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# Preface

Vibration is a classical subject whose principles have been known and studied for many centuries and presented in many books. Over the years, the use of these principles to understand and design systems has seen considerable growth in the diversity of systems that are designed with vibrations in mind: mechanical, aerospace, electromechanical and microelectromechanical devices and systems, biomechanical and biomedical systems, ships and submarines, and civil structures. As the performance envelope of an engineered system is pushed to higher limits, nonlinear effects also have to be taken into account.

This book has been written to enable the use of vibration principles in a broad spectrum of applications and to meet the wide range of challenges faced by system analysts and designers. To this end, the authors have the following goals: a) to provide an introduction to the subject of vibrations for undergraduate students in engineering and the physical sciences, b) to present vibration principles in a general context and to illustrate the use of these principles through carefully chosen examples from different disciplines, c) to use a balanced approach that integrates principles of linear and nonlinear vibrations with modeling, analysis, prediction, and measurement so that physical understanding of the vibratory phenomena and their relevance for engineering design can be emphasized, and d) to deduce design guidelines that are applicable to a wide range of vibratory systems.

In writing this book, the authors have used the following guidelines. The material presented should have, to the extent possible, a physical relevance to justify its introduction and development. The examples should be relevant and wide ranging, and they should be drawn from different areas, such as biomechanics, electronic circuit boards and components, machines, machining (cutting) processes, microelectromechanical devices, and structures. There should be a natural integration and progression between linear and nonlinear systems, between the time domain and the frequency domain, among the responses of systems to harmonic and transient excitations, and between discrete and continuous system models. There should be a minimum emphasis

placed on the discussion of numerical methods and procedures, per se, and instead, advantage should be taken of tools such as MATLAB for generating the numerical solutions and complementing analytical solutions. The algorithms for generating numerical solutions should be presented external to the chapters, as they tend to break the flow of the material being presented. (The MATLAB algorithms used to construct and generate all solutions can be found at the publisher's web site for this book.) Further advantage should be taken of tools such as MATLAB in concert with analysis, so that linear systems can be extended to include nonlinear elements. Finally, there should be a natural and integrated interplay and presentation between analysis, modeling, measurement, prediction, and design so that a reader does not develop artificial distinctions among them.

Many parts of this book have been used for classroom instruction in a vibrations course offered at the junior level at the University of Maryland. Typically, students in this course have had a sophomore-level course on dynamics and a course on ordinary differential equations that includes Laplace transforms. Beyond that, some fundamental material on complex numbers (Appendix F) and linear algebra (Appendix E) is introduced at the appropriate places in the course. Regarding obtaining the solution for response, our preference in most instances is to obtain the solution by using Laplace transforms. A primary motivation for using the Laplace transform approach is that it is used in the study of control systems, and it can be used with ease to show the duality between the time domain and the frequency domain. However, other means to solve for the response are also presented in Appendix D.

This book has the following features. Both Newton's laws and Lagrange's equations are used to develop models of systems. Since an important part of this development requires kinematics, kinematics is reviewed in Chapter 1. We use Laplace transforms to develop analytical solutions for linear vibratory systems and, from the Laplace domain, extend these results to the frequency domain. The responses of these systems are discussed in both the time and frequency domains to emphasize their duality. Notions of transfer functions and frequency-response functions also are used throughout the book to help the reader develop a comprehensive picture of vibratory systems. We have introduced design for vibration (DFV) guidelines that are based on vibration principles developed throughout the book. The guidelines appear at the appropriate places in each chapter. These design guidelines serve the additional function of summarizing the preceding material by encapsulating the most important elements as they relate to some aspect of vibration design. Many examples are included from the area of microelectromechanical systems throughout the book to provide a physical context for the application of principles of vibrations at "small" length scales. In addition, there are several examples of vibratory models from biomechanics. Throughout the book, extensive use has been made of MATLAB, and in doing so, we have been able to include a fair amount of new numerical results, which were not accessible or not easily accessible to analysis previously. These results reveal many interesting phenomena, which the authors believe help expand our understanding of vibrations.

The book is organized into nine chapters, with the topics covered ranging from pendulum systems and spring-mass-damper prototypes to beams. In mechanics, the subject of vibrations is considered a subset of dynamics, in which one is concerned with the motions of bodies subjected to forces and moments. For much of the material covered in this book, a background in dynamics on the plane is sufficient. In the introductory chapter (Chapter 1), a summary is provided of concepts such as degrees of freedom and principles such as Newton's linear momentum principle and Euler's angular momentum principle.

In the second chapter, the elements that are used to construct a vibratory system model are introduced and discussed. The notion of equivalent spring stiffness is presented in different physical contexts. Different damping models that can be used in modeling vibratory systems also are presented in this chapter. A section on design for vibration has been added to this edition. In Chapter 3, the derivation of the equation governing a single degree-of-freedom vibratory system is addressed. For this purpose, principles of linear momentum balance and angular momentum balance and Lagrange's equations are used. Notions such as natural frequency and damping factor also are introduced here. Linearization of nonlinear systems also is explained in this chapter. In the fourth chapter, responses to different initial conditions, including impact, are examined. Responses of systems with linear springs and nonlinear springs also are compared here. Free-oscillation characteristics of systems with nonlinear damping also are studied. The notion of stability is briefly addressed, and the reader is introduced to the important phenomenon of machine-tool chatter.

In Chapter 5, the responses of single degree-of-freedom systems subjected to periodic excitations are considered. The notions of resonance, frequency-response functions, and transfer functions are discussed in detail. The responses of linear and nonlinear vibratory systems subjected to harmonic excitations also are examined. The Fourier transform is introduced, and considerable attention is paid to relating the information in the time domain to the frequency domain and vice versa. For different excitations, sensitivity of frequency-response functions with respect to the system parameters also is examined for design purposes. Accelerometer design is discussed, and the notion of equivalent damping is presented. This edition of the book also includes a section on alternative forms of the frequency-response function. In Chapter 6, the responses of single degree-of-freedom systems to different types of external transient excitations are addressed and analyzed in terms of their frequency spectra relative to the amplitude-response function of the system. The notion of a spectral energy is used to study vibratory responses, and a section on impact testing has been added.

Multiple degree-of-freedom systems are treated in Chapters 7 and 8 leading up to systems with an infinite number of degrees of freedom in Chapter 9. In Chapter 7, the derivation of governing equations of motion of a system with multiple degrees of freedom is addressed by using the principles of linear momentum balance and angular momentum balance and Lagrange's equations. The natural frequencies and mode shapes of undamped systems also are

studied in this chapter, and the notion of a vibratory mode is explained. Linearization of nonlinear multiple degree-of-freedom systems and systems with gyroscopic forces also are treated in this chapter. Stability notions discussed in Chapter 4 for a single degree-of-freedom system are extended to multiple degree-of-freedom systems, and conservation of energy and momentum are studied. In this edition, a section on vibrations of rotating shafts on flexible supports has been added.

In Chapter 8, different approaches that can be used to obtain the response of a multiple degree-of-freedom system are presented. These approaches include the direct approach, the normal-mode approach, the Laplace transform approach, and the one based on state-space formulation. Explicit solution forms for responses of multiple degree-of-freedom systems are obtained and used to arrive at the response to initial conditions and different types of forcing. The importance of the normal-mode approach to carry out modal analysis of vibratory systems with special damping properties is addressed in this chapter. The state-space formulation is used to show how vibratory systems with arbitrary forms of damping can be treated. The notion of resonance in a multiple degree-of-freedom system is addressed here. Notions of frequency-response functions and transfer functions, which were introduced in Chapter 5 for single degree-of-freedom systems, are revisited, and the relevance of these notions for system identification and design of vibration absorbers, mechanical filters, and vibration isolation systems is brought forth in Chapter 8. The vibration-absorber material includes the traditional treatment of linear vibration absorbers and a brief introduction to the design of nonlinear vibration absorbers, which include a bar-slider system, a pendulum absorber, and a particle-impact damper. Tools based on optimization techniques are also introduced for tailoring vibration absorbers and vibration isolation systems.

In Chapter 9, the subject of beam vibrations is treated at length as a representative example of vibrations of systems with an infinite number of degrees of freedom. The derivation of governing equations of motion for isotropic beams is addressed and both free and forced oscillations of beams are studied for an extensive number of boundary conditions and interior and exterior attachments. In particular, considerable attention is paid to free-oscillation characteristics such as mode shapes, and effects of axial forces, elastic foundation, and beam geometry on these characteristics. A large number of numerical results that do not appear elsewhere are included here. In Chapter 9, the power of the Laplace transform approach to solve the beam response for complex boundary conditions is illustrated. Furthermore, this edition also includes an appendix on the natural frequencies and mode shapes associated with the free oscillations of strings, bars, and shafts, each for various combinations of boundary conditions including an attached mass and an attached spring. Also presented in the appendix are results that can be used to determine when the systems can be modeled as single degree-of-freedom systems.

This edition of the book includes several aids aimed at facilitating the reader with the material. In the introduction of each chapter, a discussion is provided on what specifically will be covered in that chapter. The examples have been chosen so that they are of different levels of complexity, cover a

wide range of vibration topics and, in most cases, have practical applications to real-world problems. The exercises have been reorganized to correlate with the most appropriate section of the text. A glossary has been added to list in one place the definitions of the major terms used in the book. Finally, this edition of the book includes seven appendices on the following: i) Laplace transform pairs, ii) Fourier series, iii) notion of the decibel, iv) complex numbers and variables, v) linear algebra, vi) solution methods to second-order ordinary differential equations, and vii) natural frequencies and mode shapes of bar, shafts, and strings.

In terms of how this book can be used for a semester-long undergraduate course, our experience at the University of Maryland has been the following. In a course format with about 28 seventy-five minute lectures, we have been able to cover the following material: Chapter 1; Chapter 2 excluding Section 2.5; Chapter 3; Sections 4.1 to 4.3 of Chapter 4; Chapter 5 excluding Sections 5.3.3, 5.8, 5.9, and 5.10; Sections 6.1 to 6.3 of Chapter 6; Sections 7.1 to 7.3 of Chapter 7 excluding Sections 7.2.3, 7.3.3, and 7.3.4; and Sections 8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5, and 8.6.1 of Chapter 8. We also have used this book in a format with 28 fifty-minute lectures and 14 ninety-minute-long studio sessions for an undergraduate course. In courses with lecture sessions and studio sessions, the studio sessions can include MATLAB studios and physical experiments, and in this format, one may be able to address material from Sections 2.5, 4.4, 4.5, 5.10, 7.2, and 8.6. Of course, there are sections such as Section 4.2 of Chapter 4, which may be too long to be covered in its entirety. In sections such as these, it is important to strike a balance through a combination of reading assignments and classroom instruction. Our experience is that a careful choice of periodic reading assignments can help the instructor cover a considerable amount of material, if desired. We also encourage an instructor to take advantage of the large number of examples provided in this book. Chapter 9 is not covered during the classroom lectures, but students are encouraged to explore material in this chapter through the project component of the course if appropriate. It is also conceivable that Chapters 6, 7, 8, and 9 can form the core of a graduate course on vibrations.

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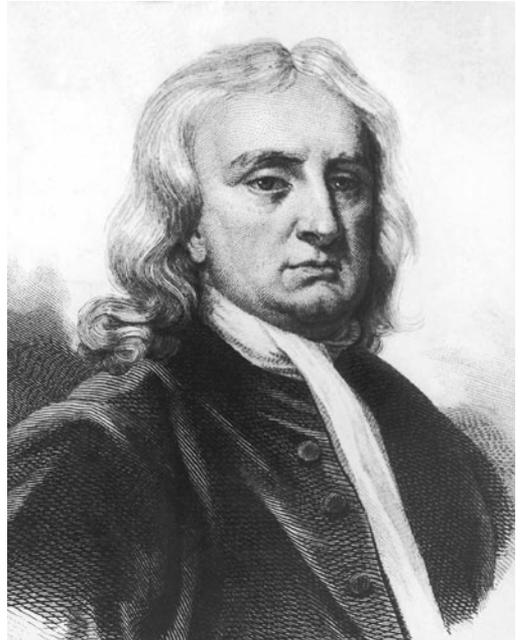
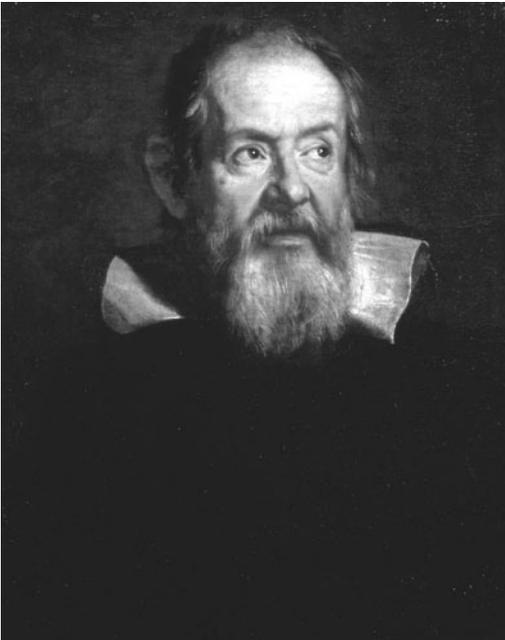
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Two important contributors to the field of vibrations: Galileo Galilei made the first pendulum frequency measurements and Sir Isaac Newton discovered the laws of motion. (*Source*: Justus Sustermans / the Bridgeman Art Gallery / Getty Images; FPG / Getty Images.)

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## Introduction

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### 1.1 INTRODUCTION

Vibrations occur in many aspects of our life. For example, in the human body, there are low-frequency oscillations of the lungs and the heart, high-frequency oscillations of the ear, oscillations of the larynx as one speaks, and oscillations induced by rhythmical body motions such as walking, jumping, and dancing. Many man-made systems also experience or produce vibrations. For example, any unbalance in machines with rotating parts such as fans, ventilators, centrifugal separators, washing machines, lathes, centrifugal pumps, rotary presses, and turbines, can cause vibrations. For these machines, vibrations are generally undesirable. Buildings and structures can experience vibrations due to operating machinery; passing vehicular, air, and rail traffic; or natural phenomena such as earthquakes and winds. Pedestrian bridges and floors in buildings also experience vibrations due to human movement on them. In structural systems, the fluctuating stresses due to vibrations can result in fatigue failure. Vibrations are also undesirable when performing measurements with precision instruments such as an electron microscope and when fabricating microelectromechanical systems. In vehicle design, noise due to vibrating panels must be reduced. Vibrations, which can be responsible for unpleasant sounds called noise, are also responsible for the music that we hear.

Vibrations are also beneficial for many purposes such as atomic clocks that are based on atomic vibrations, vibratory parts feeders, paint mixers, ultrasonic instrumentation used in eye and other types of surgeries, sirens and alarms for warnings, determination of fundamental properties of thin films from an understanding of atomic vibrations, and stimulation of bone growth.

The word *oscillations* is often used synonymously with *vibrations* to describe to and fro motions; however, in this book, the word *vibrations* is used in the context of mechanical and biomechanical systems, where the system energy components are kinetic energy and potential energy.

It is likely that the early interest in vibrations was due to development of musical instruments such as whistles and drums. As early as 4000 B.C., it is believed that in India and China there was an interest in understanding music, which is described as a pulsating effect due to rapid change in pitch. The origin of the harmonica can be traced back to 3000 B.C., when in China, a bamboo reed instrument called a “sheng” was introduced. From archeological studies of the royal tombs in Egypt, it is known that stringed instruments have also been around from about 3000 B.C. A first scientific study into such instruments is attributed to the Greek philosopher and mathematician Pythagoras (582–507 B.C.). He showed that if two like strings are subjected to equal tension, and if one is half the length of the other, the tones they produce are an octave (a factor of two) apart. It is interesting to note that although music is considered a highly subjective and personal art, it is closely governed by vibration principles such as those determined by Pythagoras and others who followed him.

The vibrating string was also studied by Galileo Galilei (1564–1642), who was the first to show that pitch is related to the frequency of vibration. Galileo also laid the foundations for studies of vibrating systems through his observations made in 1583 regarding the motions of a lamp hanging from a cathedral in Pisa, Italy. He found that the period of motion was independent of the amplitude of the swing of the lamp. This property holds for all vibratory systems that can be described by linear models. The pendulum system studied by Galileo has been used as a paradigm to illustrate the principles of vibrations for many centuries. Galileo and many others who followed him have laid the foundations for vibrations, which is a discipline that is generally grouped under the umbrella of mechanics. A brief summary of some of the major contributors and their contributions is provided in Table 1.1. The biographies of many of the individuals listed in this table can be found in the *Dictionary of Scientific Biography*.<sup>1</sup> It is interesting to note from Table 1.1 that the early interest of the investigators was in pendulum and string vibrations, followed by a phase where the focus was on membrane, plate, and shell vibrations, and a subsequent phase in which vibrations in practical problems and nonlinear oscillations received considerable attention.

Lord Rayleigh’s book *Theory of Sound*, which was first published in 1877, is one of the early comprehensive publications on vibrations. In fact,

<sup>1</sup>C. C. Gillispie, ed., *Dictionary of Scientific Biography*, 18 Vols., Scribner, New York (1970–1990).

**TABLE 1.1**  
Major Contributors to the Field of  
Vibrations and Their Contributions

<b>Contributor</b>	<b>Area of Contributions</b>
<b>Galileo Galilei (1564–1642)</b>	Pendulum frequency measurement, vibrating string
<b>Marin Mersenne (1588–1648)</b>	Vibrating string
<b>John Wallis (1616–1703)</b>	String vibration: observations of modes and harmonics
<b>Christian Huygens (1629–1695)</b>	Nonlinear oscillations of pendulum
<b>Robert Hooke (1635–1703)</b>	Pitch–frequency relationship; Hooke’s law of elasticity
<b>Isaac Newton (1642–1727)</b>	Laws of motion, calculus
<b>Gottfried Leibnitz (1646–1716)</b>	Calculus
<b>Joseph Sauveur (1653–1716)</b>	String vibration: coined the name “fundamental harmonic” for lowest frequency and “harmonics” for higher frequency components
<b>Brook Taylor (1685–1731)</b>	Vibrating string frequency computation; Taylor’s theorem
<b>Daniel Bernoulli (1700–1782)</b>	Principle of linear superposition of harmonics; string and beam vibrations
<b>Leonhard Euler (1707–1783)</b>	Angular momentum principle, complex number, Euler’s equations; beam, plate, and shell vibrations
<b>Jean d’Alembert (1717–1783)</b>	D’Alembert’s principle; equations of motion; wave equation
<b>Charles Coulomb (1736–1806)</b>	Torsional vibrations; friction
<b>Joseph Lagrange (1736–1813)</b>	Lagrange’s equations; frequencies of open and closed organ pipes
<b>E. F. F. Chladni (1756–1824)</b>	Plate vibrations: nodal lines
<b>Jacob Bernoulli (1759–1789)</b>	Beam, plate, and shell vibrations
<b>J. B. J. Fourier (1768–1830)</b>	Fourier series
<b>Sophie Germain (1776–1831)</b>	Equations governing plate vibrations
<b>Simeon Poisson (1781–1840)</b>	Plate, membrane, and rod vibrations; Poisson’s effect
<b>G. R. Kirchhoff (1824–1887)</b>	Plate and membrane vibrations
<b>R. F. A. Clebsch (1833–1872)</b>	Vibrations of elastic media
<b>Lord Rayleigh (1842–1919)</b>	Energy methods: Rayleigh’s method; Strutt diagram; vibration treatise
<b>Gaston Floquet (1847–1920)</b>	Stability of periodic oscillations: Floquet theory
<b>Henri Poincaré (1854–1912)</b>	Nonlinear oscillations; Poincaré map; stability; chaos
<b>A. M. Liapunov (1857–1918)</b>	Stability of equilibrium
<b>Aurel Stodola (1859–1943)</b>	Beam, plate, and membrane vibrations; turbine blades
<b>C. G. P. De Laval (1845–1913)</b>	Vibrations of unbalanced rotating disk: practical solutions
<b>Stephen Timoshenko (1878–1972)</b>	Beam vibrations; vibration problems in electric motors, steam turbines, and hydropower turbines
<b>Balthasar van der Pol (1889–1959)</b>	Nonlinear oscillations: van der Pol oscillator
<b>Jacob Pieter Den Hartog (1901–1989)</b>	Nonlinear systems with Coulomb damping; vibration of rotating and reciprocating machinery; vibration textbook

many of the mathematical developments that are commonly taught in a vibrations course can be traced back to the 1800s and before. However, since then, the use of these principles to understand and design systems has seen considerable growth in the diversity of systems that are designed with vibrations in mind: mechanical, electromechanical and microelectromechanical devices and systems, biomechanical and biomedical systems, ships and submarines, and civil structures.

In this chapter, we shall show how to:

- Determine the displacement, velocity, and acceleration of a mass element.
- Determine the number of degrees of freedom.
- Determine the kinetic energy and the work of a system.

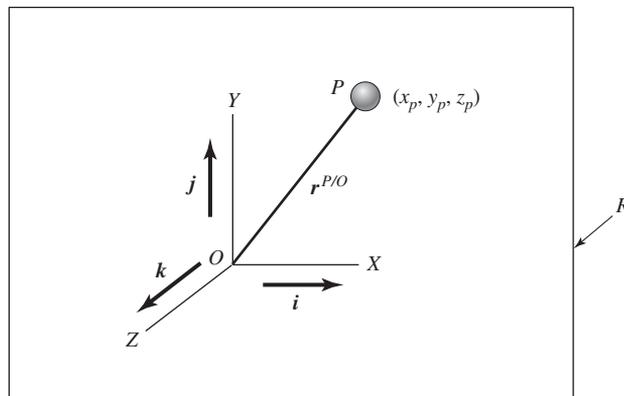
## 1.2 PRELIMINARIES FROM DYNAMICS

Dynamics can be thought as having two parts, one being kinematics and the other being kinetics. While kinematics deals with the mathematical description of motion, kinetics deals with the physical laws that govern a motion. Here, first, particle kinematics and rigid-body kinematics are reviewed. Then, the notions of generalized coordinates and degrees of freedom are discussed. Following that, particle dynamics and rigid-body dynamics are addressed and the principles of linear momentum and angular momentum are presented. Finally, work and energy are discussed.

### 1.2.1 Kinematics of Particles and Rigid Bodies

#### Particle Kinematics

In Figure 1.1, a particle in free space is shown. In order to study the motions of this particle, a reference frame  $R$  and a set of unit vectors<sup>2</sup>  $\mathbf{i}$ ,  $\mathbf{j}$ , and  $\mathbf{k}$  fixed



**FIGURE 1.1**

Particle kinematics.  $R$  is reference frame in which the unit vectors  $\mathbf{i}$ ,  $\mathbf{j}$ , and  $\mathbf{k}$  are fixed.

<sup>2</sup>As a convention throughout the book, bold and italicized letters represent vectors.

in this reference frame are considered. These unit vectors, which are orthogonal with respect to each other, are assumed fixed in time; that is, they do not change direction and length with time  $t$ . A set of orthogonal coordinate axes pointing along the  $X$ ,  $Y$ , and  $Z$  directions is also shown in Figure 1.1. The origin  $O$  of this coordinate system is fixed in the reference frame  $R$  for all time  $t$ . The position vector  $\mathbf{r}^{P/O}$  from the origin  $O$  to the particle  $P$  is written as

$$\mathbf{r}^{P/O} = x_p \mathbf{i} + y_p \mathbf{j} + z_p \mathbf{k} \quad (1.1)$$

where the superscript in the position vector is used to indicate that the vector runs from point  $O$  to point  $P$ . When there is no ambiguity about the position vector in question, as in Figure 1.1, this superscript notation is dropped for convenience; that is,  $\mathbf{r}^{P/O} \equiv \mathbf{r}$ . The particle's velocity  $\mathbf{v}$  and acceleration  $\mathbf{a}$ , which are both vector quantities, are defined as, respectively,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v} &= \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} \\ \mathbf{a} &= \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = \frac{d^2\mathbf{r}}{dt^2} \end{aligned} \quad (1.2)$$

where the derivatives are with respect to time.<sup>3</sup> Using Eqs. (1.1) and (1.2) and noting that the unit vectors do not change with time, one obtains

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v} = \dot{\mathbf{r}} &= \frac{d}{dt}[x_p \mathbf{i} + y_p \mathbf{j} + z_p \mathbf{k}] \\ &= \frac{d}{dt}[x_p] \mathbf{i} + x_p \frac{d}{dt}[\mathbf{i}] + \frac{d}{dt}[y_p] \mathbf{j} + y_p \frac{d}{dt}[\mathbf{j}] + \frac{d}{dt}[z_p] \mathbf{k} + z_p \frac{d}{dt}[\mathbf{k}] \\ &= \dot{x}_p \mathbf{i} + \dot{y}_p \mathbf{j} + \dot{z}_p \mathbf{k} \end{aligned} \quad (1.3a)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a} = \dot{\mathbf{v}} &= \frac{d}{dt}[\dot{x}_p \mathbf{i} + \dot{y}_p \mathbf{j} + \dot{z}_p \mathbf{k}] \\ &= \frac{d}{dt}[\dot{x}_p] \mathbf{i} + \dot{x}_p \frac{d}{dt}[\mathbf{i}] + \frac{d}{dt}[\dot{y}_p] \mathbf{j} + \dot{y}_p \frac{d}{dt}[\mathbf{j}] + \frac{d}{dt}[\dot{z}_p] \mathbf{k} + \dot{z}_p \frac{d}{dt}[\mathbf{k}] \\ &= \ddot{x}_p \mathbf{i} + \ddot{y}_p \mathbf{j} + \ddot{z}_p \mathbf{k} \end{aligned} \quad (1.3b)$$

<sup>3</sup>The time-derivative operator  $d/dt$  is defined only when a reference frame is specified. To be precise, one would write Eqs. (1.2) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} {}^R \mathbf{v}^{P/O} &= \frac{{}^R d\mathbf{r}^{P/O}}{dt} \\ {}^R \mathbf{a}^{P/O} &= \frac{{}^R d\mathbf{v}^{P/O}}{dt} = \frac{{}^R d^2\mathbf{r}^{P/O}}{dt^2} \end{aligned}$$

However, for notational ease, the superscripts have been dropped in this book. Throughout this book, although the presence of a reference frame such as  $R$  in Figure 1.1 is not made explicit, it is assumed that the time-derivative operator has been defined in a specific reference frame.

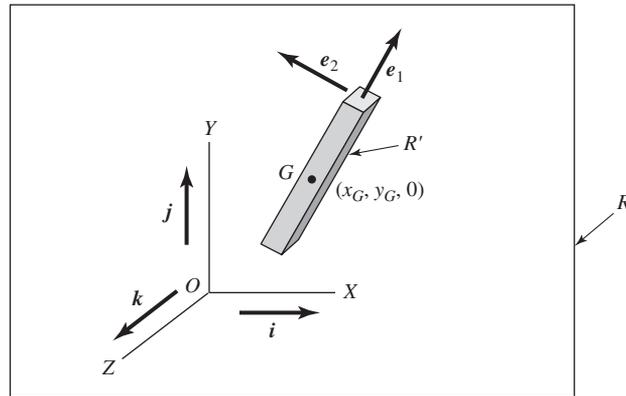
where the over dot indicates differentiation with respect to time. Note that in arriving at Eqs. (1.3), the time derivatives of the unit vectors  $\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}$ , and  $\mathbf{k}$  are all zero since these unit vectors are fixed (i.e., do not change with time) in the reference frame of interest.

### Planar Rigid-Body Kinematics

A rigid body is shown in the  $X$ - $Y$  plane in Figure 1.2 along with the coordinates of the center of mass of this body. In this figure, the unit vectors  $\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}$ , and  $\mathbf{k}$  are fixed in reference frame  $R$ , while the unit vectors  $\mathbf{e}_1$  and  $\mathbf{e}_2$  are fixed in the reference frame  $R'$  and they are defined such that the vector cross product  $\mathbf{e}_1 \times \mathbf{e}_2 = \mathbf{k}$ . While the unit vectors  $\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}$ , and  $\mathbf{k}$  are fixed in time, the unit vectors  $\mathbf{e}_1$  and  $\mathbf{e}_2$  share the motion of the body and, therefore, change with respect to time. The velocity and acceleration of the center of mass of the rigid body with respect to the point  $O$  fixed in the reference frame  $R$  is determined in a manner similar to that previously discussed for the particle, and they are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}^{G/O} &= \dot{\mathbf{r}}^{G/O} = \dot{x}_G \mathbf{i} + \dot{y}_G \mathbf{j} \\ \mathbf{a}^{G/O} &= \ddot{\mathbf{r}}^{G/O} = \ddot{x}_G \mathbf{i} + \ddot{y}_G \mathbf{j} \end{aligned} \tag{1.4}$$

To determine the velocity and acceleration of any other point  $P$  on the body in terms of the corresponding quantities of the center of mass of the body, one needs to consider the angular velocity  $\boldsymbol{\omega}$  and the angular acceleration  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$  of the rigid body.<sup>4</sup> Since the motion of the rigid body is confined to the plane in this case, both of these vectors point in the  $Z$  direction and they are each parallel to the unit vector  $\mathbf{k}$ . In terms of the velocity and acceleration of



**FIGURE 1.2**  
Planar rigid-body kinematics.

<sup>4</sup>Again, for notational ease, instead of the precise notations of  ${}^R\boldsymbol{\omega}^{R'}$  and  ${}^R\boldsymbol{\alpha}^{R'}$  for the angular velocity of the reference frame  $R'$  with respect to  $R$  and the angular acceleration of the reference frame  $R'$  with respect to  $R$ , respectively, the left and right superscripts have been dropped.

the center of mass of the rigid body, the velocity and acceleration at any other point  $P$  on this body are written as

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{v}^{P/O} &= \mathbf{v}^{G/O} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}^{P/G} \\ \mathbf{a}^{P/O} &= \mathbf{a}^{G/O} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{v}^{P/G} + \boldsymbol{\alpha} \times \mathbf{r}^{P/G}\end{aligned}\quad (1.5)$$

where  $\mathbf{r}^{P/G}$  is the position vector from point  $G$  to point  $P$ ,  $\mathbf{v}^{P/O}$  and  $\mathbf{a}^{P/O}$  are the velocity and acceleration of point  $P$  with respect to  $O$ , respectively, and again, the symbol “ $\times$ ” refers to the vector cross product. Equations (1.5) are derived by starting from the definitions given by Eqs. (1.2). Noting from the first of Eqs. (1.5) that the relative velocity of point  $P$  with respect to  $G$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{v}^{P/G} &= \mathbf{v}^{P/O} - \mathbf{v}^{G/O} \\ &= \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}^{P/G}\end{aligned}\quad (1.6)$$

the acceleration  $\mathbf{a}^{P/O}$  is written as<sup>5</sup>

$$\mathbf{a}^{P/O} = \mathbf{a}^{G/O} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times (\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}^{P/G}) + \boldsymbol{\alpha} \times \mathbf{r}^{P/G}\quad (1.7)$$

Equations (1.5) through (1.7) hold for any two arbitrary points on the rigid body. If the body-fixed unit vectors  $\mathbf{e}_1$  and  $\mathbf{e}_2$  are used to resolve the position and velocity vectors when evaluating the velocities and accelerations using Eqs. (1.2), (1.5), (1.6), and (1.7), then one has to realize that the body-fixed unit vectors change orientation with respect to time; this is given by

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\mathbf{e}_1}{dt} &= \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{e}_1 \\ \frac{d\mathbf{e}_2}{dt} &= \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{e}_2\end{aligned}\quad (1.8)$$

In the definitions and relations provided in this section for velocities and accelerations, if the point  $O$  is fixed for all time in what is called an *inertial reference frame*,<sup>6</sup> then the corresponding quantities are referred to as *absolute velocities* and *absolute accelerations*. These quantities are important for determining the governing equations of a system, as discussed in Section 1.2.3. Five examples are provided next to illustrate how particle and rigid-body kinematics can be used to describe the motion of rigid bodies that will be considered in the following chapters.

<sup>5</sup>In arriving at Eqs. (1.7), it has been assumed that all of the time derivatives are being evaluated in reference frame  $R$ .

<sup>6</sup>An inertial reference frame is an “absolute fixed” frame, which for our purposes does not share any of the motions of the particles or bodies considered in the vibration problems. (Of course, in a broader context, a true inertial reference frame does not exist.) Throughout this book, the reference frame  $R$  is used as an inertial reference frame, but it is not explicitly shown in Figure 1.3 and in any of the following figures in this chapter and later chapters. However, the choice of this frame is assumed in defining the absolute velocities and absolute accelerations.

**EXAMPLE 1.1** Kinematics of a planar pendulum

Consider the planar pendulum shown in Figure 1.3, where the orthogonal unit vectors  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  are fixed to the pendulum and they share the motion of the pendulum. The unit vectors  $i, j,$  and  $k$ , which point along the  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  directions, respectively, are fixed in time. The velocity and acceleration of the planar pendulum  $P$  with respect to point  $O$  are the quantities of interest. The position vector from point  $O$  to point  $P$  is written as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{r}^{P/O} &= \mathbf{r}^{Q/O} + \mathbf{r}^{P/Q} \\ &= h\mathbf{j} - L\mathbf{e}_2 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{a})$$

Making use of Eqs. (1.2) and (1.8) and noting that both  $h$  and  $L$  are constant with respect to time and the angular velocity  $\boldsymbol{\omega} = \dot{\theta}\mathbf{k}$ , the pendulum velocity is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}^{P/O} &= -L \frac{d\mathbf{e}_2}{dt} = -L\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{e}_2 \\ &= -L\dot{\theta}\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{e}_2 = L\dot{\theta}\mathbf{e}_1 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{b})$$

and the pendulum acceleration is

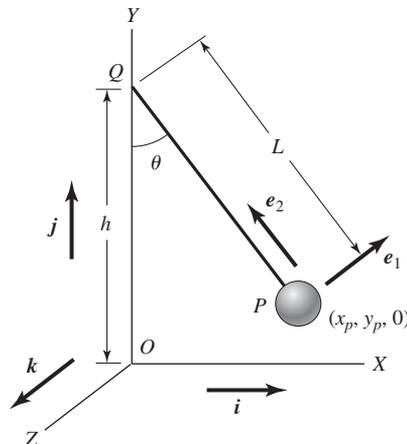
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a}^{P/O} &= \frac{d\mathbf{v}^{P/O}}{dt} \\ &= \frac{d(L\dot{\theta}\mathbf{e}_1)}{dt} = L\ddot{\theta}\mathbf{e}_1 + L\dot{\theta}\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{e}_1 \\ &= L\ddot{\theta}\mathbf{e}_1 + L\dot{\theta}(\dot{\theta}\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{e}_1) \\ &= L\ddot{\theta}\mathbf{e}_1 + L\dot{\theta}^2\mathbf{e}_2 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{c})$$

In arriving at Eqs. (b) and (c), the following relations have been used.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{e}_2 &= -\mathbf{e}_1 \\ \mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{e}_1 &= \mathbf{e}_2 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{d})$$

**FIGURE 1.3**

Planar pendulum. The reference frames are not explicitly shown in this figure, but it is assumed that the unit vectors  $i, j,$  and  $k$  are fixed in  $R$  and that the unit vectors  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  are fixed in  $R'$ .



Noting that the unit vectors  $e_1$  and  $e_2$ , which are fixed to the pendulum, are resolved in terms of the unit vectors  $i$  and  $j$  as follows,

$$e_1 = \cos \theta i + \sin \theta j$$

$$e_2 = -\sin \theta i + \cos \theta j \quad (e)$$

one can rewrite the velocity and acceleration of the pendulum given by Eqs. (b) and (c), respectively, as

$$v^{P/O} = L\dot{\theta}(\cos \theta i + \sin \theta j)$$

$$a^{P/O} = (L\ddot{\theta} \cos \theta - L\dot{\theta}^2 \sin \theta)i + (L\ddot{\theta} \sin \theta + L\dot{\theta}^2 \cos \theta)j \quad (f)$$

### EXAMPLE 1.2 Kinematics of a rolling disc

A disc of radius  $r$  rolls without slipping in the  $X$ - $Y$  plane, as shown in Figure 1.4. We shall determine the velocity and acceleration of the center of mass with respect to the point  $O$ . The unit vectors  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  are fixed to the disc and  $\dot{\theta}$  is the angular speed of the disc. To determine the velocity of the center of mass of the disc located at  $G$  with respect to point  $O$ , the first of Eqs. (1.5) is used; that is,

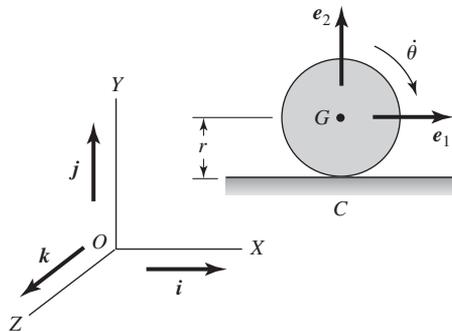
$$v^{G/O} = v^{C/O} + \omega \times r^{G/C} \quad (a)$$

Noting that the instantaneous velocity of the point of contact  $v^{C/O}$  is zero, the angular velocity  $\omega = -\dot{\theta}k$ , and  $r^{G/C} = rj$ , the velocity of point  $G$  with respect to the origin  $O$  can be evaluated. In addition, from the definitions given by Eqs. (1.2), the acceleration can be evaluated. The resulting expressions are

$$v^{G/O} = -\dot{\theta}k \times rj = r\dot{\theta}i$$

$$a^{G/O} = r\ddot{\theta}i \quad (b)$$

As expected, the center of mass of a disc rolling along a straight line does not experience any vertical acceleration due to this motion.



**FIGURE 1.4**

Rolling disc.

**EXAMPLE 1.3** Kinematics of a particle in a rotating frame<sup>7</sup>

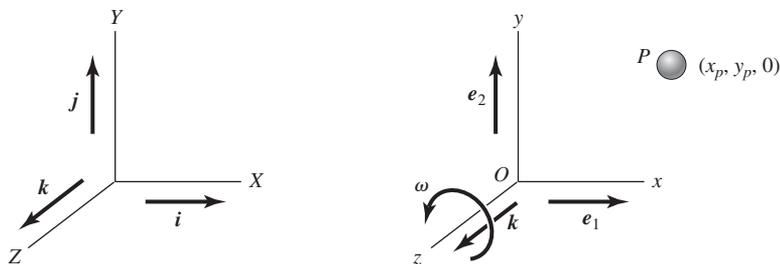
A particle is free to move in a plane, which rotates about an axis normal to the plane as shown in Figure 1.5. The unit vectors  $i$  and  $j$ , which point along the  $X$  and  $Y$  directions, respectively, have fixed directions for all time. We shall be determining the velocity of the particle  $P$  located in the  $x$ - $y$  plane. The  $x$ - $y$ - $z$  frame rotates with respect to the  $X$ - $Y$ - $Z$  frame, which is fixed in time. The rotation takes place about the  $z$ -axis with an angular speed  $\omega$ . The unit vector  $k$  is oriented along the axis of rotation, which points along the  $z$  direction. The unit vectors  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  are fixed to the rotating frame and they point along the  $x$  and  $y$  directions, respectively.

In the rotating frame, the position vector from the fixed point  $O$  to the point  $P$  is

$$\mathbf{r} = x_p \mathbf{e}_1 + y_p \mathbf{e}_2 \quad (\text{a})$$

Making use of the first of Eqs. (1.2) for the velocity of a particle, noting Eqs. (1.8), recognizing that  $\boldsymbol{\omega} = \omega \mathbf{k}$ , and making use of Eqs. (d) of Example 1.1, the velocity of the particle is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v} &= \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}(x_p \mathbf{e}_1) + \frac{d}{dt}(y_p \mathbf{e}_2) \\ &= \dot{x}_p \mathbf{e}_1 + x_p \frac{d\mathbf{e}_1}{dt} + \dot{y}_p \mathbf{e}_2 + y_p \frac{d\mathbf{e}_2}{dt} \\ &= (\dot{x}_p - \omega y_p) \mathbf{e}_1 + (\dot{y}_p + \omega x_p) \mathbf{e}_2 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{b})$$



**FIGURE 1.5**  
Particle in a rotating frame.

<sup>7</sup>In Chapters 7 and 8, the particle kinematics discussed here will be used in examining vibrations of a gyro-sensor.

**EXAMPLE 1.4** Absolute velocity of a pendulum attached to a rotating disc

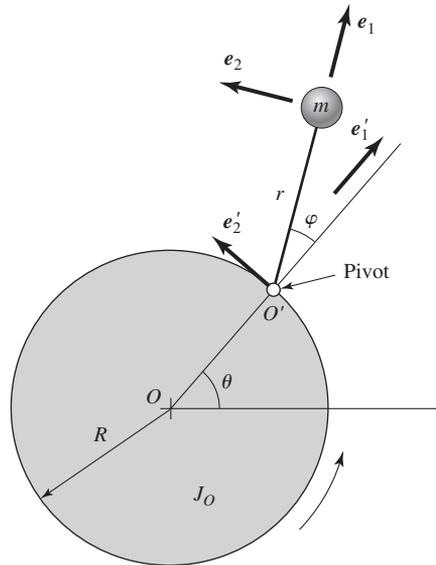
We shall determine the absolute velocity of the pendulum attached to the rotating disc shown in Figure 1.6. This system is representative of a centrifugal pendulum absorber treated in Chapter 8. Assume that the point  $O$  is fixed in an inertial reference frame, the unit vectors  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  are fixed to the pendulum, and that the orthogonal unit vectors  $e'_1$  and  $e'_2$  are fixed to the rotating disc. The motions of the pendulum are restricted to the plane containing the unit vectors  $e_1$  and  $e_2$ , the angle  $\theta$  describes the rotation of the disc with respect to the horizontal, and the angle  $\varphi$  describes the position of the pendulum relative to the disc.

From the figure, we see that the position vector describing the location of the mass  $m$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{r}_m &= R\mathbf{e}'_1 + r\mathbf{e}_1 \\ &= R\mathbf{e}'_1 + r\cos\varphi\mathbf{e}'_1 + r\sin\varphi\mathbf{e}'_2 \\ &= (R + r\cos\varphi)\mathbf{e}'_1 + r\sin\varphi\mathbf{e}'_2 \end{aligned}$$

Then, the velocity of mass  $m$  is

$$\mathbf{V}_m = \frac{d\mathbf{r}_m}{dt} = \mathbf{e}'_1 \frac{d}{dt}(R + r\cos\varphi) + (R + r\cos\varphi) \frac{d\mathbf{e}'_1}{dt} + \mathbf{e}'_2 \frac{d}{dt}(r\sin\varphi) + r\sin\varphi \frac{d\mathbf{e}'_2}{dt}$$



**FIGURE 1.6**  
Pendulum attached to a rotating disc.

Since the orientation of the unit vectors  $e'_1$  and  $e'_2$  change with time due to the rotation of the disc, we have

$$\frac{de'_1}{dt} = \boldsymbol{\omega} \times e'_1 = \dot{\theta} \mathbf{k} \times e'_1 = \dot{\theta} e'_2$$

$$\frac{de'_2}{dt} = \boldsymbol{\omega} \times e'_2 = \dot{\theta} \mathbf{k} \times e'_2 = -\dot{\theta} e'_1$$

which leads to

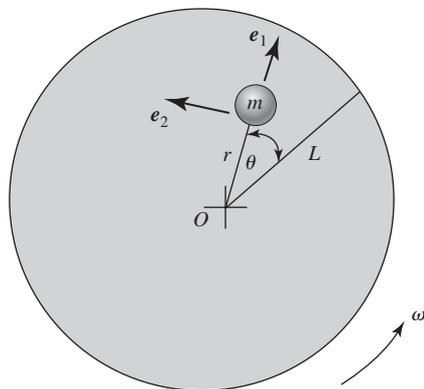
$$\begin{aligned} V_m &= -r\dot{\varphi} \sin \varphi e'_1 + (R + r \cos \varphi) \dot{\theta} e'_2 + r\dot{\varphi} \cos \varphi e'_2 - r\dot{\theta} \sin \varphi e'_1 \\ &= -r(\dot{\varphi} + \dot{\theta}) \sin \varphi e'_1 + (R\dot{\theta} + r(\dot{\varphi} + \dot{\theta}) \cos \varphi) e'_2 \end{aligned}$$

### EXAMPLE 1.5 Moving mass on a rotating table<sup>8</sup>

Consider a mass  $m$  that is held by elastic constraints and is located on a table that is rotating at a constant speed  $\omega$ , as shown in Figure 1.7. We shall determine the absolute velocity of the mass. We assume that point  $O$  is fixed in the vertical plane, that the unit vectors  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  are fixed to the mass  $m$ , as shown in Figure 1.7, and that  $\mathbf{k} = e_1 \times e_2$ . Then

$$\mathbf{r}_m = r e_1$$

and the velocity is given by



**FIGURE 1.7**

Frictionless rotating table of radius  $L$  on which mass  $m$  is elastically constrained.

<sup>8</sup>N. S. Clarke, "The Effect of Rotation upon the Natural Frequencies of a Mass-Spring System," *J. Sound Vibration*, **250**(5), pp. 849–887 (2000).

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{V}_m &= \frac{d\mathbf{r}_m}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}[r\mathbf{e}_1] \\
&= \dot{r}\mathbf{e}_1 + r\frac{d\mathbf{e}_1}{dt} \\
&= \dot{r}\mathbf{e}_1 + r(\omega + \dot{\theta})\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{e}_1 \\
&= \dot{r}\mathbf{e}_1 + r(\omega + \dot{\theta})\mathbf{e}_2
\end{aligned}$$

## 1.2.2 Generalized Coordinates and Degrees of Freedom

To describe the physical motion of a system, one needs to choose a set of variables or coordinates, which are referred to as *generalized coordinates*.<sup>9</sup> They are commonly represented by the symbol  $q_k$ .

The motion of a free particle, which is shown in Figure 1.8a, is described by using the generalized coordinates  $q_1 = x_p$ ,  $q_2 = y_p$ , and  $q_3 = z_p$ . Here, all three of these coordinates are needed to describe the motion of the system. The minimum number of independent coordinates needed to describe the motion of a system is called the *degrees of freedom* of a system. Any free particle in space has three degrees of freedom.

In Figure 1.8b, a planar pendulum is shown. The pivot point of this pendulum is fixed at  $(x_t, y_t, 0)$  and the pendulum has a constant length  $L$ . For this case, the coordinates are chosen as  $x_p$  and  $y_p$ . However, since the pendulum length is constant, these coordinates are not independent of each other because

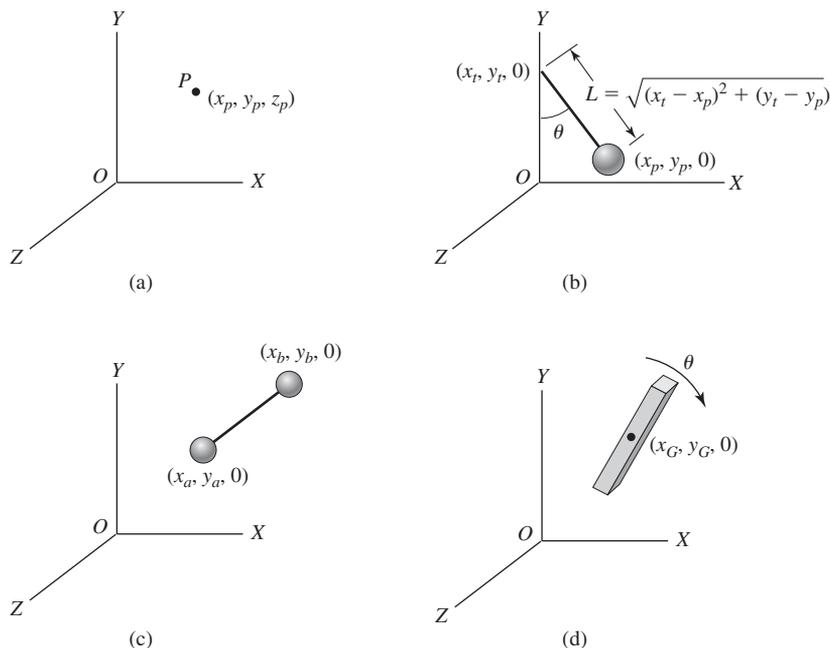
$$(x_p - x_t)^2 + (y_p - y_t)^2 = L^2 \quad (1.9)$$

Equation (1.9) is an example of a *constraint equation*, which in this case is a geometric constraint.<sup>10</sup> The motion of the pendulum in the plane can be described by using either  $x_p$  or  $y_p$ . Since  $x_p = L \sin \theta$  and  $y_p = L - L \cos \theta$ , one can also use the variable  $\theta$  to describe the motion of the pendulum, which is an independent coordinate that qualifies as a generalized coordinate. Since only one independent variable or coordinate is needed to describe the pendulum's motion, a planar pendulum of constant length has one degree of freedom.

As a third example, a dumbbell in the plane is considered in Figure 1.8c. In this system of particles, a massless rod of constant length connects two particles. Here, the coordinates are chosen as  $x_a, y_a, x_b$ , and  $y_b$ , where this

<sup>9</sup>In a broader context, the term “generalized coordinates” is also used to refer to any set of parameters that can be used to specify the system configuration. There are subtle distinctions in the definitions of generalized coordinates used in the literature. Here, we refer to the generalized coordinates as the coordinates that form the minimum set or the smallest possible number of variables needed to describe a system (J. L. Synge and B. A. Griffith, *Principles of Mechanics*, Section 10.6, McGraw Hill, New York, 1959).

<sup>10</sup>A geometric constraint is an example of a holonomic constraint, which can be expressed in the form  $\phi(q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n; t) = 0$ , where  $q_i$  are the generalized coordinates and  $t$  is time.

**FIGURE 1.8**

(a) Free particle in space; (b) planar pendulum; (c) dumbbell in plane; and (d) free rigid body in plane.

set includes the coordinates of each of the two particles in the plane. Since the length of the dumbbell is constant, only three of these coordinates are independent. A minimum of three of the four coordinates is needed to describe the motion of the dumbbell in the plane. Hence, a dumbbell in the plane has three degrees of freedom. The generalized coordinates in this case are chosen as  $x_G$ ,  $y_G$ , and  $\theta$ , where  $x_G$  and  $y_G$  are the coordinates of the center of mass of the dumbbell and  $\theta$  represents the rotation about an axis normal to the plane of the dumbbell.

In Figure 1.8d, a rigid body that is free to move in the  $X$ - $Y$  plane is shown. The generalized coordinates  $q_1 = x_G$  and  $q_2 = y_G$  specify the translation of the center of mass of the rigid body. Apart from these two generalized coordinates, another generalized coordinate  $\theta$ , which represents the rotation about the  $Z$ -axis, is also needed. Hence, a rigid body that is free to move in the plane has three degrees of freedom. It is not surprising that the dumbbell in the plane has the same number of degrees of freedom as the rigid body shown in Figure 1.8d, since the collection of two particles, which are a fixed distance  $L$  apart in Figure 1.8c, is a rigid body.

In the examples shown in Figures 1.8b and 1.8c, one needed to take into account the constraint equations in determining the number of degrees of freedom of a system. For a system configuration specified by  $n$  coordinates,

which are related by  $m$  independent constraints, the number of degrees of freedom  $N$  is given by

$$N = n - m \quad (1.10)$$

The dynamics of vibratory systems with a single degree of freedom is treated in Chapters 3 through 6, the dynamics of vibratory systems with finite but more than one degree of freedom is treated in Chapters 7 and 8, and the dynamics of vibratory systems with infinite number of degrees of freedom is treated in Chapter 9. For much of the material presented in these chapters, the physical systems move in the plane and the systems are subjected only to geometric constraints.

### 1.2.3 Particle and Rigid-Body Dynamics

In the previous two subsections, it was shown how one can determine the velocities and accelerations of particles and rigid bodies and the number of independent coordinates needed to describe the motion of a system. Here, a discussion of the physical laws governing the motion of a system is presented. The velocities and accelerations determined from kinematics will be used in applying these laws to a system.

For all systems treated in this book, the speeds at which the systems travel will be much less than the speed of light. In the area of mechanics, the dynamics of such systems are treated under the area broadly referred to as *Newtonian Mechanics*. Two important principles that are used in this area are the principle of linear momentum and the principle of angular momentum, which are due to Newton and Euler, respectively.

#### Principle of Linear Momentum

The Newtonian principle of linear momentum states that in an inertial reference frame, the rate of change of the linear momentum of a system is equal to the total force acting on this system. This principle is stated as

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} \quad (1.11)$$

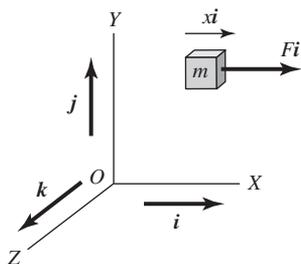
where  $\mathbf{F}$  represents the total force vector acting on the system and  $\mathbf{p}$  represents the total linear momentum of the system. Again, it is important to note that the time derivative in Eq. (1.11) is defined in an inertial reference frame and that the linear momentum is constructed based on the absolute velocity of the system of interest.

#### Particle Dynamics

For a particle, the linear momentum is given by

$$\mathbf{p} = m\mathbf{v} \quad (1.12)$$

where  $m$  is the mass of the particle and  $\mathbf{v}$  is the absolute velocity of the particle. When the mass  $m$  is constant, Eq. (1.11) takes the familiar form



**FIGURE 1.9**  
Free particle of mass  $m$  translating along the  $i$  direction.

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{d(m\mathbf{v})}{dt} = m\mathbf{a} \quad (1.13)$$

which is referred to as *Newton's second law of motion*. The velocity in Eq. (1.12) and the acceleration in Eq. (1.13) are determined from kinematics. Therefore, for the particle shown in Figure 1.9, it follows from Eq. (1.13) that

$$F\mathbf{i} = m\dot{x}\mathbf{i}$$

or

$$F = m\ddot{x}$$

### Dynamics of a System of $n$ Particles

For a system of  $n$  particles, the principle of linear momentum is written as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F} &= \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{F}_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{d\mathbf{p}_i}{dt} = \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \frac{d\mathbf{v}_i}{dt} \end{aligned} \quad (1.14)$$

where the subscript  $i$  refers to the  $i$ th particle in the collection of  $n$  particles,  $\mathbf{F}_i$  is the external force acting on particle  $i$ ,  $\mathbf{p}_i$  is the linear momentum of this particle,  $m_i$  is the constant mass of the  $i$ th particle, and  $\mathbf{v}_i$  is the absolute velocity of the  $i$ th particle. For the  $j$ th particle in this collection, the governing equation takes the form

$$\mathbf{F}_j + \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq j}}^n \mathbf{F}_{ij} = \frac{d\mathbf{p}_j}{dt} = m_j \frac{d\mathbf{v}_j}{dt} \quad (1.15)$$

where  $\mathbf{F}_{ij}$  is the internal force acting on particle  $j$  due to particle  $i$ . Note that in going from the equation of motion for an individual particle given by Eq. (1.15) to that for a system of particles given by Eq. (1.14), it is assumed that all of the internal forces satisfy Newton's third law of motion; that is, the assumption of equal and opposite internal forces ( $\mathbf{F}_{ij} = -\mathbf{F}_{ji}$ ).

If the center of mass of the system of particles is located at point  $G$ , then Eq. (1.14) can be shown to be equivalent to

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{d(m\mathbf{v}_G)}{dt} \quad (1.16)$$

where  $m$  is the total mass of the system and  $\mathbf{v}_G$  is the absolute velocity of the center of mass of the system. Equation (1.16) is also valid for a rigid body.

It is clear from Eq. (1.11) that *in the absence of external forces, the linear momentum of the system is conserved; that is, the linear momentum of the system is constant for all time*. This is an important conservation theorem, which is used, when applicable, to examine the results obtained from analysis of vibratory models.

### Principle of Angular Momentum

The principle of angular momentum states that the rate of change of the angular momentum of a system with respect to the center of mass of the system or a fixed point is equal to the total moment about this point. This principle is stated as

$$\mathbf{M} = \frac{d\mathbf{H}}{dt} \quad (1.17)$$

where the time derivative is evaluated in an inertial reference frame,  $\mathbf{M}$  is the net moment acting about a fixed point  $O$  in an inertial reference frame or about the center of mass  $G$ , and  $\mathbf{H}$  is the total angular momentum of the system about this point.

For a particle, the angular momentum is given by

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{p} \quad (1.18)$$

where  $\mathbf{r}$  is the position vector from the fixed point  $O$  to the particle and  $\mathbf{p}$  is the linear momentum of this particle based on the absolute velocity of this particle. For a system of  $n$  particles, the principle given by Eq. (1.17) can be applied with respect to either the center of mass  $G$  of the system or a fixed point  $O$ . The angular momentum takes the form

$$\mathbf{H} = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{H}_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{r}_i \times \mathbf{p}_i \quad (1.19)$$

where  $\mathbf{r}_i$  is the position vector from either point  $O$  or point  $G$  to the  $i$ th particle and  $\mathbf{p}_i$  is the linear momentum of the particle based on the absolute velocity of the particle. For a rigid body moving in the plane as in Figure 1.8d, the angular momentum about the center of mass is given by

$$\mathbf{H}_G = J_G \dot{\theta} \mathbf{k} \quad (1.20)$$

where  $J_G$  is the mass moment of inertia about the center of mass and the unit vector  $\mathbf{k}$  points along the  $Z$ -direction. The angular momentum of the rigid body about the fixed point  $O$  is given by

$$\mathbf{H}_O = J_O \dot{\theta} \mathbf{k} \quad (1.21)$$

where  $J_O$  is the mass moment of inertia about the fixed point.

From Eq. (1.17), it is clear that *in the absence of external moments, the angular momentum of the system is conserved; that is, the angular momentum of the system is constant for all time*. This is another important conservation theorem, which is used, when applicable, to examine the results obtained from analysis of vibratory models.

The governing equations derived for vibratory systems in the subsequent chapters are based on Eqs. (1.11) and (1.17). Specific examples are not provided here, but the material provided in later chapters are illustrative of how these important principles are used for developing mathematical models of a system.

### 1.2.4 Work and Energy

The definition for *kinetic energy*  $T$  of a system is provided and the relation between work done on a system and kinetic energy is presented. The kinetic energy of a system is a scalar quantity. For a system of  $n$  particles, the kinetic energy is defined as

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n m_i(\dot{\mathbf{r}}_i \cdot \dot{\mathbf{r}}_i) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n m_i(\mathbf{v}_i \cdot \mathbf{v}_i) \quad (1.22)$$

where  $\mathbf{v}_i$  is the absolute velocity of the  $i$ th particle and the “ $\cdot$ ” symbol is the scalar dot product of two vectors.

For a rigid body, the kinetic energy is written in the following convenient form, which is due to König,<sup>11</sup>

$$T = T_{(\text{translational})} + T_{(\text{rotational})} \quad (1.23)$$

where the first term on the right-hand side represents the kinetic energy associated with the translation of the system and the second term on the right-hand side represents the kinetic energy associated with rotation about the center of mass of the system. For a rigid body moving in the plane as shown in Figure 1.8d, the kinetic energy takes the form

$$T = \frac{1}{2} m(\mathbf{v}_G \cdot \mathbf{v}_G) + \frac{1}{2} J_G \dot{\theta}^2 \quad (1.24)$$

where the first term on the right-hand side is the translational part based on the velocity  $\mathbf{v}_G$  of the center of mass of the system and the second term on the right-hand side is associated with rotation about an axis, which passes through the center of mass and is normal to the plane of motion. For a rigid body rotating in the plane about a fixed point  $O$ , the kinetic energy is determined from

$$T = \frac{1}{2} J_O \dot{\theta}^2 \quad (1.25)$$

#### Work-Energy Theorem

According to the *work-energy theorem*, the work done in moving a system from a point  $A$  to point  $B$  is equal to the change in kinetic energy of the system, which is stated as

$$W_{AB} = T_B - T_A \quad (1.26)$$

where  $W_{AB}$  is the work done in moving the system from the initial point  $A$  to the final point  $B$ ,  $T_B$  is the kinetic energy of the system at point  $B$ , and  $T_A$  is the kinetic energy of the system at point  $A$ . The work done  $W_{AB}$  is a scalar quantity.

<sup>11</sup>D. T. Greenwood, *Principles of Dynamics*, Prentice Hall, Upper Saddle River, NJ, Chapter 4 (1988).

Another form of energy called potential energy of a system is addressed in Chapter 2. Specific examples are not provided here, but the use of kinetic energy and work done in developing mathematical models of vibratory systems is illustrated in the subsequent chapters.

## 1.3 SUMMARY

In this chapter, a review from dynamics has been presented in the spirit of summarizing material that is typically a prerequisite to the study of vibrations. In carrying out this discussion, attention has been paid to kinematics, the notion of degree of freedom, and the principles of linear and angular momentum. This background material provides a summary of the foundation for the material presented in the subsequent chapters.

## EXERCISES

### Section 1.1

**1.1** Choose any two contributors from Table 1.1, study their contributions, and write a paragraph about each of them.

### Section 1.2.1

**1.2** Consider the planar pendulum kinematics discussed in Example 1.1, start with position vector  $\mathbf{r}^{P/O}$  resolved in terms the unit vectors  $\mathbf{i}$  and  $\mathbf{j}$ , and verify the expressions obtained for the acceleration and velocity given by Eq. (f) of Example 1.1.

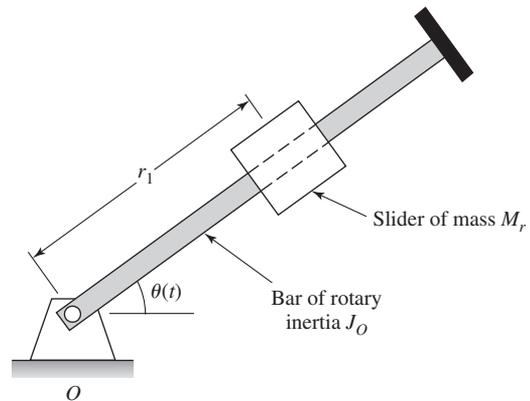
**1.3** Consider the kinematics of the rolling disc considered in Example 1.2, and verify that the instantaneous acceleration of the point of contact is not zero.

**1.4** Show that the acceleration of the particle in the rotating frame of Example 1.3 is

$$\mathbf{a} = (\dot{x}_p - 2\omega\dot{y}_p - \omega^2x_p - \alpha y_p)\mathbf{e}_1 + (\dot{y}_p + 2\omega\dot{x}_p - \omega^2y_p + \alpha x_p)\mathbf{e}_2$$

where  $\alpha$  is the magnitude of the angular acceleration of the rotating frame about the  $z$  axis.

**1.5** In Figure E1.5, a slider of mass  $M_r$  is located on a bar whose angular displacement in the plane is described by the coordinate  $\theta$ . The motion of the slider from



**FIGURE E1.5**

the pivot point is measured by the coordinate  $r_1$ . The acceleration due to gravity acts in a direction normal to the plane of motion. Assume that the point  $O$  is fixed in an inertial reference frame and determine the absolute velocity and absolute acceleration of the slider.

**1.6** Consider the pendulum of mass  $m$  attached to a moving pivot shown in Figure E1.6. Assume that the pivot point cannot translate in the vertical direction. If the horizontal translation of the pivot point from the fixed point  $O$  is measured by the coordinate  $x$  and the

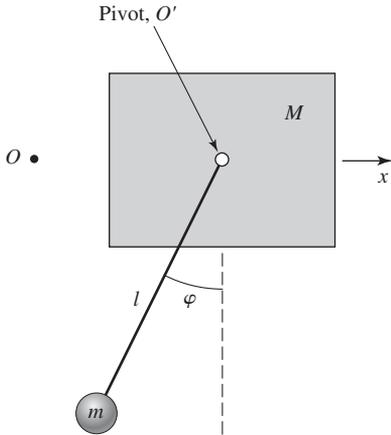


FIGURE E1.6

angle  $\varphi$  is used to describe the angular displacement of the pendulum from the vertical, determine the absolute velocity of the pendulum.

Section 1.2.2

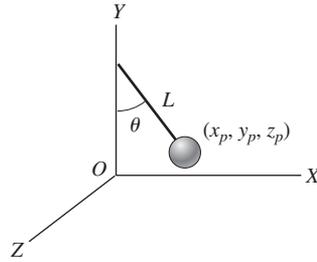
1.7 Determine the number of degrees of freedom for the systems shown in Figure E1.7. Assume that the length  $L$  of the pendulum shown in Figure E1.7a is constant and that the length between each pair of particles in Figure E1.7b is constant. *Hint:* For Figure E1.7c, the rigid body can be thought of as a system of particles where the length between each pair of particles is constant.

Section 1.2.3

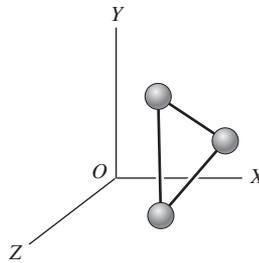
1.8 Draw free-body diagrams for each of the masses shown in Figure E1.6 and obtain the equations of motion along the horizontal direction by using Eq. (1.15).

1.9 Draw the free-body diagram for the whole system shown in Figure E1.6, obtain the system equation of motion by using Eq. (1.14) along the horizontal direction, and verify that this equation can be obtained from Eq. (1.15).

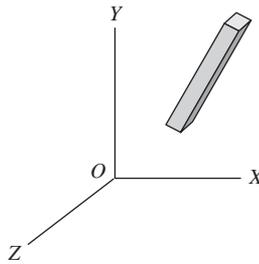
1.10 Determine the linear momentum for the system shown in Figure E1.5 and discuss if it is conserved. Assume that the mass of the bar is  $M_{\text{bar}}$  and the distance from the point  $O$  to the center of the bar is  $L_{\text{bar}}$ .



(a) Spherical pendulum



(b) System of three particles



(c) Free rigid body in space

FIGURE E1.7

1.11 Determine the angular momentum of the system shown in Figure 1.6 about the point  $O$  and discuss if it is conserved.

1.12 A rigid body is suspended from the ceiling by two elastic cables that are attached to the body at the points  $O'$  and  $O''$ , as shown in Figure E1.12. Point  $G$  is the center of mass of the body. Which of these points would you choose to carry out an angular-momentum balance based on Eq. (1.17)?

1.13 Consider the rigid body shown in Figure E1.13. This body has a mass  $m$  and rotary inertia  $J_G$  about the

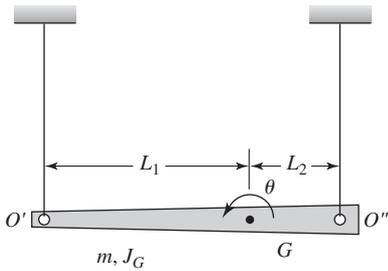


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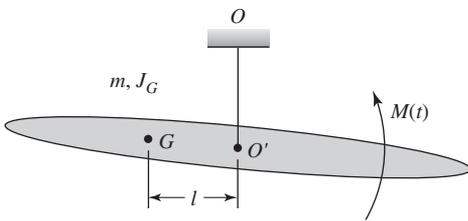


FIGURE E1.13

center of mass  $G$ . It is suspended from a point  $O$  on the ceiling by using an elastic suspension. The point of attachment  $O'$  is at a distance  $l$  from the center of mass  $G$  of this body.  $M(t)$  is an external moment applied to the system along an axis normal to the plane of the body. Use the generalized coordinates  $x$ , which describes the up and down motions of point  $O'$  from point  $O$ , and  $\theta$ , which describes the angular oscillations about an axis normal to the plane of the rigid body. For the system shown in Figure E1.13, use the principle of angular-momentum balance given by Eq. (1.17) and obtain an equation of motion for the system. Assume that gravity loading is present.

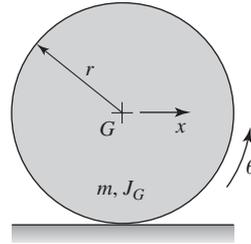


FIGURE E1.16

Section 1.2.4

1.14 For the system shown in Figure E1.13, construct the system kinetic energy.

1.15 Determine the kinetic energy of the planar pendulum of Example 1.1.

1.16 Consider the disc rolling along a line in Figure E1.16. The disc has a mass  $m$  and a rotary inertia  $J_G$  about the center of mass  $G$ . Answer the following: (a) How many degrees of freedom does this system have? and (b) Determine the kinetic energy for this system.

1.17 In the system shown in Figure 1.6, if the mass of the pendulum is  $m$ , the length of the pendulum is  $r$ , and the rotary inertia of the disc about the point  $O$  is  $J_O$ , determine the system kinetic energy.

1.18 Referring to Figure E1.6 and assuming that the bar to which the pendulum mass  $m$  is connected is massless, determine the kinetic energy for the system.

1.19 Determine the kinetic energy of the system shown in Figure E1.5.



Components of vibrating systems: an air spring and a steel helical spring. (Source: Courtesy of Enidine Incorporated; Stockxpert.com.)

# 2

## Modeling of Vibratory Systems

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### 2.1 INTRODUCTION

In this chapter, the elements that comprise a vibratory system model are described and the use of these elements to construct models is illustrated with examples. There are, in general, three elements that comprise a vibrating system: i) inertia elements, ii) stiffness elements, and iii) dissipation elements. In addition to these elements, one must also consider externally applied forces and moments and external disturbances from prescribed initial displacements and/or initial velocities.

**TABLE 2.1**  
Units of Components Comprising a  
Vibrating Mechanical System and  
Their Customary Symbols

Quantity	Units
Translational motion	
Mass, $m$	kg
Stiffness, $k$	N/m
Damping, $c$	N·s/m
External force, $F$	N
Rotational motion	
Mass moment of inertia, $J$	kg·m <sup>2</sup>
Stiffness, $k_t$	N·m/rad
Damping, $c_t$	N·m·s/rad
External moment, $M$	N·m

The *inertia element* stores and releases kinetic energy, the *stiffness element* stores and releases potential energy, and the *dissipation or damping element* is used to express energy loss in a system. Each of these elements has different excitation-response characteristics and the excitation is in the form of either a force or a moment and the corresponding response of the element is in the form of a displacement, velocity, or acceleration. The inertia elements are characterized by a relationship between an applied force (or moment) and the corresponding acceleration response. The stiffness elements are characterized by a relationship between an applied force (or moment) and the corresponding displacement (or rotation) response. The dissipation elements are characterized by a relationship between an applied force (or moment) and the corresponding velocity response. The nature of these relationships, which can be linear or nonlinear, are presented in this chapter. The units associated with these elements and the commonly used symbols for the different elements are shown in Table 2.1.

In this chapter, we shall show how to:

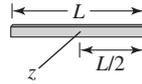
- Compute the mass moment of inertia of rotational systems.
- Determine the stiffness of various linear and nonlinear elastic components in translation and torsion and the equivalent stiffness when many individual linear components are combined.
- Determine the stiffness of fluid, gas, and pendulum elements.
- Determine the potential energy of stiffness elements.
- Determine the damping for systems that have different sources of dissipation: viscosity, dry friction, fluid, and material.
- Construct models of vibratory systems.

## 2.2 INERTIA ELEMENTS

Translational motion of a mass is described as motion along the path followed by the center of mass. The associated inertia property depends only on the total mass of the system and is independent of the geometry of the mass distribution of the system. The inertia property of a mass undergoing rotational motions, however, is a function of the mass distribution, specifically the mass moment of inertia, which is usually defined about its center of mass or a fixed point  $O$ . When the mass oscillates about a fixed point  $O$  or a pivot point  $O$ , the rotary inertia  $J_O$  is given by

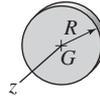
**TABLE 2.2**  
Mass Moments of Inertia about  
Axis  $z$  Normal to the  
 $x$ - $y$  Plane and Passing Through  
the Center of Mass

Slender bar



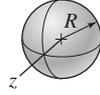
$$J_G = \frac{1}{12} mL^2$$

Circular disk



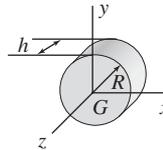
$$J_G = \frac{1}{2} mR^2$$

Sphere



$$J_G = \frac{2}{5} mR^2$$

Circular cylinder



$$J_x = J_y = \frac{1}{12} m(3R^2 + h^2)$$

$$J_z = \frac{1}{2} mR^2$$

$$J_O = J_G + md^2 \quad (2.1)$$

where  $m$  is the mass of the element,  $J_G$  is the mass moment of inertia about the center of mass, and  $d$  is the distance from the center of gravity to the point  $O$ . In Eq. (2.1), the mass moments of inertia  $J_G$  and  $J_O$  are both defined with respect to axes normal to the plane of the mass. This relationship between the mass moment of inertia about an axis through the center of mass  $G$  and a parallel axis through another point  $O$  follows from the *parallel-axes theorem*. The mass moments of inertia of some common shapes are given in Table 2.2.

The questions of how the inertia properties are related to forces and moments and how these properties affect the kinetic energy of a system are examined next. In Figure 2.1, a mass  $m$  translating with a velocity of magnitude  $\dot{x}$  in the  $X$ - $Y$  plane is shown. The direction of the velocity vector is also shown in the figure, along with the direction of the force acting on this mass.

