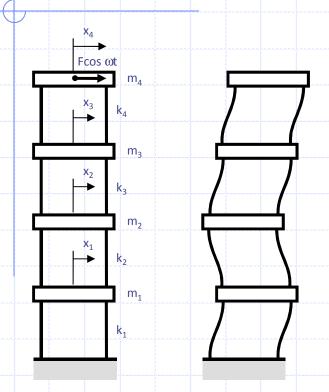


Multi-Degree-of-Freedom Systems

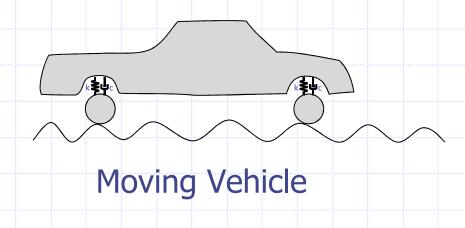
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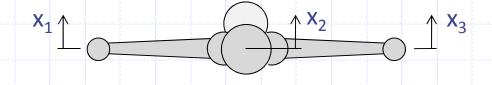
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Examples of Multi Degree-of-Freedom (MDOF) Systems



Swaying Building





Flying Aircraft

Two DOF Spring-Mass System

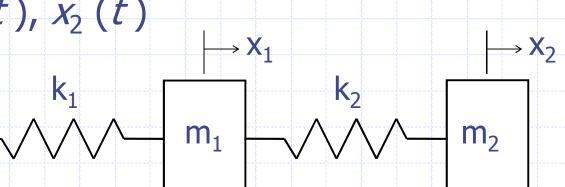
Given:

- $m_1 = 9 \text{ kg}$
- $m_2 = 1 \text{ kg}$
- $k_1 = 24 \text{ N/m}$
- $k_2 = 3 \text{ N/m}$

- $x_{1,0} = 1 \text{ mm}$
- $x_{2,0} = 0 \text{ mm}$
- $V_{1,0} = 0 \text{ m/s}$
- $V_{2,0} = 0$ m/s

• Find:

- \bullet ω_{n1} , ω_{n2}
- $x_1(t), x_2(t)$



Two DOF Spring-Mass System

• Sol'n:

Step 1: Derive system differential equations

Mass 1

Mass 2

Two DOF Spring-Mass System

Write out coupled equations as matrix equation

With variables:

With numbers:

Step 2: Solve matrix differential equation

Assume a solution:

$$\overline{x}(t) = \overline{u} \sin(\omega_n t + \phi)$$

$$\overline{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \sin(\omega_n t + \phi) \\ u_2 \sin(\omega_n t + \phi) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix} \sin(\omega_n t + \phi)$$

$$\frac{\ddot{x}}{\ddot{x}}(t) = \begin{vmatrix} \ddot{x}_1(t) \\ \ddot{x}_2(t) \end{vmatrix} =$$

Substitute back into system differential equation:

Simplify:

$$\overline{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

 $\overline{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is a trivial solution; we are not interested in it.

If we could solve for $(-\omega_n^2 \overline{M} + \overline{K})^{-1}$ then we

could get
$$\overline{u} = (-\omega_n^2 \overline{M} + \overline{K})^{-1} \overline{0} = \overline{0} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

but this is still the trivial solution!

The only way to get a non-trivial solution would be if it were impossible to solve for $(-\omega_n^2 \overline{M} + \overline{K})^{-1}$

When is a matrix not invertible??

When the determinant is zero!!

Need to find ω_n that satisfy: $\det(-\omega_n^2 \overline{M} + \overline{K}) = 0$

Recall that the determinant of a matrix is computed as follows:

Putting in the numbers:

Mode 1: $\omega_{n1} =$

Substituting ω_{n1} into equation from slide 7:

Mode 1

These equations are **not linearly independent**. There is no single solution. Instead there is a set of solutions. But each solution must satisfy:

We could use a scaling factor (s):

This is the "Mode Shape".

Mode 1

Usually s is chosen so that the largest u value is 1:

This is the "Normalized Mode Shape".

Therefore, the equation of motion, considering only the first mode is:

Mode 2: $\omega_{n2} =$

Substituting ω_{n2} into equation from slide 7:

Mode 2

The normalized mode shape is:

The equation of motion, considering only the second mode is:

Both Modes Together

The overall equation of motion, considering both modes is:

The unknowns $(A_1, \Phi_1, A_2, \Phi_2)$ must be determined from the initial conditions.

Applying the initial conditions:

$$\overline{x}(t) =$$

$$\dot{\overline{x}}(t) =$$

$$\overline{x}(0) =$$

$$\dot{\overline{x}}(0) =$$

Need to solve the nonlinear equations:

Therefore, the overall equation of motion is:

