# Numerical Evaluation of Dynamic Response 

## PREVIEW

Analytical solution of the equation of motion for a single-degree-of-freedom system is usually not possible if the excitation-applied force $p(t)$ or ground acceleration $\ddot{u}_{g}(t)$ varies arbitrarily with time or if the system is nonlinear. Such problems can be tackled by numerical time-stepping methods for integration of differential equations. A vast body of literature, including major chapters of several books, exists about these methods for solving various types of differential equations that arise in the broad subject area of applied mechanics. The literature includes the mathematical development of these methods; their accuracy, convergence, and stability properties; and computer implementation.

Only a brief presentation of a very few methods that are especially useful in dynamic response analysis of SDF systems is included here, however. This presentation is intended to provide only the basic concepts underlying these methods and to provide a few computational algorithms. Although these would suffice for many practical problems and research applications, the reader should recognize that a wealth of knowledge exists on this subject.

### 5.1 TIME-STEPPING METHODS

For an inelastic system the equation of motion to be solved numerically is

$$
\begin{equation*}
m \ddot{u}+c \dot{u}+f_{S}(u)=p(t) \quad \text { or } \quad-m \ddot{u}_{g}(t) \tag{5.1.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

subject to the initial conditions

$$
u_{0}=u(0) \quad \dot{u}_{0}=\dot{u}(0)
$$

The system is assumed to have linear viscous damping, but other forms of damping, including nonlinear damping, could be considered, as will become obvious later. However, this is rarely done for lack of information on damping, especially at large amplitudes of motion. The applied force $p(t)$ is given by a set of discrete values $p_{i}=p\left(t_{i}\right), i=0$ to $N$ (Fig. 5.1.1). The time interval

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Delta t_{i}=t_{i+1}-t_{i} \tag{5.1.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

is usually taken to be constant, although this is not necessary. The response is determined at the discrete time instants $t_{i}$, denoted as time $i$; the displacement, velocity, and acceleration of the SDF system are $u_{i}, \dot{u}_{i}$, and $\ddot{u}_{i}$, respectively. These values, assumed to be known, satisfy Eq. (5.1.1) at time $i$ :

$$
\begin{equation*}
m \ddot{u}_{i}+c \dot{u}_{i}+\left(f_{S}\right)_{i}=p_{i} \tag{5.1.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\left(f_{S}\right)_{i}$ is the resisting force at time $i ;\left(f_{S}\right)_{i}=k u_{i}$ for a linearly elastic system but would depend on the prior history of displacement and on the velocity at time $i$ if the system were nonlinear. The numerical procedures to be presented will enable us to determine the response quantities $u_{i+1}, \dot{u}_{i+1}$, and $\ddot{u}_{i+1}$ at time $i+1$ that satisfy Eq. (5.1.1) at



Figure 5.1.1 Notation for time-stepping methods.
time $i+1$ :

$$
\begin{equation*}
m \ddot{u}_{i+1}+c \dot{u}_{i+1}+\left(f_{S}\right)_{i+1}=p_{i+1} \tag{5.1.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

When applied successively with $i=0,1,2,3, \ldots$, the time-stepping procedure gives the desired response at all time instants $i=1,2,3, \ldots$. The known initial conditions, $u_{0}=$ $u(0)$ and $\dot{u}_{0}=\dot{u}(0)$, provide the information necessary to start the procedure.

Stepping from time $i$ to $i+1$ is usually not an exact procedure. Many approximate procedures are possible that are implemented numerically. The three important requirements for a numerical procedure are (1) convergence-as the time step decreases, the numerical solution should approach the exact solution, (2) stability-the numerical solution should be stable in the presence of numerical round-off errors, and (3) accuracy-the numerical procedure should provide results that are close enough to the exact solution. These important issues are discussed briefly in this book; comprehensive treatments are available in books emphasizing numerical solution of differential equations.

Three types of time-stepping procedures are presented in this chapter: (1) methods based on interpolation of the excitation function, (2) methods based on finite difference expressions of velocity and acceleration, and (3) methods based on assumed variation of acceleration. Only one method is presented in each of the first two categories and two from the third group.

### 5.2 METHODS BASED ON INTERPOLATION OF EXCITATION

A highly efficient numerical procedure can be developed for linear systems by interpolating the excitation over each time interval and developing the exact solution using the methods of Chapter 4. If the time intervals are short, linear interpolation is satisfactory. Figure 5.2.1 shows that over the time interval $t_{i} \leq t \leq t_{i+1}$, the excitation function is given by

$$
\begin{equation*}
p(\tau)=p_{i}+\frac{\Delta p_{i}}{\Delta t_{i}} \tau \tag{5.2.1a}
\end{equation*}
$$



Figure 5.2.1 Notation for linearly interpolated excitation.
where

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Delta p_{i}=p_{i+1}-p_{i} \tag{5.2.1b}
\end{equation*}
$$

and the time variable $\tau$ varies from 0 to $\Delta t_{i}$. For algebraic simplicity, we first consider systems without damping; later, the procedure will be extended to include damping. The equation to be solved is

$$
\begin{equation*}
m \ddot{u}+k u=p_{i}+\frac{\Delta p_{i}}{\Delta t_{i}} \tau \tag{5.2.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

subject to initial conditions $u(0)=u_{i}$ and $\dot{u}(0)=\dot{u}_{i}$. The response $u(\tau)$ over the time interval $0 \leq \tau \leq \Delta t_{i}$ is the sum of three parts: (1) free vibration due to initial displacement $u_{i}$ and velocity $\dot{u}_{i}$ at $\tau=0,(2)$ response to step force $p_{i}$ with zero initial conditions, and (3) response to ramp force $\left(\Delta p_{i} / \Delta t_{i}\right) \tau$ with zero initial conditions. Adapting the available solutions for these three cases from Sections 2.1, 4.3, and 4.4, respectively, gives
$u(\tau)=u_{i} \cos \omega_{n} \tau+\frac{\dot{u}_{i}}{\omega_{n}} \sin \omega_{n} \tau+\frac{p_{i}}{k}\left(1-\cos \omega_{n} \tau\right)+\frac{\Delta p_{i}}{k}\left(\frac{\tau}{\Delta t_{i}}-\frac{\sin \omega_{n} \tau}{\omega_{n} \Delta t_{i}}\right)$
and differentiating $u(\tau)$ leads to
$\frac{\dot{u}(\tau)}{\omega_{n}}=-u_{i} \sin \omega_{n} \tau+\frac{\dot{u}_{i}}{\omega_{n}} \cos \omega_{n} \tau+\frac{p_{i}}{k} \sin \omega_{n} \tau+\frac{\Delta p_{i}}{k} \frac{1}{\omega_{n} \Delta t_{i}}\left(1-\cos \omega_{n} \tau\right)$
Evaluating these equations at $\tau=\Delta t_{i}$ gives the displacement $u_{i+1}$ and velocity $\dot{u}_{i+1}$ at time $i+1$ :

$$
\begin{align*}
u_{i+1}= & u_{i} \cos \left(\omega_{n} \Delta t_{i}\right)+\frac{\dot{u}_{i}}{\omega_{n}} \sin \left(\omega_{n} \Delta t_{i}\right) \\
& +\frac{p_{i}}{k}\left[1-\cos \left(\omega_{n} \Delta t_{i}\right)\right]+\frac{\Delta p_{i}}{k} \frac{1}{\omega_{n} \Delta t_{i}}\left[\omega_{n} \Delta t_{i}-\sin \left(\omega_{n} \Delta t_{i}\right)\right]  \tag{5.2.4a}\\
\frac{\dot{u}_{i+1}}{\omega_{n}}= & -u_{i} \sin \left(\omega_{n} \Delta t_{i}\right)+\frac{\dot{u}_{i}}{\omega_{n}} \cos \left(\omega_{n} \Delta t_{i}\right) \\
& +\frac{p_{i}}{k} \sin \left(\omega_{n} \Delta t_{i}\right)+\frac{\Delta p_{i}}{k} \frac{1}{\omega_{n} \Delta t_{i}}\left[1-\cos \left(\omega_{n} \Delta t_{i}\right)\right] \tag{5.2.4b}
\end{align*}
$$

These equations can be rewritten after substituting Eq. (5.2.1b) as recurrence formulas:

$$
\begin{align*}
& u_{i+1}=A u_{i}+B \dot{u}_{i}+C p_{i}+D p_{i+1}  \tag{5.2.5a}\\
& \dot{u}_{i+1}=A^{\prime} u_{i}+B^{\prime} \dot{u}_{i}+C^{\prime} p_{i}+D^{\prime} p_{i+1} \tag{5.2.5b}
\end{align*}
$$

Repeating the derivation above for under-critically damped systems (i.e., $\zeta<1$ ) shows that Eqs. (5.2.5) also apply to damped systems with the expressions for the coefficients $A, B, \ldots, D^{\prime}$ given in Table 5.2.1. They depend on the system parameters $\omega_{n}, k$, and $\zeta$, and on the time interval $\Delta t \equiv \Delta t_{i}$.

Since the recurrence formulas are derived from exact solution of the equation of motion, the only restriction on the size of the time step $\Delta t$ is that it permit a close approximation to the excitation function and that it provide response results at closely spaced time intervals so that the response peaks are not missed. This numerical procedure is especially

TABLE 5.2.1 COEFFICIENTS IN RECURRENCE FORMULAS $(\zeta<1)$
$A=e^{-\zeta \omega_{n} \Delta t}\left(\frac{\zeta}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^{2}}} \sin \omega_{D} \Delta t+\cos \omega_{D} \Delta t\right)$
$B=e^{-\zeta \omega_{n} \Delta t}\left(\frac{1}{\omega_{D}} \sin \omega_{D} \Delta t\right)$
$C=\frac{1}{k}\left\{\frac{2 \zeta}{\omega_{n} \Delta t}+e^{-\zeta \omega_{n} \Delta t}\left[\left(\frac{1-2 \zeta^{2}}{\omega_{D} \Delta t}-\frac{\zeta}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^{2}}}\right) \sin \omega_{D} \Delta t-\left(1+\frac{2 \zeta}{\omega_{n} \Delta t}\right) \cos \omega_{D} \Delta t\right]\right\}$
$D=\frac{1}{k}\left[1-\frac{2 \zeta}{\omega_{n} \Delta t}+e^{-\zeta \omega_{n} \Delta t}\left(\frac{2 \zeta^{2}-1}{\omega_{D} \Delta t} \sin \omega_{D} \Delta t+\frac{2 \zeta}{\omega_{n} \Delta t} \cos \omega_{D} \Delta t\right)\right]$
$A^{\prime}=-e^{-\zeta \omega_{n} \Delta t}\left(\frac{\omega_{n}}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^{2}}} \sin \omega_{D} \Delta t\right)$
$B^{\prime}=e^{-\zeta \omega_{n} \Delta t}\left(\cos \omega_{D} \Delta t-\frac{\zeta}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^{2}}} \sin \omega_{D} \Delta t\right)$
$C^{\prime}=\frac{1}{k}\left\{-\frac{1}{\Delta t}+e^{-\zeta \omega_{n} \Delta t}\left[\left(\frac{\omega_{n}}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^{2}}}+\frac{\zeta}{\Delta t \sqrt{1-\zeta^{2}}}\right) \sin \omega_{D} \Delta t+\frac{1}{\Delta t} \cos \omega_{D} \Delta t\right]\right\}$
$D^{\prime}=\frac{1}{k \Delta t}\left[1-e^{-\zeta \omega_{n} \Delta t}\left(\frac{\zeta}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^{2}}} \sin \omega_{D} \Delta t+\cos \omega_{D} \Delta t\right)\right]$
useful when the excitation is defined at closely spaced time intervals-as for earthquake ground acceleration-so that the linear interpolation is essentially perfect. If the time step $\Delta t$ is constant, the coefficients $A, B, \ldots, D^{\prime}$ need to be computed only once.

