

## Mechanical-hygro-thermal vibrations of functionally graded porous plates with nonlocal and strain gradient effects

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**Abstract.** Based upon differential quadrature method (DQM) and nonlocal strain gradient theory (NSGT), mechanical-hygro-thermal vibrational analyzes of shear deformable porous functionally graded (FG) nanoplate on visco-elastic medium has been performed. The presented formulation incorporates two scale factors for examining vibrational behaviors of nano-dimension plates more accurately. The material properties for FG plate are porosity-dependent and defined employing a modified power-law form. It is supposed that the nano-size plate is exposed to hygro-thermal and variable compressive mechanical loadings. The governing equations achieved by Hamilton's principle are solved implementing DQM. Presented results indicate the prominence of moisture/temperature variation, damping factor, material gradient index, nonlocal coefficient, strain gradient coefficient and porosities on vibrational frequencies of FG nano-size plate.

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### 1. Introduction

In a FG material, all material properties may change from one side to another side by means of a prescribed distribution. These two sides may be ceramic or metal. Mechanical characteristics of a FG material can be described based on the percentages of ceramic and metal phases. The material distribution in FG materials may be characterized via a power-law function. FG materials are not always perfect because of porosity production in them. Existence of porosities in the FG materials may significantly change their mechanical characteristics. For example, the elastic moduli of porous FG material is smaller than that of perfect FG material. Up to now, many authors focused on wave propagation, vibration and buckling analyzes of FG structures having porosities (Jabari *et al.* 2008, Chikh *et al.* 2016, Sobhy 2016, Lal *et al.* 2017, Bensaid and Keboura 2019, Zenkour and Aljadani 2018, Bekhadda *et al.* 2019). Also, there are several investigations concerning with the analysis of FG structures in thermal environments (Bouderba *et al.* 2016, El-Hassar *et al.* 2016).

Recently, this kind of materials have found their applications in nano-scale structures. Vibration behavior of a nano-scale plate is not the same as a macro-scale plate (Lee *et al.* 2006, Zalesak *et al.* 2016). This is because small-size effects are not present at macro scale. So, mathematical modeling of a nanoplate can be done with the use of nonlocal elasticity (Eringen 1983)

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incorporating only one scale parameter (Berrabah *et al.* 2013, Zenkour and Abouelregal 2014, Aissani *et al.* 2015, Besseghier *et al.* 2015, 2017, Elmerabet *et al.* 2017, Bouadi *et al.* 2018, Yazid *et al.* 2018). Due to the ignorance of strain gradient effect in nonlocal elasticity theory, a more general theory will be required (Natarajan *et al.* 2012, Daneshmehr and Rajabpoor 2014, Belkorissat *et al.* 2015, Ebrahimi and Barati 2016a, Sobhy 2015, Sobhy and Radwan 2017, Larbi Chaht *et al.* 2015, Belmahi *et al.* 2019, Al-assadi *et al.* 2019). Strain gradients at nano-scale are observed by many researchers (Lam *et al.* 2003, Lim *et al.* 2015, Mirsalehi *et al.* 2017). Thus, nonlocal-strain gradient theory was introduced as a general theory which contains an additional strain gradient parameter together with nonlocal parameter (Li *et al.* 2015& 2016, Li and Hu 2015&2016&2017, Ebrahimi and Barati 2017, Barati and Zenkour 2017, Fenjan *et al.* 2019). The scale parameters used in nonlocal strain gradient theory can be obtained by fitting obtained theoretical results with available experimental data and even molecular dynamic (MD) simulations.

This paper uses a higher order shear deformation plate formulation having four variables without using of shear correction factor. Based upon differential quadrature (DQ) approach and nonlocal strain gradient (NSGT) formulation, mechanical-hygro-thermal vibrational analysis of shear deformable porous functionally graded (FG) nanoplate on visco-elastic medium has been performed. The presented formulation incorporates two scale factors for examining vibrational behaviors of nano-dimension plates more accurately. The material properties for FG plate are porosity-dependent and defined employing a modified power-law form. It is supposed that the nano-sized plate is exposed to hygro-thermal and variable compressive mechanical loadings. The governing equations achieved by Hamilton's principle are solved implementing DQM. Presented results indicate the prominence of moisture/temperature variation, damping factor, material gradient index, nonlocal coefficient, strain gradient coefficient and porosities on vibrational frequencies of FG nano-size plate.

## 2. Nanoplate modeling based on NSGT

In the well-known nonlocal strain gradient theory (Lim *et al.* 2015), strain gradient impacts are taken into accounting together with nonlocal stress influences defined in below relation:

$$\sigma_{ij} = \sigma_{ij}^{(0)} - \nabla \sigma_{ij}^{(1)} \quad (1)$$

in such a way that stress  $\sigma_{ij}^{(0)}$  is corresponding to strain components  $\varepsilon_{kl}$  and a higher order stress is related to strain gradient components  $\nabla \varepsilon_{kl}$  which are (Lim *et al.* 2015):

$$\sigma_{ij}^{(0)} = \int_V C_{ijkl} \alpha_0(x, x', e_0 a) \varepsilon'_{kl}(x') dx' \quad (2a)$$

$$\sigma_{ij}^{(1)} = l^2 \int_V C_{ijkl} \alpha_1(x, x', e_1 a) \nabla \varepsilon'_{kl}(x') dx' \quad (2b)$$

in which  $C_{ijkl}$  express the elastic properties; Also,  $e_0 a$  and  $e_1 a$  are corresponding to nonlocality impacts and  $l$  is related to strains gradients. Whenever two nonlocality functions  $\alpha_0(x, x', e_0 a)$  and

$\alpha_1(x, x', e_1a)$  verify Eringen's announced conditions, NSGT constitutive relation may be written as follows:

$$[1 - (e_1a)^2 \nabla^2][1 - (e_0a)^2 \nabla^2] \sigma_{ij} = C_{ijkl} [1 - (e_1a)^2 \nabla^2] \varepsilon_{kl} - C_{ijkl} l^2 [1 - (e_0a)^2 \nabla^2] \nabla^2 \varepsilon_{kl} \quad (3)$$

so that  $\nabla^2$  defines the operator for Laplacian; by selecting  $e_1=e_0=e$ , above relationship decreases to:

$$[1 - (ea)^2 \nabla^2] \sigma_{ij} = C_{ijkl} [1 - l^2 \nabla^2] \varepsilon_{kl} \quad (4)$$

Taking into account the temperature/humidity impact Eq. (4) might be rewritten as (Ebrahimi and Barati 2017):

$$[1 - (ea)^2 \nabla^2] \sigma_{ij} = C_{ijkl} [1 - l^2 \nabla^2] (\varepsilon_{kl} - \gamma_{ij} T - \beta_{ij} C) \quad (5)$$

so that  $\gamma_{ij}$  and  $\beta_{ij}$  respectively define the temperature and humidity expansion properties.

