Dynamics of Systems

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Free vibration of Single Degree of Freedom systems (SDOFs)

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Examples of SDoF Idealizations



Idealization of bending motion of an offshore platform in waves



Idealization of vertical vibration of a lorry on a bridge



Visualization of the free vibration of an SDOF



Video: free vibration of Japanese skyscrapers after 2011 Earthquake

Please look at the file Lecture_2_MAPLE_2_1.

It is available on the Brightspace

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Visualization of the free vibration of an SDOF



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Two mechanical SDoFs to consider



Translational oscillator: an elastically constrained mass in translational motion



Rotational oscillator (pendulum): a rigidly constrained mass in orbital motion



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Formulation of the equation of motion Method 1: The displacement method



Equation of motion (dynamic equilibrium of the linear momentum)

 $m\frac{d^2u}{dt^2} = -ku + F(t)$

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Intermezzo: The mass moment of inertia

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CHQOctEvtTY



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Formulation of the equation of motion Method 2: The Lagrangian formalism

$$\frac{d}{dt}\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{q}} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial q} = Q$$

 $\mathcal{L}=\mathcal{K}-\mathcal{P}$

 \mathcal{L} - The Lagrange Function

 \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{P} - Kinetic and Potential Energies

q(t) is a generalized coordinate Q(t) is a generalized force

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Free vibration: problem statement

$$m\ddot{u} + ku = 0$$



Ordinary, homogeneous, linear differential equation of the second order with constant coefficients

$$u(0) = u_0, \ \dot{u}(0) = v_0 \iff$$
 The initial conditions

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The general solution of the homogeneous equation of motion

 $m\ddot{u} + ku = 0$ Homogeneous equation

$$u(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{2} U_n \exp(s_n t) = U_1 \exp(s_1 t) + U_2 \exp(s_2 t)$$
 The general solution

 $U_{1,2}$ and $s_{1,2}$ are complex-valued constants

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The characteristic equation and the eigenvalues

$$m\ddot{u} + ku = 0$$

$$m\frac{d^{2}}{dt^{2}} \left(\sum_{n=1}^{2} U_{n} \exp(s_{n}t)\right) + k\sum_{n=1}^{2} U_{n} \exp(s_{n}t) =$$

$$m\sum_{n=1}^{2} U_{n}s_{n}^{2} \exp(s_{n}t) + k\sum_{n=1}^{2} U_{n} \exp(s_{n}t) =$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{2} U_{n} \exp(s_{n}t) \left(ms_{n}^{2} + k\right) = 0$$

$$ms_{n}^{2} + k = 0$$

$$s_{1} = i\sqrt{k/m} = i\omega_{0}, \qquad s_{2} = -i\sqrt{k/m} = -i\omega_{0}$$

$$\omega_{0} = \sqrt{k/m}$$

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The complex-valued and real-valued forms of the solution

$$u(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{2} U_n \exp(s_n t) = U_1 \exp(i\omega_0 t) + U_2 \exp(-i\omega_0 t)$$

 $\exp(\pm i\alpha) = \cos(\alpha) \pm i\sin(\alpha)$

$$u(t) = U_1 \left(\cos\left(\omega_0 t\right) + i\sin\left(\omega_0 t\right) \right) + U_2 \left(\cos\left(\omega_0 t\right) - i\sin\left(\omega_0 t\right) \right) = \\ \cos\left(\omega_0 t\right) \left(U_1 + U_2 \right) + \sin\left(\omega_0 t\right) \left(iU_1 - iU_2 \right) = \\ A\cos\left(\omega_0 t\right) + B\sin\left(\omega_0 t\right)$$

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The solution to the initial value problem

$$u(t) = A\cos(\omega_0 t) + B\sin(\omega_0 t)$$

$$u(0) = u_0, \ \dot{u}(0) = v_0$$

$$u(0) = A\cos(0) + B\sin(0) = A$$
$$\dot{u}(0) = -\omega_0 A\sin(0) + B\omega_0\cos(0) = B\omega_0$$

$$u(t) = u_0 \cos(\omega_0 t) + \frac{v_0}{\omega_0} \sin(\omega_0 t)$$

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The physical interpretation of the solution

$$u(t) = u_0 \cos(\omega_0 t) + \frac{v_0}{\omega_0} \sin(\omega_0 t)$$

introduce:
$$u_0 = A_0 \cos(\varphi_0), \ \frac{v_0}{\omega_0} = A_0 \sin(\varphi_0)$$

$$u(t) = A_0 \cos(\omega_0 t - \varphi_0)$$
$$A_0 = \sqrt{u_0^2 + (v_0/\omega_0)^2}$$
$$\tan \varphi_0 = \left(\frac{v_0}{u_0\omega_0}\right)$$

 A_0 is the amplitude ω_0 is the natural frequency $T_0 = 2\pi/\omega_0$ is the natural period φ_0 is the initial phase



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The physical interpretation of the solution



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The energy of free vibration

$$\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{K} + \mathcal{P} = \frac{1}{2}m(\dot{u})^2 + \frac{1}{2}ku^2$$

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{2}m\left(\left(-u_0\omega_0\sin\left(\omega_0t\right) + v_0\cos\left(\omega_0t\right)\right)^2 + \omega_0^2\left(u_0\cos\left(\omega_0t\right) + \frac{v_0}{\omega_0}\sin\left(\omega_0t\right)\right)^2\right)$$

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{2} m \left(u_0^2 \omega_0^2 + v_0^2 \right) = \frac{1}{2} m v_0^2 + \frac{1}{2} k u_0^2$$

The energy is conserved: it remains constant and equal to the initial energy of the system



Exercise: determine free vibration

The free vibration of a single-degree-of-freedom system is governed by the following differential equation: u(t)

$$m\ddot{u} + ku = 0$$

Q1: Derive the general solution to this equation of motion. Now, assume that the initial conditions are

$$u(0) = 0, \ \dot{u}(0) = v_0$$

Q2: Determine the free vibration of the system for the given initial conditions and plot the result versus time.

