

Solving Finite Length Beam Equation by the Haar Wavelet Method

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ABSTRACT

The beam is assumed partitioned into several finite elements and the deflection of the beam is required to be a positive quantity along the whole beam so that the related fundamental fourth-order ordinary differential equation can continuously holds good. In this paper, we apply Haar wavelet methods to solve finite-length beam differential equations with initial or boundary conditions known. An operational matrix of integration based on the Haar wavelet is established and the procedure for applying the matrix to solve the differential equations is formulated. The fundamental idea of Haar wavelet method is to convert the differential equations into a group of algebraic equations, which involves a finite number of variables. Illustrative example is given to confirm the efficiency and the accuracy of the proposed algorithm. The results show that the proposed way is quite reasonable when compared to exact solution.

Keywords

Haar wavelets; Ordinary differential equation; finite-length beam; computationally attractive

1. INTRODUCTION

The important problem of the bending of a beam on an elastic foundation has been the subject of a number of investigations. One of the earliest of these investigations was the work of Winkler [18] who assumed that, for the purposes of analysis, the elastic foundation could be replaced by a continuous set of springs, each of which can be deflected independently of the others.

Elastic beams under bending conditions resting on an elastic foundation have been of great importance in applied and computational mechanics long ago mainly because of their practical applications in engineering, especially in civil engineering. The related fundamental treatise is still that by Hetronyi [8], where the classical Winkler hypotheses about the elastic foundation were assumed valid. The related famous fourth-order ordinary differential equation has the well-known form [8].

$$E_b I \frac{d^4 y}{dx^4} + k_0 b y = b P x \quad (1)$$

where $E_b I$ is the elasticity modulus and section moment of inertia for the material of the beam; b is the width of the beam; k_0 is the centralized bending coefficient for the unit length of

the beam; $P x$ is the external load; y is the flexibility of the beam. Dynamic response of elastic-plastic continuous beams under short pulse loading was considered by Lepik [11,12,13]. The problem of an infinite length beam bonded to elastic half-space has been investigated by Blot [2]. A different method and different assumptions are used herein for a finite length beam. AlvarezDíaz et. al [1] had solved beam and finite elements by using Daubechies wavelets. Pavlovid and Tsikkos [17] had discussed the Beams on quasi-Winkler foundations. Xia and Zhang [19] had established a numerical method for critical buckling load for a beam supported elastic foundation.

Haar wavelets have been applied extensively for signal processing in communications and physics research, and more mathematically focused on differential equations and even nonlinear problems. After discretizing the differential equation in a convenient way like the finite difference approximation, wavelets can be used for algebraic manipulations in the system of equations obtained which may lead to better condition number of the resulting system.

The previous work in system analysis via Haar wavelets was led by Chen and Hsiao [4], who first derived a Haar operational matrix for the integrals of the Haar function vector and put the application for the Haar analysis into the dynamical systems. Then, the pioneer work in state analysis of linear time delayed systems via Haar wavelets was laid down by Hsiao [10], who first proposed a Haar product matrix and a coefficient matrix. In order to take the advantages of the local property, many authors researched the Haar wavelet to solve differential and integral equations.

In this paper, our work stems mainly from the Haar wavelet method and we established a clear procedure for solving the differential equations via Haar wavelet. The Haar wavelet method, which will exhibit several advantageous features:

- i) Very high accuracy fast transformation and possibility of implementation of fast algorithms compared with other known methods.
- ii) The simplicity and small computation costs, resulting from the sparsity of the transform matrices and the small number of significant wavelet coefficients.
- iii) The method is also very convenient for solving the boundary value problems, since the boundary conditions are taken care of automatically.

Haar wavelets (which are Daubechies of order 1) consists of piecewise constant functions and are therefore the simplest orthonormal wavelets with a compact support. The main advantage of the Haar wavelet is that simplicity gets to some extent lost [3]. Lepik [14,15,16] had solved higher order as well as nonlinear ODEs by using Haar wavelet method. Dai and Cochran [5] had introduced wavelet collocation method for

optimal Control Problems. Hariharan et.al [7] had established the Haar wavelet method for depth profile of soil temperature. Hsiao and Wang [9] had solved nonlinear stiff systems by Haar wavelet method.