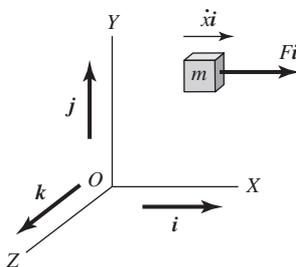
In stating the principles of linear momentum and angular momentum in Chapter 1, certain relationships between inertia properties and forces and moments were assumed. These relationships are revisited here. Based on the principle of linear momentum, which is given by Eq. (1.11), the equation governing the motion of the mass is

$$F\mathbf{i} = \frac{d}{dt}(m\dot{x}\mathbf{i})$$

which, when  $m$  and  $\mathbf{i}$  are independent of time, simplifies to

$$F = m\ddot{x} \quad (2.2)$$

On examining Eq. (2.2), it is evident that *for translational motion, the inertia property  $m$  is the ratio of the force to the acceleration*. The units for mass



**FIGURE 2.1**

Mass in translation.

shown in Table 2.1 should also be evident from Eq. (2.2). From Eq. (1.22), it follows that the kinetic energy of mass  $m$  is given by

$$T = \frac{1}{2} m(\dot{x}\mathbf{i} \cdot \dot{x}\mathbf{i}) = \frac{1}{2} m\dot{x}^2 \tag{2.3}$$

and we have used the identity  $\mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{i} = 1$ . From the definition given by Eq. (2.3), it is clear that *the kinetic energy of translational motion is linearly proportional to the mass*. Furthermore, the kinetic energy is proportional to the second power of the velocity magnitude. To arrive at Eq. (2.3) in a different manner, let us consider the work-energy theorem discussed in Section 1.2.4. We assume that the mass shown in Figure 2.1 is translated from an initial rest state, where the velocity is zero at time  $t_o$ , to the final state at time  $t_f$ . Then, it follows from Eq. (1.26) that the work  $W$  done under the action of a force  $F\mathbf{i}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} W &= \int_0^x F\mathbf{i} \cdot d\mathbf{x} = \int_0^x m\ddot{x}\mathbf{i} \cdot d\mathbf{x} = \int_0^x m\ddot{x}dx \\ &= \int_{t_o}^{t_f} m\ddot{x}\dot{x}dt = \int_0^{\dot{x}} m\dot{x}d\dot{x} = \frac{1}{2} m\dot{x}^2 \end{aligned} \tag{2.4}$$

where we have used the relation  $dx = \dot{x}dt$ . Hence, the kinetic energy is

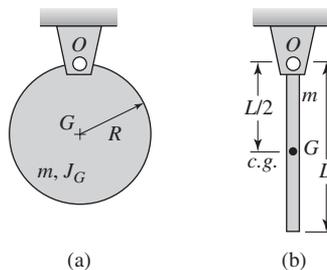
$$T(t = t_f) - T(t = t_o) = 0 = W = \frac{1}{2} m\dot{x}^2 \tag{2.5}$$

which is identical to Eq. (2.3).

For a rigid body undergoing only rotation in the plane with an angular speed  $\dot{\theta}$ , one can show from the principle of angular momentum discussed in Section 1.2.3 that

$$M = J\ddot{\theta} \tag{2.6}$$

where  $M$  is the moment acting about the center of mass  $G$  or a fixed point  $O$  (as shown in Figure 2.2) along the direction normal to the plane of motion and  $J$  is



**FIGURE 2.2** (a) Uniform disk hinged at a point on its perimeter and (b) bar of uniform mass hinged at one end.

the associated mass moment of inertia. From Eq. (2.6), it follows that *for rotational motion, the inertia property  $J$  is the ratio of the moment to the angular acceleration*. Again, one can verify that the units of  $J$  shown in Table 2.1 are consistent with Eq. (2.6). This inertia property is also referred to as *rotary inertia*. Furthermore, to determine how the inertia property  $J$  affects the kinetic energy, we use Eq. (1.25) to show that the kinetic energy of the system is

$$T = \frac{1}{2} J \dot{\theta}^2 \quad (2.7)$$

Hence, *the kinetic energy of rotational motion only is linearly proportional to the inertia property  $J$ , the mass moment of inertia*. Furthermore, the kinetic energy is proportional to the second power of the angular velocity magnitude.

In the discussions of the inertia properties of vibratory systems provided thus far, the inertia properties are assumed to be independent of the displacement of the motion. This assumption is not valid for all physical systems. For a slider mechanism discussed in Example 2.2, the inertia property is a function of the angular displacement. Other examples can also be found in the literature.<sup>1</sup>

### EXAMPLE 2.1 Determination of mass moments of inertia

We shall illustrate how the mass moments of inertia of several different rigid body distributions are determined.

#### Uniform Disk

Consider the uniform disk shown in Figure 2.2a. If  $J_G$  is the mass moment of inertia about the disk's center, then from Table 2.2

$$J_G = \frac{1}{2} mR^2$$

and, therefore, the mass moment of inertia about the point  $O$ , which is located a distance  $R$  from point  $G$ , is

$$J_O = J_G + mR^2 = \frac{1}{2} mR^2 + mR^2 = \frac{3}{2} mR^2 \quad (a)$$

#### Uniform Bar

A bar of length  $L$  is suspended as shown in Figure 2.2b. The bar's mass is uniformly distributed along its length. Then the center of gravity of the bar is located at  $L/2$ . From Table 2.2, we have that

$$J_G = \frac{1}{12} mL^2$$

<sup>1</sup>J. P. Den Hartog, *Mechanical Vibrations*, Dover, NY, p. 352 (1985).

and therefore, after making use of the parallel axis theorem, the mass moment of inertia about the point  $O$  is

$$J_O = J_G + m\left(\frac{L}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{12} mL^2 + \frac{1}{4} mL^2 = \frac{1}{3} mL^2 \quad (b)$$

**EXAMPLE 2.2** Slider mechanism: system with varying inertia property

In Figure 2.3, a slider mechanism with a pivot at point  $O$  is shown. A slider of mass  $m_s$  slides along a uniform bar of mass  $m_l$ . Another bar, which is pivoted at point  $O'$ , has a portion of length  $b$  that has a mass  $m_b$  and another portion of length  $e$  that has a mass  $m_e$ . We shall determine the rotary inertia  $J_O$  of this system and show its dependence on the angular displacement coordinate  $\varphi$ .

If  $a_e$  is the distance from the midpoint of bar of mass  $m_e$  to  $O$  and  $a_b$  is the distance from the midpoint of bar of mass  $m_b$  to  $O$ , then from geometry we find that

$$\begin{aligned} r^2(\varphi) &= a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos \varphi \\ a_b^2(\varphi) &= (b/2)^2 + a^2 - ab \cos \varphi \\ a_e^2(\varphi) &= (e/2)^2 + a^2 - ae \cos(\pi - \varphi) \end{aligned} \quad (a)$$

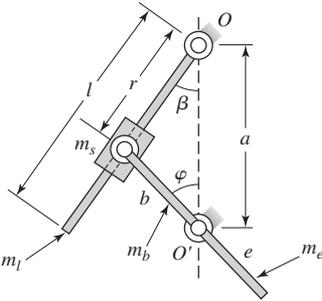
and hence, all motions of the system can be described in terms of the angular coordinate  $\varphi$ . The rotary inertia  $J_O$  of this system is given by

$$J_O = J_{m_l} + J_{m_s}(\varphi) + J_{m_b}(\varphi) + J_{m_e}(\varphi) \quad (b)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} J_{m_l} &= \frac{1}{3} m_l l^2, & J_{m_s}(\varphi) &= m_s r^2(\varphi) \\ J_{m_b}(\varphi) &= m_b \frac{b^2}{12} + m_b a_b^2 = m_b \left[ \frac{b^2}{3} + a^2 - ab \cos \varphi \right] \\ J_{m_e}(\varphi) &= m_e \frac{e^2}{12} + m_e a_e^2 = m_e \left[ \frac{e^2}{3} + a^2 - ae \cos(\pi - \varphi) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (c)$$

In arriving at Eqs. (b) and (c), the parallel-axes theorem has been used in determining the bar inertias  $J_{m_b}$ ,  $J_{m_e}$ , and  $J_{m_l}$ . From Eqs. (b) and (c), it is clear that the rotary inertia  $J_O$  of this system is a function of the angular displacement  $\varphi$ .



**FIGURE 2.3**  
Slider mechanism.

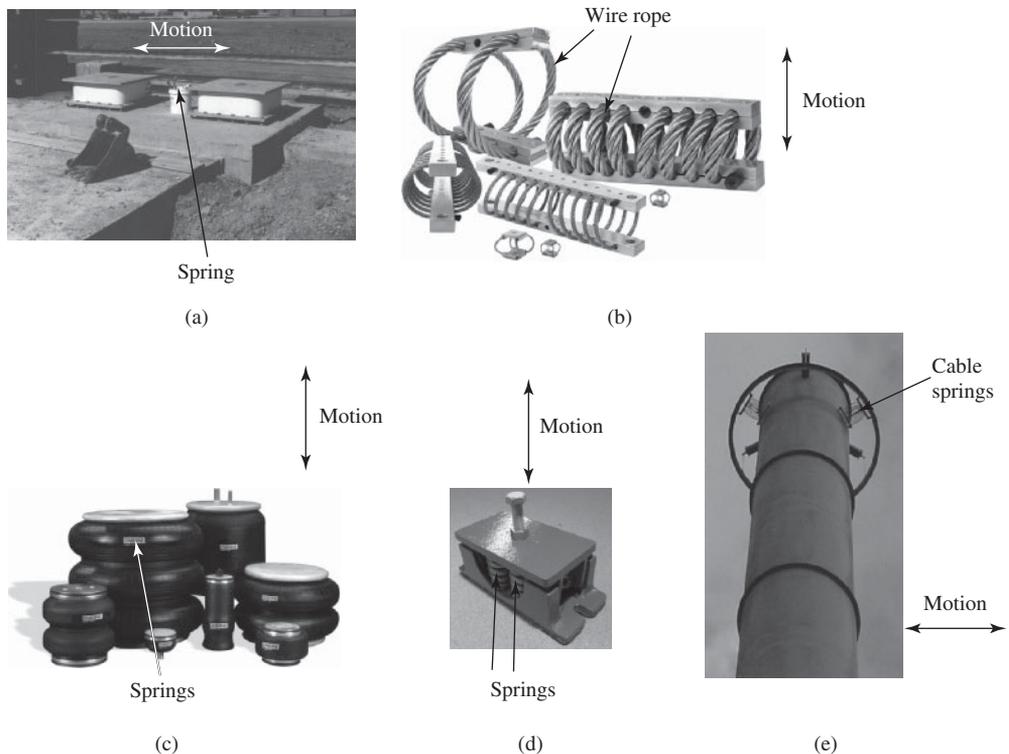
## 2.3 STIFFNESS ELEMENTS

### 2.3.1 Introduction

Stiffness elements are manufactured from different materials and they have many different shapes. One chooses the type of element depending on the requirements; for example, to minimize vibration transmission from machinery

to the supporting structure, to isolate a building from earthquakes, or to absorb energy from systems subjected to impacts. Some representative types of stiffness elements that are commercially available are shown in Figure 2.4 along with their typical application.

The stiffness elements store and release the potential energy of a system. To examine how the potential energy is defined, let us consider the illustration shown in Figure 2.5, in which a spring is held fixed at end  $O$ , and at the other end, a force of magnitude  $F$  is directed along the direction of the unit vector  $\mathbf{j}$ . Under the action of this force, let the element stretch from an initial or unstretched length  $L_o$  to a length  $L_o + x$  along the direction of  $\mathbf{j}$ . In undergoing this deformation, the relationship between  $F$  and  $x$  can be linear or non-linear as discussed subsequently.

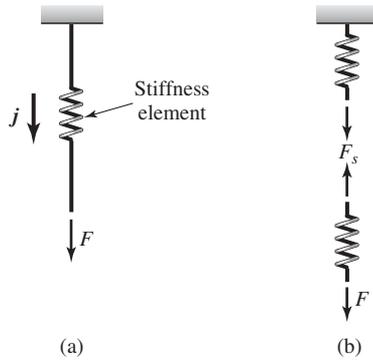


**FIGURE 2.4**

(a) Building or highway base isolation for lateral motion using cylindrical rubber bearings; (b) wire rope isolators to isolate vertical motions of machinery; (c) air springs used in suspension systems to isolate vertical motions; (d) typical steel coil springs for isolation of vertical motions; and (e) steel cable springs used in a chimney tuned mass damper to suppress lateral motions. *Source:* Holmes Consulting Group; Wire Rope Catalogue, pg. 6, Enidine Incorporated, 2006; <http://www.enidine.com/Airsprings.html> 2006 Enidine Incorporated; Figures of Series C Vibro Isolators <http://www.isolationtech.com/sercw.htm>; Figure of Tuned Mass Damper [http://www.iesysinc.com/Tuned\\_Mass\\_Dampers.php](http://www.iesysinc.com/Tuned_Mass_Dampers.php) 2001–2002 Industrial Environmental Systems Inc.

**FIGURE 2.5**

(a) Stiffness element with a force acting on it and (b) its free-body diagram.



If  $F_s$  represents the internal force acting within the stiffness element, as shown in the free-body diagram in Figure 2.5b, then in the lower spring portion this force is equal and opposite to the external force  $F$ ; that is,

$$F_s = -Fj$$

Since the force  $F_s$  tries to restore the stiffness element to its undeformed configuration, it is referred to as a *restoring force*. As the stiffness element is deformed, energy is stored in this element, and as the stiffness element is undeformed, energy is released. *The potential energy  $V$  is defined<sup>2</sup> as the work done to take the stiffness element from the deformed position to the undeformed position; that is, the work needed to undeform the element to its original shape.* For the element shown in Figure 2.5, this is given by

$$\begin{aligned} V(x) &= \int_x^0 \mathbf{F}_s \cdot d\mathbf{x} \\ &= \int_x^0 -Fj \cdot dxj = \int_0^x Fdx \end{aligned} \tag{2.8}$$

where we have used the identity  $\mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{j} = 1$  and  $\mathbf{F}_s = -Fj$ . Like the kinetic energy  $T$ , the potential energy  $V$  is a scalar-valued function.

The relationship between the deformation experienced by a spring and an externally applied force may be linear as discussed in Section 2.3.2 or non-

<sup>2</sup>A general definition of potential energy  $V$  takes the form

$$V(x) = \int_{\text{deformed position}}^{\text{initial or reference position}} \mathbf{F}_s \cdot d\mathbf{x}$$

where the force  $\mathbf{F}_s$  is a conservative force. The work done by a conservative force is independent of the path followed between the initial and final positions.

linear as discussed in Section 2.3.3. The notion of an equivalent spring element is also introduced in Section 2.3.2.

## 2.3.2 Linear Springs

### Translation Spring

If a force  $F$  is applied to a linear spring as shown in Figure 2.6a, this force produces a deflection  $x$  such that

$$F(x) = kx \quad (2.9)$$

where the coefficient  $k$  is called the *spring constant* and there is a linear relationship between the force and the displacement. Based on Eqs. (2.8) and (2.9), the potential energy  $V$  stored in the spring is given by

$$V(x) = \int_0^x F(x) dx = \int_0^x kx dx = k \int_0^x x dx = \frac{1}{2} kx^2 \quad (2.10)$$

Hence, for a linear spring, the associated potential energy is linearly proportional to the spring stiffness  $k$  and proportional to the second power of the displacement magnitude.

### Torsion Spring

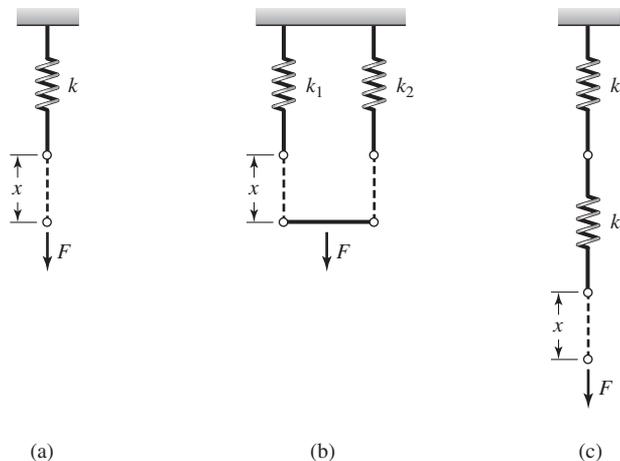
If a linear torsion spring is considered and if a moment  $\tau$  is applied to the spring at one end while the other end of the spring is held fixed, then

$$\tau(\theta) = k_t \theta \quad (2.11)$$

where  $k_t$  is the spring constant and  $\theta$  is the deformation of the spring. The potential energy stored in this spring is

**FIGURE 2.6**

Various spring configurations: (a) single spring, (b) two springs in parallel, and (c) two springs in series.



$$V(\theta) = \int_0^\theta \tau(\theta) d\theta = \int_0^\theta k_t \theta d\theta = \frac{1}{2} k_t \theta^2 \tag{2.12}$$

**Combinations of Linear Springs**

Different combinations of linear spring elements are now considered and the equivalent stiffness of these combinations is determined. First, combinations of translation springs shown in Figures 2.6b and 2.6c are considered and following that, combinations of torsion springs shown in Figures 2.7a and 2.7b are considered.

When there are two springs in parallel as shown in Figure 2.6b and the bar on which the force  $F$  acts remains parallel to its original position, then the displacements of both springs are equal and, therefore, the total force is

$$\begin{aligned} F(x) &= F_1(x) + F_2(x) \\ &= k_1 x + k_2 x = (k_1 + k_2)x = k_e x \end{aligned} \tag{2.13}$$

where  $F_j(x)$  is the resulting force in spring  $k_j, j = 1, 2$ , and  $k_e$  is the equivalent spring constant for two springs in parallel given by

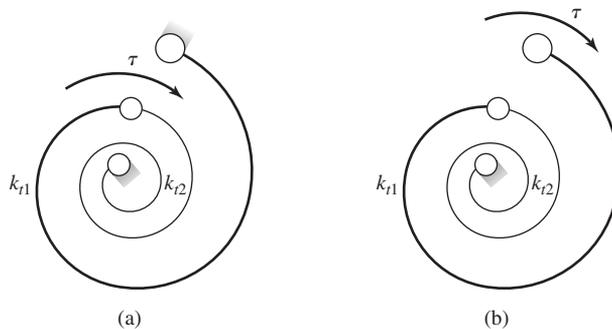
$$k_e = k_1 + k_2 \tag{2.14}$$

When there are two springs in series, as shown in Figure 2.6c, the force on each spring is the same and the total displacement is

$$\begin{aligned} x &= x_1 + x_2 \\ &= \frac{F}{k_1} + \frac{F}{k_2} = \left( \frac{1}{k_1} + \frac{1}{k_2} \right) F = \frac{F}{k_e} \end{aligned} \tag{2.15}$$

where the equivalent spring constant  $k_e$  is

$$k_e = \left( \frac{1}{k_1} + \frac{1}{k_2} \right)^{-1} = \frac{k_1 k_2}{k_1 + k_2} \tag{2.16}$$



**FIGURE 2.7** Two torsion springs: (a) parallel combination and (b) series combination.

In general, for  $N$  springs in parallel, we have

$$k_e = \sum_{i=1}^N k_i \quad (2.17)$$

and for  $N$  springs in series, we have

$$k_e = \left[ \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{k_i} \right]^{-1} \quad (2.18)$$

The potential energy for the spring combination shown in Figure 2.6b is given by

$$V(x) = V_1(x) + V_2(x)$$

where  $V_1(x)$  is the potential energy associated with the spring of stiffness  $k_1$  and  $V_2(x)$  is the potential energy associated with the spring of stiffness  $k_2$ . Making use of Eq. (2.10) to determine  $V_1(x)$  and  $V_2(x)$ , we find that

$$V(x) = \frac{1}{2} k_1 x^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_2 x^2 = \frac{1}{2} (k_1 + k_2) x^2$$

For the spring combination shown in Figure 2.6c, the potential energy of this system is given by

$$\begin{aligned} V(x_1, x_2) &= V_1(x_1) + V_2(x_2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} k_1 x_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_2 x_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

where again Eq. (2.10) has been used. Expressions constructed from the potential energy of systems are useful for determining the equations of motion of a system, as discussed in Sections 3.6 and 7.2.

For two torsion springs in series and parallel combinations, we refer to Figure 2.7. From Figure 2.7a, the rotation  $\theta$  of each spring is the same and, therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(\theta) &= \tau_1(\theta) + \tau_2(\theta) \\ &= k_{t1}\theta + k_{t2}\theta = (k_{t1} + k_{t2})\theta = k_{te}\theta \end{aligned} \quad (2.19)$$

where  $\tau_j$  is the resulting moment in spring  $k_{tj}$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ , and  $k_{te}$  is the equivalent torsional stiffness given by

$$k_{te} = k_{t1} + k_{t2} \quad (2.20)$$

For torsion springs in series, as shown in Figure 2.7b, the torque on each spring is the same, but the rotations are unequal. Thus,

$$\theta = \theta_1 + \theta_2 = \frac{\tau}{k_{t1}} + \frac{\tau}{k_{t2}} = \left( \frac{1}{k_{t1}} + \frac{1}{k_{t2}} \right) \tau = \frac{\tau}{k_{te}} \quad (2.21)$$

where the equivalent stiffness  $k_{te}$  is

$$k_{te} = \left( \frac{1}{k_{t1}} + \frac{1}{k_{t2}} \right)^{-1} = \frac{k_{t1} k_{t2}}{k_{t1} + k_{t2}} \quad (2.22)$$

The potential energy for the torsion-spring combination shown in Figure 2.7a is given by

$$\begin{aligned} V(\theta) &= V_1(\theta) + V_2(\theta) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} k_{t1} \theta^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_{t2} \theta^2 = \frac{1}{2} (k_{t1} + k_{t2}) \theta^2 \end{aligned}$$

where we have used Eq. (2.12). For the torsion-spring combination shown in Figure 2.7b, the system potential energy is given by

$$\begin{aligned} V(\theta_1, \theta_2) &= V_1(\theta_1) + V_2(\theta_2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} k_{t1} \theta_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_{t2} \theta_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

### Equivalent Spring Constants of Common Structural Elements Used in Vibration Models

To determine the spring constant for numerous elastic structural elements one can make use of known relationships between force and displacement. Several such spring constants that have been determined for different geometry and loading conditions are presented in Table 2.3. For modeling purposes, the inertias of the structural elements such as the beams of Cases 4 to 6 in Table 2.3 are usually ignored. In Chapter 9, it is shown under what conditions it is reasonable to make such an assumption.<sup>3</sup>

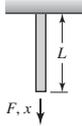
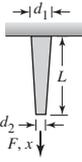
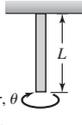
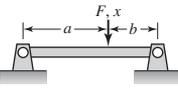
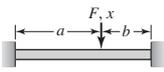
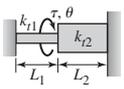
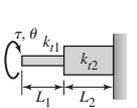
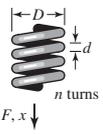
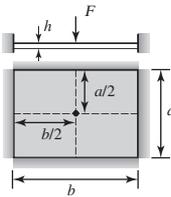
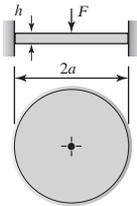
Since it may not always be possible to obtain a spring constant for a given system through analysis, often one has to experimentally determine this constant. As a representative example, let us return to Figure 2.4a, and consider the experimental determination of the spring constant for this system. The loading  $F$  is gradually increased to a chosen value and the resulting deflection  $x$  from the unstretched position of the element is recorded for each value of  $F$ . These data are plotted in Figure 2.8, where open squares are used to denote the values of the experimentally obtained data. Then, assuming that the stiffness element is linear, curve fitting is done to estimate the unknown parameter  $k$  in Eq. (2.9). The resulting value of the spring constant is also shown in Figure 2.8. *Note that the stiffness constant  $k$  is a static concept, and hence, a static loading is sufficient to determine this parameter.*

Force-displacement relationships other than Eq. (2.9) may also be used to determine parameters such as  $k$  that characterize a stiffness element. Determination of parameters for a nonlinear spring is discussed in Section 2.3.3. In a broader context, procedures used to determine parameters such as  $k$  of a vibratory system element fall under the area called system identification or

<sup>3</sup>See Eqs. (9.105) and (9.162).

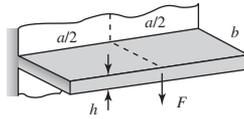
**TABLE 2.3**

Spring Constants for Some Common Elastic Elements

1	Axially loaded rod or cable		$k = \frac{AE}{L}$														
2	Axially loaded tapered rod		$k = \frac{\pi E d_1 d_2}{4L}$														
3	Hollow circular rod in torsion		$k_t = \frac{GI}{L}$ $I = \frac{\pi(d_{out}^4 - d_{in}^4)}{32}$														
4	Cantilever beam		$k = \frac{3EI}{a^3}; 0 < a \leq L$														
5	Pinned-pinned beam (Hinged, simply supported)		$k = \frac{3EI(a+b)}{a^2 b^2}$														
6	Clamped-clamped beam (Fixed-fixed beam)		$k = \frac{3EI(a+b)^3}{a^3 b^3}$														
7	Two circular rods in torsion		$k_{te} = k_{r1} + k_{r2}$ $k_{ti} = \frac{GI_i}{L_i}$														
8	Two circular rods in torsion		$k_{te} = \left(\frac{1}{k_{r1}} + \frac{1}{k_{r2}}\right)^{-1}$ $k_{ti} = \frac{GI_i}{L_i}$														
9	Coil spring		$k = \frac{Gd^4}{8nD^3}$														
10	Clamped rectangular plate, constant thickness, force at center <sup>a</sup>		$k = \frac{Eh^3}{12\alpha a^2(1-\nu^2)}; \nu = \text{Poisson's ratio}$ <table border="1" data-bbox="1001 1299 1173 1460"> <thead> <tr> <th>b/a</th> <th><math>\alpha</math></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1.0</td> <td>0.00560</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1.2</td> <td>0.00647</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1.4</td> <td>0.00691</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1.6</td> <td>0.00712</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1.8</td> <td>0.00720</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.0</td> <td>0.00722</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	b/a	$\alpha$	1.0	0.00560	1.2	0.00647	1.4	0.00691	1.6	0.00712	1.8	0.00720	2.0	0.00722
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11	Clamped circular plate, constant thickness, force at center <sup>b</sup>		$k = \frac{4.189Eh^3}{a^2(1-\nu^2)}; \nu = \text{Poisson's ratio}$														

(continued)

**TABLE 2.3**  
(continued) 12 Cantilever plate, constant thickness, force at center of free edge<sup>c</sup>



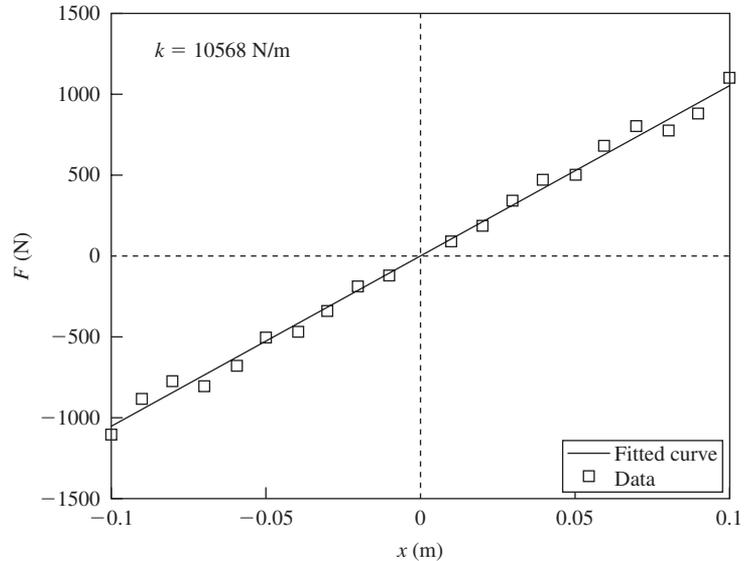
$$k = \frac{0.496Eh^3}{b^2(1 - \nu^2)}; \quad \nu = \text{Poisson's ratio, } a \gg b$$

A: area of cross section; E: Young's modulus; G: shear modulus; I: area moment of inertia or polar moment of inertia

<sup>a</sup>S. Timoshenko and S. Woinowsky-Krieger, *Theory of Plates and Shells*, McGraw-Hill, New York, (1959) p. 206.

<sup>b</sup>S. Timoshenko and S. Woinowsky-Krieger, *ibid*, p. 69.

<sup>c</sup>S. Timoshenko and S. Woinowsky-Krieger, *ibid*, p. 210.



**FIGURE 2.8**  
Experimentally obtained data used to determine the linear spring constant *k*.

parameter identification; identification and estimation of parameters of vibratory systems are addressed in the field of *experimental modal analysis*.<sup>4</sup> In experimental modal analysis, dynamic loading is used for parameter estimation. A further discussion is provided in Chapter 5, when system input-output relations (transfer functions and frequency response functions) are considered.

Next, some examples are considered to illustrate how the information shown in Table 2.3 can be used to determine equivalent spring constants for different physical configurations.

<sup>4</sup>D. J. Ewins, *Modal Testing: Theory and Practice*, John Wiley and Sons, NY (1984).

### EXAMPLE 2.3 Equivalent stiffness of a beam-spring combination

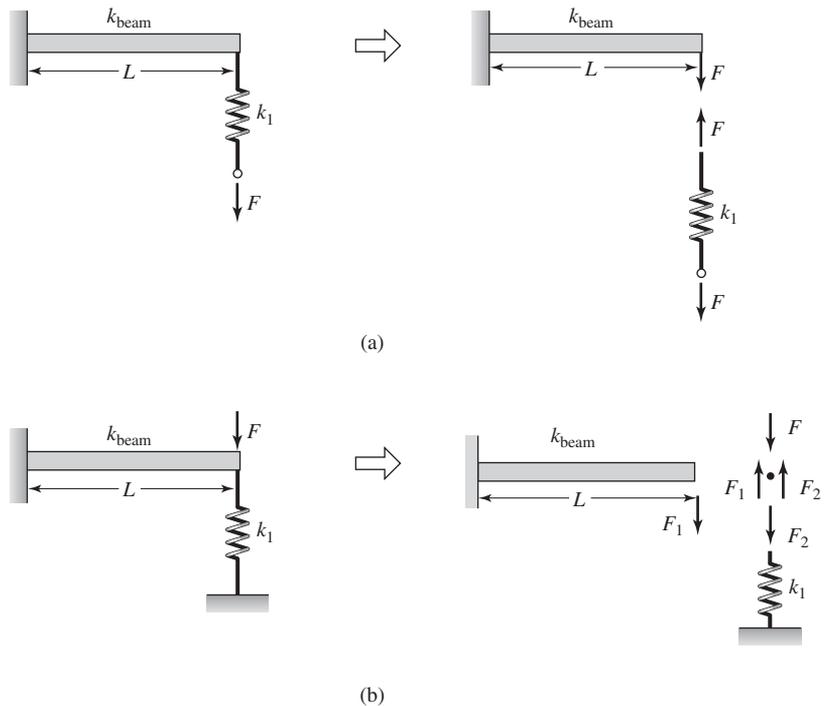
Consider the combinations shown in Figure 2.9. In Figures 2.9a and 2.9b, we have a cantilever beam that has a spring attached at its free end. In Figure 2.9a, the force is applied to the free end of the spring. In this case, the forces acting on the cantilever beam and the spring are the same as seen from the associated free-body diagram, and, hence, the springs are in series. Thus, from Eq. (2.18), we arrive at

$$k_e = \left( \frac{1}{k_{\text{beam}}} + \frac{1}{k_1} \right)^{-1} \quad (\text{a})$$

where, from Table 2.3,

$$k_{\text{beam}} = \frac{3EI}{L^3} \quad (\text{b})$$

In Figure 2.9b, the force is applied simultaneously to the free end of the cantilever beam and a linear spring of stiffness  $k_1$ . In this case, the



**FIGURE 2.9**

Spring combinations and free-body diagrams.

displacements at the attachment point of the cantilever and the spring are equal and the springs are in parallel. Thus, from Eq. (2.17), we find that

$$k_e = k_{\text{beam}} + k_1 \quad (\text{c})$$

### EXAMPLE 2.4 Equivalent stiffness of a cantilever beam with a transverse end load

A cantilever beam, which is made of an alloy with the Young's modulus of elasticity  $E = 72 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2$ , is loaded transversely at its free end. If the length of the beam is 750 mm and the beam has an annular cross-section with inner and outer diameters of 110 mm and 120 mm, respectively, then determine the equivalent stiffness of this beam.

For the given loading, the equivalent stiffness of the cantilever beam is found from Case 4 of Table 2.3 to be

$$k = \frac{3EI}{L^3} \quad (\text{a})$$

where the area moment of inertia  $I$  about the bending axis is determined as

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \frac{\pi}{32} (d_{\text{outer}}^4 - d_{\text{inner}}^4) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{32} [(120 \times 10^{-3})^4 - (110 \times 10^{-3})^4] \\ &= 5.98 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^4 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{b})$$

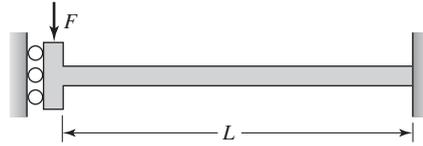
Then, from Eq. (a)

$$\begin{aligned} k &= \frac{3 \times (72 \times 10^9) \times (5.98 \times 10^{-6})}{(750 \times 10^{-3})^3} \text{ N/m} \\ &= 3.06 \times 10^6 \text{ N/m} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{c})$$

When the length is increased from 750 mm to twice its value—that is, to 1500 mm—the stiffness decreases by eightfold from  $3.06 \times 10^6 \text{ N/m}$  to  $0.383 \times 10^6 \text{ N/m}$ .

### EXAMPLE 2.5 Equivalent stiffness of a beam with a fixed end and a translating support at the other end

In Figure 2.10, a uniform beam of length  $L$  and flexural rigidity  $EI$ , where  $E$  is the Young's modulus of elasticity and  $I$  is the area moment of inertia about the bending axis, is shown. This beam is fixed at one end and free to translate along the vertical direction at the other end with the restraint that the beam slope is zero at this end. The equivalent stiffness of this beam is to be determined when the beam is subjected to a transverse loading  $F$  at the translating support end.

**FIGURE 2.10**

Beam fixed at one end and free to translate at the other end.

Since the midpoint of a fixed-fixed beam with a transverse load at its middle behaves like a beam with a translating support end, we first determine the equivalent stiffness of a fixed-fixed beam of length  $2L$  that is loaded at its middle. To this end, we use Case 6 of Table 2.3 and set  $a = b = L$  and obtain

$$k_{\text{fixed}} = \frac{3EI(a+b)^3}{a^3b^3} \Big|_{a=b=L} = \frac{3EI(L+L)^3}{L^3L^3} = \frac{24EI}{L^3} \quad (\text{a})$$

Recognizing that the equivalent stiffness of a fixed-fixed beam of length  $2L$  loaded at its middle is equal to the total equivalent stiffness of a parallel-spring combination of two end loaded beams of the form shown in Figure 2.10, we obtain from Eq. (2.17) and Eq. (a) that

$$k_e = \frac{1}{2} k_{\text{fixed}} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{24EI}{L^3} = \frac{12EI}{L^3} \quad (\text{b})$$

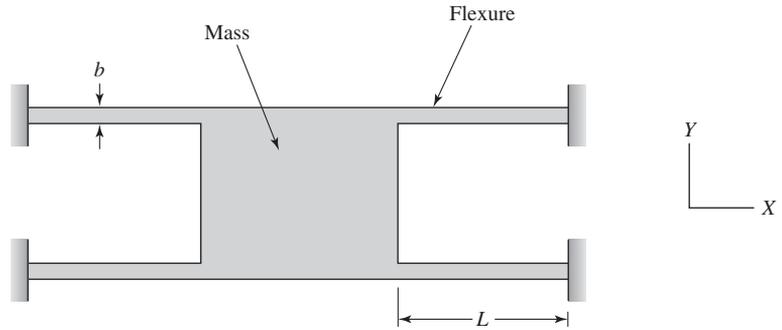
### EXAMPLE 2.6 Equivalent stiffness of a microelectromechanical system (MEMS) fixed-fixed flexure<sup>5</sup>

A microelectromechanical sensor system (MEMS) consisting of four flexures is shown in Figure 2.11. Each of these flexures is fixed at one end and connected to a mass at the other end. The length of each flexure is  $L$ , the thickness of each flexure is  $h$ , and the width of each flexure is  $b$ . A transverse loading acts on the mass along the  $Z$ -direction, which is normal to the  $X$ - $Y$  plane. Each flexure is fabricated from a polysilicon material, which has a Young's modulus of elasticity  $E = 150$  GPa. If the length of each flexure is  $100 \mu\text{m}$  and the width and thickness are each  $2 \mu\text{m}$ , then determine the equivalent stiffness of the system.

Each of the four flexures can be treated as a beam that is fixed at one end and free to translate only at the other end, similar to the system shown in Figure 2.10. This means that the equivalent stiffness of each flexure is given by Eq. (b) of Example 2.5 as

$$k_{\text{flexure}} = \frac{12EI}{L^3} \quad (\text{a})$$

<sup>5</sup>G. K. Fedder, "Simulation of Microelectromechanical Systems," Ph.D. dissertation, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences, University of California, Berkeley, CA (1994).



**FIGURE 2.11** Fixed-fixed flexure used in a microelectromechanical system. *Source:* G.K.Fedder, "Simulation of Microelectromechanical Systems", Ph.D. Dissertation, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences, University of California, Berkeley, CA, (1994). Reprinted with permission of the author.

where the area moment of inertia is given by

$$I = \frac{bh^3}{12} \tag{b}$$

because the bending axis is along the *Y* direction. Since each of the four flexures experiences the same displacement at its end in the *Z* direction, this is a combination of four stiffness elements in parallel; hence, the equivalent stiffness of the system is given by

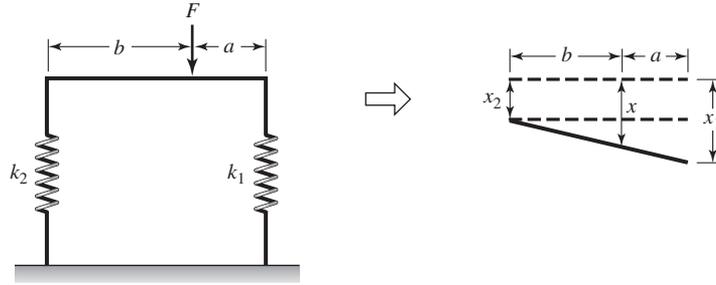
$$\begin{aligned} k_e &= 4 \times k_{\text{flexure}} \\ &= \frac{48 EI}{L^3} \end{aligned} \tag{c}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} k_e &= \frac{48(150 \times 10^9)(2 \times 10^{-6})(2 \times 10^{-6})^3}{12(100 \times 10^{-6})^3} \text{ N/m} \\ &= 9.6 \text{ N/m} \end{aligned} \tag{d}$$

**EXAMPLE 2.7** Equivalent stiffness of springs in parallel: removal of a restriction

Let us reexamine the pair of springs in parallel shown in Figure 2.6b. Now, however, we remove the restriction that the bar to which the force is applied has to remain parallel to its original position. Then, we have the configuration shown in Figure 2.12. The equivalent spring constant for this configuration will be determined.

**FIGURE 2.12**

Parallel springs subjected to unequal forces.

From similar triangles, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} x &= x_2 + \frac{b}{a+b}(x_1 - x_2) \\ &= \frac{b}{a+b}x_1 + \frac{a}{a+b}x_2 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{a})$$

If  $F_1$  is the force acting on  $k_1$  and  $F_2$  is the force acting on  $k_2$ , then from the summation of forces and moments on the bar we obtain, respectively,

$$\begin{aligned} F &= F_1 + F_2 \\ bF_2 &= aF_1 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{b})$$

Thus, Eqs. (b) lead to

$$\begin{aligned} F_1 &= \frac{bF}{a+b} \\ F_2 &= \frac{aF}{a+b} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{c})$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= \frac{F_1}{k_1} = \frac{bF}{k_1(a+b)} \\ x_2 &= \frac{F_2}{k_2} = \frac{aF}{k_2(a+b)} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{d})$$

From Eqs. (a) and (d), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{b}{(a+b)} \left[ \frac{bF}{k_1(a+b)} \right] + \frac{a}{(a+b)} \left[ \frac{aF}{k_2(a+b)} \right] \\ &= \frac{F}{(a+b)^2} \left[ \frac{k_2b^2 + k_1a^2}{k_1k_2} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (\text{e})$$

Comparing Eq. (e) to the form

$$x = \frac{F}{k_e} \tag{f}$$

we find that the equivalent spring constant  $k_e$  is given by

$$k_e = \frac{k_1 k_2 (a + b)^2}{k_2 b^2 + k_1 a^2} \tag{g}$$

It is noted that Eq. (g) resembles Eq. (2.16), which was obtained for two springs in series. This similarity is due to the fact that Eq. (a) resembles Eq. (2.15), which takes into account that the spring deflections are unequal.

### 2.3.3 Nonlinear Springs

Nonlinear stiffness elements appear in many applications, including leaf springs in vehicle suspensions and uniaxial microelectromechanical devices in the presence of electrostatic actuation.<sup>6</sup> For a nonlinear spring, the spring force  $F(x)$  is a nonlinear function of the displacement variable  $x$ . A series expansion of this function can be interpreted as a combination of linear and nonlinear spring components.

For a stiffness element with a linear spring element and a cubic nonlinear spring element, the force-displacement relationship is written as

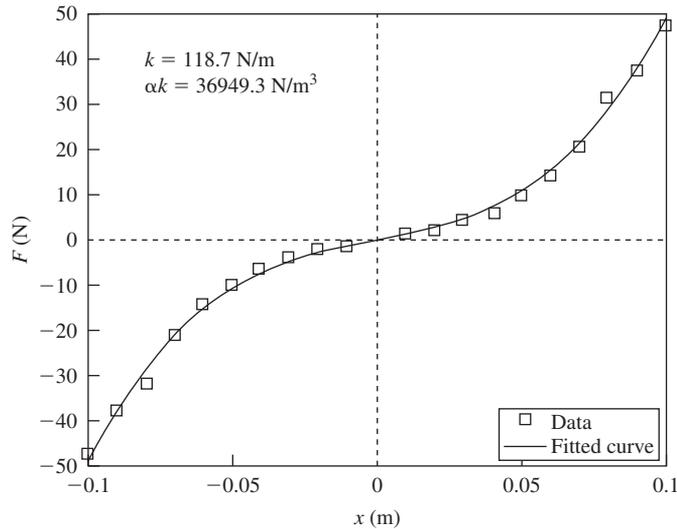
$$F(x) = \underbrace{kx}_{\text{Linear spring element}} + \underbrace{\alpha kx^3}_{\text{Nonlinear spring element}} \tag{2.23}$$

where  $\alpha$  is used to express the stiffness coefficient of the nonlinear term in terms of the linear spring constant  $k$ . (This notation will be used later in Sections 4.5.1 and 5.10.) The quantity  $\alpha$  can be either positive or negative. A spring element for which  $\alpha$  is positive is called a *hardening spring*, and a spring element for which  $\alpha$  is negative is called a *softening spring*. From Eq. (2.23), the potential energy  $V$  is

$$V(x) = \int_0^x F(x) dx = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} kx^2}_{\text{associated with linear spring element}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{4} \alpha kx^4}_{\text{associated with nonlinear spring element}} \tag{2.24}$$

For a linear stiffness element, the force versus displacement graph is a straight line, and the slope of this line gives the stiffness constant  $k$ . For a nonlinear stiffness element described by Eq. (2.23), the graph is no longer a straight line. The slope of this graph at a location  $x = x_l$  is given by

<sup>6</sup>S. G. Adams et al., “Independent Tuning of Linear and Nonlinear Stiffness Coefficients,” *J. Microelectromechanical Systems*, Vol. 7, No. 2 (June 1998).

**FIGURE 2.13**

Experimentally obtained data used to determine the nonlinear spring constant  $\alpha k$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \frac{dF}{dx} \right|_{x=x_i} &= (k + 3\alpha k x^2) \Big|_{x=x_i} \\ &= (k + 3\alpha k x_i^2) \end{aligned} \quad (2.25)$$

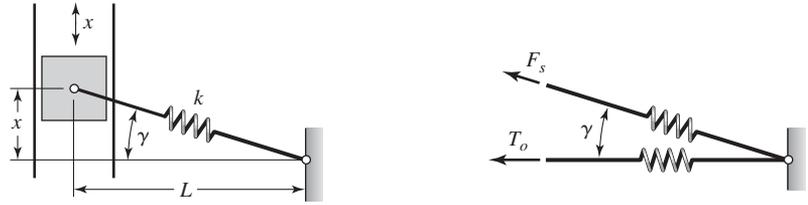
Thus, in the vicinity of displacements in a neighborhood of  $x = x_i$ , the cubic nonlinear stiffness element may be replaced by a linear stiffness element with a stiffness constant given by Eq. (2.25).

The constant of proportionality  $\alpha k$  for the nonlinear cubic spring is determined experimentally in the same manner that the constant  $k$  was determined for a linear spring, as discussed in Section 2.3.2. The results of a typical experiment are shown in Figure 2.13. The fitted line is determined using standard nonlinear curve fitting techniques.<sup>7</sup>

### EXAMPLE 2.8 Nonlinear stiffness due to geometry

In this example, we discuss two systems to show how linear springs can give rise to nonlinear effects. One such system is shown in Figure 2.14, where the stretching of the linear spring is described by using Eq. (2.9). We assume that when  $\gamma = 0$ , the spring is under an initial deflection  $\delta_o$ , and the spring, therefore,

<sup>7</sup>The MATLAB function `lsqcurvefit` from the Optimization Toolbox was used.



**FIGURE 2.14**

Nonlinear stiffness due to geometry: spring under an initial tension, one end of which is constrained to move in the vertical direction.

is initially under a tension force  $T_o = k\delta_o$ . When the spring is moved up or down an amount  $x$  in the vertical direction, the force in the spring is

$$F_s(x) = k\delta_o + k(\sqrt{L^2 + x^2} - L) \tag{a}$$

The force in the  $x$ -direction is obtained from Eq. (a) as

$$\begin{aligned} F_x(x) &= F_s \sin \gamma = \frac{F_s x}{\sqrt{L^2 + x^2}} \\ &= \frac{xk\delta_o}{\sqrt{L^2 + x^2}} + \frac{kx(\sqrt{L^2 + x^2} - L)}{\sqrt{L^2 + x^2}} \end{aligned} \tag{b}$$

which clearly shows that the spring force opposing the motion is a nonlinear function of the displacement  $x$ . Hence, a vibratory model of the system shown in Figure 2.14 will have nonlinear stiffness.

**Cubic Springs and Linear Springs**

If, in Eq. (b), we assume that  $|x/L| \ll 1$  and expand the denominator of each term on the right-hand side of Eq. (b) as a binomial expansion and keep only the first two terms, we obtain

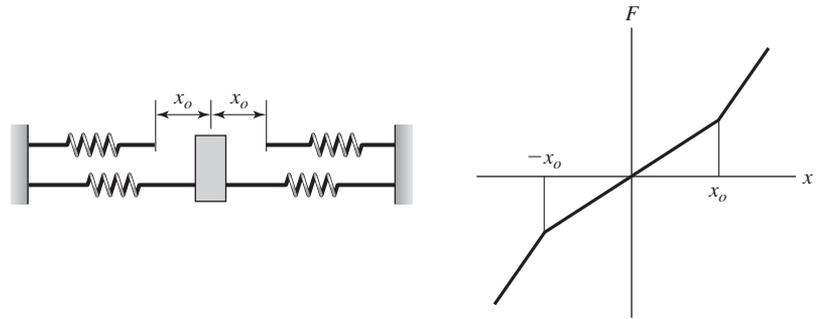
$$F_x(x) = k\delta_o \frac{x}{L} + \frac{k}{2}(L - \delta_o) \left(\frac{x}{L}\right)^3 \tag{c}$$

When the nonlinear term is negligible, Eq. (c) leads to the following linear relationship

$$F_x(x) = k\delta_o \frac{x}{L} = T_o \frac{x}{L} \tag{d}$$

From Eq. (d), it is seen that the spring constant is proportional to the initial tension in the spring.

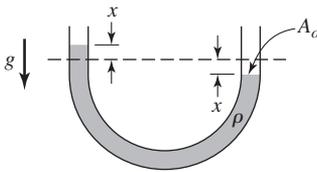
Another example of a nonlinear spring is one that is piecewise linear as shown in Figure 2.15. Here, each spring is linear; however, as the deflection increases, another linear spring comes into play and the spring constant changes (increases). An illustration of the effects of this type of spring on a vibrating system is given in Section 4.5.1.

**FIGURE 2.15**

Nonlinear spring composed of a set of linear springs.

### 2.3.4 Other Forms of Potential Energy Elements

In the previous two subsections, we saw stiffness elements in which the source of the restoring force is a structural element. Here, we consider other stiffness elements in which there is a mechanism for storing and releasing potential energy. The source of the restoring force is a fluid element or a gravitational loading.

**FIGURE 2.16**

Manometer.

#### Fluid Element

As an example of a fluid element, consider the manometer shown in Figure 2.16 in which the fluid is displaced by an amount  $x$  in one leg of the manometer.<sup>8</sup> Consequently, the fluid has been displaced a total of  $2x$ . If the fluid has a mass density  $\rho$  and the manometer has an area  $A_o$ , then the magnitude of the total force of the displaced fluid acting on the rest of the fluid is

$$F_m(x) = 2\rho g A_o x \quad (2.26)$$

Consequently, the equivalent spring constant of this fluid system is

$$\begin{aligned} k_e &= \frac{dF_m}{dx} \\ &= 2\rho g A_o \end{aligned} \quad (2.27)$$

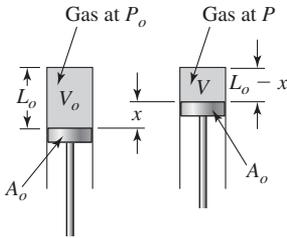
from which it is clear that the fluid-element stiffness depends on the mass density  $\rho$ , manometer cross-section area  $A_o$ , and the acceleration due to gravity  $g$ . The corresponding potential energy is

$$V(x) = \frac{1}{2} k_e x^2 = \rho g A_o x^2 \quad (2.28)$$

<sup>8</sup>For a proposed practical application of this type of system see: S. D. Xue, "Optimum Parameters of Tuned Liquid Column Damper for Suppressing Pitching Vibration of an Undamped Structure," *J. Sound Vibration*, Vol. 235, No. 2, pp. 639–653 (2000).

Alternatively, the potential energy can also be obtained directly from the work done

$$\begin{aligned} V(x) &= \int_0^x F_m(x) dx \\ &= 2\rho g A_o \int_0^x x dx = \rho g A_o x^2 \end{aligned} \quad (2.29)$$



**FIGURE 2.17**  
Gas compression with a piston.

### Compressed Gas

Consider the piston shown in Figure 2.17 in which gas is stored at a pressure  $P_o$  and entrained in the volume  $V_o = A_o L_o$ , where  $A_o$  is the area of the piston and  $L_o$  is the original length of the cylindrical cavity. Thus, when the piston moves by an amount  $x$  along the axis of the piston,  $V_o$  decreases to a volume  $V_c$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} V_c(x) &= V_o - A_o x \\ &= A_o L_o \left( 1 - \frac{x}{L_o} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (2.30)$$

The equation of state for the gas is

$$P V_c^n = P_o V_o^n = c_o = \text{constant} \quad (2.31)$$

When a gas is compressed slowly, the compression is isothermal and  $n = 1$ . When it is compressed rapidly, the compression is adiabatic and  $n = c_p/c_v$ , the ratio of specific heats of the gas, which for air is 1.4. To determine the spring constant, we note that the magnitude of the force on the piston is

$$F = A_o P = A_o c_o V_c^{-n} \quad (2.32)$$

Thus, upon substitution of  $V_c$  given by Eq. (2.30), we obtain

$$F(x) = A_o c_o V_o^{-n} (1 - x/L_o)^{-n} = A_o P_o (1 - x/L_o)^{-n} \quad (2.33)$$

Thus, the pressure-filled gas element provides the stiffness. Equation (2.33) describes a nonlinear force versus displacement relationship. As discussed earlier, this relationship may be replaced in the vicinity of  $x = x_l$  by a straight line with a slope  $k_e$ , where  $k_e$  is the stiffness of an equivalent linear stiffness element. This equivalent stiffness is given by

$$\begin{aligned} k_e &= \left. \frac{dF}{dx} \right|_{x=x_l} \\ &= \frac{n A_o P_o}{L_o} (1 - x_l/L_o)^{-n-1} \end{aligned} \quad (2.34a)$$

For  $|x_l/L_o| \ll 1$ , Eq. (2.34a) is simplified to

$$k_e = \frac{n A_o P_o}{L_o} \quad (2.34b)$$

For arbitrary  $x/L_o$ , the potential energy  $V(x)$  is determined by using Eq. (2.33) as

$$\begin{aligned}
 V(x) &= \int_0^x F(x) dx = A_o P_o \int_0^x (1 - x/L_o)^{-n} dx \\
 &= -A_o P_o L_o \ln(1 - x/L_o) \quad n = 1 \\
 &= \frac{A_o P_o L_o}{n - 1} [(1 - x/L_o)^{1-n} - 1] \quad n \neq 1
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.35}$$

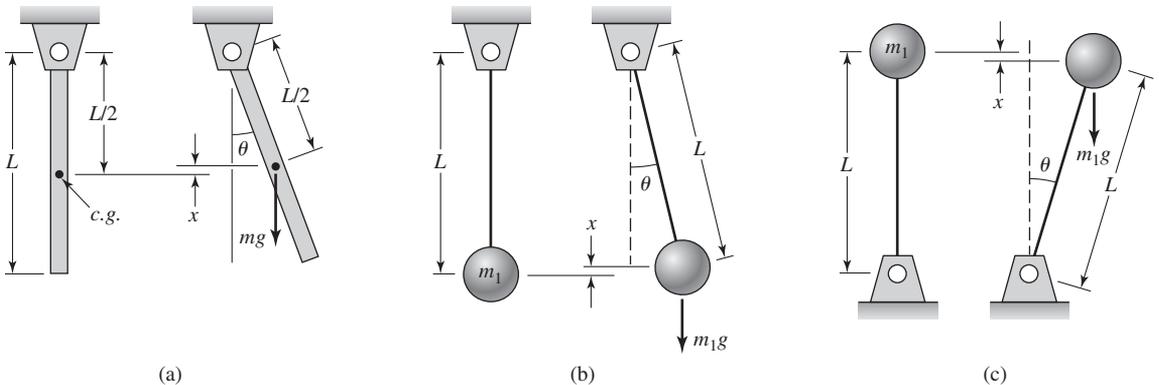
### Pendulum System

**Figure 2.18(a)** Consider the bar of uniformly distributed mass  $m$  shown in Figure 2.18a that is pivoted at its top. Let the reference position be located at a distance  $L/2$  below the pivot point, where the center of mass is located when the pendulum is at  $\theta = 0$ . When the bar rotates either clockwise or counterclockwise, the vertical distance through which the center of gravity of the bar moves up from the reference position is

$$x = \frac{L}{2} - \frac{L}{2} \cos \theta = \frac{L}{2} (1 - \cos \theta) \tag{2.36}$$

Since  $F = mg$ , the increase in the potential energy is

$$V(x) = \int_0^x F(x) dx = \int_0^x mg dx = mgx \tag{2.37a}$$



**FIGURE 2.18**

Pendulum systems: (a) bar with uniformly distributed mass; (b) mass on a weightless rod; and (c) inverted mass on a weightless rod.

or, from Eq. (2.36),

$$V(\theta) = \frac{mgL}{2}(1 - \cos \theta) \quad (2.37b)$$

When the angle of rotation  $\theta$  about the upright position  $\theta = 0$  is “small,” we can use the Taylor series approximation<sup>9</sup>

$$\cos \theta = 1 - \frac{\theta^2}{2} + \dots \quad (2.38)$$

and substitute this expression into Eq. (2.37b) to obtain

$$V(\theta) \approx \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{mgL}{2} \right) \theta^2 = \frac{1}{2} k_e \theta^2 \quad (2.39)$$

where the equivalent spring constant is

$$k_e = \frac{mgL}{2} \quad (2.40)$$

**Figure 2.18(b)** In a similar manner, for “small” rotations about the upright position  $\theta = 0$  in Figure 2.18b, we obtain the increase in potential energy for the system. Here it is assumed that a weightless bar supports the mass  $m_1$ . Choosing the reference position as the bottom position, we obtain

$$V(\theta) \approx \frac{1}{2} m_1 g L \theta^2 = \frac{1}{2} k_e \theta^2 \quad (2.41)$$

where the equivalent spring constant is

$$k_e = m_1 g L \quad (2.42)$$

In the configuration shown in Figure 2.18b, if the weightless bar is replaced by one that has a uniformly distributed mass  $m$ , then the total potential energy of the bar and the mass is

$$V(\theta) \approx \frac{1}{4} mgL\theta^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_1 g L \theta^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{m}{2} + m_1 \right) g L \theta^2 = \frac{1}{2} k_e \theta^2 \quad (2.43)$$

where the equivalent spring constant is

$$k_e = \left( \frac{m}{2} + m_1 \right) g L \quad (2.44)$$

**Figure 2.18(c)** When the pendulum is inverted as shown in Figure 2.18c, then there is a decrease in potential energy; that is,

$$V(\theta) \approx -\frac{1}{2} m_1 g L \theta^2 \quad (2.45)$$

<sup>9</sup>T. B. Hildebrand, *Advanced Calculus for Applications*, Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs NJ (1976).

### EXAMPLE 2.9 Equivalent stiffness due to gravity loading

Consider the pivoted bar shown in Figure 2.19. The lower portion of the bar has a mass  $m_1$  and the upper portion a mass  $m_2$ . The distance of the center of gravity of the upper portion of the bar to the pivot is  $a$  and the distance of the center of gravity of the lower portion of the bar to the pivot is  $b$ . For “small” rotations about the upright position  $\theta = 0$ , the potential energy is

$$V(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} m_1 g b \theta^2 - \frac{1}{2} m_2 g a \theta^2 = \frac{1}{2} (m_1 b - m_2 a) g \theta^2 \quad (a)$$

There is a gain or loss in potential energy depending on whether  $m_1 b > m_2 a$  or *vice versa*.

A special case of Eq. (a) is when the bar has a uniformly distributed mass  $m$  so that

$$\begin{aligned} m_1 &= \frac{m L_1}{L} \\ m_2 &= \frac{m L_2}{L} \end{aligned} \quad (b)$$

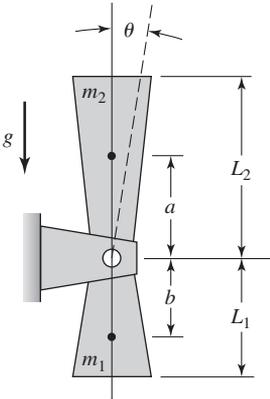
where  $L = L_1 + L_2$ . Then, since  $b = L_1/2$  and  $a = L_2/2$ , Eq. (a) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} V(\theta) &= \left( \frac{L_1^2}{4(L_1 + L_2)} - \frac{L_2^2}{4(L_1 + L_2)} \right) m g \theta^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{(L_1 - L_2)}{2} m g \theta^2 = \frac{1}{2} k_e \theta^2 \end{aligned} \quad (c)$$

where the equivalent stiffness  $k_e$  is

$$k_e = \frac{(L_1 - L_2)}{2} m g \quad (d)$$

Hence, the stiffness is due to gravity loading. When  $L_1 = L_2$ ,  $V = 0$ . It is mentioned that if the systems were to lie in the plane of the page, that is, normal to the direction of gravity, then there is no restoring force when the bar is rotated an amount  $\theta$  and these relationships are not applicable. Furthermore, when  $L_2 = 0$ , Eq. (d) reduces to Eq. (2.40) with  $L$  replaced by  $L_1$ .



**FIGURE 2.19**  
Pivoted bar with unequally distributed mass along its length.

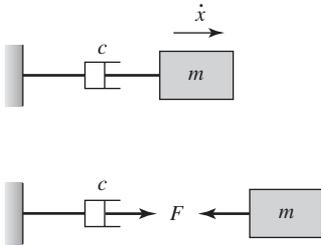
## 2.4 DISSIPATION ELEMENTS

Damping elements are assumed to have neither inertia nor the means to store or release potential energy. The mechanical motion imparted to these elements is converted to heat or sound and, hence, they are called *nonconservative* or *dissipative* because this energy is not recoverable by the mechanical system. There are four common types of damping mechanisms used to model vibratory systems. They are (i) viscous damping, (ii) Coulomb or dry friction

damping, (iii) material or solid or hysteretic damping, and (iv) fluid damping. In all these cases, the damping force is expressed as a function of velocity.

### 2.4.1 Viscous Damping

When a viscous fluid flows through a slot or around a piston in a cylinder, the damping force generated is proportional to the relative velocity between the two boundaries confining the fluid. A common representation of a viscous damper is a cylinder with a piston head, as shown in Figure 2.20. In this case, the piston head moves with a speed  $\dot{x}$  relative to the cylinder housing, which is fixed. The damper force magnitude  $F$  always acts in a direction opposite to that of velocity. Depending on the damper construction and the velocity range, the magnitude of the damper force  $F(\dot{x})$  is a nonlinear function of velocity or can be approximated as a linear function of velocity. In the linear case, the relationship is expressed as



**FIGURE 2.20**  
Representation of a viscous damper.

$$F(\dot{x}) = c\dot{x} \tag{2.46}$$

where the constant of proportionality denoted by  $c$  is called the *damping coefficient*. The damping coefficient  $c$  has units of N/(m/s). Viscous damping of the form given by Eq. (2.46) is also called *slow-fluid damping*.

In the case of a nonlinear viscous damper described by a function  $F(\dot{x})$ , the equivalent linear viscous damping around an operating speed  $\dot{x} = \dot{x}_i$  is determined as follows:

$$c_e = \left. \frac{dF(\dot{x})}{d\dot{x}} \right|_{\dot{x}=\dot{x}_i} \tag{2.47}$$

Linear viscous damping elements can be combined in the same way that linear springs are, except that the forces are proportional to velocity instead of displacement.

#### Energy Dissipation

The energy dissipated by a linear viscous damper is given by

$$E_d = \int F dx = \int F \dot{x} dt = \int c \dot{x}^2 dt = c \int \dot{x}^2 dt \tag{2.48}$$

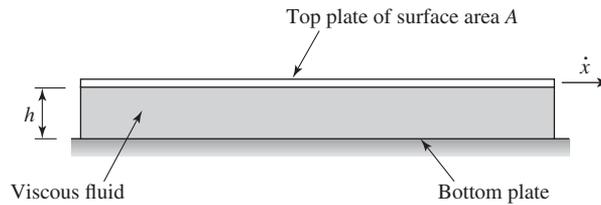
#### Parallel-Plate Damper

An example of a viscous damper is shown in Figure 2.21, which is used to illustrate how the damping coefficient  $c$  depends on fluid viscosity denoted by  $\mu$ . The system consists of two parallel plates with a viscous fluid layer of height  $h$  confined between them. The top plate, which moves with a speed  $\dot{x}$  relative to the lower plate, has a surface area  $A$ . For the damper construction shown in Figure 2.21, and assuming that the fluid behaves like a Newtonian fluid, the shear force acting on the bottom plate is written as

$$F(\dot{x}) = \underbrace{\left( \frac{\mu \dot{x}}{h} \right)}_{\text{Shear stress acting on top plate}} A = \frac{\mu A}{h} \dot{x} \tag{2.49}$$

**FIGURE 2.21**

Parallel-plate viscous damper construction.



Equation (2.49) has the same form as Eq. (2.46), where the damping coefficient  $c$  for the parallel-plate construction of Figure 2.21 is given by

$$c = \frac{\mu A}{h} \quad (2.50)$$

From Eq. (2.50), it is clear that the damping coefficient is linearly proportional to fluid viscosity  $\mu$ , linearly proportional to the surface area  $A$  of the top plate, and inversely proportional to the separation  $h$  between the two plates. Thus, as the area  $A$  is increased and/or the separation  $h$  is decreased, the damping coefficient is increased. However, there are limits to the area  $A$  and the separation  $h$  that one can realize. Hence, alternate damper designs are often used.

### EXAMPLE 2.10 Design of a parallel-plate damper

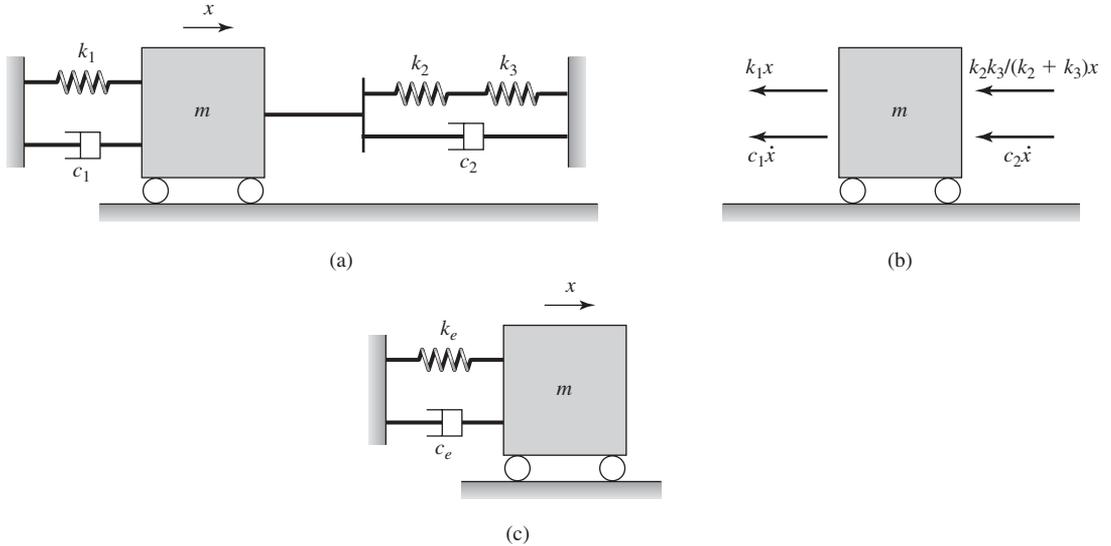
A parallel-plate damper with a top plate of dimensions  $100 \text{ mm} \times 100 \text{ mm}$  is to be pulled across an oil layer of thickness  $0.2 \text{ mm}$ , which is confined between the moving plate and a fixed plate. We are given that this oil is SAE 30 oil, which has a viscosity of  $345 \text{ mPa} \cdot \text{s}$  ( $345 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N} \cdot \text{s}/\text{m}^2$ ).

We shall determine the viscous damping coefficient of this system. To this end, we make use of Eq. (2.50) and substitute the given values into this expression and find that

$$\begin{aligned} c &= \frac{(345 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N}/\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{s}) \times (100 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m} \times 100 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m})}{0.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}} \\ &= 17.25 \text{ N} \cdot \text{s}/\text{m} \end{aligned}$$

### EXAMPLE 2.11 Equivalent damping coefficient and equivalent stiffness of a vibratory system

Consider the vibratory system shown in Figure 2.22a in which the motion of mass  $m$  is restrained by a set of linear springs and linear viscous dampers. A free-body diagram of this system is shown in Figure 2.22b. In determining the spring force generated by the springs  $k_2$  and  $k_3$ , we have made use of the fact these springs are in series and used Eq. (2.18).



**FIGURE 2.22** (a) Linear vibratory system; (b) free-body diagram of mass  $m$ ; and (c) equivalent system.

In Figure 2.22c, the springs and dampers shown in Figure 2.22a have been collected and expressed as an equivalent spring and equivalent damper combination. Thus, we have

$$k_e = k_1 + \frac{k_2k_3}{k_2 + k_3}$$

$$c_e = c_1 + c_2$$

**EXAMPLE 2.12** Equivalent linear damping coefficient of a nonlinear damper

It has been experimentally determined that the damper force-velocity relationship is given by the function

$$F(\dot{x}) = (4 \text{ N}\cdot\text{s}/\text{m})\dot{x} + (0.3 \text{ N}\cdot\text{s}^3/\text{m}^3)\dot{x}^3 \tag{a}$$

We shall determine the equivalent linear damping coefficient around an operating speed of 3 m/s. To determine this damping coefficient, we use Eq. (2.47) and Eq. (a) and arrive at

$$c_e = \left. \frac{dF(\dot{x})}{d\dot{x}} \right|_{\dot{x}=3 \text{ m/s}} = 4 \text{ N}\cdot\text{s}/\text{m} + (0.9 \text{ N}\cdot\text{s}^3/\text{m}^3)\dot{x}^2 \Big|_{\dot{x}=3 \text{ m/s}}$$

$$= 4 \text{ N}\cdot\text{s}/\text{m} + (0.9 \text{ N}\cdot\text{s}^3/\text{m}^3) \times (3^2 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2)$$

$$= 12.1 \text{ N}\cdot\text{s}/\text{m} \tag{b}$$

## 2.4.2 Other Forms of Dissipation

### Coulomb Damping or Dry Friction

This type of damping is due to the force caused by friction between two solid surfaces. The force acting on the system must oppose the motion; therefore, the sign of this force must have the opposite sense (direction) of velocity as shown in Figure 2.23. If the kinetic coefficient of friction is  $\mu$  and the force compressing the surfaces is  $N$ , then

$$F(\dot{x}) = \mu N \operatorname{sgn}(\dot{x}) \quad (2.51)$$

where  $\operatorname{sgn}$  is the signum function, which takes on the value of  $+1$  for positive values of the argument ( $\dot{x}$  in this case),  $-1$  for negative values of the argument, and  $0$  when the argument is zero. If the normal force is due to the system weight, then  $N = mg$  and we have

$$F(\dot{x}) = \mu mg \operatorname{sgn}(\dot{x}) \quad (2.52)$$

The energy dissipated in this case is given by

$$\begin{aligned} E_d &= \int F dx = \int F \dot{x} dt \\ &= \mu mg \int \operatorname{sgn}(\dot{x}) \dot{x} dt \end{aligned} \quad (2.53)$$

Although dry friction can result in loss of efficiency of internal combustion engines, wear on contacting parts, and the loss of position accuracy in servomechanisms, it has been used to enhance the performance of turbomachinery blades, certain built-up structures, and earthquake isolation.<sup>10</sup>

### Fluid Damping

This type of damping is associated with a system whose mass is vibrating in a fluid medium. It is often referred to as *velocity-squared damping*.<sup>11</sup> This force always acts in a direction opposite to that of the velocity of the mass. The magnitude of the damping force is given by

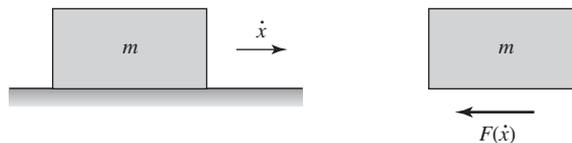
$$F(\dot{x}) = c_d \dot{x}^2 \operatorname{sgn}(\dot{x}) = c_d |\dot{x}| \dot{x} \quad (2.54)$$

where

$$c_d = \frac{1}{2} C \rho A \quad (2.55)$$

**FIGURE 2.23**

Dry friction.



<sup>10</sup>A. A. Ferri, "Friction Damping and Isolation Systems," *ASME J. Vibrations Acoustics, Special 50th Anniversary Design Issue*, Vol. 117, pp. 196–206 (June 1995).

<sup>11</sup>This type of damping is also referred to as *turbulent-water damping*; see J. P. Hartog, *ibid.*

and  $C$  is a drag coefficient,  $A$  is the projected area of the mass in a direction normal to  $\dot{x}$ , and  $\rho$  is the mass density of the fluid. In Example 6.6, the fluid-damping model is used to study a car seat.

The energy dissipated is

$$\begin{aligned} E_d &= \int F dx = \int F \dot{x} dt \\ &= c_d \int \text{sgn}(\dot{x}) \dot{x}^3 dt \end{aligned} \quad (2.56)$$

Fluid damping of the form given by Eq. (2.54) is often referred to as *fast-fluid damping*.

### Structural or Solid or Hysteretic Damping

This type of damping describes the losses in materials due to internal friction. The damping force is a function of displacement and velocity and is of the form

$$F = k\pi\beta_h \text{sgn}(\dot{x}) |x| \quad (2.57)$$

where  $\beta_h$  is an empirically determined constant. The energy dissipated is

$$\begin{aligned} E_d &= \int F dx = \int F \dot{x} dt \\ &= k\pi\beta_h \int \text{sgn}(\dot{x}) |x| \dot{x} dt \end{aligned} \quad (2.58)$$

From the discussions of Sections 2.4.1 and 2.4.2, it is clear that the damping force is linearly proportional to velocity for linear viscous damping, and the damping force is a nonlinear function of velocity for nonlinear viscous damping, Coulomb damping, and fluid damping. The structural damping model is used only in the presence of harmonic excitation, as discussed further in Section 5.8. Although damping models were presented only for translational motions, they are equally valid for rotational motions.