### 3. Modeling FG plates having porosity

For the nanoplate shown in Fig.1, the material distribution in FG materials may be characterized via a power-law function. FG materials are not always perfect because of porosity production in them. Existence of porosities in the FG materials may significantly change their mechanical characteristics. Depending on the type of porosity distribution, the elastic moduli  $E$ , density  $\rho$ , temperature expansion property  $\gamma$  and humidity expansion property  $\beta$  for porous FG material can be expressed in the following power-law form having material gradient index  $p$  as (Barati and Zenkour 2017):

$$E(z) = (E_c - E_m) \left( \frac{z}{h} + \frac{1}{2} \right)^p + E_m - \frac{\alpha}{2} (E_c + E_m) \quad (6a)$$

$$\rho(z) = (\rho_c - \rho_m) \left( \frac{z}{h} + \frac{1}{2} \right)^p + \rho_m - \frac{\alpha}{2} (\rho_c + \rho_m) \quad (6b)$$

$$\gamma(z) = (\gamma_c - \gamma_m) \left( \frac{z}{h} + \frac{1}{2} \right)^p + \gamma_m - \frac{\alpha}{2} (\gamma_c + \gamma_m) \quad (6c)$$

$$\beta(z) = (\beta_c - \beta_m) \left( \frac{z}{h} + \frac{1}{2} \right)^p + \beta_m - \frac{\alpha}{2} (\beta_c + \beta_m) \quad (6d)$$

where  $m$  and  $c$  corresponds to the metallic and ceramic sides, respectively;  $\alpha$  defines the porosity volume fraction.

By defining exact location of neutral surface, the displacement components based on axial  $u$ , lateral  $v$ , bending  $w_b$  and shear  $w_s$  displacements may be introduced as (Bessegghier *et al.* 2017, Fenjan *et al.* 2019):

$$u_x(x, y, z, t) = u(x, y, t) - (z - r^*) \frac{\partial w_b}{\partial x} - [\Upsilon(z) - r^{**}] \frac{\partial w_s}{\partial x} \quad (7a)$$

$$u_y(x, y, z, t) = v(x, y, t) - (z - r^*) \frac{\partial w_b}{\partial y} - [\Upsilon(z) - r^{**}] \frac{\partial w_s}{\partial y} \quad (7b)$$

$$u_z(x, y, z, t) = w(x, y, t) = w_b + w_s \quad (7c)$$

so that

$$r^* = \frac{\int_{-h/2}^{h/2} E(z) z dz}{\int_{-h/2}^{h/2} E(z) dz}, \quad (8)$$

$$r^{**} = \frac{\int_{-h/2}^{h/2} E(z) \Upsilon(z) dz}{\int_{-h/2}^{h/2} E(z) dz}$$

Here, third order shear function is employed as:

$$\Upsilon(z) = -\frac{z}{4} + \frac{5z^3}{3h^2} \quad (9)$$

Finally, the strains based on the four-unknown plate model have been obtained as:

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_x &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - (z - r^*) \frac{\partial^2 w_b}{\partial x^2} - [\Upsilon(z) - r^{**}] \frac{\partial^2 w_s}{\partial x^2} \\ \varepsilon_y &= \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} - (z - r^*) \frac{\partial^2 w_b}{\partial y^2} - [\Upsilon(z) - r^{**}] \frac{\partial^2 w_s}{\partial y^2} \\ \gamma_{xy} &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - 2(z - r^*) \frac{\partial^2 w_b}{\partial x \partial y} - 2[\Upsilon(z) - r^{**}] \frac{\partial^2 w_s}{\partial x \partial y} \\ \gamma_{yz} &= g(z) \frac{\partial w_s}{\partial y}, \quad \gamma_{xz} = g(z) \frac{\partial w_s}{\partial x} \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

Next, one might express the Hamilton's rule as follows based on strain energy (U) and kinetic energy (T):

$$\int_0^t \delta(U - T + V) dt = 0 \quad (11)$$

and  $V$  is the work of non-conservative loads. Based on above relation we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta U &= \int_V (\sigma_{xx} \delta \varepsilon_{xx} + \sigma_{xx}^{(1)} \delta \nabla \varepsilon_{xx} + \sigma_{yy} \delta \varepsilon_{yy} + \sigma_{yy}^{(1)} \delta \nabla \varepsilon_{yy} + \sigma_{xy} \delta \gamma_{xy} + \sigma_{xy}^{(1)} \delta \nabla \gamma_{xy} \\ &+ \sigma_{yz} \delta \gamma_{yz} + \sigma_{yz}^{(1)} \delta \nabla \gamma_{yz} + \sigma_{xz} \delta \gamma_{xz} + \sigma_{xz}^{(1)} \delta \nabla \gamma_{xz}) dV \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Note that for obtaining Eq.(12), the thickness effects discussed by Tang *et al.* (2019) have been neglected by the authors. Placing Eqs. (8) and (10) in Eq.(12) leads to:

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta U = \int_0^a \int_0^b [N_{xx} [\frac{\partial \delta u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \delta w}{\partial x}] - M_{xx}^b \frac{\partial^2 \delta w_b}{\partial x^2} - M_{xx}^s \frac{\partial^2 \delta w_s}{\partial x^2} + N_{yy} [\frac{\partial \delta v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{\partial \delta w}{\partial y}] \\
- M_{yy}^b \frac{\partial^2 \delta w_b}{\partial y^2} - M_{yy}^s \frac{\partial^2 \delta w_s}{\partial y^2} + N_{xy} (\frac{\partial \delta u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \delta v}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \delta w}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{\partial \delta w}{\partial x}) - 2M_{xy}^b \frac{\partial^2 \delta w_b}{\partial x \partial y} \\
- 2M_{xy}^s \frac{\partial^2 \delta w_s}{\partial x \partial y} + Q_{yz} \frac{\partial \delta w_s}{\partial y} + Q_{xz} \frac{\partial \delta w_s}{\partial x}] dy dx \quad (13)
\end{aligned}$$

in which:

$$\begin{aligned}
N_{xx} &= \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} (\sigma_{xx}^0 - \nabla \sigma_{xx}^{(1)}) dz = N_{xx}^{(0)} - \nabla N_{xx}^{(1)} \\
N_{xy} &= \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} (\sigma_{xy}^0 - \nabla \sigma_{xy}^{(1)}) dz = N_{xy}^{(0)} - \nabla N_{xy}^{(1)} \\
N_{yy} &= \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} (\sigma_{yy}^0 - \nabla \sigma_{yy}^{(1)}) dz = N_{yy}^{(0)} - \nabla N_{yy}^{(1)} \\
M_{xx}^b &= \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} z (\sigma_{xx}^0 - \nabla \sigma_{xx}^{(1)}) dz = M_{xx}^{b(0)} - \nabla M_{xx}^{b(1)} \\
M_{xx}^s &= \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} f (\sigma_{xx}^0 - \nabla \sigma_{xx}^{(1)}) dz = M_{xx}^{s(0)} - \nabla M_{xx}^{s(1)} \\
M_{yy}^b &= \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} z (\sigma_{yy}^0 - \nabla \sigma_{yy}^{(1)}) dz = M_{yy}^{b(0)} - \nabla M_{yy}^{b(1)} \\
M_{yy}^s &= \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} f (\sigma_{yy}^0 - \nabla \sigma_{yy}^{(1)}) dz = M_{yy}^{s(0)} - \nabla M_{yy}^{s(1)} \\
M_{xy}^b &= \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} z (\sigma_{xy}^0 - \nabla \sigma_{xy}^{(1)}) dz = M_{xy}^{b(0)} - \nabla M_{xy}^{b(1)} \\
M_{xy}^s &= \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} f (\sigma_{xy}^0 - \nabla \sigma_{xy}^{(1)}) dz = M_{xy}^{s(0)} - \nabla M_{xy}^{s(1)} \\
Q_{xz} &= \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} g (\sigma_{xz}^0 - \nabla \sigma_{xz}^{(1)}) dz = Q_{xz}^{(0)} - \nabla Q_{xz}^{(1)} \\
Q_{yz} &= \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} g (\sigma_{yz}^0 - \nabla \sigma_{yz}^{(1)}) dz = Q_{yz}^{(0)} - \nabla Q_{yz}^{(1)}
\end{aligned} \quad (14a)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
N_{ij}^{(0)} &= \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} (\sigma_{ij}^{(0)}) dz, \quad N_{ij}^{(1)} = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} (\sigma_{ij}^{(1)}) dz \\
M_{ij}^{b(0)} &= \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} z (\sigma_{ij}^{b(0)}) dz, \quad M_{ij}^{b(1)} = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} z (\sigma_{ij}^{b(1)}) dz \\
M_{ij}^{s(0)} &= \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} f (\sigma_{ij}^{s(0)}) dz, \quad M_{ij}^{s(1)} = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} f (\sigma_{ij}^{s(1)}) dz \\
Q_{xz}^{(0)} &= \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} g (\sigma_{xz}^{i(0)}) dz, \quad Q_{xz}^{(1)} = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} g (\sigma_{xz}^{i(1)}) dz \\
Q_{yz}^{(0)} &= \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} g (\sigma_{yz}^{i(0)}) dz, \quad Q_{yz}^{(1)} = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} g (\sigma_{yz}^{i(1)}) dz
\end{aligned} \quad (14b)$$

for which ( $ij=xx, xy, yy$ ). The variation for the work of non-conservative force is expressed by:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta V = & \int_0^a \int_0^b (N_x^0 \frac{\partial(w_b + w_s)}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \delta(w_b + w_s)}{\partial x} + N_y^0 \frac{\partial(w_b + w_s)}{\partial y} \frac{\partial \delta(w_b + w_s)}{\partial y}) \\ & + 2\delta N_{xy}^0 \frac{\partial(w_b + w_s)}{\partial x} \frac{\partial(w_b + w_s)}{\partial y} - k_w(w_b + w_s)\delta(w_b + w_s) - c_d \delta \frac{\partial(w_b + w_s)}{\partial t} \\ & + k_p (\frac{\partial(w_b + w_s)}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \delta(w_b + w_s)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(w_b + w_s)}{\partial y} \frac{\partial \delta(w_b + w_s)}{\partial y})) dy dx \end{aligned} \quad (15a)$$

where  $N_x^0, N_y^0, N_{xy}^0$  denote membrane forces;  $k_w, k_p$  and  $c_d$  are viscoelastic substrate constants. Herein, the nano-dimension plate has been exposed to the below in-plane loading while shearing load has been neglected  $N_{xy}^0=0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} N_x^0 &= N^T + N^H + N_x^M, & N_y^0 &= N^T + N^H + N_y^M \\ N_x^0 &= N(1 - \xi \frac{y}{b}), & N_y^0 &= \eta N(1 - \xi \frac{x}{a}) \end{aligned} \quad (15b)$$

where hygro-thermal resultants may be defined as:

$$\begin{aligned} N^T &= \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} \frac{E(z)}{1-\nu} \gamma(z) (T - T_0) dz \\ N^H &= \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} \frac{E(z)}{1-\nu} \beta(z) (C - C_0) dz \end{aligned} \quad (15c)$$

so that  $C=\Delta C+C_0$  and  $T=\Delta T+T_0$  define humidity and temperature variations;  $C_0$  and  $T_0$  express prescribed humidity and temperature. Then, applied compressive loading may be defined as:

$$N_x^M = N(1 - \xi \frac{y}{b}), \quad N_y^M = N(1 - \xi \frac{x}{a}) \quad (15d)$$

Also, the kinetic energy variation is obtained as:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta K = & \int_0^a \int_0^b [I_0 (\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \frac{\partial \delta u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} \frac{\partial \delta v}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(w_b + w_s)}{\partial t} \frac{\partial \delta(w_b + w_s)}{\partial t}) - I_1 (\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \frac{\partial \delta w_b}{\partial x \partial t} + \frac{\partial w_b}{\partial x \partial t} \frac{\partial \delta u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} \frac{\partial \delta w_b}{\partial y \partial t} \\ & + \frac{\partial w_b}{\partial y \partial t} \frac{\partial \delta v}{\partial t}) - I_3 (\frac{\partial w_s}{\partial y \partial t} \frac{\partial \delta v}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial w_s}{\partial x \partial t} \frac{\partial \delta u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \frac{\partial \delta w_s}{\partial x \partial t} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} \frac{\partial \delta w_s}{\partial y \partial t}) + I_2 (\frac{\partial w_b}{\partial y \partial t} \frac{\partial \delta w_b}{\partial y \partial t} + \frac{\partial w_b}{\partial x \partial t} \frac{\partial \delta w_b}{\partial x \partial t}) \\ & + I_5 (\frac{\partial w_s}{\partial y \partial t} \frac{\partial \delta w_s}{\partial y \partial t} + \frac{\partial w_s}{\partial x \partial t} \frac{\partial \delta w_s}{\partial x \partial t}) + I_4 (\frac{\partial w_b}{\partial x \partial t} \frac{\partial \delta w_s}{\partial x \partial t} + \frac{\partial w_s}{\partial y \partial t} \frac{\partial \delta w_b}{\partial y \partial t} + \frac{\partial w_s}{\partial x \partial t} \frac{\partial \delta w_b}{\partial x \partial t} + \frac{\partial w_b}{\partial y \partial t} \frac{\partial \delta w_s}{\partial y \partial t})] dy dx \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

so that

$$(I_0, I_1, I_2, I_3, I_4, I_5) = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} (1, z - r^*, (z - r^*)^2, \Upsilon - r^{**}, (z - r^*)(\Upsilon - r^{**}), (\Upsilon - r^{**})^2) \rho(z) dz \quad (17)$$