We organized our paper as follows. In section 2, the Haar wavelet is introduced and an operational matrix is established. In section 3, we established operational matrix and use Haar wavelets to solve differential equation. Because of the local property of the powerful Haar wavelet, the new method is simpler in reasoning as well as in calculation. In section 4, we presented the product operational matrix of the Haar wavelet. In section 5, we established the Procedure of Haar wavelet method for ODE. In section 6, we implemented the Haar solution for the finite-length beam equation. Concluding remarks are given in Section 7.

2. SOME PROPERTIES OF HAAR WAVELETS

Haar wavelet is the simplest wavelet. Haar transform or Haar wavelet transform has been used as an earliest example for orthonormal wavelet transform with compact support. The Haar wavelet transform is the first known wavelet and was proposed in 1910 by Alfred Haar [6]. They are step functions (piecewise constant functions) on the real line that can take only three values. Haar wavelets, like the well-known Walsh functions (Rao 1983), form an orthogonal and complete set of functions representing discretized functions and piecewise constant functions. A function is said to be piecewise constant if it is locally constant in connected regions.

The Haar transform is one of the earliest examples of what is known now as a compact, dyadic, orthonormal wavelet transform. The Haar function, being an odd rectangular pulse pair, is the simplest and oldest orthonormal wavelet with compact support. In the mean time, several definitions of the Haar functions and various generalizations have been published and used. They were intended to adopt this concept to some practical applications as well as to extend its applications to different classes of signals. Haar functions appear very attractive in many applications as for example, image coding, edge extraction, and binary logic design.

After discretizing the differential equations in a conventional way like the finite difference approximation, wavelets can be used for algebraic manipulations in the system of equations obtained which lead to better condition number of the resulting system.

For applications of the Haar transform in logic design, efficient ways of calculating the Haar spectrum from reduced forms of Boolean functions are needed.

The Haar wavelet family for $t \in [0, 1]$ is defined as follows.

$$h_i(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } t \in \left[\frac{k}{m}, \frac{k+0.5}{m} \right) \\ -1, & \text{for } t \in \left[\frac{k+0.5}{m}, \frac{k+1}{m} \right) \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

Integer $m = 2^j$ ($j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, J$) indicates the level of the wavelet; $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m-1$ is the translation parameter. Maximal level of resolution is J . The index i is calculated according the formula $i = m + k + 1$; in the case of minimal values $m = 1, k = 0$ we have $i = 2$, the maximal value of i is $i = 2M = 2^{J+1}$. It is assumed that the value $i = 1$ corresponds to the scaling function for which $h_1 \equiv 1$ in $[0, 1]$. Let us define the collocation points $t_l = (l - 0.5) / 2M$, ($l = 1, 2, \dots, 2M$) and discretise the Haar function $h_i(t)$; in this way we get the coefficient matrix $H(i, l) = (h_i(t_l))$, which has the dimension $2M \times 2M$.

In the wavelet analysis for a dynamic system, all functions need to be transformed into Haar series. Since the differentiation of Haar wavelets always results in impulse functions, which should be avoided, the integration of Haar wavelets is preferred, which should be expandable into Haar series with Haar coefficient matrix P [4].

It is assumed that the value $i = 1$ corresponds to the scaling function for which

$$h_i(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } x \in [-1, 1] \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

The operational matrix of integration P , which is a $2M$ square matrix, is defined by the equation

$$P_i(x) = \int_0^x h_i(x) dx, \quad x \in [0, 1] \quad (3)$$

In section 4 the second order differential equation was replaced with the system of first order equations. Here another variant of solution is demonstrated, by which the second order equation is directly solved. For this purpose the integral operator Q is introduced.

$$Q_i(x) = \int_0^x P_i(x) dx \quad (4)$$

This integral can be evaluated according to (6). For instance for $2M = 4$ we have

$$QH = \frac{1}{128} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 9 & 25 & 49 \\ 1 & 9 & 23 & 31 \\ 1 & 7 & 8 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