## 2.5 MODEL CONSTRUCTION

### 2.5.1 Introduction

In this section, four examples are provided to illustrate how the previously described inertia, stiffness, and damping elements are used to construct system models. Modeling is an art, and often experience serves as a guide in model construction. In this section, the examples are drawn from different areas, and are presented in a progressive order proceeding from the use of discrete inertia, stiffness, and damping elements in a model to distributed elements, and finally, to a combination of distributed and discrete elements.

As discussed in the subsequent chapters, the mass, stiffness, and damping of a system appear as parameters in the governing equations of the system.

When only discrete elements are used to model a physical system, the associated system of governing equations is referred to as a *discrete system* or a *lumped-parameter system*. In these cases, as will become evident in later chapters, since a finite number of independent displacement or rotation coordinates suffice to describe the position of a physical system, discrete systems are also referred to as *finite degree-of-freedom systems*. When a distributed element is used to model a physical system, the associated system of governing equations is referred to as a *distributed-parameter system* or a *continuous system*. In this case, one or more displacement functions are needed to describe the position of a physical system. Since a function is equivalent, in a sense, to specifying the displacement at every point of the physical system or the displacements at an infinite number of points, distributed-parameter systems are also referred to as *infinite degree-of-freedom systems*.

## 2.5.2 A Microelectromechanical System

In Figure 2.24, a microelectromechanical accelerometer<sup>12</sup> is shown along with the vibratory model of this sensor. In this sensor, the dimensions of the cantilevered structure are of the order of micrometers and the weight of the end mass is of the order of micrograms. A coating on top of the structure serves as one of the faces of a capacitor and another layer below the structure serves as another face of the capacitor. The gap between the capacitor faces changes in response to the accelerations experienced by the sensor, and the change in voltage across this capacitor is sensed to determine the acceleration.

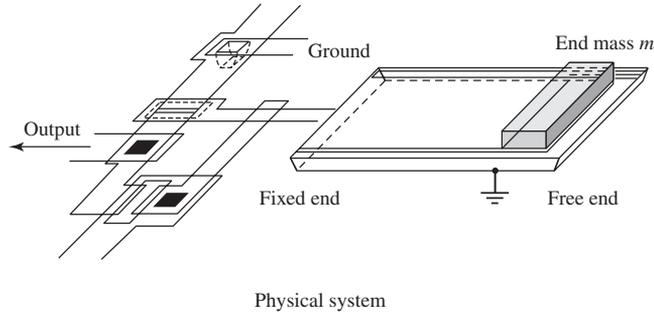
In constructing the vibratory model, the inertia of the cantilevered structure is ignored and this structure is represented by an equivalent spring with stiffness  $k$ . The mass of the cantilevered structure is assumed to be negligible and the end mass is modeled as a point mass of mass  $m$ . Consequently, the motion of this inertial element is described by a single generalized coordinate  $x$ , and the model is an example of a single degree-of-freedom system. The electrostatic force due to the capacitor acts directly on the mass, while the acceleration to be measured  $\ddot{y}$  acts at the base of the vibratory model. The electrostatic force that acts directly on the inertial element is an example of a direct excitation, while the acceleration acting at the base is an example of a base excitation. In a refined model of the system, the mass of the cantilevered structure can also be lumped together with that of the end mass to obtain an effective point mass. No damping elements are used in constructing the vibratory model because the physical system has “very low” damping levels.

Single degree-of-freedom systems are treated at length in Chapters 3 to 6. In particular, the response of a single degree-of-freedom system subjected to a base excitation or direct excitation such as that shown in Figure 2.24 is discussed in Section 5.5.

<sup>12</sup>K. E. Petersen, A. Shartel, and N. F. Raley, “Micromechanical accelerometer integrated with MOS detection circuitry,” *IEEE Transactions of Electronic Devices*, Vol. ED-29, No. 1, pp. 23–27 (1982).

**FIGURE 2.24**

Microelectromechanical accelerometer and a vibratory model of this sensor. *Source:* From *Systems Dynamics and Control* 1st edition by Umez-Eronini. © 1999. Reprinted with permission of Nelson, a division of Thomson Learning: www.thomsonrights.com. Fax 800 730-2215.



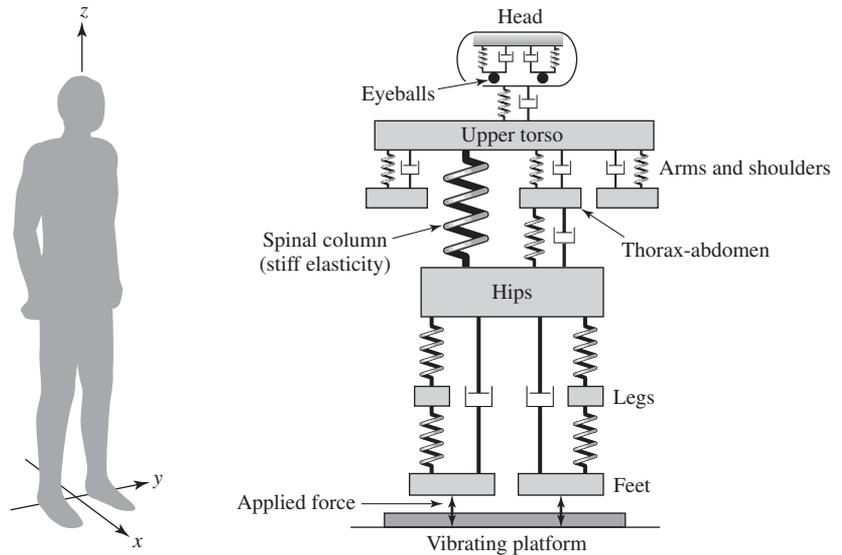
### 2.5.3 The Human Body

In Figure 2.25, the human body and a vibratory model used to study the response of this physical system when subjected to vertical excitations are shown. While the vibratory model used in the previous section has only one discrete inertia element and one discrete spring element, the model<sup>13</sup> shown in Figure 2.25 has many inertial, spring, and damper elements.

Since many independent displacement variables are needed to describe the motion of this physical system, this vibratory model is an example of a system with multiple degrees of freedom. The response of systems with multiple degrees of freedom is treated in Chapters 7 and 8.

The human body is highly sensitive to vibration levels. While the body may sense displacements with amplitudes in the range of a hundredth of a mm, some of the components of the ear can sense even smaller displacements. In the low-frequency range from 1 Hz to 10 Hz, the perception of motion is said to be proportional to acceleration, and in the mid-frequency range

<sup>13</sup>M. P. Norton, *Fundamentals of Noise and Vibration Analysis for Engineers*, Cambridge University Press, New York (1989).



**FIGURE 2.25**

Human body and a vibratory model. Source: From M.P.Norton, *Fundamentals of Noise and Vibration Analysis for Engineers*, Cambridge University Press, New York (1989). Copyright © 1989 Cambridge University Press. Reprinted with the permission of Cambridge University Press.

from 10 Hz to 100 Hz, the perception of motion is said to be proportional to velocity. In addition, the level of stimulation also needs to be considered. The response of different parts of a human body is also dependent upon the frequency content of the excitation. For example, the thorax-abdomen system is highly responsive to vibrations in the range of 3 Hz to 6 Hz, the head-neck shoulder system to vibrations in the range of 20 Hz to 30 Hz, and the eyeball to vibrations in the range of 60 Hz to 90 Hz. In terms of modeling, the detailed model shown in Figure 2.25 can be further simplified based on the frequency content of the excitation. If, for example, the excitation has no frequency content below 20 Hz, then it is not necessary to have a detailed spring-mass-damper model for the thorax-abdomen system.

In biomechanics and biomedical engineering, there is an area called *whole-body vibration* where one is concerned with the response of a human body to different types of vibratory excitations and medical aspects of occupational exposure to these excitations. There are detailed international standards<sup>14</sup> that provide acceptable vibration levels in terms of acceleration magnitudes for horizontal and vertical vibrations based on exposure times and frequency content. In another area, called *hand-arm vibration*, one is

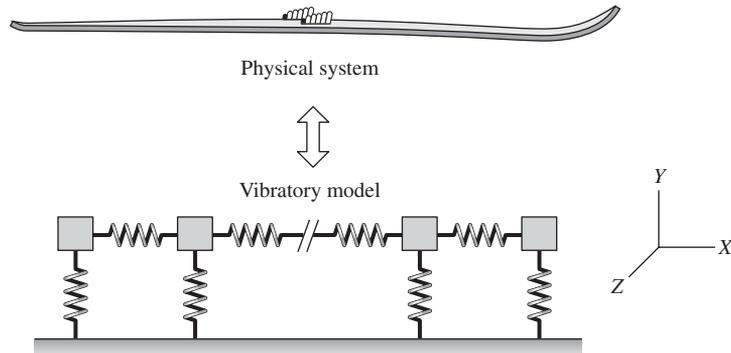
<sup>14</sup>ISO 2631/1, "Evaluation of human exposure to whole-body vibration: General requirements," ISO 2631, Part 1, International Standards Organization, Geneva, Switzerland (1985) and ISO 2631/2, "Evaluation of human exposure to whole-body vibration: Continuous and shock-induced vibration in buildings (1 to 80 Hz)," ISO 2631, Part 2, International Standards Organization, Geneva, Switzerland (1985).

concerned with the response of the hand-arm system to vibratory excitations and medical aspects of occupational exposure to such excitations. These are also covered by international standards.<sup>15</sup>

### 2.5.4 A Ski

A cross-country ski is shown in Figure 2.26. The corresponding vibratory model is usually a system with an infinite number of degrees of freedom. In the model shown here, the ski is modeled as a collection of discrete inertial elements. In order to take into account that each end or boundary of the ski is free, the inertial elements at the boundaries are only constrained by a spring element on one side in the  $X$ -direction. Furthermore, each of these inertial elements is allowed two translational degrees of freedom, one along the  $X$ -direction and another along the  $Y$ -direction. If these elements are considered as point masses only, then they do not have any rotational degrees of freedom. However, if the inertial elements are treated as rigid bodies, then rotational degrees of freedom about the axis oriented along the  $Z$ -direction also need to be taken into account.

In the limit, as the ski is broken up into a collection of infinitesimal segments, where each segment is modeled as either a point mass or a rigid body, one ends up with a vibratory model with an infinite number of degrees of freedom. The process of discretizing a spatially distributed system into a collection of inertial elements can be realized through various means. This aspect is not addressed in detail in this book; however, if the model of the ski is a beam, then the results of Chapter 9 may be applicable.



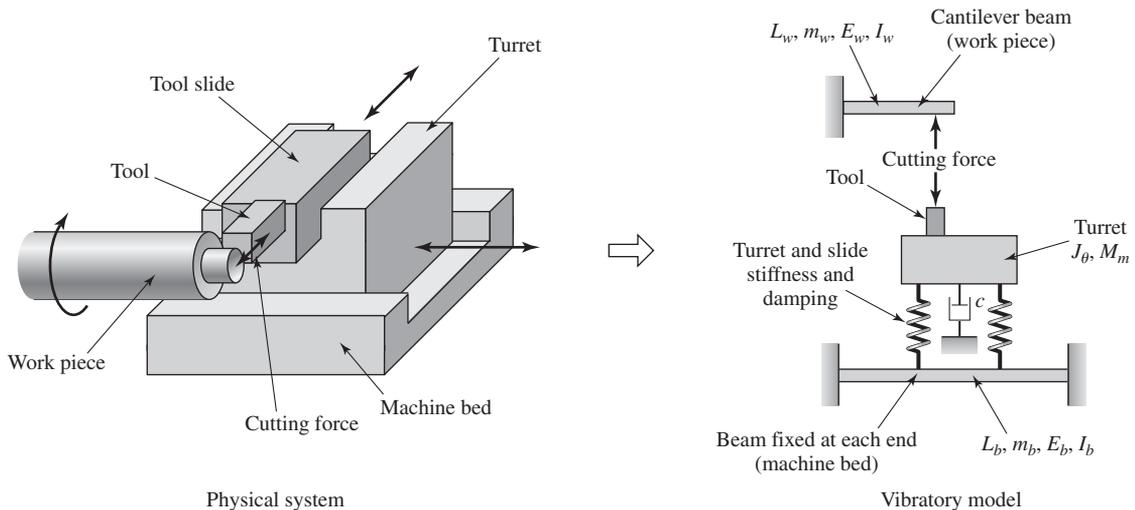
**FIGURE 2.26** Cross-country ski, which is a physical system with distributed stiffness and inertia properties, and its vibratory model.

<sup>15</sup>ISO 5349/1, “Measurement and evaluation of human exposure to hand-transmitted vibration: General requirements,” ISO 5349, Part 1, International Standards Organization, Geneva, Switzerland (1999) and ISO 5349/2, “Measurement and evaluation of human exposure to hand-transmitted vibration: Practical guidance for measurement at the workplace,” ISO 5349, Part 2, International Standards Organization, Geneva, Switzerland (2001).

## 2.5.5 Cutting Process

Consider the cutting process model<sup>16</sup> shown in Figure 2.27. The physical system consists of different components of the turret, lathe bed, and the tool used for cutting the work piece. Unlike the previous vibratory models, a more complex model is constructed. While previously only lumped masses or discrete inertia elements were used, here, a distributed inertia element, a beam, is also used in the model.

In the vibratory model, the bed is modeled as an elastic beam with a length  $L_b$ , mass per unit length  $m_b$ , area moment of inertia  $I_b$  about the bending axis, and Young's modulus of elasticity  $E_b$ . The turret is modeled as rigid body with a rotational degree of freedom  $\theta$  and a translational degree of freedom along the vertical direction. The mass moment of inertia of the turret is represented by  $J_\theta$  and the mass of the turret and the tool together is represented by  $M_m$ . Spring elements are introduced between the turret and the bed, and a damper element is introduced to model damping in the turret. A viscous-damping element  $c$  is used to model the damping experienced by the turret and the damping experienced in the tool-slide system. The work piece is also modeled as a distributed inertia element with a length  $L_w$ , mass per unit length  $m_w$ , area moment of inertia  $I_w$  about the bending axis, and Young's modulus of elasticity  $E_w$ . Since the model shown in Figure 2.27 consists of distributed inertial elements, this model has infinite number of degrees of freedom. In the modeling, the beam model used for the turret is considered



**FIGURE 2.27**

Work-piece-tool turning system and vibratory model of this system.

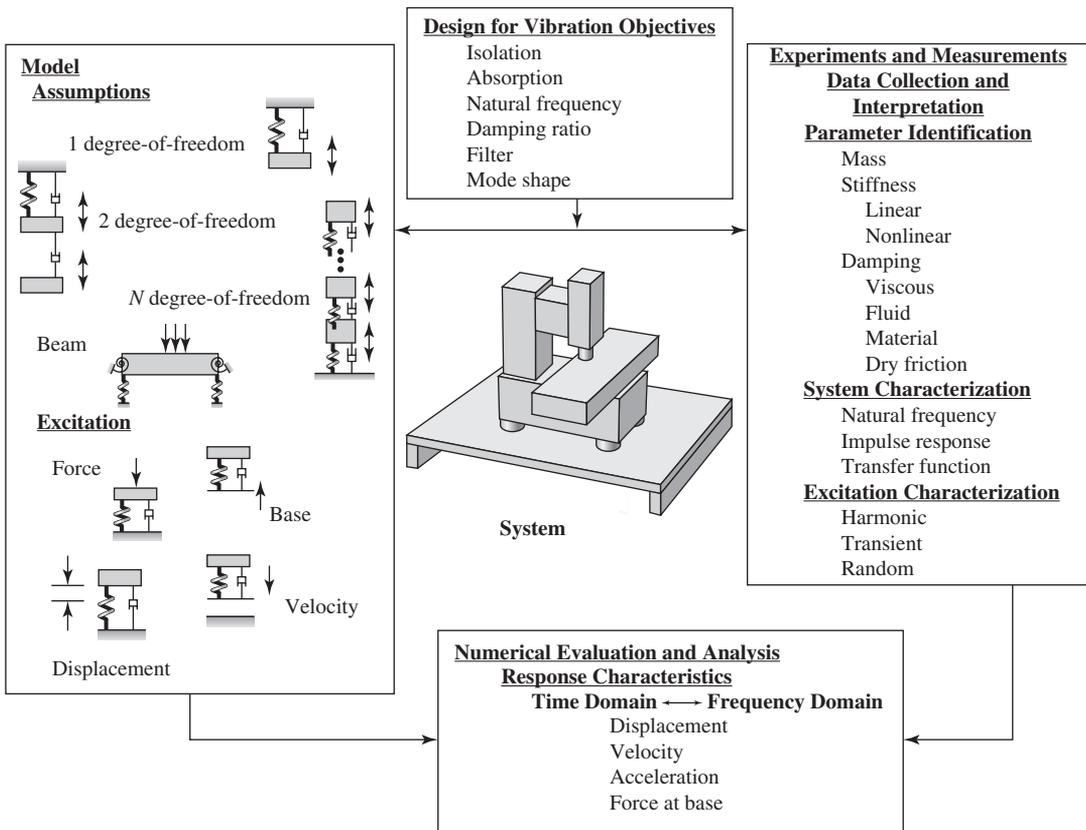
<sup>16</sup>M. U. Jen and E. B. Magrab, "The dynamic interaction of the cutting process, work piece, and lathe's structure in facing," *ASME Journal of Manufacturing Science and Engineering*, Vol. 118, pp. 348–358 (1996).

fixed at both ends, while the beam model used for the work piece is considered fixed at one end and hinged or free at the other end where it is being cut.

In Section 4.4, the stability of a machine tool is determined from a vibratory model to avoid undesirable cutting conditions called chatter. This type of analysis can be used to choose parameters such as width of cut, spindle rpm, etc. In Chapter 9, vibrations of beams used in the model in Figure 2.27 are discussed at length.

## 2.6 DESIGN FOR VIBRATION

Principles that govern single degree-of-freedom systems, multiple degree-of-freedom systems, and continuous vibratory systems are covered in this book and are presented along with information needed to experimentally, numerically, and analytically investigate a vibratory system. In Figure 2.28, we show



**FIGURE 2.28** Design for vibration.

how these different aspects are used to design a system to have specific vibratory characteristics.

## 2.7 SUMMARY

In this chapter, the inertia elements, stiffness elements, and dissipation elements that are used to construct a vibratory model were discussed. An ideal inertia element, which does not have any stiffness or dissipation characteristics, can store or release kinetic energy. An ideal stiffness element, which does not have any inertia or dissipation characteristics, can store or release potential energy. The stiffness element can be due to a structure, a fluid element, or gravity loading. The notion of equivalent stiffness has been introduced. An ideal dissipation element, which does not have any stiffness or inertia characteristics, is used to represent energy losses of the system. The notion of equivalent damping has also been introduced.

## EXERCISES

### Section 2.1

**2.1** Examine Eqs. (2.1) and (2.5) and verify that the units (dimensions) of the different terms in the respective equations are consistent.

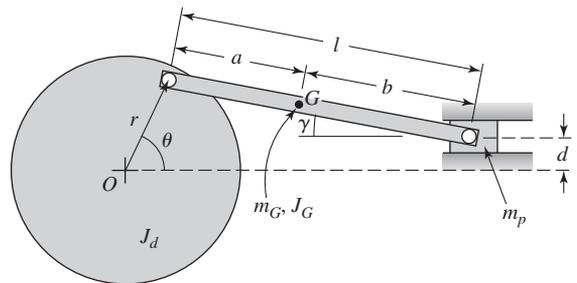
### Section 2.2

**2.2** Consider the slider mechanism of Example 2.2 and show that the rotary inertia  $J_{O'}$  about the pivot point  $O'$  is also a function of the angular displacement  $\varphi$ .

**2.3** Consider the crank-mechanism system shown in Figure E2.3. Determine the rotary inertia of this system about the point  $O$  and express it as a function of the angular displacement  $\theta$ . The disc has a rotary inertia  $J_d$  about the point  $O$ . The crank has a mass  $m_G$  and rotary inertia  $J_G$  about the point  $G$  at the center of mass of the crank. The mass of the slider is  $m_p$ .

### Section 2.3.2

**2.4** Find the equivalent length  $L_e$  of a spring of constant cross section of diameter  $d_2$  that has the same spring constant as the tapered spring shown in Case 2



**FIGURE E2.3**

of Table 2.3. Both springs have the same Young's modulus  $E$ .

**2.5** Extend the spring combinations shown in Figures 2.6b and 2.6c to cases with three springs. Verify that the equivalent stiffness of these spring combinations is consistent with Eqs. (2.14) and (2.16), respectively.

**2.6** Consider the mechanical spring system shown in Figure E2.6. Assume that the bars are rigid and determine the equivalent spring constant  $k_e$ , which we can use in the relation  $F = k_e x$ .

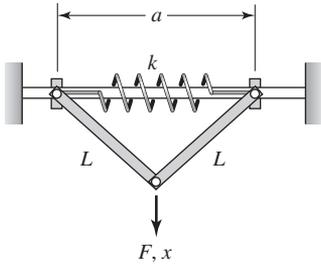


FIGURE E2.6

2.7 Consider the three beams connected as shown in Figure E2.7. The beam that is attached to the ends of the two cantilever beams is pinned so that its ends can rotate unimpeded. Determine the system's equivalent spring constant for the transverse loading shown.

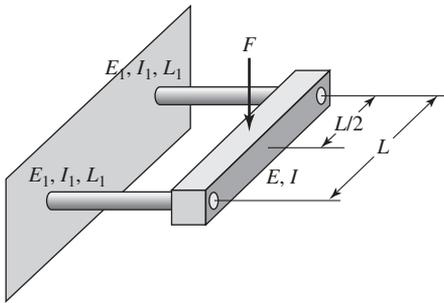


FIGURE E2.7

2.8 For the weightless pulley system shown in Figure E2.8, determine the equivalent spring constant.

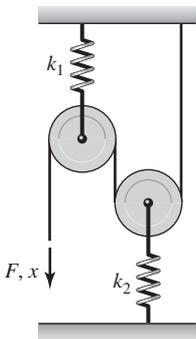


FIGURE E2.8

Recall that when the center of the pulley moves by an amount  $x$ , the rope moves an amount  $2x$ .

2.9 Determine the equivalent stiffness for each of the systems shown in Figure E2.9. Each system consists of three linear springs with stiffness  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$ , and  $k_3$ .

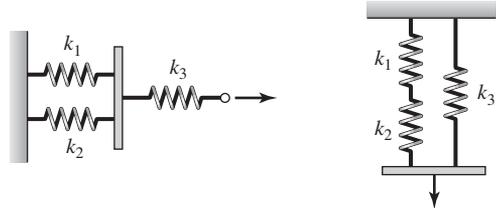


FIGURE E2.9

2.10 For the two cantilever beams whose free ends are connected to springs shown in Figure E2.10, give the expressions for the spring constants  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  and determine the equivalent spring constant  $k_e$  for the system.

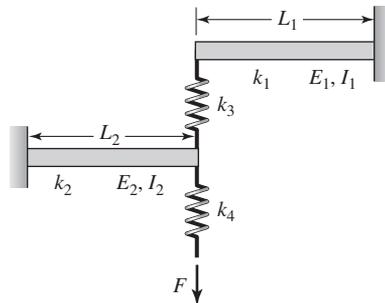


FIGURE E2.10

2.11 For the system of translation and torsion springs shown in Figure E2.11, determine the equivalent spring constant for torsional oscillations. The disc has a radius  $b$ , and the translation springs are tangential to the disc at the point of attachment.

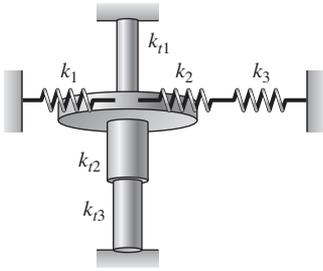


FIGURE E2.11

**2.12** For the system of translation springs shown in Figure E2.12, determine the equivalent spring constant for motion in the horizontal ( $x$ ) direction only. Assume that  $|\Delta x| \ll 1$  so that the  $\theta_j$  remain constant.

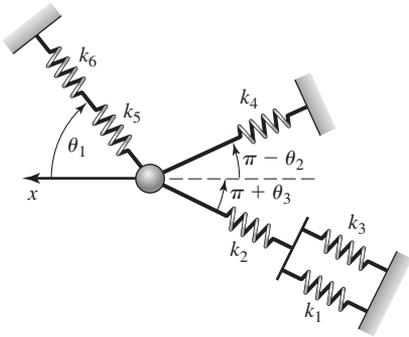


FIGURE E2.12

**2.13** Consider the system shown Figure E2.13, which lies in the  $X$ - $Y$  plane. This system, which is called a crab-leg flexure, is used in microelectromechanical sensors. A load along the  $X$  direction is applied to the mass to which all of the four crab-leg flexures are attached. Each flexure has a shin of length  $L$  along the  $X$  direction, width  $b$  along the  $Y$  direction, and thickness  $h$  along the  $Z$  direction. The thigh of each flexure has a length  $L_t$  along the  $Y$  direction, a width  $b_t$  along the  $X$  direction, and a thickness  $h$  along the  $Z$  direction.

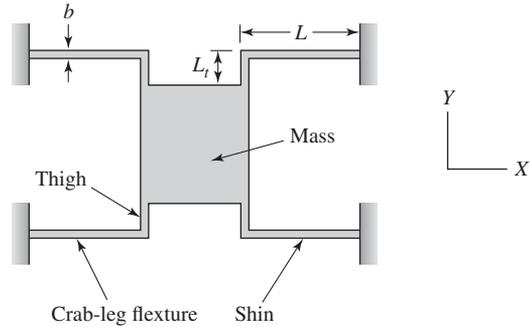


FIGURE E2.13

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The equivalent stiffness of each of these flexures in the  $X$ -direction can be shown to be

$$k_{\text{flexure}} = \frac{Ehb^3(4L + L_t(b/b_t)^3)}{L^3(L + L_t(b/b_t)^3)}$$

where the Young's modulus of elasticity is  $E$ , which has a value of 160 GPa for the polysilicon material from which the flexure is fabricated. The dimensions of each crab leg are as follows:  $L = 100 \mu\text{m}$  and  $b = b_t = h = 2 \mu\text{m}$ . For the thigh length  $L_t$  spanning the range from  $10 \mu\text{m}$  to  $75 \mu\text{m}$ , plot the graph of the equivalent stiffness of the system versus  $L_t$ .

**2.14** Based on the expression for  $k_{\text{flexure}}$  provided in Exercise 2.13, the sensitivity of the equivalent stiffness of each flexure with respect to the flexure width  $b$  and the thigh width  $b_t$  can be assessed by determining the derivatives  $dk_{\text{flexure}}/db$  and  $dk_{\text{flexure}}/db_t$ , respectively. Carry out these operations and discuss the expressions obtained.

**2.15** Find the torsion-spring constant  $k_{te}$  of the stepped shaft shown in Figure E2.15, where each shaft has the same shear modulus  $G$ . Determine the equivalent spring length of a shaft of constant diameter  $D_e$  and length  $L_e$  that has the same spring constant as the torsion spring shown in Figure E2.15.

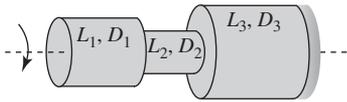


FIGURE E2.15

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2.16 Consider the two nonlinear springs in parallel that are shown in Figure E2.16. The force-displacement relations for each spring are, respectively,

$$F_j(x) = k_j x + k_j \alpha x^3 \quad j = 1, 2$$

- a) Obtain the expressions from which the equivalent spring constant can be determined.
- b) If  $F = 1000 \text{ N}$ ,  $k_1 = k_2 = 50,000 \text{ N/m}$ , and  $\alpha = 2 \text{ m}^{-2}$ , determine the equivalent spring constant.

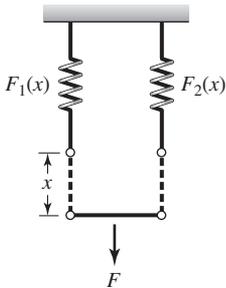


FIGURE E2.16

2.17 Consider the two nonlinear springs in series shown in Figure E2.17. The force-displacement relations for each spring are, respectively,

$$F_j(x) = k_j x + k_j \alpha x^3 \quad j = 1, 2$$

- a) Obtain the expressions from which the equivalent spring constant can be determined.
- b) If  $F = 1000 \text{ N}$ ,  $k_1 = 50,000 \text{ N/m}$ ,  $k_2 = 25,000 \text{ N/m}$ , and  $\alpha = 2 \text{ m}^{-2}$ , determine the equivalent spring constant.

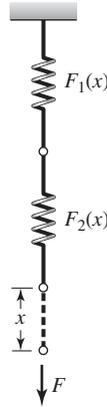


FIGURE E2.17

2.18 Consider the data in Table E2.18 in which the experimentally determined tire loads versus tire deflections have been recorded. These data are for a set of dual tires and a single wide-base tire.<sup>18</sup> The inflation pressure for all tires is  $724 \text{ kN/m}^2$ . Examine the stiffness characteristics of the two different tire systems and discuss them.

TABLE E2.18  
Tire Load Versus Deflection Data

Tire Load (N)	Tire Deflection	
	Dual Tire (mm)	Single Wide-Base Tire (mm)
0	0	0
8896.4	7.62	10.2
17793	14	19
26689	19	27.9
35586	24.1	35.6
44482	27.9	41.9

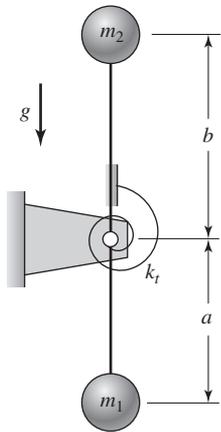
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2.19 Consider the manometer shown in Figure 2.16 and seal the ends. Assume that the initial gas pressure of the sealed system is  $P_o$  and that  $L_o$  is the initial

<sup>18</sup>J. C. Tielking, "Conventional and wide base radial tyres," in Proceedings of the Third International Symposium on Heavy Vehicle Weights and Dimensions, D. Cebon and C. G. B. Mitchell, eds., Cambridge, UK, 28 June–2 July 1992, pp. 182–190.

length of the cavity. Determine the equivalent spring constant of the system when the column of liquid undergoes “small” displacements.

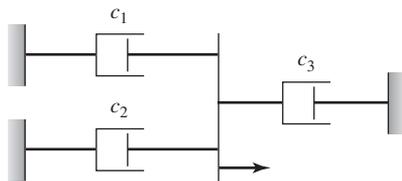
**2.20** Consider “small” amplitude angular oscillations of the pendulum shown in Figure E2.20. Considering the gravitational loading and the torsion spring  $k_t$  at the pivot point, determine the expression for the system’s equivalent spring constant. The masses are held with rigid, weightless rods for the loading shown.



**FIGURE E2.20**

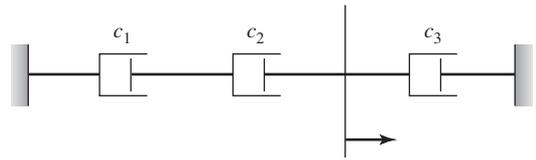
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**2.21** Determine the equivalent damping of the system shown in Figure E2.21.



**FIGURE E2.21**

**2.22** Determine the equivalent damping for the system shown in Figure E2.22.



**FIGURE E2.22**

**2.23** Representative damping-force magnitudes versus speed data are given in Table E2.23 for a racecar damper in compression.<sup>19</sup> Examine these data and discuss the type of damping model that can be used to represent them.

**TABLE E2.23**  
Racecar Damper

Damper Force Magnitude (N)	Damper Rod Speed (mm/s)
0	0
57.83	2.54
115.7	5.08
177.9	7.62
266.9	10.2
355.9	12.7
444.8	15.2
489.3	17.8
533.8	20.3
578.3	22.9
622.8	25.4
667.2	27.9
711.7	30.5
756.2	33
800.7	35.6
845.2	38.1
889.6	40.6

**2.24** Determine the viscosity of the fluid that one needs to use to realize a parallel-plate damper when the top plate has an area of  $0.02 \text{ m}^2$ , the gap between the parallel plates  $h = 0.2 \text{ mm}$ , and the required damping coefficient is  $20 \text{ N} \cdot \text{s/m}$ .

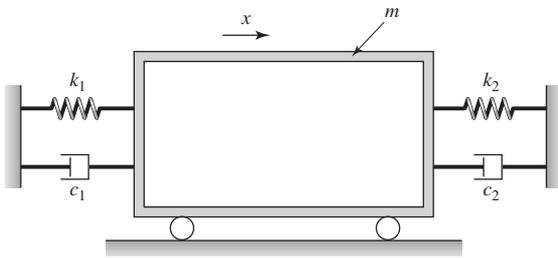
<sup>19</sup>Racecar dampers are called “shocks” in the United States, and they have different damping characteristics during compression (called “bump”) and expansion (called “rebound”) phases. For material on racecar damping, see, for example, P. Haney and J. Braun, *Inside Racing Technology*, (ISBN 0-9646414-0-2).

**2.25** Determine the equivalent damping coefficient for the following nonlinear damper:

$$F(\dot{x}) = c_1\dot{x} + c_3\dot{x}^3$$

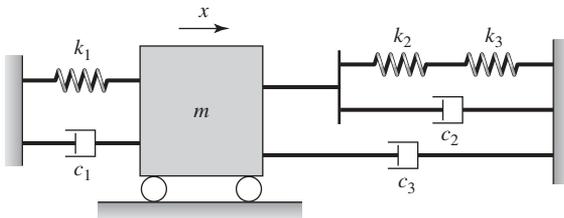
where  $c_1 = 5 \text{ N} \cdot \text{s}/\text{m}$  and  $c_3 = 0.6 \text{ N} \cdot \text{s}^3/\text{m}^3$ . Note: the damper is to be operated around a speed of 5 m/s.

**2.26** Represent the vibratory system given in Figure E2.26 as an equivalent vibratory system with mass  $m$ , equivalent stiffness  $k_e$ , and equivalent damping coefficient  $c_e$ .



**FIGURE E2.26**

**2.27** Represent the vibratory system given in Figure E2.27 as an equivalent vibratory system with mass  $m$ , equivalent stiffness  $k_e$ , and equivalent damping coefficient  $c_e$ .



**FIGURE E2.27**

**2.28** The vibrations of a system with stiffness  $k$  and damping coefficient  $c$  is of the form  $x(t) = X_o \sin \omega t$ . This type of response, which is called a harmonic

response, is possible when a vibratory system is excited by a harmonic force. Evaluate the work done by the spring force and the work done by the damper force, which are given by the integrals

$$E_k = \int_{x(0)}^{x(2\pi/\omega)} kx dx = \int_0^{2\pi/\omega} kx\dot{x} dt$$

$$E_d = \int_{x(0)}^{x(2\pi/\omega)} c\dot{x} dx = \int_0^{2\pi/\omega} c\dot{x}^2 dt$$

**2.29** For the system of Exercise 2.28, assume  $k = 1000 \text{ N}/\text{m}$ ,  $c = 2500 \text{ N}/(\text{m}/\text{s})$ ,  $X_o = 0.1 \text{ m}$ , and  $\omega = 9 \text{ rad}/\text{s}$ . Plot the graph of the sum of the spring force and damper force versus the displacement; that is,  $kx + c\dot{x}$  versus  $x$ .

**2.30** For the system of Exercise 2.28, assume that  $k > 0$ ,  $c > 0$ , and  $\omega > 0$ . Show that the graph of  $kx + c\dot{x}$  versus  $x$  will have the form of an ellipse.

**Section 2.4.2**

**2.31** Consider the viscous-damping model given by Eq. (2.46) and the dry-friction model given by Eq. (2.52). Sketch the force versus velocity graphs in each case for the following parameter values:  $c = 100 \text{ N}/(\text{m}/\text{s})$ ,  $m = 100 \text{ kg}$ , and  $\mu = 0.1$ .

**2.32** Normalize the linear viscous-damper force given by Eq. (2.46) using the damping coefficient  $c$ , the dry friction force given by Eq. (2.52) using  $\mu mg$ , the fluid-damping force given by Eq. (2.54) using the damping coefficient  $c_d$ , and the hysteretic force given by Eq. (2.57) using  $k\pi\beta_h$ . Plot the time histories of the normalized damper forces versus time for harmonic displacement of the form  $x(t) = 0.4\sin(2\pi t) \text{ m}$ . Discuss the characteristics of these plots.

**2.33** Construct vibratory models for each of the three systems shown in the Figure E2.33. Discuss the num-



(a)



(b)



(c)

**FIGURE E2.33**

(a) Car; (b) motorcycle; and (c) cable car. © iStockphoto.com/Jan Paul Schrage; © iStockphoto.com/Anthony Collins; Kristiina Paul

ber of degrees of freedom and the associated generalized coordinates in each case.

**2.34** A vibratory system has a mass  $m = 10$  kg,  $k = 1500$  N/m, and  $c = 2500$  N/(m/s). Given that the displacement response has the form  $x(t) = 0.2\sin(9t)$  m, plot the graphs of  $m\ddot{x}$ , the spring force  $kx$ , and the damper force  $c\dot{x}$  versus time and discuss them.



Springs, masses, and dampers are used to model vibrations systems. In the motorcycle, the coil spring in parallel with a viscous damper is attached to a mass composed of the tire and brake assembly. In the wind turbine, the mass of the propellers is supported by the column, which acts as the spring. (Source: Cohen/Ostrow / Getty Images; PKS Media, Inc. / Getty Images.)

# 3

## Single Degree-of-Freedom Systems: Governing Equations

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### 3.1 INTRODUCTION

In this chapter, two approaches are illustrated for deriving the equation governing the motion of a single degree-of-freedom system. The momentum principles of Chapter 1 form the basis of one approach, comprising force-balance and moment-balance methods. The second approach is based on Lagrange's equations, first introduced in this chapter and extensively used throughout the remaining chapters. Based on the parameters that appear in the

governing equation, the expressions for the natural frequency and damping factor are defined. The full physical significance of the natural frequency and damping factor is brought forth in Section 4.2, when free oscillations of single degree-of-freedom systems are considered. Furthermore, system stability can also be assessed from the system parameters, as discussed in Section 4.3.

When either an analytical or a numerical solution of the governing equation is obtained, one can determine the relative effects that the system's components have on the system's response to various externally applied forces and initial conditions. One can also study vibratory systems by determining the transfer function of the system (Section 5.3) or the system's impulse response (Section 6.2). In this chapter, we will only derive the governing equations for various systems. We shall then obtain the general solutions in Chapter 4 and Appendix D and illustrate numerous applications and interpretations of the solutions in Chapters 4, 5, and 6.

In this chapter, we shall show how to:

- Obtain the governing equation of motion for single degree-of-freedom translating and rotating systems by using force balance and moment balance methods.
- Obtain the governing equation of motion for single degree-of-freedom translating and rotating systems by using Lagrange's equations.
- Determine the equivalent mass, equivalent stiffness, and equivalent damping of a single degree-of-freedom system.
- Determine the natural frequency and damping factor of a system.

## 3.2 FORCE-BALANCE AND MOMENT-BALANCE METHODS

In this section, we illustrate the use of force-balance and moment-balance methods for deriving governing equations of motion of single degree-of-freedom systems, show how the static-equilibrium position of a vibratory system can be determined, and carry out linearization of a nonlinear system for "small" amplitude oscillations about a system's equilibrium position.

### 3.2.1 Force-Balance Methods

Consider the principle of linear momentum, which is Newton's second law of motion. The statement of dynamic equilibrium given by Eq. (1.11) is recast in the form

$$\mathbf{F} - \dot{\mathbf{p}} = 0 \quad (3.1a)$$

where  $\mathbf{F}$  is the net external force vector acting on the system,  $\mathbf{p}$  is the absolute linear momentum of the considered system and the overdot indicates the derivative with respect to time. For a system of constant mass  $m$  whose center of mass is moving with absolute acceleration  $\mathbf{a}$ , the rate of change of linear momentum  $\dot{\mathbf{p}} = m\mathbf{a}$  and Eq. (3.1a) lead to

$$\mathbf{F} - m\mathbf{a} = 0 \quad (3.1b)$$

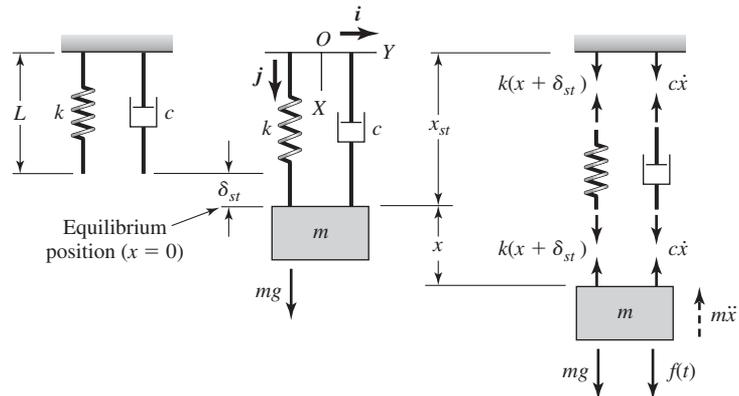
The term  $-ma$  is referred to as the *inertia force*. The interpretation of Eq. (3.1b) is that the sum of the external forces and inertial forces acting on the system is zero; that is, the system is in equilibrium under the action of external and inertial forces.<sup>1</sup>

### Vertical Vibrations of a Spring-Mass-Damper System

In Figure 3.1, a spring-mass-damper model is shown. A linear spring with stiffness  $k$  and a viscous damper with damping coefficient  $c$  are connected in parallel to the inertia element  $m$ . In addition to the three system elements that were discussed in Chapter 2, an external forcing is also considered. We would like to obtain an equation to describe the motions of the system in the vertical direction. In order to derive such an equation for translation motions, the force-balance method is used. Prior to obtaining the governing equation of motion for the system of Figure 3.1, we choose a set of orthogonal unit vectors  $\mathbf{i}$  and  $\mathbf{j}$  fixed in an inertial reference frame and a coordinate system with  $X$  and  $Y$  axes and an origin  $O$  that is fixed. Since the mass  $m$  translates only along the  $\mathbf{j}$  direction, the force balance is considered only along this direction.

Let the unstretched length of the spring shown in Figure 3.1 be  $L$ . Then the mass is located at the position  $(L + \delta_{st} + x)\mathbf{j}$  from the fixed surface, where the term  $\delta_{st}$  will be determined shortly and explained. After determining  $\delta_{st}$ , the equation of motion will be developed in terms of the displacement variable  $x$ . The position vector of the mass from the fixed point  $O$  is given by

$$\mathbf{r} = r\mathbf{j} = (L + \delta_{st} + x)\mathbf{j} \quad (3.2)$$



**FIGURE 3.1**

Vertical vibrations of a spring-mass-damper system.

<sup>1</sup>This statement is also referred to as *D'Alembert's principle*. According to the generalized form of this principle, when a set of so-called *virtual displacements* are imposed on the system of interest, the net work done by the external forces and inertial forces is zero. [See, for example, D. T. Greenwood, *Principles of Dynamics*, Chapter 8, Prentice Hall, Upper Saddle River, NJ (1988).]

The directions of different forces along with their magnitudes are shown in Figure 3.1. Note that the inertia force  $-m\dot{x}\mathbf{j}$  is also shown along with the free-body diagram of the inertia element. Since the spring force is a restoring force and the damper force is a resistive force, they oppose the motion as shown in Figure 3.1. Based on Eq. (3.1b), we can carry out a force balance along the  $\mathbf{j}$  direction and obtain the resulting equation

$$\underbrace{f(t)\mathbf{j} + mg\mathbf{j}}_{\text{External forces acting on system}} - \underbrace{(kx + k\delta_{st})\mathbf{j}}_{\text{Spring force acting on mass}} - \underbrace{c\frac{dr}{dt}\mathbf{j}}_{\text{Damping force acting on mass}} - \underbrace{m\frac{d^2r}{dt^2}\mathbf{j}}_{\text{Inertia force}} = 0 \quad (3.3)$$

Upon making use of Eq. (3.2), noting that  $L$  and  $\delta_{st}$  are constants, and rearranging terms, Eq. (3.3) reduces to the following scalar differential equation

$$m\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + c\frac{dx}{dt} + k(x + \delta_{st}) = f(t) + mg \quad (3.4)$$

### Static-Equilibrium Position

The *static-equilibrium position* of a system is the position that corresponds to the system's rest state; that is, a position with zero velocity and zero acceleration. Dropping the time-dependent forcing term  $f(t)$  and setting the velocity and acceleration terms in Eq. (3.4) to zero, we find that the static-equilibrium position is the solution of

$$k(x + \delta_{st}) = mg \quad (3.5)$$

If, in Eq. (3.5), we choose

$$\delta_{st} = \frac{mg}{k} \quad (3.6)$$

we find that  $x = 0$  is the static-equilibrium position of the system. Equation (3.6) is interpreted as follows. Due to the weight of the mass  $m$ , the spring is stretched an amount  $\delta_{st}$ , so that the spring force balances the weight  $mg$ . For this reason,  $\delta_{st}$  is called the *static displacement*. Recalling that the spring has an unstretched length  $L$ , the static-equilibrium position measured from the origin  $O$  is given by

$$\mathbf{x}_{st} = x_{st}\mathbf{j} = (L + \delta_{st})\mathbf{j} \quad (3.7)$$

which is the rest position of the system. For the vibratory system of Figure 3.1, it is clear from Eq. (3.6) that the static-equilibrium position is determined by the spring force and gravity loading. An example of another type of static loading is provided in Example 3.1.

### Equation of Motion for Oscillations about the Static-Equilibrium Position

Upon substituting Eq. (3.6) into Eq. (3.4), we obtain

$$m\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + c\frac{dx}{dt} + kx = f(t) \quad (3.8)$$

Equation (3.8) is the governing equation of motion of a single degree-of-freedom system for oscillations about the static-equilibrium position given by Eq. (3.7). Note that the gravity loading does not appear explicitly in Eq. (3.8). For this reason, in development of models of linear vibratory systems, the measurement of displacement from the static-equilibrium position turns out to be a convenient choice, since one does not have to explicitly take the static loading into account.

The left-hand side of Eq. (3.8) describes the forces from the components that comprise a single degree-of-freedom system. The right-hand side represents the external force acting on the mass. Examples of external forces acting on a mass are fluctuating air pressure loading such as that on the wing of an aircraft, fluctuating electromagnetic forces such as in a loudspeaker coil, electrostatic forces that appear in some microelectromechanical devices, forces caused by an unbalanced mass in rotating machinery (see Section 3.5), and buoyancy forces on floating systems. The system represented by Eq. (3.8) is a linear, ordinary differential equation with constant coefficients  $m$ ,  $c$ , and  $k$ . As mentioned in Sections 2.2, 2.3, and 2.4, these quantities are also referred to as *system parameters*.

### Horizontal Vibrations of a Spring-Mass-Damper System

In Figure 3.2, a mass moving in a direction normal to the direction of gravity is shown. It is assumed that the mass moves without friction. The unstretched length of the spring is  $L$ , and a fixed point  $O$  is located at the unstretched position of the spring, as shown in the figure. Noting that the spring does not undergo any static deflection and carrying out a force balance along the  $i$  direction gives Eq. (3.8) directly. Here, the static-equilibrium position  $x = 0$  coincides with the position corresponding to the unstretched spring.

### Force Transmitted to Fixed Surface

From Figure 3.1, we see that the total reaction force due to the spring and the damper on the fixed surface is the sum of the static and dynamic forces. Thus,

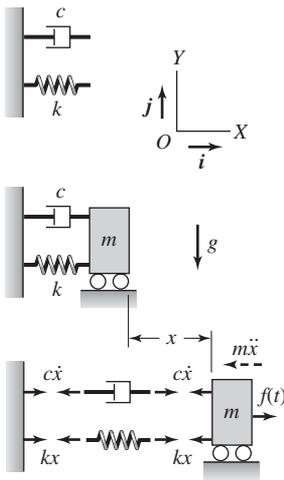
$$F_R = \underbrace{k\delta_{st}}_{\text{Static component}} + \underbrace{kx + c \frac{dx}{dt}}_{\text{Dynamic component}} \quad (3.9)$$

If we consider only the dynamic part of the reaction force—that is, only those forces created by the motion  $x(t)$  from its static equilibrium position—then Eq. (3.9) leads to

$$F_{Rd} = c \frac{dx}{dt} + kx \quad (3.10)$$

where  $x(t)$  is the solution of Eq. (3.8). Equation (3.10) is used in later chapters to determine the force transmitted to the ground (Section 5.4) or the force transmitted to the mass when the base is in motion (Sections 5.5 and 6.7).

In the following two examples, we show how to obtain the governing equation for a system subjected to an external force that has a static component and how to linearize a system that has a spring with a quadratic nonlinearity.



**FIGURE 3.2**  
Horizontal vibrations of a spring-mass-damper system.

**EXAMPLE 3.1** Wind-driven oscillations about a system's static-equilibrium position

In examining wind flow across civil structures such as buildings, water towers, and lampposts, it has been found<sup>2</sup> that the wind typically generates a force on the structure that consists of a steady-state part and a fluctuating part. In such cases, the excitation force  $f(t)$  is represented as

$$f(t) = f_{ss} + f_d(t) \quad (\text{a})$$

where  $f_{ss}$  is the time-independent steady-state force and  $f_d(t)$  is the fluctuating time-dependent portion of the force. A single degree-of-freedom model of the vibrating structure has the form of Eq. (3.8), where  $x(t)$  is the displacement of the structure in the direction of the wind loading and the forcing is given by Eq. (a); that is,

$$m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + c \frac{dx}{dt} + kx = f_{ss} + f_d(t) \quad (\text{b})$$

We shall determine the static-equilibrium position of this system and obtain the equation of motion governing oscillations about this static-equilibrium position. To this end, we assume a solution of the following form for Eq. (b)

$$x(t) = x_o + x_d(t) \quad (\text{c})$$

where  $x_o$  is determined by the static loading and  $x_d(t)$  determines motions about the static position. Thus, after substituting Eq. (c) into Eq. (b) and noting that  $x_o$  is independent of time, we find that

$$x_o = f_{ss}/k \quad (\text{d})$$

and that  $x_d(t)$  is the solution to the equation

$$m \frac{d^2x_d}{dt^2} + c \frac{dx_d}{dt} + kx_d = f_d(t) \quad (\text{e})$$

which is the governing equation of motion for oscillations about the static-equilibrium position  $x_o = f_{ss}/k$ .

**EXAMPLE 3.2** Eardrum oscillations: nonlinear oscillator<sup>3</sup> and linearized systems

In this example, we consider a nonlinear oscillator used to study eardrum oscillations. We shall determine the static-equilibrium positions of this system and illustrate how the governing nonlinear equation can be linearized to study

<sup>2</sup>E. Naudascher and D. Rockwell, *Flow-Induced Vibrations: An Engineering Guide*, A. A. Balkema, Rotterdam, p. 103 (1994).

<sup>3</sup>R. E. Mickens, *Oscillations in Planar Dynamic Systems*, World Scientific, Singapore (1996).

oscillations local to an equilibrium position. The governing nonlinear equation has the form

$$m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + kx + \underbrace{kx^2}_{\text{Quadratic nonlinearity}} = 0 \quad (\text{a})$$

The restoring force of the eardrum has a component with a quadratic nonlinearity.

### Static-Equilibrium Positions

Noting that there are no external time-dependent forcing terms in this problem and setting the acceleration term to zero, we find that the equilibrium positions  $x = x_o$  are solutions of the algebraic equation

$$k(x_o + x_o^2) = 0 \quad (\text{b})$$

The solutions of Eq. (b) provide us two static-equilibrium positions for the eardrum, namely,

$$\begin{aligned} x_{o1} &= 0 \\ x_{o2} &= -1 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{c})$$

### Linearization

Next, we substitute

$$x(t) = x_o + \hat{x}(t) \quad (\text{d})$$

into Eq. (a) and linearize the nonlinear stiffness term for oscillations about one of the equilibrium positions in terms of the variable  $\hat{x}(t)$ . To this end, we note that

$$x^2(t) = (x_o + \hat{x}(t))^2 \approx x_o^2 + 2x_o\hat{x}(t) + \dots \quad (\text{e})$$

In addition,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dt} &= \frac{d(x_o + \hat{x})}{dt} = \frac{d\hat{x}}{dt} \\ \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} &= \frac{d^2(x_o + \hat{x})}{dt^2} = \frac{d^2\hat{x}}{dt^2} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{f})$$

### *Linearized system for “small” amplitude oscillations around $x_{o1} = 0$*

Making use of Eqs. (e) and (f) in Eq. (a), and noting that  $x_o = x_{o1} = 0$ , we arrive at the linear equation

$$m \frac{d^2\hat{x}}{dt^2} + k\hat{x} = 0 \quad (\text{g})$$

### *Linearized system for “small” amplitude oscillations around $x_{o2} = -1$*

Making use of Eqs. (e) and (f) in Eq. (a), and noting that  $x_o = x_{o2} = -1$ , we arrive at the linear equation

$$m \frac{d^2 \hat{x}}{dt^2} - k \hat{x} = 0 \tag{h}$$

Comparing Eqs. (g) and (h), it is clear that the equations have different stiffness terms.

### 3.2.2 Moment-Balance Methods

For single degree-of-freedom systems that undergo rotational motion, such as the system shown in Figure 3.3, the moment balance method is useful in deriving the governing equation. A shaft with torsional stiffness  $k_t$  is attached to a disc with rotary inertia  $J_G$  about the axis of rotation, which is directed along the  $\mathbf{k}$  direction. An external moment  $M(t)$  acts on the disc, which is immersed in an oil-filled housing. Let the variable  $\theta$  describe the rotation of the disc, and let the rotary inertia of the shaft be negligible in comparison to that of the disc.

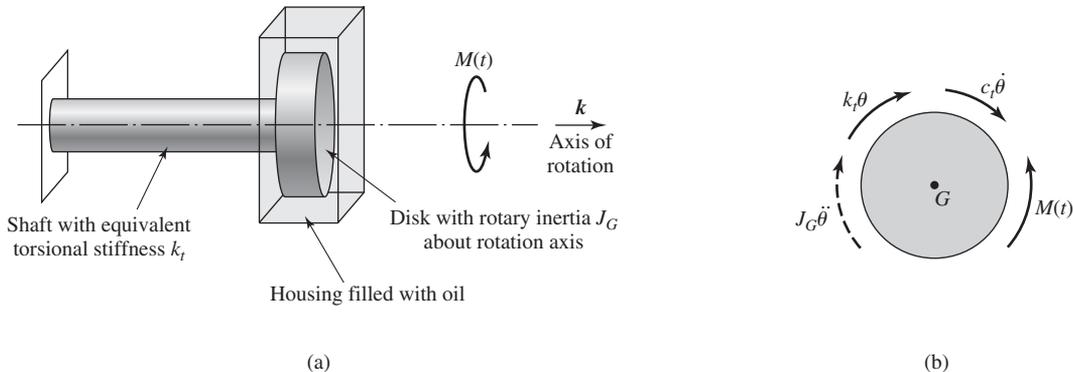
The principle of angular momentum given by Eq. (1.17) is applied to obtain the equation governing the disc's motion. First the angular momentum  $\mathbf{H}$  of the disc is determined. Since the disc is a rigid body undergoing rotation in the plane, Eq. (1.20) is used to write the angular momentum about the center of mass of the disc as

$$\mathbf{H} = J_G \dot{\theta} \mathbf{k}$$

Thus, since the rotary inertia  $J_G$  and the unit vector  $\mathbf{k}$  do not change with time, Eq. (1.17) is rewritten as

$$\mathbf{M} - J_G \ddot{\theta} \mathbf{k} = 0 \tag{3.11}$$

where  $\mathbf{M}$  is the total external moment acting on the free disc. Based on the free-body diagram shown in Figure 3.3, which also includes the inertial moment  $-J_G \ddot{\theta} \mathbf{k}$ , the governing equation of motion is



**FIGURE 3.3** (a) A disc undergoing rotational motions and (b) free-body diagram of this disc in the plane normal to the axis of rotation.

$$\underbrace{M(t)\mathbf{k}}_{\text{External moment acting on disk}} - \underbrace{k_i\theta\mathbf{k}}_{\text{Restoring moment due to shaft stiffness}} - \underbrace{c_i\frac{d\theta}{dt}\mathbf{k}}_{\text{Damping moment due to oil in housing}} - \underbrace{J_G\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2}\mathbf{k}}_{\text{Inertial moment}} = 0 \quad (3.12)$$

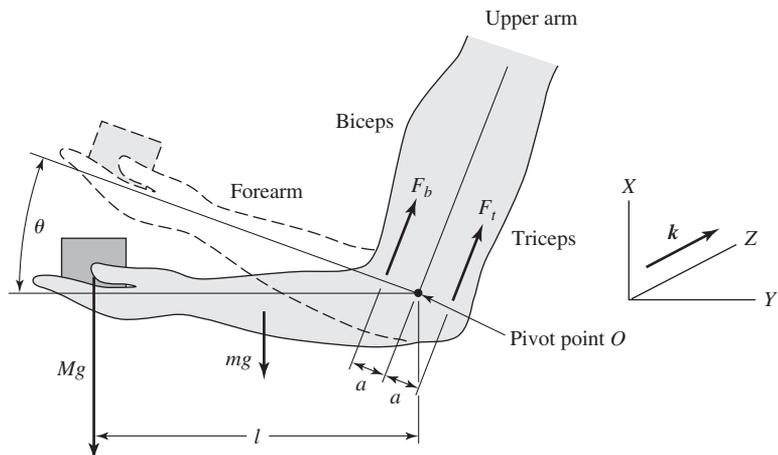
After collecting the scalar coefficients of the different vector terms in Eq. (3.12) and setting them to zero, we arrive at the following scalar equation:

$$J_G \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + c_i \frac{d\theta}{dt} + k_i\theta = M(t) \quad (3.13)$$

The form of Eq. (3.13) is identical to Eq. (3.8), which was obtained for a translating vibratory system; that is, the first term on the left-hand side is determined by the inertia element  $J_G$ , the second term on the left-hand side is determined by the damping element  $c_i$ , the third term on the left-hand side is determined by the stiffness element  $k_i$ , and the right-hand side contains the external forcing, the moment  $M(t)$ . *All linear single degree-of-freedom vibratory systems are governed by a linear second-order ordinary differential equation with an inertia term, a stiffness term, a damping term, and a term related to the external forcing imposed on the system.*

### EXAMPLE 3.3 Hand biomechanics<sup>4</sup>

Consider the rotational motion of the hand in the  $X$ – $Y$  plane shown in Figure 3.4. This motion is described by the angle  $\theta$ . An object of mass  $M$  is held in the hand, and the forearm has a mass  $m$  and a length  $l$ . If we use simplified models for the



**FIGURE 3.4**

Hand motion. *Source:* From P.Maroti, L. Berkes, and F.Tolgyesi, *Biophysics Problems: A Textbook With Answers*. Akademiai Kiado, Budapest, Hungary (1998). Copyright © 1998 P.Maroti, L.Berkes, and F.Tolgyesi. Reprinted with permission.

<sup>4</sup>P. Maróti, L. Berkes, and F. Tölgyesi, *Biophysics Problems*, Akademiai Kiado, Budapest, Hungary (1998).

forces generated by the muscles, then the biceps provide a force of magnitude  $F_b = -k_b\theta$ , where  $k_b$  is a constant, and the triceps provide a force of magnitude  $F_t = K_t v$ , where  $K_t$  is a constant and  $v$  is the magnitude of the velocity with which the triceps are stretched. It is further assumed that the forearm can be treated as a uniform rigid beam. The governing nonlinear equation of motion is obtained, and following along the lines of Example 3.2, the nonlinear system is linearized for “small” oscillations about the system equilibrium position.

The equation of motion of the system of Figure 3.4 is derived by carrying out a moment balance about either the center of the forearm or the pivot point  $O$  (the elbow) if the pivot point is a fixed point. Assuming that the pivot point is a fixed point, Eq. (1.17) is used to carry out a moment balance about point  $O$ . Here, Eq. (1.17) takes the form

$$\mathbf{M} - J_o \ddot{\theta} \mathbf{k} = 0 \tag{a}$$

where  $J_o$  is the rotary inertia of the forearm and the object held in the hand. The net moment  $\mathbf{M}$  acting about the point  $O$  due to gravity loading and the forces due to the biceps and triceps is given by

$$\mathbf{M} = -Mgl \cos \theta \mathbf{k} - mg \frac{l}{2} \cos \theta \mathbf{k} + F_b a \mathbf{k} - F_t a \mathbf{k} \tag{b}$$

Therefore, from Eqs. (a) and (b), we find that the governing equation takes the form

$$-Mgl \cos \theta \mathbf{k} - mg \frac{l}{2} \cos \theta \mathbf{k} + F_b a \mathbf{k} - F_t a \mathbf{k} - J_o \ddot{\theta} \mathbf{k} = 0 \tag{c}$$

Recognizing that

$$\begin{aligned} F_b &= -k_b \theta \\ F_t &= K_t v = K_t a \dot{\theta} \\ J_o &= \frac{1}{3} ml^2 + Ml^2 \end{aligned} \tag{d}$$

and collecting the scalar coefficients of all the vector terms in Eq. (c) and setting them to zero, we obtain the scalar equation

$$\left(M + \frac{m}{3}\right) l^2 \ddot{\theta} + K_t a^2 \dot{\theta} + k_b a \theta + \left(M + \frac{m}{2}\right) gl \cos \theta = 0 \tag{e}$$

In this equation, the inertia term is due to the rotary inertia of the forearm and rotary inertia of the end mass, the damping term is due to the triceps, the stiffness term is due to the biceps, and there is an additional term due to gravity that makes the equation nonlinear due to the presence of the  $\cos \theta$  term. This latter term influences the static equilibrium position and the stiffness of the system, and this influence depends on the magnitude of  $\theta$ .

### Static-Equilibrium Position

Noting that time dependent external moment terms are absent in Eq. (e) and setting the velocity term and the acceleration term to zero, we find that the equilibrium position  $\theta = \theta_o$  is a solution of the transcendental equation

$$k_b a \theta_o + \left( M + \frac{m}{2} \right) g l \cos \theta_o = 0 \quad (\text{f})$$

Linear System Governing “Small” Oscillations about the Static-Equilibrium Position

We now consider oscillations about the static-equilibrium position and expand the angular variable  $\theta(t)$  in the form

$$\theta(t) = \theta_o + \hat{\theta}(t) \quad (\text{g})$$

and linearize the nonlinear term  $\cos \theta$  in Eq. (e). To do this, we carry out the Taylor-series expansions<sup>5</sup> of this term and retain only linear terms in  $\hat{\theta}$ . This leads to

$$\cos \theta = \cos(\theta_o + \hat{\theta}) \approx \cos \theta_o - \hat{\theta} \sin \theta_o + \dots \quad (\text{h})$$

Evaluating the time derivatives of  $\theta(t)$ , we find that

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{\theta}(t) &= \frac{d^2}{dt^2}(\theta_o + \hat{\theta}) = \ddot{\hat{\theta}}(t) \\ \dot{\theta}(t) &= \frac{d}{dt}(\theta_o + \hat{\theta}) = \dot{\hat{\theta}}(t) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{i})$$

On substituting Eqs. (i) and (h) into Eq. (e) and making use of Eq. (f), we arrive at the following linear equation of motion governing “small” oscillations of the forearm about the system-equilibrium position:

$$\left( M + \frac{m}{3} \right) l^2 \ddot{\hat{\theta}} + K_l a^2 \dot{\hat{\theta}} + k_e \hat{\theta} = 0 \quad (\text{j})$$

where

$$k_e = k_b a - \left( M + \frac{m}{2} \right) g l \sin \theta_o \quad (\text{k})$$

It is noted out that the “linear” stiffness of the linearized system is influenced by the gravity loading as reflected by the second term in  $k_e$ .

## 3.3 NATURAL FREQUENCY AND DAMPING FACTOR

In this section, we define the natural frequency and damping factor for a vibratory system and explore how these quantities depend on various system properties. These quantities are discussed without explicitly determining the solution of the system. They are only a function of the system’s inertia, stiffness, and damping parameters and independent of the external time-dependent forcing imposed on a system. The solutions for the responses of vibratory systems represented by Eqs. (3.8) and (3.13), which are discussed in Chapters 4 to 6, can be characterized in terms of the system’s damping factor.

<sup>5</sup>T. B. Hildebrand, *ibid.*

### 3.3.1 Natural Frequency

#### Translation Vibrations: Natural Frequency

For translation oscillations of a single degree-of-freedom system, the *natural frequency*  $\omega_n$  of the system is defined as

$$\omega_n = 2\pi f_n = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \text{ rad/s} \quad (3.14)$$

where  $k$  is the stiffness of the system and  $m$  is the system mass. The quantity  $f_n$ , which is also referred to as the natural frequency, has the units of Hz.

For the configuration shown in Figure 3.1, the vibratory system exhibits vertical oscillations. For such oscillations, we make use of Eq. (3.6) and Eq. (3.14) and obtain

$$\omega_n = 2\pi f_n = \sqrt{\frac{g}{\delta_{st}}} \text{ rad/s} \quad (3.15)$$

where  $\delta_{st}$  is the static deflection of the system.

#### Rotational Vibrations: Natural Frequency

Drawing a parallel to the definition of natural frequency of translation motions of a single degree-of-freedom system, the natural frequency for rotational motions is defined as

$$\omega_n = 2\pi f_n = \sqrt{\frac{k_t}{J}} \text{ rad/s} \quad (3.16)$$

where  $k_t$  is the torsion stiffness of the system and  $J$  is the mass moment of inertia of the system.

**Design Guideline:** For single degree-of-freedom systems, an increase in the stiffness or a decrease in the mass or mass moment of inertia increases the natural frequency, whereas a decrease in the stiffness and/or an increase in the mass or mass moment of inertia decreases the natural frequency. Equivalently, when applicable, the greater the static displacement the lower the natural frequency; however, from practical considerations too large of a static displacement may be undesirable.

#### Period of Undamped Free Oscillations

For an unforced and undamped system, the *period of free oscillation* of the system is given by

$$T = \frac{1}{f_n} = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_n} \quad (3.17)$$

Thus, increasing the natural frequency decreases the period and vice versa.

In the following examples, we show how the static displacement can be used to determine the natural frequency of a single degree-of-freedom system.

### EXAMPLE 3.4 Natural frequency from static deflection of a machine system

For a particular choice of machinery mounting, the static deflection of a piece of machinery is found to be  $\delta_{st1} = 0.1$  mm. For two other choices of machinery mounting, this deflection is found to be  $\delta_{st2} = 1$  mm and  $\delta_{st3} = 10$  mm. Based on the static deflection, we will determine the natural frequency for vertical vibrations for each of the three machinery mountings. To this end, we make use of Eq. (3.15). Noting that the acceleration due to gravity  $g = 9.81$  m/s<sup>2</sup>, we arrive at the following for the natural frequencies of the three machinery mountings:

$$\begin{aligned} f_{n1} &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{g}{\delta_{st1}}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{9.81 \text{ m/s}^2}{0.1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}}} = 49.85 \text{ Hz} \\ f_{n2} &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{g}{\delta_{st2}}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{9.81 \text{ m/s}^2}{1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}}} = 15.76 \text{ Hz} \\ f_{n3} &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{g}{\delta_{st3}}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{9.81 \text{ m/s}^2}{10 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}}} = 4.98 \text{ Hz} \end{aligned}$$

### EXAMPLE 3.5 Static deflection and natural frequency of the tibia bone in a human leg

Consider a person of 100 kg mass standing upright. We shall determine the static deflection in the tibia bone and an estimate of the natural frequency of axial vibrations. The tibia has a length of 40 cm, and it is modeled as a hollow tube with an inner diameter of 2.4 cm and an outer diameter of 3.4 cm. The Young's modulus of elasticity of the bone material is  $2 \times 10^{10}$  N/m<sup>2</sup>.

The static deflection will be determined by using Eq. (3.6), and Eq. (3.15) will be used to determine the natural frequency. We assume that both legs support the weight of the person equally, so that the weight supported by the tibia is

$$mg = \left( \frac{100}{2} \text{ kg} \right) \times (9.81 \text{ m/s}^2) = 490.5 \text{ N} \quad (\text{a})$$

To determine the stiffness  $k$  of the tibia, we use Case 1 of Table 2.3 to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} k &= \frac{EA}{L} = \frac{(2 \times 10^{10} \text{ N/m}^2) \times \frac{\pi}{4} [(3.4 \times 10^{-2})^2 - (2.4 \times 10^{-2})^2] \text{ m}^2}{40 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}} \\ &= 22.78 \times 10^6 \text{ N/m} \quad (\text{b}) \end{aligned}$$

Hence, from Eqs. (3.6), (a), and (b), the static deflection is given by

$$\delta_{st} = \frac{mg}{k} = \frac{490.5 \text{ N}}{22.78 \times 10^6 \text{ N/m}} = 21.53 \text{ } \mu\text{m} \quad (\text{c})$$

and, from Eqs. (3.15) and (c), the natural frequency is

$$f_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{g}{\delta_{st}}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{9.81 \text{ m/s}^2}{21.53 \text{ } \mu\text{m}}} = 107.4 \text{ Hz} \quad (\text{d})$$

### EXAMPLE 3.6 System with a constant natural frequency

In many practical situations, different pieces of machinery are used with a single spring-mounting system. Under these conditions, one would like for the system natural frequency to be constant for the different machinery-mounting-system combinations; that is, we are looking for a system whose natural frequency does not change as the system mass is changed. Through this example, we examine how the spring-mounting system can be designed and discuss a realization of this spring in practice.

From Eq. (3.14), it is clear that the natural frequency depends on the mass of the system. In order to realize the desired objective of constant natural frequency regardless of the system weight, we need a nonlinear spring whose equivalent spring constant is given by

$$k = AW \quad (\text{a})$$

where  $A$  is a constant, the weight  $W = mg$ , and  $g$  is the gravitational constant. Then, from Eqs. (3.15) and (a), we arrive at

$$f_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k}{W}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{Ag} \text{ Hz} \quad (\text{b})$$

from which it is clear that the natural frequency is constant irrespective of the weight of the mass.

#### Nonlinear Spring Mounting

When the side walls of a rubber cylindrical tube are compressed into the nonlinear region,<sup>6</sup> the equivalent spring stiffness of this system approximates the characteristic given by Eq. (a). For illustrative purposes, consider a spring that has the general force-displacement relationship

$$F(x) = a \left( \frac{x}{b} \right)^c \quad (\text{c})$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are scale factors and  $c$  is a shape factor. Noting that for a machinery of weight  $W$ , the static deflection  $x_o$  is determined by using Eq. (c) as

<sup>6</sup>E. I. Riven, *Stiffness and Damping in Mechanical Design*, Marcel Dekker, NY, pp. 58–61 (1999).

$$x_o = b \left( \frac{W}{a} \right)^{1/c} \quad (d)$$

For “small” amplitude vibrations about  $x_o$ , the linear equivalent stiffness of this spring is determined from Eqs. (c) and (d) to be

$$\begin{aligned} k_{eq} &= \left. \frac{dF(x)}{dx} \right|_{x=x_o} = \frac{ac}{b} \left( \frac{x_o}{b} \right)^{c-1} \\ &= \frac{ac}{b} \left( \frac{W}{a} \right)^{(c-1)/c} \end{aligned} \quad (e)$$

Then, from Eqs. (3.14) and (e), we determine the natural frequency of this system as

$$\begin{aligned} f_n &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k_{eq}}{W/g}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{gc}{b} \left( \frac{W}{a} \right)^{-1/c}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{gc}{b}} \left( \frac{W}{a} \right)^{-1/(2c)} \text{ Hz} \end{aligned} \quad (f)$$

### Representative Spring Data

We now consider the representative data of a nonlinear spring shown in Figure 3.5a. By using standard curve-fitting procedures,<sup>7</sup> we find that  $a = 2500$  N,  $b = 0.011$  m, and  $c = 2.77$ . After substituting these values into Eq. (f), we arrive at the natural frequency values shown in Figure 3.5b. It is seen that over a sizable portion of the load range, the natural frequency of the system varies within the range of  $\pm 8.8\%$ . The natural frequency of a system with a linear spring whose static displacement ranges from 12 mm to 5 mm varies approximately from 4.5 Hz ( $=\sqrt{9.8/0.012}/2\pi$  Hz) to 7.0 Hz ( $=\sqrt{9.8/0.005}/2\pi$  Hz) or approximately  $\pm 22\%$  about a frequency of 5.8 Hz.

## 3.3.2 Damping Factor

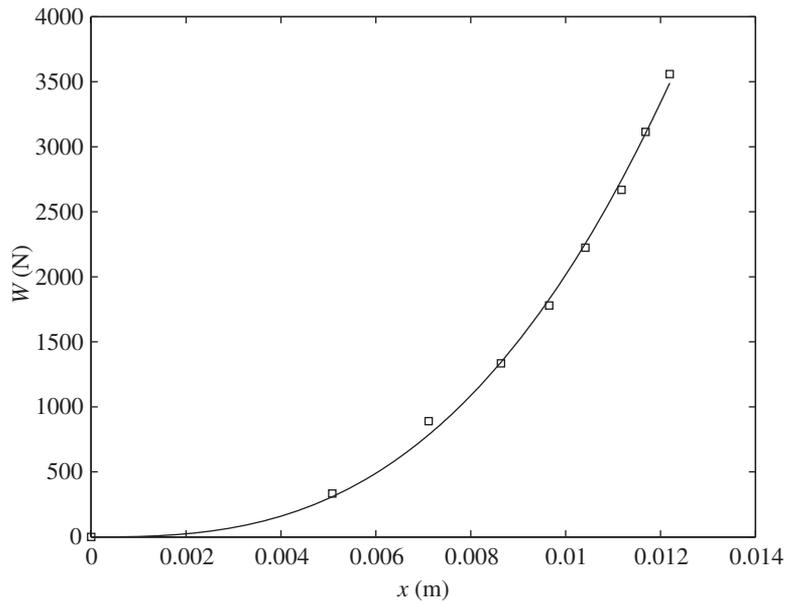
### Translation Vibrations: Damping Factor

For translating single degree-of-freedom systems, such as those described by Eq. (3.8), the *damping factor* or *damping ratio*  $\zeta$  is defined as

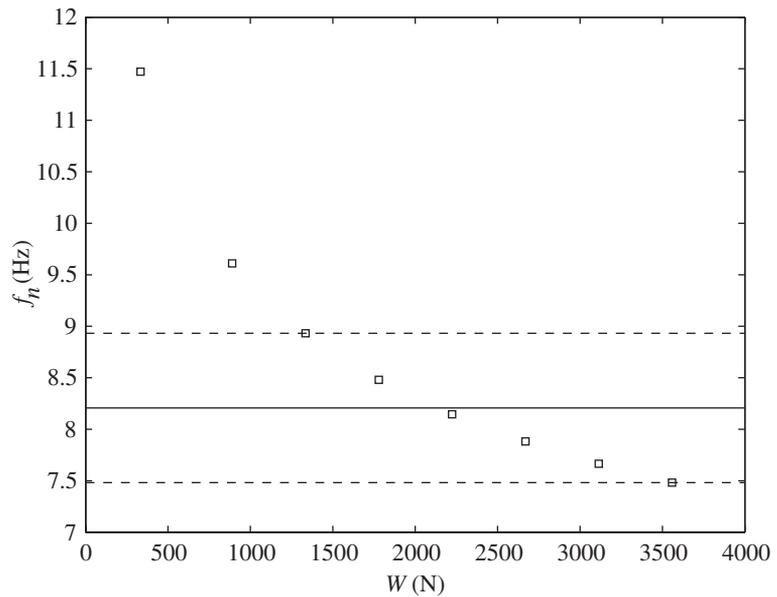
$$\zeta = \frac{c}{2m\omega_n} = \frac{c}{2\sqrt{km}} = \frac{c\omega_n}{2k} \quad (3.18)$$

where  $c$  is the system damping coefficient with units of N·s/m,  $k$  is the system stiffness, and  $m$  is the system mass. The damping factor is a nondimensional quantity.

<sup>7</sup>The MATLAB function `lsqcurvefit` from the Optimization Toolbox was used.



(a)



(b)

**FIGURE 3.5**

(a) Curve fit of nonlinear spring data: squares—experimental data values; solid line—fitted curve; (b) natural frequency for data values in (a) above: horizontal broken lines are within  $\pm 8.8\%$  from the solid horizontal line.

### Critical Damping, Underdamping, and Overdamping

Defining the quantity  $c_c$ , called the *critical damping*, as

$$c_c = 2m\omega_n = 2\sqrt{km} \quad (3.19)$$

the damping ratio is rewritten in the form

$$\zeta = \frac{c}{c_c} \quad (3.20)$$

When  $c = c_c$ ,  $\zeta = 1$ . The significance of  $c_c$  is discussed in Section 4.2, where free oscillations of vibratory systems are considered. A system for which  $0 < \zeta < 1$  is called an *underdamped* system and a system for which  $\zeta > 1$  is called an *overdamped* system. A system for which  $\zeta = 1$  is called a *critically damped* system.

### Rotational Vibrations: Damping Factor

For rotating single degree-of-freedom systems such as those described by Eq. (3.13), the *damping ratio*  $\zeta$  is defined as

$$\zeta = \frac{c_t}{2J\omega_n} = \frac{c_t}{2\sqrt{k_t J}} \quad (3.21)$$

where the damping coefficient  $c_t$  has the units  $\text{N}\cdot\text{m}\cdot\text{s}/\text{rad}$ .

From Eqs. (3.14) and (3.16), we see that the stiffness and inertia properties affect the natural frequency. From Eqs. (3.18) and (3.21), we see that the damping ratio is affected by any change in the stiffness, inertia, or damping property. However, one can change more than one system parameter in such a way that the net effect on  $\zeta$  remains unchanged. This is shown in Example 3.8.

### Governing Equation of Motion in Terms of Natural Frequency and Damping Factor

Introducing the definitions given by Eqs. (3.14) and (3.18) into Eq. (3.8), we obtain

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 2\zeta\omega_n \frac{dx}{dt} + \omega_n^2 x = \frac{f(t)}{m} \quad (3.22)$$

The significance of the quantities  $\omega_n$  and  $\zeta$  will become apparent when the solution to Eq. (3.22) is discussed in detail in the subsequent chapters. If we introduce the dimensionless time  $\tau = \omega_n t$ , then Eq. (3.22) can be written as

$$\frac{d^2x}{d\tau^2} + 2\zeta \frac{dx}{d\tau} + x = \frac{f(\tau)}{k} \quad (3.23)$$

It is seen from Eq. (3.23) that the natural frequency associated with the non-dimensional system is always unity (one), and that the damping factor  $\zeta$  is the only system parameter that appears explicitly on the left-hand side of the equation. We shall use both forms of Eqs. (3.22) and (3.23) in subsequent chapters.

In the absence of forcing, that is, when  $f(\tau) = 0$ , the motion of a vibratory system expressed in terms of nondimensional quantities can be described by just one system parameter. This fact is further elucidated in Section 4.2, where free oscillations are considered and it is shown that the qualitative nature of these oscillations can be completely characterized by the damping factor. In the presence of forcing, that is,  $f(\tau) \neq 0$ , both the damping factor  $\zeta$  and the natural frequency  $\omega_n$  are important for characterizing the nature of the response. This is further addressed when the forced responses of single degree-of-freedom systems are considered in Chapters 5 and 6.

Since the damping coefficient is one of the most important descriptors of a vibratory system, it is important to understand its interrelationships with the component's parameters  $m$  (or  $J$ ),  $c$  (or  $c_l$ ), and  $k$  (or  $k_l$ ). We shall illustrate some of these relationships with the following example.

**EXAMPLE 3.7** Effect of mass on the damping factor

A system is initially designed to be critically damped—that is, with a damping factor of  $\zeta = 1$ . Due to a design change, the mass of the system is increased 20%—that is, from  $m$  to  $1.2m$ . Will the system still be critically damped if the stiffness and the damping coefficient of the system are kept the same?

The definition of the damping factor is given by Eq. (3.18) and that for the critical damping factor is given by Eq. (3.19). Then, the damping factor of the system after the design change is given by

$$\zeta_{\text{new}} = \frac{c}{2\sqrt{k(1.2m)}} = 0.91 \frac{c}{2\sqrt{km}} = 0.91 \frac{c}{c_c} = 0.91 \times 1 = 0.91$$

Therefore, the system with the increased mass is no longer critically damped; rather, it is now underdamped.

**EXAMPLE 3.8** Effects of system parameters on the damping ratio

An engineer finds that a single degree-of-freedom system with mass  $m$ , damping  $c$ , and spring constant  $k$  has too much static deflection  $\delta_{st}$ . The engineer would like to decrease  $\delta_{st}$  by a factor of 2, while keeping the damping ratio constant. We shall determine the different options.

Noting that this is a problem involving vertical vibrations, it is seen from Eqs. (3.6), (3.15), and (3.18) that

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{st} &= \frac{mg}{k} \\ 2\zeta &= \frac{c}{m} \sqrt{\frac{\delta_{st}}{g}} = c \sqrt{\frac{\delta_{st}}{gm^2}} = \frac{1}{m} \sqrt{c^2 \delta_{st}} \end{aligned} \tag{a}$$

From Eqs. (a), we see that there are three ways that one can achieve the goal.

**First Choice**

For the first choice, let  $c$  remain constant. Then, when  $\delta_{st}$  is reduced by one-half,

$$2\zeta = c \sqrt{\frac{\delta_{st}}{gm^2}} \rightarrow c \sqrt{\frac{\delta_{st}}{2gm^2}} \quad (b)$$

and, therefore, the mass has to be reduced by a factor of  $\sqrt{2}$  and the stiffness has to be increased by a factor of  $\sqrt{2}$ ; that is,

$$m \rightarrow \frac{m}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \text{and} \quad k \rightarrow k\sqrt{2} \quad (c)$$

since,

$$\delta_{st} = \frac{mg}{k} \rightarrow \frac{m}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{g}{k\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\delta_{st}}{2} \quad (d)$$

Thus, for  $\delta_{st} \rightarrow \delta_{st}/2$  and  $c$  held constant,  $m \rightarrow m/\sqrt{2}$  and  $k \rightarrow k\sqrt{2}$ .

**Second Choice**

For the second choice, let  $m$  remain constant. Then, when  $\delta_{st}$  is reduced by one-half,

$$2\zeta = \frac{1}{m} \sqrt{\frac{c^2 \delta_{st}}{g}} \rightarrow \frac{1}{m} \sqrt{\frac{c^2 \delta_{st}}{2g}} \quad (e)$$

and, therefore, the damping coefficient has to be increased by a factor of  $\sqrt{2}$  and the stiffness has to be increased by a factor of 2; that is,

$$c \rightarrow c\sqrt{2} \quad \text{and} \quad k \rightarrow 2k \quad (f)$$

since,

$$\delta_{st} = \frac{mg}{k} \rightarrow \frac{mg}{2k} = \frac{\delta_{st}}{2} \quad (g)$$

Thus, for  $\delta_{st} \rightarrow \delta_{st}/2$  and  $m$  held constant,  $k \rightarrow 2k$  and  $c \rightarrow c\sqrt{2}$ .

**Third Choice**

For the last choice, let  $k$  remain constant. Then, when  $\delta_{st}$  is reduced by one-half,

$$\delta_{st} = \frac{mg}{k} \rightarrow \frac{m}{2} \frac{g}{k} = \frac{\delta_{st}}{2} \quad (h)$$

Thus, the mass has to be reduced by a factor of 2; that is,

$$m \rightarrow \frac{m}{2} \quad (i)$$

Furthermore, since

$$2\zeta = \frac{c}{\sqrt{km}} \tag{j}$$

the damping coefficient has to be reduced by a factor of  $\sqrt{2}$ ; that is,

$$c \rightarrow \frac{c}{\sqrt{2}} \tag{k}$$

Thus, for  $\delta_{st} \rightarrow \delta_{st}/2$  and  $k$  held constant,  $m \rightarrow m/2$  and  $c \rightarrow c/\sqrt{2}$ .

Notice that in all three cases the natural frequency increases by a factor of  $\sqrt{2}$ . The results of this example can be generalized to a design guideline (see Exercises 3.22 and 3.23).

In the next two sections, the governing equations for different types of damping models and forcing conditions are presented. For all of these cases, translational motions are considered for illustrative purposes, and the equations are obtained by carrying out a force balance along the direction of motion. The form of the governing equations will be similar for systems involving rotational motions.

### 3.4 GOVERNING EQUATIONS FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF DAMPING

The governing equations of motion for systems with different types of damping are obtained by replacing the term corresponding to the force due to viscous damping with the force due to either the fluid, structural, or dry friction type damping. Solutions for different periodically forced systems are given in Section 5.8, where equivalent viscous damping coefficients for different damping models are obtained.

#### Coulomb or Dry Friction Damping

After using Eq. (2.52) to replace the  $c\dot{x}$  term in Eq. (3.8), the governing equation of motion takes the form

$$m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + kx + \underbrace{\mu mg \operatorname{sgn}(\dot{x})}_{\substack{\text{Nonlinear dry} \\ \text{friction force}}} = f(t) \tag{3.24}$$

which is a nonlinear equation because the damping characteristic is piecewise linear. This piece-wise linear property can be used to find the solution of this system.

#### Fluid Damping

After using Eq. (2.54) to replace the  $c\dot{x}$  term in Eq. (3.8), the governing equation takes the form

$$m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \underbrace{c_d |\dot{x}| \dot{x}}_{\substack{\text{Nonlinear fluid} \\ \text{damping force}}} + kx = f(t) \quad (3.25)$$

which is a nonlinear equation due to the nature of the damping.

### Structural Damping

After using Eq. (2.57) to replace the  $c\dot{x}$  term in Eq. (3.8), we arrive at the governing equation

$$m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + k\beta\pi \operatorname{sgn}(\dot{x})|\dot{x}| + kx = f(t) \quad (3.26)$$

Equation (3.26) is further addressed in Section 5.8.

## 3.5

## GOVERNING EQUATIONS FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF APPLIED FORCES

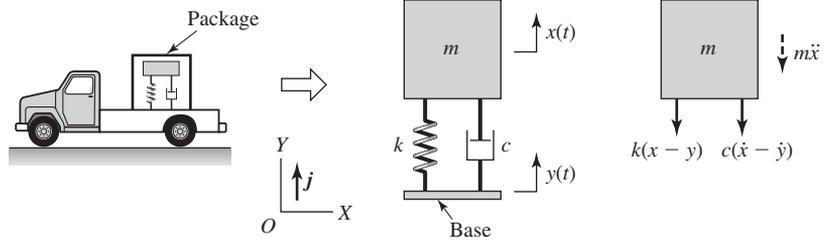
In Section 3.2, we addressed governing equations of single degree-of-freedom systems whose inertial elements were subjected to direct excitations. Here, we address governing equations of single degree-of-freedom systems subjected to base excitations, systems excited by rotating unbalance, and systems immersed in a fluid.

### 3.5.1 System with Base Excitation

The base-excitation model is a prototype that is useful for studying buildings subjected to earthquakes, packaging during transportation, vehicle response, and for designing accelerometers (see Section 5.6). Here, the physical system of interest is represented by a single degree-of-freedom system whose base is subjected to a displacement disturbance  $y(t)$ , and an equation governing the motion of this system is sought to determine the response of the system  $x(t)$ .

If the system of interest is an automobile, then the road surface on which it is traveling can be a source of the disturbance  $y(t)$  and the vehicle response  $x(t)$  is to be determined. To avoid failure of electronic components during transportation, a base-excitation model is used to predict the vibration response of the electronic components. For buildings located above or adjacent to subways or above ground railroad tracks, the passage of trains can act as a source of excitation to the base of the building. In designing accelerometers, the accelerometer responses to different base excitations are studied to determine the appropriate accelerometer system parameters, such as the damping factor.

A prototype of a single degree-of-freedom system subjected to a base excitation is illustrated in Figure 3.6. The system represents an instrumentation package being transported in a vehicle. The vehicle provides the base excitation  $y(t)$  to the instrumentation package modeled as a single degree-of-



**FIGURE 3.6** Base excitation and the free-body diagram of the mass.

freedom system. The displacement response  $x(t)$  is measured from the system’s static-equilibrium position. In the system shown in Figure 3.6, it is assumed that no external force is applied directly to the mass; that is,  $f(t) = 0$ . Based on the free-body diagram shown in Figure 3.6, we use Eq. (3.1b) to obtain the following governing equation of motion

$$m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + c \frac{dx}{dt} + kx = c \frac{dy}{dt} + ky \tag{3.27}$$

which, on using Eqs. (3.14) and (3.18), takes the form

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 2\zeta\omega_n \frac{dx}{dt} + \omega_n^2 x = 2\zeta\omega_n \frac{dy}{dt} + \omega_n^2 y \tag{3.28}$$

The displacements  $y(t)$  and  $x(t)$  are measured from a fixed point  $O$  located in an inertial reference frame and a fixed point located at the system’s static-equilibrium position, respectively. If the relative displacement is desired, then we let

$$z(t) = x(t) - y(t) \tag{3.29}$$

and Eq. (3.27) is written as

$$m \frac{d^2z}{dt^2} + c \frac{dz}{dt} + kz = -m \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} \tag{3.30}$$

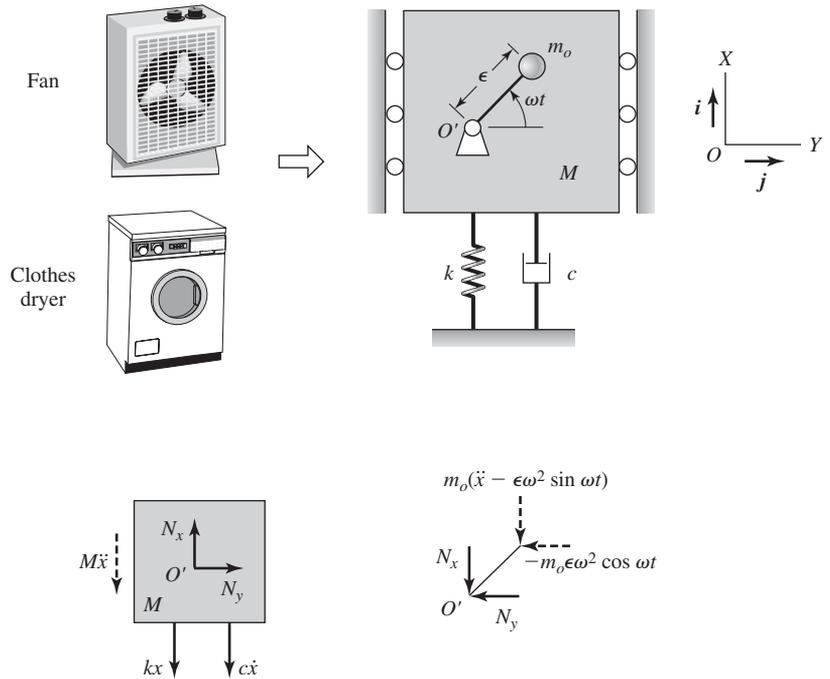
while Eq. (3.28) becomes

$$\frac{d^2z}{dt^2} + 2\zeta\omega_n \frac{dz}{dt} + \omega_n^2 z = -\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} \tag{3.31}$$

where  $\ddot{y}(t)$  is the acceleration of the base.

### 3.5.2 System with Unbalanced Rotating Mass

As discussed in Chapter 1, many rotating machines such as fans, clothes dryers, internal combustion engines, and electric motors, have a certain degree of unbalance. In modeling such systems as single degree-of-freedom systems, it is assumed that the unbalance generates a force that acts on the system’s mass. This

**FIGURE 3.7**

System with unbalanced rotating mass and free-body diagrams.

force, in turn, is transmitted through the spring and damper to the fixed base. The unbalance is modeled as a mass  $m_o$  that rotates with an angular speed  $\omega$ , and this mass is located a fixed distance  $\epsilon$  from the center of rotation as shown in Figure 3.7. Note that in Figure 3.7,  $M$  does not include the unbalance  $m_o$ .

For deriving the governing equation, only motions along the vertical direction are considered, since the presence of the lateral supports restrict motion in the  $\mathbf{j}$  direction. The displacement of the system  $x(t)$  is measured from the system's static-equilibrium position. The fixed point  $O$  is chosen to coincide with the vertical position of the static-equilibrium position. Based on the discussion in Section 3.2, gravity loading is not explicitly taken into account.

From the free-body diagram of the unbalanced mass  $m_o$ , we find that the reactions at the point  $O'$  are given by

$$\begin{aligned} N_x &= -m_o(\ddot{x} - \epsilon\omega^2 \sin \omega t) \\ N_y &= m_o \epsilon\omega^2 \cos \omega t \end{aligned} \quad (3.32)$$

and from the free-body diagram of mass  $M$  we find that

$$M \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + c \frac{dx}{dt} + kx = N_x \quad (3.33)$$

Then, substituting for  $N_x$  from Eqs. (3.32) into Eq. (3.33), we arrive at the equation of motion

$$(M + m_o) \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + c \frac{dx}{dt} + kx = m_o \epsilon \omega^2 \sin \omega t \tag{3.34}$$

which is rewritten as

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 2\zeta\omega_n \frac{dx}{dt} + \omega_n^2 x = \frac{F(\omega)}{m} \sin \omega t \tag{3.35}$$

where

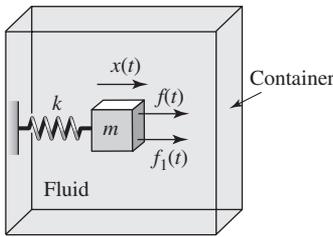
$$\begin{aligned} m &= M + m_o \\ \omega_n &= \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \\ F(\omega) &= m_o \epsilon \omega^2 \end{aligned} \tag{3.36}$$

In Eqs. (3.35) and (3.36),  $F(\omega)$  is the magnitude of the unbalanced force. This magnitude depends on the unbalanced mass  $m_o$  and it is proportional to the square of the excitation frequency. From Eq. (3.6), it follows that the static displacement of the spring is

$$\delta_{st} = \frac{(M + m_o)g}{k} = \frac{mg}{k} \tag{3.37}$$

### 3.5.3 System with Added Mass Due to a Fluid

Consider a rigid body that is connected to a spring as shown in Figure 3.8. The entire system is immersed in a fluid. From Eq. (3.8) and Figure 3.8, and noting that  $c = 0$  because there is no damper, the equation of motion of the system is



$$m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + kx = f(t) + f_1(t) \tag{3.38}$$

where  $x(t)$  is measured from the unstretched position of the spring,  $f(t)$  is the externally applied force, and  $f_1(t)$  is the force exerted by the fluid on the mass due to the motion of the mass. The force generated by the fluid on the rigid body is<sup>8</sup>

$$f_1(t) = -K_o M \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} - C_f \frac{dx}{dt} \tag{3.39}$$

where  $M$  is the mass of the fluid displaced by the body,  $K_o$  is an added mass coefficient that is a function of the shape of the rigid body and the shape and size of the container holding the fluid, and  $C_f$  is a positive fluid damping coefficient that is a function of the shape of the rigid body, the kinematic viscosity of the fluid, and the frequency of oscillation of the rigid body.

**FIGURE 3.8**  
Vibrations of a system immersed in a fluid.

<sup>8</sup>K. G. McConnell and D. F. Young, “Added mass of a sphere in a bounded viscous fluid,” *J. Engrg. Mech. Div., Proc. ASCE*, Vol. 91, No. 4, pp. 147–164 (1965).

After substituting Eq. (3.39) into Eq. (3.38), we obtain the governing equation of motion

$$(m + K_o M) \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + C_f \frac{dx}{dt} + kx = f(t) \quad (3.40)$$

where  $K_o M$  is the *added mass* due to the fluid. From Eq. (3.40), we see that placing a single degree-of-freedom system in a fluid increases the total mass of the system and adds viscous damping to the system.<sup>9</sup> A practical application of the fluid mass loading is in modeling offshore structures.<sup>10</sup>

In this section, the use of force-balance and moment-balance methods for deriving the governing equation of a single degree-of-freedom system was illustrated. In the next section, a different method to obtain the governing equation of a single degree-of-freedom system is presented. This method is based on Lagrange's equations, where one makes use of scalar quantities such as kinetic energy and potential energy for obtaining the equation of motion.

## 3.6 LAGRANGE'S EQUATIONS<sup>11</sup>

Lagrange's equations can be derived from differential principles such as the principle of virtual work and integral principles such as those discussed in Chapter 9. We will not derive Lagrange's equations here, but use these equations to obtain governing equations of holonomic<sup>12</sup> systems. We first present Lagrange's equations for a system with multiple degrees of freedom and then apply them to vibratory systems modeled with a single degree of freedom. In Chapter 7, we illustrate how the governing equations of systems with multiple degrees of freedom are determined by using Lagrange's equations.

Let us consider a system with  $N$  degrees of freedom that is described by a set of  $N$  generalized coordinates  $q_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$ . These coordinates are unconstrained, independent coordinates; that is, they are not related to each other by geometrical or kinematical conditions. Then, in terms of the chosen generalized coordinates, Lagrange's equations have the form

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_j} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_j} + \frac{\partial D}{\partial \dot{q}_j} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial q_j} = Q_j \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, N \quad (3.41)$$

where  $\dot{q}_j$  are the generalized velocities,  $T$  is the kinetic energy of the system,  $V$  is the potential energy of the system,  $D$  is the Rayleigh dissipation function,

<sup>9</sup>A similar result is obtained when one considers the acoustic radiation loading on the mass, when the surface of the mass is used as an acoustically radiating surface. See L. E. Kinsler and A. R. Frey, *Fundamentals of Acoustics*, 2nd ed., John Wiley and Sons, NY, pp.180–183 (1962).

<sup>10</sup>A. Uściłowska and J. A. Kołodziej, "Free vibration of immersed column carrying a tip mass," *J. Sound Vibration*, Vol. 216, No. 1, pp. 147–157 (1998).

<sup>11</sup>For a derivation of the Lagrange equations see D. T. Greenwood, *Principles of Dynamics*, Prentice Hall, Upper Saddle River, NJ, 1988, Section 6-6.

<sup>12</sup>As discussed in Chapter 1, holonomic systems are systems subjected to holonomic constraints, which are integrable constraints. Geometric constraints discussed in Chapter 1 are in this category.

and  $Q_j$  is the generalized force that appears in the  $j$ th equation. Let us suppose that the system is composed of  $l$  bodies. Then, the generalized forces  $Q_j$  are given by

$$Q_j = \sum_l \mathbf{F}_l \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}_l}{\partial q_j} + \sum_l \mathbf{M}_l \cdot \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\omega}_l}{\partial \dot{q}_j} \quad (3.42)$$

where  $\mathbf{F}_l$  and  $\mathbf{M}_l$  are the vector representations of the externally applied forces and moments on the  $l$ th body, respectively,  $\mathbf{r}_l$  is the position vector to the location where the force  $\mathbf{F}_l$  is applied, and  $\boldsymbol{\omega}_l$  is the  $l$ th body's angular velocity about the axis along which the considered moment is applied. The “ $\cdot$ ” symbol in Eq. (3.42) indicates the scalar dot product of two vectors.

### Linear Vibratory Systems

For vibratory systems with linear inertial characteristics, linear stiffness characteristics, and linear viscous damping characteristics, the quantities  $T$ ,  $V$ , and  $D$  take the following form:<sup>13</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} T &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{n=1}^N m_{jn} \dot{q}_j \dot{q}_n \\ V &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{n=1}^N k_{jn} q_j q_n \\ D &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{n=1}^N c_{jn} \dot{q}_j \dot{q}_n \end{aligned} \quad (3.43)$$

In Eqs. (3.43), each of the summations is carried out over the number of degrees of freedom  $N$  and the inertia coefficients  $m_{jn}$ , the stiffness coefficients  $k_{jn}$ , and the damping coefficients  $c_{jn}$  are positive quantities.

### Single Degree-of-Freedom Systems

In this chapter we shall limit the discussion to the case when  $N = 1$ , which is the case of a single degree-of-freedom system. Then Eqs. (3.41) reduce to

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_1} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_1} + \frac{\partial D}{\partial \dot{q}_1} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial q_1} = Q_1 \quad (3.44)$$

where the generalized force is obtained from Eq. (3.42), which reduces to

$$Q_1 = \sum_l \mathbf{F}_l \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}_l}{\partial q_1} + \sum_l \mathbf{M}_l \cdot \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\omega}_l}{\partial \dot{q}_1} \quad (3.45)$$

<sup>13</sup>The quadratic forms shown for  $T$ ,  $V$ , and  $D$  in Eqs. (3.43) are strictly valid for systems with linear characteristics. In addition, the kinetic energy  $T$  is not always a function of only velocities as shown here. Systems in which the kinetic energy has the quadratic form shown in Eqs. (3.43) are called *natural systems*. For a general system with holonomic constraints, Eqs. (3.41) will be used directly in this book to obtain the governing equations.

### Linear Single Degree-of-Freedom Systems

For linear single degree-of-freedom systems, the expressions for the system kinetic energy, the system potential energy, and the system dissipation function given by Eqs. (3.43) reduce to

$$\begin{aligned} T &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^1 \sum_{n=1}^1 m_{jn} \dot{q}_j \dot{q}_n = \frac{1}{2} m_{11} \dot{q}_1^2 \\ V &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^1 \sum_{n=1}^1 k_{jn} q_j q_n = \frac{1}{2} k_{11} q_1^2 \\ D &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^1 \sum_{n=1}^1 c_{jn} \dot{q}_j \dot{q}_n = \frac{1}{2} c_{11} \dot{q}_1^2 \end{aligned} \quad (3.46a)$$

Comparing the forms of the kinetic energy  $T$ , the potential energy  $V$ , and the dissipation function  $D$  with the standard forms given in Chapter 2, we find that

$$\begin{aligned} T &= \frac{1}{2} m_e \dot{q}_1^2 \\ V &= \frac{1}{2} k_e q_1^2 \\ D &= \frac{1}{2} c_e \dot{q}_1^2 \end{aligned} \quad (3.46b)$$

where  $m_e$  is the *equivalent mass*,  $k_e$  is the *equivalent stiffness*, and  $c_e$  is the *equivalent viscous damping*; they are given by

$$\begin{aligned} m_e &= m_{11} \\ k_e &= k_{11} \\ c_e &= c_{11} \end{aligned} \quad (3.46c)$$

On substituting Eqs. (3.46) into Eq. (3.44), the result is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{q}_1} \left( \frac{1}{2} m_e \dot{q}_1^2 \right) \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial q_1} \left( \frac{1}{2} m_e \dot{q}_1^2 \right) \\ + \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{q}_1} \left( \frac{1}{2} c_e \dot{q}_1^2 \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial q_1} \left( \frac{1}{2} k_e q_1^2 \right) &= Q_1 \\ \frac{d}{dt} (m_e \dot{q}_1) - 0 + c_e \dot{q}_1 + k_e q_1 &= Q_1 \\ m_e \ddot{q}_1 + c_e \dot{q}_1 + k_e q_1 &= Q_1 \end{aligned} \quad (3.47)$$

Thus, to obtain the governing equation of motion of a linear vibrating system with viscous damping, one first obtains expressions for the system kinetic energy, system potential energy, and system dissipation function. If these quantities can be grouped so that an equivalent mass, equivalent stiffness, and equivalent damping can be identified, then, after the determination

of the generalized force, the governing equation is given by the last of Eqs. (3.47). We see further from the definitions Eqs. (3.14) and (3.18) that

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k_e}{m_e}}$$

$$\zeta = \frac{c_e}{2m_e\omega_n} = \frac{c_e}{2\sqrt{k_em_e}} \quad (3.48)$$

It is noted that depending on the choice of the generalized coordinate, the determined equivalent inertia, equivalent stiffness, and equivalent damping properties of a system will be different. In the rest of this section, the use of the Lagrange equations is illustrated with eleven examples. As illustrated in these examples, we use the last of Eqs. (3.47) to obtain the governing equations of motion if the system kinetic energy, system potential energy, and dissipation function are in the form of Eqs. (3.46b); otherwise, we use Eq. (3.44) directly to obtain the governing equation of motion.

It is noted that only the system displacements and velocities are needed from the kinematics to use Lagrange’s method whereas, to use the force-balance and moment-balance methods, one also needs system accelerations and has to deal with internal forces. In addition, with the increasing use of symbolic manipulation programs, it has become more common to have these programs derive the governing equations directly from the Lagrange’s equations.

**EXAMPLE 3.9** Equation of motion for a linear single degree-of-freedom system

For the linear system of Figure 3.1, the equation of motion is derived by using Lagrange’s equations. After choosing the generalized coordinate to be  $x$ , we determine the system kinetic energy, the system potential energy, and the dissipation function for the system. From these quantities and the determined generalized force, the governing equation of motion of the system is established for motions about the static equilibrium position.

First, we identify the following

$$q_1 = x, \quad F_l = f(t)\mathbf{j}, \quad \mathbf{r}_l = x\mathbf{j}, \quad \text{and} \quad M_l = 0 \quad (a)$$

where  $\mathbf{j}$  is the unit vector along the vertical direction. Making use of Eqs. (3.45) and (a), we determine the generalized force as

$$Q_1 = \sum_l \mathbf{F}_l \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}_l}{\partial q_j} + 0 = f(t)\mathbf{j} \cdot \frac{\partial x\mathbf{j}}{\partial x} = f(t) \quad (b)$$

From Eqs. (2.3) and (2.10), we find that the system kinetic energy and potential energy are, respectively,

$$T = \frac{1}{2} m\dot{x}^2$$

$$V = \frac{1}{2} kx^2 \quad (c)$$

and, from Eqs. (3.46), the dissipation function is

$$D = \frac{1}{2} c \dot{x}^2 \quad (d)$$

Comparing Eqs. (c) and (d) to Eqs. (3.46), we recognize that

$$m_e = m, \quad k_e = k, \quad \text{and} \quad c_e = c \quad (e)$$

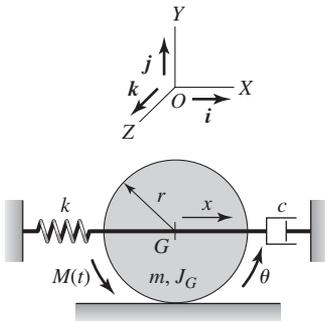
Hence, from Eqs. (e) and the last of Eqs. (3.47), the governing equation of motion has the form

$$m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + c \frac{dx}{dt} + kx = f(t) \quad (f)$$

which is identical to Eq. (3.8).

In the following examples, we show how the Lagrange equations can be used to derive the governing equations for a wide range of single degree-of-freedom systems.

### EXAMPLE 3.10 Equation of motion for a system that translates and rotates



**FIGURE 3.9**  
Disc rolling and translating.

In Figure 3.9, a system that translates and rotates is illustrated. After choosing a generalized coordinate, we construct the system kinetic energy, the system potential energy, and the dissipation function, and then noting that they are in the form of Eqs. (3.46), we determine the equivalent inertia, equivalent stiffness, and equivalent damping coefficient. Based on these equivalent system properties and the last of Eqs. (3.47), we obtain the governing equation of motion of this system. We also determine the expressions for the natural frequency and the damping factor.

As shown in Figure 3.9, the disc has a mass  $m$  and a mass moment of inertia  $J_G$  about its center  $G$ . The disc rolls without slipping. The horizontal location of the fixed point  $O$  is chosen to coincide with the unstretched length of the spring, and the horizontal translations of the center of mass of the disc are measured from this point  $O$ . When the center of the disc translates an amount  $x$  along the horizontal direction  $\mathbf{i}$ , then  $x = r\theta$ , where  $\theta$  is the corresponding rotation of the disc about an axis parallel to  $\mathbf{k}$ . We can choose either  $x$  or  $\theta$  as the generalized coordinate and express the one that is not chosen in terms of the other. Here, we choose  $\theta$  as the generalized coordinate. Furthermore, we recognize that

$$q_1 = \theta, \quad F_1 = 0, \quad M_1 = M(t)\mathbf{k}, \quad \text{and} \quad \boldsymbol{\omega}_1 = \dot{\theta}\mathbf{k} \quad (a)$$

Then making use of Eqs. (3.45) and (a), we determine the generalized force to be

$$Q_1 = \sum_i M_i \cdot \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\omega}_i}{\partial \dot{q}_1} = M(t)\mathbf{k} \cdot \frac{\partial \dot{\theta}}{\partial \dot{\theta}} \mathbf{k} = M(t) \quad (b)$$

To determine the potential energy, we note that we have a linear spring. Therefore, we make use of Eq. (2.10) and arrive at

$$V = \frac{1}{2} kx^2 = \frac{1}{2} k(r\theta)^2 = \frac{1}{2} kr^2\theta^2 \tag{c}$$

From Eq. (c), we recognize the equivalent stiffness of the system to be

$$k_e = kr^2 \tag{d}$$

To determine the kinetic energy of the system, we make use of Eq. (1.23); that is, the kinetic energy of the disc is the sum of the kinetic energy due to translation of the center of mass of the disc and the kinetic energy due to rotation about the center of mass. Thus, we find that

$$T = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} m\dot{x}^2}_{\text{Translation kinetic energy}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} J_G\dot{\theta}^2}_{\text{Rotational kinetic energy}} = \frac{1}{2} [mr^2 + J_G]\dot{\theta}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{3}{2} mr^2 \right] \dot{\theta}^2 \tag{e}$$

where from Table 2.2, we have used  $J_G = mr^2/2$ . From Eq. (e), we recognize that the equivalent mass of the system is

$$m_e = \frac{3}{2} mr^2 \tag{f}$$

In this case, the dissipation function takes the form

$$D = \frac{1}{2} c\dot{x}^2 = \frac{1}{2} c(r\dot{\theta})^2 = \frac{1}{2} (cr^2)\dot{\theta}^2 \tag{g}$$

from which we identify the equivalent damping coefficient to be

$$c_e = cr^2 \tag{h}$$

Hence, from the determined generalized force and the equivalent inertia, equivalent stiffness, equivalent damping properties, and the last of Eqs. (3.47), we obtain the governing equation of motion

$$\frac{3}{2} mr^2\ddot{\theta} + cr^2\dot{\theta} + kr^2\theta = M(t) \tag{i}$$

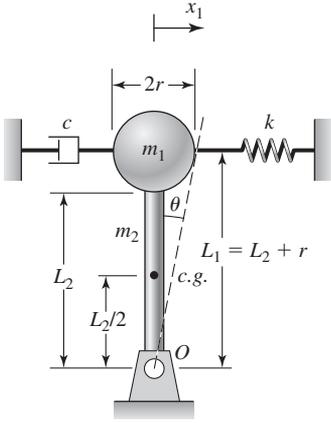
### Natural Frequency and Damping Factor

To determine the natural frequency and the damping factor, we make use of Eqs. (3.48) and find that

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k_e}{m_e}} = \sqrt{\frac{kr^2}{3mr^2/2}} = \sqrt{\frac{2k}{3m}}$$

$$\zeta = \frac{c_e}{2m_e\omega_n} = \frac{cr^2}{2(3mr^2/2)\sqrt{2k/3m}} = \frac{c}{\sqrt{6km}} \tag{j}$$

### EXAMPLE 3.11 Governing equation for an inverted pendulum



**FIGURE 3.10**

Inverted planar pendulum restrained by a spring and a viscous damper.

For the inverted pendulum shown in Figure 3.10, we obtain the governing equation of motion for “small” oscillations about the upright position. The natural frequency of the inverted pendulum is also determined and the natural frequency of a related pendulum system is examined. In the system of Figure 3.10, the bar, which carries the sphere of mass  $m_1$ , has a mass  $m_2$  that is uniformly distributed along its length. A linear spring of stiffness  $k$  and a linear viscous damper with a damping coefficient  $c$  are attached to the sphere.

Before constructing the system kinetic energy, we determine the mass moments of inertia of the sphere of mass  $m_1$  and the bar of mass  $m_2$  about the point  $O$ . The total rotary inertia of the system is given by

$$J_O = J_{O1} + J_{O2} \quad (a)$$

where  $J_{O1}$  is the mass moment of inertia of  $m_1$  about point  $O$  and  $J_{O2}$  is the mass moment of inertia of the bar about point  $O$ . Making use of Table 2.2 and the parallel-axes theorem, we find that

$$J_{O1} = \frac{2}{5} m_1 r^2 + m_1 L_1^2$$

$$J_{O2} = \frac{1}{12} m_2 L_2^2 + m_2 \left( \frac{L_2}{2} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{3} m_2 L_2^2 \quad (b)$$

After choosing  $q_1 = \theta$  as the generalized coordinate, and making use of Eqs. (a) and (b), we find that the system kinetic energy takes the form

$$T = \frac{1}{2} J_O \dot{\theta}^2 = \frac{1}{2} [J_{O1} + J_{O2}] \dot{\theta}^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{2}{5} m_1 r^2 + m_1 L_1^2 + \frac{1}{3} m_2 L_2^2 \right] \dot{\theta}^2 \quad (c)$$

For “small” rotations about the upright position, we can express the translation of mass  $m_1$  as

$$x_1 \approx L_1 \theta \quad (d)$$

Then, making use of Eqs. (2.10), (2.39), (2.45), and (d), the system potential energy is constructed as

$$V = \frac{1}{2} k x_1^2 - \frac{1}{2} m_1 g L_1 \theta^2 - \frac{1}{2} m_2 g \frac{L_2}{2} \theta^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ k L_1^2 - m_1 g L_1 - m_2 g \frac{L_2}{2} \right] \theta^2 \quad (e)$$

The dissipation function takes the form

$$D = \frac{1}{2} c \dot{x}_1^2 = \frac{1}{2} c L_1^2 \dot{\theta}^2 \quad (f)$$

Comparing Eqs. (c), (e), and (f) to Eqs. (3.46), we find that the equivalent inertia, the equivalent stiffness, and the equivalent damping properties of the system are given by, respectively,

$$\begin{aligned} m_e &= \frac{2}{5} m_1 r^2 + m_1 L_1^2 + \frac{1}{3} m_2 L_2^2 \\ k_e &= k L_1^2 - m_1 g L_1 - m_2 g \frac{L_2}{2} \\ c_e &= c L_1^2 \end{aligned} \quad (g)$$

Noting that the only external force acting on the system is gravity loading, and that this has already been taken into account, the governing equation of motion is obtained from the last of Eqs. (3.47) as

$$m_e \ddot{\theta} + c_e \dot{\theta} + k_e \theta = 0 \quad (h)$$

Then, from the first of Eqs. (3.48) and (g), we find that

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k_e}{m_e}} = \sqrt{\frac{k L_1^2 - m_1 g L_1 - m_2 g \frac{L_2}{2}}{J_{O1} + J_{O2}}} \quad (i)$$

It is pointed out that  $k_e$  can be negative, which affects the stability of the system as discussed in Section 4.3. The equivalent stiffness  $k_e$  is positive when

$$k L_1^2 > m_1 g L_1 + m_2 g \frac{L_2}{2} \quad (j)$$

that is, when the net moment created by the gravity loading is less than the restoring moment of the spring.

### Natural Frequency of Pendulum System

In this case, we locate the pivot point  $O$  in Figure 3.10 on the top, so that the sphere is now at the bottom. The spring combination is still attached to the sphere. Then this pendulum system resembles the combination of the systems shown in Figures 2.17a and 2.17b. The equivalent stiffness of this system takes the form

$$k_e = k L_1^2 + m_1 g L_1 + m_2 g \frac{L_2}{2} \quad (k)$$

Noting that the equivalent inertia of the system is the same as in the inverted-pendulum case, we find the natural frequency of this system is

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k_e}{m_e}} = \sqrt{\frac{k L_1^2 + m_1 g L_1 + m_2 g \frac{L_2}{2}}{J_{O1} + J_{O2}}} \quad (l)$$

If  $m_2 \ll m_1$ ,  $r \ll L_1$ , and  $k = 0$ , then from Eqs. (b) and (l), we arrive at

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{m_1 g L_1 \left(1 + \frac{m_2 L_2}{m_1 L_1}\right)}{m_1 L_1^2 \left(1 + \frac{2r^2}{5L_1^2}\right)}} \rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{g}{L_1}} \quad (m)$$

which is the natural frequency of a pendulum composed of a rigid, weightless rod carrying a mass a distance  $L_1$  from its pivot. We see that the natural frequency is independent of the mass and inversely proportional to the length  $L_1$ .

### EXAMPLE 3.12 Governing equation for motion of a disk segment

For the half-disk shown in Figure 3.11, we will choose the coordinate  $\theta$  as the generalized coordinate and establish the governing equation for the disc. Through this example, we illustrate how the system kinetic energy and the system potential energy can be approximated for “small” amplitude angular oscillations, so that the final form of the governing equation is linear. During the course of obtaining the governing equation, we determine the equivalent mass and equivalent stiffness of this system. The natural frequency of the disc is determined and it is shown that disc can be treated as a pendulum with a certain effective length. After determining the equivalent system properties, we determine the governing equation of motion based on the last of Eqs. (3.47).

As shown in Figure 3.11, the half-disk has a mass  $m$  and a mass moment of inertia  $J_G$  about the center of mass  $G$ . The system is assumed to oscillate without slipping. The point  $O$  is a fixed point, and the point of contact  $C$  is a distance  $R\theta$  from the fixed point for an angular motion  $\theta$ . The orthogonal unit vectors  $i, j$ , and  $k$  are fixed in an inertial reference frame. The position vector from the fixed point  $O$  to the center of mass  $G$  is given by

$$\mathbf{r} = (-R\theta + b \sin \theta)\mathbf{i} + (R - b \cos \theta)\mathbf{j} \quad (a)$$

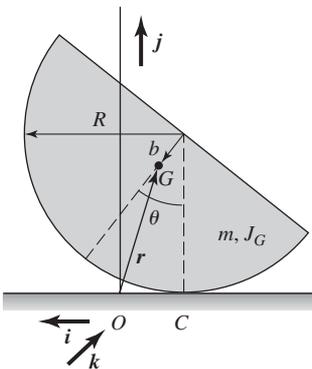
and the absolute velocity of the center of mass is determined from Eq. (a) to be

$$\dot{\mathbf{r}} = -(R - b \cos \theta)\dot{\theta}\mathbf{i} + b \sin \theta \dot{\theta}\mathbf{j} \quad (b)$$

Then, using Eq. (1.24) and selecting the generalized coordinate  $q_1 = \theta$ , the system kinetic energy takes the form

$$\begin{aligned} T &= \frac{1}{2} J_G \dot{\theta}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{r}}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} J_G \dot{\theta}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m [(R - b \cos \theta)^2 + b^2 \sin^2 \theta] \dot{\theta}^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} J_G \dot{\theta}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m [R^2 + b^2 - 2bR \cos \theta] \dot{\theta}^2 \end{aligned} \quad (c)$$

Choosing the fixed ground as the datum, the system potential energy takes the form



**FIGURE 3.11**  
Half-disk rocking on a surface.

$$V = mg(R - b \cos \theta) \quad (d)$$

Note that the system kinetic energy and the system potential energy, which are given by Eqs. (c) and (d), respectively, are not in the form of Eqs. (3.46a).

### Small Oscillations about the Upright Position

If we use the expressions for the system kinetic energy and system potential energy in Eq. (3.44), then the resulting equation of motion will be a nonlinear equation. Since our final objective is to have a linear equation that can be used to describe “small” amplitude angular oscillations about the upright position of the disk (i.e.,  $\theta_o = 0$ ), we express the angular displacement as

$$\theta(t) = \theta_o + \hat{\theta}(t) \quad (e)$$

and expand the trigonometric terms  $\sin \theta$  and  $\cos \theta$  as the following Taylor-series expansions:

$$\begin{aligned} \cos \theta &= \cos(\theta_o + \hat{\theta}) \approx \cos \theta_o - \hat{\theta} \sin \theta_o - \frac{1}{2} \hat{\theta}^2 \cos \theta_o + \dots \\ \sin \theta &= \sin(\theta_o + \hat{\theta}) \approx \sin \theta_o + \hat{\theta} \cos \theta_o - \frac{1}{2} \hat{\theta}^2 \sin \theta_o + \dots \end{aligned} \quad (f)$$

Since  $\theta_o = 0$ , Eqs. (f) become

$$\begin{aligned} \cos \theta &\approx 1 - \frac{1}{2} \hat{\theta}^2 \\ \sin \theta &\approx \hat{\theta} \end{aligned} \quad (g)$$

In the expansions given by Eqs. (g), we have kept up to the quadratic terms in  $\hat{\theta}$ , since quadratic terms in the expressions for kinetic energy and potential energy lead to linear terms in the governing equations. On substituting Eqs. (e) and (f) into the expressions (c) and (d), noting that  $\dot{\theta} = \dot{\hat{\theta}}$ , and retaining up to quadratic terms in  $\hat{\theta}$  and  $\dot{\hat{\theta}}$  in these expressions, we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} T &\approx \frac{1}{2} [J_G + m(R - b)^2] \dot{\hat{\theta}}^2 \\ V &\approx mg(R - b) + \frac{1}{2} mgb \hat{\theta}^2 \end{aligned} \quad (h)$$

On comparing Eqs. (h) with Eqs. (3.46), we see that while the kinetic energy is in the standard form, the potential energy is not in standard form because of the constant term. However, since the datum for the potential energy is not unique, we can shift the datum for the potential energy from the fixed ground of Figure 3.11 to a distance  $(R-b)$  above the ground. When this is done, this constant term does not appear and, from Eqs. (h) and (3.46), we identify that the equivalent inertia and stiffness properties of the system are

$$\begin{aligned} m_e &= J_G + m(R - b)^2 \\ k_e &= mgb \end{aligned} \quad (i)$$

Since the gravity loading has already been taken into account, the generalized force is zero. Furthermore, since there is no damping, the equivalent damping coefficient  $c_e$  is zero. Hence, from Eqs. (3.47) and (i), we arrive at the governing equation

$$[J_G + m(R - b)^2]\ddot{\theta} + mgb\dot{\theta} = 0 \quad (j)$$

### Natural Frequency

From Eq. (j), we find that the natural frequency is

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_n &= \sqrt{\frac{mgb}{J_G + m(R - b)^2}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{g}{[J_G + m(R - b)^2]/mb}} \end{aligned} \quad (k)$$

On comparing the form of Eq. (k) to the form of the equation for the natural frequency of a planar pendulum of length  $L_1$  given by Eq. (m) of Example 3.11, we note that Eq. (k) is similar in form to the natural frequency of a pendulum with an effective length

$$L_e = \frac{J_G + m(R - b)^2}{mb} \quad (l)$$

### EXAMPLE 3.13 Governing equation for a translating system with a pretensioned or precompressed spring

We revisit Example 2.8, and use Lagrange's equations to derive the governing equation of motion for vertical translations  $x$  of the mass about the static-equilibrium position of the system. Through this process, we will examine how the horizontal spring with linear stiffness  $k_1$  affects the vibrations. The natural frequency of this system is also determined. The equation of motion will be derived for "small" amplitude vertical oscillations; that is,  $|x/L| \ll 1$ .

In the initial position, the horizontal spring is pretensioned with a tension  $T_1$  as shown in Figure 3.12, which is produced by an initial extension of the spring by an amount  $\delta_o$ ; that is,

$$T_1 = k_1\delta_o \quad (a)$$

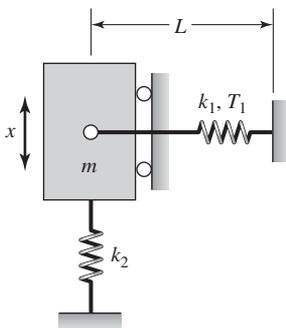
The kinetic energy of the system is

$$T = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}^2 \quad (b)$$

Next, we note that the potential energy is given by

$$V = V_1 + V_2 \quad (c)$$

where  $V_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , is the potential energy associated with the spring of stiffness  $k_i$ . Note that gravitational loading is not taken into account because we



**FIGURE 3.12**

Single degree-of-freedom system with the horizontal spring under an initial tension  $T_1$ .

are considering oscillations about the static-equilibrium position. On substituting for  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  in Eq. (c), we arrive at

$$V(x) = \frac{1}{2} k_1 (\delta_o + \Delta L)^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_2 x^2 \quad (d)$$

where  $\Delta L$  is the change in the length of the spring with stiffness  $k_1$  due to the motion  $x$  of the mass. For  $|x/L| \ll 1$ , as discussed in Example 2.8, this change is

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta L &= \sqrt{L^2 + x^2} - L = L\sqrt{1 + (x/L)^2} - L \\ &\approx L\left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x}{L}\right)^2\right) - L = \frac{L}{2}\left(\frac{x}{L}\right)^2 \end{aligned} \quad (e)$$

From Eqs. (d) and (e), the system potential energy is

$$V(x) = \frac{1}{2} k_1 \left(\delta_o + \frac{L}{2} \left(\frac{x}{L}\right)^2\right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_2 x^2 \quad (f)$$

The expression for potential energy contains terms up to the fourth power of the displacement  $x$ , whereas the standard form given in Eqs. (3.46) contains only a quadratic term. However, the kinetic energy is of the form given in Eqs. (3.46). Hence, we will need to use Eq. (3.44) directly to obtain the governing equation. To this end, we recognize that  $q_1 = x$  and find that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} &= k_1 \left(\delta_o + \frac{L}{2} \left(\frac{x}{L}\right)^2\right) \left(\frac{x}{L}\right) + k_2 x \\ &= \left(k_2 + \frac{k_1 \delta_o}{L}\right) x + \frac{k_1}{2} \frac{x^3}{L^2} \\ &\cong \left(k_2 + \frac{T_1}{L}\right) x \end{aligned} \quad (g)$$

where we have made use of Eq. (a) and we have dropped the cubic term in  $x$  since we have assumed that  $|x/L| \ll 1$ .

Noting that the dissipation function  $D = 0$  and that the generalized force  $Q_1 = 0$ , we substitute Eqs. (b) and (g) into Eq. (3.44) to obtain the following governing equation of motion

$$m\ddot{x} + \left(k_2 + \frac{T_1}{L}\right) x = 0 \quad (h)$$

From Eq. (h), we recognize the natural frequency to be

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k_2 + T_1/L}{m}} \quad (i)$$

It is seen that the effect of a spring under tension, which is initially normal to the direction of motion, is to increase the natural frequency of the system.

If the spring of constant  $k_1$  is compressed instead of being in tension, then we can replace  $T_1$  by  $-T_1$  and Eq. (i) becomes

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k_2 - T_1/L}{m}} \quad (j)$$

From Eq. (j), it is seen that the natural frequency can be made very low by adjusting the compression of the spring with stiffness  $k_1$ . At the same time, the spring with stiffness  $k_2$  can be made stiff enough so that the static displacement of the system is not excessive. This type of system is the basis of at least one commercial product.<sup>14</sup>

### EXAMPLE 3.14 Equation of motion for a disk with an extended mass

We shall determine the governing equation of motion and the natural frequency for the system shown in Figure 3.13, for “small” angular motions of the pendulum. The system shown in Figure 3.13 is similar to the system shown in Figure 3.9, except that there is an additional pendulum of length  $L$  and rigid mass  $m$  that is attached to the disk. The disk rolls without slipping. The position of fixed point  $O$  is chosen to coincide with the unstretched length of the spring, the coordinate  $\theta$  is chosen as the generalized coordinate, and the translation  $x = -R\theta$ .

The kinetic energy of the system is given by

$$T = T_{\text{disk}} + T_{\text{pendulum}} \quad (a)$$

where the kinetic energy of the disk is given by Eq. (e) of Example 3.10. The kinetic energy of the pendulum mass  $m$  is given by

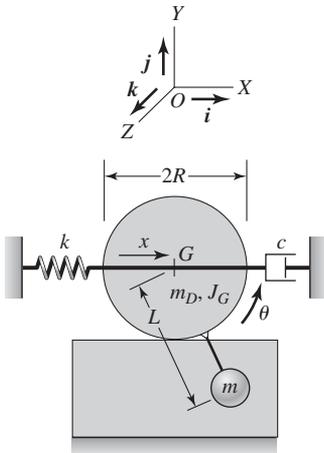
$$T_{\text{pendulum}} = \frac{1}{2} m (\mathbf{V}_m \cdot \mathbf{V}_m) \quad (b)$$

where, based on the particle kinematics discussed in Section 1.2 and the first of Eqs. (f) of Example 1.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{V}_m &= \frac{d\mathbf{r}_m}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} [(x + L \sin \theta)\mathbf{i} + (L - L \cos \theta)\mathbf{j}] \\ \mathbf{V}_m &= (-R\dot{\theta} + L\dot{\theta} \cos \theta)\mathbf{i} + L\dot{\theta} \sin \theta\mathbf{j} \end{aligned} \quad (c)$$

On substituting for the velocity vector from Eq. (c) into Eq. (b) and executing the scalar dot product, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\text{pendulum}} &= \frac{1}{2} m [(-R\dot{\theta} + L\dot{\theta} \cos \theta)^2 + L^2\dot{\theta}^2 \sin^2 \theta] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} m [R^2\dot{\theta}^2 + L^2\dot{\theta}^2 - 2LR\dot{\theta}^2 \cos \theta] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} m [(R^2 + L^2 - 2LR \cos \theta)]\dot{\theta}^2 \end{aligned} \quad (d)$$



**FIGURE 3.13**

Disk that is rolling and translating and has a rigidly attached extended mass.

<sup>14</sup>Minus K Technology, 420 S. Hindry Ave., Unit E, Inglewood, CA, 90301 (www.minusk.com).

Since the objective is to obtain the governing equation for “small” angular oscillations of the pendulum about the position  $\theta = 0$ , we retain up to quadratic terms in Eq. (d). To this end, we expand the  $\cos \theta$  term as

$$\cos \theta \approx 1 - \frac{1}{2} \theta^2 + \dots \quad (e)$$

substitute Eq. (e) into Eq. (d), and retain up to quadratic terms to obtain

$$T_{\text{pendulum}} = \frac{1}{2} m [L^2 + R^2 - 2LR] \dot{\theta}^2 = \frac{1}{2} m(L - R)^2 \dot{\theta}^2 \quad (f)$$

Making use of Eq. (e) of Example (3.10) and Eq. (f), we construct the system kinetic energy from Eq. (a) as

$$\begin{aligned} T &= \frac{1}{2} m(L - R)^2 \dot{\theta}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_D \dot{x}^2 + \frac{1}{2} J_G \dot{\theta}^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [m(L - R)^2 + m_D R^2 + J_G] \dot{\theta}^2 \end{aligned} \quad (g)$$

The potential energy of the system is constructed as

$$V = \frac{1}{2} kx^2 + mg(L - L \cos \theta) = \frac{1}{2} kR^2 \theta^2 + mgL(1 - \cos \theta) \quad (h)$$

where the datum for the potential energy of the pendulum is located at the bottom position and we have used Eq. (2.36) with  $L/2$  replaced by  $L$ . To describe small oscillations of the pendulum, we use the expansion for the  $\cos \theta$  term given by Eq. (e) and retain up to quadratic terms in Eq. (h) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \frac{1}{2} kR^2 \theta^2 + \frac{1}{2} mgL \theta^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (kR^2 + mgL) \theta^2 \end{aligned} \quad (i)$$

In this case, the dissipation function is given by

$$D = \frac{1}{2} c \dot{x}^2 = \frac{1}{2} cR^2 \dot{\theta}^2 \quad (j)$$

Comparing Eqs. (g), (i), and (j) to Eqs. (3.46), we find that the equivalent system properties are given by

$$\begin{aligned} m_e &= m(L - R)^2 + m_D R^2 + J_G \\ k_e &= kR^2 + mgL \\ c_e &= cR^2 \end{aligned} \quad (k)$$

Thus, making use of the last of Eqs. (3.47) and Eqs. (k) and noting that the generalized force  $Q_1 = 0$ , we arrive at the governing equation

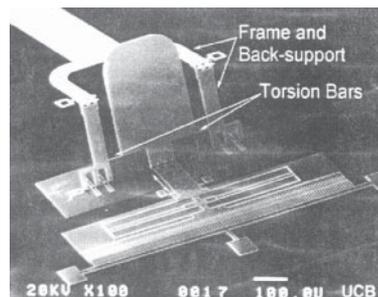
$$m_e \ddot{\theta} + c_e \dot{\theta} + k_e \theta = 0 \quad (l)$$

From Eqs. (k) and the first of Eqs. (3.48), we determine that the system natural frequency is

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k_e}{m_e}} = \sqrt{\frac{kR^2 + mgL}{m(L - R)^2 + m_D R^2 + J_G}} \quad (m)$$

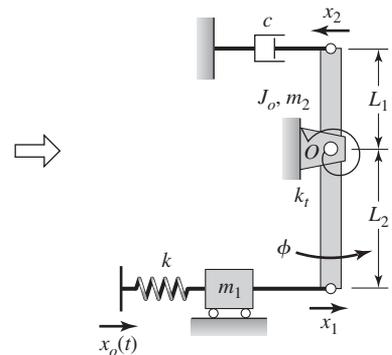
**EXAMPLE 3.15** Lagrange formulation for a microelectromechanical system (MEMS) device

We shall determine the governing equation of motion and the natural frequency for the microelectromechanical system<sup>15</sup> shown in Figure 3.14. The mass  $m_2$  is the scanning micro mirror whose typical dimensions are  $300 \mu\text{m} \times 400 \mu\text{m}$ . This mass is modeled as a rigid bar. The torsion springs are rods that are  $50 \mu\text{m}$  in length and  $4 \mu\text{m}^2$  in area and are collectively modeled by an equivalent torsion spring of stiffness  $k_t$  in the figure. Mass  $m_1$  is the mass of the electrostatic comb drive, which is comprised of 100 interlaced “fingers.” The comb fingers are  $2 \mu\text{m}$  wide and  $40 \mu\text{m}$  long. The comb drive is connected to the displacement drive through an elastic member that has a spring constant  $k$ . The mass  $m_1$  is connected to the bar  $m_2$  by a rigid, weightless rod.



MEMS device

(a)



(b)

**FIGURE 3.14**

(a) MEMS device and (b) single degree-of-freedom model. *Source:* From M.H.Kiang, O.Solgaard, K.Y.Lau, and R.S.Muller, “Electrostatic Comb-Drive-Actuated Micromirrors for Laser-Beam Scanning and Positioning”, *Journal of Microelectromechanical System*, Vol. 7, No.1, pp. 27–37 (March 1998). Copyright © 1998 IEEE. Reprinted with permission.

<sup>15</sup>M.-H. Kiang, O. Solgaard, K. Y. Lau, and R. S. Muller, “Electrostatic Comb-Drive-Actuated Micromirrors for Laser-Beam Scanning and Positioning,” *J. Microelectromechanical Systems*, Vol. 7, No. 1, pp. 27–37 (March 1998).

We will use the angular coordinate  $\phi$  as the generalized coordinate, and derive the equation of motion for “small” angular oscillations. The translation  $x_o(t)$  is prescribed, and the translations  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are approximated as

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 &= L_2\phi \\x_2 &= L_1\phi\end{aligned}\tag{a}$$

The system potential energy is constructed as

$$V = V_1 + V_2 + V_3\tag{b}$$

where  $V_1$  is the potential energy of the torsion spring,  $V_2$  is the potential energy of the translation spring, and  $V_3$  is the gravitational potential energy of the bar. For “small” angular oscillations of the bar, Eq. (c) of Example 2.9 is used to describe the bar’s potential energy. Thus, we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned}V &= \frac{1}{2}k_t\phi^2 + \frac{1}{2}k(x_o(t) - x_1)^2 + \frac{1}{4}m_2g(L_2 - L_1)\phi^2 \\&= \frac{1}{2}k_t\phi^2 + \frac{1}{2}k(x_o(t) - L_2\phi)^2 + \frac{1}{4}m_2g(L_2 - L_1)\phi^2\end{aligned}\tag{c}$$

where we have made use of Eqs. (a). When  $L_2 = L_1$ , the effects of the increase and decrease in the potential energy of each portion of the bar of mass  $m_2$  cancel.

Next, the system’s kinetic energy is determined as

$$\begin{aligned}T &= \frac{1}{2}J_o\dot{\phi}^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_1\dot{x}_1^2 = \frac{1}{2}J_o\dot{\phi}^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_1L_2^2\dot{\phi}^2 \\&= \frac{1}{2}(J_o + m_1L_2^2)\dot{\phi}^2\end{aligned}\tag{d}$$

The system dissipation function is given by

$$D = \frac{1}{2}c\dot{x}_2^2 = \frac{1}{2}cL_1^2\dot{\phi}^2\tag{e}$$

where we have again made use of Eqs. (a). Comparing the forms of Eqs. (c), (d), and (e) to Eqs. (3.46), we find that the potential energy is not in the standard form. Thus, we will make use of Eq. (3.44) to determine the governing equation of motion. To this end, we find from Eq. (c) that

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \left[ \frac{1}{2}k_t\phi^2 + \frac{1}{2}k(x_o(t) - L_2\phi)^2 + \frac{1}{4}m_2g(L_2 - L_1)\phi^2 \right] \\&= k_t\phi - kL_2(x_o(t) - L_2\phi) + \frac{1}{2}m_2g(L_2 - L_1)\phi \\&= \left[ k_t + kL_2^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_2g(L_2 - L_1) \right] \phi - kL_2x_o(t)\end{aligned}\tag{f}$$

To obtain the governing equation of motion, we recognize that  $q_1 = \phi$ , substitute for the system kinetic energy and the dissipation function from

Eqs. (d) and (e), respectively, into Eq. (3.44), make use of Eq. (f), and note that the generalized force  $Q_1 = 0$ . Thus,

$$m_e \ddot{\phi} + cL_1^2 \dot{\phi} + k_e \phi = kL_2 x_o(t) \quad (g)$$

where

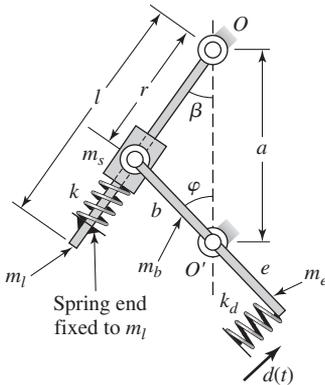
$$\begin{aligned} m_e &= J_o + m_1 L_2^2 \\ k_e &= k_t + kL_2^2 + m_2 g(L_2 - L_1)/2 \end{aligned}$$

From the inertia and stiffness terms of Eq. (g), we find that the system natural frequency is given by

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k_e}{m_e}} = \sqrt{\frac{k_t + kL_2^2 + m_2 g(L_2 - L_1)/2}{J_o + m_1 L_2^2}} \quad (h)$$

An experimentally determined value for the natural frequency of a typical system is 2,400 Hz. If the rod connecting the mass  $m_1$  to the bar were not assumed rigid and weightless, one would need to consider additional coordinates to describe the system of Figure 3.14. Systems with more than one degree of freedom are treated in Chapters 7 to 9.

### EXAMPLE 3.16 Equation of motion of a slider mechanism<sup>16</sup>



**FIGURE 3.15**  
Slider mechanism.

We revisit the slider mechanism system of Example 2.2 and obtain the equation of motion of this system by using Lagrange's equation. Gravity loading is assumed to act normal to the plane of the system shown in Figure 3.15. The mass  $m_s$  slides along a uniform bar of mass  $m_l$  that is pivoted at the point  $O$ . A linear spring of stiffness  $k$  restrains the motions of the mass  $m_s$ . Another uniform bar of mass  $(m_b + m_e)$  is pivoted at  $O'$ , which is attached to a linear spring of stiffness  $k_d$  at one end and attached to the mass  $m_s$  at the other end. An excitation  $d(t)$  is imposed at one end of the spring with stiffness  $k_d$ .

We choose the angular coordinate  $\varphi$  as the generalized coordinate, and we will determine the equation of motion in terms of this coordinate. The geometry imposes the following constraints on the motion of the system:

$$\begin{aligned} r^2(\varphi) &= a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos \varphi \\ r(\varphi) \sin \beta &= b \sin \varphi \\ a &= r(\varphi) \cos \beta + b \cos \varphi \end{aligned} \quad (a)$$

At a first glance, although the slider mechanism appears to be a system that would need more than one coordinate for its description, due to the constraints given by Eqs. (a), the system is single degree-of-freedom system that can be described by the independent coordinate  $\varphi$ .

<sup>16</sup>J. Pedurach and B. H. Tongue, "Chaotic Response of a Slider Crank Mechanism," *J. Vibration Acoustics*, Vol. 113, pp. 69–73 (January 1991).

### System Kinetic Energy

The total kinetic energy of the system is

$$T = \frac{1}{2} [J_{mb} + J_{me}] \dot{\varphi}^2 + \frac{1}{2} J_{ml} \dot{\beta}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_s \dot{r}^2(\varphi) + \frac{1}{2} m_s r^2 \dot{\beta}^2 \quad (\text{b})$$

where  $J_{mb}$  and  $J_{me}$  are the mass moments of inertia of bar of mass  $m_b$  and bar of mass  $m_e$  about the fixed point  $O'$ , respectively, and  $J_{ml}$  is the mass moment of inertia of bar  $m_l$  about the fixed point  $O$ . Then, making use of Eq. (b) of Example 2.1 and Figure 3.15, we find that

$$J_{mb} = \frac{1}{3} m_b b^2, \quad J_{me} = \frac{1}{3} m_e e^2, \quad \text{and} \quad J_{ml} = \frac{1}{3} m_l l^2 \quad (\text{c})$$

Since the angle  $\beta$  and the length  $r(\varphi)$  are each related to  $\varphi$  by Eqs. (a), we proceed to obtain expressions for  $\dot{\beta}$  and  $\dot{r}(\varphi)$  in terms of  $\dot{\varphi}$ . We differentiate the first of Eqs. (a) with respect to time to obtain

$$2r(\varphi)\dot{r}(\varphi) = 2ab\dot{\varphi} \sin \varphi$$

which leads to

$$\dot{r}(\varphi) = \frac{ab}{r(\varphi)} \dot{\varphi} \sin \varphi \quad (\text{d})$$

Upon differentiating the third of Eqs. (a) with respect to time, we arrive at

$$\dot{r}(\varphi) \cos \beta - r(\varphi) \dot{\beta} \sin \beta - b\dot{\varphi} \sin \varphi = 0$$

which results in

$$\dot{\beta} = \frac{\dot{r}(\varphi) \cos \beta - b\dot{\varphi} \sin \varphi}{r(\varphi) \sin \beta} \quad (\text{e})$$

We now use Eqs. (a) and Eq. (d) in Eq. (e) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\beta} &= \frac{1}{b \sin \varphi} \left\{ \frac{ab}{r(\varphi)} \dot{\varphi} \sin \varphi \left[ \frac{a - b \cos \varphi}{r(\varphi)} \right] - b\dot{\varphi} \sin \varphi \right\} \\ &= \frac{\dot{\varphi}}{r^2(\varphi)} [a^2 - ab \cos \varphi - r^2(\varphi)] \\ &= \frac{\dot{\varphi}}{r^2(\varphi)} [ab \cos \varphi - b^2] \end{aligned} \quad (\text{f})$$

After substituting Eqs. (d) and (f) into Eq. (b), we arrive at the following expression for the total kinetic energy in terms of  $\dot{\varphi}$

$$T = \frac{1}{2} m(\varphi) \dot{\varphi}^2 \quad (\text{g})$$

where

$$m(\varphi) = J_{mb} + J_{me} + (J_{ml} + m_s r^2) \left( \frac{ab \cos \varphi - b^2}{r^2(\varphi)} \right)^2 + m_s \left( \frac{ab}{r(\varphi)} \sin \varphi \right)^2 \quad (\text{h})$$

### System Potential Energy

The system potential energy is given by

$$V = \frac{1}{2} k r^2(\varphi) + \frac{1}{2} k_d [d(t) - e\varphi]^2 \quad (\text{i})$$

### Equation of Motion

Since the expressions for kinetic energy and potential energy are not in the standard form of Eqs. (3.46), we will make use of the Lagrange equation given by Eq. (3.44) to obtain the equation of motion; that is,

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{\varphi}} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial \varphi} + \frac{\partial D}{\partial \dot{\varphi}} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial \varphi} = 0 \quad (\text{j})$$

where we have used the fact that the generalized force is zero. Noting that there is no dissipation in the system—that is,  $D = 0$ —we substitute for the kinetic energy and potential energy from Eqs. (g) and (i), respectively, into Eq. (j), and carry out the differentiation operations to obtain the following nonlinear equation

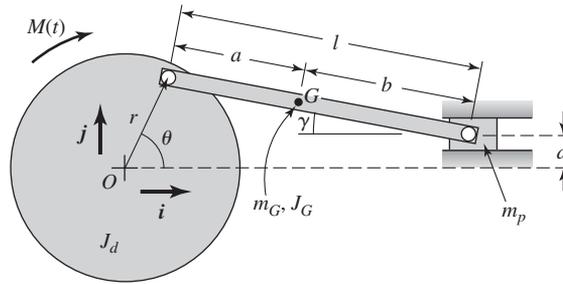
$$m(\varphi)\ddot{\varphi} + \frac{1}{2} m'(\varphi)\dot{\varphi}^2 + kr(\varphi)r'(\varphi) + k_d e^2 \varphi = k_d e d(t) \quad (\text{k})$$

where the prime denotes the derivative with respect to  $\varphi$ .

### EXAMPLE 3.17 Oscillations of a crankshaft<sup>17</sup>

Consider the model of a crankshaft shown in Figure 3.16 where gravity is acting in the  $\mathbf{k}$  direction. The crank of mass  $m_G$  and mass moment of inertia  $J_G$  about its center of mass is connected to a slider of mass  $m_p$  at one end and to a disk of mass moment of inertia  $J_d$  about the fixed point  $O$ . Choosing the angle  $\theta$  as the generalized coordinate, we will first derive the governing equation

<sup>17</sup>G. Genta, *Vibration of Structures and Machines: Practical Aspects*, 2nd ed., Springer-Verlag, NY, pp. 338–341 (1995); and E. Brusa, C. Delprete, and G. Genta, “Torsional Vibration of Crankshafts: Effects of Non-Constant Moments of Inertia,” *J. Sound Vibration*, Vol. 205, No. 2, pp. 135–150 (1997).



**FIGURE 3.16**  
Crankshaft model.

of motion of the system, and then from this equation, determine the equation governing oscillations about a steady rotation rate.

### Kinematics

From Figure 3.16, we see that the position vector of the slider mass  $m_p$  with respect to point  $O$  is

$$\mathbf{r}_p = (r \cos \theta + l \cos \gamma)\mathbf{i} + d\mathbf{j} \quad (\text{a})$$

and that the position vector of the center of mass  $G$  of the crank with respect to point  $O$  is

$$\mathbf{r}_G = (r \cos \theta + a \cos \gamma)\mathbf{i} + (r \sin \theta - a \sin \gamma)\mathbf{j} \quad (\text{b})$$

Furthermore, from geometry, the angle  $\gamma$  and the angle  $\theta$  are related by the relation

$$r \sin \theta = d + l \sin \gamma \quad (\text{c})$$

To determine the slider velocity, we differentiate the position vector  $\mathbf{r}_p$  with respect to time and obtain

$$\mathbf{v}_p = (-r\dot{\theta} \sin \theta - l\dot{\gamma} \sin \gamma)\mathbf{i} \quad (\text{d})$$

By differentiating Eq. (c) with respect to time, we obtain the following relationship between  $\dot{\gamma}$  and  $\dot{\theta}$ :

$$\dot{\gamma} = \frac{r \cos \theta}{l \cos \gamma} \dot{\theta} \quad (\text{e})$$

After substituting Eq. (e) into Eq. (d), we obtain the slider velocity to be

$$\mathbf{v}_p = -r\dot{\theta}(\sin \theta + \tan \gamma \cos \theta)\mathbf{i} \quad (\text{f})$$

The velocity of the center of mass  $G$  of the crank is obtained in a similar manner. We differentiate Eq. (b) with respect to time to obtain

$$\mathbf{v}_G = (-r\dot{\theta} \sin \theta - a\dot{\gamma} \sin \gamma)\mathbf{i} + (r\dot{\theta} \cos \theta - a\dot{\gamma} \cos \gamma)\mathbf{j} \quad (\text{g})$$

After substituting Eq. (e) into Eq. (g) and noting that  $a + b = l$ , we obtain the velocity of the crank's center of mass to be

$$\mathbf{v}_G = -\left(\sin \theta + \frac{a}{l} \tan \gamma \cos \theta\right) r \dot{\theta} \mathbf{i} + \left(\frac{b}{l} \cos \theta\right) r \dot{\theta} \mathbf{j} \quad (\text{h})$$

### System Kinetic Energy

The total kinetic energy of the system is given by

$$T = \frac{1}{2} J_d \dot{\theta}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_G (\mathbf{v}_G \cdot \mathbf{v}_G) + \frac{1}{2} J_G \dot{\gamma}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_p (\mathbf{v}_p \cdot \mathbf{v}_p) \quad (\text{i})$$

We now substitute Eqs. (e), (f), and (h) into Eq. (i) to obtain

$$T = \frac{1}{2} J(\theta) \dot{\theta}^2 \quad (\text{j})$$

where

$$J(\theta) = J_d + r^2 m_G \left\{ \left( \sin \theta + \frac{a}{l} \tan \gamma \cos \theta \right)^2 + \left( \frac{b}{l} \cos \theta \right)^2 \right\} + J_G \left( \frac{r \cos \theta}{l \cos \gamma} \right)^2 + r^2 m_p (\sin \theta + \tan \gamma \cos \theta)^2 \quad (\text{k})$$

and from Eq. (c)

$$\gamma = \sin^{-1} \left\{ \frac{r}{l} \sin \theta - \frac{d}{l} \right\} \quad (\text{l})$$

### Equation of Motion

Noting that the generalized coordinate  $q_1 = \varphi$ , the system potential energy is zero, the system dissipation function is zero, and that the generalized moment  $Q_1 = -M(t)$ , Eq. (3.44) takes the form

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{\theta}} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial \theta} = -M(t) \quad (\text{m})$$

Upon substituting Eq. (j) into Eq. (m) and performing the differentiation operations, we obtain

$$J(\theta) \ddot{\theta} + \frac{1}{2} J'(\theta) \dot{\theta}^2 = -M(t) \quad (\text{n})$$

where the prime denotes the derivative with respect to  $\theta$ .

The angle  $\theta$  can be expressed as the superposition of a rigid-body motion at a constant angular velocity  $\omega$  and an oscillatory rotation  $\phi$ ; that is,

$$\theta(t) = \omega t + \phi(t) \quad (\text{o})$$

Then, from Eqs. (n) and (o), we arrive at

$$J(\theta) \ddot{\phi} + \frac{1}{2} J'(\theta) (\omega + \dot{\phi})^2 = -M(t) \quad (\text{p})$$

**EXAMPLE 3.18** Vibration of a centrifugal governor<sup>18</sup>

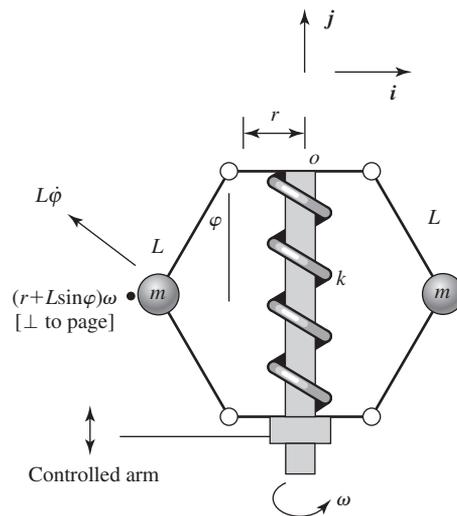
A centrifugal governor is a device that automatically controls the speed of an engine and prevents engines from exceeding certain speeds or prevents damage from sudden changes in torque loading. We shall derive the equation of motion of such a governor by using Lagrange's equation. A model of this device is shown in Figure 3.17.

The velocity vector relative to point  $o$  of the left hand mass is given by

$$\mathbf{V}_m = -L\dot{\varphi} \cos \varphi \mathbf{i} + L\dot{\varphi} \sin \varphi \mathbf{j} + (r + L \sin \varphi)\omega \mathbf{k} \tag{a}$$

From Eq. (1.22) and Eq. (a), the kinetic energy is

$$\begin{aligned} T(\varphi, \dot{\varphi}) &= 2 \left[ \frac{1}{2} m (\mathbf{V}_m \cdot \mathbf{V}_m) \right] \\ &= m \left[ (-L\dot{\varphi} \cos \varphi)^2 + (L\dot{\varphi} \sin \varphi)^2 + ((r + L \sin \varphi)\omega)^2 \right] \tag{b} \\ &= m\omega^2(r + L \sin \varphi)^2 + m\dot{\varphi}^2 L^2 \end{aligned}$$



**FIGURE 3.17**  
Centrifugal governor.

<sup>18</sup>J. P. Den Hartog, *Mechanical Vibrations*, Dover, p. 309, 1985; and Z.-M. Ge and C.-I Lee, "Nonlinear Dynamics and Control of Chaos for a Rotational Machine with a Hexagonal Centrifugal Governor with a Spring," *J. Sound Vibration*, 262, pp. 845–864, 2003.

The potential energy with respect to the static equilibrium position is

$$V(\varphi) = \frac{1}{2} k (2L(1 - \cos \varphi))^2 - 2mgL \cos \varphi \quad (c)$$

where the factor of 2 inside the parenthesis is because each pair of linkages compresses the spring from both the top and the bottom.

Upon using Eq. (3.44) with  $q_1 = \varphi$ , noting that  $Q_1 = D = 0$ , and performing the required operations, we obtain the following governing equation

$$mL^2\ddot{\varphi} - mrL\omega^2 \cos \varphi - (m\omega^2 + 2k)L^2 \sin \varphi \cos \varphi + L(mg + 2kL)\sin \varphi = 0 \quad (d)$$

Introducing the quantities

$$\gamma = \frac{r}{L}, \quad \omega_p^2 = \frac{g}{L}, \quad \text{and} \quad \omega_n^2 = \frac{2k}{m} \quad (e)$$

Eq. (d) is rewritten as

$$\ddot{\varphi} - \gamma\omega^2 \cos \varphi - (\omega^2 + \omega_n^2)\sin \varphi \cos \varphi + (\omega_p^2 + \omega_n^2)\sin \varphi = 0 \quad (f)$$

If we assume that the oscillations  $\varphi$  about  $\varphi = 0$  are small, then  $\cos \varphi \approx 1$ ,  $\sin \varphi \approx \varphi$ , and Eq. (f) simplifies to

$$\ddot{\varphi} + (\omega_p^2 - \omega^2)\varphi = \gamma\omega^2 \quad (g)$$

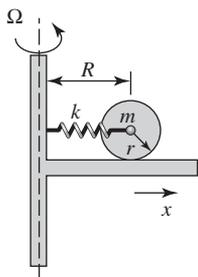
From the stiffness coefficient in the equation of motion, we see that for  $\omega > \omega_p$  the stiffness coefficient is negative.

### EXAMPLE 3.19 Oscillations of a rotating system

A cylindrical wheel is placed on a platform that is rotating about its axis with an angular speed  $\Omega$ . The center of the wheel is attached to the platform by a spring with constant  $k$ , as shown in Figure 3.18. We shall determine the change in the equilibrium position of the wheel and the natural frequency of the system about this equilibrium position. When  $\Omega = 0$ , the center of the wheel is at a distance  $R$  from the axis of rotation, which is the length of the unstretched spring.

If we denote the change in the equilibrium of the spring due to the rotation  $\Omega$  as  $\delta$ , then at equilibrium, the spring force is equal to the centrifugal force, which can be represented as

$$k\delta = m(R + \delta)\Omega^2$$



**FIGURE 3.18**  
Elastically restrained wheel on  
a rotating platform.

Upon solving for  $\delta$ , we obtain

$$\delta = \frac{R}{\omega_{1n}^2/\Omega^2 - 1}$$

where

$$\omega_{1n}^2 = \frac{k}{m}$$

For small angles of rotation, the kinetic energy is

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} mr^2 \right) \left( \frac{\dot{x}}{r} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{3}{2} m \right) \dot{x}^2$$

The potential energy for oscillations about the equilibrium position is

$$V = \frac{1}{2} kx^2$$

The Lagrange equation for this undamped system is

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{x}} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = Q_x = mx\Omega^2$$

where the centrifugal force  $mx\Omega^2$  is treated as an external force. Thus, the governing equation is

$$\left( \frac{3}{2} m \right) \ddot{x} + (k - m\Omega^2)x = 0$$

Hence, from the stiffness and inertia terms in the governing equations of motion, the natural frequency is

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3} (\omega_{1n}^2 - \Omega^2)} \quad \text{rad/s}$$

## 3.7 SUMMARY

In this chapter, the use of two different methods to derive the governing equation of motion of a single degree-of-freedom system was illustrated. One of these methods is based on applying force and/or moment balance and the other method is based on Lagrange's equations. The underlying approach for each of these methods will be used again for deriving governing equations of systems with multiple degrees of freedom in Chapter 7. Definitions of natural frequency and damping factor were also introduced. It was shown how the static-equilibrium position of a vibratory system can be determined and how nonlinear systems can be linearized to describe small oscillations about a system's equilibrium position.

## EXERCISES

### Section 3.2.1

**3.1** Rewrite the second-order system given by Eq. (3.8) as a system of two first-order differential equations by introducing the new variables  $x_1 = x$  and  $x_2 = \dot{x}$ . The resulting system of equations is said to be in state-space form, a useful form for numerically determining the solutions of vibrating systems.

**3.2** A vibratory system with a hardening nonlinear spring is governed by the following equation

$$m\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + k(x + \alpha x^3) = 0$$

Determine the static-equilibrium position of this system for  $\alpha = 1$  and linearize the system for “small” oscillations about the system static-equilibrium position.

**3.3** A vibratory system with a softening nonlinear spring is governed by the following equation

$$m\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + k(x - \alpha x^3) = 0$$

Determine the static-equilibrium positions of this system for  $\alpha = 1$  and linearize the system for “small” oscillations about each of the system static-equilibrium positions.

**3.4** Determine the equation governing the system studied in Example 3.13 by carrying out a force balance.

**3.5** A mass  $m$  is attached to the free end of a thin cantilever beam of length  $L$ , as shown in Figure E3.5. The fixed end of this beam is attached to a shaft of radius

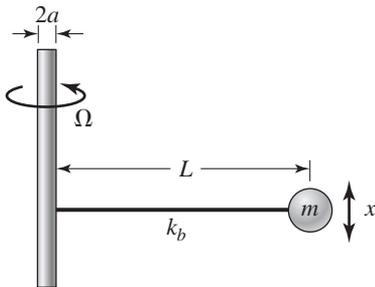


FIGURE E3.5

$a$  that is rotating about its axis at a speed of  $\Omega$  rad/s. Assume that the mass of the beam is negligible and its equivalent stiffness is  $k_b$ . Derive the governing equation of motion for transverse vibrations of the beam in terms of the variable  $x$ .

### Section 3.2.2

**3.6** Derive the governing equation of motion for the rocker-arm valve assembly shown in Figure E3.6. Assume “small” motions. The quantity  $J_o$  is the mass moment of inertia about point  $O$  of the rocker arm of length  $(a + b)$ ,  $k$  is the stiffness of the linear spring that is fixed at one end, and  $M$  is the external moment imposed by the cam on the system. This moment is produced by the contact force generated by the cam at one end of the rocker arm.

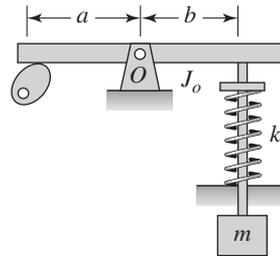


FIGURE E3.6

**3.7** Derive the governing equation of motion for the system shown in Figure E3.7. The mass moment of

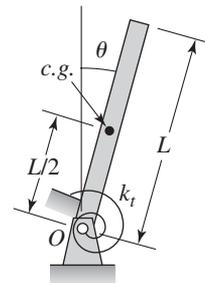


FIGURE E3.7

inertia of the bar about the point  $O$  is  $J_O$ , and the torsion stiffness of the spring attached to the pivot point is  $k_t$ . Assume that there is gravity loading.

**3.8** Determine the equation governing the system studied in Example 3.15 by carrying out a force balance.

**Section 3.3.1**

**3.9** A cylindrical buoy with a radius of 1.5 m and a mass of 1000 kg floats in salt water ( $\rho = 1026 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ). Determine the natural frequency of this system.

**3.10** A 10 kg instrument is to be mounted at the end of a cantilever arm of annular cross section. The arm has a Young's modulus of elasticity  $E = 72 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2$  and a mass density  $\rho = 2800 \text{ kg/m}^3$ . If this arm is 500 mm long, determine the cross-section dimensions of the arm so that the first natural frequency of the system is above 50 Hz.

**3.11** The static displacement of a system with a motor weight of 385.6 kg is found to be 0.0254 mm. Determine the natural frequency of vertical vibrations of this system.

**3.12** A rotor is attached to one end of a shaft that is fixed at the other end. Let the rotary inertia of the rotor be  $J_G$ , and assume that the rotary inertia of the shaft is negligible compared to that of the rotor. The shaft has a diameter  $d$ , a length  $L$ , and it is made from material with a shear modulus  $G$ . Determine an expression for the natural frequency of torsional oscillations.

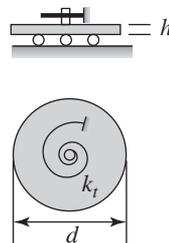
**3.13** Obtain an expression for the natural frequency for the system shown in Figure E3.5.

**3.14** Consider the hand motion discussed in Example 3.3 and let the hand move in the horizontal plane; that is, the gravity force acts normal to this plane. Assume that the length of the forearm  $l$  is 25 cm, the mass of the fore arm  $m$  is 1.5 kg, the object being carried in the hand has a mass  $M = 5 \text{ kg}$ , the constant  $k_b$  associated with the restoring force of the biceps is  $2 \times 10^3 \text{ N/rad}$ , the constant  $K_t$  associated with the triceps is  $2 \times 10^3 \text{ N/rad}$ , and the spacing  $a = 4 \text{ cm}$ . Deter-

mine the equation of motion of this system, and from this governing equation, find the natural frequency and damping factor of the system.

**3.15** A spring elongates 2.5 mm when stretched by a force of 5 N. Determine the static deflection and the period of vibration if a mass of 8 kg is attached to the spring.

**3.16** Determine the natural frequency of the steel disk with torsion spring shown in Figure E3.16 when  $k_t = 0.488 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m/rad}$ ,  $d = 50 \text{ mm}$ ,  $\rho_{\text{disk}} = 7850 \text{ kg/m}^3$ , and  $h = 2 \text{ mm}$ .



**FIGURE E3.16**

**3.17** Consider a nonlinear spring that is governed by the force-displacement relationship

$$F(x) = a \left( \frac{x}{b} \right)^c$$

where  $a = 3000 \text{ N}$ ,  $b = 0.015 \text{ m}$ , and  $c = 2.80$ . If this spring is to be used as a mounting for different machinery systems, obtain a graph similar to that shown in Figure 3.5b and discuss how the natural frequency of this system changes with the weight of the machinery.

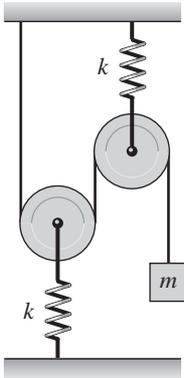
**3.18** The static deflection in the tibia bone of a 120 kg person standing upright is found to be  $25 \mu\text{m}$ . Determine the associated natural frequency of axial vibrations.

**3.19** A solid wooden cylinder of radius  $r$ , height  $h$ , and specific gravity  $s_w$  is placed in a container of tap water such that the axis of the cylinder is perpendicular to the surface of the water. Assume that the density of

the water is  $\rho_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ . It is assumed the wooden cylinder stays upright under small oscillations.

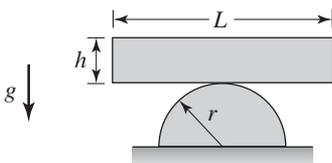
- If the cylinder is displaced a small amount, then determine an expression for its natural frequency.
- If the tap water is replaced by salt water with specific gravity of 1.2, then determine whether the natural frequency of the wooden cylinder increases or decreases and by what percentage.

**3.20** Consider the pulley system shown in Figure E3.20. The mass of each pulley is small compared with the mass  $m$  and, therefore, can be ignored. Furthermore, the cord holding the mass is inextensible and has negligible mass. Obtain an expression for the natural frequency of the system.



**FIGURE E3.20**

**3.21** A rectangular block of mass  $m$  rests on a stationary half-cylinder, as shown in Figure E3.21. Find the natural frequency of the block when it undergoes small oscillations about the point of contact with the cylinder.



**FIGURE E3.21**

### Section 3.3.2

**3.22** Formulate a design guideline for Example 3.8 that would enable a vibratory system designer to decrease the static deflection by a factor  $n$  while holding the damping ratio and damping coefficient constant.

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**3.24** An instrument's needle indicator has a rotary inertia of  $1.4 \times 10^6 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^2$ . It is attached to a torsion spring whose stiffness is  $1.1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}/\text{rad}$  and a viscous damper of coefficient  $c$ . What is the value of  $c$  needed so that the needle is critically damped?

**3.25** Determine the natural frequency and damping factor for the system shown in Figure E2.26.

**3.26** Determine the natural frequency and damping factor for the system shown in Figure E2.27.

### Section 3.6

**3.27** For the base-excitation prototype shown in Figure 3.6, assume that the base displacement  $y(t)$  is known, choose  $x(t)$  as the generalized coordinate, and derive the equation of motion by using Lagrange's equation.

**3.28** Obtain the equation of motion for the system with rotating unbalance shown in Figure 3.7 by using Lagrange's equations.

**3.29** Obtain the equation of motion for the system shown in Figure 3.10 by using moment balance and compare it to the results obtained by using Lagrange's equation.

**3.30** Derive the governing equation for the single-degree-of-freedom system shown in Figure E3.30 in terms of  $\theta$  when  $\theta$  is small, and obtain an expression for its natural frequency. The top mass of the pendulum is a sphere, and the mass  $m_r$  of the horizontal rod and the mass  $m_p$  of the rod that is supporting  $m_a$  are

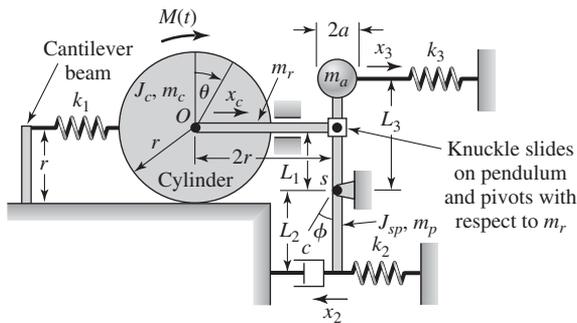


FIGURE E3.30

each uniformly distributed. The cylinder rolls without slipping. The rotational inertia  $J_c$  of the cylinder is about the point  $O$  and  $J_{sp}$  is the total rotational inertia of the rod about the point  $s$ . Assume that these rotational inertias are known.

**3.31** For the fluid-float system shown in Figure E3.31,  $J_o$  is the mass moment of inertia about point  $O$ . Assume that the mass of the bar is  $m_b$ . Answer the following.

- For “small” angular oscillations, derive the governing equation of motion for the fluid float system.
- What is the value of the damping coefficient  $c$  for which the system is critically damped?

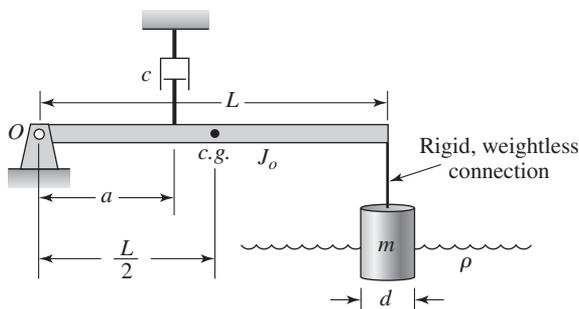


FIGURE E3.31

**3.32** Determine the nonlinear governing equation of motion for the kinematically constrained system shown in Figure E3.32. Consider only vertical motions of  $m_1$ .

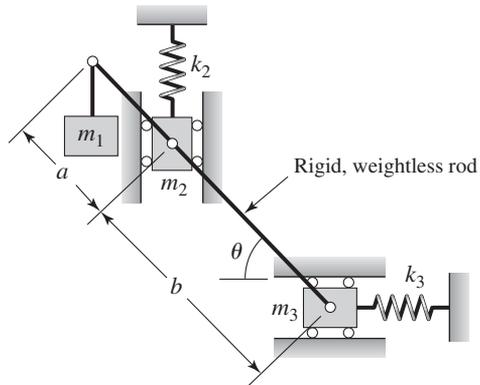


FIGURE E3.32

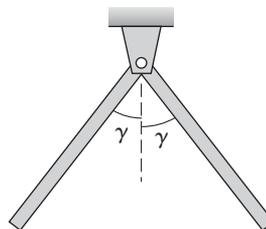


FIGURE E3.33

**3.33** Determine the natural frequency of the angle bracket shown in Figure E3.33. Each leg of the bracket has a uniformly distributed mass  $m$  and a length  $L$ .

**3.34** Determine the natural frequency for the vertical oscillations of the system shown in Figure E3.34. Let  $L$  be the static equilibrium length of the spring and let  $|x/L| \ll 1$ . The angle  $\gamma$  is arbitrary.

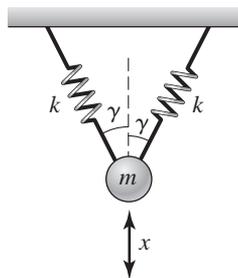
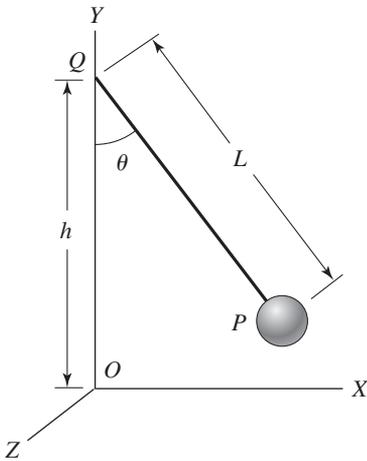


FIGURE E3.34

**3.35** Consider the planar pendulum of mass  $m$  and constant length  $l$  that is shown in Figure E3.35. This pendulum is described by the following nonlinear equation

$$ml^2\ddot{\theta} + mgl \sin \theta = 0$$

where  $\theta$  is the angle measured from the vertical. Determine the static-equilibrium positions of this system and linearize the system for “small” oscillations about each of the system static-equilibrium positions.

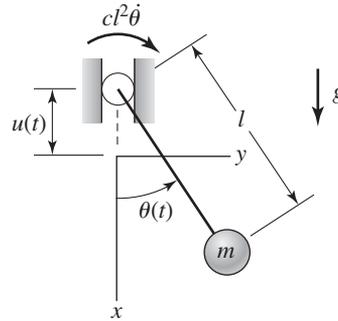


**FIGURE E3.35**

**3.36** For the translating and rotating disc system of Figure 3.9, choose the coordinate  $x$  measured from the unstretched length of the spring to describe the motion of the system. What are the equivalent inertia, equivalent stiffness, and equivalent damping properties for this system?

**3.37** For the inverted pendulum system of Figure 3.10, choose the coordinate  $x_1$  measured from the unstretched length of the spring to describe the motion of the system. What are the equivalent inertia, equivalent stiffness, and equivalent damping properties for this system?

**3.38** Consider a pendulum with an oscillating support as shown in Figure E3.38. The support is oscillating harmonically at a frequency  $\omega$ ; that is,



**FIGURE E3.38**

$$u(t) = U \cos \omega t$$

At the point about which the pendulum rotates, there is a viscous damping moment  $cl^2\dot{\theta}$ .

- Determine expressions for the kinetic energy and the potential energy of the system.
- Show that the governing equation of motion can be written as

$$\frac{d^2\theta}{d\tau^2} + 2\zeta \frac{d\theta}{d\tau} + [1 - U_o\Omega^2 \cos \Omega\tau] \sin \theta = 0$$

where

$$\tau = \omega_o t, \quad \omega_o^2 = \frac{g}{l}, \quad \Omega = \frac{\omega}{\omega_o},$$

$$2\zeta = \frac{c}{m\omega_o}, \quad \text{and} \quad U_o = \frac{U}{l}$$

- Approximate the governing equation in (b) for “small” angular oscillations about  $\theta_o = 0$  using a two-term Taylor expansion for  $\sin \theta$ , and show that the nonlinear stiffness is of the softening type.

**3.39** Use Lagrange's equation to derive the equation describing the vibratory system shown in Figure E3.39, which consists of two gears, each of radius  $r$  and rotary inertia  $J$ . They drive an elastically constrained rack of mass  $m$ . The elasticity of the constraint is  $k$ . From the equation of motion, determine an expression for the natural frequency.

**3.40** Obtain the governing equation of motion in terms of the generalized coordinate  $\theta$  for torsional

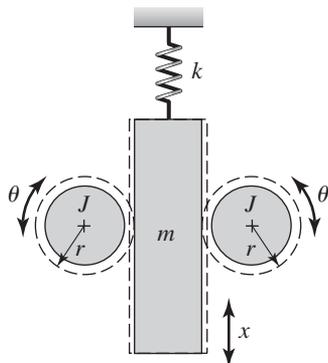


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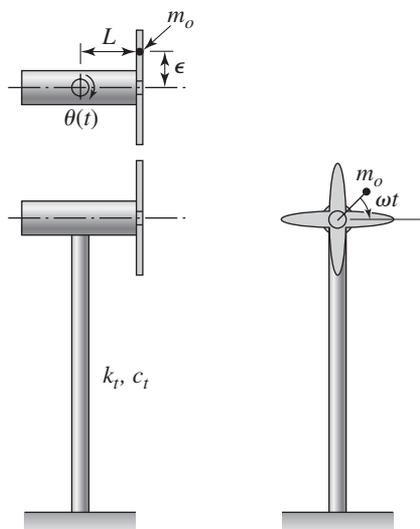


FIGURE E3.40

oscillations of the wind turbine shown in Figure E3.40. Assume that the turbine blades spin at  $\omega$  rad/s and that the total mass unbalance is represented by mass  $m_o$  located at a distance  $\epsilon$  from the axis of rotation. The support for the turbine is a solid circular rod of diameter  $d$ , length  $L$ , and it is made from a material with a shear modulus  $G$ . The turbine body and blades have a rotary inertia  $J_z$ . Assume that the damping coefficient for torsional oscillations is  $c_t$ .

**3.41** The uniform concentric cylinder of radius  $R$  rolls without slipping on the inclined surface as shown in

Figure E3.41. The cylinder has another cylinder of radius  $r < R$  concentrically attached to it. The smaller cylinder has a cable wrapped around it. The other end of the cable is fixed. The cable is parallel to the inclined surface. If the stiffness of the cable is  $k$ , the mass and rotary inertia of the two attached cylinders are  $m$  and  $J_O$ , respectively, then determine an expression for the natural frequency of the system in Hz. The length of the unstretched spring is  $L$ .

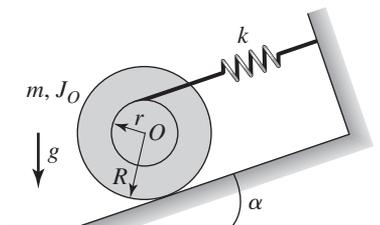


FIGURE E3.41

**3.42** For the pulley shown in Figure E3.42, determine an expression for natural frequency, for oscillations about the static equilibrium position. The springs are stretched by an amount  $x_o$  at the static equilibrium. The rotary inertia of the pulley about its center is  $J_O$ , the radius of the pulley is  $r$ , and the stiffness of each translation spring is  $k$ .

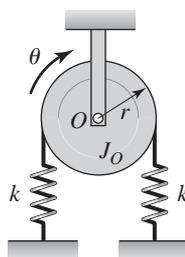


FIGURE E3.42

**3.43** The pendulum shown in Figure E3.43 oscillates about the pivot at  $O$ . If the mass of the rigid bar of length  $L_3$  can be neglected, then determine an expression for the *damped* natural frequency of the system for “small” angular oscillations.

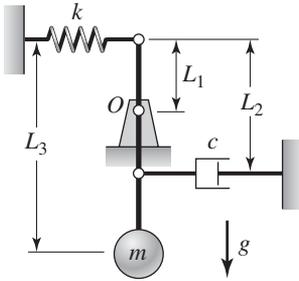


FIGURE E3.43

3.44 Consider the pendulum shown in Figure E3.44. If the bar is rigid and weightless, then determine the natural frequency of the system and compare it to the natural frequency of the pendulum shown in Figure 2.18b. What conclusions can you draw?

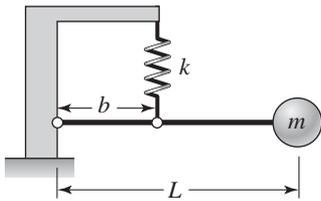


FIGURE E3.44

3.45 Consider the weightless rigid rod shown in Figure E3.45. At one end of the rod is a mass  $m$ , and from the other end of the rod another mass  $m$  is suspended from a taut string. The system is undamped and it is in

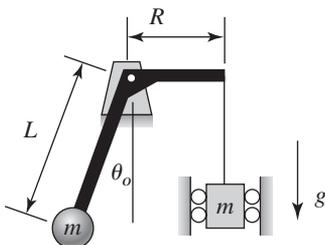


FIGURE E3.45

equilibrium as shown in the figure. For “small” angles of rotation  $\theta$  about the static equilibrium position  $\theta_0$ , obtain an expression for the period.

3.46 For “small” oscillations  $\theta$  about the nominal position specified by the angle  $\beta$ , determine an expression for the natural frequency of the system shown in Figure E3.46. The springs are not stretched in this nominal position.

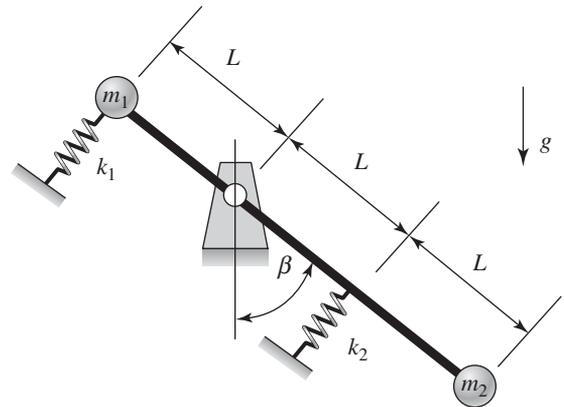


FIGURE E3.46

3.47 A circular cylinder of mass  $m$  and radius  $r$  rolls on the interior of a cylindrical surface of radius  $R$ , as shown in Figure E3.47. The system is in equilibrium at  $\theta = 0$ . Determine an expression for the natural frequency of the system for “small” oscillations about this equilibrium position.

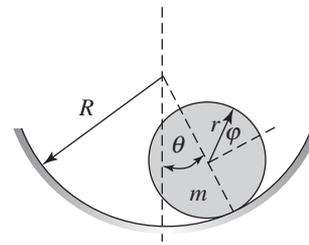
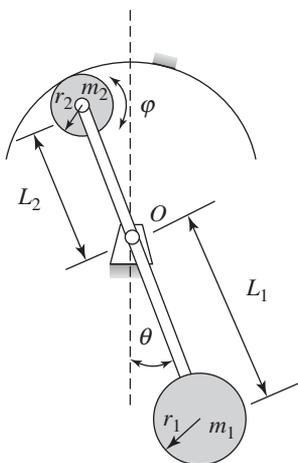


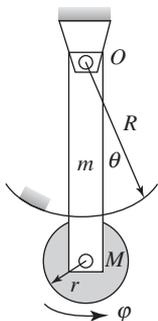
FIGURE E3.47

**3.48** The undamped pendulum pivoted at point  $O$  shown in Figure E3.48 has a cylinder of mass  $m_2$  at its top that rotates without slipping on the interior of a cylinder. At the bottom end of the pendulum, a mass  $m_1$  is attached. The rod connecting the two masses is rigid and weightless. The system is in equilibrium at  $\theta = 0$ . Determine an expression for the period of oscillation of the system. Assume that  $m_2 L_2 < m_1 L_1$ .



**FIGURE E3.48**

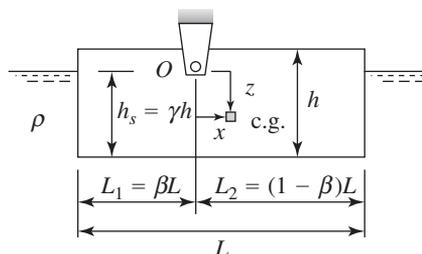
**3.49** A rod of mass  $m$  pivots at point  $O$ , as shown in Figure E3.49. Attached to the free end of the rod of length  $R + r$  is a mass  $M$  that rotates without slipping



**FIGURE E3.49**

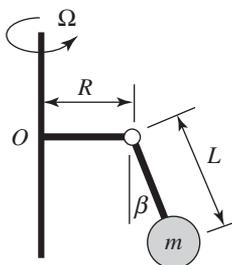
along the exterior surface of a cylinder. Determine the equation of motion and obtain an expression for the natural frequency of the system.

**3.50** A floating rectangular prismatic bar with of specific gravity  $\gamma$  is hinged at the water line as shown in Figure E3.50. The thickness of the bar is  $b$  and the mass density of the fluid is  $\rho$ . Determine the equation of motion and obtain an expression for the natural frequency of the system for “small” oscillations about point  $O$ .



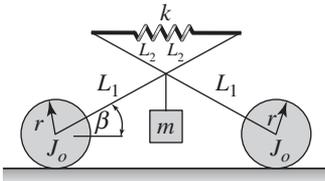
**FIGURE E3.50**

**3.51** For small oscillations, determine the equation of motion and the natural frequency of the rotating pendulum shown in Figure E3.51 that oscillates about the equilibrium position  $\beta$  when the angular rotation is  $\Omega$ .



**FIGURE E3.51**

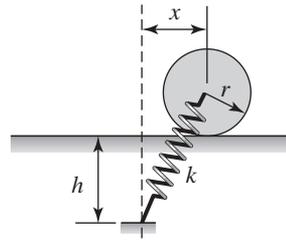
**3.52** Determine the equation of motion and obtain the natural frequency of the system shown in Figure E3.52. The connecting rods are rigid and weightless. Each of the wheels of radius  $r$  has a rotational inertia  $J_o$  and they roll without slipping.



**FIGURE E3.52**

**3.53** Obtain the equation of motion for the system shown in Example 3.12 when the oscillations about its upright position are no longer “small.”

**3.54** A cylindrical disk of mass  $m$  and radius  $r$  rolls on a surface without slipping, as shown in Figure E3.54.



**FIGURE E3.54**

The free length of the spring  $L$  is such that  $L = h + r$ . Derive the governing equation of motion. Do not make any assumptions about the magnitude of oscillations.



Free oscillations of systems are important considerations that must be taken into account in order to obtain effective operations of a system. For a helicopter or a ship crane, the load oscillations must be taken into account to carry out safe load-transfer operations. Stability of vibratory systems such as the machine tool must also be considered in the design of systems subjected to dynamic loads. (Source: David Buttington/Getty Images.)

# 4

## Single Degree-of-Freedom System: Free-Response Characteristics

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### 4.1 INTRODUCTION

In Chapter 3, we illustrated how the governing equation of a single degree-of-freedom system can be derived. In this chapter, the solution of this governing equation is determined, and based on this solution, the responses of single degree-of-freedom systems subjected to different types of initial conditions are discussed. As pointed out in Chapter 3, it is shown that the free responses can be characterized in terms of the damping factor. The notion of stability of a solution is introduced and briefly discussed. The problem of machine-tool

chatter during turning operations is also considered and numerical determination of stability for this problem is illustrated. The forced responses of single degree-of-freedom systems are addressed in Chapters 5 and 6.

For all linear single degree-of-freedom systems, the governing equation can be put in the form of Eq. (3.22), which is repeated below.

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 2\zeta\omega_n \frac{dx}{dt} + \omega_n^2 x = \frac{f(t)}{m} \quad (4.1)$$

A solution is sought for the system described by Eq. (4.1) for a given set of initial conditions. This type of problem is called an *initial-value problem*. Since the system inertia, stiffness, and damping parameters are constant with respect to time, the coefficients in Eq. (4.1) are constant with respect to time. For such linear differential systems with constant coefficients, the solution can be determined by using time-domain methods and the Laplace transform method<sup>1</sup>, as illustrated in Appendix D. The latter has been used here, since a general solution for the response of a forced vibratory system can be determined for arbitrary forms of forcing. However, a price that one pays for generality is that in the Laplace transform method the oscillatory characteristics of the vibratory system are not readily apparent until the final solution is determined. On the other hand, when time-domain methods are used, the explicit forms of the solutions assumed in the initial development allows one to readily see the oscillatory characteristics of a vibratory system. In order to provide a flavor of this complementary approach, time-domain methods are summarized in Appendix D.

The ease with which we can use Laplace transforms to solve linear, ordinary differential equations is illustrated by solving for the response of a system with a Maxwell material later in the chapter and by solving for the response of a two degree-of-freedom system in Chapter 8. We also show how to use Laplace transforms to solve for the free responses of thin beams in Chapter 9. An advantage of using the Laplace transform approach is the convenience with which one can see the duality of the responses in the time domain and the frequency domain; this is important for understanding how the same information can be expressed in the two different domains.

In this chapter, we shall show how to:

- Determine the solutions for a linear, single degree-of-freedom system that is underdamped, critically damped, overdamped, and undamped.
- Determine the response of single degree-of-freedom systems to initial conditions and use the results to study the response to impact and collision.
- Determine when a system is stable and how to use the root-locus diagram to obtain stability information.
- Obtain the conditions under which a machine tool chatters.
- Use different models for damping: viscous (Voigt), Maxwell, hysteretic.
- Examine systems with nonlinear stiffness and nonlinear damping.

<sup>1</sup>See Appendix A.

## 4.2 FREE RESPONSES OF UNDAMPED AND DAMPED SYSTEMS

### 4.2.1 Introduction

In this section, the responses of undamped and damped single degree-of-freedom systems in the absence of forcing—that is,  $f(t) = 0$ —are explored in detail. These responses are also referred to as *free responses*, and when the system is undamped or underdamped, the responses are referred to as *free oscillations*. In the absence of forcing, the single degree-of-freedom given by Eq. (4.1) reduces to

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 2\zeta\omega_n \frac{dx}{dt} + \omega_n^2 x = 0 \quad (4.2)$$

Free responses are the responses of a system to either an initial displacement  $x(t) = X_o$ , an initial velocity  $\dot{x}(0) = V_o$ , or to both an initial displacement and an initial velocity. Based on the discussion in Appendix D, there are four distinct types of solutions to Eq. (4.1) depending on the magnitude of the damping factor  $\zeta$ . These four regions describe four different types of systems as follows.

#### Underdamped System: $0 < \zeta < 1$

When the damping factor is in the range  $0 < \zeta < 1$ , we denote the system as an *underdamped* system. From Eq. (3.20), we see that in this region, the damping coefficient  $c$  is less than the critical damping coefficient  $c_c$ . For values of  $\zeta$  in this range, the solutions to Eq. (4.2) are given by either Eq. (D.15) or Eq. (D.16); that is,

$$x(t) = X_o e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \cos(\omega_d t) + \frac{V_o + \zeta\omega_n X_o}{\omega_d} e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \sin(\omega_d t) \quad (4.3)$$

or

$$x(t) = A_o e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \sin(\omega_d t + \varphi_d) \quad (4.4)$$

respectively, where

$$\omega_d = \omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} \quad (4.5)$$

where  $\omega_d$  is the *damped natural frequency* and

$$A_o = \sqrt{X_o^2 + \left( \frac{V_o + \zeta\omega_n X_o}{\omega_d} \right)^2}$$

$$\varphi_d = \tan^{-1} \frac{\omega_d X_o}{V_o + \zeta\omega_n X_o} \quad (4.6)$$

**Critically Damped System:  $\zeta = 1$** 

When  $\zeta = 1$ , we denote the system as *critically damped*; that is,  $c = c_c$ . The solution to Eq. (4.2) in this case is given by Eq. (D.19); that is,

$$x(t) = X_o e^{-\omega_n t} + [V_o + \omega_n X_o] t e^{-\omega_n t} \quad (4.7)$$

**Overdamped System:  $\zeta > 1$** 

When the damping factor  $\zeta > 1$ , the system is *overdamped*; that is, the damping coefficient  $c$  is larger than the critical damping coefficient  $c_c$ . In this region, the solution to Eq. (4.2) is given by Eq. (D.9) with  $f(t) = 0$ ; that is,

$$x(t) = X_o \frac{e^{-\zeta \omega_n t}}{\omega'_d} [\zeta \omega_n \sinh \omega'_d t + \omega'_d \cosh \omega'_d t] + V_o \frac{e^{-\zeta \omega_n t}}{\omega'_d} \sinh \omega'_d t \quad (4.8)$$

where

$$\omega'_d = \omega_n \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1} \quad (4.9)$$

**Undamped System:  $\zeta = 0$** 

When the damping factor  $\zeta = 0$ , the system is *undamped*; that is, the damping coefficient  $c = 0$ . In this case, the solution to Eq. (4.2) is given by either Eq. (D.24) or Eq. (D.25); that is,

$$x(t) = X_o \cos(\omega_n t) + \frac{V_o}{\omega_n} \sin(\omega_n t) \quad (4.10)$$

and

$$x(t) = A'_o \sin(\omega_n t + \varphi'_d) \quad (4.11)$$

respectively, where

$$A'_o = \sqrt{X_o^2 + \left(\frac{V_o}{\omega_n}\right)^2}$$

$$\varphi'_d = \tan^{-1} \frac{\omega_n X_o}{V_o} \quad (4.12)$$

We are now in a position to study the differences in the response of the mass for the three different damping levels and to determine the effects of the damping ratio on the rate of decay. To simplify matters, we shall assume that the initial displacement  $X_o = 0$  and that the initial velocity  $V_o \neq 0$ . Then, after introducing the nondimensional time variable  $\tau = \omega_n t$ , we simplify Eqs. (4.10), (4.3), (4.7), and (4.8) to, respectively,

 **$\zeta = 0$** 

$$\frac{x(\tau)}{V_o/\omega_n} = \sin(\tau)$$

$$0 < \zeta < 1$$

$$\frac{x(\tau)}{V_o/\omega_n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} e^{-\zeta\tau} \sin(\tau\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2})$$

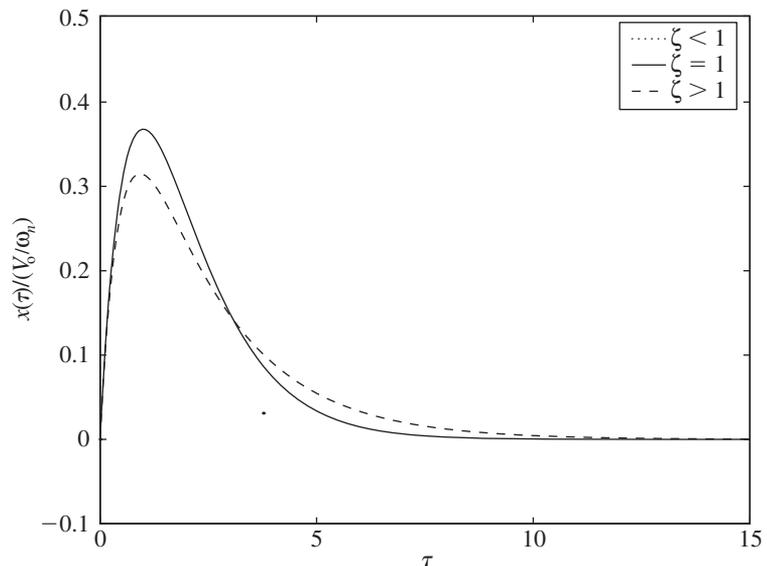
$$\zeta = 1$$

$$\frac{x(\tau)}{V_o/\omega_n} = \tau e^{-\tau}$$

$$\zeta > 1$$

$$\frac{x(\tau)}{V_o/\omega_n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1}} e^{-\zeta\tau} \sinh(\tau\sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1})$$

The time histories for the three damped cases are plotted in Figure 4.1, where it is seen that when  $\zeta = 1$ , the displacement decays to its equilibrium position in the shortest time. This characteristic is made use of, for example, in the design of dampers for doors. In addition, it is seen that for  $\zeta < 1$  the response is oscillatory, whereas for  $\zeta \geq 1$  the response is not oscillatory. However, as  $\zeta$  increases, the magnitude of the peak amplitude decreases.



**FIGURE 4.1**

Response of a single degree-of-freedom system to an initial velocity for three different values of  $\zeta$ .

**Design Guideline:** The free response of a critically damped system reaches its equilibrium or rest position in the shortest possible time.

In the absence of forcing, when  $\zeta > 0$ , the displacement response always decays to the equilibrium position  $x(t) = 0$ . However, this is not true when  $\zeta < 0$ ; the response of the system will grow with respect to time. This is an example of an unstable response, which is discussed in Section 4.3.

Next, we present three examples that explore the free responses of underdamped and critically damped systems in detail.

**EXAMPLE 4.1** Free response of a microelectromechanical system

A microelectromechanical system has a mass of  $0.40 \mu\text{g}$ , a stiffness of  $0.08 \text{ N/m}$ , and a negligible damping coefficient. The gravity loading is normal to the direction of motion of this mass. We shall determine and discuss the displacement response of this system when there is no forcing acting on this system and when the initial displacement is  $2 \mu\text{m}$  and the initial velocity is zero.

Since  $V_o = f(t) = \zeta = 0$ , we see from Eq. (4.10) that the displacement response has the form

$$x(t) = X_o \cos(\omega_n t) \quad (\text{a})$$

where

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \quad (\text{b})$$

From Eq. (b), the natural frequency is

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{0.08 \text{ N/m}}{0.40 \times 10^{-9} \text{ kg}}} = 14142.14 \text{ rad/s}$$

or

$$f_n = \frac{\omega_n}{2\pi} = \frac{14142.14}{2\pi} = 2250.8 \text{ Hz}$$

Substituting this value and the given value of initial displacement  $2 \mu\text{m}$  into Eq. (a) results in

$$x(t) = 2 \cos(14142.14t) \mu\text{m} \quad (\text{c})$$

Equation (c) is the displacement response. Based on the form of Eq. (a) or Eq. (c), it is clear that the displacement is a cosine harmonic function that varies periodically with time and has the period

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_n} = \frac{1}{f_n} = \frac{1}{2250.8} = 444.29 \mu\text{s}$$

From the form of Eq. (c), it is clear that the response does not decay, and hence, the response does not settle down to the static-equilibrium position. The system, instead, oscillates harmonically about this equilibrium position with an amplitude of  $2 \mu\text{m}$ .

### EXAMPLE 4.2 Free response of a car tire

A wide-base truck tire is characterized with a stiffness of  $1.23 \times 10^6 \text{ N/m}$ , an undamped natural frequency of 30 Hz, and a damping coefficient of  $4400 \text{ N}\cdot\text{s/m}$ . In the absence of forcing, we shall determine the response of the system assuming non-zero initial conditions, evaluate the damped natural frequency of the system, and discuss the nature of the response.

Let the mass of the tire be represented by  $m$ . Based on the equation of motion derived in Chapter 3 for the system shown in Figure 3.1, the governing equation of motion of the tire system from the static equilibrium position is given by Eq. (4.2); that is,

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 2\zeta\omega_n \frac{dx}{dt} + \omega_n^2 x = 0 \quad (\text{a})$$

For this case,

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_n &= 2\pi \times 30 = 188.50 \text{ rad/s} \\ \zeta &= \frac{c}{2m\omega_n} = \frac{c\omega_n}{2k} = \frac{4400 \text{ N}\cdot\text{s/m} \times 188.50 \text{ rad/s}}{2 \times 1.23 \times 10^6 \text{ N/m}} = 0.337 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{b})$$

Since the damping factor is less than 1, the system is underdamped. Hence, the solution for Eq. (a) is given by Eq. (4.4); that is, the displacement response of the tire system about the static-equilibrium position is

$$x(t) = A_o e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \sin(\omega_d t + \varphi_d) \quad (\text{c})$$

where the constants  $A_o$  and  $\varphi_d$  are determined by the initial displacement and initial velocity as indicated by Eqs. (4.6). The damping factor  $\zeta$  and the natural frequency  $\omega_n$  are given by Eqs. (b), and the damped natural frequency  $\omega_d$  is determined from Eq. (4.5) as

$$\omega_d = \omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} = 188.50 \sqrt{1 - 0.337^2} = 177.5 \text{ rad/s}$$

The response given by Eq. (c) has the form of a damped sinusoid with a period

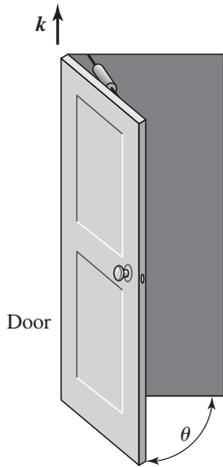
$$T_d = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_d} = \frac{2\pi}{177.5} = 0.0354 \text{ s}$$

Thus, the tire oscillates back and forth about the static-equilibrium position with a period of 35.4 ms. As time unfolds, the amplitude of the displacement response decreases exponentially with time, and in the limit,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [A_0 e^{-\zeta \omega_n t} \sin(\omega_d t + \varphi_d)] = 0$$

because of the exponential term. Thus, after a fast decay, the tire system settles down to the static-equilibrium position.

### EXAMPLE 4.3 Free response of a door



**FIGURE 4.2**  
Door motions.

A door shown in Figure 4.2 undergoes rotational motions about the vertical axis pointing in the  $k$  direction. From Eq. (3.13), the governing equation of motion of this system is

$$J_{\text{door}} \ddot{\theta} + c_t \dot{\theta} + k_t \theta = 0 \quad (\text{a})$$

where the mass moment of inertia  $J_{\text{door}} = 20 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2$ , the viscous damping provided by the door damper is  $48 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} \cdot \text{s}/\text{rad}$ , and the rotational stiffness of the door hinge is  $28.8 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}/\text{rad}$ . We shall determine the response of this system when the door is opened with an initial velocity of  $4 \text{ rad/s}$  from the initial position  $\theta = 0$ . We shall then plot this response as a function of time and discuss its motion.

Equation (a) is written in the form of Eq. (4.2) by dividing through by the inertia  $J_{\text{door}}$  to obtain

$$\ddot{\theta} + 2\zeta \omega_n \dot{\theta} + \omega_n^2 \theta = 0 \quad (\text{b})$$

where

$$\zeta = \frac{c_t}{2J_{\text{door}} \omega_n}$$

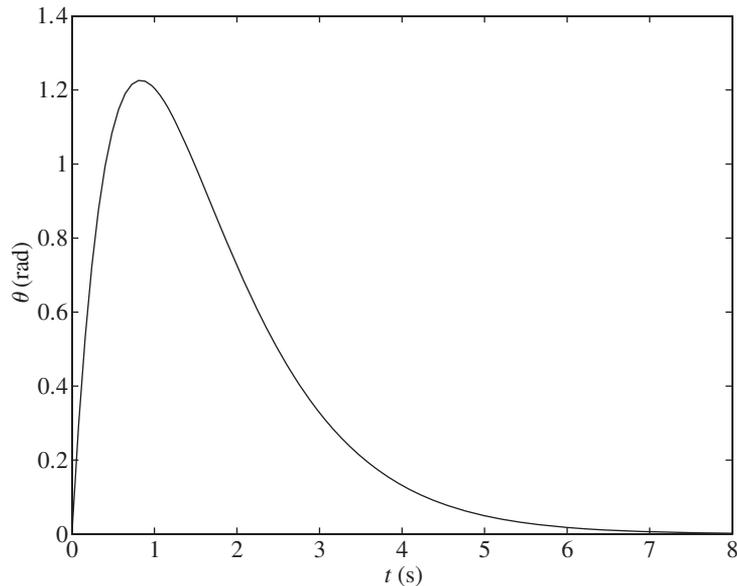
$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k_t}{J_{\text{door}}}} \quad (\text{c})$$

For the given values of the parameters, the damping factor and the natural frequency are, from Eqs. (c),

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{28.8 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}/\text{rad}}{20 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2}} = 1.2 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$\zeta = \frac{48 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} \cdot \text{s}/\text{rad}}{2 \times 20 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2 \times 1.2 \text{ rad/s}} = 1.0 \quad (\text{d})$$

Hence, the system is critically damped. The displacement response is given by Eq. (4.7); that is,

**FIGURE 4.3**

Displacement time history of the door in Figure 4.2.

$$\theta(t) = \theta(0)e^{-\omega_n t} + [\dot{\theta}(0) + \omega_n \theta(0)]te^{-\omega_n t} \quad (\text{e})$$

Upon substituting the given initial conditions,  $\theta(0) = 0$  and  $\dot{\theta}(0) = 4$  rad/s and the value of the natural frequency from Eq. (d) in Eq. (e), we arrive at the displacement response of the door

$$\theta(t) = 4te^{-1.2t} \text{ rad} \quad (\text{f})$$

This response is plotted as a function of time in Figure 4.3. From this figure, it is evident the free-response of this critically damped system quickly reaches the static-equilibrium position  $\theta = 0$  after the time exceeds about one period of the undamped oscillation of the system; that is, when  $T = 2\pi/\omega_n = 5.24$  s. The peak displacement amplitude occurs at  $\dot{\theta}(t_{\text{peak}}) = 0$ , or  $t_{\text{peak}} = 1/1.2 = 0.833$  s. As expected of a critically damped system, the motion is not periodic and does not oscillate about the equilibrium position.

In the rest of the section, the responses of underdamped single degree-of-freedom systems to certain prescribed initial displacements, initial velocities, or both simultaneously are addressed in detail; that is, systems for which  $0 < \zeta < 1$ .

From the general form of the solution for  $0 < \zeta < 1$ , we know that non-zero initial conditions will result in oscillations that decay exponentially with time. This solution is examined for several situations that occur in the design

of single degree-of-freedom systems with a prescribed initial velocity and a prescribed initial displacement.

### 4.2.2 Initial Velocity

We now examine the free response of a single degree-of-freedom system with a prescribed initial velocity. When a system is subjected to an initial velocity only, we set  $X_o = 0$  in Eqs. (4.6). This leads to the following amplitude and phase

$$A_o = \frac{V_o}{\omega_d}$$

$$\varphi_d = 0$$

and, therefore, Eq. (4.4) becomes

$$x(t) = \frac{V_o e^{-\zeta \omega_n t}}{\omega_d} \sin(\omega_d t) \quad (4.13)$$

The velocity and acceleration of the mass are, respectively,

$$\dot{x}(t) = v(t) = -\frac{V_o e^{-\zeta \omega_n t}}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \sin(\omega_d t - \varphi)$$

$$\ddot{x}(t) = a(t) = \frac{V_o \omega_n e^{-\zeta \omega_n t}}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \sin(\omega_d t - 2\varphi) \quad (4.14)$$

where

$$\varphi = \tan^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}}{\zeta} \quad \text{or} \quad \varphi = \sin^{-1} \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} \quad (4.15)$$

and Eq. (D.12) has been used.

The displacement, velocity, and acceleration responses given by Eqs. (4.13) and (4.14) are plotted in Figure 4.4. The location of the displacement extrema and the velocity extrema seen in this figure are determined as discussed next.

#### Extrema of Displacement Response

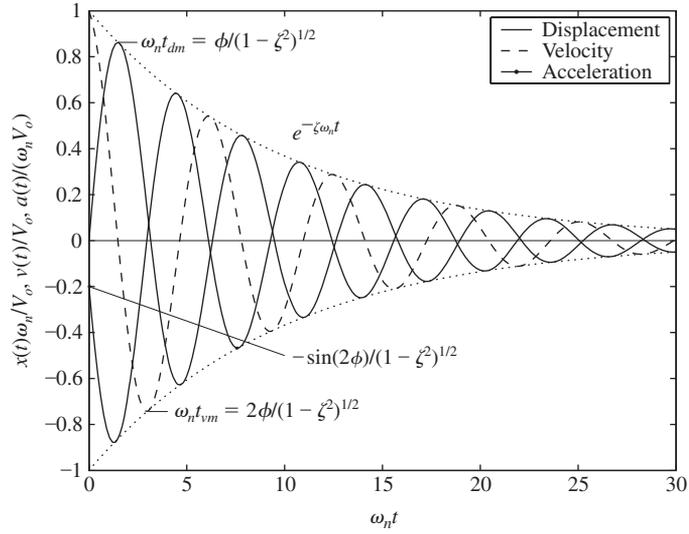
The displacement has an extremum (maximum or minimum) at those times  $t_{dm}$  for which

$$\dot{x}(t_{dm}) = -\frac{V_o e^{-\zeta \omega_n t_{dm}}}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \sin(\omega_d t_{dm} - \varphi) = 0 \quad (4.16)$$

The solution to Eq. (4.16) is

$$\omega_d t_{dm} = \varphi + p\pi \quad p = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (4.17)$$

Therefore, from Eq. (4.13), it follows that

**FIGURE 4.4**

Time histories of displacement, velocity, and acceleration of a system with prescribed initial velocity  $V_o$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t_{dm}) &= x_{\max/\min} = \frac{V_o e^{-\zeta \omega_n t_{dm}}}{\omega_d} \sin(\omega_d t_{dm}) \\
 &= \frac{V_o e^{-\zeta \omega_d t_{dm} / \sqrt{1-\zeta^2}}}{\omega_d} \sin(\varphi + p\pi) \\
 &= (-1)^p \frac{V_o}{\omega_n} e^{-(\varphi + p\pi)/\tan \varphi} \quad p = 0, 1, 2, \dots
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.18}$$

where we have used Eq. (4.15).

The largest displacement occurs when  $p = 0$ , or at

$$t_{d,\max} = \frac{\varphi}{\omega_d} = \frac{\varphi}{\omega_n \sqrt{1-\zeta^2}} \tag{4.19}$$

### Extrema of Velocity Response

In a similar manner, we find the times  $t_{vm}$  at which the velocity is a maximum/minimum, which are determined from the condition that the acceleration is zero; that is,  $a(t_{vm}) = 0$ . Making use of the second of Eqs. (4.14), these times are found to be

$$\omega_d t_{vm} = 2\varphi + p\pi \quad p = 0, 1, 2, \dots \tag{4.20}$$

and, from the first of Eqs. (4.14), the corresponding velocities are determined as

$$\dot{x}(t_{vm}) = (-1)^{p+1} V_o e^{-(2\varphi + p\pi)/\tan \varphi} \quad p = 0, 1, 2, \dots \tag{4.21}$$

The use of Eq. (4.21) is illustrated in Example 4.4.

### Force Transmitted to Fixed Surface

We shall now determine the dynamic component of the force transmitted to the base of a single degree-of-freedom system such as that shown in Figure 3.1. This force is given by Eq. (3.10); that is,

$$F_R = c\dot{x} + kx \quad (4.22)$$

Upon substituting Eqs. (4.13) and (4.14) into Eq. (4.22), we obtain

$$F_R(t) = \frac{kV_o e^{-\zeta\omega_n t}}{\omega_d} [-2\zeta \sin(\omega_d t - \varphi) + \sin(\omega_d t)] \quad (4.23)$$

At  $t = 0$ , the reaction force acting on the base is determined from Eq. (4.23) to be

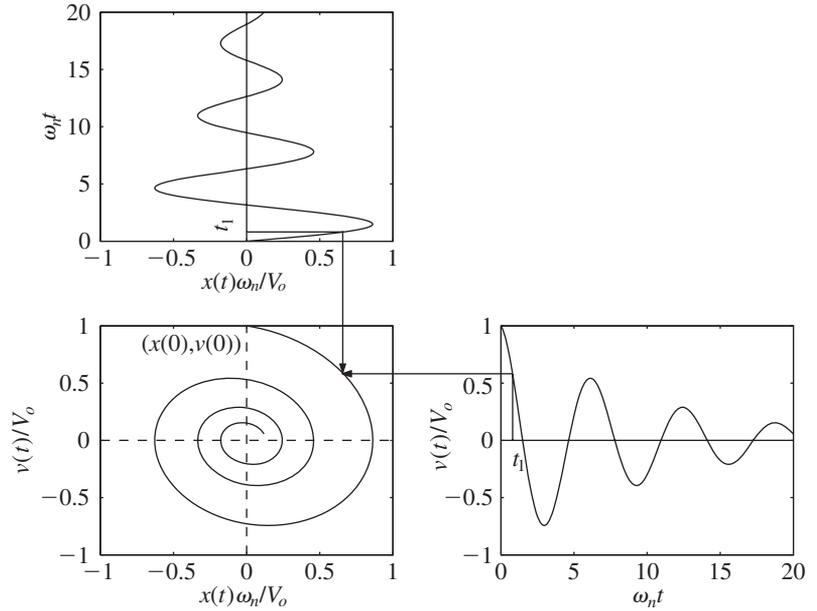
$$F_R(0) = \frac{2\zeta kV_o}{\omega_d} \sin(\varphi) = \frac{2\zeta kV_o}{\omega_n} \quad (4.24)$$

Thus, when the mass of a single degree-of-freedom system is subjected to an initial velocity, the force is instantaneously transmitted to the base. This unrealistic characteristic is a property of modeling the system with a spring and viscous damper combination in parallel. The viscous damper essentially “locks” with the sudden application of the velocity and is thereby momentarily rigid. This temporary rigidity shorts the spring and instantaneously transmits the force to the base. Representing a support by a combination of a linear spring and linear viscous damper in parallel is called the *Kelvin-Voigt model*, which is one type of elementary *viscoelastic model*. A second type of elementary viscoelastic model, called the *Maxwell model*, consists of a linear spring and a linear viscous damper in series, and this model is discussed in Example 4.7.

### State-Space Plot and Energy Dissipation

The values of the displacements and velocities corresponding to these maxima and minima can also be visualized in a state-space plot, which is a graph of the displacement versus the velocity at each instant of time. This graph for the system considered here is shown in Figure 4.5. As time unfolds, the trajectory initiated from a set of initial conditions is attracted to the equilibrium position located at the origin  $(0, 0)$ . When  $\zeta = 0$ , the state-space plot in terms of the nondimensional displacement and nondimensional velocity is a circle. If this plot is made in terms of dimensional quantities, it will be an ellipse.

We now show how the energy dissipated by the system in the time interval  $0 \leq t \leq t_{d,\max}$  can be determined. The system of interest is a spring-mass-damper system, as shown in Figure 3.2, which is translating back and forth along the  $x$ -axis. The energy dissipated by the system is equal to the difference between the sum of the kinetic energy and the potential energy in the final state and the sum of the kinetic energy and the potential energy in the initial state. Noting that the potential energy in the initial state is zero, and the kinetic energy in the final state is zero, the energy that is dissipated is the difference between the initial kinetic energy and the potential energy that is stored in the

**FIGURE 4.5**

State-space plot of a single degree-of-freedom system with a prescribed initial velocity  $V_o$ .

spring at  $t_{d,\max}$ . The initial energy is the kinetic energy of the mass, which has been imparted a velocity  $V_o$ . The energy stored in the spring is a function of the displacement  $x(t_{d,\max})$ . Thus, the energy  $E_{\text{diss}}$  that is dissipated is

$$\begin{aligned}
 E_{\text{diss}} &= \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} m V_o^2}_{\text{Initial kinetic energy}} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} k [x(t_{d,\max})]^2}_{\text{Final potential energy}} = \frac{1}{2} m V_o^2 - \frac{1}{2} k \frac{V_o^2}{\omega_n^2} e^{-2\varphi/\tan \varphi} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} m V_o^2 [1 - e^{-2\varphi/\tan \varphi}] \tag{4.25}
 \end{aligned}$$

where we have used Eqs. (4.18). Thus, the fraction of the total energy that has been dissipated is

$$\frac{E_{\text{diss}}}{E_{\text{init}}} = [1 - e^{-2\varphi/\tan \varphi}] \tag{4.26}$$

where the initial energy  $E_{\text{init}}$  is given by

$$E_{\text{init}} = \frac{m V_o^2}{2} \tag{4.27}$$

From Eq. (4.26), it is seen that the fraction of the total energy dissipated is only a function of the system's damping factor  $\zeta$ , since the angle  $\varphi$  is determined only by the damping factor.

The significance of these results is illustrated with several examples, where free oscillations of underdamped systems due to impacts are considered.

#### EXAMPLE 4.4 Impact of a vehicle bumper<sup>2</sup>

Consider a vehicle of mass  $m$  that is travelling at a constant velocity  $V_o$  as shown in Figure 4.6a. The bumper is modeled as a spring  $k$  and viscous damper  $c$  in parallel. If the vehicle's bumper hits a stationary barrier, then after the impact, the displacement and velocity of the mass are those given by Eqs. (4.13) and (4.14), respectively. These results are used to determine the coefficient of restitution of the system and the amount of energy that has been dissipated until the time the bumper is no longer in contact with the barrier.

The bumper is in contact with the barrier only while the sum of the forces

$$kx(t) + c\dot{x}(t) > 0$$

that is, while the spring-damper combination is being compressed. At the instant when they are no longer in compression the acceleration is zero; that is, the time at which the sum of these forces on the mass is zero. The first time instance at which the acceleration is zero is given by Eq. (4.20) for  $p = 0$ , and the corresponding velocity is given by Eq. (4.21).

Based on Newton's law of impact, the coefficient of restitution  $\epsilon$  is defined as

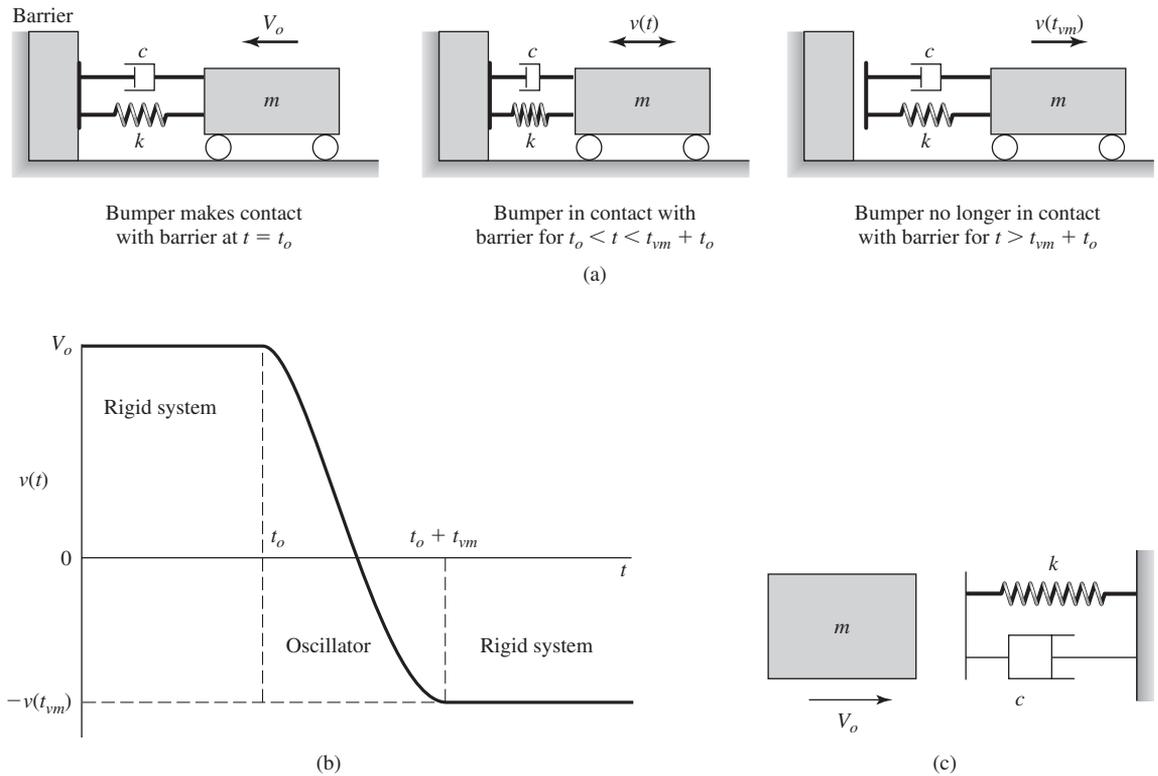
$$\epsilon = \frac{-(v_{\text{vehicle}} - v_{\text{barrier}})_{\text{after impact}}}{(v_{\text{vehicle}} - v_{\text{barrier}})_{\text{before impact}}} = \frac{-(v_{\text{vehicle}})_{\text{after impact}}}{(v_{\text{vehicle}})_{\text{before impact}}} \quad (\text{a})$$

where  $v_{\text{vehicle}}$  is the vehicle velocity,  $v_{\text{barrier}}$  is the velocity of the barrier, and the assumption that  $v_{\text{barrier}}$  is zero has been used; that is, the barrier is fixed. Then, making use of Eq. (a) and Eq. (4.21) with  $p = 0$ , we find that

$$\epsilon = \frac{-\dot{x}(t_{vm})}{\dot{x}(0)} = \frac{V_o e^{-2\varphi/\tan\varphi}}{V_o} = e^{-2\varphi/\tan\varphi} \quad (\text{b})$$

We now make use of Eq. (b) to examine how the coefficient of restitution  $\epsilon$  depends on the damping factor  $\zeta$ . Considering first the undamped case, we note from Eq. (4.15) that  $\varphi/\tan\varphi \rightarrow 0$  as  $\zeta \rightarrow 0$ , and, therefore,  $\epsilon \rightarrow 1$ . In other words, there are no losses and the system leaves with the same velocity with which it arrived. This is consistent with the fact that this is an elastic collision. When  $\zeta \rightarrow 1$ , the system becomes critically damped and  $\varphi/\tan\varphi \rightarrow 1$  and, therefore, from Eq. (b), we find that  $\epsilon \rightarrow e^{-2}$ ; that is, the mass leaves the barrier with a velocity of  $0.135V_o$ .

