis by (Xia, Wang, & Yin, 2010), functionally graded Euler-Bernoulli and Timoshenko beam models for static and free vibration analysis by (Asghari, Ahmadian, Kahrobaiyan, & Rahaeifard, 2010; Asghari, Rahaeifard, Kahrobaiyan, & Ahmadian, 2011), buckling analysis of axially loaded micro-scaled beams with different boundary conditions based on Euler-Bernoulli beam theory by (Akgöz & Civalek, 2011), dynamic stability of microbeams made of functionally graded materials based on Timoshenko beam theory by (Ke & Wang, 2011), wave propagation characteristics of a twisted micro scale beam by (Mustapha & Zhong, 2012), 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