The elements of the matrices H, P and Q can be evaluated according to (2), (3) and (4).

$$H_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad P_2 = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$H_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P_4 = \frac{1}{16} \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -4 & -2 & -2 \\ 4 & 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P_8 = \frac{1}{64} \begin{bmatrix} 32 & -16 & -8 & -8 & -4 & -4 & -4 & -4 \\ 16 & 0 & -8 & 8 & -4 & -4 & 4 & 4 \\ 4 & 4 & 0 & 0 & -4 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 & 0 & 0 & -4 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Chen and Hsiao [4] derived that the following matrix equation for calculating the matrix P of order m holds

$$P_m = \frac{1}{2m} \begin{pmatrix} 2mP_{m/2} & -H_{m/2} \\ H_{m/2}^{-1} & O \end{pmatrix}$$

where O is a null matrix of order

$$\frac{m}{2} \times \frac{m}{2}$$

$$H_{m \times m} \triangleq h_m(x_0), h_m(x_1), \dots, h_m(x_{m-1}), \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{i}{m} \leq t < \frac{i+1}{m}$$

$$H_{m \times m}^{-1} = \frac{1}{m} H_{m \times m}^T \text{diag}(r)$$

and

Here a diagonal matrix $\text{diag } r$ is defined as

$$\text{diag } r = \begin{pmatrix} r_1 & & & 0 \\ & \ddots & & \\ 0 & & & r_n \end{pmatrix}, \quad r \text{ is the row vector (or column vector) with elements } r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n.$$

It should be noted that calculations for P^m and H^m must be carried out only once; after that they will be applicable for solving whatever differential equations.

Table 1 Comparison of algorithmic complexity of the of the proposed method with FFT and WT

Series	Numbers of additions	Numbers of multiplications
Haar Transform (HT)	$2m-2$	m
Walsh Transform (WT)	$m \log_2 m$	m
Fast Fourier Transform (FFT)	$m \log_2 m$	$m \log_2 m + 1$

The fast capability of HT should be impressive. Since H and H^{-1} contain many zeros, this phenomenon makes the Haar transform faster than the Fourier transform, and it is even faster than the Walsh transform. This is one of the reasons for rapid convergence of the Haar wavelet series. The number of additions and multiplications for these three transforms are shown in Table 1.

In practical applications, a small number of terms increases the calculation speed and saves memory storage; a large number of terms improve resolution accuracy. Therefore, a trade-off between calculation speed, memory saving, and the resolution accuracy must be considered in the analysis.

3. FUNCTION APPROXIMATION

Any square integrable function $y(x)$ in the interval $[0, 1]$ can be expanded by a Haar series of infinite terms

$$y(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} c_i h_i(x), \quad i \in 0 \cup N, \quad (6)$$

where the Haar coefficients c_i are determined as,

$$c_0 = \int_0^1 y(x) h_0(x) dx,$$

$$c_n = 2^j \int_0^1 y(x) h_i(x) dx,$$

$$i = 2^j + k, \quad j \geq 0, \quad 0 \leq k < 2^j, \quad x \in [0, 1] \quad (7)$$

such that the following integral square error \mathcal{E} is minimized:

$$\mathcal{E} = \int_0^1 \left[y(x) - \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} c_i h_i(x) \right]^2 dx, \quad m = 2^j, \quad j \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (8)$$

Usually, the series expansion of (7) contains infinite terms for smooth $y(x)$. If $y(x)$ is piecewise constant by itself, or may be approximated as piecewise constant during each subinterval, then $y(x)$ will be terminated at finite m terms, that is

$$y(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} c_i h_i(x) = c_{(m)}^T h_m(x) \quad (9)$$

where the coefficients $c_{(m)}^T$ and the Haar function vector $h_m(x)$ are defined as

$$c_{(m)}^T = [c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{m-1}]$$

and $h_m(x) = [h_0(x), h_1(x), \dots, h_{m-1}(x)]^T$

where ‘T’ means transpose and $m = 2^j$.