<sup>2</sup>See also, V. I. Babitsky, *Theory of Vibro-Impact Systems and Applications*, Springer-Verlag, Berlin, Appendix I (1998).

**FIGURE 4.6**

(a) Model of a car bumper colliding with a stationary barrier, (b) time history of velocity of mass, and (c) equivalent impact configuration. In this equivalent configuration, a mass moving with a velocity  $V_o$  impacts a barrier, which is represented by a spring and damper combination.

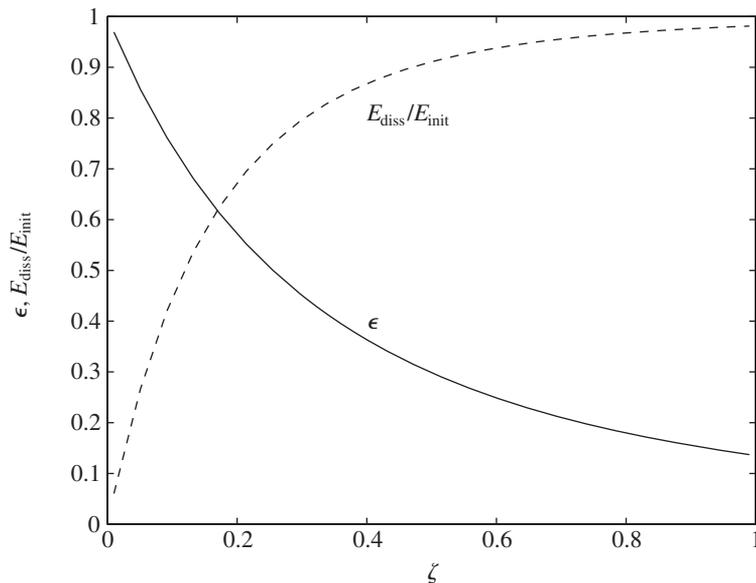
The amount of energy that the system dissipates during the interval  $0 \leq t \leq t_{vm}$  is the difference between the initial kinetic energy and the kinetic energy at separation. Note that the vehicle does not have any potential energy when it is not in contact with the barrier. Thus,

$$E_{\text{diss}} = \frac{1}{2} m V_o^2 - \frac{1}{2} m [\dot{x}(t_{vm})]^2 = \frac{1}{2} m V_o^2 - \frac{1}{2} m V_o^2 e^{-4\varphi/\tan \varphi}$$

or

$$\frac{E_{\text{diss}}}{E_{\text{init}}} = [1 - e^{-4\varphi/\tan \varphi}]$$

where  $E_{\text{init}}$  is given by Eq. (4.27). These results are summarized in Figure 4.7. It is noted that these results have been obtained for a collision with a single impact.

**FIGURE 4.7**

Coefficient of restitution and fraction of energy dissipation for impacting single degree-of-freedom system.

### EXAMPLE 4.5 Impact of a container housing a single degree-of-freedom system

We shall now consider the effects of dropping onto the floor a system that resides inside a container that has a coefficient of restitution  $\epsilon$  with respect to the floor. The system is shown in Figure 4.8. If the container falls from a height  $h$ , then the magnitude of the velocity at the time of impact with the floor is

$$V_o = \sqrt{2gh}$$

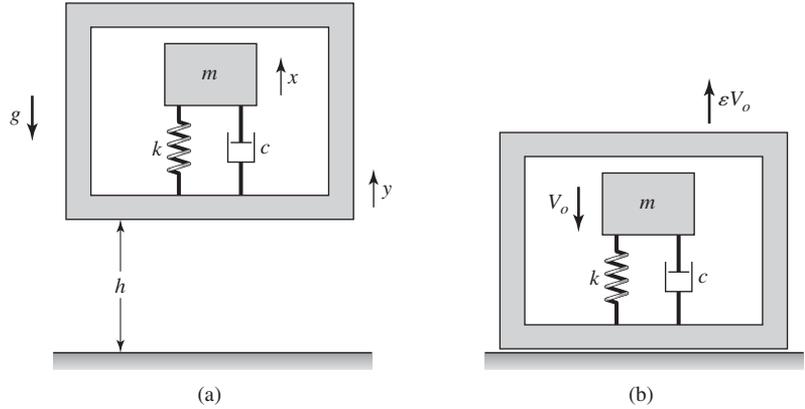
At the instant  $t = 0^+$  after impact, the container bounces upwards with a velocity whose magnitude is  $\epsilon V_o$ . Then at  $t = 0^+$ , the container and the single degree-of freedom system can be modeled as a single degree-of freedom system with a moving base as discussed in Section 3.5. Thus, if we define the relative displacement

$$z(t) = x(t) - y(t) \quad (\text{a})$$

then, from Eq. (3.30) we have

$$m \frac{d^2z}{dt^2} + c \frac{dz}{dt} + kz = -m \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} \quad (\text{b})$$

However,  $\ddot{y} = -g$ , since the container is decelerating during the rebound upwards. Then Eq. (b) becomes

**FIGURE 4.8**

Single degree-of-freedom system inside a container: (a) dropped from a height  $h$  and (b) on rebound immediately after impact with the floor.

$$m \frac{d^2 z}{dt^2} + c \frac{dz}{dt} + kz = mg u(t) \quad (c)$$

where  $u(t)$  is the unit step function. The initial conditions are

$$\begin{aligned} z(0) &= x(0) - y(0) = 0 \\ \dot{z}(0) &= \dot{x}(0) - \dot{y}(0) = -V_o - (\epsilon V_o) \\ &= -(1 + \epsilon)V_o = -(1 + \epsilon)\sqrt{2gh} \end{aligned} \quad (d)$$

The solution to Eq. (c) for  $0 < \zeta < 1$  and subject to the initial conditions given by Eq. (d) is determined from Eq. (D.11). Thus, after substituting  $f(t) = mg u(t)$ , we find that

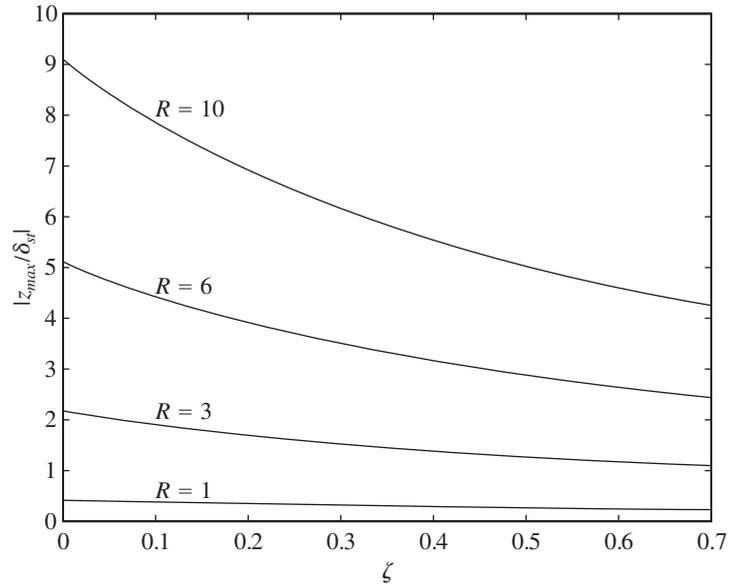
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{z(t)}{\delta_{st}} &= \frac{-R}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} e^{-\zeta \omega_n t} \sin(\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} \omega_n t) \\ &\quad + 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} e^{-\zeta \omega_n t} \sin(\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} \omega_n t + \varphi) \end{aligned} \quad (e)$$

where  $\varphi$  is given by Eq. (4.15),  $\delta_{st} = mg/k$ , and the coefficient of restitution-dependent parameter  $R$  is

$$R = (1 + \epsilon) \sqrt{\frac{2h}{\delta_{st}}} \quad (f)$$

The corresponding velocity is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\dot{z}(t)}{\delta_{st} \omega_n} &= \frac{R}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} e^{-\zeta \omega_n t} \sin(\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} \omega_n t - \varphi) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} e^{-\zeta \omega_n t} \sin(\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} \omega_n t) \end{aligned} \quad (g)$$

**FIGURE 4.9**

Normalized maximum relative displacement of a system inside a container that is dropped from a height  $h$  as a function of coefficient of restitution of the container and the damping ratio of the single degree-of-freedom system.

The extremum of the relative displacement is determined from  $z_{\max} = z(t_{\max})$  where  $t_{\max}$  is the earliest time at which  $\dot{z}(t_{\max}) = 0$ . In this particular case, an explicit analytical expression for  $t_{\max}$  cannot be found, so the maximum displacement is determined numerically from Eq. (e). The magnitude of the maximum displacement is a function of the initial velocity, which is a function of the drop height  $h$ , the coefficient of restitution of the container, and the damping ratio and the static displacement of the spring of the single degree-of-freedom system inside the container. The numerically obtained results are shown in Figure 4.9. We see that there are many ways by which one can decrease the maximum relative displacement of the mass, which lead to the following design guidelines.

**Design Guidelines:** To minimize the maximum relative displacement of the mass, keep  $h$  and, therefore the velocity  $V_o$ , as small as possible. Make the container of a material that absorbs the impact, so that the coefficient of restitution is as small as possible. Make the natural frequency of the single degree-of-freedom system as low as possible. Since, in packaging, the mass is usually not a parameter that can be specified, one has to make the equivalent spring as soft as practical. Increase the equivalent damping of the packing material.

Although not explored here, an equally important design goal is to minimize the absolute acceleration of the mass  $m$ , as large accelerations can be detrimental to the single degree-of-freedom system.

### EXAMPLE 4.6 Collision of two viscoelastic bodies

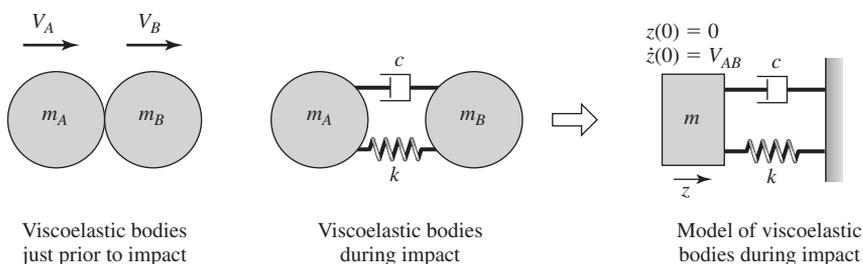
We use the single degree-of-freedom model to analyze the impact<sup>3</sup> (collision) of two viscoelastic bodies. In Figure 4.10, two bodies  $m_A$  and  $m_B$  whose relative velocity is  $V_{AB}$  just before impact is shown. During contact, the contact force between the masses  $m_A$  and  $m_B$  is represented by using a Kelvin-Voigt model: that is, a linear spring with stiffness  $k$  in parallel with a viscous damper with damping coefficient  $c$ .

If we let  $x_A$  and  $x_B$  represent the absolute displacements of  $m_A$  and  $m_B$ , respectively, then the relative displacement between the two masses, the relative velocity between them, and the relative acceleration between them are given by, respectively,

$$\begin{aligned} z &= x_A - x_B \\ V_{AB} &= \dot{z} = \dot{x}_A - \dot{x}_B \\ \ddot{z} &= \ddot{x}_A - \ddot{x}_B \end{aligned} \quad (\text{a})$$

The magnitude of the contact force  $F_{AB}$  that acts on each mass for the duration of contact is

$$F_{AB} = c \frac{dz}{dt} + kz \quad (\text{b})$$



**FIGURE 4.10**  
Impact of two viscoelastic bodies.

<sup>3</sup>C. Rajalingham and S. Rakheja, "Analysis of Impact Force Variation During Collision of Two Bodies Using a Single-Degree-of-Freedom System Model," *J. Sound Vibration*, Vol. 229, No. 4, pp. 823–835 (2000). For the case where both masses are traveling in the same direction in contact with each other and impact a rigid wall, see W. J. Stronge, *Impact Dynamics*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, U.K., Chapter 5 (2000). For the collision of two single degree-of-freedom oscillators, see R. J. Pinnington, "Collision of Two Adjacent Oscillators," *J. Sound Vibration*, **268**, pp. 343–360, 2003.

From the free-body diagram of each mass during impact, we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned}\ddot{x}_A &= -\frac{F_{AB}}{m_A} \\ \ddot{x}_B &= \frac{F_{AB}}{m_B}\end{aligned}\quad (c)$$

Since there are no external forces acting on the system at the time of impact, the system's linear momentum is conserved. Thus, from Eqs. (1.11) and (1.12), we have that

$$\frac{d}{dt}(m_A\dot{x}_A + m_B\dot{x}_B) = 0 \quad (d)$$

and, therefore,

$$m_A\ddot{x}_A + m_B\ddot{x}_B = 0 \quad (e)$$

From Eq. (e) and the last of Eqs. (a), we find that

$$\begin{aligned}\ddot{x}_A &= \frac{m}{m_A}\ddot{z} \\ \ddot{x}_B &= -\frac{m}{m_B}\ddot{z}\end{aligned}\quad (f)$$

where the quantity  $m$  is called the *effective mass* and it is given by

$$m = \frac{m_A m_B}{m_A + m_B} \quad (g)$$

Then, from Eqs. (a), (b), (c), (f), and (g), we find that when the masses are in contact, the governing equation for the effective mass of the colliding bodies is given by

$$m\ddot{z} = -F_{AB} = -(c\dot{z} + kz)$$

or

$$\ddot{z} + 2\zeta\omega_n\dot{z} + \omega_n^2 z = 0 \quad (h)$$

where

$$\omega_n^2 = \frac{k}{m} \quad \text{and} \quad \zeta = \frac{c}{2m\omega_n} \quad (i)$$

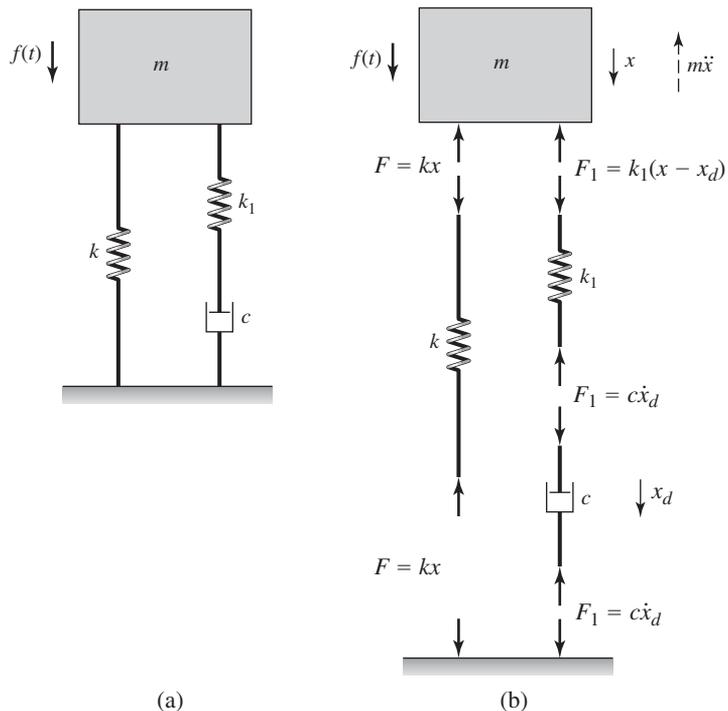
Equation (h) is valid up until the time that  $F_{AB} = 0$ , which, from the above equation, is also the time at which  $\dot{z} = 0$ . Noting that the initial conditions are  $z(0) = 0$  and  $\dot{z}(0) = V_{AB}$ , the solution for the relative displacement  $z$  between the two masses is given by Eq. (4.13) where  $V_o = V_{AB}$ . The coefficient of restitution can be determined from Eq. (a) of Example 4.4.

**EXAMPLE 4.7** Vibratory system employing a Maxwell model

We shall now modify the single degree-of-freedom system shown in Figure 3.1 to obtain a more realistic description of the reaction force transmitted to the fixed support, when the inertial element is given an initial velocity. As noted earlier, if a Kelvin-Voigt model is used, there is an instantaneous reaction force at the base when an initial velocity is imparted to the mass. This unrealistic response is eliminated by using the modified system shown in Figure 4.11a, where we have introduced a linear spring  $k_1$  in series with a linear viscous damper  $c$ . The combination of the linear spring  $k_1$  in series with the linear viscous damper  $c$  is called a *Maxwell model*. To describe the motion of the system, we need, in addition to the displacement variable  $x$  of the mass  $m$ , another displacement variable  $x_d$  to describe the displacement at the spring-damper junction in the Maxwell model. Both  $x$  and  $x_d$  are measured from their respective static-equilibrium positions.

**Governing Equations of Motion and Solution for Response**

The governing equations are obtained for the general case with forcing and, from this case, the free response of the mass subjected to an initial velocity is

**FIGURE 4.11**

(a) Single degree-of-freedom system with a spring added in series with the damper and (b) forces on the system's elements.

determined. Making use of Figure 4.11b and carrying out a force balance along the vertical direction for the mass  $m$  and a force balance for the Maxwell element, we arrive at

$$m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + kx + k_1(x - x_d) = f(t)$$

$$k_1(x - x_d) = c \frac{dx_d}{dt} \quad (\text{a})$$

Since we have an additional first-order equation, apart from the second-order equation typical of a single degree-of-freedom system, the vibratory system of Figure 4.11 is also referred to as a *one and a half degree-of-freedom system*.

Introducing the natural frequency

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \quad (\text{b})$$

and the nondimensional quantities

$$\tau = \omega_n t$$

$$\gamma = \frac{k_1}{k} \quad (\text{c})$$

Eqs. (a) are rewritten as

$$\ddot{x} + (1 + \gamma)x - \gamma x_d = f(\tau)/k$$

$$\gamma x - \gamma x_d = 2\zeta \dot{x}_d \quad (\text{d})$$

and the overdot indicates the derivative with respect to  $\tau$  and

$$2\zeta = \frac{c\omega_n}{k} \quad (\text{e})$$

In the limiting case, when  $\gamma \rightarrow \infty$  (i.e.,  $k_1 \rightarrow \infty$ ), the second of Eqs. (d) leads to a Kelvin-Voigt model with a linear spring of stiffness  $k$  in parallel with a linear damper with damping coefficient  $c$ . Therefore, Eqs. (d) can be used to study a vibratory system with a Maxwell model as well as a Kelvin-Voigt model.

If we represent the Laplace transform of  $x(\tau)$  by  $X(s)$ , the Laplace transform of  $x_d(\tau)$  by  $X_d(s)$ , and the Laplace transform of  $f(\tau)$  by  $F(s)$ , then, from pair 2 in Table A of Appendix A, the Laplace transforms of Eqs. (d) are

$$(s^2 + 1 + \gamma)X(s) - \gamma X_d(s) = G(s)$$

$$\gamma X(s) - (\gamma + 2\zeta s)X_d(s) = 0 \quad (\text{f})$$

where we have assumed that  $x_d(0) = 0$ , and used the notation

$$G(s) = \frac{F(s)}{k} + sx(0) + \dot{x}(0) \quad (\text{g})$$

Upon solving for  $X(s)$  and  $X_d(s)$  from Eqs. (f), we obtain, respectively,

$$X(s) = \frac{G(s)(\gamma + 2\zeta s)}{2\zeta s^3 + \gamma s^2 + 2\zeta(1 + \gamma)s + \gamma}$$

$$X_d(s) = \frac{\gamma G(s)}{2\zeta s^3 + \gamma s^2 + 2\zeta(1 + \gamma)s + \gamma} \quad (\text{h})$$

### Force Transmitted to the Fixed Support

From Figure 4.11b, the reaction force on the base is seen to be

$$F_B = F_1 + F = c \frac{dx_d}{dt} + kx \quad (\text{i})$$

which, in terms of the nondimensional quantities given by Eqs. (c), is written as

$$\frac{F_B}{k} = 2\zeta \dot{x}_d + x \quad (\text{j})$$

where the overdot is the derivative with respect to  $\tau$ . Upon taking the Laplace transform of Eq. (j), again assuming that  $x_d(0) = 0$ , and using Eqs. (h), we find that

$$\frac{F_B}{k} = \frac{G(s)[\gamma + 2\zeta(1 + \gamma)s]}{2\zeta s^3 + \gamma s^2 + 2\zeta(1 + \gamma)s + \gamma} \quad (\text{k})$$

This expression will be revisited in Example 5.13.

We shall limit the rest of our discussion to the case where the applied force and the initial displacement are zero; that is,  $f(\tau) = 0$  and  $x(0) = 0$ , and the initial velocity is

$$\frac{dx(0)}{dt} = \omega_n \frac{dx(0)}{d\tau} = V_o \quad (\text{l})$$

Therefore, Eq. (g) simplifies to

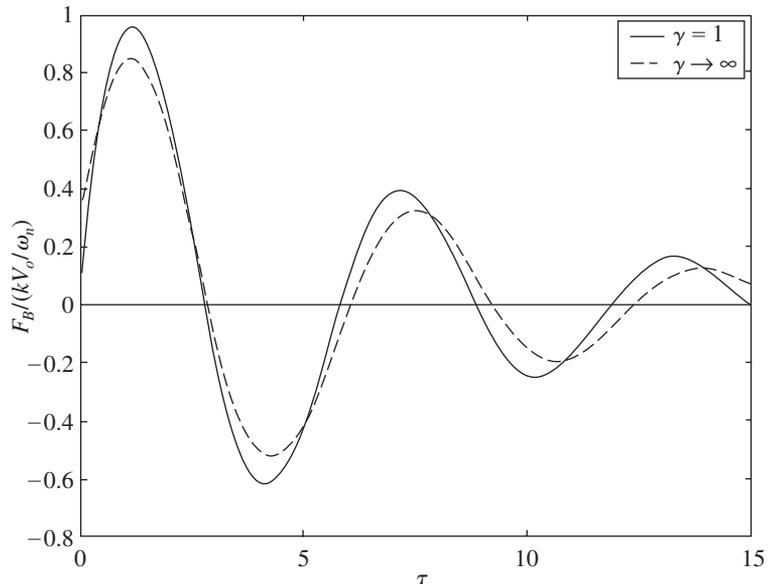
$$G(s) = \frac{V_o}{\omega_n} \quad (\text{m})$$

Upon substituting Eq. (m) into Eq. (k), we arrive at

$$\frac{F_B}{(kV_o/\omega_n)} = \frac{\gamma + 2\zeta(1 + \gamma)s}{2\zeta s^3 + \gamma s^2 + 2\zeta(1 + \gamma)s + \gamma} \quad (\text{n})$$

Before evaluating Eq. (n), we recall that the limiting case when  $\gamma \rightarrow \infty$  (i.e.,  $k_1 \rightarrow \infty$ ) recovers the Kelvin-Voigt model, where a linear spring  $k$  is in parallel with a linear viscous damper  $c$ . For this limiting case, we divide the numerator and denominator of Eq. (n) by  $\gamma$  and take the limit as  $\gamma \rightarrow \infty$ . This operation results in

$$\frac{F_B}{(kV_o/\omega_n)} = \frac{1 + 2\zeta s}{s^2 + 2\zeta s + 1} \quad (\text{o})$$

**FIGURE 4.12**

Reaction force of the system shown in Figure 4.11 for  $\zeta = 0.15$ .

Upon using Laplace transform pairs 14 and 16 in Table A of Appendix A, the inverse Laplace transform of Eq. (o) results in Eq. (4.23). The numerically<sup>4</sup> computed inverse Laplace transforms of Eq. (n) for  $\zeta = 0.15$  and  $\gamma = 1$  and Eq. (o) for  $\zeta = 0.15$  are shown in Figure 4.12. At  $\tau = 0$ , we see that the reaction force  $F_B$  has a discontinuity for the Kelvin-Voigt model, while this reaction force is zero for the Maxwell model.

### EXAMPLE 4.8 Vibratory system with Maxwell model revisited

As a continuation of Example 4.7, we now consider the case where the support consists only of a Maxwell element; that is, the spring  $k$  is absent. In this case, we again examine the force transmitted to the fixed base. Setting  $k = 0$  in Eq. (a) of Example 4.7, we arrive at

$$m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + k_1(x - x_d) = f(t)$$

$$k_1(x - x_d) = c \frac{dx_d}{dt} \quad (a)$$

<sup>4</sup>The MATLAB function `ilaplace` from the Symbolic Toolbox was used.

Introducing a new set of quantities

$$\tau' = \omega_{1n}t \quad \text{and} \quad \omega_{1n}^2 = \frac{k_1}{m} \quad (\text{b})$$

Eq. (a) is written as

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{x} + x - x_d &= f(t)/k_1 \\ x - x_d &= 2\zeta_1\dot{x}_d \end{aligned} \quad (\text{c})$$

where the overdot now indicates the derivative with respect to  $\tau'$  and

$$2\zeta_1 = \frac{c\omega_{1n}}{k_1} \quad (\text{d})$$

If we represent the Laplace transform of  $x(\tau')$  by  $X(s)$ , the Laplace transform of  $x_d(\tau')$  by  $X_d(s)$ , and the Laplace transform of  $f(\tau')$  by  $F(s)$ , then, from pair 2 in Table A of Appendix A, the Laplace transforms of Eqs. (c) are

$$\begin{aligned} (s^2 + 1)X(s) - X_d(s) &= G_1(s) \\ X(s) - (1 + 2\zeta_1s)X_d(s) &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{e})$$

where we have assumed that  $x_d(0) = 0$  and

$$G_1(s) = \frac{F(s)}{k_1} + sx(0) + \dot{x}(0) \quad (\text{f})$$

Upon solving for  $X(s)$  and  $X_d(s)$  in Eqs. (e), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} X(s) &= \frac{G_1(s)(1 + 2\zeta_1s)}{s(2\zeta_1s^2 + s + 2\zeta_1)} = \frac{G_1(s)(2\zeta_m + s)}{s(s^2 + 2\zeta_ms + 1)} \\ X_d(s) &= \frac{G_1(s)}{s(2\zeta_1s^2 + s + 2\zeta_1)} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{g})$$

where

$$2\zeta_m = \frac{1}{2\zeta_1} = \frac{k_1}{c\omega_{1n}} \quad (\text{h})$$

Note that  $\zeta_m < 1$  only when  $\zeta_1 > 0.25$ .

When the spring with stiffness  $k$  is absent, the reaction force on the base is

$$F_B(t) = F_1 = c \frac{dx_d}{dt} \quad (\text{i})$$

which is rewritten in terms of the nondimensional quantity given by Eq. (b) as

$$\frac{F_B(\tau')}{k_1} = 2\zeta_1\dot{x}_d \quad (\text{j})$$

where the overdot is the derivative with respect to  $\tau'$ . Upon taking the Laplace transform of Eq. (j), assuming that  $x_d(0) = 0$ , and using the second of Eqs. (g), we find that

$$\frac{F_B(s)}{k_1} = \frac{2\zeta_1 G_1(s)}{(2\zeta_1 s^2 + s + 2\zeta_1)} \quad (\text{k})$$

We again limit the discussion to the case where the applied force and the initial displacement are zero; that is,  $f(\tau') = 0$  and  $x(0) = 0$ , and the initial velocity is

$$\frac{dx(0)}{dt} = \omega_{1n} \frac{dx(0)}{d\tau'} = V_o \quad (\text{l})$$

Therefore, Eq. (f) simplifies to

$$G_1(s) = \frac{V_o}{\omega_{1n}} \quad (\text{m})$$

Upon substituting Eq. (m) into Eq. (k), we arrive at

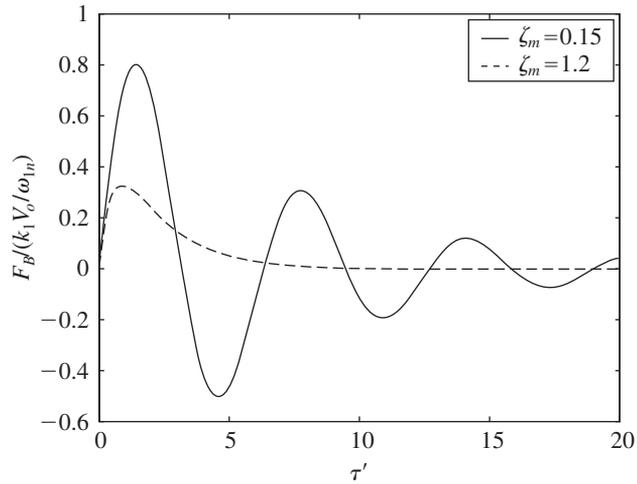
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{F_B(s)}{(k_1 V_o / \omega_{1n})} &= \frac{2\zeta_1}{(2\zeta_1 s^2 + s + 2\zeta_1)} \\ &= \frac{1}{(s^2 + 2\zeta_m s + 1)} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{n})$$

For  $\zeta_m < 1$ , the inverse Laplace transform of Eq. (n) is given by Laplace transform pair 15 in Table A of Appendix A with  $\omega_n = 1$  and  $\zeta = \zeta_m$ . The numerically computed<sup>5</sup> inverse Laplace transform of Eq. (n) for  $\zeta_m = 0.15$  and  $\zeta_m = 1.2$  are shown in Figure 4.13a. This model also exhibits a reaction force  $F_B = 0$  at  $\tau' = 0$ . The limiting value of this force is determined from transform pair 31 in Table A of Appendix A as

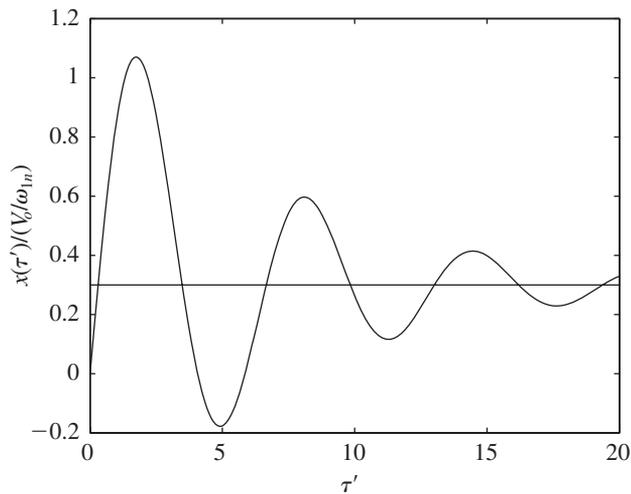
$$\lim_{\tau' \rightarrow \infty} \frac{F_B(\tau')}{(k_1 V_o / \omega_{1n})} \Rightarrow \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{s F_B(s)}{(k_1 V_o / \omega_{1n})} = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{s}{(s^2 + 2\zeta_m s + 1)} = 0 \quad (\text{o})$$

In Figure 4.13b, we have plotted the displacement response obtained from the numerical inverse Laplace transform of the first of Eqs. (g) with  $G_1(s)$  given by Eq. (m) and for  $\zeta_m = 0.15$ . It is noticed that the nondimensional displacement ratio does not approach zero as time increases. This is because there is no spring in parallel with the viscous damper to restore the system to its original equilibrium position and, therefore, the Maxwell element undergoes a permanent deformation. Consequently, based on these observa-

<sup>5</sup>The function `ilaplace` from MATLAB's Symbolic Toolbox was used.



(a)



(b)

**FIGURE 4.13**

Maxwell element: (a) reaction force of the system for  $\zeta_m = 0.15$  and  $\zeta_m = 1.2$ , and (b) displacement response of the mass for  $\zeta_m = 0.15$ .

tions, the Maxwell model is not used by itself, but in parallel with another spring, as shown in Figure 4.11. The limiting value is determined from transform pair 31 in Table A of Appendix A as

$$\lim_{\tau' \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x(\tau')}{(V_o / \omega_{1n})} \rightarrow \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{sX(s)}{(V_o / \omega_{1n})} = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{s(2\zeta_m + s)}{s(s^2 + 2\zeta_m s + 1)} = 2\zeta_m = 0.3 \quad (\text{p})$$

### 4.2.3 Initial Displacement

We now examine the free response of an underdamped single degree-of-freedom system with a prescribed initial displacement. When a system is subjected to an initial displacement only, we set  $V_o = 0$  and Eq. (4.6) for the amplitude and phase simplify to

$$A_o = \frac{X_o}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}}$$

$$\varphi_d = \tan^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}}{\zeta} = \varphi$$

Therefore, Eq. (4.4), which describes the displacement response, becomes

$$x(t) = \frac{X_o}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \sin(\omega_d t + \varphi) \quad (4.28)$$

and, after using Eq. (D.12), the velocity and acceleration are, respectively,

$$\dot{x}(t) = v(t) = -\frac{X_o\omega_n}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \sin(\omega_d t)$$

$$\ddot{x}(t) = a(t) = \frac{X_o\omega_n^2}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \sin(\omega_d t - \varphi) \quad (4.29)$$

Equations (4.28) and (4.29) are plotted in Figure 4.14 and the corresponding state space plot is shown in Figure 4.15 along with their respective time histories. As time unfolds, the trajectory is attracted to the equilibrium position located at the origin (0, 0).

#### Logarithmic Decrement<sup>6</sup>

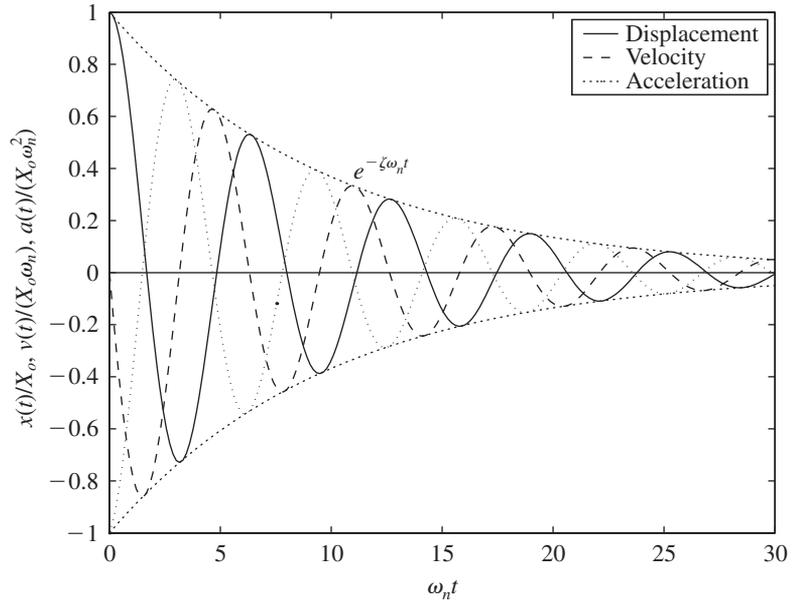
Consider the displacement response of a single degree-of-freedom system subjected to an initial displacement as shown in Figure 4.16. The logarithmic decrement  $\delta$  is defined as the natural logarithm of the ratio of any two successive amplitudes of the response that occur a period  $T_d$  apart, where  $T_d$  is given by

$$T_d = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_d} = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \quad (4.30)$$

From these two amplitudes, it is possible to determine the damping ratio  $\zeta$ . To this end, we determine a relationship between the logarithmic decrement and the damping factor. We start from

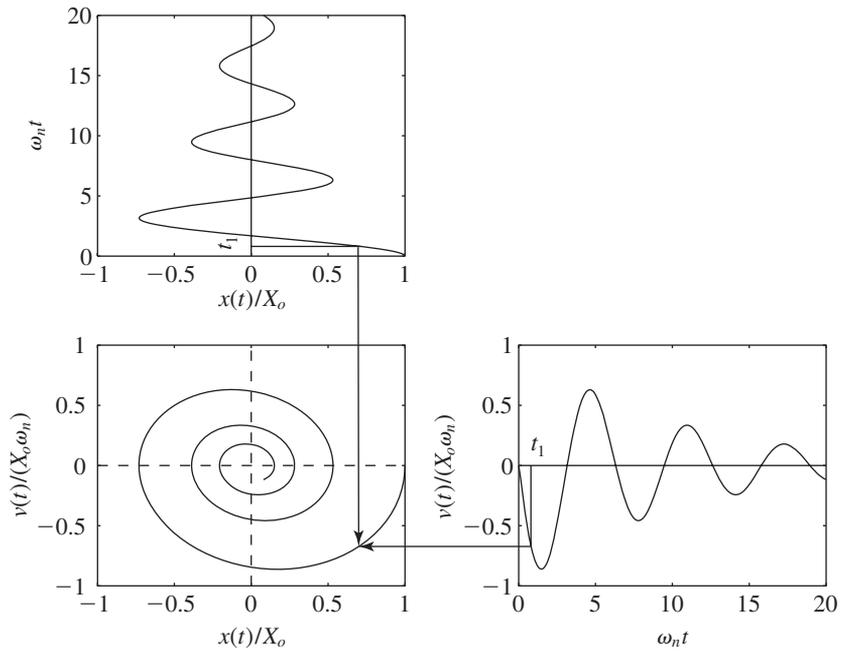
$$\delta = \ln \left( \frac{x(t)}{x(t + T_d)} \right) \quad (4.31)$$

<sup>6</sup>Although the definition of the logarithmic decrement is provided in Section 4.2.3, it applies equally to all free responses considered in Section 4.2.



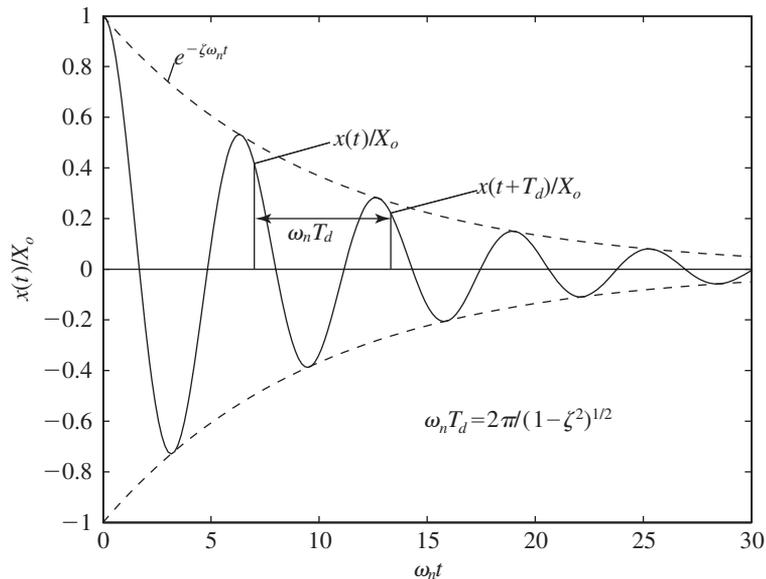
**FIGURE 4.14**

Time histories of displacement, velocity, and acceleration of a system with a prescribed initial displacement.



**FIGURE 4.15**

State-space plot of single degree-of-freedom system with prescribed initial displacement.

**FIGURE 4.16**

Quantities used in the definition of the logarithmic decrement.

If we let

$$x_p = x(t + pT_d) \quad p = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (4.32)$$

then, by definition,

$$\frac{x_0}{x_1} = \frac{x_1}{x_2} = \frac{x_2}{x_3} = \dots = \frac{x_{p-1}}{x_p} = e^\delta \quad (4.33)$$

Furthermore, we also notice from Eq. (4.33) that

$$\frac{x_0}{x_p} = \frac{x_0}{x_1} \frac{x_1}{x_2} \frac{x_2}{x_3} \dots \frac{x_{p-1}}{x_p} = e^{p\delta}$$

and, therefore, the logarithmic decrement in terms of two amplitudes measured  $p$  cycles apart is expressed as

$$\delta = \frac{1}{p} \ln \left( \frac{x_0}{x_p} \right) = \frac{1}{p} \ln \left( \frac{x(t)}{x(t + pT_d)} \right) \quad p = 1, 2, \dots \quad (4.34)$$

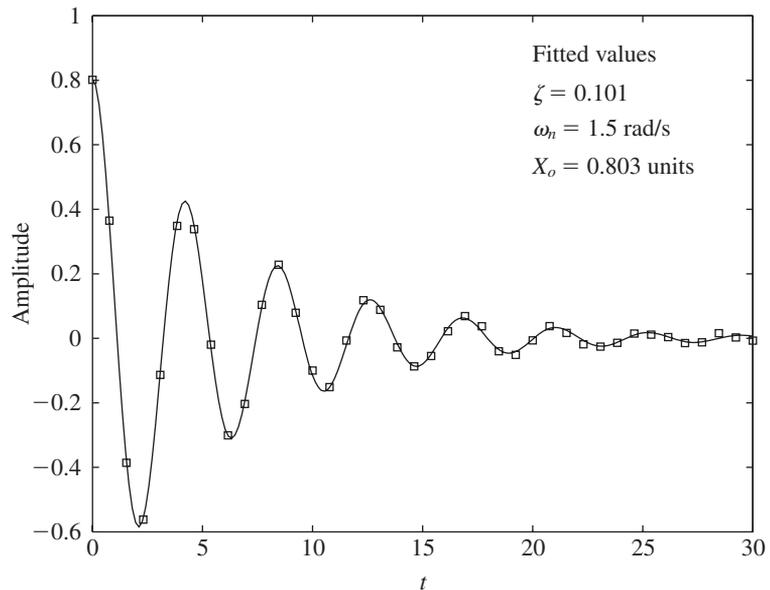
Making use of Eq. (4.28) and Eq. (4.30) and substituting for the free response  $p$  cycles apart into Eq. (4.34), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta &= \frac{1}{p} \ln \left( \frac{X_o e^{-\zeta \omega_n t} \sin(\omega_d t + \varphi) / \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}}{X_o e^{-\zeta \omega_n (t + pT_d)} \sin(\omega_d (t + pT_d) + \varphi) / \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{p} \ln \left( \frac{e^{\zeta \omega_n p T_d} \sin(\omega_d t + \varphi)}{\sin(\omega_d t + \varphi + 2p\pi)} \right) = \frac{1}{p} \ln (e^{\zeta \omega_n p T_d}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{p} \zeta \omega_n p T_d = \zeta \omega_n T_d \\
 &= \frac{2\pi \zeta}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \tag{4.35}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, from a measurement of the amplitudes  $x_0$  and  $x_p$ , one can obtain the damping ratio  $\zeta$  from

$$\zeta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + (2\pi/\delta)^2}} \tag{4.36}$$

As an alternative to this type of estimation for  $\delta$ , the free response of a system can also be curve-fitted to determine the damping factor. Based on digitally sampled data, one can use a standard nonlinear curve-fitting procedure for estimating the amplitude, damping ratio, and natural frequency of a system based on Eq. (4.28). A representative set of sampled data and the numerically obtained curve-fit values<sup>7</sup> are shown in Figure 4.17. The open



**FIGURE 4.17**

Curve fit to a set of sampled data from the response of a system with prescribed initial displacement.

<sup>7</sup>These results were obtained using `lsqcurvefit` from the MATLAB Optimization Toolbox.

squares represent the data through which the fitted curve is depicted as a solid line. As discussed in Section 5.3.2, the estimation of parameters such as damping factor and natural frequency can be also carried out based on the system transfer function.

#### EXAMPLE 4.9 Estimate of damping ratio using the logarithmic decrement

It is found from a plot of the response of a single degree-of-freedom system to an initial displacement that at time  $t_o$  the amplitude is 40% of its initial value. Two periods later the amplitude is 10% of its initial value. We shall determine an estimate of the damping ratio. Thus, from Eq. (4.34)

$$\delta = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{0.4}{0.1} \right) = 0.693$$

Then, from Eq. (4.36), we find that

$$\zeta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + (2\pi/0.693)^2}} = 0.11$$

### 4.2.4 Initial Displacement and Initial Velocity

We shall now consider the case when a system is subjected to an initial displacement and an initial velocity simultaneously. The solution is given by Eq. (4.4), which is repeated below for convenience.

$$x(t) = A_o e^{-\zeta \omega_n t} \sin(\omega_d t + \varphi_d) \quad (4.37)$$

From Eqs. (4.6), we find that the amplitude and phase are given by

$$A_o = \sqrt{X_o^2 + \left( \frac{V_o + \zeta \omega_n X_o}{\omega_d} \right)^2} = X_o \sqrt{1 + \frac{(V_r + \zeta)^2}{1 - \zeta^2}}$$

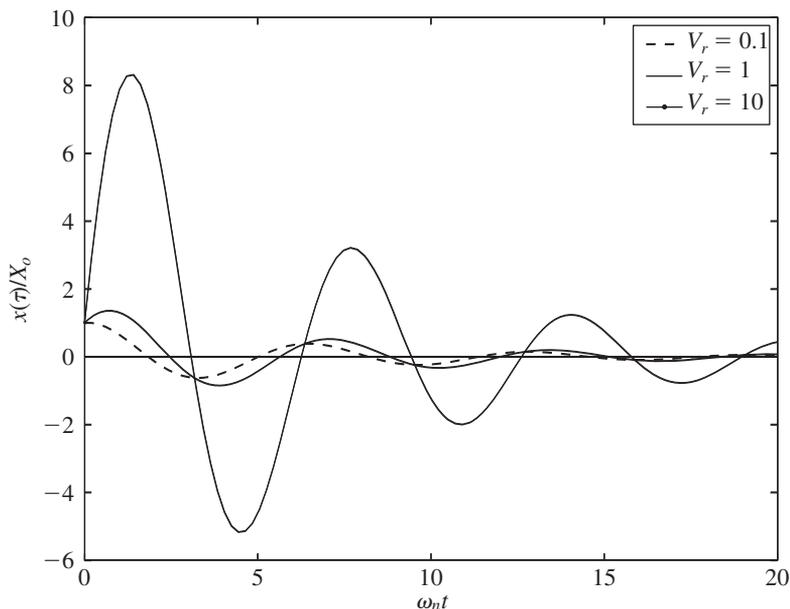
$$\varphi_d = \tan^{-1} \frac{\omega_d X_o}{V_o + \zeta \omega_n X_o} = \tan^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}}{\zeta + V_r} \quad (4.38)$$

and  $V_r = V_o/(\omega_n X_o)$  is a velocity ratio. The velocity response is determined from Eq. (4.37) to be

$$\dot{x}(t) = -A_o \omega_n e^{-\zeta \omega_n t} \sin(\omega_d t + \varphi_d - \varphi) \quad (4.39)$$

where  $\varphi$  is given by Eq. (4.15).

The numerically evaluated result for  $x(t)/X_o$  is shown in Figure 4.18. For “small” values of  $V_r$ , the displacement response is similar to that obtained for a system with a prescribed initial displacement and for “large” values of  $V_r$ , the displacement response is similar to that obtained for a system with a prescribed initial velocity.

**FIGURE 4.18**

Displacement response of a system with prescribed initial displacement and prescribed initial velocity.

### EXAMPLE 4.10 Inverse problem: information from a state-space plot

Consider the state-space plot shown in Figure 4.19. From this graph, we shall determine the following: (a) the value of the damping ratio and (b) the time  $\tau_{\max} = \omega_n t_{\max}$  at which the maximum displacement occurs.

From the graph, the initial conditions are  $x(0) = X_o$  and  $v(0) = 1.6X_o\omega_n$ . To determine  $\zeta$ , the logarithmic decrement is used. For convenience, we select the values of the displacement from Figure 4.19 that are along the line  $v(t) = 0$ . Then,

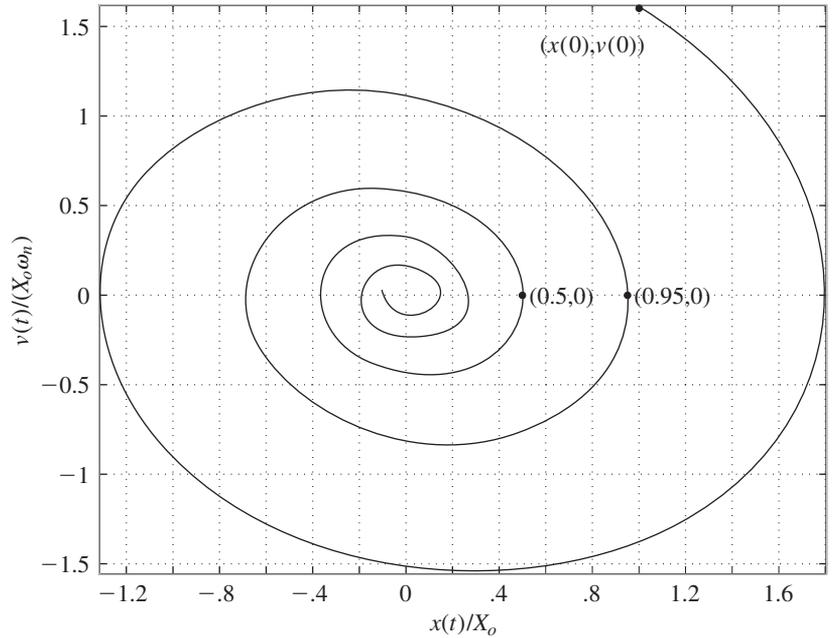
$$x(t) \approx 0.95X_o \quad \text{and} \quad x(t + T_d) \approx 0.5X_o \quad (\text{a})$$

and from Eq. (4.34) and Eq. (a), we determine the logarithmic decrement

$$\delta = \ln\left(\frac{0.95X_o}{0.5X_o}\right) = \ln(1.90) = 0.642 \quad (\text{b})$$

Then, from Eq. (4.36) and Eq. (b), we find the damping factor to be

$$\zeta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + (2\pi/\delta)^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + (2\pi/0.642)^2}} = 0.10 \quad (\text{c})$$

**FIGURE 4.19**

State-space graph for a system with prescribed initial velocity and prescribed initial displacement.

The value of  $\tau_{\max}$  is obtained from Eqs. (4.37), (4.38), (c) and Figure 4.19 in the following manner. We note that

$$V_r = \frac{v(0)}{x(0)\omega_n} = \frac{1.6X_o\omega_n}{X_o\omega_n} = 1.6$$

$$A_o = X_o\sqrt{1 + \frac{(1.6 + 0.1)^2}{1 - (0.1)^2}} = 1.976X_o$$

$$\varphi_d = \tan^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{1 - (0.1)^2}}{1.6 + 0.1} = \tan^{-1} 0.5853 = 0.53 \text{ rad} \quad (\text{d})$$

From Figure 4.19, it is seen that the maximum displacement is  $1.8X_o$ , which occurs when  $v(t) = 0$ . Then, Eq. (4.37) becomes

$$1.8X_o = 1.976X_o e^{-0.1\tau_{\max}} \sin(\tau_{\max} \sqrt{1 - (0.1)^2} + 0.53)$$

$$0.91 = e^{-0.1\tau_{\max}} \sin(0.995\tau_{\max} + 0.53) \quad (\text{e})$$

which we solve numerically<sup>8</sup> to obtain  $\tau_{\max} = 0.945$ .

<sup>8</sup>The MATLAB function `fzero` was used.

The time  $\tau_{\max}$  can also be obtained from Eq. (4.39), which is the earliest time that  $v(\tau_{\max}) = 0$ ; that is, the time at which the argument of the sine function is zero. Thus, we have

$$\omega_d t_{\max} + \varphi_d - \varphi = \tau_{\max} \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} + \varphi_d - \varphi = 0 \quad (\text{f})$$

or equivalently

$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{\varphi - \varphi_d}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \quad (\text{g})$$

Since

$$\varphi = \tan^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}}{\zeta} = \tan^{-1} \frac{0.995}{0.1} = 1.47 \text{ rad} \quad (\text{h})$$

we find that

$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{1.47 - 0.53}{0.995} = 0.945 \quad (\text{i})$$

## 4.3 STABILITY OF A SINGLE DEGREE-OF-FREEDOM SYSTEM

A linear single degree-of-freedom system is considered stable if, for all selections of finite initial conditions and finite forcing functions,

$$|x(t)| \leq A \quad t > 0$$

where  $A$  has a finite value. This is a boundedness condition, which requires the system response  $x(t)$  be bounded for bounded system inputs. If this is not the case, then the system is considered *unstable*.<sup>9</sup> For the systems that are dealt with in this book, the unstable responses grow either linearly with time or exponentially with time.

### Instability of Unforced System

We consider an unforced vibratory system subjected to finite initial conditions and study when this system can be unstable. To this end, we start from the solution for the response given in the Laplace domain by Eq. (D.2) and set  $F(s) = 0$  to obtain

$$X(s) = \frac{sx(0)}{D(s)} + \frac{2\zeta\omega_n x(0) + \dot{x}(0)}{D(s)} \quad (4.40)$$

<sup>9</sup>Other notions of stability can be found in A. H. Nayfeh and B. Balachandran, *Applied Nonlinear Dynamics: Analytical, Computational and Experimental Methods*, John Wiley & Sons, NY (1995).

Now let us examine the denominator  $D(s)$ , which is given by Eq. (D.3); that is,

$$\begin{aligned} D(s) &= s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2 = s^2 + (c_e/m_e)s + k_e/m_e \\ &= (s - s_1)(s - s_2) \end{aligned} \quad (4.41)$$

where we have used  $\zeta = c_e/(2m_e\omega_n)$ ,  $\omega_n = \sqrt{k_e/m_e}$ , and

$$s_{1,2} = \frac{1}{2m_e} [-c_e \pm \sqrt{c_e^2 - 4m_e k_e}] \quad (4.42)$$

and we have switched to the more general equivalent forms for the inertia, stiffness, and damping. From Eq. (4.40), we see that there are two terms on the right-hand side that involve, respectively, the polynomial ratios

$$\frac{1}{D(s)} = \frac{1}{(s - s_1)(s - s_2)} = \frac{1}{(s_1 - s_2)} \left[ \frac{1}{(s - s_1)} - \frac{1}{(s - s_2)} \right] \quad (4.43)$$

and

$$\frac{s}{D(s)} = \frac{s}{(s - s_1)(s - s_2)} = \frac{1}{(s_2 - s_1)} \left[ \frac{s_2}{(s - s_2)} - \frac{s_1}{(s - s_1)} \right] \quad (4.44)$$

Since

$$x(t) = L^{-1}[X(s)]$$

where  $L^{-1}$  indicates the inverse Laplace transform, it is seen that in order to obtain  $x(t)$  one needs the inverse Laplace transforms of Eqs. (4.43) and (4.44), which are

$$L^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{s - s_{1,2}} \right] = e^{s_{1,2}t}$$

where we have used Laplace transform pair 7 in Table A of Appendix A.

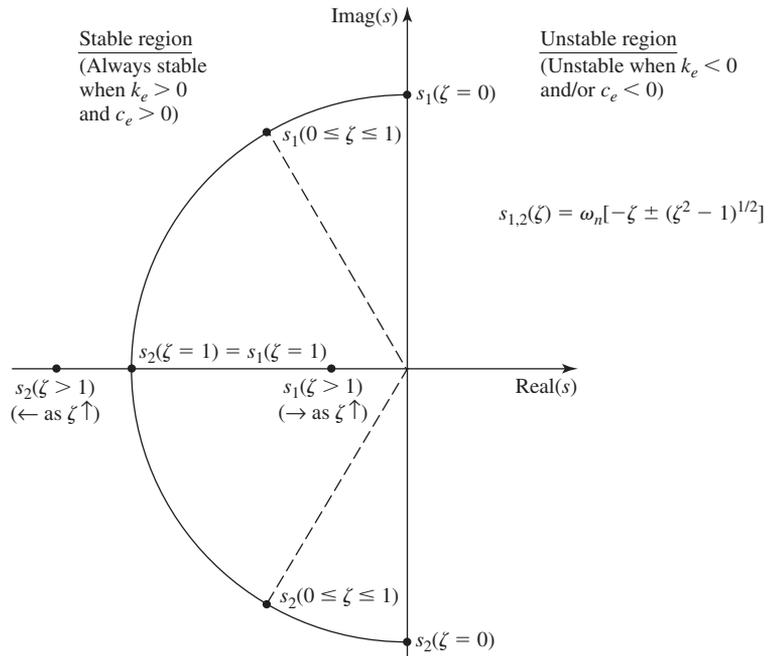
The condition under which

$$e^{s_{1,2}t}$$

remains finite for  $t > 0$  is

$$\operatorname{Re}[s_{1,2}] \leq 0 \quad (4.45)$$

that is, the real parts of the roots have to be less than or equal to zero. From Eq. (4.42), it is seen that this condition is satisfied when  $c_e \geq 0$  and  $k_e \geq 0$ . When either  $c_e < 0$  or  $k_e < 0$ , the system is unstable. These results are usually summarized in a root locus diagram like that shown in Figure 4.20 in which the roots  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  are plotted in the complex plane for different values of the damping parameter  $\zeta$ .



**FIGURE 4.20**  
Root locus diagram.

### EXAMPLE 4.11 Instability of inverted pendulum

The inverted pendulum that was examined in Example 3.11 is a system that can be unstable, depending on the values of the parameters. For this system, we have  $m_e > 0$ ,  $c_e > 0$ , and

$$k_e = kL_1^2 - m_1gL_1 - m_2g\frac{L_2}{2}$$

Thus, the system is stable as long as  $k_e > 0$ ; that is, when

$$kL_1^2 \geq m_1gL_1 + m_2g\frac{L_2}{2}$$

#### Asymptotic Stability

So far, we have only discussed the notion of bounded stability and how the system parameters such as equivalent stiffness  $k_e$  and equivalent damping coefficient  $c_e$  can affect the stability of the system. A notion of stability that

is useful for studying the oscillations of vibratory systems is asymptotic stability.<sup>10</sup> Instead of defining this motion for a general system, let us consider Eq. (4.2). Then

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 2\zeta\omega_n \frac{dx}{dt} + \omega_n^2 x = 0 \quad (4.46)$$

The equilibrium position  $x = 0$  of this system is said to be asymptotically stable if

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) \rightarrow 0 \quad (4.47)$$

that is, the equilibrium position is approached as time increases. Since the governing equation is an equation with constant coefficients, a solution to this equation can be written in the form

$$x(t) = Ae^{\lambda t} \quad (4.48)$$

where  $A$  is a constant and  $\lambda$  is an unknown quantity. Upon substituting Eq. (4.48) into Eq. (4.46) and requiring that  $A \neq 0$ , we obtain

$$\lambda^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n\lambda + \omega_n^2 = 0 \quad (4.49)$$

Equation (4.49) is referred to as the *characteristic equation* and the roots of this equation  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  are referred to as *characteristic roots* or *eigenvalues*. The eigenvalues are special values for which  $x(t)$  given by Eq. (4.48) has a non-zero value. The roots of Eq. (4.49) are given by

$$\lambda_{1,2} = \omega_n[-\zeta \pm \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1}] \quad (4.50)$$

Therefore, the solution given by Eq. (4.48) is written as

$$x(t) = A_1e^{\lambda_1 t} + A_2e^{\lambda_2 t} \quad (4.51)$$

Hence, if the real parts of the exponents  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  are negative, Eq. (4.47) is satisfied, and the equilibrium position is asymptotically stable. It should not be surprising that the polynomial in Eq. (4.49) is identical to Eq. (4.41) and that the requirement that the real parts of the exponents be negative for stability is identical to Eq. (4.45), because they both pertain to the free oscillations of the system described by Eq. (4.46).

It is clear that when the damping factor is positive—that is,  $\zeta > 0$ —the real parts of the exponents  $\lambda_i$  are negative and hence, this ensures stability, in particular, asymptotic stability. On the other hand, for negative damping factors that are possible in the presence of fluid forces in certain physical systems, the exponents have positive real parts indicating instability.

<sup>10</sup>A. H. Nayfeh and B. Balachandran, *ibid.*

## 4.4 MACHINE TOOL CHATTER

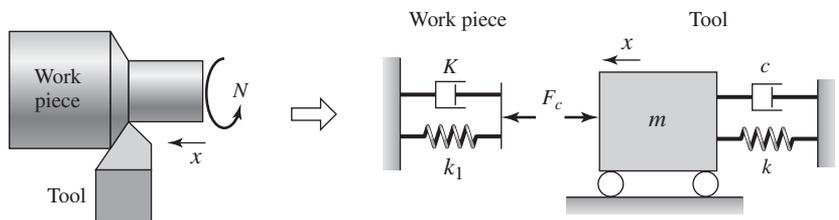
In Figure 4.21, a model of a turning operation on a lathe is shown. When the cutting parameters such as spindle speed and width of cut are carefully chosen, the turning operation can produce the desired surface finish on the work piece. However, this turning operation can become unstable for certain values of spindle speed and width of cut. When these undesirable conditions are present, the tool and work piece system “chatters,” producing an undesirable surface finish and a shortening of tool life. In this section, we shall explore the loss of stability that leads to the onset of chatter.

For a rigid work piece and a flexible tool, the cutting force acting on the tool due to the uncut material and the associated damping can be modeled as shown in Figure 4.21. The mass  $m$  represents the mass of the tool and tool holder,  $k$  is the stiffness of the tool holder’s support structure, and  $c$  is the equivalent viscous damping of the structure. The dynamic cutting force  $F_c$  is the sum of the forces due to the change in chip thickness and the change in the penetration rate of the tool.<sup>11</sup> Thus, we have

$$F_c = \underbrace{k_1}_{\text{Cutting stiffness}} [x(t) - \underbrace{\mu x(t - 2\pi/N)}_{\text{Change in chip thickness}}] + \underbrace{K \frac{2\pi}{N} \frac{dx}{dt}}_{\text{Damping}}$$

where  $\mu$  is the overlap factor ( $0 \leq \mu \leq 1$ ),  $k_1$  is an experimentally determined dynamic coefficient called the *cutting stiffness*,  $K$  is the experimentally determined penetration rate coefficient, and  $N$  is the rotational speed of either the tool or the work piece in revolutions per second. Then carrying out a force balance based on Figure 4.21, the tool vibrations can be described by the following equation

$$\frac{d^2x}{d\tau^2} + \left( \frac{1}{Q} + \frac{K}{k\Omega} \right) \frac{dx}{d\tau} + \left( 1 + \frac{k_1}{k} \right) x - \underbrace{\mu \frac{k_1}{k} x(\tau - 1/\Omega)}_{\text{Time-delay effect due to uncut chip during previous pass}} = 0 \quad (4.52a)$$



**FIGURE 4.21**  
Model of a tool and work piece during turning.

<sup>11</sup>S. A. Tobias, *Machine-Tool Vibration*, Blackie & Sons, Ltd., Glasgow, pp. 146–176 (1965).

where the nondimensional time  $\tau = \omega_n t$ , and

$$\Omega = \frac{N}{2\pi\omega_n}, \quad \omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}, \quad Q = \frac{1}{2\zeta}, \quad \text{and} \quad 2\zeta = \frac{c}{m\omega_n} \quad (4.52b)$$

In Eqs. (4.52b), the quantity  $Q$  is called the *quality factor*, which is discussed in Section 5.3.3.

Since the right-hand side of Eq. (4.52a) is zero, the governing equation is similar to that used to study the free response of a single degree-of-freedom system. However, unlike the other systems treated so far, the system described by Eq. (4.52a) has a time delay  $1/\Omega$  present. This makes the system, which is a linear, delay-differential equation, more difficult to deal with when compared to the ordinary differential equations we have considered so far. For this system, when the position  $x(\tau) = 0$  is stable, the cutting operation is stable. Physically, the position  $x(\tau) = 0$  corresponds to cutting at the specified nominal chip thickness. When this position is unstable, the system can start to chatter. The onset of chatter is marked by tool oscillations. To determine the onset of these oscillations, the conditions that can lead to oscillatory solutions of Eq. (4.52a) are examined next.

A solution to Eq. (4.52a) is of the form

$$x = Ae^{\lambda\tau}$$

which, when substituted into Eq. (4.52a) gives the characteristic equation

$$\lambda^2 + \left( \frac{1}{Q} + \frac{K}{k\Omega} \right) \lambda + 1 + \frac{k_1}{k} (1 - \mu e^{-\lambda/\Omega}) = 0 \quad (4.53)$$

where, in general, the exponent is complex and of the form  $\lambda = \delta + j\omega$ . For the system to be stable, the  $\text{Re}[\lambda] < 0$ , that is,  $\delta < 0$ . The boundary between the stable and unstable regions corresponds to  $\delta = 0$ . When the exponent is purely imaginary, the response of the tool is oscillatory. Therefore, to find the stability boundary we let  $\lambda = j\omega$  and substitute this value into the quasi-polynomial Eq. (4.53). After setting the real and imaginary parts to zero, we obtain two equations from which the chatter frequency  $\omega$  and parameter of interest are determined as a function of the nondimensional spindle speed  $\Omega$ . Here, we seek to determine the quality factor  $Q$  as a function of  $\Omega$ , which is indicative of the damping level in the system.

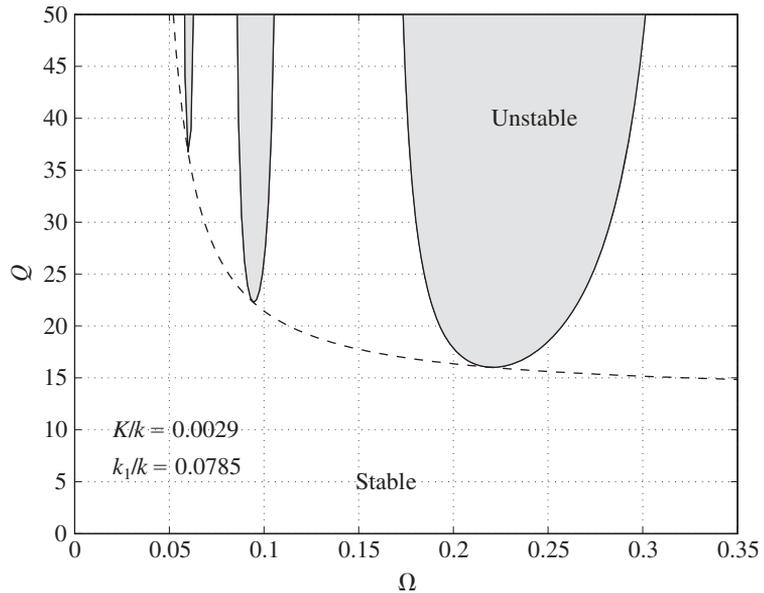
On substituting  $\lambda = j\omega$  into Eq. (4.53), and separating the real and imaginary parts, we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{Q} + \frac{K}{k\Omega} + \frac{\mu k_1}{k} \frac{\sin(\omega/\Omega)}{\omega} &= 0 \\ \omega^2 &= 1 + \frac{k_1}{k} (1 - \mu \cos(\omega/\Omega)) \end{aligned} \quad (4.54)$$

In Eqs. (4.54), the quantities  $K/k$ ,  $\mu$ , and  $k_1/k$  are known, and the values of the nondimensional spindle speed  $\Omega$  are varied over a specified range. At each value of  $\Omega$ , the value of  $\omega$  is determined numerically<sup>12</sup> from the second of Eqs. (4.54). The values for  $\Omega$  and  $\omega$  are then used in the first of Eqs. (4.54) to determine the positive values of  $Q$  that satisfy the equation; that is, those values of  $\Omega$  and  $\omega$  for which

$$\frac{1}{Q} = \frac{K}{k\Omega} - \frac{\mu k_1}{k} \frac{\sin(\omega/\Omega)}{\omega}$$

In the plot of  $\Omega$  versus  $Q$ , we can show the regions for which the system is either stable or unstable. Representative results are shown in Figure 4.22. The shaded regions, which are in the form of lobes, are regions of instability, and are referred to as stability lobes. The asymptote to these lobes is shown in the figure by a dashed line. If one conservatively chooses the cutting parameters so that one is below this asymptote to the lobes, then based on the linear theory presented here, the tool will not chatter. Of course, one can also choose spindle speeds that correspond to regions between the stability lobes as well.



**FIGURE 4.22**

Stability chart for one set of parameters in turning:  $\mu = 1$ .

<sup>12</sup>The MATLAB function `fzero` was used.

## 4.5 SINGLE DEGREE-OF-FREEDOM SYSTEMS WITH NONLINEAR ELEMENTS

### 4.5.1 Nonlinear Stiffness

We illustrate the effects that two different types of nonlinear springs can have on the free response of a system when subjected to either an initial displacement or initial velocity.

#### System with Hardening Cubic Spring

First, we consider a system that has a spring whose stiffness includes a component that varies as the cube of the displacement. After using Eq. (2.23) for the nonlinear spring force, the governing equation is

$$\frac{d^2x}{d\tau^2} + 2\zeta \frac{dx}{d\tau} + x + \alpha x^3 = 0 \quad (4.55)$$

where the nondimensional time variable  $\tau = \omega_n t$ . We solve Eq. (4.55) numerically,<sup>13</sup> since it does not have an analytical solution. We assume that  $\alpha = 1 \text{ cm}^{-2}$ ,  $\zeta = 0.15$ , and that the initial conditions are  $X_o = 2 \text{ cm}$  and  $V_o = 0$ . The results are shown in Figures 4.23, along with the solution for the system with a linear spring; that is, when  $\alpha = 0$ .

We see from these results that the response of the system with the nonlinear spring is distinctly different from that with the linear spring. First, the response of the system with the nonlinear spring does not decay exponentially with time and second, the displacement response does not have a constant period of damped oscillation. These differences provide one a means of distinguishing one type of nonlinear system from a linear system based on an examination of the response to an initial displacement. In practice, the nonuniformity of the period is easier to detect, since the dependence of frequency (or period) on the amplitude of free oscillation is a characteristic of a nonlinear system.

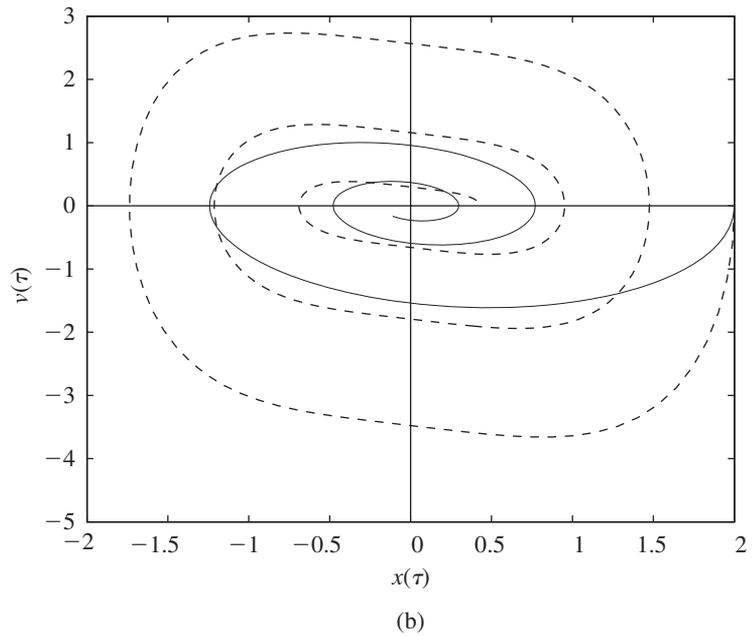
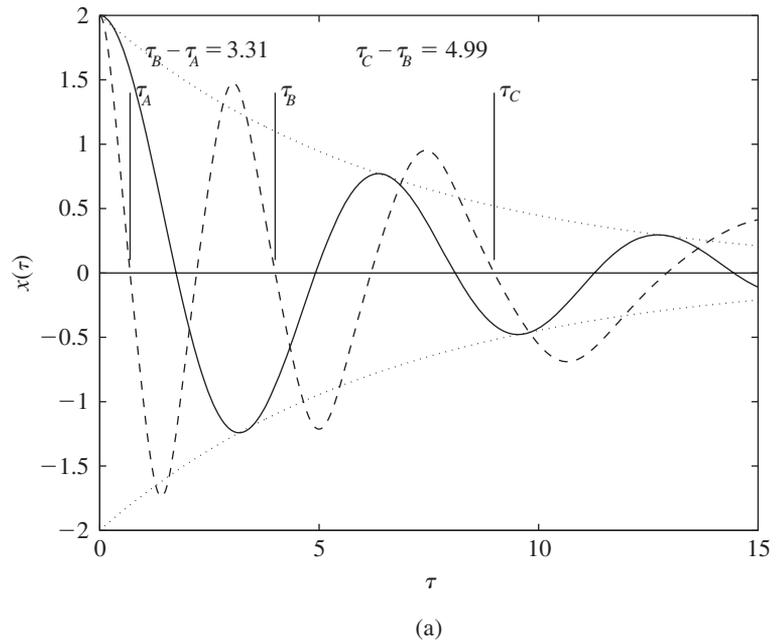
#### System with Piecewise Linear Springs

We now consider a second nonlinear system shown in Figure 4.24. In this case, the springs are linear; however, the mass is straddled by two additional linear elastic spring-stops that are not contacted until the mass has been displaced by an amount  $d$  in either direction. The stiffness of the springs is proportional to the attached spring by a constant of proportionality  $\mu$  ( $\mu \geq 0$ ). When  $\mu = 0$ , we have the standard linear single degree-of-freedom system, and when  $\mu > 1$ , the elastic spring-stops are stiffer than the spring that is permanently attached to the mass. The governing equation describing the motion of the system is<sup>14</sup>

$$\frac{d^2y}{d\tau^2} + 2\zeta \frac{dy}{d\tau} + y + \mu h(y) = 0$$

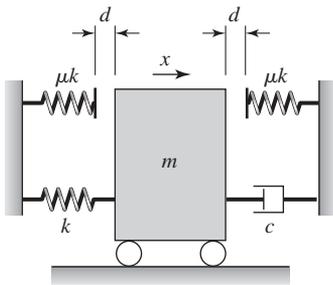
<sup>13</sup>The MATLAB function `ode45` was used.

<sup>14</sup>H. Y. Hu, "Primary Resonance of a Harmonically Forced Oscillator with a Pair of Symmetric Set-up Elastic Stops," *J. Sound Vibration*, Vol. 207, No. 3, pp. 393–401, 1997.



**FIGURE 4.23**

Comparison of the responses of linear (solid lines) and nonlinear (dashed lines) systems with prescribed initial displacement: (a) displacement and (b) phase portrait.



**FIGURE 4.24**

Single degree-of-freedom system with additional springs that are not contacted until the mass displaces a distance  $d$  in either direction.

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where

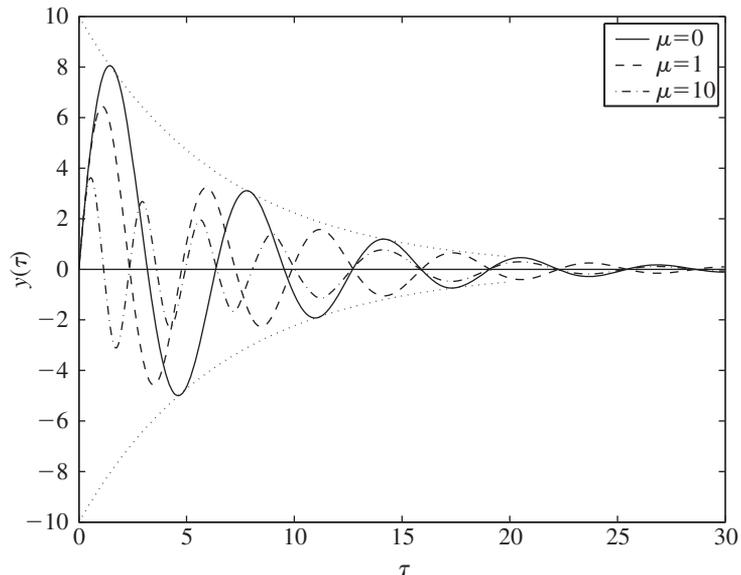
$$h(y) = 0 \quad |y| \leq d$$

$$= y - \text{sgn}(y)d \quad |y| > d$$

and, as discussed in Section 2.4.2, the signum function  $\text{sgn}(y)$  is  $+1$  when  $y > 0$  and is  $-1$  when  $y < 0$ . Furthermore, we have employed the following definitions:

$$\tau = \omega_n t, \quad \omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}, \quad y = \sqrt{\frac{x}{d}}, \quad \text{and} \quad 2\zeta = \frac{c}{m\omega_n}$$

Although it is possible to find a solution for this piecewise linear system, here we obtain a numerical<sup>15</sup> solution for convenience. We shall determine the response of this system when it is subjected to an initial (dimensionless) velocity  $dy(0)/d\tau = V_o/(\omega_n d) = 10$ , the damping factor  $\zeta = 0.15$ , and the values of  $\mu$  are 0, 1, and 10. The results are shown in Figure 4.25. We see that the introduction of the spring-stops decreases the amplitude of the mass. In addition, it has the effect of decreasing the period of oscillation, which is equivalent to increasing its natural frequency.



**FIGURE 4.25**

Response of the system shown in Figure 4.24 with prescribed initial velocity  $V_o/(\omega_n d) = 10$ .

<sup>15</sup>The MATLAB function ode45 was used.

### 4.5.2 Nonlinear Damping

We compare the free responses of systems with linear viscous damping, Coulomb damping, and fluid damping, which are obtained from Eqs. (3.23), (3.24), and (3.25), respectively. They are rewritten here in terms of non-dimensional time  $\tau = \omega_n t$  as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2x}{d\tau^2} + \underbrace{2\zeta \frac{dx}{d\tau}}_{\text{Linear viscous damping}} + x &= 0 \\ \frac{d^2x}{d\tau^2} + \underbrace{d_C \operatorname{sgn}(dx/d\tau)}_{\text{Dry friction damping}} + x &= 0 \\ \frac{d^2x}{d\tau^2} + \underbrace{d_F \left| \frac{dx}{d\tau} \right| \frac{dx}{d\tau}}_{\text{Fluid damping}} + x &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (4.56)$$

and the coefficients  $d_C$  and  $d_F$  are given by

$$d_C = \frac{\mu mg}{k} \quad \text{and} \quad d_F = \frac{c_d}{m} \quad (4.57)$$

The first of Eqs. (4.56) governs a linear vibratory system with viscous damping, the second of Eqs. (4.56) governs a vibratory system with nonlinear damping due to dry friction, and the third of Eqs. (4.56) governs a vibratory system with nonlinear damping due to a fluid.

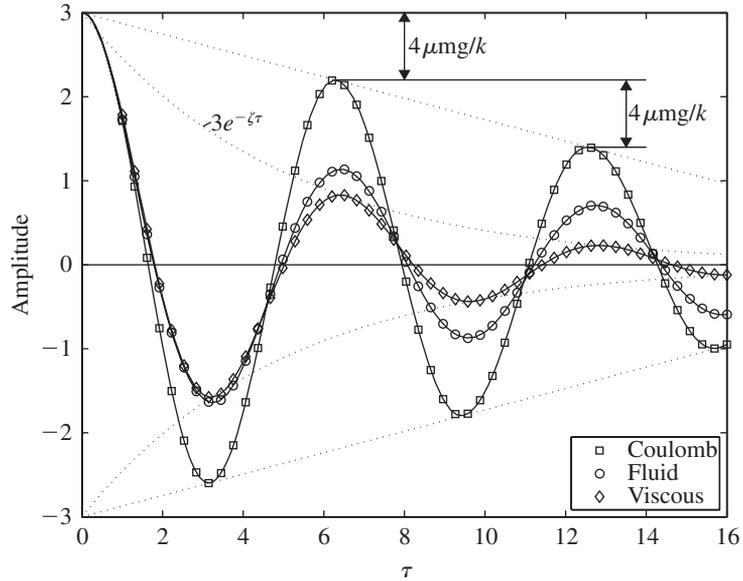
We solve Eqs. (4.56) numerically<sup>16</sup> for the case where the initial velocity is zero, the initial displacement is 3 units, and  $\zeta = d_C = d_F = d_S = 0.2$ . The results are shown in Figure 4.26. The period of damped oscillations about the system equilibrium position is different in all three cases. For viscous damping, we have shown in Section 4.2 that the amplitude decays exponentially. For Coulomb damping, it can be shown<sup>17</sup> that the amplitude decays linearly with a slope  $\pm 2d_C/\pi$ , where the plus sign is for the envelope of the negative peaks and the negative sign is for the envelope of positive peaks. The decay of the amplitude for fluid damping does not have any equivalent expression.

#### Nonlinear System Response Dependence on Initial Conditions

To illustrate that the long-time response of a nonlinear system depends on the initial conditions, the system with dry friction governed by the second of

<sup>16</sup>The MATLAB function `ode45` was used.

<sup>17</sup>See, for example, D. J. Inman, *Engineering Vibration*, 2nd ed., Prentice Hall, Upper Saddle River, NJ, pp. 65–68 (2001).

**FIGURE 4.26**

Comparisons of displacement responses for three different damping models.

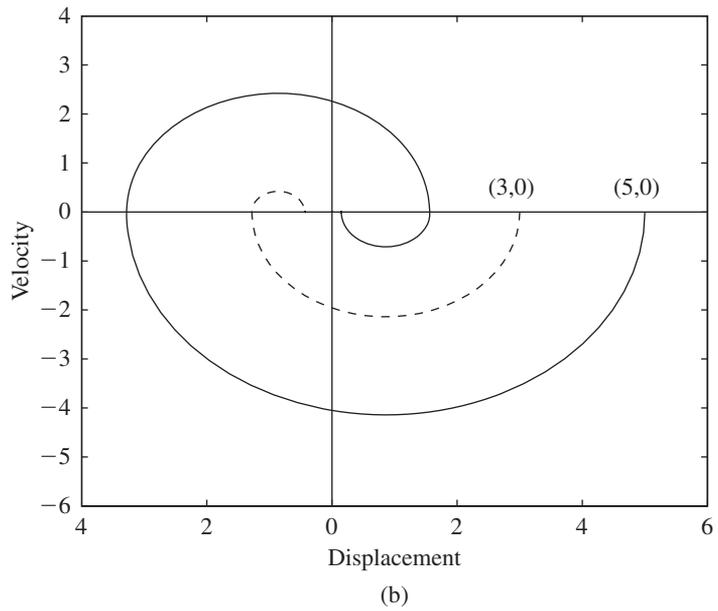
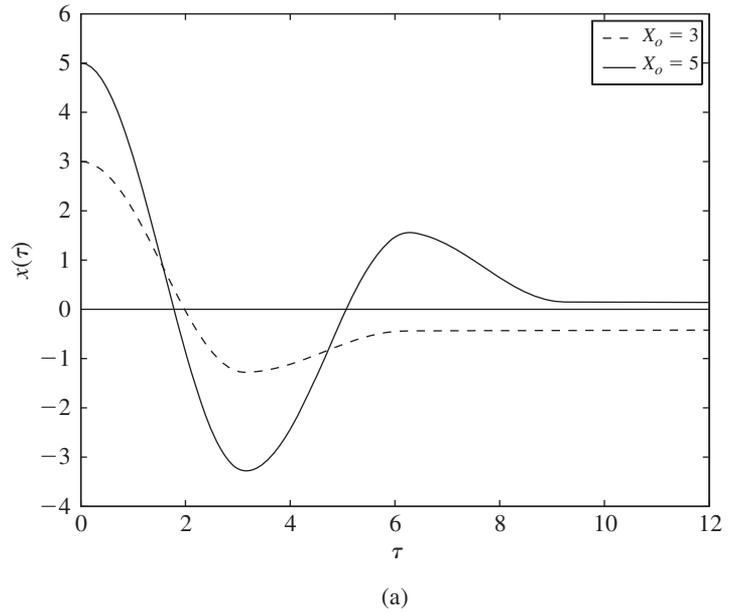
Eqs. (4.56) is revisited. During the free oscillations, the system will come to a stop or reach a rest state when

$$\frac{dx}{d\tau} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad |x| \leq d_c \quad (4.58)$$

In other words, this system has multiple equilibrium positions, and the locus of these positions in the state space is the straight line joining the points  $(-d_c, 0)$  and  $(d_c, 0)$ .

The free responses of the system initiated from two sets of initial conditions  $x(0) = 3$  units and  $\dot{x}(0) = 0$ , and  $x(0) = 5$  units and  $\dot{x}(0) = 0$ , in the state space are shown in Figure 4.27. Again, these responses can be determined analytically by noting that the system is linear in the region  $\dot{x}(\tau) > 0$  and linear in the region  $\dot{x}(\tau) < 0$ . However, the responses shown in Figure 4.27 are determined numerically.<sup>18</sup> As seen from Figure 4.27, for the two different initial conditions, the system comes to a rest in finite time at two different positions, and the respective rest positions are reached at two different times.

<sup>18</sup>The MATLAB function ode45 was used.



**FIGURE 4.27**

(a) Displacement histories and (b) phase portraits for the free response of a system with dry friction subjected to two different initial displacements:  $d_c = 0.86$ .

## 4.6 SUMMARY

In this chapter, the solution for the free response for a linear vibratory system has been studied. It was shown that the solution is determined by the initial conditions, and the responses for different types of initial conditions have been explored and discussed. The notion of logarithmic decrement was introduced and the relationship between the damping factor and the logarithmic decrement was established. In addition, the notion of stability was briefly addressed and the problem of machine-tool chatter was examined. The influence of nonlinear stiffness and nonlinear damping on the free response of a vibratory system was also studied.

## EXERCISES

## Section 4.2.1

**4.1** A shaft undergoing torsional vibrations is held fixed at one end, and it has attached at the other end a disk with a rotary inertia of  $4 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2$  about the rotational axis. The rotary inertia of the shaft is negligible compared to that of the disk, and the torsional stiffness of the shaft is  $8 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}/\text{rad}$ . The disk is placed in an oil housing, and the associated dissipation is modeled by using an equivalent torsional viscous damper with damping coefficient  $c_r$ . What should the value of  $c_r$  be so that the system is critically damped?

## Section 4.2.2

**4.2** A load of mass  $m$  is suspended by an elastic cable from the mid-span of a beam, which is held fixed at one end and is free at the other end, as shown in Figure E4.2. The beam has a length  $L_b$  of 4 m and a flexural stiffness  $EI = 60 \text{ Nm}^2$ . The elastic cable has a length  $L_c$  of 8 m, a diameter  $d$  of 200 mm, and it is made from material with a Young's modulus of elasticity  $E_c = 3 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2$ . The load has a mass of 200 kg. Assume that the damping in this vibratory system is negligible. If the mass is provided an initial velocity of 0.1 m/s, determine the ensuing motion and describe it. If the boundary conditions of the beam were changed so that the beam is now simply supported at both ends, how does the maximum amplitude of motion change?

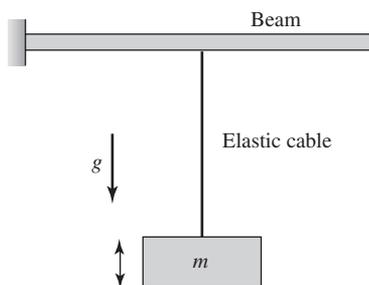


FIGURE E4.2

**4.3** A 25 kg television set is placed on a light table supported by four cylindrical legs made from a steel alloy material with a Young's modulus of elasticity  $E = 400 \text{ MPa}$ . Each of these legs has a length of 0.5 m and a diameter of 10 mm. Consider free motions of this system in the vertical direction and determine the displacement response when the initial displacement is zero and the initial velocity is 0.2 m/s.

**4.4** Consider two masses shown in Figure E4.4, which are involved in an impact. The mass is  $m_1 = 2 \text{ kg}$ , the spring stiffness is  $k = 500 \text{ N/m}$ , and the damping coefficient is  $c = 15 \text{ N} \cdot \text{s}/\text{m}$ . This system is initially at rest when it is impacted by a 1 kg mass  $m_2$ , which is traveling with a speed of 10 m/s just before impact. The coefficient of restitution  $e$  associated with these two impacting bodies is 0.8. Determine the

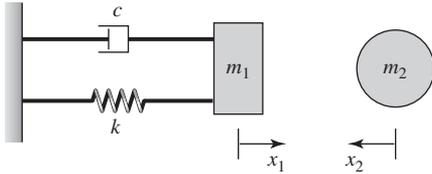


FIGURE E4.4

displacement responses of these bodies after impact and plot the time histories of their respective responses. Is there a possibility for another impact?

**4.5** Replace the Kelvin-Voigt model used in Example 4.6 with a Maxwell model and determine the governing equation of motion when the two viscoelastic bodies are in contact with each other.

**4.6** Consider the system with Maxwell model treated in Example 4.7 and treat the case where the spring with stiffness  $k$  is absent. Determine the force transmitted to the fixed base and plot the time histories of the normalized force as shown in Figure 4.13 for  $\zeta_m = 0.2$  and  $\zeta_m = 1.3$ .

**4.7** For the system of Example 4.5, determine design guidelines that one can use to minimize the relative acceleration  $\ddot{z}$ ; that is, the acceleration of the single degree-of-freedom system inside the container relative to the container. Present these guidelines in terms of the coefficient of restitution  $\varepsilon$ , the undamped natural frequency  $\omega_n$ , and the damping of the packaging material. This type of design guideline is useful for packaging of electronic components.

**4.8** Determine the initial velocity of a damped vibratory system from the time-history data provided in Figure E4.8 for the displacement of a vibratory system.

### Section 4.2.3

**4.9** In a certain experiment, assume that you can only measure the velocity of a vibratory system. Derive an expression that can be used to determine the logarithmic decrement and the damping factor from velocity data similar to the one derived in Section 4.2.3 for displacement data.

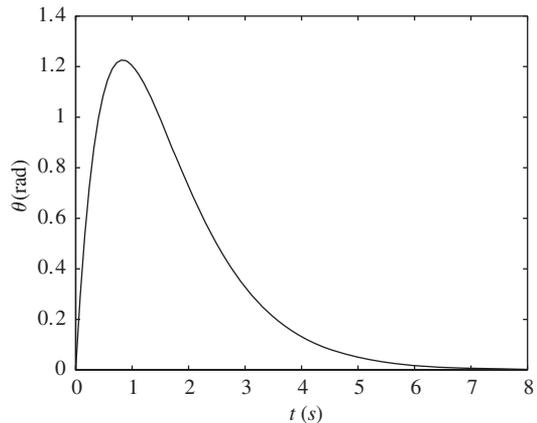


FIGURE E4.8

**4.10** Consider the translational vibrations of a “small” rigid lathe along the cutting direction. A model of this system has a stiffness element  $k = 20 \times 10^6$  N/m, an inertia element  $m = 22.5$  kg, and a damping coefficient  $c = 21205$  N · s/m. Determine the free response of this system for a 5 mm initial displacement and zero initial velocity. Plot the response and discuss it. How does the nature of the response of the system change when the damping coefficient is increased to 43,000 N · s/m?

**4.11** Determine the damping factor and natural frequency of a damped vibratory system from the time-history data provided in Figure E4.11 for the displacement.

**4.12** In the system shown in Figure E4.12, mass  $m_2$  is resting on mass  $m_1$ , which is supported by a spring of stiffness  $k$ . The mass  $m_1$  is 1 kg, the mass  $m_2$  is 0.5 kg, and the stiffness  $k$  is 1 kN/m. If the spring is pushed down 15 mm below the system’s static-equilibrium position and released, determine if the mass  $m_2$  will ever lose contact during the subsequent motion.

**4.13** Assume that the hinged door of Figure 4.2 is 0.8 m wide and has a mass of 15 kg. It is found that it takes a force of 15 N to keep the door opened at an angle of  $90^\circ$ . When the force is released, the door takes 2.1 s to reach its closed position. What is the damping ratio of the system?

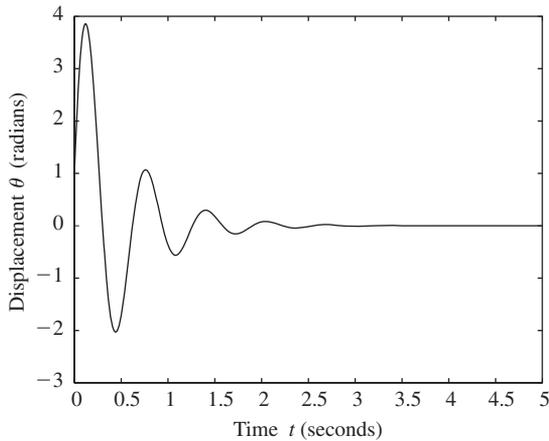


FIGURE E4.11

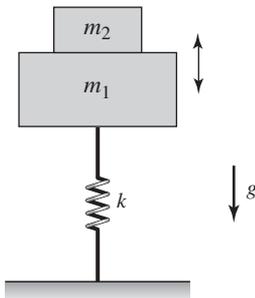


FIGURE E4.12

**4.14** Consider the mercury-filled ( $\rho = 13.6 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ) U-tube manometer shown in Figure 2.16. The total length of the mercury in the manometer is 0.7 m. When the mercury is displaced from its equilibrium position, damped oscillations are observed. The oscillations are such that the peak amplitude nine periods away from the peak amplitude of the first cycle has decreased by a factor of eight. What are the values of the viscous damping factor and the damped frequency of oscillation?

**4.15** A truck tire is characterized with a stiffness of  $1.25 \times 10^6 \text{ N/m}$ , a mass of 35 kg, and a damping coefficient of 4200 Ns/m. Determine the natural frequency and damping factor for this system, and obtain

the free response of the system initiated from an initial displacement of  $X_0$  m and zero initial velocity.

#### Section 4.2.4

**4.16** A microelectromechanical system has a mass of  $0.30 \mu\text{g}$  and a stiffness of  $0.15 \text{ N/m}$ . Assume that the damping coefficient for the system is negligible and that the gravity loading is normal to the direction of motion. Determine the displacement response for this system, if the system is provided an initial displacement of  $2 \mu\text{m}$  and an initial velocity of  $5 \text{ mm/s}$ .

**4.17** An empirical formula used for determining the natural frequency associated with translational motions of a steel chimney has the form<sup>19</sup>

$$\omega_n = 7100 \frac{d}{h^2} \text{ rad/s}$$

where  $d$  is the diameter of the chimney and  $h$  is the height of the chimney. The damping factor associated with a chimney of diameter 7 m and height of 100 m is 0.002. This chimney is located in a region where wind gusts are capable of producing initial displacements of 0.1 m and initial velocities of 0.4 m/s. Determine the maximum displacement experienced by the chimney and check if it satisfies the construction codes, which require the maximum displacement to be less than 4% of the diameter. If the present chimney does not satisfy this code, what design changes would you propose so that the construction code is satisfied?

**4.18** A quarter-car model of a heavy vehicle is shown in Figure E4.18. This vehicle is traveling with a constant speed  $v$  on a flat road. It hits a bump, which produces an initial displacement of 0.2 m and an initial velocity of 0.1 m/s at the base of the system. If the mass  $m$  of the vehicle is 5000 kg, the stiffness  $k$  is 2800 kN/m, and the damping coefficient  $c$  is 18 kN · s/m, determine the displacement response of this system and discuss when the system returns to within 2% of its equilibrium position.

<sup>19</sup>H. Bachmann et al., *Vibration Problems in Structures: Practical Guidelines*, Birkhäuser Verlag, Basel, Germany (1995).

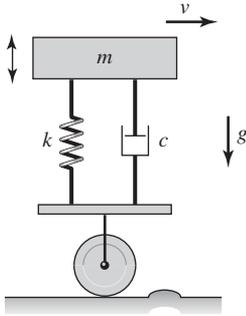


FIGURE E4.18

**4.19** Consider the slender tower shown in Figure E4.19, which vibrates in the transverse direction shown in the figure.<sup>20</sup> It is made from reinforced concrete. An estimate for the first natural frequency of this system is 0.15 Hz. The logarithmic decrement values measured for the tower with uncracked reinforced concrete material and cracked reinforced concrete material are 0.04 and 0.10, respectively. If a wind gust induces an initial displacement of 0.5 m and an initial velocity of 0.2 m/s, determine the peak displacement amplitudes in the cases with uncracked concrete material and cracked concrete material.

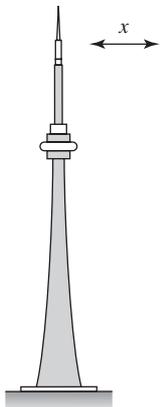


FIGURE E4.19

<sup>20</sup>Bachmann et al., *ibid.*

**4.20** Consider the diving platform that is shown in Figure E4.20. The damping factor associated with this platform, which is made from reinforced concrete, is 0.012, and the first natural frequency of the platform-slab vibrations is designed to be 12 Hz.<sup>21</sup> When a diver jumps off this platform, an initial displacement of 1 mm and an initial velocity of 0.1 m/s are induced to the platform. Determine the resulting vibrations.

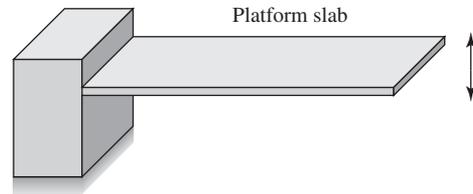


FIGURE E4.20

### Section 4.3

**4.21** Consider the vibratory model of the micro-electromechanical system treated in Example 3.15. If the stiffness of the translation spring  $k$ , the stiffness of the torsion spring  $k_t$ , and the system damping coefficient  $c$  are all positive values, would it be possible for the system to have unstable behavior?

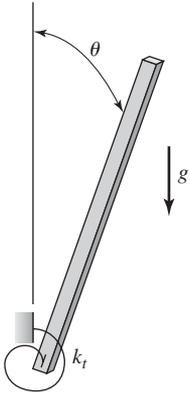
**4.22** When there is a fluid moving with a speed  $V$  through a pipe, the transverse vibrations  $y$  of a mass  $m$  attached to the pipe can be described by the following equation

$$m\ddot{y} + [k_e - cV^2]y = 0$$

where  $k_e$  is the equivalent stiffness of the pipe and  $c$  is a constant that depends on the pipe cross-sectional area, the length of the pipe, and the density of the fluid. If  $m$  is always positive,  $k_e$  is always positive,  $c$  is positive, and  $V$  is positive, determine when the system can exhibit unstable behavior.

<sup>21</sup>Typical design rules require this frequency to be greater than or equal to 10 Hz.

**4.23** A rigid and uniform bar undergoing rotational motions in the vertical plane is restrained by a torsional spring of stiffness  $k_t$  at the pivot point  $O$ , as shown in Figure E4.23. The bar has a mass  $m$  and a length  $l$ . Determine what  $k_t$  should be, so that small oscillations about the upright position of the bar (i.e.,  $\theta = 0$ ), are stable.



**FIGURE E4.23**

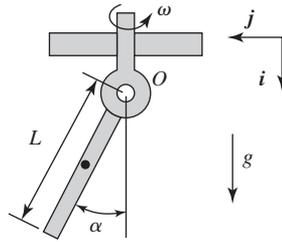
**4.24** In studies of aircraft wing flutter, the following simplified model is used to study the system vibrations

$$m\ddot{x} + (c + a)\dot{x} + kx = 0$$

where the system parameters are  $m$ ,  $c$ , and  $k$ . The damping constant  $a$  is due to aerodynamic forces, which change with the angle of attack. Beyond a certain angle of attack, this constant can assume negative values. Determine the conditions on  $m$ ,  $c$ ,  $a$ , and  $k$  for which this system can be unstable.

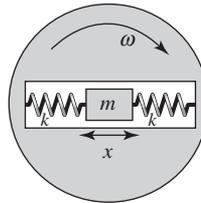
**4.25** Consider the pendulum of length  $L$  and mass  $m$  that is rotating about an axis through its hinged point with an angular speed  $\omega$ . At a given  $\omega$ , the pendulum swings out an angle  $\alpha$  as shown in Figure E4.25.

- If the pendulum can oscillate an additional angle  $\varphi$  about  $\alpha$ , then determine the governing equation of motion for this system.
- What are the dynamic equilibrium positions for this system; that is, when  $\dot{\varphi} = \ddot{\varphi} = 0$ ?
- Discuss the stability of the system.



**FIGURE E4.25**

**4.26** A rigid disk rotates with a constant angular speed  $\omega$ . A mass  $m$  is mounted in a slot in the disk as shown in Figure E4.26. Assume that gravity acts normal to the plane of the disk. The mass is restrained by two identical springs of stiffness  $k$  and each spring is initially stretched by an amount  $\delta_o$ . Determine an expression for the natural frequency of the system and the effect that  $\delta_o$  and  $\omega$  have on the natural frequency when the displacement of the mass is small. At what speed does the system become unstable?



**FIGURE E4.26**

**4.27** A mass  $m$  shown in Figure E4.27 is suspended in a magnetic field by two springs of length  $L$  that each have a tension  $T_o$ . The magnetic attraction force on the mass is a function of the magnetic flux  $\Phi_o$ , and this force is inversely proportional to the square of the distance from the magnet; that is,

$$F_{\text{mag}} = \frac{\beta\Phi_o^2}{(a \pm x)^2}$$

where  $\beta$  is a constant. For small values of  $|x|$ , find a relationship between the magnetic flux and the spring tension for which the system is stable.

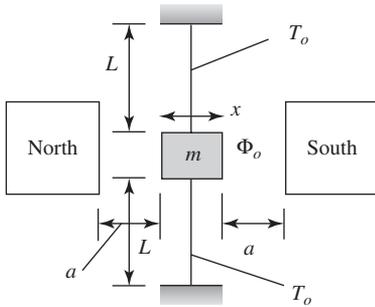


FIGURE E4.27

## Section 4.5

**4.28** Compare the free-oscillation characteristics of the following systems, when they are set into motion from the initial displacement of 0.1 m and zero initial velocity.

- $m\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + kx = 0$
- $m\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + kx + \alpha x^3 = 0$
- $m\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + kx - \alpha x^3 = 0$

Assume that the parameter values are as follows:  $m = 10 \text{ kg}$ ,  $c = 10 \text{ N} \cdot \text{s/m}$ ,  $k = 10 \text{ N/m}$ , and  $\alpha = 25 \text{ N/m}^3$ . Consider another set of free responses, where each of these three systems is set into motion from an initial displacement of 0.6 m. Compare these responses with the previously obtained responses. What can you conclude?

**4.29** Consider the displacement-time history shown in Figure E4.29 for free oscillations of a vibratory sys-

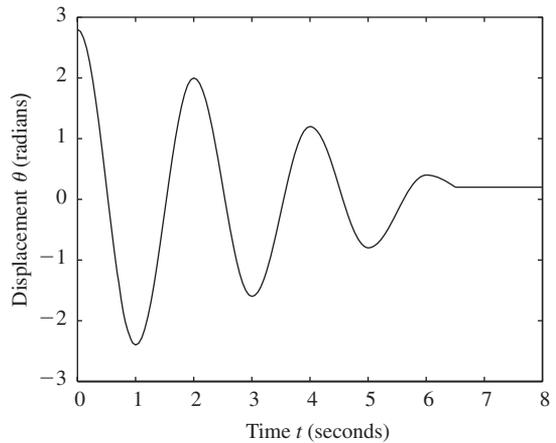
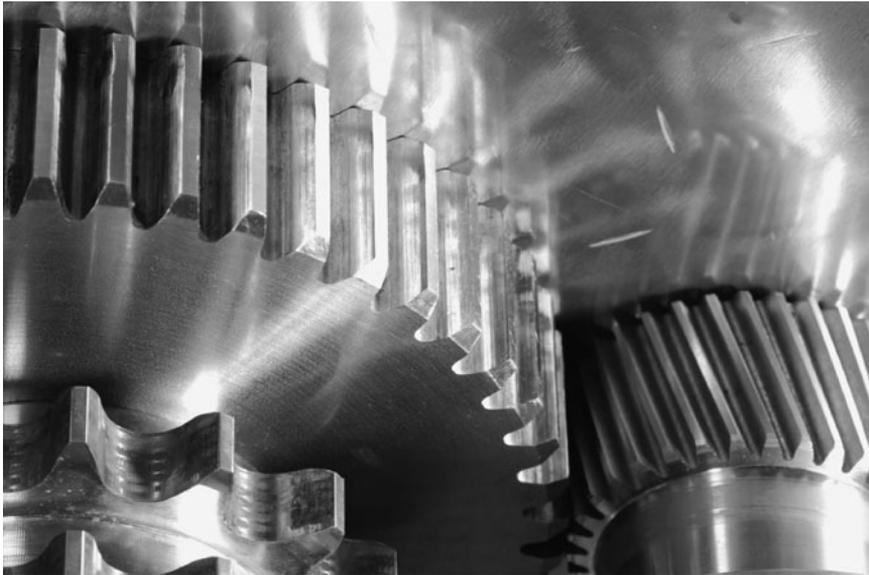


FIGURE E4.29

tem. Examine this history and discuss if this system can be characterized as having viscous damping.

**4.30** Consider the system with the piecewise-linear spring given in Figure 4.24 and choose the damping factor  $\zeta$  to be 0.1. Set the system in motion from the initial conditions  $y(0) = 0$  units and the nondimensional initial velocity  $dy(0)/d\tau = V_o/(\omega_n d) = 20$ . Obtain the displacement-time histories of the system, and plot them as shown in Figure 4.25 for the following values of the stiffness coefficient  $\mu$ : (a) 0, (b) 1, and (c) 20. For each case, tabulate the nondimensional period for each cycle of oscillation and discuss the results.



Forced periodic vibrations can occur from rotating systems, such as the gears in the gear reduction unit. The transmission of these vibrations to their surroundings can be reduced by various vibration isolation and reduction techniques. These techniques are used to design an air glove to reduce jackhammer vibrations to the hand and soft elastic mounts to reduce rotating machinery vibrations to the foundation. (Source: Stockxpert.com; Kim Steele / Getty Images.)

# 5

## Single Degree-of-Freedom Systems Subjected to Periodic Excitations

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### 5.1 INTRODUCTION

In Chapter 3, the governing equation of a single degree-of-freedom system was derived. From this equation, the solution for the system subjected to

forcing and initial conditions was determined in Appendix D. In the absence of forcing, the responses of a vibratory system subjected to different types of initial conditions were studied. In this chapter, we address those situations in which a physical system is subjected to an external force  $f(t)$  and the initial displacement and the initial velocity are zero. In particular, we consider the responses to harmonic and other periodic excitations. The notion of frequency-response function is introduced and related to the notion of transfer function, which is used for system design.

In Figure 5.1, a vibratory system subjected to a forcing  $f(t)$  is illustrated along with a conceptual illustration of the system's input-output relationship. In this chapter, we determine this relationship in the time domain and in the transformed domain for periodic excitations. In Chapter 6, we determine this relationship in the time domain and in transformed domains for arbitrary excitations.

Responses of vibratory systems with a rotating unbalanced mass are also studied in this chapter. Physical systems subjected to base motions are analyzed, and in this context, the device called an accelerometer, which is used for acceleration measurements, is introduced. Vibration isolation is examined at length. Energy dissipation for different damping models is discussed and the notion of equivalent viscous damping is introduced. The influence of stiffness nonlinearities on the forced response is also treated.

Referring to Figure 5.1, we consider the case where  $f(t)$  varies periodically. The governing equation of motion is of the form [recall Eq. (3.22)]

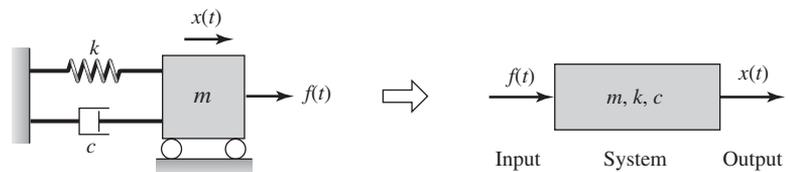
$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 2\zeta\omega_n \frac{dx}{dt} + \omega_n^2 x = \frac{f(t)}{m} \quad (5.1a)$$

The initial conditions are taken to be zero; that is,

$$x(0) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{x}(0) = 0 \quad (5.1b)$$

Noting that the initial conditions are zero for this system, the general solution is given by Eq. (D.17) for  $0 \leq \zeta < 1$ ; that is,

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \frac{1}{m\omega_d} \int_0^t e^{-\zeta\omega_n\eta} \sin(\omega_d\eta) f(t - \eta) d\eta \\ &= \frac{1}{m\omega_d} \int_0^t e^{-\zeta\omega_n(t-\eta)} \sin(\omega_d[t - \eta]) f(\eta) d\eta \end{aligned} \quad (5.2)$$



**FIGURE 5.1**

Vibratory system subjected to forcing and conceptual illustration of system.

where  $\eta$  is the variable of integration<sup>1</sup> and

$$\omega_d = \omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}$$

Next, the response of a linear vibratory system subjected to a harmonic excitation is considered. First, the response is studied when the excitation is initiated at time  $t = 0$ , and then the response is studied when the excitation is present for all time.

In this chapter, we shall show how to:

- Analyze the responses of single degree-of-freedom systems to harmonic excitations of various durations.
- Determine the frequency response and phase response of a single degree-of-freedom system.
- Interpret the response of a single degree-of-freedom system for an excitation frequency less than, equal to, and greater than the system's natural frequency.
- Determine the system parameters from a measured frequency response.
- Analyze the responses of single degree-of-freedom systems with rotating unbalance and with base excitation.
- Use accelerometers to measure the responses of single degree-of-freedom systems.
- Isolate vibrations of single degree-of-freedom systems.
- Analyze the responses of single degree-of-freedom systems to excitations with multiple harmonic frequency components.
- Determine energy dissipation and define equivalent damping.

## 5.2 RESPONSE TO HARMONIC EXCITATION

### 5.2.1 Excitation Applied from $t = 0$

In this section, responses to sine harmonic and cosine harmonic excitation are considered. It will be shown that although the initial conditions are zero, the fact that the excitation is suddenly applied at  $t = 0$  results in a response that consists of a transient portion and a steady-state portion. These transients are typical of situations where a motor is started or where an excitation is intermittently turned on and off. In the absence of damping, the response of a vibratory system cannot be characterized as having a transient portion and a steady-state portion.

#### Case 1: Sine Harmonic Excitations

We first consider the periodic forcing function

$$f(t) = F_o \sin(\omega t)u(t) \quad (5.3)$$

<sup>1</sup>In writing Eqs. (5.2), the following property of convolution integrals was used:

$$\int_0^t h(\eta)f(t - \eta)d\eta = \int_0^t h(t - \eta)f(\eta)d\eta$$

where  $u(t)$  is the unit step function<sup>2</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} u(t) &= 0 & t < 0 \\ u(t) &= 1 & t \geq 0 \end{aligned} \quad (5.4)$$

When Eq. (5.3) is substituted into Eq. (5.2), the result is

$$x(t) = \frac{F_o e^{-\zeta \omega_n t}}{m \omega_d} \int_0^t e^{\zeta \omega_n \eta} \sin(\omega_d [t - \eta]) \sin(\omega \eta) d\eta \quad (5.5)$$

Further, we introduce the dimensionless time  $\tau = \omega_n t$  and rewrite Eq. (5.5) as

$$x(\tau) = \frac{F_o e^{-\zeta \tau}}{k \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \int_0^\tau e^{\zeta \xi} \sin(\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} [\tau - \xi]) \sin(\Omega \xi) d\xi \quad (5.6)$$

where the nondimensional excitation frequency  $\Omega = \omega/\omega_n$ , the nondimensional time variable of integration  $\xi = \omega_n \eta$ , and we have used the definition of  $\omega_d$  given by Eq. (4.5). Note that when the excitation frequency is at the natural frequency—that is,  $\omega = \omega_n$  or  $\Omega = 1$ .

**Solution for forced response** After performing the integration,<sup>3</sup> Eq. (5.6) leads to

$$x(\tau) = [x_{trans}(\tau) + x_{sss}(\tau)]u(\tau) \quad (5.7)$$

where the *steady-state portion* of the response is given by

$$\begin{aligned} x_{sss}(\tau) &= \frac{F_o}{k} H(\Omega) \sin(\Omega \tau - \theta(\Omega)) \\ D\Omega &= (1 - \Omega^2)^2 + (2\zeta\Omega)^2 \\ H(\Omega) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{D(\Omega)}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1 - \Omega^2)^2 + (2\zeta\Omega)^2}} \\ \theta(\Omega) &= \tan^{-1} \frac{2\zeta\Omega}{1 - \Omega^2} \end{aligned} \quad (5.8a)$$

and the *transient portion* of the response is given by

<sup>2</sup>The unit step function is used as a compact form that simplifies the way that we can express a function like Eq. (5.3), which is non-zero only in a specific interval. Without using the unit step function, Eq. (5.3) would have been written as

$$\begin{aligned} F(t) &= \sin(\omega t) & t \geq 0 \\ &= 0 & t < 0 \end{aligned}$$

<sup>3</sup>The MATLAB function `int` from the Symbolic Toolbox was used.

$$x_{strans}(\tau) = \frac{F_o}{k} \frac{H(\Omega)\Omega e^{-\zeta\tau}}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}} \sin(\tau\sqrt{1-\zeta^2} + \theta_t(\Omega))$$

$$\theta_t(\Omega) = \tan^{-1} \frac{2\zeta\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}}{2\zeta^2 - (1-\Omega^2)} \quad (5.8b)$$

After a long period of time, which here means after many cycles of forcing, the response reduces to

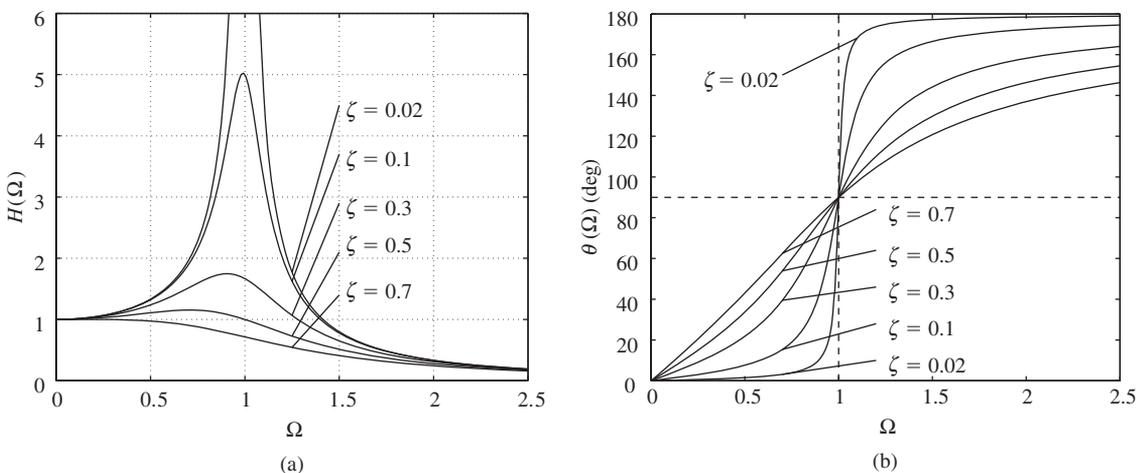
$$\lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} x(\tau) = x_{ss}(\tau) = x_{sss}(\tau) = \frac{F_o}{k} H(\Omega) \sin(\Omega\tau - \theta(\Omega)) \quad (5.9)$$

In Eqs. (5.8a), the quantity  $H(\Omega)$  is called the *amplitude response* and the quantity  $\theta(\Omega)$  is called the *phase response*, which provides the phase relative to the forcing  $f(t)$ . We see that the steady-state portion varies periodically at the nondimensional frequency  $\Omega$ , the frequency of the applied force  $f(t)$ , and with an amplitude  $F_o H(\Omega)/k$ . In addition, the displacement response is delayed by an amount  $\theta(\Omega)$  with respect to the input. The amplitude response  $H(\Omega)$  and phase response  $\theta(\Omega)$  are plotted in Figure 5.2 for several values of  $\zeta$ . We shall discuss the significance of these quantities in Section 5.3.

The transient response  $x_{strans}(\tau)$  varies periodically with a frequency  $\omega_d/\omega_n$  and its amplitude decreases exponentially with time as a function of the damping ratio  $\zeta$ . In addition, the response is shifted by an amount  $\theta_t(\Omega)$  with respect to the input.

**Duration of transient response** For practical purposes, we define the time duration  $\tau_d$  beyond which the system can be considered as having reached steady state; that is,

$$x(\tau) \approx x_{ss}(\tau) \quad \text{for } \tau > \tau_d$$



**FIGURE 5.2**

Harmonic excitation applied directly to the mass of the system: (a) amplitude response and (b) phase response.

To obtain an estimate of this duration, let the envelope of the transient decay to a value  $d$  at a nondimensional time  $\tau_d$ , which is given by the relation

$$\frac{\Omega e^{-\zeta\tau_d}}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}} = d \quad (5.10a)$$

If  $|d| \ll 1$ , that is, when the amplitude of the transient portion of the displacement is much less than the amplitude of the steady-state portion of the displacement, the transient is said to have “died out” and only the steady-state portion of the response remains. Solving for the nondimensional time  $\tau_d$ , we obtain

$$\tau_d \geq -\frac{1}{\zeta} \ln \left[ \frac{d\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}}{\Omega} \right] \quad (5.10b)$$

We can also express the nondimensional time  $\tau_d$ , which corresponds to the dimensional time  $t_d$ , in terms of the number of periods  $N_d$  at the excitation frequency  $\omega$  that it takes for the normalized displacement  $x(\tau)/(F_o H(\Omega)/k)$  to decay to  $d$ . Since the period of the excitation  $t_\omega = 2\pi/\omega$ , then the period  $t_d = N_d t_\omega = 2\pi N_d/\omega$ , and

$$\tau_d = \omega_n t_d = \frac{\omega_n 2\pi N_d}{\omega} = \frac{2\pi N_d}{\Omega} \quad (5.10c)$$

Therefore, Eqs. (5.10) lead to

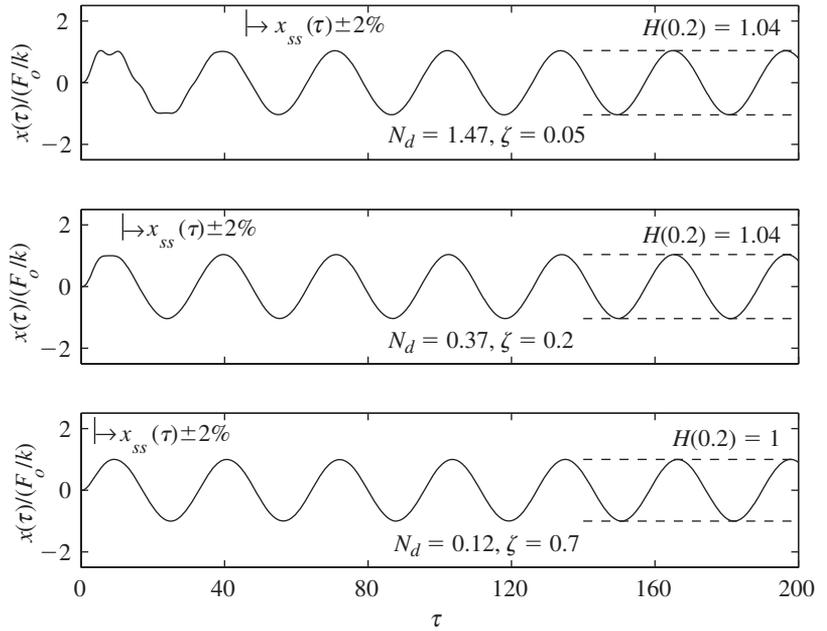
$$N_d \geq -\frac{\Omega}{2\pi\zeta} \ln \left[ \frac{d\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}}{\Omega} \right] \quad \zeta < 1, \quad |d| \ll 1 \quad (5.11)$$

Some typical values of  $N_d$  obtained from Eq. (5.11) are provided in Table 5.1. It is interesting to note from this table that for a given damping factor  $\zeta$ , the number of cycles that the transient lasts increases with the excitation frequency. As expected, for a given excitation frequency, the duration of the transient portion of the response decreases for an increase in the damping factor.

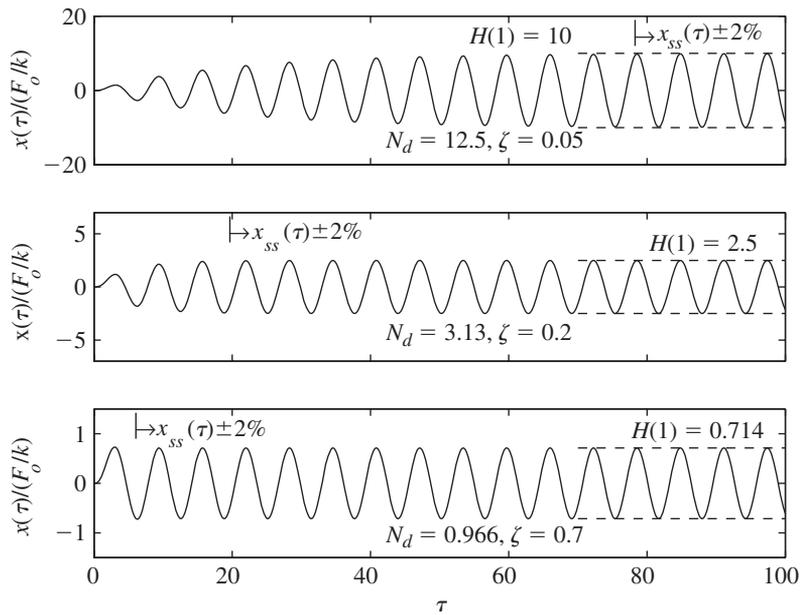
**Representative system responses for sine harmonic excitation** The three sets of graphs shown in Figure 5.3 give the normalized displacement response  $x(\tau)/(F_o/k)$  defined by Eq. (5.7) for three values of  $\Omega$ , and at each value of  $\Omega$ , the response is obtained for three different values of  $\zeta$ . The first set shown in Figure 5.3a corresponds to an excitation frequency that is less than the natural frequency:  $\Omega < 1$ . The second set, which is shown in Figure 5.3b, corresponds to an excitation frequency that is equal to the natural frequency:  $\Omega = 1$ . The third set, which is shown in Figure 5.3c, corresponds to an

**TABLE 5.1**  
Some Values of  $N_d$  for  
 $d = 0.02$

$\downarrow \zeta/\Omega \rightarrow$	<b>0.01</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
0.05	0.51	12.5	29.3
0.3	0.09	2.1	4.9
0.7	0.04	0.97	2.3



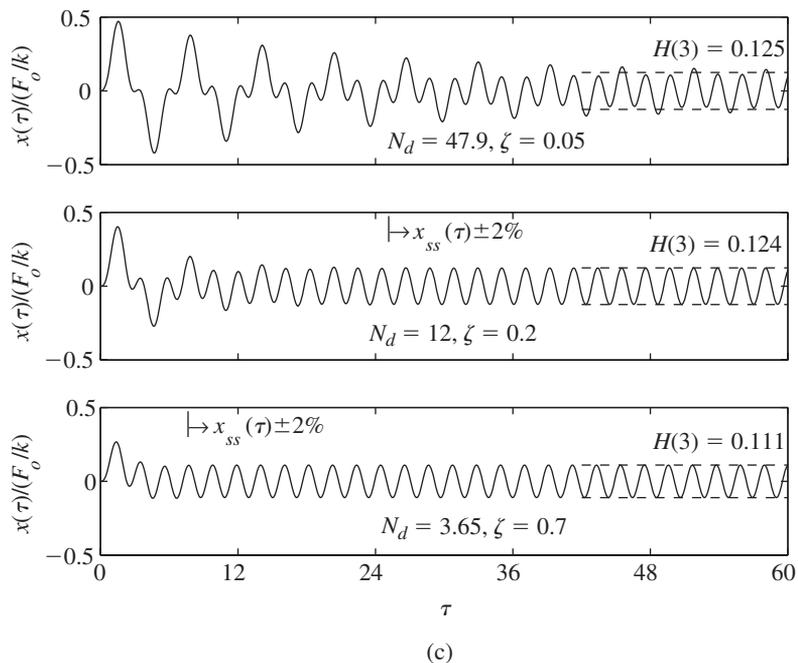
(a)



(b)

**FIGURE 5.3**

Normalized response of a system to a suddenly applied sine wave forcing function when the transient envelope parameter  $d = 0.02$  and for different values of  $\zeta$ : (a)  $\Omega = 0.2$  and (b)  $\Omega = 1.0$ .

**FIGURE 5.3 (continued)**(c)  $\Omega = 3.0$ .

excitation frequency that is greater than the natural frequency:  $\Omega > 1$ . For each of these nine combinations of values, the values of  $H(\Omega)$  and  $N_d$  are given. As  $\tau$  increases, the transient portion dies out, and the amplitude of the displacement response approaches the magnitude  $H(\Omega)$  (the steady-state value). The response magnitude is within 2% ( $d = 0.02$ ) or less of this steady-state value after  $N_d$  periods or, equivalently, when  $\tau \geq \tau_d$ . It is noted that when  $\Omega < 1$  or  $\Omega > 1$ , the system response decays to within  $\pm d$  of its steady-state value. When  $\Omega = 1$ , the displacement response increases until it reaches within  $\pm d$  of its steady-state value. Furthermore, during the portion of the response where the transient portion is pronounced, the response is not periodic. However, when  $\tau_d$  has elapsed, each of the responses approaches periodicity with the period determined by the excitation frequency; that is,  $t_\omega = 2\pi/\omega$ .

### Case 2: Cosine Harmonic Excitations

For completeness, consider the periodic forcing function

$$f(t) = F_o \cos(\omega t)u(t) \quad (5.12)$$

After substituting Eq. (5.12) into Eq. (5.2), the result is

$$x(\tau) = \frac{F_o e^{-\zeta\tau}}{k\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}} \int_0^\tau e^{\zeta\xi} \sin(\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}[\tau-\xi]) \cos(\Omega\xi) d\xi \quad (5.13)$$

where the nondimensional frequency  $\Omega$  and the variable of integration  $\xi$  are as defined for Case 1.

**Solution for forced response** Performing the integration<sup>4</sup> in Eq. (5.13), we arrive at the displacement response

$$x(\tau) = [x_{css}(\tau) + x_{ctrans}(\tau)]u(\tau) \quad (5.14)$$

where the steady-state portion of the response is given by

$$x_{css}(\tau) = \frac{F_o}{k} H(\Omega) \cos(\Omega\tau - \theta(\Omega)) \quad (5.15a)$$

and the transient portion of the response is given by

$$x_{ctrans}(\tau) = \frac{F_o H(\Omega) e^{-\zeta\tau}}{k \sqrt{1-\zeta^2}} \cos(\tau\sqrt{1-\zeta^2} - \theta_{ct}(\Omega))$$

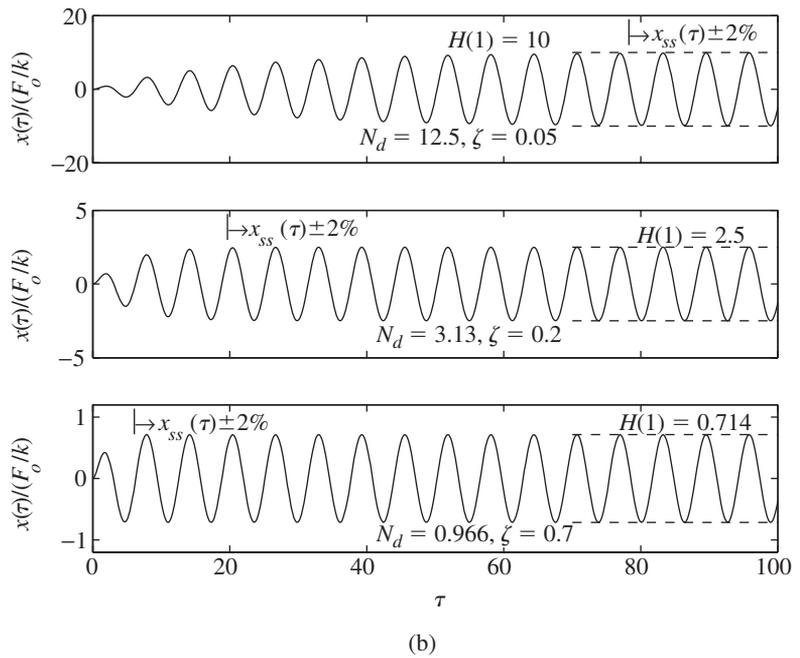
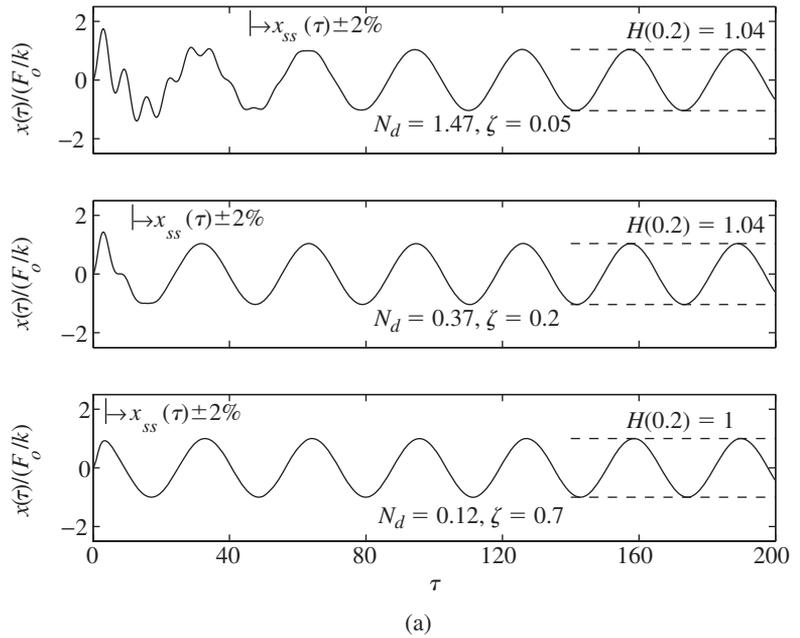
$$\theta_{ct}(\Omega) = \tan^{-1} \frac{-\zeta(1 + \Omega^2)}{(\Omega^2 - 1)\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}} \quad (5.15b)$$

In Eqs. (5.14) and (5.15), the amplitude response  $H(\Omega)$  and the phase  $\theta(\Omega)$  are given by Eqs. (5.8a), and it is noted that the proper quadrant must be considered for determining  $\theta_{ct}(\Omega)$ . Again, as in the case with the sine harmonic excitation, after a long time (many cycles of forcing) the response settles down to the steady-state form; that is,

$$\lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} x(\tau) = x_{ss}(\tau) = x_{css}(\tau) = \frac{F_o}{k} H(\Omega) \cos(\Omega\tau - \theta(\Omega))$$

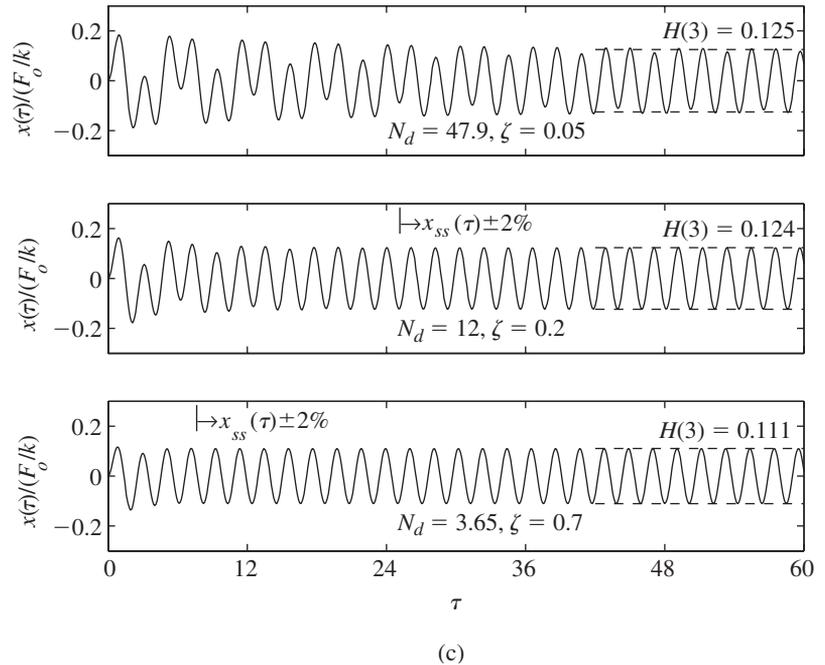
The displacement response given by Eq. (5.14) is plotted in Figure 5.4 for three values of  $\Omega$ , and at each value of  $\Omega$ , the response is determined for three different values of  $\zeta$ . For each of these nine combinations of values, the values of  $H(\Omega)$  and  $N_d$  are given. As in the case of the sine harmonic excitation, the transient is initially aperiodic in each of the nine time histories, and then the response becomes periodic after the system settles down. Although the shapes of the transient responses are different than those obtained for the sine wave forcing function, the times it takes for the transients to die out are the same as in the corresponding cases.

<sup>4</sup>The MATLAB function `int` from the Symbolic Toolbox was used.



**FIGURE 5.4**

Response of a system to a suddenly applied cosine wave forcing function when the transient envelope parameter  $d = 0.02$  and for different values of  $\zeta$ : (a)  $\Omega = 0.2$  and (b)  $\Omega = 1.0$ .

**FIGURE 5.4 (continued)**(c)  $\Omega = 3.0$ .**EXAMPLE 5.1** Estimation of system damping ratio to tailor transient response

A single degree-of-freedom system with a natural frequency of 66.4 rad/s is intermittently cycled on and off. When it is on, it vibrates at 5.8 Hz. What should the damping ratio be in order for the system to decay to within 5% of its steady-state amplitude in 150 ms each time that the forcing is applied?

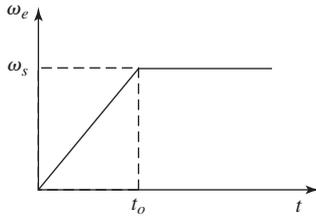
Assuming that the system settles down to the rest state in between the forcing cycles, from Eq. (5.10b), which is applicable when the forcing is turned on, we have that

$$\begin{aligned}\tau_d = \omega_n t_d &= -\frac{1}{\zeta} \ln \left[ \frac{d\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}}{\Omega} \right] \\ (66.4)(0.15) &= -\frac{1}{\zeta} \ln \left[ \frac{0.05\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}}{(2\pi \times 5.8)/66.4} \right] \\ 9.96 &= -\frac{1}{\zeta} \ln [0.0911\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}]\end{aligned}$$

Solving numerically<sup>5</sup>, we obtain  $\zeta = 0.244$ .

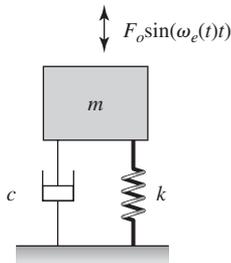
<sup>5</sup>The MATLAB function `fzero` was used.

### EXAMPLE 5.2 Start up response of a flexibly supported rotating machine



**FIGURE 5.5**

Excitation frequency ramped up to its operating frequency  $\omega_s$  at time  $t_o$ .



**FIGURE 5.6**

Single degree-of-freedom system subjected to an excitation whose frequency  $\omega_e(t)$  ramps up from zero to the operating frequency  $\omega_s$ .

When a rotating machine starts from rest, the rotation speed usually increases linearly until it reaches its operating speed  $\omega_s$  at  $t = t_o$ . Then, from Figure 5.5, we see that the excitation frequency of the machine can be expressed as

$$\omega_e(t) = \omega_s(t/t_o)[u(t) - u(t - t_o)] + \omega_s u(t - t_o) \quad (a)$$

Then, for the system shown in Figure 5.6, the forcing on the inertia element of the system is

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) &= F_o \sin(\omega_e(t)t) \\ &= F_o \sin(\omega_s(t^2/t_o)[u(t) - u(t - t_o)] + \omega_s t u(t - t_o)) \end{aligned} \quad (b)$$

or

$$f(\tau) = F_o \sin(\Omega_s \tau^2 / \tau_o [u(\tau) - u(\tau - \tau_o)] + \Omega_s \tau u(\tau - \tau_o)) \quad (c)$$

where  $\Omega_s = \omega_s/\omega_n$  is the ratio of the final rotational speed of the machine to the natural frequency of the system,  $\tau = \omega_n t$ , and  $\tau_o = \omega_n t_o = 2\pi t_o/T_n$  is proportional to the ratio of the time it takes to reach the operating speed to the period of undamped free oscillation of the system.

Then, the system shown in Figure 5.6 is governed by Eq. (3.23), which is

$$\ddot{x} + 2\zeta\dot{x} + x = \frac{F_o}{k} \sin(\Omega_s \tau^2 / \tau_o [u(\tau) - u(\tau - \tau_o)] + \Omega_s \tau u(\tau - \tau_o)) \quad (d)$$

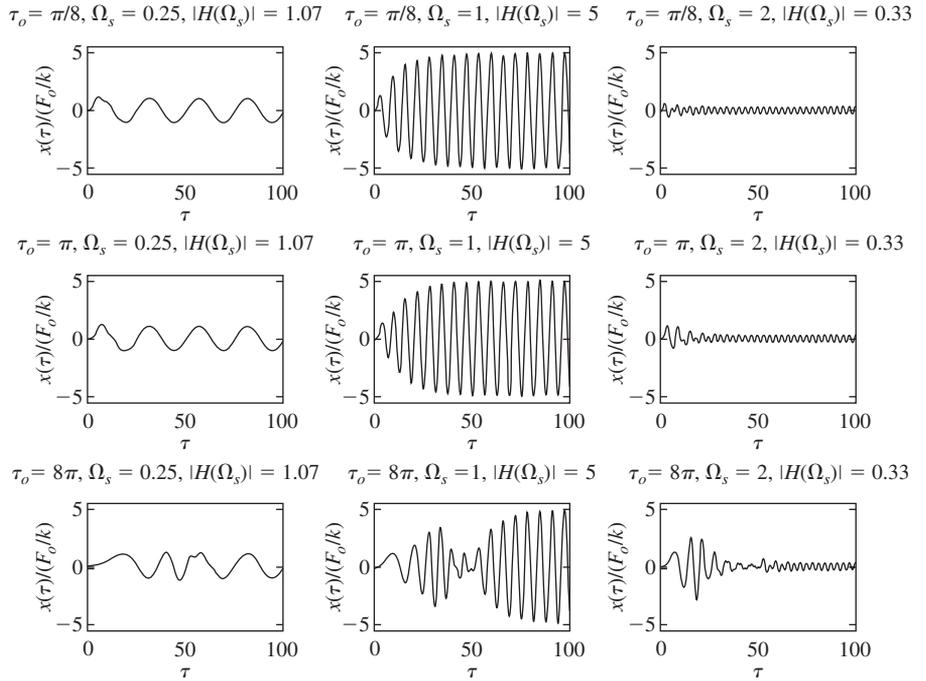
where the over dot denotes the derivative with respect to the nondimensional time  $\tau$ . Because of the form of the argument of the sine function, this equation has to be solved numerically<sup>6</sup> for  $x(\tau)/(F_o/k)$ . The results are shown in Figure 5.7 for  $\zeta = 0.1$  and for all combinations of  $\Omega_s = 0.25, 1.0, 2$ , and  $\tau_o/2\pi = 0.25, 1.0, 2.0$ . At each value of  $\Omega_s$ , the corresponding steady-state response is given by Eqs. (5.17) and (5.18); that is,  $H(\Omega_s)$  and  $\theta(\Omega_s)$ .

The results shown in Figure 5.7 have transient characteristics during an initial phase that is followed by a steady-state phase, as seen in Figure 5.3. When the final value of the excitation frequency is lower than the natural frequency, the steady-state amplitude is not much different from the maximum amplitude of the transient motions. However, when the final value of the excitation frequency is equal to the natural frequency, a build up from the transient motions to the steady-state motions is noticeable. When the final value of the excitation frequency is higher than the excitation frequency, it is seen that the transients decay to the final steady-state motions.

## 5.2.2 Excitation Present for All Time

In the previous section, it was shown that for a harmonic periodic excitation initiated at time  $t = 0$ , the response of the vibratory system consists of a

<sup>6</sup>The MATLAB function `ode45` was used.

**FIGURE 5.7**

Response of a single degree-of-freedom system to an excitation whose frequency ramps up from zero to a final nondimensional frequency  $\Omega_s$ .

transient part and a steady-state part. After a nondimensional time  $\tau_d$ , only the steady-state part of the response remains. This observation is taken advantage of to characterize linear systems in terms of frequency-response functions and transfer functions. Once a frequency-response function is determined for a linear vibratory system from a harmonic forcing, this frequency-response function can be used to determine the response of a linear vibratory system for any combination of harmonic inputs. In order to proceed in this direction, first, the previously determined results for the steady-state portion of the response found in Section 5.2.1 are revisited.

When the periodic forcing is given by

$$f(t) = F_o \sin(\omega t) \quad (5.16a)$$

or equivalently, in terms of the nondimensional time variable  $\tau$ , as

$$f(\tau) = F_o \sin(\Omega\tau) \quad (5.16b)$$

that is, the harmonic excitation is present for all time, the associated steady-state portion of the response is given by Eqs. (5.8) and (5.9). Thus,

$$x_{ss}(\tau) = \underbrace{\frac{F_o}{k} H(\Omega)}_{\text{Steady-state amplitude}} \sin(\underbrace{\Omega\tau - \theta(\Omega)}_{\text{Steady-state phase}}) \quad (5.17)$$

where

$$H(\Omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{D(\Omega)}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1 - \Omega^2)^2 + (2\zeta\Omega)^2}}$$

$$\theta(\Omega) = \tan^{-1} \frac{2\zeta\Omega}{1 - \Omega^2} \quad (5.18)$$

The steady-state velocity and steady-state acceleration are, respectively, given by

$$v_{ss}(\tau) = \frac{dx(\tau)}{dt} = \left( \frac{F_o\omega_n}{k} \right) \Omega H(\Omega) \cos(\Omega\tau - \theta(\Omega))$$

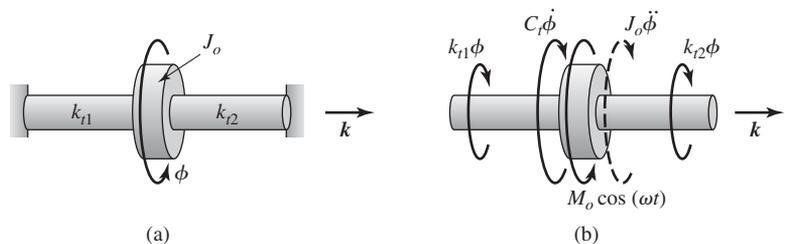
$$= \left( \frac{F_o\omega_n}{k} \right) \Omega H(\Omega) \sin(\Omega\tau - \theta(\Omega) + \pi/2)$$

$$a_{ss}(\tau) = \frac{d^2x(\tau)}{dt^2} = \left( \frac{F_o\omega_n^2}{k} \right) \Omega^2 H(\Omega) \sin(\Omega\tau - \theta(\Omega)) = -\Omega^2 \omega_n^2 x(\tau) \quad (5.19)$$

We see that for harmonic oscillations, the magnitude of the acceleration is equal to the square of the excitation frequency times the displacement magnitude and the acceleration response is  $180^\circ$  out of phase with the displacement response. The magnitude of the velocity is equal to the excitation frequency times the magnitude of the displacement and the velocity response is  $90^\circ$  out of phase with the displacement response.

### EXAMPLE 5.3 Forced response of a damped system

Consider the electric motor shown in Figure 5.8a. The output of the motor is connected to two shafts whose opposite ends are fixed. The motor provides a harmonic drive torque directed along the direction of the unit vector  $\mathbf{k}$ . This torque has a magnitude  $M_o = 100 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$  and the driving frequency  $\omega$  is 475 rad/s. The rotary inertia of the electric motor  $J_o$  is  $0.020 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2$ , the torsional stiffness of the shafts are  $k_{r1} = 2500 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m/rad}$  and  $k_{r2} = 3000 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m/rad}$ , and the overall damping experienced by the rotor can be



**FIGURE 5.8**

(a) Electric motor driven restrained by two shafts and (b) free-body diagram.

quantified in terms of a torsional damper with the damping coefficient  $c_t = 1.25 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} \cdot \text{s}/\text{rad}$ . We shall determine the form of the steady-state response and the amplitude and the phase of the steady-state response.

The governing equation of the motor is derived based on the principle of angular momentum balance. Consider the free-body diagram shown in Figure 5.8b, which includes the inertial moment  $-J_o \ddot{\phi} \mathbf{k}$ . The principle of angular momentum applied to the center of the motor leads to the following governing equation

$$J_o \ddot{\phi} + c_t \dot{\phi} + (k_{t1} + k_{t2})\phi = M_o \cos(\omega t) \quad (\text{a})$$

Dividing Eq. (a) by the rotary inertia  $J_o$ , we obtain the following equation whose form is similar to Eq. (5.1)

$$\ddot{\phi} + 2\zeta\omega_n \dot{\phi} + \omega_n^2 \phi = \frac{M_o}{J_o} \cos(\omega t) \quad (\text{b})$$

where the system natural frequency and damping factor are given by, respectively,

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k_{t1} + k_{t2}}{J_o}} \quad (\text{c})$$

$$\zeta = \frac{c_t}{2J_o\omega_n}$$

Based on Eq. (5.17), the solution of Eq. (b) for steady-state motion is given by

$$\phi_{ss}(\tau) = \frac{M_o}{k_{t1} + k_{t2}} H(\Omega) \cos(\Omega\tau - \theta(\Omega)) \quad (\text{d})$$

where the nondimensional excitation frequency  $\Omega = \omega/\omega_n$  and the nondimensional time  $\tau = \omega_n t$ . For the given parameter values, the calculations lead to the following:

$$k_{t1} + k_{t2} = 5500 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}/\text{rad}$$

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{5500 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}/\text{rad}}{0.020 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2}} = 524.40 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$\zeta = \frac{1.25 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} \cdot \text{s}/\text{rad}}{2 \times 0.020 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2 \times 524.40 \text{ rad/s}} = 0.06$$

$$\Omega = \frac{\omega}{\omega_n} = \frac{475 \text{ rad/s}}{524.40 \text{ rad/s}} = 0.91$$

$$H(\Omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1 - 0.91^2)^2 + (2 \times 0.06 \times 0.91)^2}} = 4.91$$

$$\theta(\Omega) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2 \times 0.06 \times 0.91}{1 - 0.91^2}\right) = 0.57 \text{ rad} \quad (\text{e})$$

Hence, from the values provided in Eqs. (e), the steady-state response of the electric motor given by Eq. (d) is written as

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_{ss}(t) &= \frac{100 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}}{5500 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}/\text{rad}} \times 4.91 \times \cos(475t - 0.57) \\ &= 0.09 \cos(475t - 0.57) \text{ rad}\end{aligned}\quad (\text{f})$$

Thus, the amplitude of the harmonic steady-state motion is 0.09 rad at a frequency of 475 rad/s, and the phase lag relative to the excitation is 0.57 rad.