Substituting Eqs.(13)-(16) into Eq.(11) then collecting the coefficients for field variables results in four equations of motion:

$$\frac{\partial N_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial N_{xy}}{\partial y} = I_0 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - I_1 \frac{\partial^3 w_b}{\partial x \partial t^2} - I_3 \frac{\partial^3 w_s}{\partial x \partial t^2} \quad (18)$$

$$\frac{\partial N_{xy}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial N_y}{\partial y} = I_0 \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial t^2} - I_1 \frac{\partial^3 w_b}{\partial y \partial t^2} - I_3 \frac{\partial^3 w_s}{\partial y \partial t^2} \quad (19)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial^2 M_x^b}{\partial x^2} + 2 \frac{\partial^2 M_{xy}^b}{\partial x \partial y} + \frac{\partial^2 M_y^b}{\partial y^2} - (N^T + N^H - k_p) \left[ \frac{\partial^2 (w_b + w_s)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 (w_b + w_s)}{\partial y^2} \right] \\ & - N_x^M(y) \frac{\partial^2 (w_b + w_s)}{\partial x^2} - N_y^M(x) \frac{\partial^2 (w_b + w_s)}{\partial y^2} - k_w (w_b + w_s) - c_d \frac{\partial (w_b + w_s)}{\partial t} = \\ & I_0 \frac{\partial^2 (w_b + w_s)}{\partial t^2} + I_1 \left( \frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x \partial t^2} + \frac{\partial^3 v}{\partial y \partial t^2} \right) - I_2 \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right) \left( \frac{\partial^2 w_b}{\partial t^2} \right) - I_4 \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right) \left( \frac{\partial^2 w_s}{\partial t^2} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial^2 M_x^s}{\partial x^2} + 2 \frac{\partial^2 M_{xy}^s}{\partial x \partial y} + \frac{\partial^2 M_y^s}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial Q_{xz}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial Q_{yz}}{\partial y} - (N^T + N^H - k_p) \left[ \frac{\partial^2 (w_b + w_s)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 (w_b + w_s)}{\partial y^2} \right] \\ & - N_x^M(y) \frac{\partial^2 (w_b + w_s)}{\partial x^2} - N_y^M(x) \frac{\partial^2 (w_b + w_s)}{\partial y^2} - k_w (w_b + w_s) - c_d \frac{\partial (w_b + w_s)}{\partial t} = I_0 \frac{\partial^2 (w_b + w_s)}{\partial t^2} \\ & + I_3 \left( \frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x \partial t^2} + \frac{\partial^3 v}{\partial y \partial t^2} \right) - I_4 \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right) \left( \frac{\partial^2 w_b}{\partial t^2} \right) - I_5 \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right) \left( \frac{\partial^2 w_s}{\partial t^2} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

Next, all edge conditions for  $x = 0, a$  and  $y = 0, b$  may be expressed by:

Specify  $un_x + vn_y$  or  $N_x n_x^2 + 2n_x n_y N_{xy} + N_y n_y^2 = 0$

Specify  $-un_y + vn_x$  or  $(N_y - N_x)n_x n_y + N_{xy}(n_x^2 - n_y^2) = 0$

Specify  $w_b$  or  $\left( \frac{\partial M_{xx}^b}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial M_{xy}^b}{\partial y} - I_1 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} + I_2 \frac{\partial^3 w_b}{\partial x \partial t^2} + I_4 \frac{\partial^3 w_s}{\partial x \partial t^2} \right) n_x + \left( \frac{\partial M_{yy}^b}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial M_{xy}^b}{\partial x} - I_1 \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial t^2} + I_2 \frac{\partial^3 w_b}{\partial y \partial t^2} + I_4 \frac{\partial^3 w_s}{\partial y \partial t^2} \right) n_y = 0$  (22)

Specify  $w_s$  or  $\left( \frac{\partial M_{xx}^s}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial M_{xy}^s}{\partial y} + Q_{xz} - I_3 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} + I_4 \frac{\partial^3 w_b}{\partial x \partial t^2} + I_5 \frac{\partial^3 w_s}{\partial x \partial t^2} \right) n_x + \left( \frac{\partial M_{yy}^s}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial M_{xy}^s}{\partial x} + Q_{yz} - I_3 \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial t^2} + I_4 \frac{\partial^3 w_b}{\partial y \partial t^2} + I_5 \frac{\partial^3 w_s}{\partial y \partial t^2} \right) n_y = 0$

Specify  $\frac{\partial w_b}{\partial n}$  or  $M_{xx}^b n_x^2 + n_x n_y M_{xy}^b + M_{yy}^b n_y^2 = 0$

Note that  $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial n} = n_x \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} + n_y \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y}$ ;  $n_x$  and  $n_y$  respectively define axial and lateral normal vectors at edges, and non-classic edge condition may be written as:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{Specify } \frac{\partial^2 w_b}{\partial x^2} \text{ or } M_{xx}^{b(1)} = 0 \\
& \text{Specify } \frac{\partial^2 w_b}{\partial y^2} \text{ or } M_{yy}^{b(1)} = 0 \\
& \text{Specify } \frac{\partial^2 w_s}{\partial x^2} \text{ or } M_{xx}^{s(1)} = 0 \\
& \text{Specify } \frac{\partial^2 w_s}{\partial y^2} \text{ or } M_{yy}^{s(1)} = 0
\end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

Finally, the nonlocal strain gradient constitutive relations based on refined FG plate model can be expressed by:

$$(1 - \mu \nabla^2) \begin{Bmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \sigma_y \\ \sigma_{xy} \\ \sigma_{yz} \\ \sigma_{xz} \end{Bmatrix} = \frac{E(z)}{1 - \nu^2} (1 - \lambda \nabla^2) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \nu & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \nu & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (1-\nu)/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & (1-\nu)/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & (1-\nu)/2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \varepsilon_x - \gamma \Delta T - \beta \Delta C \\ \varepsilon_y - \gamma \Delta T - \beta \Delta C \\ \gamma_{xy} \\ \gamma_{yz} \\ \gamma_{xz} \end{Bmatrix} \tag{24}$$

After integrating Eq. (24) in thickness direction, we get to the following relationships:

$$(1 - \mu \nabla^2) \begin{Bmatrix} N_x \\ N_y \\ N_{xy} \end{Bmatrix} = A(1 - \lambda \nabla^2) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \nu & 0 \\ \nu & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (1-\nu)/2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \end{Bmatrix} \tag{25}$$

$$(1 - \mu \nabla^2) \begin{Bmatrix} M_x^b \\ M_y^b \\ M_{xy}^b \end{Bmatrix} = D(1 - \lambda \nabla^2) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \nu & 0 \\ \nu & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (1-\nu)/2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} -\frac{\partial^2 w_b}{\partial x^2} \\ -\frac{\partial^2 w_b}{\partial y^2} \\ -2\frac{\partial^2 w_b}{\partial x \partial y} \end{Bmatrix} + E(1 - \lambda \nabla^2) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \nu & 0 \\ \nu & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (1-\nu)/2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 w_s}{\partial x^2} \\ \frac{\partial^2 w_s}{\partial y^2} \\ -2\frac{\partial^2 w_s}{\partial x \partial y} \end{Bmatrix} \tag{26}$$

$$(1 - \mu \nabla^2) \begin{Bmatrix} M_x^s \\ M_y^s \\ M_{xy}^s \end{Bmatrix} = E(1 - \lambda \nabla^2) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \nu & 0 \\ \nu & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (1-\nu)/2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} -\frac{\partial^2 w_b}{\partial x^2} \\ -\frac{\partial^2 w_b}{\partial y^2} \\ -2\frac{\partial^2 w_b}{\partial x \partial y} \end{Bmatrix} + F(1 - \lambda \nabla^2) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \nu & 0 \\ \nu & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (1-\nu)/2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 w_s}{\partial x^2} \\ \frac{\partial^2 w_s}{\partial y^2} \\ -2\frac{\partial^2 w_s}{\partial x \partial y} \end{Bmatrix} \tag{27}$$



$$(1 - \mu \nabla^2) \begin{Bmatrix} Q_x \\ Q_y \end{Bmatrix} = A_{44} (1 - \lambda \nabla^2) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \frac{\partial w_s}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial w_s}{\partial y} \end{Bmatrix} \quad (28)$$

in which:

$$A = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} \frac{E(z)}{1 - \nu^2} dz, \quad D = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} \frac{E(z)(z - r^*)^2}{1 - \nu^2} dz, \quad E = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} \frac{E(z)(z - r^*)(Y - r^{**})}{1 - \nu^2} dz$$

$$F = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} \frac{E(z)(Y - r^{**})^2}{1 - \nu^2} dz, \quad A_{44} = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} \frac{E(z)}{2(1 + \nu)} g^2 dz \quad (29)$$

Three equations of motion based on neutral surface location will be achieved by placing Eqs. (25)-(28) in Eqs. (18)-(21) by:

$$A(1 - \lambda \nabla^2) \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1 - \nu}{2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{1 + \nu}{2} \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x \partial y} \right) + (1 - \mu \nabla^2) \left( -I_0 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} + I_1 \frac{\partial^3 w_b}{\partial x \partial t^2} + I_3 \frac{\partial^3 w_s}{\partial x \partial t^2} \right) = 0 \quad (30)$$

$$A(1 - \lambda \nabla^2) \left( \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} + \frac{1 - \nu}{2} \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1 + \nu}{2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} \right) + (1 - \mu \nabla^2) \left( -I_0 \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial t^2} + I_1 \frac{\partial^3 w_b}{\partial y \partial t^2} + I_3 \frac{\partial^3 w_s}{\partial y \partial t^2} \right) = 0 \quad (31)$$

$$-D(1 - \lambda \nabla^2) \left( \frac{\partial^4 w_b}{\partial x^4} + 2 \frac{\partial^4 w_b}{\partial x^2 \partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^4 w_b}{\partial y^4} \right) - E(1 - \lambda \nabla^2) \left( \frac{\partial^4 w_s}{\partial x^4} + 2 \frac{\partial^4 w_s}{\partial x^2 \partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^4 w_s}{\partial y^4} \right)$$

$$+ (1 - \mu \nabla^2) \left( -I_0 \frac{\partial^2 (w_b + w_s)}{\partial t^2} - I_1 \left( \frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x \partial t^2} + \frac{\partial^3 v}{\partial y \partial t^2} \right) + I_2 \nabla^2 \left( \frac{\partial^2 w_b}{\partial t^2} \right) \right.$$

$$+ I_4 \nabla^2 \left( \frac{\partial^2 w_s}{\partial t^2} \right) - (N^T + N^H) \left[ \frac{\partial^2 (w_b + w_s)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 (w_b + w_s)}{\partial y^2} \right] - N_x^M(y) \frac{\partial^2 (w_b + w_s)}{\partial x^2}$$

$$- N_y^M(x) \frac{\partial^2 (w_b + w_s)}{\partial y^2} - \left( k_w + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} c_d \right) (w_b + w_s) + k_p \left[ \frac{\partial^2 (w_b + w_s)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 (w_b + w_s)}{\partial y^2} \right] = 0 \quad (32)$$

$$-E(1 - \lambda \nabla^2) \left( \frac{\partial^4 w_b}{\partial x^4} + 2 \frac{\partial^4 w_b}{\partial x^2 \partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^4 w_b}{\partial y^4} \right) - F(1 - \lambda \nabla^2) \left( \frac{\partial^4 w_s}{\partial x^4} + 2 \frac{\partial^4 w_s}{\partial x^2 \partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^4 w_s}{\partial y^4} \right)$$

$$+ A_{44} (1 - \lambda \nabla^2) \left( \frac{\partial^2 w_s}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w_s}{\partial y^2} \right) + (1 - \mu \nabla^2) \left( -I_0 \frac{\partial^2 (w_b + w_s)}{\partial t^2} - I_3 \left( \frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x \partial t^2} + \frac{\partial^3 v}{\partial y \partial t^2} \right) \right.$$

$$+ I_4 \nabla^2 \left( \frac{\partial^2 w_b}{\partial t^2} \right) + I_5 \nabla^2 \left( \frac{\partial^2 w_s}{\partial t^2} \right) - (N^T + N^H) \left[ \frac{\partial^2 (w_b + w_s)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 (w_b + w_s)}{\partial y^2} \right]$$

$$- N_x^M(y) \frac{\partial^2 (w_b + w_s)}{\partial x^2} - N_y^M(x) \frac{\partial^2 (w_b + w_s)}{\partial y^2} - \left( k_w + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} c_d \right) (w_b + w_s)$$

$$+ k_p \left[ \frac{\partial^2 (w_b + w_s)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 (w_b + w_s)}{\partial y^2} \right] = 0 \quad (33)$$

