



ELIZADE UNIVERSITY, ILARA-MOKIN, ONDO STATE

DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

MEE 403: MECHANICAL VIBRATIONS – Exam 1st Sem: Tue 4th April 2017

INSTRUCTIONS:

- a) Answer *ANY FIVE* questions
- b) Make clear properly labeled sketches where required
- c) You can use the Formula document given to you in class provided you have not written additional info on it
- d) For calculations, you are advised to first state the steps you would use to solve the problem

Question 1

- (i) Use the SHM of a simple pendulum to explain the energy method for deriving the ODE for a SDOF free undamped vibration
- (ii) Write expression for the natural frequency of the following undamped systems stating the quantities involved (a) torsional vibration of a shaft-disc system, (b) transverse vibration of a cantilever beam with mass m at its free end
- (iii) Define logarithmic decrement, δ , for a free damped vibration. Show that for damping ratio of $\zeta \ll 1.0$, $\delta \approx 2\pi\zeta$.
- (iv) What are the stages involved in tackling practical problems of vibration? Use a vehicle, machine or structure to illustrate your answer
- (v) Explain the procedure for measuring vibration, stating the parameters measured and the types of probes for each parameter
- (vi) Describe two methods of vibration isolation using sketches for illustration. How can you determine the effectiveness of an isolation system and improve on it where necessary?

Question 2

- (i) For the damped base excitation shown in Figure 1 below, r is ratio of frequencies and T is the Transmissibility. (a) Sketch the graphs on your paper and indicate the values of increasing damping. (b) Derive the condition for $r = \sqrt{2}$.

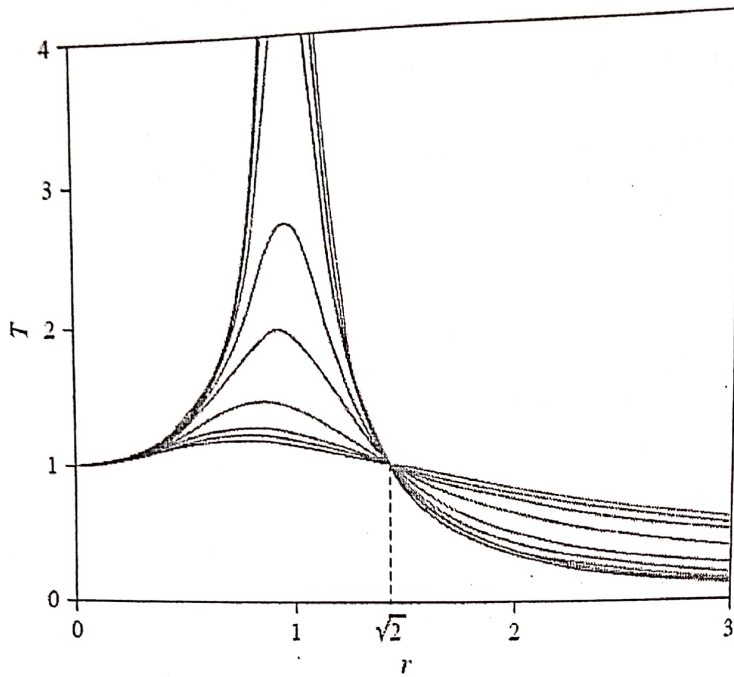


Figure 1

- (ii) A 200-kg machine is attached to the end of a cantilever beam of length $L = 2.5$ m, elastic modulus $E = 200 \times 10^9$ N/m², and cross-sectional moment of inertia $I = 1.8 \times 10^{-6}$ m⁴. Assuming the mass of the beam is small compared to the mass of the machine, what is the stiffness of the beam?

Question 3

A trailer of mass 1000 kg is pulled with a constant speed of 50 km/h over a bumpy road which may be modeled as a sine wave of wavelength 5 m and amplitude 50 mm (see Figure 2 below). Assume that the effective stiffness of the suspension is 350 kN/m and that the damping ratio, $\zeta = 0.5$.

- (a) Determine the amplitude of the motion of the trailer
 (b) Find the speed of the trailer at which this amplitude becomes a maximum (resonance).