4. HAAR WAVELET METHOD FOR SOLVING ODEs

For solving linear ordinary differential equation with n^{th} order, say

$$a_1 y^{(n)}(x) + a_2 y^{(n-1)}(x) + \dots + a_n y(x) = f(x),$$

where $x \in [A, B]$ and initial conditions

$$y^{(n-1)}(a), y^{(n-2)}(a), \dots, y(a) \text{ are known.}$$

We follow the work done by Lepik [14]. Say we intend to do until j level of resolution, hence we let $m = 2^j$. The interval $[A, B]$ will be divided into m subintervals, hence

$\Delta x = \frac{B-A}{m}$ and the matrices are in the dimension of $m \times m$. Here we suggest the step-by-step procedures for easy understanding. Mainly, there are 5 steps in the procedure as follow.

Step 1: Let $y^{(n)}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i h_i(x)$, where h is Haar matrix and a_i is the wavelet coefficients.

Step 2: Obtain appropriate v order of $y(x)$ by using

$$y^{(v)}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i P_{n-v,i}(x) + \sum_{\sigma=0}^{n-v-1} \frac{1}{\sigma!} x - A^\sigma y_0^{(v+\sigma)}$$

Step 3: Replace $y^{(n)}(x)$ and all the value of $y^{(v)}(x)$ into the problem.

Step 4: Calculate the wavelet coefficients, a_i .

Step 5: Obtain the numerical solution for $y(x)$.

Fig.1 Algorithm for solving ordinary differential equation by Haar wavelet method

Step 2 is the key procedure where matrix $P_{n-v,i}(x)$ will be counted.

5. FINITE-LENGTH BEAM EQUATION USING HAAR WAVELETS

By the medium of Winkler, the basic differential equation for the flexibility of the beam is

$$E_b I \frac{d^4 y}{dx^4} + k_0 b y = b P(x) \quad (10)$$

where $E_b I$ is the elasticity modules and section moment of inertia for the material of the beam; b is the width of the beam; k_0 is the centralized bending coefficient for the unit length of the beam; $P(x)$ is the external load; y is the flexibility of the beam.

The boundary conditions of finite-length beam cannot only be divided into the free end. Simple-supported and fixed end, but also be divided into any two terms among the three kinds conditions.

Table.1 All kinds of the conditions

Fixed End	$x = 0 \text{ or } 1$	$y = y' = 0$
Simple-supported	$x = 0 \text{ or } 1$	$y = y'' = 0$
Free end	$x = 0 \text{ or } 1$	$y'' = y''' = 0$

For clarity in presentation, in the illustrative example, we assume that $E_b I = 1, b = 1, k_0 = 4, P(x) = \cos(2x)$. The basic differential equation for the flexibility of the beam is

$$y^4 x + 4y x = \cos 2x \quad (11)$$

For solving this problem by the Haar wavelet method, we assume that $y^4 x$ can be expanded in terms of Haar wavelets as formula (2). That is

$$y^4 x = \sum_{n=0}^{m-1} c_n h_n x = c_m^T h_m x \quad (12)$$

The function $\cos 2x$ can be expanded into Haar series over the interval $[0, 1]$.

$$\cos 2x = \sum_{n=0}^{m-1} d_n h_n x = d_m^T h_m x \quad (13)$$

where the vector d_m^T can be obtained using formula (13).

Integrating formula (12) from 0 to x and using formula (2), the variables $y^3 x, y^2 x, y' x$ and $y x$ can be expressed as

$$y^3 x = \int_0^x y^4 t dt + y^3 \cdot 0 = \left[c_m^T P_m + f^T y^3 \cdot 0 \right] h_m x \quad (14)$$

$$y^2 x = \int_0^x y^3 t dt + y^2 \cdot 0$$

$$= \left[c_m^T P_m^2 + f^T y^3 \cdot 0 \cdot P_m f^T y^2 \cdot 0 \right] h_m x \quad (15)$$

$$y' x = \int_0^x y^2 t dt + y' \cdot 0$$

$$= \left[c_m^T P_m^3 + f^T y^3 \cdot 0 \cdot P_m^2 f^T y^2 \cdot 0 \cdot P_m \right] h_m x \quad (16)$$

$$y x = \int_0^x y' t dt + y \cdot 0 = \left[c_m^T P_m^4 + f^T y^3 \cdot 0 \cdot P_m^3 f^T y^2 \cdot 0 \cdot P_m^2 \right] h_m x$$

$$+ f^T y' \cdot 0 \cdot P_m f^T y \cdot 0 \quad (17)$$

where the vector f is defined as

$$f = [1, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{m-1 \text{ elements}}]$$