The exact solution of the equation of motion required in this numerical procedure is feasible only for linear systems. It is conveniently developed for SDF systems, as shown above, but would be impractical for MDF systems unless their response is obtained by the superposition of modal responses (Chapters 12 and 13).

## Example 5.1

An SDF system has the following properties: $m=0.2533 \mathrm{kip}-\mathrm{sec}^{2} / \mathrm{in} ., k=10 \mathrm{kips} / \mathrm{in}$., $T_{n}=1 \mathrm{sec}\left(\omega_{n}=6.283 \mathrm{rad} / \mathrm{sec}\right)$, and $\zeta=0.05$. Determine the response $u(t)$ of this system to $p(t)$ defined by the half-cycle sine pulse force shown in Fig. E5.1 by (a) using piecewise linear interpolation of $p(t)$ with $\Delta t=0.1 \mathrm{sec}$, and $(\mathbf{b})$ evaluating the theoretical solution.

## Solution

1. Initial calculations

$$
\begin{gathered}
e^{-\zeta \omega_{n} \Delta t}=0.9691 \quad \omega_{D}=\omega_{n} \sqrt{1-\zeta^{2}}=6.275 \\
\sin \omega_{D} \Delta t=0.5871 \quad \cos \omega_{D} \Delta t=0.8095
\end{gathered}
$$



Figure E5.1

Substituting these in Table 5.2.1 gives

$$
\begin{array}{llll}
A=0.8129 & B=0.09067 & C=0.01236 & D=0.006352 \\
A^{\prime}=-3.5795 & B^{\prime}=0.7559 & C^{\prime}=0.1709 & D^{\prime}=0.1871
\end{array}
$$

2. Apply the recurrence equations (5.2.5). The resulting computations are summarized in Tables E5.1a and E5.1b.

TABLE E5.1a NUMERICAL SOLUTION USING LINEAR INTERPOLATION OF EXCITATION

| $t_{i}$ | $p_{i}$ | $C p_{i}$ | $D p_{i+1}$ | $B \dot{u}_{i}$ | $\dot{u}_{i}$ | $A u_{i}$ | $u_{i}$ | Theoretical $u_{i}$ |
| :---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| 0.0 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0318 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| 0.1 | 5.0000 | 0.0618 | 0.0550 | 0.0848 | 0.9354 | 0.0258 | 0.0318 | 0.0328 |
| 0.2 | 8.6602 | 0.1070 | 0.0635 | 0.2782 | 3.0679 | 0.1849 | 0.2274 | 0.2332 |
| 0.3 | 10.0000 | 0.1236 | 0.0550 | 0.4403 | 4.8558 | 0.5150 | 0.6336 | 0.6487 |
| 0.4 | 8.6603 | 0.1070 | 0.0318 | 0.4290 | 4.7318 | 0.9218 | 1.1339 | 1.1605 |
| 0.5 | 5.0000 | 0.0618 | 0.0000 | 0.1753 | 1.9336 | 1.2109 | 1.4896 | 1.5241 |
| 0.6 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | -0.2735 | -3.0159 | 1.1771 | 1.4480 | 1.4814 |
| 0.7 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | -0.6767 | -7.4631 | 0.7346 | 0.9037 | 0.9245 |
| 0.8 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | -0.8048 | -8.8765 | 0.0471 | 0.0579 | 0.0593 |
| 0.9 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | -0.6272 | -6.9177 | -0.6160 | -0.7577 | -0.7751 |
| 1.0 | 0.0000 |  |  |  | -2.5171 |  | -1.2432 | -1.2718 |

3. Compute the theoretical response. Equation (3.2.5)—valid for $t \leq 0.6 \mathrm{sec}$, Eq. (2.2.4) modified appropriately-valid for $t \geq 0.6 \mathrm{sec}$, and the derivatives of these two equations are evaluated for each $t_{i}$; the results are given in Tables E5.1a and E5.1b.
4. Check the accuracy of the numerical results. The numerical solution based on piecewise linear interpolation of the excitation agrees reasonably well with the theoretical solution. The discrepancy arises because the half-cycle sine curve has been replaced by the series of straight lines shown in Fig. E5.1. With a smaller $\Delta t$ the piecewise linear approximation would be closer to the half-cycle sine curve, and the numerical solution would be more accurate.

TABLE E5.1b NUMERICAL SOLUTION USING LINEAR INTERPOLATION OF EXCITATION

| $t_{i}$ | $p_{i}$ | $C^{\prime} p_{i}$ | $D^{\prime} p_{i+1}$ | $A^{\prime} u_{i}$ | $u_{i}$ | $B^{\prime} \dot{u}_{i}$ | $\dot{u}_{i}$ | Theoretical $\dot{u}_{i}$ |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| 0.0 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.9354 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| 0.1 | 5.0000 | 0.8544 | 1.6201 | -0.1137 | 0.0318 | 0.7071 | 0.9354 | 0.9567 |
| 0.2 | 8.6602 | 1.4799 | 1.8707 | -0.8140 | 0.2274 | 2.3192 | 3.0679 | 3.1383 |
| 0.3 | 10.0000 | 1.7088 | 1.6201 | -2.2679 | 0.6336 | 3.6708 | 4.8558 | 4.9674 |
| 0.4 | 8.6603 | 1.4799 | 0.9354 | -4.0588 | 1.1339 | 3.5771 | 4.7318 | 4.8408 |
| 0.5 | 5.0000 | 0.8544 | 0.0000 | -5.3320 | 1.4896 | 1.4617 | 1.9336 | 1.9783 |
| 0.6 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | -5.1832 | 1.4480 | -2.2799 | -3.0159 | -3.0848 |
| 0.7 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | -3.2347 | 0.9037 | -5.6418 | -7.4631 | -7.6346 |
| 0.8 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | -0.2074 | 0.0579 | -6.7103 | -8.8765 | -9.0808 |
| 0.9 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 2.7124 | -0.7577 | -5.2295 | -6.9177 | -7.0771 |
| 1.0 | 0.0000 |  |  |  | -1.2432 |  | -2.5171 | -2.5754 |

### 5.3 CENTRAL DIFFERENCE METHOD

This method is based on a finite difference approximation of the time derivatives of displacement (i.e., velocity and acceleration). Taking constant time steps, $\Delta t_{i}=\Delta t$, the central difference expressions for velocity and acceleration at time $i$ are

$$
\begin{equation*}
\dot{u}_{i}=\frac{u_{i+1}-u_{i-1}}{2 \Delta t} \quad \ddot{u}_{i}=\frac{u_{i+1}-2 u_{i}+u_{i-1}}{(\Delta t)^{2}} \tag{5.3.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Substituting these approximate expressions for velocity and acceleration into Eq. (5.1.3), specialized for linearly elastic systems, gives

$$
\begin{equation*}
m \frac{u_{i+1}-2 u_{i}+u_{i-1}}{(\Delta t)^{2}}+c \frac{u_{i+1}-u_{i-1}}{2 \Delta t}+k u_{i}=p_{i} \tag{5.3.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

In this equation $u_{i}$ and $u_{i-1}$ are assumed known (from implementation of the procedure for the preceding time steps). Transferring these known quantities to the right side leads to

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left[\frac{m}{(\Delta t)^{2}}+\frac{c}{2 \Delta t}\right] u_{i+1}=p_{i}-\left[\frac{m}{(\Delta t)^{2}}-\frac{c}{2 \Delta t}\right] u_{i-1}-\left[k-\frac{2 m}{(\Delta t)^{2}}\right] u_{i} \tag{5.3.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

or

$$
\begin{equation*}
\hat{k} u_{i+1}=\hat{p}_{i} \tag{5.3.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{equation*}
\hat{k}=\frac{m}{(\Delta t)^{2}}+\frac{c}{2 \Delta t} \tag{5.3.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\hat{p}_{i}=p_{i}-\left[\frac{m}{(\Delta t)^{2}}-\frac{c}{2 \Delta t}\right] u_{i-1}-\left[k-\frac{2 m}{(\Delta t)^{2}}\right] u_{i} \tag{5.3.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

## TABLE 5.3.1 CENTRAL DIFFERENCE METHOD ${ }^{\dagger}$

1.0 Initial calculations
$1.1 \quad \ddot{u}_{0}=\frac{p_{0}-c \dot{u}_{0}-k u_{0}}{m}$.
$1.2 u_{-1}=u_{0}-\Delta t \dot{u}_{0}+\frac{(\Delta t)^{2}}{2} \ddot{u}_{0}$.
$1.3 \hat{k}=\frac{m}{(\Delta t)^{2}}+\frac{c}{2 \Delta t}$.
$1.4 \quad a=\frac{m}{(\Delta t)^{2}}-\frac{c}{2 \Delta t}$.
$1.5 \quad b=k-\frac{2 m}{(\Delta t)^{2}}$.
2.0 Calculations for time step $i$
$2.1 \quad \hat{p}_{i}=p_{i}-a u_{i-1}-b u_{i}$.
$2.2 u_{i+1}=\frac{\hat{p}_{i}}{\hat{k}}$.
2.3 If required: $\dot{u}_{i}=\frac{u_{i+1}-u_{i-1}}{2 \Delta t} ; \quad \ddot{u}_{i}=\frac{u_{i+1}-2 u_{i}+u_{i-1}}{(\Delta t)^{2}}$.
3.0 Repetition for the next time step

Replace $i$ by $i+1$ and repeat steps 2.1,2.2, and 2.3 for the next time step.

[^0]The unknown $u_{i+1}$ is then given by

$$
\begin{equation*}
u_{i+1}=\frac{\hat{p}_{i}}{\hat{k}} \tag{5.3.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

The solution $u_{i+1}$ at time $i+1$ is determined from the equilibrium condition, Eq. (5.1.3), at time $i$ without using the equilibrium condition, Eq. (5.1.4), at time $i+1$. Such methods are called explicit methods.

Observe in Eq. (5.3.6) that known displacements $u_{i}$ and $u_{i-1}$ are used to compute $u_{i+1}$. Thus $u_{0}$ and $u_{-1}$ are required to determine $u_{1}$; the specified initial displacement $u_{0}$ is known. To determine $u_{-1}$, we specialize Eq. (5.3.1) for $i=0$ to obtain

$$
\begin{equation*}
\dot{u}_{0}=\frac{u_{1}-u_{-1}}{2 \Delta t} \quad \ddot{u}_{0}=\frac{u_{1}-2 u_{0}+u_{-1}}{(\Delta t)^{2}} \tag{5.3.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

Solving for $u_{1}$ from the first equation and substituting in the second gives

$$
\begin{equation*}
u_{-1}=u_{0}-\Delta t\left(\dot{u}_{0}\right)+\frac{(\Delta t)^{2}}{2} \ddot{u}_{0} \tag{5.3.9}
\end{equation*}
$$

The initial displacement $u_{0}$ and initial velocity $\dot{u}_{0}$ are given, and the equation of motion at time $0\left(t_{0}=0\right)$,

$$
m \ddot{u}_{0}+c \dot{u}_{0}+k u_{0}=p_{0}
$$

provides the acceleration at time 0 :

$$
\begin{equation*}
\ddot{u}_{0}=\frac{p_{0}-c \dot{u}_{0}-k u_{0}}{m} \tag{5.3.10}
\end{equation*}
$$

Table 5.3.1 summarizes the above-described procedure as it might be implemented on the computer.

The central difference method will "blow up," giving meaningless results, in the presence of numerical round-off if the time step chosen is not short enough. The specific requirement for stability is

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\Delta t}{T_{n}}<\frac{1}{\pi} \tag{5.3.11}
\end{equation*}
$$

This is never a constraint for SDF systems because a much smaller time step should be chosen to obtain results that are accurate. Typically, $\Delta t / T_{n} \leq 0.1$ to define the response adequately, and in most earthquake response analyses even a shorter time step, typically $\Delta t=0.01$ to 0.02 sec , is chosen to define the ground acceleration $\ddot{u}_{g}(t)$ accurately.

## Example 5.2

Solve Example 5.1 by the central difference method using $\Delta t=0.1 \mathrm{sec}$.

## Solution

1.0 Initial calculations

$$
\begin{gathered}
m=0.2533 \quad k=10 \quad c=0.1592 \\
u_{0}=0 \quad \dot{u}_{0}=0
\end{gathered}
$$

1.1 $\ddot{u}_{0}=\frac{p_{0}-c \dot{u}_{0}-k u_{0}}{m}=0$.
$1.2 u_{-1}=u_{0}-(\Delta t) \dot{u}_{0}+\frac{(\Delta t)^{2}}{2} \ddot{u}_{0}=0$.
$1.3 \hat{k}=\frac{m}{(\Delta t)^{2}}+\frac{c}{2 \Delta t}=26.13$.
$1.4 a=\frac{m}{(\Delta t)^{2}}-\frac{c}{2 \Delta t}=24.53$.
$1.5 b=k-\frac{2 m}{(\Delta t)^{2}}=-40.66$.
2.0 Calculations for each time step
$2.1 \hat{p}_{i}=p_{i}-a u_{i-1}-b u_{i}=p_{i}-24.53 u_{i-1}+40.66 u_{i}$.
$2.2 u_{i+1}=\frac{\hat{p}_{i}}{\hat{k}}=\frac{\hat{p}_{i}}{26.13}$.
3.0 Computational steps 2.1 and 2.2 are repeated for $i=0,1,2,3, \ldots$ leading to Table E5.2, wherein the theoretical result (from Table E5.1a) is also included.

TABLE E5.2 NUMERICAL SOLUTION BY CENTRAL DIFFERENCE METHOD

| $t_{i}$ | $p_{i}$ | $u_{i-1}$ | $u_{i}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hat{p}_{i} \\ \text { [Eq. (2.1)] } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} u_{i+1} \\ {[\text { Eq. (2.2)] }} \end{gathered}$ | Theoretical $u_{i+1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0.0 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0328 |
| 0.1 | 5.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 5.0000 | 0.1914 | 0.2332 |
| 0.2 | 8.6602 | 0.0000 | 0.1914 | 16.4419 | 0.6293 | 0.6487 |
| 0.3 | 10.0000 | 0.1914 | 0.6293 | 30.8934 | 1.1825 | 1.1605 |
| 0.4 | 8.6603 | 0.6293 | 1.1825 | 41.3001 | 1.5808 | 1.5241 |
| 0.5 | 5.0000 | 1.1825 | 1.5808 | 40.2649 | 1.5412 | 1.4814 |
| 0.6 | 0.0000 | 1.5808 | 1.5412 | 23.8809 | 0.9141 | 0.9245 |
| 0.7 | 0.0000 | 1.5412 | 0.9141 | -0.6456 | -0.0247 | 0.0593 |
| 0.8 | 0.0000 | 0.9141 | -0.0247 | -23.4309 | -0.8968 | -0.7751 |
| 0.9 | 0.0000 | -0.0247 | -0.8968 | -35.8598 | -1.3726 | -1.2718 |
| 1.0 | 0.0000 | -0.8968 | -1.3726 | -33.8058 | -1.2940 | -1.2674 |

### 5.4 NEWMARK'S METHOD

### 5.4.1 Basic Procedure

In 1959, N. M. Newmark developed a family of time-stepping methods based on the following equations:

$$
\begin{align*}
\dot{u}_{i+1} & =\dot{u}_{i}+[(1-\gamma) \Delta t] \ddot{u}_{i}+(\gamma \Delta t) \ddot{u}_{i+1}  \tag{5.4.1a}\\
u_{i+1} & =u_{i}+(\Delta t) \dot{u}_{i}+\left[(0.5-\beta)(\Delta t)^{2}\right] \ddot{u}_{i}+\left[\beta(\Delta t)^{2}\right] \ddot{u}_{i+1} \tag{5.4.1b}
\end{align*}
$$

The parameters $\beta$ and $\gamma$ define the variation of acceleration over a time step and determine the stability and accuracy characteristics of the method. Typical selection for $\gamma$ is $\frac{1}{2}$, and $\frac{1}{6} \leq \beta \leq \frac{1}{4}$ is satisfactory from all points of view, including that of accuracy. These two equations, combined with the equilibrium equation (5.1.4) at the end of the time step, provide the basis for computing $u_{i+1}, \dot{u}_{i+1}$, and $\ddot{u}_{i+1}$ at time $i+1$ from the known $u_{i}$, $\dot{u}_{i}$, and $\ddot{u}_{i}$ at time $i$. Iteration is required to implement these computations because the unknown $\ddot{u}_{i+1}$ appears in the right side of Eq. (5.4.1).

For linear systems it is possible to modify Newmark's original formulation, however, to permit solution of Eqs. (5.4.1) and (5.1.4) without iteration. Before describing this modification, we demonstrate that two special cases of Newmark's method are the wellknown constant average acceleration and linear acceleration methods.

### 5.4.2 Special Cases

For these two methods, Table 5.4.1 summarizes the development of the relationship between responses $u_{i+1}, \dot{u}_{i+1}$, and $\ddot{u}_{i+1}$ at time $i+1$ to the corresponding quantities at time $i$. Equation (5.4.2) describes the assumptions that the variation of acceleration over a time step is constant, equal to the average acceleration, or varies linearly. Integration of $\ddot{u}(\tau)$ gives Eq. (5.4.3) for the variation $\dot{u}(\tau)$ of velocity over the time step in which

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$\tau=\Delta t$ is substituted to obtain Eq. (5.4.4) for the velocity $\dot{u}_{i+1}$ at time $i+1$. Integration of $\dot{u}(\tau)$ gives Eq. (5.4.5) for the variation $u(\tau)$ of displacement over the time step in which $\tau=\Delta t$ is substituted to obtain Eq. (5.4.6) for the displacement $u_{i+1}$ at time $i+1$. Comparing Eqs. (5.4.4) and (5.4.6) with Eq. (5.4.1) demonstrates that Newmark's equations with $\gamma=\frac{1}{2}$ and $\beta=\frac{1}{4}$ are the same as those derived assuming constant average acceleration, and those with $\gamma=\frac{1}{2}$ and $\beta=\frac{1}{6}$ correspond to the assumption of linear variation of acceleration.

### 5.4.3 Linear Systems

For linear systems, it is possible to modify Newmark's original formulation, to permit solution of Eqs. (5.4.1) and (5.1.4) without iteration. Specialized for linear systems, Eq. (5.1.4) becomes

$$
\begin{equation*}
m \ddot{u}_{i+1}+c \dot{u}_{i+1}+k u_{i+1}=p_{i+1} \tag{5.4.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

From Eq. (5.4.1b), $\ddot{u}_{i+1}$ can be expressed in terms of $u_{i+1}$ :

$$
\begin{equation*}
\ddot{u}_{i+1}=\frac{1}{\beta(\Delta t)^{2}}\left(u_{i+1}-u_{i}\right)-\frac{1}{\beta \Delta t} \dot{u}_{i}-\left(\frac{1}{2 \beta}-1\right) \ddot{u}_{i} \tag{5.4.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

Substituting Eq. (5.4.8) into Eq. (5.4.1a) gives

$$
\begin{equation*}
\dot{u}_{i+1}=\frac{\gamma}{\beta \Delta t}\left(u_{i+1}-u_{i}\right)+\left(1-\frac{\gamma}{\beta}\right) \dot{u}_{i}+\Delta t\left(1-\frac{\gamma}{2 \beta}\right) \ddot{u}_{i} \tag{5.4.9}
\end{equation*}
$$

Next, Eqs. (5.4.8) and (5.4.9) are substituted into the governing equation (5.4.7) at time $i+1$. This substitution gives

$$
\begin{equation*}
\hat{k} u_{i+1}=\hat{p}_{i+1} \tag{5.4.10}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{equation*}
\hat{k}=k+\frac{\gamma}{\beta \Delta t} c+\frac{1}{\beta(\Delta t)^{2}} m \tag{5.4.11}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{align*}
\hat{p}_{i+1}= & p_{i+1}+\left[\frac{1}{\beta(\Delta t)^{2}} m+\frac{\gamma}{\beta \Delta t} c\right] u_{i}+\left[\frac{1}{\beta \Delta t} m+\left(\frac{\gamma}{\beta}-1\right) c\right] \dot{u}_{i} \\
& +\left[\left(\frac{1}{2 \beta}-1\right) m+\Delta t\left(\frac{\gamma}{2 \beta}-1\right) c\right] \ddot{u}_{i} \tag{5.4.12}
\end{align*}
$$

With $\hat{k}$ and $\hat{p}_{i+1}$ known from the system properties $m, k$, and $c$, algorithm parameters $\gamma$ and $\beta$, and the state of the system at time $i$ defined by $u_{i}, \dot{u}_{i}$, and $\ddot{u}_{i}$, the displacement at time $i+1$ is computed from

$$
\begin{equation*}
u_{i+1}=\frac{\hat{p}_{i+1}}{\hat{k}} \tag{5.4.13}
\end{equation*}
$$

Once $u_{i+1}$ is known, the velocity $\dot{u}_{i+1}$ and acceleration $\ddot{u}_{i+1}$ can be computed from Eqs. (5.4.9) and (5.4.8), respectively.

The acceleration can also be obtained from the equation of motion at time $i+1$ :

$$
\begin{equation*}
\ddot{u}_{i+1}=\frac{p_{i+1}-c \dot{u}_{i+1}-k u_{i+1}}{m} \tag{5.4.14}
\end{equation*}
$$

rather than by Eq. (5.4.8). Equation (5.4.14) is needed to obtain $\ddot{u}_{0}$ to start the timestepping computations [see Eq. (5.3.10)].

In Newmark's method, the solution at time $i+1$ is determined from Eq. (5.4.7), the equilibrium condition at time $i+1$. Such methods are called implicit methods. Although the resisting force is an implicit function of the unknown $u_{i+1}$, it was easy to calculate for linear systems.

Table 5.4.2 summarizes the time-stepping solution using Newmark's method as it might be implemented on the computer.