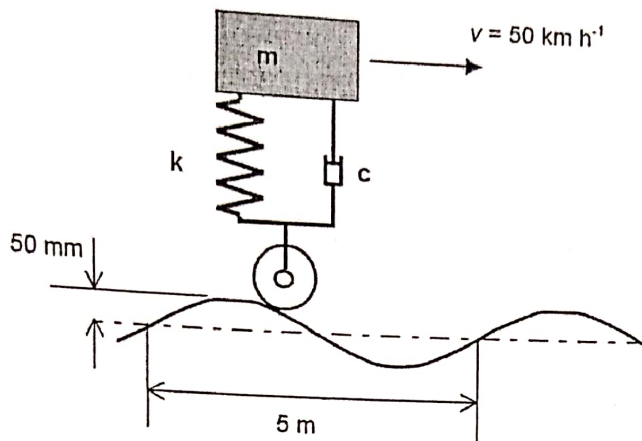


Figure 2

Question 4

Draw a sketch of the free vibration of a 2DOF undamped spring-mass system with masses m_1 , m_2 , and spring constants k_1 , k_2 , k_3 (where k_2 is for the middle spring). Show that the EOM can be written in matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} m_1 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{x}_1 \\ \ddot{x}_2 \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} k_1 + k_2 & -k_2 \\ -k_2 & k_2 + k_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

Assume the solution to be of the form:

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{Bmatrix} \sin \omega t$$

Let $m_1 = m$, $m_2 = 2m$, and set $k_1 = k_2 = k_3 = k$. Then derive the characteristic equation for the problem and solve for the eigenvalues, ω_i , $i = 1, 2$. Sketch the mode shapes

Question 5

For the mechanical system shown in Figure 3 below, the uniform rigid bar has mass m and is pinned at point O. For this system:

- Find the equations of motion;
- Identify the damping ratio and natural frequency in terms of the parameters m , c , k , and ℓ .
- For: $m = 1.50$ kg, $\ell = 45$ cm, $c = 0.125$ N/(m/s), $k = 250$ N/m, find the angular displacement of the bar $\theta(t)$ for the following initial conditions: $\theta(0) = 0$, $\theta'(0) = 10$ rad/s.

Assume that in the horizontal position the system is in static equilibrium and that all angles are small.

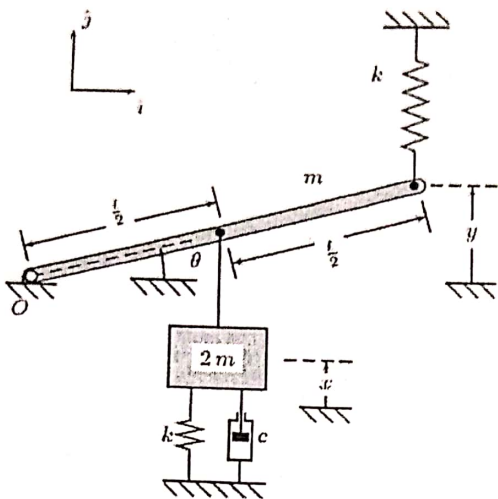
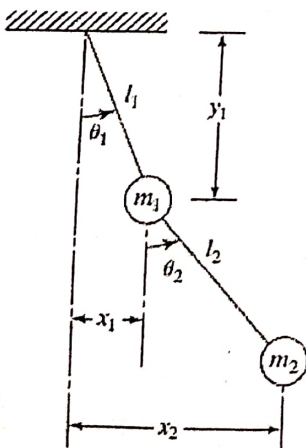


Figure 3

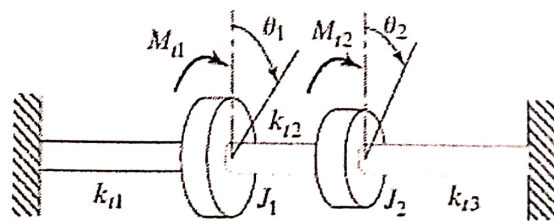
Question 6

For each of the vibrating systems shown in the Figures 4 (a, b, c, d) below, do the following:

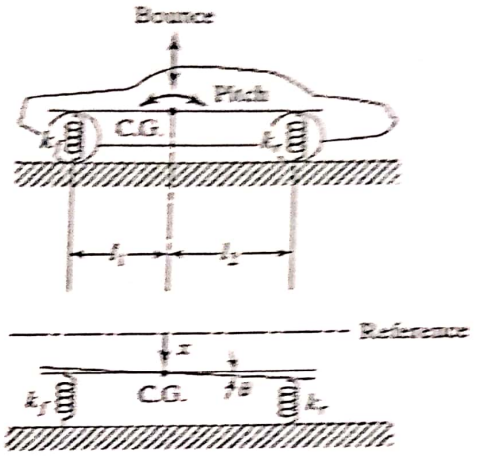
- i. Determine the type of vibration, i.e. longitudinal, transverse, torsional or a combination (specify)
- ii. Determine the number of degrees of freedom (DOF)
- iii. Identify or specify suitable generalized coordinates for the number of DOF
- iv. Draw FBD's showing the generalized forces (i.e. F, M) and inertia forces ($ma, I\alpha$)
- v. Write the differential equation(s) of motion (EOM)
- vi. State the steps or method for solving the equation(s). No need to solve the equation(s)