#### 4. Solution by differential quadrature method (DQM)

In the present chapter, differential quadrature method (DQM) has been utilized for solving the governing equations for NSGT porous FG nanoplate. According to DQM, at an assumed grid point  $(x_i, y_j)$  the derivatives for function  $F$  are supposed as weighted linear summation of all functional values within the computation domains as:

$$\frac{d^n F}{dx^n} \Big|_{x=x_i} = \sum_{j=1}^N c_{ij}^{(n)} F(x_j) \quad (34)$$

where

$$C_{ij}^{(1)} = \frac{\pi(x_i)}{(x_i - x_j) \pi(x_j)} \quad i, j = 1, 2, \dots, N, \quad i \neq j \quad (35)$$

in which  $\pi(x_i)$  is defined by

$$\pi(x_i) = \prod_{j=1}^N (x_i - x_j), \quad i \neq j \quad (36)$$

And when  $i = j$

$$C_{ij}^{(1)} = c_{ii}^{(1)} = - \sum_{k=1}^N C_{ik}^{(1)}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N, \quad i \neq k, \quad i = j \quad (37)$$

Then, weighting coefficients for high orders derivatives may be expressed by:

$$\begin{aligned} C_{ij}^{(2)} &= \sum_{k=1}^N C_{ik}^{(1)} C_{kj}^{(1)} \\ C_{ij}^{(3)} &= \sum_{k=1}^N C_{ik}^{(1)} C_{kj}^{(2)} = \sum_{k=1}^N C_{ik}^{(2)} C_{kj}^{(1)} \\ C_{ij}^{(4)} &= \sum_{k=1}^N C_{ik}^{(1)} C_{kj}^{(3)} = \sum_{k=1}^N C_{ik}^{(3)} C_{kj}^{(1)} \quad i, j = 1, 2, \dots, N. \\ C_{ij}^{(5)} &= \sum_{k=1}^N C_{ik}^{(1)} C_{kj}^{(4)} = \sum_{k=1}^N C_{ik}^{(4)} C_{kj}^{(1)} \\ C_{ij}^{(6)} &= \sum_{k=1}^N C_{ik}^{(1)} C_{kj}^{(5)} = \sum_{k=1}^N C_{ik}^{(5)} C_{kj}^{(1)} \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

According to presented approach, the dispersions of grid points based upon Gauss-Chebyshev-Lobatto assumption are expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned} x_i &= \frac{a}{2} \left[ 1 - \cos \left( \frac{i-1}{N-1} \pi \right) \right] \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N, \\ y_j &= \frac{b}{2} \left[ 1 - \cos \left( \frac{j-1}{M-1} \pi \right) \right] \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, M, \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

Next, the time derivative for displacement components may be determined by

$$w_b(x, y, t) = W_b(x, y)e^{i\omega t} \quad (40)$$

$$w_s(x, y, t) = W_s(x, y)e^{i\omega t} \quad (41)$$

where  $W_b$  and  $W_s$  denote vibration amplitudes and  $\omega$  defines the vibrational frequency. Then, it is possible to express obtained boundary conditions as:

$$\begin{aligned} w_b = w_s = 0, \\ \frac{\partial^2 w_b}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 w_s}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 w_b}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial^2 w_s}{\partial y^2} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial^4 w_b}{\partial x^4} = \frac{\partial^4 w_s}{\partial x^4} = \frac{\partial^4 w_b}{\partial y^4} = \frac{\partial^4 w_s}{\partial y^4} = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

Now, one can express the modified weighting coefficients for all edges simply-supported as:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{C}_{1,j}^{(2)} = \bar{C}_{N,j}^{(2)} = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, M, \\ \bar{C}_{i,1}^{(2)} = \bar{C}_{i,M}^{(2)} = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N. \end{aligned} \quad (43)$$

and

$$\bar{C}_{ij}^{(3)} = \sum_{k=1}^N C_{ik}^{(1)} \bar{C}_{kj}^{(2)} \quad \bar{C}_{ij}^{(4)} = \sum_{k=1}^N C_{ik}^{(1)} \bar{C}_{kj}^{(3)} \quad (44)$$

By placing Eqs. (38)–(39) into Eqs. (30)–(33) and performing some simplifications leads to the following system based on mass matrix  $[M]$ , stiffness matrix  $[K]$  and damping matrix  $[C]$  as:

$$\left\{ \{K\} + i\bar{\omega}_n[C] + \bar{\omega}_n^2[M] \right\} \begin{Bmatrix} U_{mn} \\ V_{mn} \\ W_{bmn} \\ W_{smn} \end{Bmatrix} = 0 \quad (45)$$

Six grid points are adequate for convergence of the method. The presented results are based on the following dimensionless factors:

$$\hat{\omega} = \omega a \sqrt{\frac{\rho_c}{E_c}}, \quad K_w = \frac{k_w a^4}{D_c}, \quad K_p = \frac{k_p a^2}{D_c}, \quad C_d = c_d \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{\rho h D_c}}, \quad \bar{N} = N \frac{a^2}{D_c}, \quad D_c = \frac{E_c h^3}{12(1-\nu_c^2)} \quad (46)$$

## 5. Obtained results and discussions

The presented research examines vibration behaviors of hygro-thermally loaded porous FG nano-dimension plates based on four-variable plate model and DQ method. Nonlocal and strain gradient coefficients are used in order to define the size-dependent behavior of nano-size plate.

Table 1 Comparison of non-dimensional fundamental natural frequency  $\hat{\omega} = \omega h \sqrt{\rho_c / G_c}$  of FG nanoplates with simply-supported boundary conditions (p=5)

a/h	$\mu$	a/b=1		a/b=2	
		Natarajan <i>et al.</i> (2012)	present	Natarajan <i>et al.</i> (2012)	present
10	0	0.0441	0.043823	0.1055	0.104329
	1	0.0403	0.04007	0.0863	0.085493
	2	0.0374	0.037141	0.0748	0.074174
	4	0.0330	0.032806	0.0612	0.060673
20	0	0.0113	0.011256	0.0279	0.027756
	1	0.0103	0.010288	0.0229	0.022722
	2	0.0096	0.009534	0.0198	0.019704
	4	0.0085	0.008418	0.0162	0.016110