## TABLE 5.4.2 NEWMARK'S METHOD: LINEAR SYSTEMS ${ }^{\dagger}$

Special cases
(1) Constant average acceleration method ( $\gamma=\frac{1}{2}, \beta=\frac{1}{4}$ )
(2) Linear acceleration method $\left(\gamma=\frac{1}{2}, \beta=\frac{1}{6}\right)$
1.0 Initial calculations
$1.1 \quad \ddot{u}_{0}=\frac{p_{0}-c \dot{u}_{0}-k u_{0}}{m}$.
1.2 Select $\Delta t$.
$1.3 a_{1}=\frac{1}{\beta(\Delta t)^{2}} m+\frac{\gamma}{\beta \Delta t} c ; \quad a_{2}=\frac{1}{\beta \Delta t} m+\left(\frac{\gamma}{\beta}-1\right) c ; \quad$ and

$$
a_{3}=\left(\frac{1}{2 \beta}-1\right) m+\Delta t\left(\frac{\gamma}{2 \beta}-1\right) c .
$$

$1.4 \hat{k}=k+a_{1}$.
2.0 Calculations for each time step, $i=0,1,2, \ldots$
$2.1 \hat{p}_{i+1}=p_{i+1}+a_{1} u_{i}+a_{2} \dot{u}_{i}+a_{3} \ddot{u}_{i}$.
$2.2 u_{i+1}=\frac{\hat{p}_{i+1}}{\hat{k}}$.
$2.3 \quad \dot{u}_{i+1}=\frac{\gamma}{\beta \Delta t}\left(u_{i+1}-u_{i}\right)+\left(1-\frac{\gamma}{\beta}\right) \dot{u}_{i}+\Delta t\left(1-\frac{\gamma}{2 \beta}\right) \ddot{u}_{i}$.
$2.4 \quad \ddot{u}_{i+1}=\frac{1}{\beta(\Delta t)^{2}}\left(u_{i+1}-u_{i}\right)-\frac{1}{\beta \Delta t} \dot{u}_{i}-\left(\frac{1}{2 \beta}-1\right) \ddot{u}_{i}$.
3.0 Repetition for the next time step. Replace $i$ by $i+1$ and implement steps 2.1 to 2.4 for the next time step.
${ }^{\dagger}$ If the excitation is ground acceleration $\ddot{u}_{g}(t)$, according to Eq. (1.7.6), replace $p_{i}$ by $-m \ddot{u}_{g i}$ in Table 5.4.2. The computed $u_{i}, \dot{u}_{i}$, and $\ddot{u}_{i}$ give response values relative to the ground. If needed, the total velocity and acceleration can be computed readily: $\dot{u}_{i}^{t}=\dot{u}_{i}+\dot{u}_{g i}$ and $\ddot{u}_{i}^{t}=\ddot{u}_{i}+\ddot{u}_{g i}$.

## Newmark's method is stable if

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\Delta t}{T_{n}} \leq \frac{1}{\pi \sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\gamma-2 \beta}} \tag{5.4.15}
\end{equation*}
$$

For $\gamma=\frac{1}{2}$ and $\beta=\frac{1}{4}$ this condition becomes

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\Delta t}{T_{n}}<\infty \tag{5.4.16a}
\end{equation*}
$$

This implies that the constant average acceleration method is stable for any $\Delta t$, no matter how large; however, it is accurate only if $\Delta t$ is small enough, as discussed at the end of

Section 5.3. For $\gamma=\frac{1}{2}$ and $\beta=\frac{1}{6}$, Eq. (5.4.15) indicates that the linear acceleration method is stable if

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\Delta t}{T_{n}} \leq 0.551 \tag{5.4.16b}
\end{equation*}
$$

However, as in the case of the central difference method, this condition has little significance in the analysis of SDF systems because a much shorter time step than $0.551 T_{n}$ must be used to obtain an accurate representation of the excitation and response.

## Example 5.3

Solve Example 5.1 by the constant average acceleration method using $\Delta t=0.1 \mathrm{sec}$.

## Solution

### 1.0 Initial calculations

$$
\begin{array}{rlrl}
m & =0.2533 & k & =10 \\
u_{0} & =0 & & =0.1592 \\
\dot{u}_{0} & =0 & p_{0} & =0
\end{array}
$$

$1.1 \ddot{u}_{0}=\frac{p_{0}-c \dot{u}_{0}-k u_{0}}{m}=0$.
$1.2 \Delta t=0.1$.
$1.3 a_{1}=\frac{4}{(\Delta t)^{2}} m+\frac{2}{\Delta t} c=104.5 ; \quad a_{2}=\frac{4}{\Delta t} m+c=10.29 ; \quad$ and $a_{3}=m=0.2533$.
$1.4 \hat{k}=k+a_{1}=114.5$.
2.0 Calculations for each time step, $i=0,1,2, \ldots$
$2.1 \hat{p}_{i+1}=p_{i+1}+a_{1} u_{i}+a_{2} \dot{u}_{i}+a_{3} \ddot{u}_{i}=p_{i+1}+104.5 u_{i}+10.29 \dot{u}_{i}+0.2533 \ddot{u}_{i}$.
$2.2 u_{i+1}=\frac{\hat{p}_{i+1}}{\hat{k}}=\frac{\hat{p}_{i+1}}{114.5}$.
$2.3 \dot{u}_{i+1}=\frac{2}{\Delta t}\left(u_{i+1}-u_{i}\right)-\dot{u}_{i}$.
$2.4 \ddot{u}_{i+1}=\frac{4}{(\Delta t)^{2}}\left(u_{i+1}-u_{i}\right)-\frac{4}{\Delta t} \dot{u}_{i}-\ddot{u}_{i}$.
3.0 Repetition for the next time step. Steps 2.1 to 2.4 are repeated for successive time steps and are summarized in Table E5.3, where the theoretical result (from Table E5.1a) is also included.

## Example 5.4

Solve Example 5.1 by the linear acceleration method using $\Delta t=0.1 \mathrm{sec}$.

## Solution

1.0 Initial calculations

$$
\begin{array}{rlrlrl}
m & =0.2533 & k & =10 & c & =0.1592 \\
u_{0} & =0 & \dot{u}_{0} & =0 & p_{0} & =0
\end{array}
$$

TABLE E5.3 NUMERICAL SOLUTION BY CONSTANT AVERAGE ACCELERATION METHOD

| $t_{i}$ | $p_{i}$ | $\hat{p}_{i}$ <br> (Step 2.1) | $\begin{gathered} \ddot{u}_{i} \\ (\text { Step } 2.4) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \dot{u}_{i} \\ (\text { Step } 2.3) \end{gathered}$ | $u_{i}$ <br> (Step 2.2) | Theoretical $u_{i}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0.0 | 0.0000 |  | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| 0.1 | 5.0000 | 5.0000 | 17.4666 | 0.8733 | 0.0437 | 0.0328 |
| 0.2 | 8.6603 | 26.6355 | 23.1801 | 2.9057 | 0.2326 | 0.2332 |
| 0.3 | 10.0000 | 70.0837 | 12.3719 | 4.6833 | 0.6121 | 0.6487 |
| 0.4 | 8.6603 | 123.9535 | -11.5175 | 4.7260 | 1.0825 | 1.1605 |
| 0.5 | 5.0000 | 163.8469 | -38.1611 | 2.2421 | 1.4309 | 1.5241 |
| 0.6 | 0.0000 | 162.9448 | -54.6722 | -2.3996 | 1.4230 | 1.4814 |
| 0.7 | 0.0000 | 110.1710 | -33.6997 | -6.8182 | 0.9622 | 0.9245 |
| 0.8 | 0.0000 | 21.8458 | -2.1211 | -8.6092 | 0.1908 | 0.0593 |
| 0.9 | 0.0000 | -69.1988 | 28.4423 | -7.2932 | -0.6043 | -0.7751 |
| 1.0 | 0.0000 | -131.0066 | 47.3701 | -3.5026 | -1.1441 | -1.2718 |

$1.1 \ddot{u}_{0}=\frac{p_{0}-c \dot{u}_{0}-k u_{0}}{m}=0$.
$1.2 \Delta t=0.1$.
$1.3 a_{1}=\frac{6}{(\Delta t)^{2}} m+\frac{3}{\Delta t} c=156.8 ; \quad a_{2}=\frac{6}{\Delta t} m+2 c=15.52 ; \quad$ and $a_{3}=2 m+\frac{\Delta t}{2} c=0.5146$.
1.4 $\hat{k}=k+a_{1}=166.8$.
2.0 Calculations for each time step, $i=0,1,2, \ldots$
$2.1 \hat{p}_{i+1}=p_{i+1}+a_{1} u_{i}+a_{2} \dot{u}_{i}+a_{3} \ddot{u}_{i}=p_{i+1}+156.8 u_{i}+15.52 \dot{u}_{i}+0.5146 \ddot{u}_{i}$.
$2.2 u_{i+1}=\frac{\hat{p}_{i+1}}{\hat{k}}=\frac{\hat{p}_{i+1}}{166.8}$.
$2.3 \dot{u}_{i+1}=\frac{3}{\Delta t}\left(u_{i+1}-u_{i}\right)-2 \dot{u}_{i}-\frac{\Delta t}{2} \ddot{u}_{i}$.
$2.4 \ddot{u}_{i+1}=\frac{6}{(\Delta t)^{2}}\left(u_{i+1}-u_{i}\right)-\frac{6}{\Delta t} \dot{u}_{i}-2 \ddot{u}_{i}$.
3.0 Repetition for the next time step. Steps 2.1 to 2.4 are repeated for successive time steps and are summarized in Table E5.4, where the theoretical result (from Table E5.1a) is also included.

Observe that the numerical results obtained by the linear acceleration method are closer to the theoretical solution (Table E5.4), hence more accurate, than those from the constant average acceleration method (Table E5.3).

TABLE E5.4 NUMERICAL SOLUTION BY LINEAR ACCELERATION METHOD

| $t_{i}$ | $p_{i}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hat{p}_{i} \\ (\text { Step } 2.1) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \ddot{u}_{i} \\ (\text { Step } 2.4) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \dot{u}_{i} \\ (\operatorname{Step} 2.3) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} u_{i} \\ (\text { Step } 2.2) \end{gathered}$ | Theoretical $u_{i}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0.0 | 0.0000 |  | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| 0.1 | 5.0000 | 5.0000 | 17.9904 | 0.8995 | 0.0300 | 0.0328 |
| 0.2 | 8.6603 | 36.5748 | 23.6566 | 2.9819 | 0.2193 | 0.2332 |
| 0.3 | 10.0000 | 102.8221 | 12.1372 | 4.7716 | 0.6166 | 0.6487 |
| 0.4 | 8.6603 | 185.5991 | -12.7305 | 4.7419 | 1.1130 | 1.1605 |
| 0.5 | 5.0000 | 246.4956 | -39.9425 | 2.1082 | 1.4782 | 1.5241 |
| 0.6 | 0.0000 | 243.8733 | -56.0447 | -2.6911 | 1.4625 | 1.4814 |
| 0.7 | 0.0000 | 158.6538 | -33.0689 | -7.1468 | 0.9514 | 0.9245 |
| 0.8 | 0.0000 | 21.2311 | 0.4892 | -8.7758 | 0.1273 | 0.0593 |
| 0.9 | 0.0000 | -115.9590 | 31.9491 | -7.1539 | -0.6954 | -0.7751 |
| 1.0 | 0.0000 | -203.5678 | 50.1114 | -3.0508 | -1.2208 | -1.2718 |

### 5.5 STABILITY AND COMPUTATIONAL ERROR

### 5.5.1 Stability

Numerical procedures that lead to bounded solutions if the time step is shorter than some stability limit are called conditionally stable procedures. Procedures that lead to bounded solutions regardless of the time-step length are called unconditionally stable procedures. The average acceleration method is unconditionally stable. The linear acceleration method is stable if $\Delta t / T_{n}<0.551$, and the central difference method is stable if $\Delta t / T_{n}<1 / \pi$. Obviously, the latter two methods are conditionally stable.

The stability criteria are not restrictive (i.e., they do not dictate the choice of time step) in the analysis of SDF systems because $\Delta t / T_{n}$ must be considerably smaller than the stability limit (say, 0.1 or less) to ensure adequate accuracy in the numerical results. Stability of the numerical method is important, however, in the analysis of MDF systems, where it is often necessary to use unconditionally stable methods (Chapter 16).