Substituting (12),(13) and (11) into formula (11), we transfer the equation

$$y^4 x + 4y x = \cos 2x \quad (18)$$

into a matrix equation, that is

$$c_m^T \left[I_m + 4P_m^4 \right] = d_m^T - 4f^T y^3 \cdot 0 \cdot P_m^3 - 4f^T y^2 \cdot 0 \cdot P_m^2 - 4f^T y' \cdot 0 \cdot P_m - 4f^T y \cdot 0 \quad (19)$$

where I_m is identity matrix.

Then, we choose four cases, which involve to the ordinary differential equation (11) to perform the Haar wavelet method.

Case 1 Simple-supported at both ends

Using boundary conditions

$$y \cdot 0 = y^2 \cdot 0 = 0, y \cdot 1 = y^2 \cdot 1 = 0$$

we can gain

$$y^3 \cdot 0 = -c_m^T P_m f$$

$$y' \cdot 0 = -c_m^T P_m^3 f + f^T \left[c_m^T P_m f \right] P_m^2 f$$

Case 2 Fixed end at one and simple-supported at the other one

Using boundary conditions

$$y \cdot 0 = y' \cdot 0 = 0, y \cdot 1 = y^2 \cdot 1 = 0$$

we can gain

$$y^3 \ 0 = \frac{c_m^T P_m f \left[f^T P_m f \right] - c_m^T P_m^3 f}{f^T P_m^2 f - f^T P_m f}$$

$$y^2 \ 0 = -c_m^T P_m f$$

$$\frac{c_m^T P_m f \left[f^T P_m f \right] - c_m^T P_m^3 f}{f^T P_m^2 f - f^T P_m f}$$

Case 3 Fixed end at one and free end at the other one

Using boundary conditions

$$y \ 0 = y' \ 0 = 0, y^2 \ 1 = y^3 \ 1 = 0$$

we can gain

$$y^3 \ 0 = -c_m^T f$$

$$y^2 \ 0 = -c_m^T P_m f - c_m^T f$$

Case 4 Fixed end at both ends

Using boundary conditions

$$y \ 0 = y' \ 0 = 0, y^2 \ 1 = y^3 \ 1 = 0$$

we can gain

$$y^3 \ 0 = \frac{c_m^T P_m^2 f \left[f^T P_m f \right] - c_m^T P_m^3 f}{f^T P_m^2 f - f^T P_m f^2}$$

$$y^2 \ 0 = -c_m^T P_m^2 f$$

$$\frac{c_m^T P_m^2 f \left[f^T P_m f \right]^2 - c_m^T P_m^3 f \left[f^T P_m f \right]}{f^T P_m^2 f - f^T P_m f^2}$$

Substituting $y^3 \ 0, y^2 \ 0, y' \ 0$ and $y \ 0$ into formula (19), we can gain c_m^T via solving the matrix equation,

then we have $y \ x$ by formula (17) respectively.

The comparison of analytic solution and the Haar solution is shown in Table.2. It is seen that even when $m = 32$ and $m = 64$ the Haar direct method quite satisfactory.

Table 2 Comparison of the analytic solution and the Haar solution for simple-supported at both ends

x	Exact solution	Haar solution $m = 32$	Haar solution $m = 64$
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