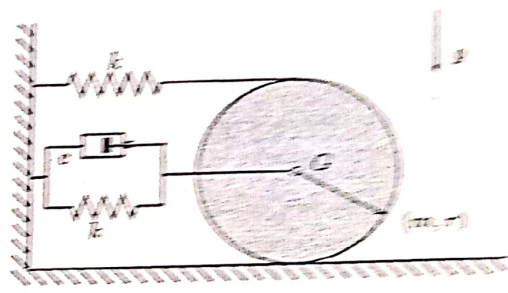
(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

Figures 4 (a, b, c, d)

Summary: the Effects of Damping on an Unforced Mass-Spring System

Consider a mass-spring system undergoing free vibration (i.e. without a forcing function) described by the equation:

$$m u'' + \gamma u' + k u = 0, \quad m > 0, \quad k > 0.$$

The behavior of the system is determined by the magnitude of the damping coefficient γ relative to m and k .

1. Undamped system (when $\gamma = 0$)

Displacement: $u(t) = C_1 \cos \omega_0 t + C_2 \sin \omega_0 t$

Oscillation: Yes, periodic (at natural frequency $\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$)

Notes: Steady oscillation with constant amplitude $R = \sqrt{C_1^2 + C_2^2}$.

2. Underdamped system (when $0 < \gamma^2 < 4mk$)

Displacement: $u(t) = C_1 e^{\lambda t} \cos \mu t + C_2 e^{\lambda t} \sin \mu t$

Oscillation: Yes, quasi-periodic (at quasi-frequency μ)

Notes: Exponentially-decaying oscillation

3. Critically Damped system (when $\gamma^2 = 4mk$)

Displacement: $u(t) = C_1 e^{rt} + C_2 t e^{rt}$

Oscillation: No

4. Overdamped system (when $\gamma^2 > 4mk$)

Displacement: $u(t) = C_1 e^{r_1 t} + C_2 e^{r_2 t}$

Oscillation: No

Damped free vibration of SDOF system

- Define the critical damping coefficient c_c as that value of c that makes the radical equal to zero,

$$c_c = 2m\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = 2m\omega_n$$

- Define the damping factor as:

$$\xi = \frac{c}{c_c} = \frac{c}{2m\omega_n}$$

- Introducing the above equation into

$$s_{1,2} = -\frac{c}{2m} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{c}{2m}\right)^2 - \frac{k}{m}}$$

- We find:

$$s_{1,2} = \left(-\xi \pm \sqrt{\xi^2 - 1}\right)\omega_n$$

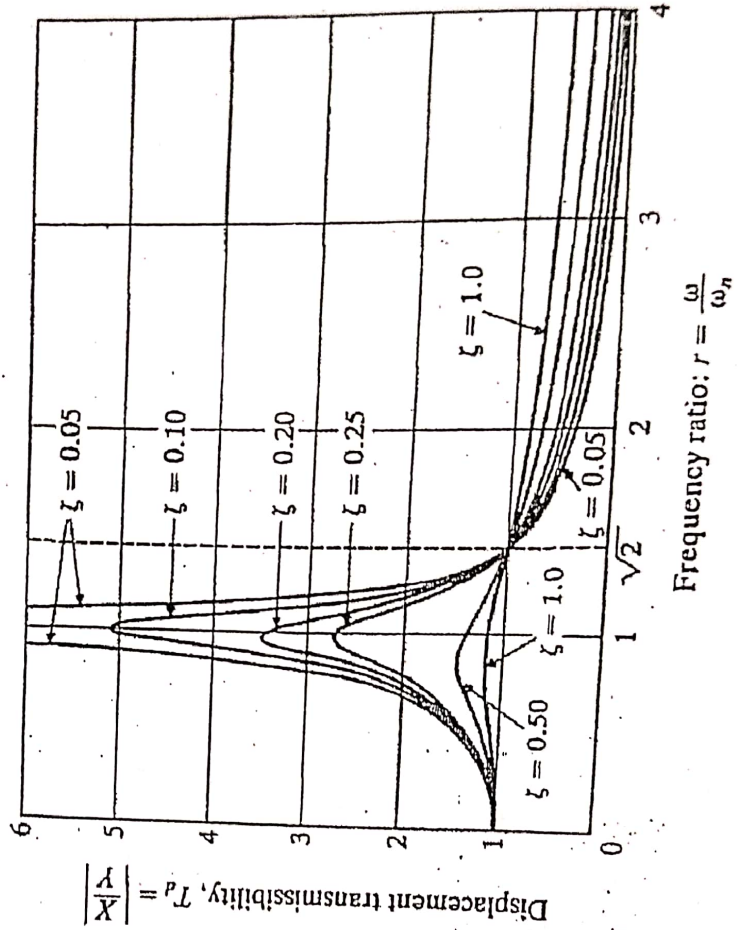
- Then the solution can be written as:

$$x(t) = Ae^{\left(-\xi + \sqrt{\xi^2 - 1}\right)\omega_n t} + Be^{\left(-\xi - \sqrt{\xi^2 - 1}\right)\omega_n t}$$

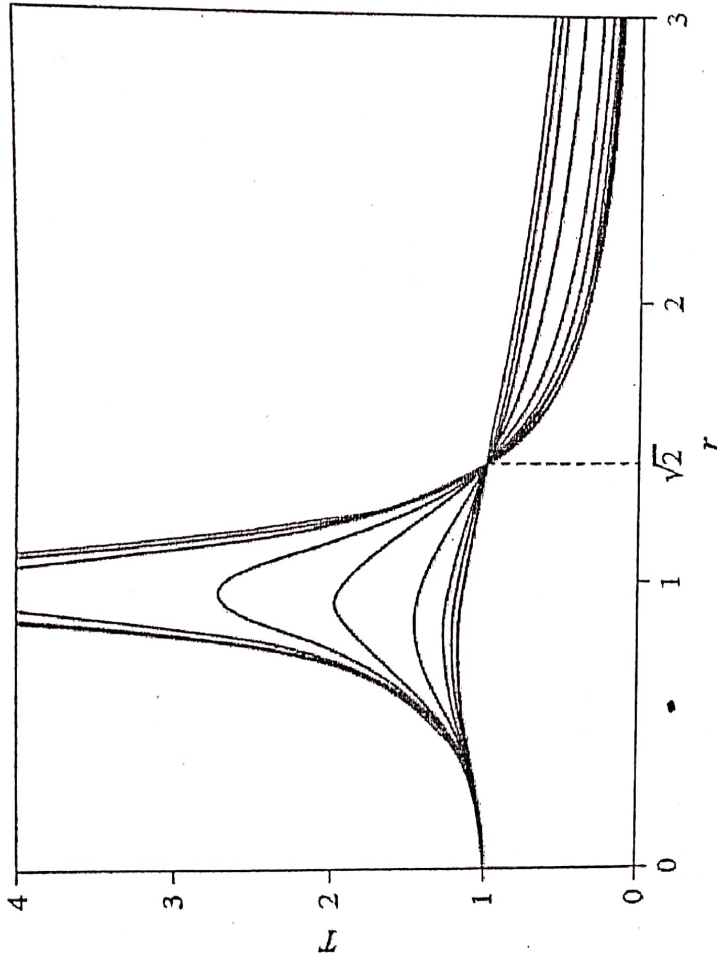
Base excited systems: absolute motion

- In nondimensional form $\frac{X_o}{Y_o} = \sqrt{\frac{1+(2\zeta r)^2}{(1-r^2)^2 + (2\zeta r)^2}} = T(r, \zeta)$, transmissio

- The gain function for the absolute displacement for the base-excited system is shown in the figure.



Transmissibility ratio, T



$$r_{\max} = \frac{1}{2\zeta} (\sqrt{1 + 8\zeta^2} - 1)^{1/2}$$

$$T_{\max} = 4\zeta^2 \left[\frac{\sqrt{1 + 8\zeta^2}}{2 + 16\zeta^2 + (16\zeta^4 - 8\zeta^2 - 2)\sqrt{1 + 8\zeta^2}} \right]$$

$T(\sqrt{2}, \zeta) = 1$, independent of the value of ζ .

For $r < \sqrt{2}$, $T(r, \zeta)$ is larger for smaller values of ζ . However, for $r > \sqrt{2}$, $T(r, \zeta)$ is smaller for smaller values of ζ .

For all values of ζ , $T(r, \zeta)$ is less than one when and only when $r > \sqrt{2}$.