### 5.5.2 Computational Error

Error is inherent in any numerical solution of the equation of motion. We do not discuss error analysis from a mathematical point of view. Rather, we examine two important characteristics of numerical solutions to develop a feel for the nature of the errors, and then mention a simple, useful way of managing error.

Consider the free vibration problem

$$
m \ddot{u}+k u=0 \quad u(0)=1 \quad \text { and } \quad \dot{u}(0)=0
$$



Figure 5.5.1 Free vibration solution by four numerical methods $\left(\Delta t / T_{n}=0.1\right)$ and the theoretical solution.
for which the theoretical solution is

$$
\begin{equation*}
u(t)=\cos \omega_{n} t \tag{5.5.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

This problem is solved by four numerical methods: central difference method, average acceleration method, linear acceleration method, and Wilson's method. The last of these methods is available elsewhere; see the references at the end of the chapter. The numerical results obtained using $\Delta t=0.1 T_{n}$ are compared with the theoretical solution in Fig. 5.5.1. This comparison shows that some numerical methods may predict that the displacement amplitude decays with time, although the system is undamped, and that the natural period is elongated or shortened.

Figure 5.5.2 shows the amplitude decay AD and period elongation PE in the four numerical methods as a function of $\Delta t / T_{n} ; \mathrm{AD}$ and PE are defined in part (b) of the figure. The mathematical analyses that led to these data are not presented, however. Three of the methods predict no decay of displacement amplitude. Wilson's method contains decay of amplitude, however, implying that this method introduces numerical damping in the system; the equivalent viscous damping ratio $\bar{\zeta}$ is shown in part (a) of the figure. Observe the rapid increase in the period error in the central difference method near $\Delta t / T_{n}=1 / \pi$, the stability limit for the method. The central difference method introduces the largest period error. In this sense it is the least accurate of the methods considered. For $\Delta t / T_{n}$ less than its stability limit, the linear acceleration method gives the least period elongation. This property, combined with no amplitude decay, makes this method the most suitable method (of the methods presented) for SDF systems. However,


Figure 5.5.2 (a) Amplitude decay versus $\Delta t / T_{n}$; (b) definition of AD and PE; (c) period elongation versus $\Delta t / T_{n}$.
we shall arrive at a different conclusion for MDF systems because of stability requirements (Chapter 16).

The choice of time step also depends on the time variation of the dynamic excitation, in addition to the natural vibration period of the system. Figure 5.5 .2 suggests that $\Delta t=0.1 T_{n}$ would give reasonably accurate results. The time step should also be short enough to keep the distortion of the excitation function to a minimum. A very fine time step is necessary to describe numerically the highly irregular earthquake ground acceleration recorded during earthquakes; typically, $\Delta t=0.02 \mathrm{sec}$ and the time step chosen for computing structural response should not be longer.

One useful, although unsophisticated technique for selecting the time step is to solve the problem with a time step that seems reasonable, then repeat the solution with a slightly smaller time step and compare the results, continuing the process until two successive solutions are close enough.

The preceding discussion of stability and accuracy applies strictly to linear systems. The reader should consult other references for how these issues affect nonlinear response analysis.

### 5.6 NONLINEAR SYSTEMS: CENTRAL DIFFERENCE METHOD

The dynamic response of a system beyond its linearly elastic range is generally not amenable to analytical solution even if the time variation of the excitation is described by a simple function. Numerical methods are therefore essential in the analysis of nonlinear systems. The central difference method can easily be adapted for solving the nonlinear equation of motion, Eq. (5.1.3), at time $i$. Substituting Eqs. (5.3.1), the central difference approximation for velocity and acceleration, gives Eq. (5.3.2) with $k u_{i}$ replaced by $\left(f_{S}\right)_{i}$, which can be rewritten to obtain the following expression for response at time $i+1$ :

$$
\begin{equation*}
\hat{k} u_{i+1}=\hat{p}_{i} \tag{5.6.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{equation*}
\hat{k}=\frac{m}{(\Delta t)^{2}}+\frac{c}{2 \Delta t} \tag{5.6.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\hat{p}_{i}=p_{i}-\left[\frac{m}{(\Delta t)^{2}}-\frac{c}{2 \Delta t}\right] u_{i-1}+\frac{2 m}{(\Delta t)^{2}} u_{i}-\left(f_{S}\right)_{i} \tag{5.6.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

Comparing these equations with those for linear systems, it is seen that the only difference is in the definition for $\hat{p}_{i}$. With this modification Table 5.3.1 also applies to nonlinear systems.

The resisting force $\left(f_{S}\right)_{i}$ appears explicitly, as it depends only on the response at time $i$, not on the unknown response at time $i+1$. Thus it is easily calculated, making the central difference method perhaps the simplest procedure for nonlinear systems.

### 5.7 NONLINEAR SYSTEMS: NEWMARK'S METHOD

In this section, Newmark's method described earlier for linear systems is extended to nonlinear systems. Recall that this method determines the solution at time $i+1$ from the equilibrium condition at time $i+1$, i.e., Eq. (5.1.4) for nonlinear systems. Because the resisting force $\left(f_{s}\right)_{i+1}$ is an implicit nonlinear function of the unknown $u_{i+1}$, iteration is required in this method. This requirement is typical of implicit methods. It is instructive first to develop the Newton-Raphson method of iteration for static analysis of a nonlinear SDF system.

### 5.7.1 Newton-Raphson Iteration

Dropping the inertia and damping terms in the equation of motion [Eq. (5.1.1)] gives the nonlinear equation to be solved in a static problem:

$$
\begin{equation*}
f_{S}(u)=p \tag{5.7.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

The task is to determine the deformation $u$ due to a given external force $p$, where the nonlinear force-deformation relation $f_{S}(u)$ is defined for the system to be analyzed.

Suppose that after $j$ cycles of iteration, $u^{(j)}$ is an estimate of the unknown displacement and we are interested in developing an iterative procedure that provides an improved estimate $u^{(j+1)}$. For this purpose, expanding the resisting force $f_{S}^{(j+1)}$ in Taylor series about the known estimate $u^{(j)}$ gives

$$
\begin{equation*}
f_{S}^{(j+1)}=f_{S}^{(j)}+\left.\frac{\partial f_{S}}{\partial u}\right|_{u^{(j)}}\left(u^{(j+1)}-u^{(j)}\right)+\left.\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^{2} f_{S}}{\partial u^{2}}\right|_{u^{(j)}}\left(u^{(j+1)}-u^{(j)}\right)^{2}+\cdots \tag{5.7.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

If $u^{(j)}$ is close to the solution, the change in $u, \Delta u^{(j)}=u^{(j+1)}-u^{(j)}$, will be small and the second- and higher-order terms can be neglected, leading to the linearized equation

$$
\begin{equation*}
f_{S}^{(j+1)} \simeq f_{S}^{(j)}+k_{T}^{(j)} \Delta u^{(j)}=p \tag{5.7.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

or

$$
\begin{equation*}
k_{T}^{(j)} \Delta u^{(j)}=p-f_{S}^{(j)}=R^{(j)} \tag{5.7.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $k_{T}^{(j)}=\left.\frac{\partial f_{S}}{\partial u}\right|_{u^{(j)}}$ is the tangent stiffness at $u^{(j)}$. Solving the linearized equation (5.7.4) gives $\Delta u^{(j)}$ and an improved estimate of the displacement:

$$
\begin{equation*}
u^{(j+1)}=u^{(j)}+\Delta u^{(j)} \tag{5.7.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

The iterative procedure is described next with reference to Fig. 5.7.1. Associated with $u^{(j)}$ is the force $f_{S}^{(j)}$, which is not equal to the applied force $p$, and a residual force is defined: $R^{(j)}=p-f_{S}^{(j)}$. The additional displacement due to this residual force is determined from Eq. (5.7.4), leading to $u^{(j+1)}$. This new estimate of the solution is used to find a new value of the residual force $R^{(j+1)}=p-f_{S}^{(j+1)}$. The additional displacement $\Delta u^{(j+1)}$ due to this residual force is determined by solving

$$
\begin{equation*}
k_{T}^{(j+1)} \Delta u^{(j+1)}=R^{(j+1)} \tag{5.7.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

This additional displacement is used to find a new value of the displacement:

$$
\begin{equation*}
u^{(j+2)}=u^{(j+1)}+\Delta u^{(j+1)} \tag{5.7.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

and a new value of the residual force $R^{(j+2)}$, and the process is continued until convergence is achieved. This iterative process is known as the Newton-Raphson method.

Convergence rate. It can be proven that near the end of the iteration process the Newton-Raphson algorithm converges with quadratic rate to the exact solution $u$, i.e., $\left|u-u^{(j+1)}\right| \leq c\left|u-u^{(j)}\right|^{2}$, where $c$ is a constant that depends on the second derivative


Figure 5.7.1 Newton-Raphson iteration: (a) applied and resisting forces; (b) residual force.
of the resisting force or the change in tangent stiffness. This result implies that near the solution the error in the $(j+1)$ th iterate (equal to the difference between $u$ and $u^{(j+1)}$ ) is less than the square of the error in the previous iterate $u^{(j)}$.

Convergence criteria. After each iteration the solution is checked and the iterative process is terminated when some measure of the error in the solution is less than a specified tolerance. Typically, one or more of the following convergence (or acceptance) criteria are enforced:

1. Residual force is less than a tolerance:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left|R^{(j)}\right| \leq \varepsilon_{R} \tag{5.7.8a}
\end{equation*}
$$

Conventional values for the tolerance $\varepsilon_{R}$ range from $10^{-3}$ to $10^{-8}$.
2. Change in displacement is less than a tolerance:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left|\Delta u^{(j)}\right| \leq \varepsilon_{u} \tag{5.7.8b}
\end{equation*}
$$

Conventional values for the tolerance $\varepsilon_{u}$ range from $10^{-3}$ to $10^{-8}$.
3. Incremental work done by the residual force acting through the change in displacement is less than a tolerance:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{1}{2}\left|\Delta u^{(j)} R^{(j)}\right| \leq \varepsilon_{w} \tag{5.7.8c}
\end{equation*}
$$

Tolerance $\varepsilon_{w}$ must be at or near the computer (machine) tolerance because the left side is a product of small quantities.

Modified Newton-Raphson iteration. To avoid computation of the tangent stiffness for each iteration, the initial stiffness at the beginning of a time step may be used


Figure 5.7.2 Modified Newton-Raphson iteration: (a) applied and resisting forces; (b) residual force.
as the constant stiffness for all iterations within the time step. This modified NewtonRaphson iteration is illustrated in Fig. 5.7.2, where it can be seen that convergence is now slower. At each iteration the residual force $R^{(j)}$ is now larger, as seen by comparing Figs. 5.7.1 and 5.7.2, and more iterations will be required to achieve convergence.

### 5.7.2 Newmark's Method

We have now developed Newton-Raphson iteration to solve a nonlinear equilibrium equation [e.g., Eq. (5.7.1)] that governs the static problem. In dynamic analysis the goal is to determine response quantities $u_{i+1}, \dot{u}_{i+1}$ and $\ddot{u}_{i+1}$ at time $i+1$ that satisfy Eq. (5.1.4), which can be written as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(\hat{f}_{S}\right)_{i+1}=p_{i+1} \tag{5.7.9}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(\hat{f}_{S}\right)_{i+1}=m \ddot{u}_{i+1}+c \dot{u}_{i+1}+\left(f_{S}\right)_{i+1} \tag{5.7.10}
\end{equation*}
$$

By including the inertia and damping forces in defining the "resisting force" $\hat{f}_{S}$, the dynamic analysis equation (5.7.9) is of the same form as the static analysis equation (5.7.1).

Thus, we can adapt the Taylor series expansion of Eq. (5.7.2) to Eq. (5.7.9), interpret $\left(\hat{f}_{s}\right)_{i+1}$ as a function of $u_{i+1}$, and drop the second- and higher-order terms to obtain an equation analogous to Eq. (5.7.3):

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(\hat{f}_{S}\right)_{i+1}^{(j+1)} \simeq\left(\hat{f}_{S}\right)_{i+1}^{(j)}+\frac{\partial \hat{f}_{S}}{\partial u_{i+1}} \Delta u^{(j)}=p_{i+1} \tag{5.7.11}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Delta u^{(j)}=u_{i+1}^{(j+1)}-u_{i+1}^{(j)} \tag{5.7.12}
\end{equation*}
$$

Differentiating Eq. (5.7.10) at the known displacement $u_{i+1}^{(j)}$ gives

$$
\frac{\partial \hat{f}_{S}}{\partial u_{i+1}}=m \frac{\partial \ddot{u}}{\partial u_{i+1}}+c \frac{\partial \dot{u}}{\partial u_{i+1}}+\frac{\partial f_{S}}{\partial u_{i+1}}
$$

where the derivatives in inertia and damping terms on the right side can be determined from Eqs. (5.4.8) and (5.4.9), respectively, which were derived from Newmark's equation (5.4.1):

$$
\frac{\partial \ddot{u}}{\partial u_{i+1}}=\frac{1}{\beta(\Delta t)^{2}} \quad \frac{\partial \dot{u}}{\partial u_{i+1}}=\frac{\gamma}{\beta \Delta t}
$$

Putting together the preceding two equations and recalling the definition of tangent stiffness (Section 5.7.1) gives

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(\hat{k}_{T}\right)_{i+1}^{(j)} \equiv \frac{\partial \hat{f}_{S}}{\partial u_{i+1}}=\left(\hat{k}_{T}\right)_{i+1}^{(j)}+\frac{\gamma}{\beta \Delta t} c+\frac{1}{\beta(\Delta t)^{2}} m \tag{5.7.13}
\end{equation*}
$$

With the preceding definition of $\left(\hat{k}_{T}\right)_{i+1}^{(j)}$, Eq. (5.7.11) can be written as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(\hat{k}_{T}\right)_{i+1}^{(j)} \Delta u^{(j)}=p_{i+1}-\left(\hat{f}_{S}\right)_{i+1}^{(j)} \equiv \hat{R}_{i+1}^{(j)} \tag{5.7.14}
\end{equation*}
$$

Substituting Eqs. (5.4.8) and (5.4.9) in Eq. (5.7.10) and then combining it with the right side of Eq. (5.7.14) leads to the following expression for the residual force:

$$
\begin{align*}
\hat{R}_{i+1}^{(j)}= & p_{i+1}-\left(f_{S}\right)_{i+1}^{(j)}-\left[\frac{1}{\beta(\Delta t)^{2}} m+\frac{\gamma}{\beta \Delta t} c\right]\left(u_{i+1}^{(j)}-u_{i}\right)+\left[\frac{1}{\beta \Delta t} m+\left(\frac{\gamma}{\beta}-1\right) c\right] \hat{u}_{i} \\
& +\left[\left(\frac{1}{2 \beta}-1\right) m+\Delta t\left(\frac{\gamma}{2 \beta}-1\right) c\right] \ddot{u}_{i} \tag{5.7.15}
\end{align*}
$$

Note that the linearized equation (5.7.14) for the $j$ th iteration in dynamic analysis is similar in form to the corresponding equation (5.7.4) in static analysis. However, there is an important difference in the two equations in that damping and inertia terms are now included in both the tangent stiffness $\hat{k}_{T}$ (Eq. 5.7.13) and the residual force $\hat{R}$ (Eq. 5.7.15). The first, fourth, and fifth terms on the right side of Eq. (5.7.15) do not change from one iteration to the next. The second and third terms need to be updated with every new estimate of displacement $u_{i+1}^{(j)}$ during iteration.

Equation (5.7.14) provides the basis for the Newton-Raphson iteration method, summarized in step 3.0 of Table 5.7.1. Once $u_{i+1}$ is determined, the rest of the computation proceeds as for linear systems; in particular, $\ddot{u}_{i+1}$ and $\dot{u}_{i+1}$ are determined from Eqs. (5.4.8) and (5.4.9), respectively. Table 5.7.1 summarizes Newmark's algorithm as it might be implemented on the computer.

## TABLE 5.7.1 NEWMARK'S METHOD: NONLINEAR SYSTEMS

## Special cases

(1) Average acceleration method $\left(\gamma=\frac{1}{2}, \beta=\frac{1}{4}\right)$
(2) Linear acceleration method ( $\gamma=\frac{1}{2}, \beta=\frac{1}{6}$ )

### 1.0 Initial calculations

1.1 State determination: $\left(f_{S}\right)_{0}$ and $\left(k_{T}\right)_{0}$.
$1.2 \ddot{u}_{0}=\frac{p_{0}-c \dot{u}_{0}-\left(f_{S}\right)_{0}}{m}$.
1.3 Select $\Delta t$.
$1.4 \quad a_{1}=\frac{1}{\beta(\Delta t)^{2}} m+\frac{\gamma}{\beta \Delta t} c ; \quad a_{2}=\frac{1}{\beta \Delta t} m+\left(\frac{\gamma}{\beta}-1\right) c ; \quad$ and $a_{3}=\left(\frac{1}{2 \beta}-1\right) m+\Delta t\left(\frac{\gamma}{2 \beta}-1\right) c$.
2.0 Calculations for each time instant, $i=0,1,2, \ldots$
2.1 Initialize $j=1, u_{i+1}^{(j)}=u_{i},\left(f_{S}\right)_{i+1}^{(j)}=\left(f_{S}\right)_{i}$, and $\left(k_{T}\right)_{i+1}^{(j)}=\left(k_{T}\right)_{i}$.
$2.2 \hat{p}_{i+1}=p_{i+1}+a_{1} u_{i}+a_{2} \dot{u}_{i}+a_{3} \ddot{u}_{i}$.
3.0 For each iteration, $j=1,2,3$.
$3.1 \hat{R}_{i+1}^{(j)}=\hat{p}_{i+1}-\left(f_{S}\right)_{i+1}^{(j)}-a_{1} u_{i+1}^{(j)}$.
3.2 Check convergence; If the acceptance criteria are not met, implement steps 3.3 to 3.7; otherwise, skip these steps and go to step 4.0.
$3.3 \quad\left(\hat{k}_{T}\right)_{i+1}^{(j)}=\left(k_{T}\right)_{i+1}^{(j)}+a_{1}$.
$3.4 \Delta u^{(j)}=\hat{R}_{i+1}^{(j)} \div\left(\hat{k}_{T}\right)_{i+1}^{(j)}$.
$3.5 u_{i+1}^{(j+1)}=u_{i+1}^{(j)}+\Delta u^{(j)}$.
3.6 State determination: $\left(f_{S}\right)_{i+1}^{(j+1)}$ and $\left(k_{T}\right)_{i+1}^{(j+1)}$.

Replace $j$ by $j+1$ and repeat steps 3.1 to 3.6 ; denote final value as $u_{i+1}$.
4.0 Calculations for velocity and acceleration
4.1 $\dot{u}_{i+1}=\frac{\gamma}{\beta \Delta t}\left(u_{i+1}-u_{i}\right)+\left(1-\frac{\gamma}{\beta}\right) \dot{u}_{i}+\Delta t\left(1-\frac{\gamma}{2 \beta}\right) \ddot{u}_{i}$.
$4.2 \quad \ddot{u}_{i+1}=\frac{1}{\beta(\Delta t)^{2}}\left(u_{i+1}-u_{i}\right)-\frac{1}{\beta \Delta t} \dot{u}_{i}-\left(\frac{1}{2 \beta}-1\right) \ddot{u}_{i}$.
5.0 Repetition for next time step. Replace $i$ by $i+1$ and implement steps 2.0 to 4.0 for the next time step.

## Example 5.5

An SDF system has the same properties as in Example 5.1, except that the restoring forcedeformation relation is elastoplastic with yield deformation $u_{y}=0.75 \mathrm{in}$. and yield force $f_{y}=7.5$ kips (Fig. E5.5). Determine the response $u(t)$ of this system (starting from rest) to the half-cycle sine pulse force in Fig. E5.1 using the constant average acceleration method with $\Delta t=0.1 \mathrm{sec}$ and Newton-Raphson iteration.


Figure E5.5

## Solution

### 1.0 Initial calculations

$$
\left.\begin{array}{rlrl}
m & =0.2533 & k & =10 \\
u_{0} & =0 & \dot{u}_{0} & =0
\end{array}\right) p_{0}=0.1592
$$

1.1 State determination: $\left(f_{S}\right)_{0}=0$ and $\left(k_{T}\right)_{0}=k=10$.
$1.2 \ddot{u}_{0}=\frac{p_{0}-c \dot{u}_{0}-\left(f_{S}\right)_{0}}{m}=0$.
$1.3 \Delta t=0.1$.
$1.4 a_{1}=\frac{4}{(\Delta t)^{2}} m+\frac{2}{\Delta t} c=104.5040 ; \quad a_{2}=\frac{4}{\Delta t} m+c=10.2912 ; \quad$ and $a_{3}=m=0.2533$.

As an example, the calculations of steps 2.0, 3.0 and 4.0 in Table 5.7.1, are implemented as follows for the time step that begins at 0.3 sec and ends at 0.4 sec .

### 2.0 Calculations for $i=3$

2.1 Initialize $j=1$ $u_{i+1}^{(1)}=u_{i}=0.6121,\left(f_{S}\right)_{i+1}^{(1)}=\left(f_{S}\right)_{i}=6.1206$, and $\left(k_{T}\right)_{i+1}^{(1)}=\left(k_{T}\right)_{i}=10$.
$2.2 \hat{p}_{i+1}=p_{i+1}+104.5 u_{i}+10.29 \dot{u}_{i}+0.2533 \ddot{u}_{i}=123.9535$.
3.0 First iteration, $j=1$
$3.1 \hat{R}_{i+1}^{(1)}=\hat{p}_{i+1}-\left(f_{S}\right)_{i+1}^{(1)}-104.5 u_{i+1}^{(1)}$

$$
=123.9535-6.1206-63.9630=53.8698
$$

3.2 Check of convergence: Because $\left|\hat{R}_{i+1}^{(1)}\right|=53.8698$ exceeds $\varepsilon_{R}=10^{-3}$, chosen for this example, implement steps 3.3 to 3.7.
$3.3\left(\hat{k}_{T}\right)_{i+1}^{(1)}=\left(k_{T}\right)_{i+1}^{(1)}+a_{1}=10+104.5040=114.5040$.
$3.4 \Delta u^{(1)}=\hat{R}_{i+1}^{(1)} \div\left(\hat{k}_{T}\right)_{i+1}^{(1)}=53.8698 \div 114.5040=0.4705$.
$3.5 u_{i+1}^{(2)}=u_{i+1}^{(1)}+\Delta u^{(1)}=0.6121+0.4705=1.0825$.
3.6 State determination: $\left(f_{S}\right)_{i+1}^{(2)}$ and $\left(k_{T}\right)_{i+1}^{(2)}$
$\left(f_{S}\right)_{i+1}^{(2)}=\left(f_{S}\right)_{i}+k\left(u_{i+1}^{(2)}-u_{i}\right)=6.1206+(10 \times 0.4705)=10.8253$.
Because $\left(f_{S}\right)_{i+1}^{(2)}>f_{y},\left(f_{S}\right)_{i+1}^{(2)}=f_{y}=7.5$ and $\left(k_{T}\right)_{i+1}^{(2)}=0$.
3.0 Second iteration, $j=2$
$3.1 \hat{R}_{i+1}^{(2)}=\hat{p}_{i+1}-\left(f_{S}\right)_{i+1}^{(2)}-104.5 u_{i+1}^{(2)}$

$$
=123.9535-7.5-113.1282=3.3253
$$

3.2 Check of convergence: Because $\left|\hat{R}_{i+1}^{(2)}\right|=3.3253$ exceeds $\varepsilon_{R}$, implement steps 3.3 to 3.7 .
$3.3\left(\hat{k}_{T}\right)_{i+1}^{(2)}=\left(k_{T}\right)_{i+1}^{(2)}+a_{1}=0+104.5040=104.5040$.
$3.4 \Delta u^{(2)}=\hat{R}_{i+1}^{(2)} \div\left(\hat{k}_{T}\right)_{i+1}^{(2)}=3.3253 \div 104.5040=0.0318$.
$3.5 u_{i+1}^{(3)}=u_{i+1}^{(2)}+\Delta u^{(2)}=1.0825+0.0318=1.1143$.
3.6 State determination: $\left(f_{S}\right)_{i+1}^{(3)}$ and $\left(k_{T}\right)_{i+1}^{(3)}$
$\left(f_{S}\right)_{i+1}^{(3)}=\left(f_{S}\right)_{i}+k\left(u_{i+1}^{(3)}-u_{i}\right)=6.1206+(10 \times 0.5023)=11.1434$.
$\operatorname{Because}\left(f_{S}\right)_{i+1}^{(3)}>f_{y},\left(f_{S}\right)_{i+1}^{(3)}=f_{y}=7.5$ and $\left(k_{T}\right)_{i+1}^{(3)}=0$.
3.0 Third iteration, $j=3$
$3.1 \hat{R}_{i+1}^{(3)}=\hat{p}_{i+1}-\left(f_{S}\right)_{i+1}^{(3)}-104.5 u_{i+1}^{(3)}$

$$
=123.9535-7.5-116.4535=0
$$

3.2 Check of convergence: Because $\left|\hat{R}_{i+1}^{(3)}\right|=0$ is less than $\varepsilon_{R}$, skip steps 3.3 to 3.7; set $u_{4}=u_{4}^{(3)}=1.1143$.
4.0 Calculations for velocity and acceleration
$4.1 \dot{u}_{i+1}=\frac{2}{\Delta t}\left(u_{i+1}-u_{i}\right)-\dot{u}_{i}=\frac{2}{0.1}(1.1143-0.6121)-4.683=5.3624$.
$4.2 \ddot{u}_{i+1}=\frac{4}{(\Delta t)^{2}}\left(u_{i+1}-u_{i}\right)-\frac{4}{\Delta t} \dot{u}_{i}-\ddot{u}_{i}$
$=\frac{4}{(0.1)^{2}}(1.1143-0.6121)-\frac{4}{0.1} 4.6833-12.3719=1.2103$.
These calculations for the time step 0.3 to 0.4 sec are summarized in Table E5.5.
5.0 Repetition for next time step. After replacing $i$ by $i+1$, steps 2.0 to 4.0 are repeated for successive time steps and are summarized in Table E5.5.

TABLE E5.5 NUMERICAL SOLUTION BY CONSTANT AVERAGE ACCELERATION METHOD WITH NEWTON-RAPHSON ITERATION

| $t_{i}$ | $p_{i}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hat{R}_{i} \text { or } \\ & \hat{R}_{i}^{(j)} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \left(k_{T}\right)_{i} \text { or } \\ \left(k_{T}\right)_{i}^{(j)} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \left(\hat{k}_{T}\right)_{i} \text { or } \\ & \left(\hat{k}_{T}\right)_{i}^{(j)} \end{aligned}$ | $\Delta u^{(j)}$ | $\begin{gathered} u_{i} \text { or } \\ u_{i}^{(j+1)} \end{gathered}$ | $\left(f_{S}\right)_{i}^{(j+1)}$ | $\dot{u}_{i}$ | $\ddot{u}_{i}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0.0 | 0.0000 |  | 10 |  |  | 0.0000 |  | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| 0.1 | 5.0000 | 5.0000 | 10 | 114.504 | 0.0437 | 0.0437 | 0.4367 | 0.8733 | 17.4666 |
| 0.2 | 8.6603 | 21.6355 | 10 | 114.504 | 0.1889 | 0.2326 | 2.3262 | 2.9057 | 23.1801 |
| 0.3 | 10.0000 | 43.4481 | 10 | 114.504 | 0.3794 | 0.6121 | 6.1206 | 4.6833 | 12.3719 |
| 0.4 | 8.6603 | 53.8698 | 10 | 114.504 | 0.4705 | 1.0825 | 7.5000 |  |  |
|  |  | 3.3253 | 0 | 104.504 | 0.0318 | 1.1143 | 7.5000 | 5.3624 | 1.2103 |
| 0.5 | 5.0000 | 55.9918 | 0 | 104.504 | 0.5071 | 1.6214 | 7.5000 | 4.7792 | $-12.8735$ |
| 0.6 | 0.0000 | 38.4230 | 0 | 104.504 | 0.3677 | 1.9891 | 7.5000 | 2.5742 | -31.2270 |
| 0.7 | 0.0000 | 11.0816 | 0 | 104.504 | 0.1060 | 2.0951 | 7.5000 | -0.4534 | -29.3242 |
| 0.8 | 0.0000 | -19.5936 | 0 | 104.504 | -0.1875 | 1.9076 | 5.6251 |  |  |
|  |  | 1.8749 | 10 | 114.504 | 0.0164 | 1.9240 | 5.7888 | -2.9690 | -20.9876 |
| 0.9 | 0.0000 | -41.6593 | 10 | 114.504 | -0.3638 | 1.5602 | 2.1506 | -4.3075 | -5.7830 |
| 1.0 | 0.0000 | -47.9448 | 10 | 114.504 | -0.4187 | 1.1415 | -2.0366 | -4.0668 | 10.5962 |

During the next three time steps (after 0.4 sec ), the system is on the yielding branch $a b$. In other words, the stiffness $k_{i}=0$ remains constant, and no iteration is necessary. Between 0.6 and 0.7 sec the velocity changes sign from positive to negative, implying that the deformation begins to decrease, the system begins to unload along the branch $b c$, and the stiffness $k_{i}=10$. However, we have ignored this change during the time step, implying that the system stays on the branch $a b$ and no iteration is necessary.

The computation for the time step starting at 0.6 sec can be made more accurate by finding, by a process of iteration, the time instant at which $\dot{u}=0$. Then the calculations can be carried out with stiffness $k_{i}=0$ over the first part of the time step and with $k_{i}=10$ over the second part of the time step. Alternatively, a smaller time step can be used for improved accuracy.

Note that the solution over a time step is not exact because equilibrium is satisfied only at the beginning and end of the time step, not at all time instants within the time step. This implies that the energy balance equation (Chapter 7) is violated. The discrepancy in energy balance, usually calculated at the end of the excitation, is an indication of the error in the numerical solution.

## Example 5.6

Repeat Example 5.5 using modified Newton-Raphson iteration within each time step of $\Delta t=$ 0.1 sec .

Solution The procedure of Table 5.7.1 is modified to use the initial stiffness at the beginning of a time step as the constant stiffness for all iterations within the time step. The computations in steps 1.0 and 2.0 are identical to those presented in Example 5.5, but step 3.0 is now different. To illustrate these differences, step 3.0 in the modified Table 5.7.1 is implemented for the time step that begins at 0.3 sec and ends at 0.4 sec .
3.0 First iteration, $j=1$
$3.1 \hat{R}_{i+1}^{(1)}=\hat{p}_{i+1}-\left(f_{S}\right)_{i+1}^{(1)}-104.5 u_{i+1}^{(1)}$

$$
=123.9535-6.1206-63.9630=53.8698
$$

3.2 Check of convergence: Because $\left|\hat{R}_{i+1}^{(1)}\right|=53.8698$ exceeds $\varepsilon_{R}$, implement steps 3.3 to 3.7 .
$3.3\left(\hat{k}_{T}\right)_{i+1}=\left(k_{T}\right)_{i+1}+a_{1}=10+104.5040=114.5040$.
$3.4 \Delta u^{(1)}=\hat{R}_{i+1}^{(1)} \div\left(\hat{k}_{T}\right)_{i+1}=53.8698 \div 114.5040=0.4705$.
$3.5 u_{i+1}^{(2)}=u_{i+1}^{(1)}+\Delta u^{(1)}=0.6121+0.4705=1.0825$.
3.6 State determination: $\left(f_{S}\right)_{i+1}^{(2)}$

$$
\left(f_{S}\right)_{i+1}^{(2)}=\left(f_{S}\right)_{i}+k\left(u_{i+1}^{(2)}-u_{i}\right)=6.1206+(10 \times 0.4705)=10.8253
$$

Because $\left(f_{S}\right)_{i+1}^{(2)}>f_{y},\left(f_{S}\right)_{i+1}^{(2)}=f_{y}=7.5$.
3.0 Second iteration $j=2$
$3.1 \hat{R}_{i+1}^{(2)}=\hat{p}_{i+1}-\left(f_{S}\right)_{i+1}^{(2)}-104.5 u_{i+1}^{(2)}$

$$
=123.9535-7.5-113.1282=3.3253
$$

3.2 Check of convergence: Because $\left|\hat{R}_{i+1}^{(2)}\right|=3.3253$ exceeds $\varepsilon_{R}$, implement steps 3.3 to 3.7 .
$3.3\left(\hat{k}_{T}\right)_{i+1}=114.5040$.
$3.4 \Delta u^{(2)}=\hat{R}_{i+1}^{(2)} \div\left(\hat{k}_{T}\right)_{i+1}=3.3253 \div 114.5040=0.0290$.
$3.5 u_{i+1}^{(3)}=u_{i+1}^{(2)}+\Delta u^{(2)}=1.0825+0.0290=1.1116$.
3.6 State determination: $\left(f_{S}\right)_{i+1}^{(3)}$

$$
\left(f_{S}\right)_{i+1}^{(3)}=\left(f_{S}\right)_{i}+k\left(u_{i+1}^{(3)}-u_{i}\right)=6.1206+(10 \times 0.5000)=11.1157
$$

Because $\left(f_{S}\right)_{i+1}^{(3)}>f_{y},\left(f_{S}\right)_{i+1}^{(3)}=f_{y}=7.5$.
3.0 Third iteration, $j=3$
$3.1 \hat{R}_{i+1}^{(3)}=\hat{p}_{i+1}-\left(f_{S}\right)_{i+1}^{(3)}-104.5 u_{i+1}^{(3)}$

$$
=123.9535-7.5-116.1631=0.2904
$$

3.2 Check of convergence: Because $\left|\hat{R}_{i+1}^{(3)}\right|=0.2904$ exceeds $\varepsilon_{R}$, implement steps 3.3 to 3.7.
$3.3\left(\hat{k}_{T}\right)_{i+1}=114.5040$.
$3.4 \Delta u^{(3)}=\hat{R}_{i+1}^{(3)} \div\left(\hat{k}_{T}\right)_{i+1}=0.2904 \div 114.5040=0.0025$.
$3.5 u_{i+1}^{(4)}=u_{i+1}^{(3)}+\Delta u^{(3)}=1.1116+0.0025=1.1141$.
3.6 State determination: $\left(f_{S}\right)_{i+1}^{(4)}$

$$
\left(f_{S}\right)_{i+1}^{(4)}=\left(f_{S}\right)_{i}+k\left(u_{i+1}^{(4)}-u_{i}\right)=6.1206+(10 \times 0.5020)=11.1410
$$

Because $\left(f_{S}\right)_{i+1}^{(4)}>f_{y},\left(f_{S}\right)_{i+1}^{(4)}=f_{y}=7.5$.

These calculations and those for additional iterations during the time step 0.3 to 0.4 sec are shown in Table E5.6.

TABLE E5.6 NUMERICAL SOLUTION BY CONSTANT AVERAGE ACCELERATION METHOD WITH MODIFIED NEWTON-RAPHSON ITERATION

| $t_{i}$ | $p_{i}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hat{R}_{i} \text { or } \\ & \hat{R}_{i}^{(j)} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \left(k_{T}\right)_{i} \text { or } \\ & \left(k_{T}\right)_{i}^{(j)} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \left(\hat{k}_{T}\right)_{i} \text { or } \\ \left(\hat{k}_{T}\right)_{i}^{(j)} \end{gathered}$ | $\Delta u^{(j)}$ | $\begin{gathered} u_{i} \text { or } \\ u_{i}^{(j+1)} \end{gathered}$ | $\left(f_{S}\right)_{i}^{(j+1)}$ | $\dot{u}_{i}$ | $\ddot{u}_{i}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0.0 | 0.0000 |  | 10 |  |  | 0.0000 |  | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| 0.1 | 5.0000 | 5.0000 | 10 | 114.504 | 0.0437 | 0.0437 | 0.4367 | 0.8733 | 17.4666 |
| 0.2 | 8.6603 | 21.6355 | 10 | 114.504 | 0.1889 | 0.2326 | 2.3262 | 2.9057 | 23.1801 |
| 0.3 | 10.0000 | 43.4481 | 10 | 114.504 | 0.3794 | 0.6121 | 6.1206 | 4.6833 | 12.3719 |
| 0.4 | 8.6603 | 53.8698 | 10 | 114.504 | 0.4705 | 1.0825 | 7.5000 |  |  |
|  |  | 3.3253 |  |  | 0.02904 | 1.1116 | 7.5000 |  |  |
|  |  | 0.2904 |  |  | $2.536 \mathrm{E}-3$ | 1.1141 | 7.5000 |  |  |
|  |  | $2.536 \mathrm{E}-2$ |  |  | $2.215 \mathrm{E}-4$ | 1.1143 | 7.5000 |  |  |
|  |  | $2.215 \mathrm{E}-3$ |  |  | $1.934 \mathrm{E}-5$ | 1.1143 | 7.5000 | 5.3623 | 1.2095 |
| 0.5 | 5.0000 | 55.9912 | 0 | 104.504 | 0.5071 | 1.6214 | 7.5000 | 4.7791 | -12.8734 |
| 0.6 | 0.0000 | 38.4222 | 0 | 104.504 | 0.3677 | 1.9891 | 7.5000 | 2.5741 | -31.2270 |
| 0.7 | 0.0000 | 11.0810 | 0 | 104.504 | 0.1060 | 2.0951 | 7.5000 | -0.4534 | -29.3242 |
| 0.8 | 0.0000 | -19.5936 | 0 | 104.504 | -0.1875 | 1.9076 | 5.6250 |  |  |
|  |  | 1.8750 |  |  | $1.794 \mathrm{E}-2$ | 1.9256 | 5.8044 |  |  |
|  |  | -0.1794 |  |  | $-1.717 \mathrm{E}-3$ | 1.9238 | 5.7873 |  |  |
|  |  | $1.717 \mathrm{E}-2$ |  |  | $1.643 \mathrm{E}-4$ | 1.9240 | 5.7889 |  |  |
|  |  | $1.643 \mathrm{E}-3$ |  |  | $-1.572 \mathrm{E}-5$ | 1.9240 | 5.7888 | -2.9690 | -20.9879 |
| 0.9 | 0.0000 | -41.6600 | 10 | 114.504 | $-0.3638$ | 1.5602 | 2.1505 | -4.3076 | -5.7824 |
| 1.0 | 0.0000 | -47.9451 | 10 | 114.504 | -0.4187 | 1.1414 | -2.0367 | -4.0668 | 10.5969 |

The original Newton-Raphson iteration converges more rapidly than the modified Newton-Raphson iteration, as is apparent by comparing Tables E5.5 and E5.6 that summarize results from the two methods, respectively. Observe the following: (1) The results of the first iteration are identical in the two cases because both use the initial tangent stiffness. Consequently, the resisting force $\left(f_{S}\right)_{i+1}^{(2)}$ and the residual force $\hat{R}_{i+1}^{(2)}$ are identical. (2) By using the current tangent stiffness $\left(k_{T}\right)_{i+1}^{(2)}$ and the associated value of $\left(\hat{k}_{T}\right)_{i+1}^{(2)}$ from Eq. (5.7.13) in the second iteration, the original Newton-Raphson method leads to a smaller residual force
$\hat{R}_{i+1}^{(3)}=0$ (Example 5.5) compared to $\hat{R}_{i+1}^{(3)}=0.2904$ from the modified Newton-Raphson method (Example 5.6). (3) Because at each iteration the residual force $\hat{R}_{i+1}^{(j)}$ is now smaller, convergence is achieved in fewer iterations; for this time step of this example, two iterations are required in the original Newton-Raphson method (Example 5.5) compared to five iterations in the modified Newton-Raphson method (Example 5.6).

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## PROBLEMS

5.1 In Section 5.2 we developed recurrence formulas for numerical solution of the equation of motion of a linear SDF system based on linear interpolation of the forcing function $p(t)$ over each time step. Develop a similar procedure using a piecewise-constant representation of the forcing function wherein the value of the force in the interval $t_{i}$ to $t_{i+1}$ is a constant equal to $\tilde{p}_{i}$ (Fig. P5.1). Show that the recurrence formulas for the response of an undamped system are

$$
\begin{aligned}
& u_{i+1}=u_{i} \cos \left(\omega_{n} \Delta t_{i}\right)+\dot{u}_{i} \frac{\sin \left(\omega_{n} \Delta t_{i}\right)}{\omega_{n}}+\frac{\tilde{p}_{i}}{k}\left[1-\cos \left(\omega_{n} \Delta t_{i}\right)\right] \\
& \dot{u}_{i+1}=u_{i}\left[-\omega_{n} \sin \left(\omega_{n} \Delta t_{i}\right)\right]+\dot{u}_{i} \cos \left(\omega_{n} \Delta t_{i}\right)+\frac{\tilde{p}_{i}}{k} \omega_{n} \sin \left(\omega_{n} \Delta t_{i}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

Specialize the recurrence formulas for the following definition of the piecewise-constant force: $\tilde{p}_{i}=\left(p_{i}+p_{i+1}\right) / 2$. Write the recurrence formulas in the following form:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& u_{i+1}=A u_{i}+B \dot{u}_{i}+C p_{i}+D p_{i+1} \\
& \dot{u}_{i+1}=A^{\prime} u_{i}+B^{\prime} \dot{u}_{i}+C^{\prime} p_{i}+D^{\prime} p_{i+1}
\end{aligned}
$$

with equations for the constants $A, B, C, \ldots, D^{\prime}$.


Figure P5.1
*5.2 Solve Example 5.1 using the piecewise-constant approximation of the forcing function; neglect damping in the SDF system.
*5.3 Solve the problem in Example 5.1 by the central difference method, implemented by a computer program in a language of your choice, using $\Delta t=0.1$ sec. Note that this problem was solved as Example 5.2 and that the results were presented in Table E5.2.
*5.4 Repeat Problem 5.3 using $\Delta t=0.05 \mathrm{sec}$. How does the time step affect the accuracy of the solution?
*5.5 An SDF system has the same mass and stiffness as in Example 5.1, but the damping ratio is $\zeta=20 \%$. Determine the response of this system to the excitation of Example 5.1 by the central difference method using $\Delta t=0.05 \mathrm{sec}$. Plot the response as a function of time, compare with the solution of Problem 5.3, and comment on how damping affects the peak response.
*5.6 Solve the problem in Example 5.1 by the central difference method using $\Delta t=\frac{1}{3} \mathrm{sec}$. Carry out your solution to 2 sec , and comment on what happens to the solution and why.
*5.7 Solve the problem in Example 5.1 by the constant average acceleration method, implemented by a computer program in a language of your choice, using $\Delta t=0.1 \mathrm{sec}$. Note that this problem was solved as Example 5.3, and the results are presented in Table E5.3. Compare these results with those of Example 5.2, and comment on the relative accuracy of the constant average acceleration and central difference methods.
*5.8 Repeat Problem 5.7 using $\Delta t=0.05 \mathrm{sec}$. How does the time step affect the accuracy of the solution?
*5.9 Solve the problem in Example 5.1 by the constant average acceleration method using $\Delta t=\frac{1}{3}$ sec . Carry out the solution to 2 sec , and comment on the accuracy and stability of the solution.
*5.10 Solve the problem of Example 5.1 by the linear acceleration method, implemented by a computer program in a language of your choice, using $\Delta t=0.1 \mathrm{sec}$. Note that this problem was solved as Example 5.4 and that the results are presented in Table E5.4. Compare with the solution of Example 5.3, and comment on the relative accuracy of the constant average acceleration and linear acceleration methods.
*5.11 Repeat Problem 5.10 using $\Delta t=0.05 \mathrm{sec}$. How does the time step affect the accuracy of the solution?
*Denotes that a computer is necessary to solve this problem.
*5.12 Solve the problem of Example 5.5 by the central difference method, implemented by a computer program in a language of your choice, using $\Delta t=0.05 \mathrm{sec}$.
*5.13 Solve Example 5.5 by the constant average acceleration method with Newton-Raphson iteration, implemented by a computer program in a language of your choice. Note that this problem was solved as Example 5.5 and the results were presented in Table E5.5.
*5.14 Solve Example 5.6 by the constant average acceleration method with modified NewtonRaphson iteration, implemented by a computer program in a language of your choice. Note that this problem was solved as Example 5.6 and the results were presented in Table E5.6.
*5.15 Solve Example 5.5 by the linear acceleration method with Newton-Raphson iteration using $\Delta t=0.1 \mathrm{sec}$.
*5.16 Solve Example 5.5 by the linear acceleration method with modified Newton-Raphson iteration using $\Delta t=0.1 \mathrm{sec}$.
*Denotes that a computer is necessary to solve this problem.


[^0]:    $\dagger$ If the excitation is ground acceleration $\ddot{u}_{g}(t)$, according to Eq. (1.7.6), replace $p_{i}$ by $-m \ddot{u}_{g i}$ in Table 5.3.1. The computed $u_{i}, \dot{u}_{i}$, and $\ddot{u}_{i}$ give response values relative to the ground. If needed, the total velocity and acceleration can be computed readily: $\dot{u}_{i}^{t}=$ $\dot{u}_{i}+\dot{u}_{g i}$ and $\ddot{u}_{i}^{t}=\ddot{u}_{i}+\ddot{u}_{g i}$.