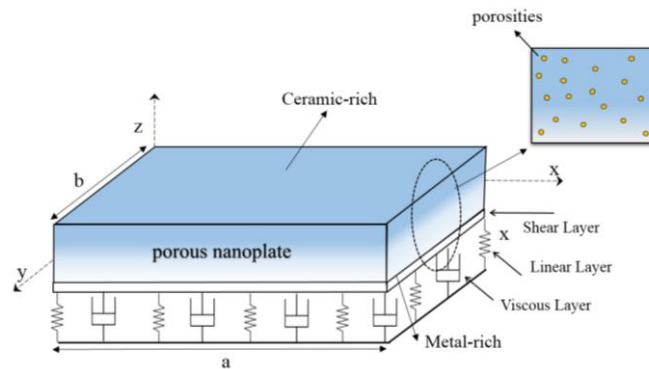


Fig. 1 Configuration of nanoporous inhomogeneous nanoplate on elastic substrate

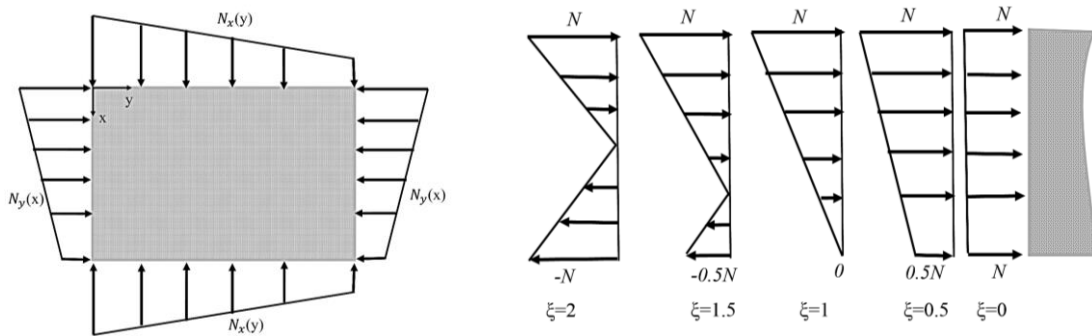


Fig. 2 Different cases of in-plane loads

Presented results indicate the prominence of moisture/temperature variation, damping factor, material gradient index, nonlocal coefficient, strain gradient coefficient and porosities on vibrational frequencies of FG nano-size plate. A verification study is presented in Table 1 for FG

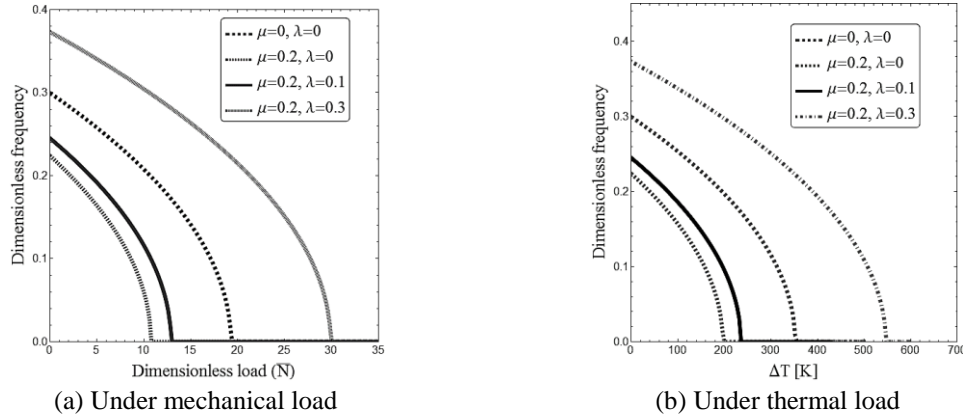


Fig. 3 Variation of dimensionless frequency of perfect nanoplate versus mechanical load and temperature rise for different nonlocal and strain gradient parameters ( $p=1$ ,  $a/h=15$ ,  $K_w=0$ ,  $K_p=0$ ,  $\Delta C=0\%$ )

nanoplate with comparing the vibrational frequency presented by DQM and those obtained by Natarajan *et al.* (2012). For presenting new results according to linearly varying in-plane loads, Fig. 2 shows all types of in-plane loadings. Also, each material property for FG plate may be assumed by:

$$E_c = 380 \text{ GPa}, \rho_c = 3800 \text{ kg/m}^3, \nu_c = 0.3, \gamma_c = 7 \times 10^{-6} \text{ 1/}^\circ\text{C}, \beta_c = 0.001 \text{ (wt. \% H}_2\text{O)}^{-1}$$

$$E_m = 70 \text{ GPa}, \rho_m = 2707 \text{ kg/m}^3, \nu_m = 0.3, \gamma_m = 23 \times 10^{-6} \text{ 1/}^\circ\text{C}, \beta_m = 0.44 \text{ (wt. \% H}_2\text{O)}^{-1}$$

In Fig. 3, the variation of normalized frequencies of a FG nano-dimension plate versus mechanical and thermal loading is represented for several nonlocality ( $\mu$ ) and strain gradients ( $\lambda$ ) coefficients when  $a/h=15$  and  $p=1$ . By selecting  $\mu=\lambda=0$ , the vibrational frequencies based upon classic plate assumption will be derived. Actually, selecting  $\lambda=0$  gives the frequency in the context of nonlocal elasticity theory (NET) and discarding strain gradients impacts. It can be understood from Fig. 3 that vibration frequency of system will rise with strain gradient coefficient and will reduce with nonlocality coefficient. This observation is valid for all kinds of applied loads. So, vibration behavior of the nanoplate system is dependent on both scale effects. Another finding is that increasing of temperature or in-plane mechanical load is corresponding to lower structural stiffness of the nano-dimension plate as well as smaller vibration frequency. At particular temperatures and in-plane mechanical loads, obtained frequency for the nanoplate will be zero. Therefore, when the frequency is zero, one can obtain critical buckling load and temperature. An important finding is that the critical buckling load and temperature are outstandingly affected by the values of nonlocal and strain gradient coefficients.

