

Numerical Study on Free Vibration Analysis of Detailed and Homogenized Models for FG-CNTRC Beam

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ABSTRACT

The aim of this study is to investigate the free vibration characteristics of detailed and homogenized models for functionally graded carbon nanotube-reinforced composite (CNTRC) beams, based on finite element method (FEM). In this study, three types of CNTRC beams and boundary conditions are considered with various volume fractions of CNT. Namely, UD (Uniformly Distributed), FG- Λ , and FG-X models, which have single-wall carbon nanotubes (SWCNTs) distributed with a gradient in the thickness direction, are employed and analyzed with simply supported (SS), clamped-clamped (CC), and free-free (FF) boundary conditions. The results of this study are compared to the existing analytical results of the literature in order to validate the developed finite element models.

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