0.0625	0.0013	0.0014	0.0013
0.1875	0.0037	0.0038	0.0037
0.3125	0.0054	0.0055	0.0054
0.4375	0.0061	0.0059	0.0061
0.5625	0.0059	0.0060	0.0059
0.6875	0.0048	0.0047	0.0048
0.8125	0.0031	0.0033	0.0032
0.9375	0.0010	0.0011	0.0010
1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Table 3 Comparison of the analytic solution and the Haar solution for fixed end at one and simple-supported at the other one

x	Exact solution	Haar solution $m = 32$	Haar solution $m = 64$
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
0.0625	0.00012	0.00014	0.00013
0.1875	0.00080	0.00072	0.00078
0.3125	0.00160	0.00140	0.00150
0.4375	0.00210	0.00200	0.00210
0.5625	0.00230	0.00210	0.00230
0.6875	0.00200	0.00190	0.00200
0.8125	0.00140	0.00130	0.00140
0.9375	0.00057	0.00052	0.00056
1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Table 4 Comparison of the analytic solution and the Haar solution for fixed end at one and free end at the other end

x	Exact solution	Haar solution $m = 32$	Haar solution $m = 64$
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
0.0625	0.00017	0.00012	0.00016
0.1875	0.00120	0.00130	0.00120
0.3125	0.00260	0.00250	0.00260
0.4375	0.00400	0.00380	0.00390
0.5625	0.00520	0.00530	0.00510
0.6875	0.00620	0.00610	0.00620
0.8125	0.00700	0.00690	0.00690
0.9375	0.00770	0.00760	0.00770
1.0	0.00790	0.00780	0.00780

Table 5 Comparison of the analytic solution and the Haar solution for fixed end at both ends

x	Exact solution	Haar solution $m = 32$	Haar solution $m = 64$
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
0.0625	0.0001	0.0002	0.0001
0.1875	0.0006	0.0005	0.0006
0.3125	0.0011	0.0012	0.0011
0.4375	0.0014	0.0016	0.0014
0.5625	0.0013	0.0012	0.0013

0.6875	0.0009	0.0008	0.0009
0.8125	0.0004	0.0005	0.0004
0.9375	0.0001	0.0002	0.0001
1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

It follows from Tables 2, 3,4 and 5 that already in the cases $m = 32$ or $m = 64$ we get the results pertaining to our algorithm is closer to analytic solution. The error is negligible.

6. NUMERICAL TEST

Illustrative Example:

A cantilever beam of length l and weighing ω lb./unit is subjected to a horizontal compressive force P applied at the free end. Taking the origin at the free end and y -axis upwards, we establish the differential equation of the beam

$$EI \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = -Py - \omega x \cdot \frac{x}{2}$$

$$\text{(or) } EI \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + Py = -\frac{\omega x^2}{2} \quad (20)$$

Solving the above equation, the complete solution is $y = c_1 \cos nx + c_2 \sin nx$

$$+ \frac{\omega}{2P} \left(\frac{2}{n^2} - x^2 \right), \text{ where } \frac{P}{EI} = n^2, \quad (21)$$

The boundary conditions at the fixed end are $x = l, y = \delta$, the maximum deflection $dy/dx = 0$.

Using the condition $x = l, y = \delta$, equation (18) gives

$$\delta = c_1 \cos nl + c_2 \sin nl + \frac{\omega}{2P} \left(\frac{2}{n^2} - l^2 \right) \dots (22)$$

Applying the condition $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$, it gives

$$0 = n [-c_1 \sin nl + c_2 \cos nl - \frac{\omega l}{P}]$$

Also imposing the boundary condition for the free end (i.e. $x = 0, d^2 y/dx^2 = 0$) on

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = -n^2 [c_1 \cos nx + c_2 \sin nx - \frac{\omega}{P}],$$

we get

$$0 = -n^2 c_1 - \frac{\omega}{P}, \text{ i.e. } c_1 = -\omega / Pn^2.$$

$$\text{Then } c_2 = \frac{\omega l}{pn} \sec nl - \frac{\omega}{Pn^2} \tan nl$$

The maximum deflection

$$\delta = \frac{\omega}{Pn^2} \left(1 - \frac{l^2 n^2}{2} - \sec nl + nl \tan nl \right) \quad (23)$$

Equation (20) can be written as

$$y'' - n^2 y = \frac{-\omega x^2}{2}, \text{ where } \frac{P}{EI} = n^2 \quad (24)$$

For solving this problem by the Haar wavelet method, we assume that $y'' - n^2 y$ can be expanded in terms of Haar wavelets as formula (2). That is

$$y'' - n^2 y = \sum_{n=0}^{m-1} c_n h_n(x) = c_m^T h_m(x) \quad (25)$$

The function $\frac{-\omega x^2}{2}$ can be expanded into Haar series over the interval $[0, 1]$.

$$\frac{-\omega x^2}{2} = \sum_{n=0}^{m-1} d_n h_n(x) = d_m^T h_m(x) \quad (26)$$

where the vector d_m^T can be obtained using formula (3).