Fig. 4 indicates the impact of pore parameter on vibration frequency curves of porosity-dependent nano-sized plates when  $a=15h$  based on even pore dispersion. Different amounts of pore parameter have been selected ( $\alpha=0, 0.1$  and  $0.2$ ). The result based on  $\alpha=0$  is related to perfect nano-size plates. For both porous and perfect nano-size plate, the zero value of vibration frequency denotes the thermal buckling. One can find that the vibration frequencies become smaller by increasing in temperature value highlighting the intrinsic softening influence related to thermal loading. Then, one can find that increasing in pore parameter yields a lower vibration frequency at small values of temperature rise. The reason comes from the reduction of nano-sized plate stiffness

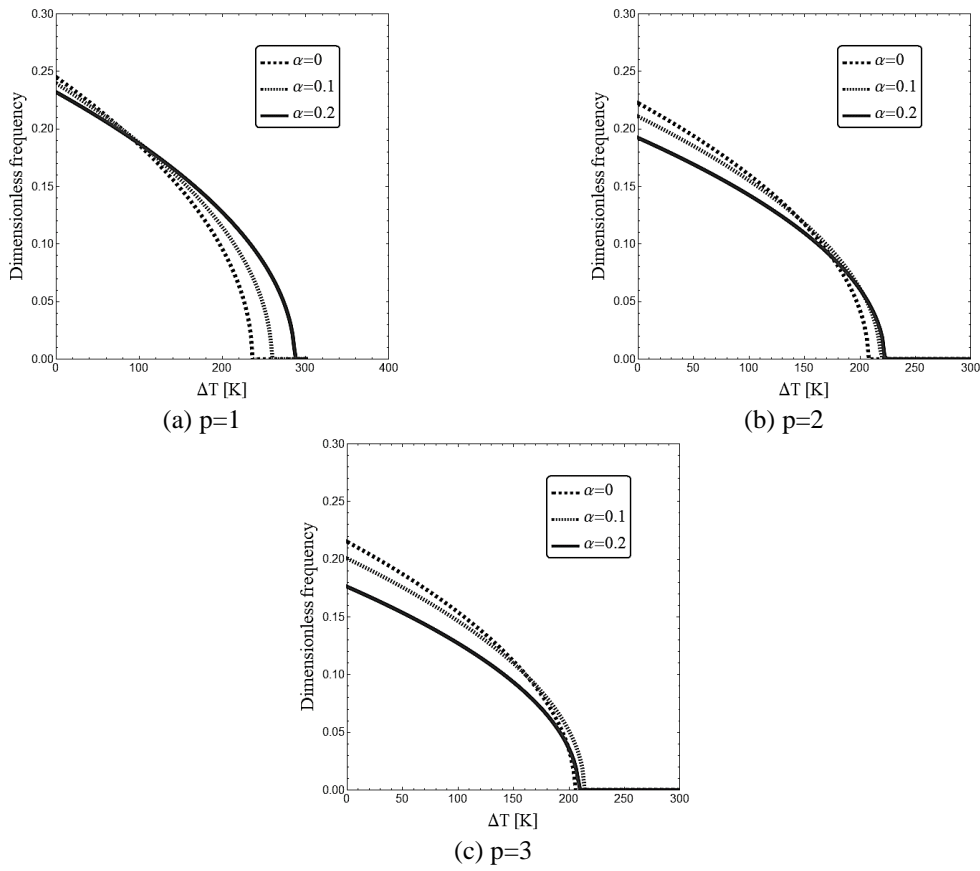


Fig. 4 Variation of dimensionless frequency of porous nanoplates versus temperature change for different pore coefficients ( $a/h=15, \Delta C=0\%, K_w=0, K_p=0$ )

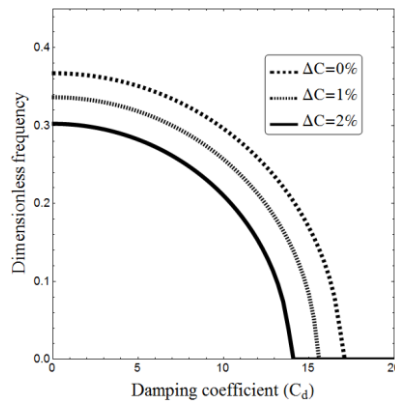


Fig. 5 Dimensionless frequency of FG nanoplate versus damping coefficient for various porosity coefficients ( $a/h=10, p=1, \Delta T=10, K_w=5, K_p=0.5, \mu=0.2, \alpha=0.2, \lambda=0.1$ )

with the incorporation of porosities. However, at larger values of temperature rise, both porosity and thermal loading have notable influences on structural stiffness of the nanoplate.

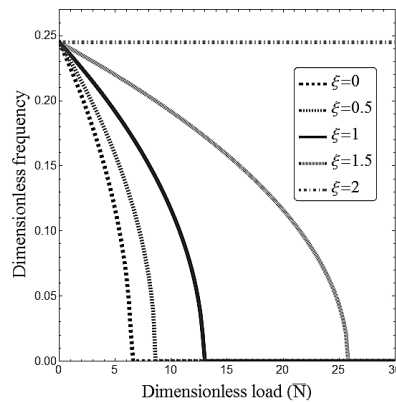


Fig. 6 Variation of dimensionless frequency versus dimensionless load for different load factors ( $a/h=15$ ,  $p=1$ ,  $\Delta T=0$ ,  $\Delta C=0\%$ ,  $C_d=0$ ,  $\mu=0.2$ ,  $\lambda=0.1$ )

Effects of moisture variation on damping vibrational behaviors of porous FG nanoplates at  $a/h=10$ ,  $p=1$ ,  $\Delta T=10$ ,  $K_w=5$ ,  $K_p=0.5$ ,  $\mu=0.2$  and  $\lambda=0.1$  have been depicted in Fig. 5. It must be clarified that increasing in damping factor diminishes the structural stiffness and vibrational frequencies will decrease until a critical factor in which frequency magnitude becomes zero. The nano-dimension plate vibrations are damped at this point. It is also important to express that moisture rise yields lower normalized frequency. Actually, increasing in moisture value yields lower critical damping factors. Therefore, it may be deduced that hygro-thermal loads have great impacts on dynamic behavior of nano-dimension FG plates.

Fig. 6 illustrates the variation of normalized frequency for nano-dimension porous FG plate according to various types of applied mechanical loads at  $p=1$ ,  $\mu=0.2$  and  $\lambda=0.1$ . In order to define the type of applied mechanical load, various values for load factor ( $\xi$ ) have been determined. It is obvious that in-plane mechanical loads degrade the plate rigidity and affect notably the performance of a nano-size structure. One can see that increasing in load factor yields greater normalized frequency. Thus, critical buckling loads shift to the right. The reason is owing to reduced mechanical load resultant with increase of load factor.

## 6. Conclusions

The presented research examined vibration behaviors of hygro-thermally loaded porous FG nano-size plates based on four-variable plate model and DQ method. Nonlocal and strain gradient coefficients were used in order to define the size-dependent behavior of nano-size plate. It was seen that vibration frequency raised with strain gradient coefficient and reduced with nonlocality coefficient. Another finding was that increasing of temperature or in-plane mechanical load was corresponding to lower structural stiffness of the nano-dimension plate as well as smaller vibration frequency. Also, increase of porosity factor may reduce the value of vibrational frequency. It was stated that increasing in damping factor diminished the structural stiffness and vibrational frequencies decreased until a critical factor in which frequency magnitude became zero. It was found that increasing in moisture value led to lower critical damping factors.

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