Integrating formula (25) from 0 to x and using formula (5), the variables $y'(x)$ and $y(x)$ can be expressed as

$$y'(x) = \int_0^x y''(t) dt + y'(0)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} c_m^T P_m^3 + f^T y^3 & 0 & P_m^2 f^T y^2 & 0 & P_m \\ +f^T y' & 0 & & & \end{bmatrix} \quad (27)$$

$h_m(x)$

$$y(x) = \int_0^x y'(t) dt + y(0)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} c_m^T P_m^4 + f^T y^3 & 0 & P_m^3 f^T y^2 & 0 \\ P_m^2 + f^T y' & 0 & P_m f^T y & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (28)$$

$h_m(x)$

where the vector f is defined as

$$f = [1, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{m-1 \text{ elements}}]$$

Substituting (25), (26) and (28) into formula (24), we transfer the equation

$$y'' - n^2 y = \frac{-\omega x^2}{2}, \text{ where } \frac{P}{EI} = n^2 \quad (29)$$

into a matrix equation, that is

$$\begin{aligned}
 c_m^T & \left[I_m + n^2 P_m^4 \right] \\
 & = d_m^T - n^2 f^T y^3 \quad 0 \quad P_m^3 \\
 & \quad -n^2 f^T y^2 \quad 0 \quad P_m^2 \\
 & \quad -n^2 f^T y' \quad 0 \quad P_m \quad -n^2 f^T y \quad 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{30}$$

where I_m is identity matrix.

From the above formula the wavelet coefficients $c_{(m)}^T$ can be successively calculated.

This process is started with

$$\begin{aligned}
 y \quad x_l, t_s & = \frac{-\omega x^2}{2}, \\
 y' \quad x_l, t_s & = -\omega x, \\
 y'' \quad x_l, t_s & = -\omega.
 \end{aligned}$$

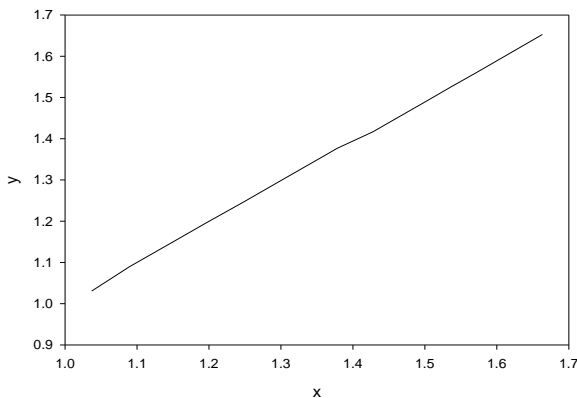


Fig.2 Comparison between Haar and exact solutions for $m=64$.

Fig.2 shows the comparison between the Haar and exact solutions of equation (18). In this example, $m = 64$ is used. If a larger m is chosen, a better estimation is expected.

7. CONCLUSION

The main goal of this paper was to demonstrate that the Haar wavelet method is a powerful tool for solving finite length beam differential equation. The algorithm and procedure have been applied to use Haar wavelet method in solving ODEs. The result is comparable to the exact solution. The method with far less degrees of freedom and with smaller CPU time provides better solutions than classical ones.

It is worth mentioning that Haar solution provides excellent results even for small values of m *ie.*, $m = 64$. For larger values of m , we can obtain the results closer to the real values. The main advantages of the presented method are its simplicity and small computation costs: it is due to the sparsity of the transform matrices and to the small number of significant wavelet coefficients. The method is also very convenient for solving the boundary value problems, since the boundary conditions are taken care of automatically. In our opinion the

method is wholly competitive in comparison with the classical methods.

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