### 5.2.3 Response of Undamped System and Resonance

When a linear vibratory system is undamped,  $\zeta = 0$ , the governing equation given by Eq. (5.1), reduces to

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \omega_n^2 x = \frac{f(t)}{m} \quad (5.20)$$

**Response When  $\omega \neq \omega_n$  ( $\Omega \neq 1$ )**

For the excitation given by Eq. (5.3), and for zero initial conditions, the response is determined from Eqs. (5.7) and (5.8) with  $\zeta = 0$ . Thus, we obtain

$$x(\tau) = \frac{F_o}{k(1 - \Omega^2)} \{ \sin(\Omega\tau) - \Omega \sin(\tau) \} \quad (5.21a)$$

or, equivalently,

$$x(t) = \frac{F_o}{k(1 - \Omega^2)} \{ \sin(\omega t) - \Omega \sin(\omega_n t) \} \quad (5.21b)$$

which is valid when the excitation frequency is different from the natural frequency; that is, when  $\Omega \neq 1$  (or  $\omega \neq \omega_n$ ). It is clear from the form of Eqs. (5.21) that for an undamped system excited by a sinusoidal forcing at a frequency that is not equal to the natural frequency, the response consists of a frequency component at the excitation frequency  $\omega$  and a frequency component at the natural frequency  $\omega_n$ . Unless the ratio of  $\omega/\omega_n$  is a rational number, the displacement response is not periodic.

**Response When  $\omega = \omega_n$  ( $\Omega = 1$ )**

The response of an undamped system when  $\Omega = 1$ , is obtained from Eq. (5.6) with  $\zeta = 0$  and  $\Omega = 1$ . Thus, we arrive at

$$x(\tau) = \frac{F_o}{k} \int_0^\tau \sin(\tau - \xi) \sin(\xi) d\xi \quad (5.22)$$

Evaluating the integral in Eq. (5.22) results in

$$x(\tau) = \frac{F_o}{2k} \{ \sin(\tau) - \tau \cos(\tau) \} \quad (5.23)$$

The displacement response is not periodic, because the amplitude of the second term in Eq. (5.23) increases as time increases.

### Resonance and Stability of Response

For the case where  $\Omega \neq 1$ , the response of the undamped system given by Eq. (5.21) always has a finite magnitude, since  $\sin(\Omega\tau)$  and  $\sin(\tau)$  have finite values for all time. Thus, it follows that

$$|x(\tau)| \leq A \quad \tau > 0 \quad (5.24)$$

where  $A$  is a positive finite number. Hence, for  $\Omega \neq 1$ , an undamped system excited by a finite harmonic excitation is stable in the sense of boundedness introduced in Section 4.3. However, this is not true when  $\Omega = 1$ . When  $\Omega = 1$ , the term  $\tau\cos(\tau)$  in Eq. (5.23) grows linearly in amplitude with time and, hence, it becomes unbounded after a long time. This special ratio  $\Omega = 1$  ( $\omega = \omega_n$ ) is called a *resonance relation*; that is, the linear system given by Eq. (5.20) is said to be in *resonance* when the excitation frequency is equal to the natural frequency.

From a practical standpoint, the question of boundedness is important. Since there is always some amount of damping in a system, it is clear from Eqs. (5.7) to (5.9) that the response remains bounded when excited at the natural frequency; that is, for  $\Omega = 1$

$$\lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} x(\tau) = \frac{F_o}{2\zeta k} \sin(\tau - \pi/2) \quad (5.25)$$

The response given by Eq. (5.25) satisfies the boundedness condition given by Eq. (5.24), even though as the damping decreases in magnitude the response increases in magnitude.

### EXAMPLE 5.4 Forced response of an undamped system

Consider translational motions of a vibratory system with a mass of 100 kg and a stiffness of 100 N/m. When a harmonic forcing of the form  $F_o\sin(\omega t)$  acts on the mass of the system, where  $F_o = 1.0$  N, we shall determine the responses of the system and plot them for the following cases: i)  $\omega = 0.2$  rad/s, ii)  $\omega = 1.0$  rad/s, and iii)  $\omega = 2.0$  rad/s.

Let the variable  $x$  be used to describe the translation of the mass. Then, from Eq. (5.20),

$$\ddot{x} + \omega_n^2 x = \frac{F_o}{m} \sin(\omega t) \quad (a)$$

The natural frequency of the system is

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{100 \text{ N/m}}{100 \text{ kg}}} = 1 \text{ rad/s} \quad (b)$$

Hence, for Cases i and iii, the excitation frequency is different from the natural frequency, and for Case ii, the excitation frequency is equal to the natural frequency of the system.

In Cases i and iii, the solution for the displacement response is given by Eq. (5.21); that is,

$$x(t) = \frac{F_o}{k(1 - \Omega^2)} \{\sin(\omega t) - \Omega \sin(\omega_n t)\} \quad (c)$$

On the other hand, in Case ii, the response is given by Eq. (5.23); that is,

$$x(t) = \frac{F_o}{2k} \{\sin(\omega_n t) - \omega_n t \cos(\omega_n t)\} \quad (d)$$

For the given values, the responses are as follows:

Case i

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \frac{1 \text{ N}}{100 \text{ N/m} \times (1 - (0.2/1.0)^2)} \{\sin(0.2t) - (0.2/1.0)\sin(1 \times t)\} \\ &= 0.01 \{\sin(0.2t) - 0.2 \sin t\} \quad \text{m} \end{aligned} \quad (e)$$

Case ii

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \frac{1 \text{ N}}{2 \times 100 \text{ N/m}} \{\sin t - t \cos t\} \\ &= 0.005 \{\sin t - t \cos t\} \quad \text{m} \end{aligned} \quad (f)$$

Case iii

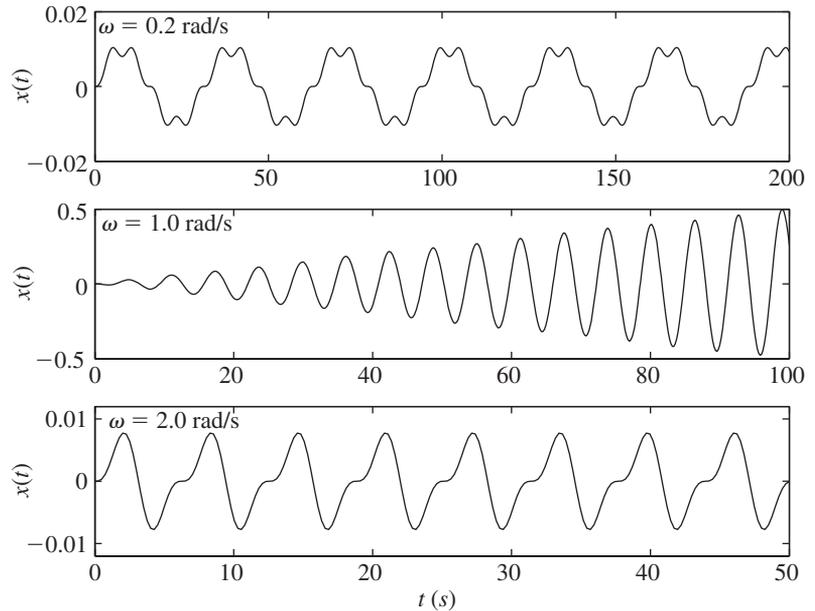
$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \frac{1 \text{ N}}{100 \text{ N/m} \times (1 - (0.2/1.0)^2)} \{\sin(2t) - (0.2/1.0)\sin(t)\} \\ &= -0.003 \{\sin(2t) - 2 \sin t\} \quad \text{m} \end{aligned} \quad (g)$$

The graphs of Eqs. (e), (f), and (g) are provided in the Figure 5.9. From the graphs, it is clear that the response of the undamped system remains bounded when the excitation frequency is away from the natural frequency, as in Cases i and iii. However, in Case ii, the response becomes unbounded after a long period of time, since the amplitude increases with time.

## 5.2.4 Magnitude and Phase Information

In the case of an undamped linear vibratory system, there is a phase shift of  $180^\circ$  in the response as one goes from an excitation frequency that is less than the natural frequency to an excitation frequency that is greater than the natural frequency. This can be discerned from Eq. (5.21) by noting that the change in sign is brought about by the term  $1 - \Omega^2$ .

For a linear damped vibratory system excited at the resonance frequency  $\Omega = 1$ , the response lags the excitation by  $90^\circ$  as shown by Eq. (5.25) and in

**FIGURE 5.9**

Displacement response of an undamped system subjected to harmonic forcing at three frequencies: i)  $\omega = 0.2$  rad/s; ii)  $\omega = 1.0$  rad/s; and iii)  $\omega = 2.0$  rad/s.

Figure 5.2b. This observation is used in experiments to determine if the excitation frequency is equal to the undamped natural frequency of the system; that is,  $\omega = \omega_n$ . The magnitude of the response is also large at  $\omega = \omega_n$  ( $\Omega = 1$ ) when  $\zeta$  is small.

### Response Characteristics in Different Excitation Frequency Ranges

Additional characteristics of the response of an underdamped, linear vibratory system can be determined by examining the steady-state response  $x_{ss}(\tau)$  in the frequency ranges  $\Omega \ll 1$  and  $\Omega \gg 1$  and at the frequency location  $\Omega = 1$ ; that is, in a region considerably below the natural frequency, in a region well above the natural frequency, and at the natural frequency, respectively. The examination is performed by studying the values of  $H(\Omega)$  and  $\theta(\Omega)$  in these three ranges.

$\Omega \ll 1$  In this region, Eqs. (5.18) lead to

$$\begin{aligned} H(\Omega) &\rightarrow 1 \\ \theta(\Omega) &\rightarrow 0 \end{aligned} \quad (5.26)$$

and, therefore, from Eq. (5.17), we obtain

$$x_{ss}(\tau) \cong \frac{F_o}{k} \sin(\Omega\tau) = \frac{1}{k} f(\tau) \quad (5.27)$$

Since the only system parameter that determines the displacement response is the stiffness  $k$ , we call this region the *stiffness-dominated region*. In this region, the displacement is in phase with the force.

The velocity response is determined from Eq. (5.27) to be

$$v_{ss}(\tau) = \frac{\Omega\omega_n F_o}{k} \cos(\Omega\tau) = \frac{\Omega\omega_n F_o}{k} \sin(\Omega\tau + \pi/2) \quad (5.28)$$

Therefore, as expected, the velocity response leads the displacement response by  $\pi/2$ ; that is, the maximum value of the velocity occurs before the maximum value of the displacement. These results are illustrated in Figure 5.10.

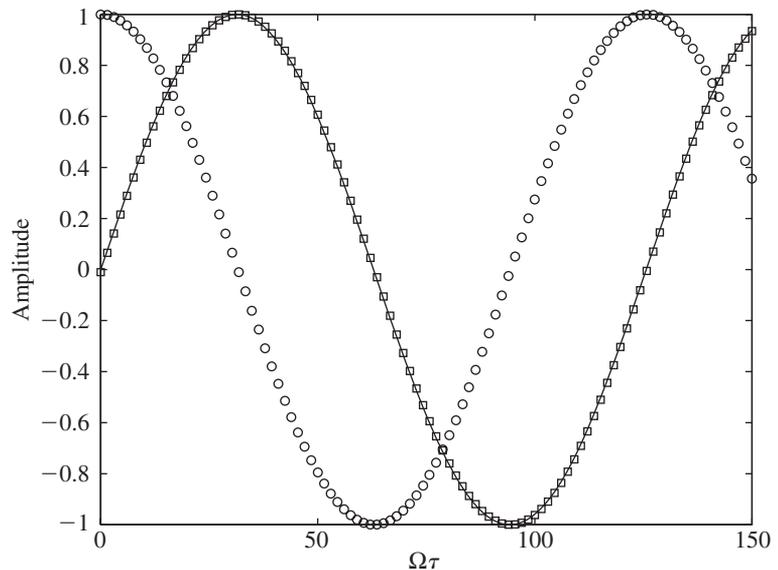
$\Omega = 1$  At this value of  $\Omega$ , Eqs. (5.18) simplify to

$$\begin{aligned} H(1) &= \frac{1}{2\zeta} \\ \theta(1) &= \frac{\pi}{2} \end{aligned} \quad (5.29)$$

Therefore, the displacement response given by Eq. (5.17) takes the form

$$x_{ss}(\tau) = \frac{F_o}{2k\zeta} \sin(\tau - \pi/2) = \frac{F_o}{c\omega_n} \sin(\tau - \pi/2) \quad (5.30)$$

Thus, for a given excitation amplitude  $F_o$  and natural frequency  $\omega_n$ , the amplitude of the displacement is determined by the damping coefficient  $c$ . This



**FIGURE 5.10**

Phase relationships among displacement, velocity, and force in the stiffness-dominated region:  $\Omega \ll 1$ . [—  $f(\tau)/F_o$ ;  $\square$   $x(\tau)/(F_o/k)$ ;  $\circ$   $v(\tau)/(\Omega\omega_n F_o/k)$ .]

region, therefore, is called the *damping-dominated region*. We also see that the displacement lags the force by  $\pi/2$  and that this phase lag is independent of  $\zeta$ . For  $\zeta > 0$ , it is mentioned that  $H(\Omega)$  is not a maximum when  $\Omega = 1$ . We shall determine this maximum value and the value of  $\Omega$  at which it occurs subsequently. The amplitude response is characterized by a peak close to the natural frequency for values of  $\zeta$  in the range  $0 < \zeta < 0.3$ , as can be seen from Figure 5.2a.

The velocity response is obtained from Eq. (5.30) to be

$$v_{ss}(\tau) = \frac{F_o \omega_n}{2k\zeta} \cos(\tau - \pi/2) = \frac{F_o}{c} \sin(\tau) = \frac{f(\tau)}{c} \quad (5.31)$$

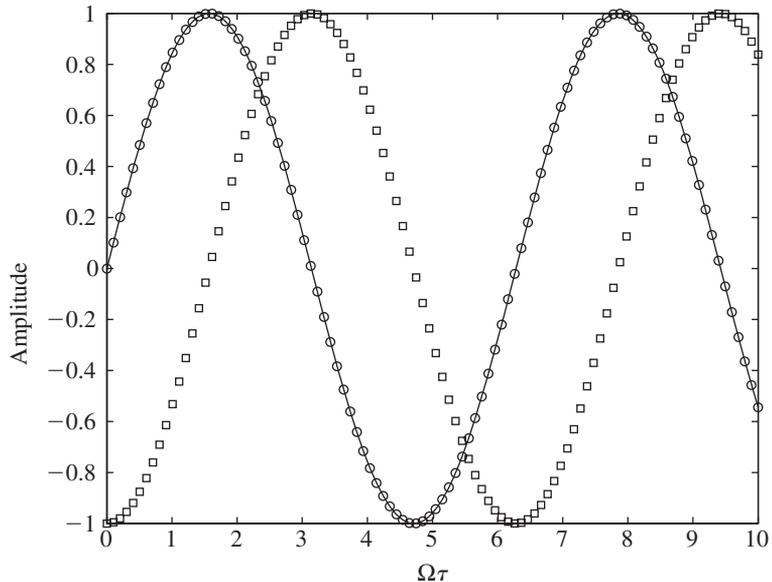
Therefore, in this region, the velocity is in phase with the force. These results are illustrated in Figure 5.11.

$\Omega \gg 1$  In this region, the amplitude and phase responses given by Eqs. (5.18) simplify to

$$\begin{aligned} H(\Omega) &\rightarrow \frac{1}{\Omega^2} = \frac{\omega_n^2}{\omega^2} \\ \theta(\Omega) &\rightarrow \pi \end{aligned} \quad (5.32)$$

and, therefore, the displacement response given by Eq. (5.17) simplifies to

$$x_{ss}(\tau) \cong \frac{F_o \omega_n^2}{k\omega^2} \sin(\Omega\tau - \pi) = -\frac{F_o}{m\omega^2} \sin(\Omega\tau) = -\frac{f(\tau)}{m\omega^2} \quad (5.33)$$



**FIGURE 5.11**

Phase relationships among displacement, velocity, and force in the damping-dominated region:  $\Omega = 1$ . [—  $f(\tau)/F_o$ ;  $\square$   $x(\tau)/(F_o/(2\zeta k))$ ;  $\circ$   $v(\tau)/(F_o/c)$ .]

Thus, the displacement response is  $180^\circ$  out of phase with the applied force. For a given  $f(\tau)$ , the amplitude of the displacement is inversely proportional to  $m$ , the mass. This region, therefore, is called the *inertia-dominated region*.

The velocity is determined from Eq. (5.33) to be

$$v_{ss}(\tau) = \frac{F_o \omega_n}{\Omega k} \cos(\Omega\tau - \pi) = \frac{F_o \omega_n}{\Omega k} \sin(\Omega\tau - \pi/2) \quad (5.34)$$

Hence, in this region, the velocity lags the force by  $\pi/2$ . These results are shown in Figure 5.12.

It can be shown that when  $\zeta > 1/\sqrt{2}$ ,  $H(\Omega) < 1$  for  $\Omega > 0$ , and when  $\zeta < 1/\sqrt{2}$ ,  $H(\Omega) < 1$  for

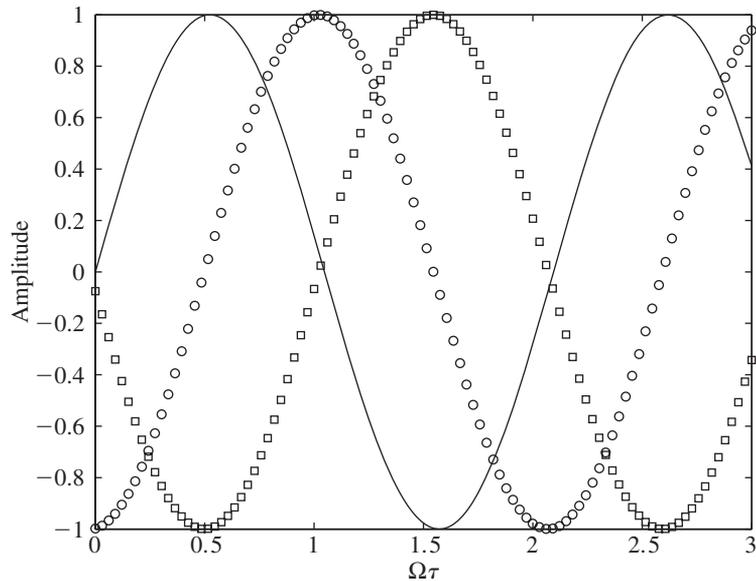
$$\Omega \geq \sqrt{2} \sqrt{1 - 2\zeta^2}$$

or

$$\omega \geq \omega_n \sqrt{2} \sqrt{1 - 2\zeta^2}$$

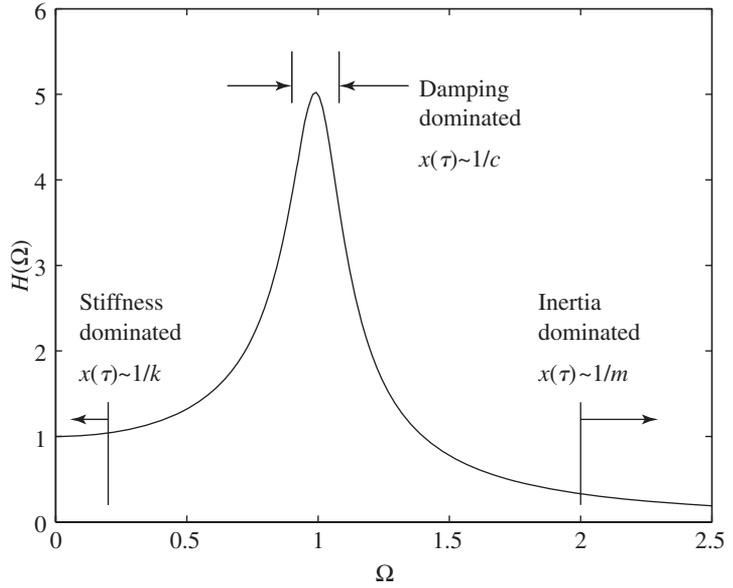
These response characteristics can also be seen in Figure 5.2.

The dependence of the system response on the different system parameters is summarized as a function of the excitation frequency as shown in Figure 5.13. Further discussion about the response magnitude and the response phase as a function of the excitation frequency is provided in Section 5.3.

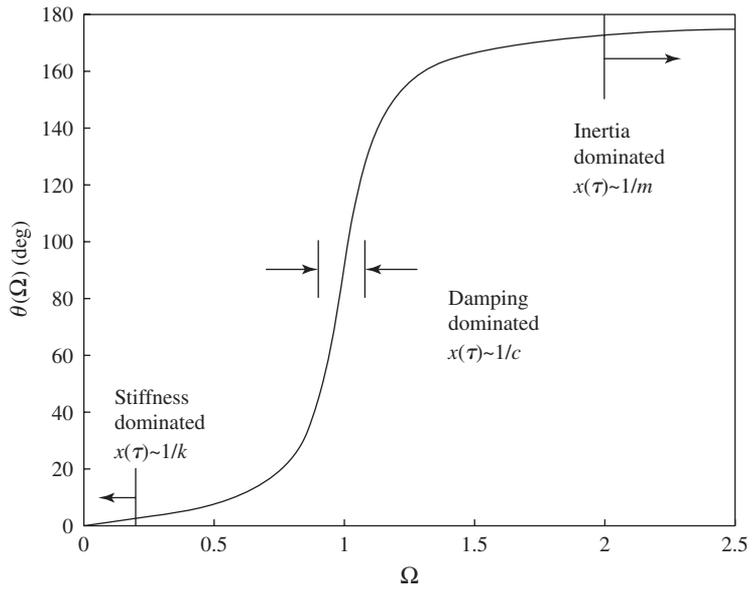


**FIGURE 5.12**

Phase relationships among displacement, velocity, and force in the inertia-dominated region:  $\Omega \gg 1$ . [—  $f(\tau)/F_o$ ;  $\square$   $x(\tau)/(F_o/(k\Omega^2))$ ;  $\circ$   $v(\tau)/(F_o\omega_n/(k\Omega))$ .]



(a)



(b)

**FIGURE 5.13**

Three regions of a single degree-of-freedom system: (a) amplitude response and (b) phase response.

**Observations**

*Stiffness-dominated region:* When the amplitude of the harmonic exciting force is constant and the excitation frequency is much less than the natural frequency of the system, the magnitude of the displacement is determined by the system's stiffness. The displacement response is in phase with the excitation force.

*Damping-dominated region:* When the amplitude of the harmonic exciting force is constant and the excitation frequency equals the natural frequency of the system, the magnitude of the displacement response is magnified for  $0 < \zeta \ll 1$ , and the amount of magnification is determined by the system's damping coefficient. The displacement response lags the excitation force by  $90^\circ$ .

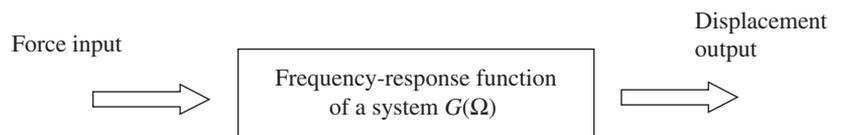
*Inertia-dominated region:* When the amplitude of the harmonic exciting force is constant and the excitation frequency is much greater than the natural frequency of the system, the magnitude of the displacement response is determined by the system's inertia. When  $\Omega$  is greater than  $1/\sqrt{2}$ , the magnitude of the amplitude response is always less than 1. The displacement response is almost  $180^\circ$  out of phase with the excitation force.

## 5.3 FREQUENCY-RESPONSE FUNCTION

### 5.3.1 Introduction

In Section 5.2, the responses of undamped and underdamped systems to harmonic excitations were discussed and the notions of resonance of a linear vibratory system, steady-state motion, and frequency-response function were introduced. In this section, the concept of a frequency-response function is further treated.

As illustrated in Figure 5.14, for a linear vibratory system, a frequency-response function provides a relationship between a system's input and a system's output. The frequency-response function  $G(\Omega)$  is a complex-valued function of frequency, and this function provides information about the magnitude and phase of the steady-state response of a linear vibratory system as a function of the excitation frequency.



**FIGURE 5.14**

Conceptual illustration of the frequency-response function.

For the cases treated in Section 5.2, one can define the frequency-response function  $G(\Omega)$  in terms of the force input and displacement output of the linear vibratory system. In its general representation, this function has the form

$$G(\Omega) = \frac{1}{k} H(\Omega) e^{-j\theta(\Omega)} \quad (5.35)$$

where  $\Omega = \omega/\omega_n$  is the ratio of the excitation frequency  $\omega$  to the natural frequency of the system  $\omega_n$ ,  $k$  is the stiffness of the vibratory system, the nondimensional function  $H(\Omega)$  provides the magnitude,  $j = \sqrt{-1}$ , and  $\theta(\Omega)$  is the phase lag associated with the response. In Eq. (5.35), the frequency-response function has dimensions of displacement/force; that is, m/N. If the frequency-response function is desired in nondimensional form, it is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{G}(\Omega) &= kG(\Omega) \\ &= H(\Omega) e^{-j\theta(\Omega)} \end{aligned} \quad (5.36)$$

where the complex-valued function  $\hat{G}(\Omega)$  is now nondimensional.

For a linear vibratory system, where the forcing is applied to the mass directly as in Figure 5.1, the nondimensional function  $H(\Omega)$  and the phase  $\theta(\Omega)$  are given by Eqs. (5.8). These functions have different forms when the excitation is either applied to the base or the source of the excitation is a rotating unbalance, as discussed in Sections 5.4 and 5.5, respectively.

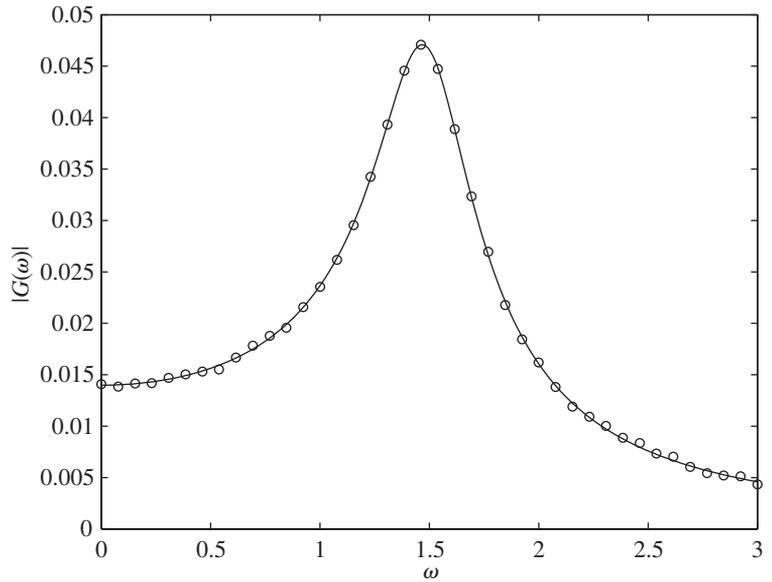
Based on Eqs. (5.8) and (5.35), the magnitude of the frequency-response function is given by

$$|G(\Omega)| = \frac{H(\Omega)}{k} = \frac{1}{k\sqrt{(1 - \Omega^2)^2 + (2\zeta\Omega)^2}} \quad (5.37)$$

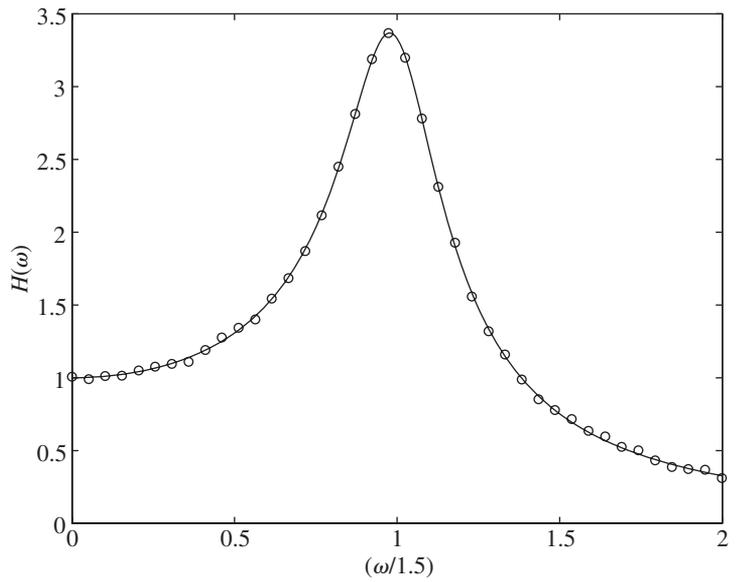
As evident from Eq. (5.37), this function contains information about the system parameters such as the stiffness  $k$ , and the system characteristics such as the natural frequency  $\omega_n$  and the damping factor  $\zeta$ . In Section 5.3.2, we discuss how the frequency-response function magnitude can be curve-fit to extract information about the characteristics of a linear vibratory system. In Section 5.3.3, the sensitivity of the frequency-response function magnitude to different system parameters is examined, and in Section 5.3.4, the relationship between a frequency-response function and a transfer function is explained. Finally, in Section 5.3.5, we discuss alternative forms of the frequency response function.

### 5.3.2 Curve Fitting and Parameter Estimation

Let us suppose that one conducts an experiment where a sinusoidal forcing is applied to a system. After the motions of the system reach steady state, that is, after many cycles of forcing, the forcing and displacement are measured by using appropriate transducers. From these measured quantities, one can determine the ratio of the displacement magnitude to the force magnitude. If this experiment is repeated at different frequencies over a frequency range, and if at each excitation frequency this ratio is determined, the resulting information



(a)



(b)

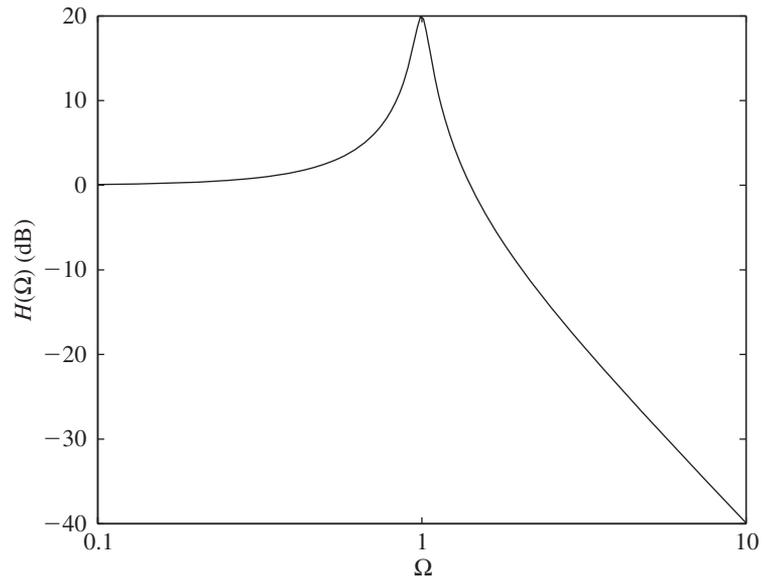
**FIGURE 5.15**

Model identification using Eq. (5.37): (a) experimental data along with identified model  $|G(\omega)|$  and (b) experimental data along with identified model  $H(\Omega) = k|G(\omega)|$ .

can be plotted as a function of frequency as shown in Figure 5.15a where the open circles represent the experimental data. We assume that the physical system of interest is a linear vibratory system and use Eq. (5.1) to describe the system. Then, based on Eq. (5.37), one can curve-fit the experimental data and estimate the values of the stiffness  $k$ , the natural frequency  $\omega_n$ , and the damping factor  $\zeta$ . For the data shown in Figure 5.15a, it is found<sup>7</sup> that  $\zeta = 0.15$ ,  $\omega_n = 1.5$  rad/s, and  $k = 71.5$  N/m. These values were inserted in Eq. (5.37) to obtain the solid line passing through the data. In Figure 5.15b, the nondimensional function  $H(\Omega) = k|G(\omega)|$  is shown along with the experimental data.

In Figure 5.16, the nondimensional function  $H(\Omega)$  is plotted on a graph with a logarithmic scale for the frequency axis and a logarithmic scale for the magnitude axis. This type of graph helps highlight the location of a resonance and the overall response characteristics as a function of frequency over several decades of frequency. In such log-log plots, the magnitude is expressed in terms of decibels (dB), which is discussed in Appendix C.

The frequency-response function provides an alternate means to the logarithmic-decrement method given in Section 4.2.3, which was based on free-oscillation data for estimating the damping factor in a vibratory system model. In addition, as discussed in Section 5.3.1, and later in Chapter 6, the frequency-response function of a vibratory system also can be determined for force inputs other than sinusoidal excitations.



**FIGURE 5.16**  
Logarithmic plot of  $H(\Omega)$ .

<sup>7</sup>The MATLAB function `lsqcurvefit` from the Optimization Toolbox was used.

### 5.3.3 Sensitivity to System Parameters and Filter Characteristics

In this section, we illustrate how the sensitivity of a mechanical system's response to an applied forcing is determined and how a mechanical system can be viewed as a filter. The notions of sensitivity and filters are important for the design of many mechanical systems, in particular, sensors used for vibration measurements.

#### Sensitivity

The amplitude response of a single degree-of-freedom system can be used to determine the response sensitivity. The system's sensitivity is defined as the ratio of the change in the displacement to a change in the applied force. Thus, when  $\Omega \ll 1$ , we find from Eq. (5.27) that the sensitivity as determined by the response magnitude and force magnitude is

$$S = \left| \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta F} \right| = \frac{1}{k} \quad (5.38)$$

where  $\Delta x$  and  $\Delta F$  represent the changes in the response and force magnitudes, respectively. Let us suppose that the parameters  $c$  and  $m$  are held constant and that we consider two systems, one with a spring constant  $k_1$  and another with a spring constant  $k_2$ . Then, the sensitivity for the first system is

$$S_1 = \frac{1}{k_1} \quad (5.39)$$

Let

$$a_o = \frac{k_1}{k_2} > 0 \quad (5.40)$$

Furthermore, we have the following expressions for the corresponding natural frequencies, static displacements, and damping factors of the two systems:

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_{n1} &= \sqrt{\frac{k_1}{m}} & \delta_{st1} &= \frac{mg}{k_1} \\ \omega_{n2} &= \sqrt{\frac{k_2}{m}} = \frac{\omega_{n1}}{\sqrt{a_o}} & \delta_{st2} &= \frac{mg}{k_2} = a_o \delta_{st1} \\ \zeta_1 &= \frac{c}{2\sqrt{k_1 m}} & \zeta_2 &= \frac{c}{2\sqrt{k_2 m}} = \zeta_1 \sqrt{a_o} \end{aligned} \quad (5.41)$$

Then, from Eqs. (5.17) and (5.18), the sensitivity  $S_2$  for the modified system is given by

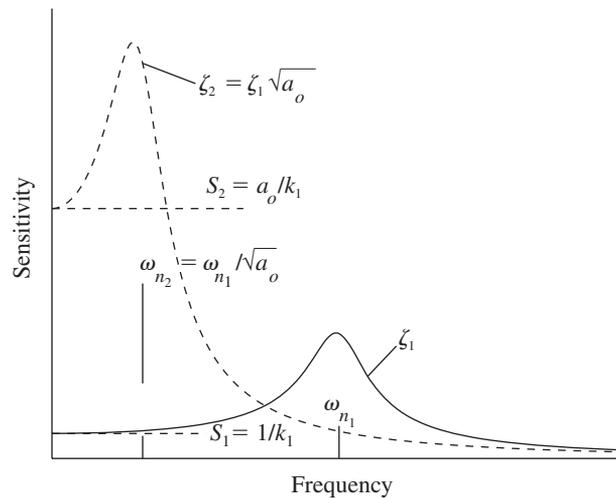
$$S_2 = \left| \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta F} \right| = \frac{a_o}{k_1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1 - a_o \Omega^2)^2 + (2a_o \zeta_1 \Omega)^2}} \quad (5.42a)$$

where the frequency ratio  $\Omega = \omega/\omega_{n1}$ . For  $\Omega \ll 1$ , Eq. (5.42a) is approximated as

$$S_2 = \frac{a_0}{k_1} = a_0 S_1 \quad (5.42b)$$

Equation (5.42a) is plotted in Figure 5.17 for  $a_o > 1$ . We see from this figure and from Eqs. (5.41) that as the sensitivity increases, the natural frequency of the system decreases (and the static displacement increases) and the damping ratio increases. This tradeoff between sensitivity and the location of the natural frequency is important in the design of vibration sensors, where a frequent desire is to have a device with a high sensitivity and a high natural frequency.<sup>8</sup> This discussion presents a broader view of the ideas presented in Example 3.7, where only the influence of the different system parameters on  $\zeta$  was discussed.

**Design Guideline:** If  $c$  and  $m$  are held constant and the stiffness of a single degree-of-freedom system is changed from  $k_1$  to  $k_2$ , then the response sensitivity of the system changes from  $S_1$  to  $k_1 S_1/k_2$  and the damping ratio changes from  $\zeta_1$  to  $\zeta_1 \sqrt{k_1/k_2}$ .



**FIGURE 5.17**

Effect of change in sensitivity with respect to the natural frequency and damping ratio when  $c$  and  $m$  remain constant:  $a_o = k_1/k_2 > 0$ .

<sup>8</sup>See, for example: S. Valoff and W. J. Kaiser, "Presettable Micromachined MEMS Accelerometers," 12th IEEE International Conference on Micro Electrical Mechanical Systems, Orlando, FL, pp. 72–76, (January 1999); and A. Partridge, et al., "A High-Performance Planar Piezoresistive Accelerometer," *J. Microelectromechanical Systems*, Vol. 9, No. 1, pp. 58–65 (March 2000).

**EXAMPLE 5.5** Changes in system natural frequency and damping ratio for enhanced sensitivity

A system is to be redesigned so that the modified system's sensitivity is increased by a factor of three. We shall determine the percentage changes in the system natural frequency and the damping ratio.

Since  $S_2/S_1 = a_o = 3$ , we have that  $k_2/k_1 = 1/3$ ; that is, the stiffness has decreased by a factor of three. Thus, from Eqs. (5.41) we have that  $\omega_{n2} = \omega_{n1}/\sqrt{3}$  and  $\zeta_2 = \zeta_1\sqrt{3}$ . Then the percentage change in the natural frequency  $\Delta\omega_n$  is

$$\Delta\omega_n = 100\left(\frac{\omega_{n2} - \omega_{n1}}{\omega_{n1}}\right) = 100\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} - 1\right) = -42.3\%$$

and the percentage change in damping ratio  $\Delta\zeta$  is

$$\Delta\zeta = 100\left(\frac{\zeta_2 - \zeta_1}{\zeta_1}\right) = 100(\sqrt{3} - 1) = 73.2\%$$

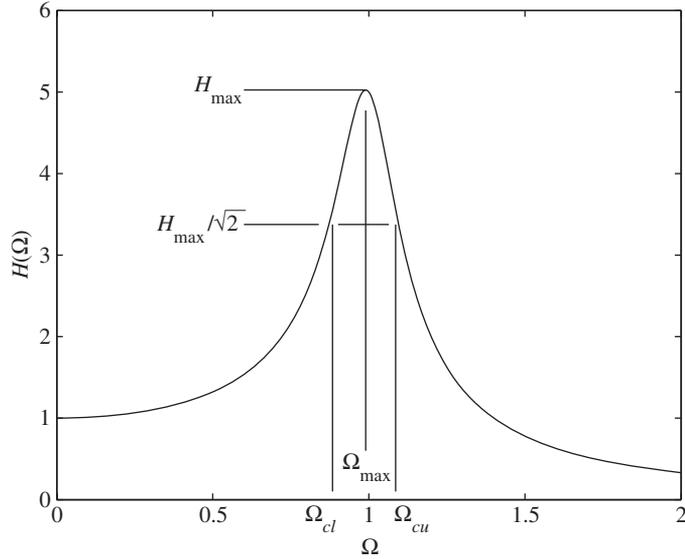
### Filter

The amplitude-response characteristics of a mechanical system can be compared to that of an electronic band pass filter. A *band pass filter* is a system that lets frequency components in a signal that are within its pass band pass relatively unattenuated or amplified, while frequency components in a signal that are outside the pass band are attenuated. The *pass band* is determined by the cutoff frequencies, which are those frequencies at which

$$H(\Omega) = \frac{H_{\max}}{\sqrt{2}} \quad (5.43)$$

In other words, as shown in Figure 5.18, the cutoff frequencies are at amplitudes that are 3 dB below  $H_{\max}$ . For those systems that have only one cutoff frequency, the system acts as either a *low pass* or a *high pass filter*. A *low pass filter* attenuates frequency components in a signal above the cutoff frequency, and a *high pass filter* attenuates frequency components in a signal below the cutoff frequency.

In the design of mechanical systems, there are two different approaches that are followed, depending on the objective. To reduce vibration levels in a system, one selects the system parameters so that the excitation frequency is not in the system's pass band, because in this region the input is magnified. (Recall the damping-dominated region of Figure 5.13.) On the other hand, there is an application area where mechanical filters are designed for insertion in systems. In this case, one designs the resonance frequency of the system to be in the frequency range of interest. This enhances sensitivity as discussed earlier in this section, and is discussed further in Example 8.12.

**FIGURE 5.18**

Definitions of the cutoff frequencies, center frequency, and bandwidth of the amplitude response of a single degree-of-freedom system.

We now examine the amplitude response  $H(\Omega)$  in light of these definitions. The maximum value of  $H(\Omega)$  occurs at a frequency ratio  $\Omega_{\max}$ , which is a solution of

$$\frac{dH(\Omega_{\max})}{d\Omega} = 0$$

Thus, we find from Eq. (5.18) that for  $\zeta \leq 1/\sqrt{2}$ , the nondimensional frequency is

$$\Omega_{\max} = \sqrt{1 - 2\zeta^2} \quad (5.44a)$$

which means that the corresponding dimensional frequency is

$$\omega_{\max} = \omega_n \sqrt{1 - 2\zeta^2} \quad (5.44b)$$

and for  $\zeta > 1/\sqrt{2}$ , the amplitude response does not have an extremum, as is seen in Figure 5.2a. In this case, the maximum value of  $H(\Omega)$  occurs at  $\Omega = 0$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} H_{\max} = H(\Omega_{\max}) &= \frac{1}{2\zeta\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} & \zeta \leq 1/\sqrt{2} \\ &= 1 & \zeta > 1/\sqrt{2} \end{aligned} \quad (5.45)$$

**Cutoff Frequencies of a Filter** From Eq. (5.18), the location of the *cutoff frequencies* shown in Figure 5.18 is determined by solving

$$\frac{H_{\max}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{2\zeta\sqrt{2(1-\zeta^2)}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1-\Omega^2)^2 + (2\zeta\Omega)^2}} \quad (5.46)$$

Thus, the upper and lower cutoff frequency ratios are given, respectively, by

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_{cu} &= \sqrt{1 - 2\zeta^2 + 2\zeta\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \\ \Omega_{cl} &= \sqrt{1 - 2\zeta^2 - 2\zeta\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \end{aligned} \quad (5.47)$$

where

$$\Omega_{cu} = \frac{\omega_{cu}}{\omega_n} \quad \text{and} \quad \Omega_{cl} = \frac{\omega_{cl}}{\omega_n}$$

are the nondimensional cutoff frequencies and  $\omega_{cu}$  and  $\omega_{cl}$  are the respective cutoff frequencies in rad/s. The lower cutoff frequency exists only for those values of  $\zeta$  for which

$$1 - 2\zeta^2 - 2\zeta\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} > 0$$

Upon solving for  $\zeta$ , we find that  $\zeta < \sqrt{0.5 - 0.25\sqrt{2}} = 0.3827$ .

**Filter Bandwidth** The *bandwidth* of the system is

$$\begin{aligned} B_w &= \frac{BW_\omega}{\omega_n} = \frac{\omega_{cu} - \omega_{cl}}{\omega_n} = \Omega_{cu} - \Omega_{cl} \quad \text{for} \quad \zeta < 0.3827 \\ B_w &= \Omega_{cu} \quad \text{for} \quad \zeta \geq 0.3827 \end{aligned} \quad (5.48a)$$

where  $BW_\omega$  is the bandwidth in rad/s. To determine the bandwidth in Hz, we have  $BW_f = BW_\omega/2\pi$ , and, therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} B_w &= \frac{BW_f}{\omega_n/2\pi} = \frac{f_{cu} - f_{cl}}{f_n} = \Omega_{cu} - \Omega_{cl} \quad \text{for} \quad \zeta < 0.3827 \\ B_w &= \Omega_{cu} \quad \text{for} \quad \zeta \geq 0.3827 \end{aligned} \quad (5.48b)$$

since  $\Omega_{cu} = \omega_{cu}/\omega_n = (2\pi\omega_{cu})/(2\pi\omega_n) = f_{cu}/f_n$  and  $\Omega_{cl} = \omega_{cl}/\omega_n = (2\pi\omega_{cl})/(2\pi\omega_n) = f_{cl}/f_n$ .

**Quality Factor** Another quantity that is often used to define the band pass portion of  $H(\Omega)$  when  $\zeta$  is small is the *quality factor*  $Q$ , which is given by

$$Q = \frac{\Omega_c}{B_w} \quad (5.49)$$

where  $\Omega_c$ , which is the center frequency ratio, is defined as the geometric mean of a band pass filter with the nondimensional cutoff frequencies  $\Omega_{cl}$  and  $\Omega_{cu}$  as

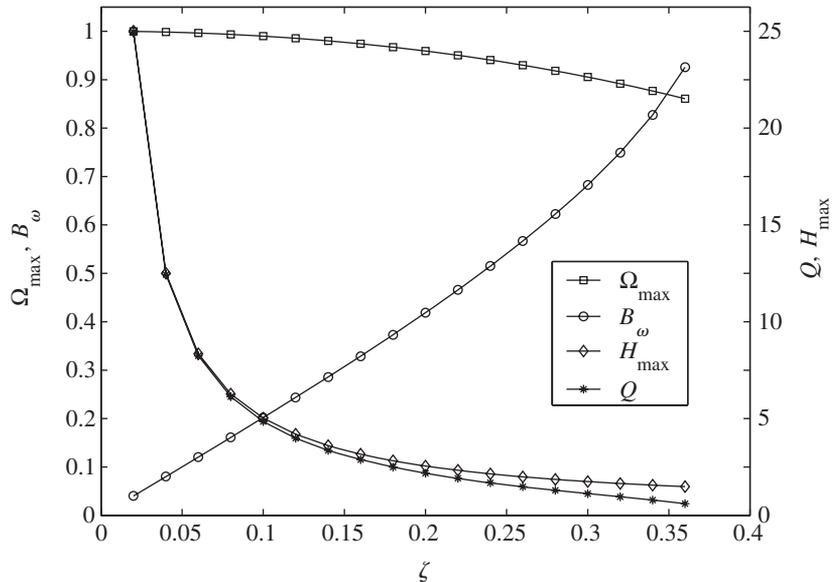
$$\Omega_c = \sqrt{\Omega_{cu}\Omega_{cl}} \quad (5.50)$$

The center frequency is not defined for either a low pass or a high pass filter. When  $\zeta < 0.1$ , it can be shown that

$$Q \cong \frac{1}{2\zeta} \quad (5.51)$$

The error made in using this approximation relative to Eq. (5.49) is  $< 3\%$ , and this error decreases as  $\zeta$  decreases. The different quantities given above are shown in Figure 5.19 as a function of  $\zeta$ . We see that for  $0 < \zeta < 0.1$ , the quality factor of the system is a measure of the maximum magnification of the single degree-of-freedom system.

**Design Guideline:** The bandwidth of a linear single degree-of-freedom system is a function of the damping ratio and its natural frequency. For a given natural frequency, the smaller the damping ratio, the smaller the bandwidth. For a damping ratio less than 0.1, the maximum amplitude of system's transfer function is approximately inversely proportional to the damping ratio and the corresponding frequency location is slightly less than the system's natural frequency.



**FIGURE 5.19**

Quantities used in the definitions of band pass filters as a function of  $\zeta$ .

**EXAMPLE 5.6** Damping ratio and bandwidth to obtain a desired  $Q$ 

It is desired to have a quality factor of 10 for a single degree-of-freedom system that has a natural frequency of 25.8 Hz. We shall determine the approximate damping ratio and bandwidth of the system. Since  $Q = 10$ , from Eq. (5.51) we have that  $\zeta = 1/(2 \times 10) = 0.05$ . Then, from Eqs. (5.47), the upper and lower cutoff frequency ratios are

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega_{cu} &= \sqrt{1 - 2(0.05)^2} + 2(0.05)\sqrt{1 - (0.05)^2} = 1.05 \\ \Omega_{cl} &= \sqrt{1 - 2(0.05)^2} - 2(0.05)\sqrt{1 - (0.05)^2} = 0.95\end{aligned}$$

and from Eq. (5.48b), the bandwidth is

$$\begin{aligned}BW_f &= f_n B_w = f_n (\Omega_{cu} - \Omega_{cl}) \\ &= 25.8(1.05 - 0.95) = 2.58 \text{ Hz}\end{aligned}$$

**5.3.4** Relationship of the Frequency-Response Function to the Transfer Function

In Appendix D, a general solution for the response of a vibratory system governed by Eq. (D.1) was provided. When the initial conditions are zero, it was shown in Eq. (D.2) that in the Laplace transform domain

$$X(s) = \frac{F(s)/m}{D(s)} \quad (5.52)$$

The quantity

$$G(s) = \frac{X(s)}{F(s)} \quad (5.53)$$

is called the *transfer function* of the vibratory system. Here, it is defined in terms of a force input and a displacement output. The particular form obtained from Eqs. (5.52), (5.53), and (D.3) is

$$\begin{aligned}G(s) &= \frac{1}{mD(s)} = \frac{1}{m(s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2)} \\ &= \frac{1}{k[1 + (s/\omega_n)^2 + 2\zeta(s/\omega_n)]}\end{aligned} \quad (5.54)$$

When the complex variable  $s$  is set to  $j\omega$ , we obtain from Eq. (5.54) that

$$G(j\omega) = \frac{1}{k[1 - (\omega/\omega_n)^2 + 2j\zeta(\omega/\omega_n)]} \quad (5.55)$$

where we have used the identity  $j^2 = -1$ . The function  $G(j\omega)$ , sometimes referred to as  $G(\omega)$ , is called the *frequency-response function* of the vibratory system governed by Eq. (5.1). This function can be derived from the transfer

function as discussed here or, alternatively, by using Fourier transforms of system input and output signals as discussed later in this section.

On comparing Eq. (5.55) to Eq. (5.35), we recognize that the magnitude of the complex-valued function  $kG(j\omega)$ —that is,  $|kG(j\omega)|$ —provides the amplitude response and the phase response associated with  $G(j\omega)$ . Thus,

$$H(\omega/\omega_n) = |kG(j\omega)| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1 - (\omega/\omega_n)^2)^2 + (2\zeta \omega/\omega_n)^2}} \quad (5.56a)$$

and

$$\theta(\omega/\omega_n) = \tan^{-1} \frac{2\zeta \omega/\omega_n}{1 - (\omega/\omega_n)^2} \quad (5.56b)$$

When  $\Omega = \omega/\omega_n$ , Eqs. (5.56) for the amplitude and phase response, respectively, take the form

$$H(\Omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1 - \Omega^2)^2 + (2\zeta\Omega)^2}} \quad (5.57a)$$

and

$$\theta(\Omega) = \tan^{-1} \frac{2\zeta\Omega}{1 - \Omega^2} \quad (5.57b)$$

Equations (5.57) confirm Eqs. (5.18), which were obtained for the amplitude response and the phase response of a linear vibratory system.

### Fourier Transforms and Frequency-Response Functions

Instead of determining the frequency response  $G(j\omega)$  from the transfer function  $G(s)$ , the frequency-response function can also be obtained directly based on the system input and output signals. In order to carry this out, one must use the Fourier transform.

The Fourier transform enables conversion of information in the time domain to its frequency domain counterpart. The definitions of the *forward* and *inverse Fourier transforms* are, respectively,

$$F(j\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)e^{-j\omega t} dt$$

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(j\omega)e^{j\omega t} d\omega \quad (5.58)$$

where  $f(t)$  is the signal in the time domain and  $F(j\omega)$  is the corresponding quantity in the frequency domain.

Assuming that the Fourier transforms exist for the input signal  $f(t)$  to a vibratory system and the measured output signal  $x(t)$ , the frequency-response function is defined as

$$G(j\omega) = \frac{X(j\omega)}{F(j\omega)} = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t)e^{-j\omega t} dt}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)e^{-j\omega t} dt} \quad (5.59a)$$

Since the displacement and the force signals are present only for  $t \geq 0$ , Eq. (5.59a) reduces to

$$G(j\omega) = \frac{X(j\omega)}{F(j\omega)} = \frac{\int_0^{\infty} x(t)e^{-j\omega t} dt}{\int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-j\omega t} dt} \quad (5.59b)$$

Usually, in practice, the following approximation is made

$$G(j\omega) = \frac{X(j\omega)}{F(j\omega)} = \frac{\int_0^T x(t)e^{-j\omega t} dt}{\int_0^T f(t)e^{-j\omega t} dt} \quad (5.59c)$$

where the integration is carried out over the record length  $T$ .

As with the Laplace transform, there are tables from which one can obtain the Fourier transform and its inverse. Here, we shall present only one such Fourier transform pair:

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) = \frac{e^{-\zeta\omega_n t}}{\omega_d} \sin(\omega_d t) u(t) &\Leftrightarrow F(j\omega) = \frac{1}{(\zeta\omega_n + j\omega)^2 + \omega_d^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{\omega_n^2} H(\Omega) e^{-j\theta(\Omega)} \end{aligned} \quad (5.60)$$

where we have used Eqs.(5.57a) and (5.57b) in arriving at Eq. (5.60).

Returning to Eq. (5.58), we see that when  $f(t) \rightarrow f(t)u(t)$ , Eq. (5.58) becomes

$$F(j\omega) = \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-j\omega t} dt \quad (5.61)$$

which can be obtained from the definition of the Laplace transform by setting  $s = j\omega$ .

The numerical implementation of the Fourier transform given by Eq. (5.58) is called the *discrete Fourier transform* (DFT), and a very computationally efficient algorithm that performs the DFT is the *fast Fourier transform* (FFT). The DFT is performed over a time interval  $T_{df}$ . Thus, we have two ways to transform the time varying response of a vibratory system to the frequency domain. In the first method, we take the Laplace transform and then set  $s = j\omega$ . The magnitude of the resulting complex quantity is the amplitude response and the corresponding phase angle is the phase response. This method is limited to linear systems. For those systems in which we obtain the solution numerically or collect digitized signals experimentally, the

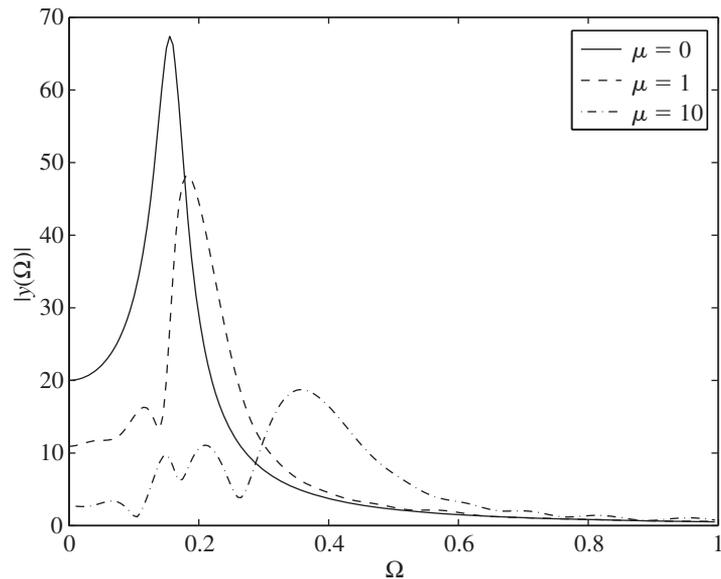
signals are operated on with the FFT algorithm, which transforms the results to the frequency domain. We shall employ both techniques in this book.

### Representative Example

To illustrate the usefulness of the Fourier transform, we return to the system shown in Figure 4.24, for which the corresponding time-domain results are shown in Figure 4.25. It was noticed in Figure 4.25 that the introduction of the spring-stops had the effect of increasing the natural frequency. This was determined by noticing the decrease in the period of the displacement response. Considering the time histories, and using the FFT algorithm,<sup>9</sup> we obtain the corresponding amplitude spectral densities shown in Figure 5.20. This transformation of information to the frequency domain clearly shows the changes in the effective natural frequency in the three cases considered. For  $\mu = 0$ , the spectrum indicates a linear response, while for  $\mu = 1$  and  $\mu = 10$  additional peaks<sup>10</sup> appear in the respective spectra, and there is also a shift in the peak associated with the system's natural frequency.

### 5.3.5 Alternative Forms of the Frequency-Response Function

Consider a single degree-of-freedom system that is subjected to a harmonic force of the form  $f(t) = F_o e^{j\omega t}$ , where  $j = \sqrt{-1}$ . Then, referring to



**FIGURE 5.20**

Amplitude density spectrum of the response of the nonlinear system shown in Figure 4.24 to an initial velocity:  $V_o/(\omega_n d) = 10$ .

<sup>9</sup>The MATLAB function `fft` was used.

<sup>10</sup>Whenever spectra of transient motions are determined, there is a broadening effect in the spectrum, as seen here.

Eqs. (D.61) to (D.67) of Appendix D, we assume a solution of the form  $x(t) = X_o(\Omega)e^{j\omega t}$  and substitute these expressions into Eq. (5.1) to obtain

$$X_o(\Omega) = \frac{F_o}{k} H(\Omega) e^{-j\theta(\Omega)}$$

where  $H(\Omega)$  and  $\theta(\Omega)$  are given by Eq. (5.8a). The velocity and acceleration are, respectively,

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}(t) &= V_o(\Omega) e^{j\omega t} = j\omega X_o e^{j\omega t} = \omega X_o(\Omega) e^{j(\omega t + \pi/2)} \\ \ddot{x}(t) &= A_o(\Omega) e^{j\omega t} = -\omega^2 X_o(\Omega) e^{j\omega t} = \omega^2 X_o(\Omega) e^{j(\omega t + \pi)}\end{aligned}$$

The frequency-response function can be defined as the ratio of the displacement response to the applied force in the frequency domain; that is,

$$\text{Frequency-response function} = \frac{\text{Displacement}}{\text{Applied force}} = \frac{X_o(\Omega)}{F_o} = \frac{1}{k} H(\Omega) e^{-j\theta(\Omega)}$$

This frequency-response function is sometimes referred to as *receptance*. In addition to this frequency-response function, there are other frequency-response function that can be used to describe a vibratory system. They are as follows.

#### **Mobility**

$$\text{Mobility} = \frac{\text{Velocity}}{\text{Applied force}} = \frac{V_o(\Omega)}{F_o} = \frac{\omega}{k} H(\Omega) e^{-j(\theta(\Omega) - \pi/2)}$$

#### **Accelerance**

$$\text{Accelerance} = \frac{\text{Acceleration}}{\text{Applied force}} = \frac{A_o(\Omega)}{F_o} = \frac{\omega^2}{k} H(\Omega) e^{-j(\theta(\Omega) - \pi)}$$

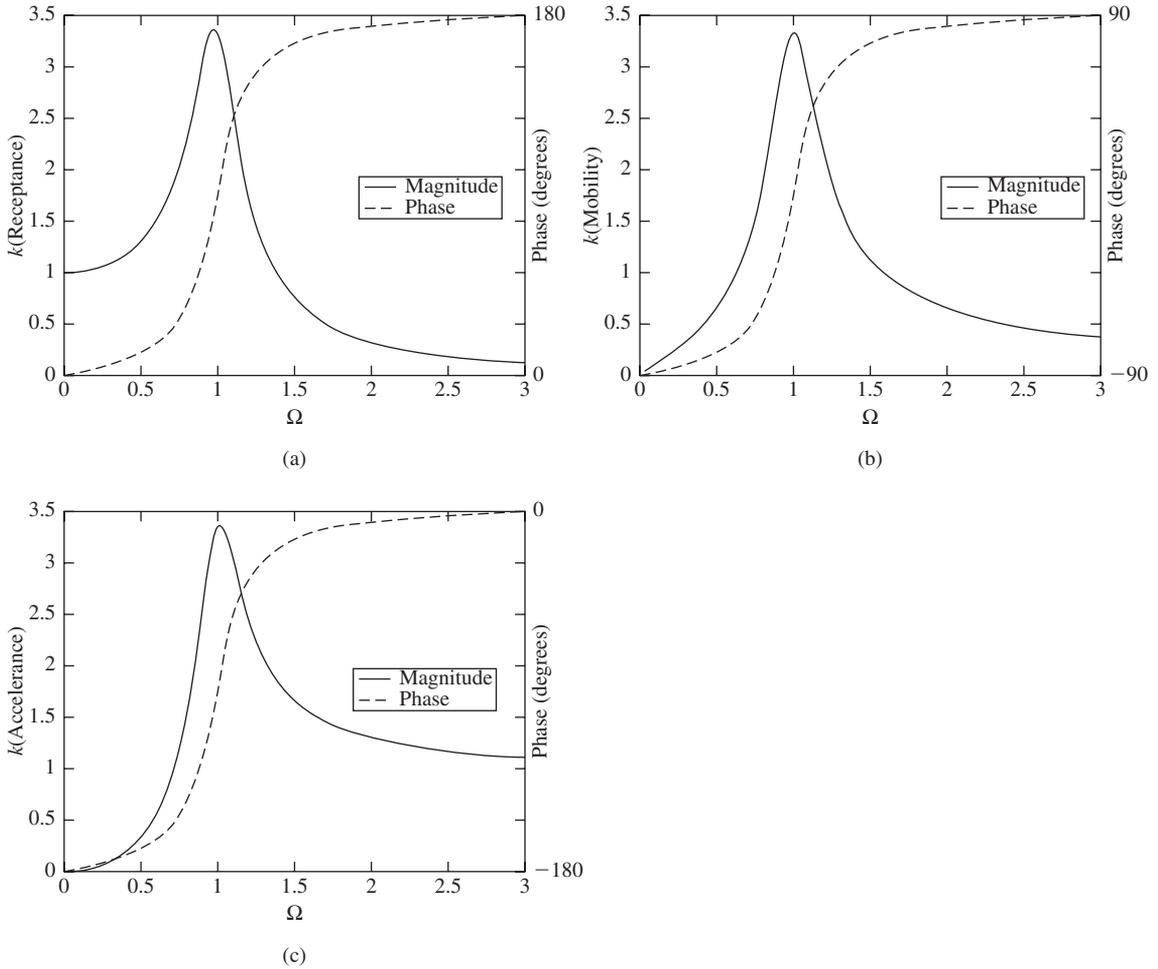
#### **Mechanical Impedance**

$$\text{Mechanical Impedance} = \frac{\text{Applied force}}{\text{Velocity}} = \frac{F_o}{V_o(\Omega)} = \frac{k}{\omega H(\Omega)} e^{j(\theta(\Omega) - \pi/2)}$$

The amplitude and phase of the receptance, mobility, and accelerance functions are plotted in Figure 5.21. These frequency-response functions are used in experimental modal analysis, where one seeks to identify the parameters of a vibratory system.

## 5.4 SYSTEMS WITH ROTATING UNBALANCED MASS

Many rotating machines such as fans, clothes dryers, internal combustion engines, and electric motors have a certain degree of unbalance. In modeling such systems as single degree-of-freedom systems, it is assumed that the

**FIGURE 5.21**

Amplitude and phase responses for  $\zeta = 0.15$ : (a) receptance; (b) mobility; and (c) accelerance.

unbalance generates a force that acts on the system's mass. This force, in turn, is transmitted through the spring and damper to the fixed base, as illustrated in Figure 3.7. The unbalance is modeled as a mass  $m_o$  rotating with an angular speed  $\omega$  that is located a fixed distance  $\epsilon$  from the center of rotation. The equation describing the motion of this system is given by Eq. (3.35), which is repeated below.

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 2\zeta\omega_n \frac{dx}{dt} + \omega_n^2 x = \frac{m_o \epsilon \omega^2}{m} \sin \omega t = \frac{F_a}{m} \sin \omega t \quad (5.62a)$$

where  $F_a = m_o \epsilon \omega^2$  is the magnitude of the applied (unbalanced) force, and

$$m = M + m_o \quad \text{and} \quad \omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \quad (5.62b)$$

Rewriting Eq. (5.62a) in terms of the nondimensional time  $\tau = \omega_n t$ , we have

$$\frac{d^2x}{d\tau^2} + 2\zeta \frac{dx}{d\tau} + x = f(\tau) = M_\epsilon \Omega^2 \sin(\Omega\tau) \quad (5.63a)$$

where

$$M_\epsilon = \frac{m_o \epsilon}{m} \quad (5.63b)$$

### Displacement Response

Making use of Eq. (5.17), we see that the steady-state solution to Eq. (5.63a) is

$$x(\tau) = \underbrace{M_\epsilon H_{ub}(\Omega)}_{\text{Displacement magnitude}} \sin(\Omega\tau - \underbrace{\theta(\Omega)}_{\text{Phase}}) \quad (5.64)$$

where the amplitude response  $H_{ub}(\Omega)$  and the phase response  $\theta(\Omega)$  are given by

$$H_{ub}(\Omega) = \Omega^2 H(\Omega) = \frac{\Omega^2}{\sqrt{(1 - \Omega^2)^2 + (2\zeta\Omega)^2}}$$

$$\theta(\Omega) = \tan^{-1} \frac{2\zeta\Omega}{1 - \Omega^2} \quad (5.65)$$

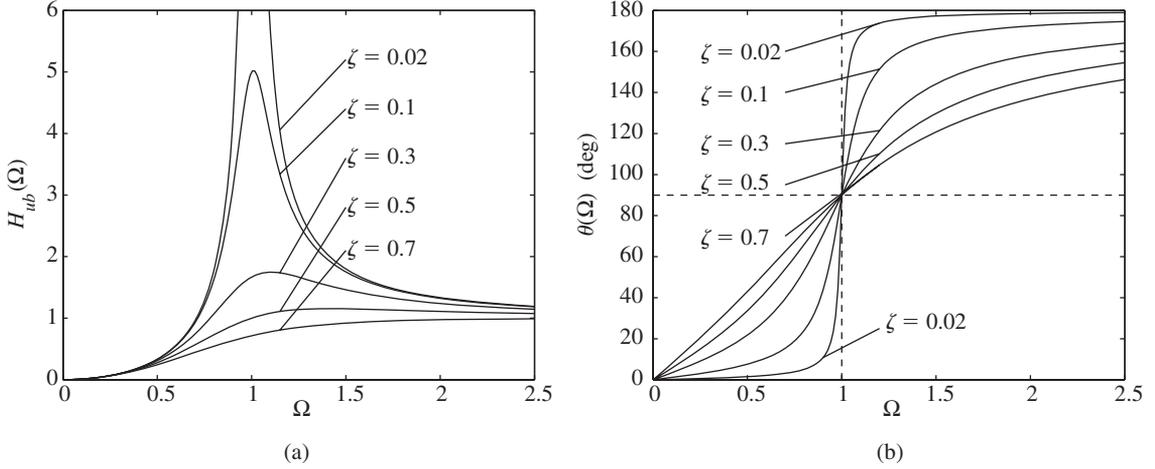
Comparing the forms of the amplitude response and the phase response given by Eqs. (5.65) for the system with the rotating unbalanced mass to those given by Eqs. (5.18) for the system with direct excitation acting on the mass, it is seen that the phase responses are the same and the amplitude responses are different. These similarities and differences can be further seen by comparing the graphs of the amplitude response and phase response of the unbalanced system shown in Figure 5.22 with those for direct excitation of the mass shown in Figure 5.2.

### Velocity and Acceleration Responses

The velocity and acceleration responses are determined from the displacement response given by Eq. (5.64) to be, respectively,

$$v(\tau) = \frac{dx(\tau)}{d\tau} = M_\epsilon \Omega H_{ub}(\Omega) \cos(\Omega\tau - \theta(\Omega))$$

$$a(\tau) = \frac{d^2x(\tau)}{d\tau^2} = -M_\epsilon \Omega^2 H_{ub}(\Omega) \sin(\Omega\tau - \theta(\Omega)) = -\Omega^2 x(\tau) \quad (5.66)$$

**FIGURE 5.22**

Harmonic excitation due to rotating unbalance: (a) amplitude response and (b) phase response.

We see that for harmonic oscillations, the magnitude of the acceleration is equal to the square of the frequency ratio times the magnitude of the displacement and that the acceleration response lags the displacement response by  $180^\circ$ .

#### Response Characteristics in Different Excitation Frequency Ranges

The solution is examined in detail in the frequency ranges  $\Omega \ll 1$  and  $\Omega \gg 1$  and the frequency location  $\Omega = 1$ . This examination is performed by studying  $H_{ub}(\Omega)$  and  $\theta(\Omega)$  given by Eqs. (5.65) in these three ranges.

**$\Omega \ll 1$**  In this region, we find that Eqs. (5.65) simplify to

$$\begin{aligned} H_{ub}(\Omega) &\rightarrow \Omega^2 \\ \theta(\Omega) &\rightarrow 0 \end{aligned} \quad (5.67)$$

and, therefore, the displacement response given by Eq. (5.64) simplifies to

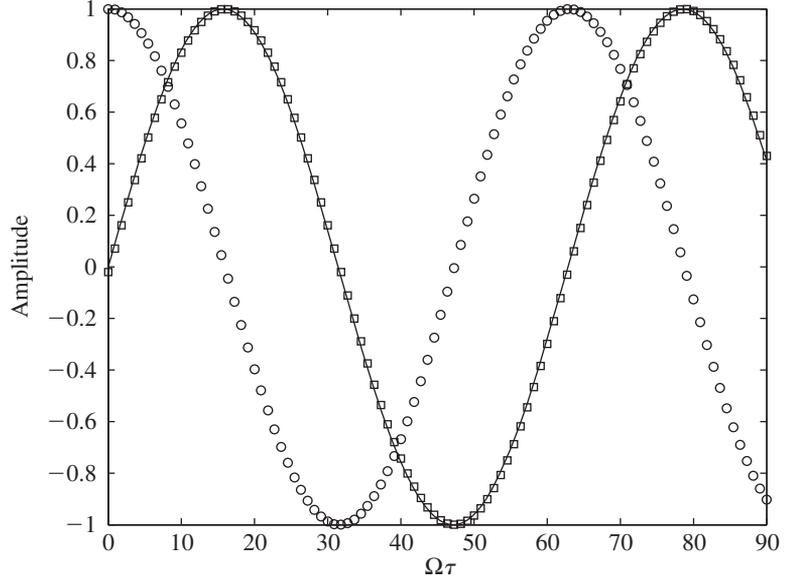
$$x(\tau) \cong M_e \Omega^2 \sin(\Omega\tau) = f(\tau) \quad (5.68)$$

where we have used the fact that  $f(\tau) = M_e \Omega^2 \sin(\Omega\tau)$ . Thus, the displacement response is in phase with the unbalanced force  $f(\tau)$ .

The velocity response is determined from Eq. (5.68) to be

$$v(\tau) = M_e \Omega^3 \cos(\Omega\tau) = M_e \Omega^3 \sin(\Omega\tau + \pi/2) \quad (5.69)$$

The velocity response leads the displacement response by  $\pi/2$ ; that is, the maximum value of the velocity occurs before the maximum value of the displacement. These results are illustrated in Figure 5.23.

**FIGURE 5.23**

Phase relationships among displacement, velocity, and force of system with unbalance for  $\Omega \ll 1$  and  $\zeta = 0.1$ . [—  $f(\tau)/(M_\epsilon \Omega^2)$ ;  $\square$   $x(\tau)/(M_\epsilon \Omega^2)$ ;  $\circ$   $v(\tau)/(M_\epsilon \Omega^3)$ .]

**$\Omega = 1$**  For this value of  $\Omega$ , we find from Eqs. (5.65) that

$$\begin{aligned} H_{ub}(1) &= \frac{1}{2\zeta} \\ \theta(1) &= \frac{\pi}{2} \end{aligned} \quad (5.70)$$

and, therefore, the displacement response given by Eq. (5.64) reduces to

$$x(\tau) = \frac{M_\epsilon}{2\zeta} \sin(\tau - \pi/2) \quad (5.71)$$

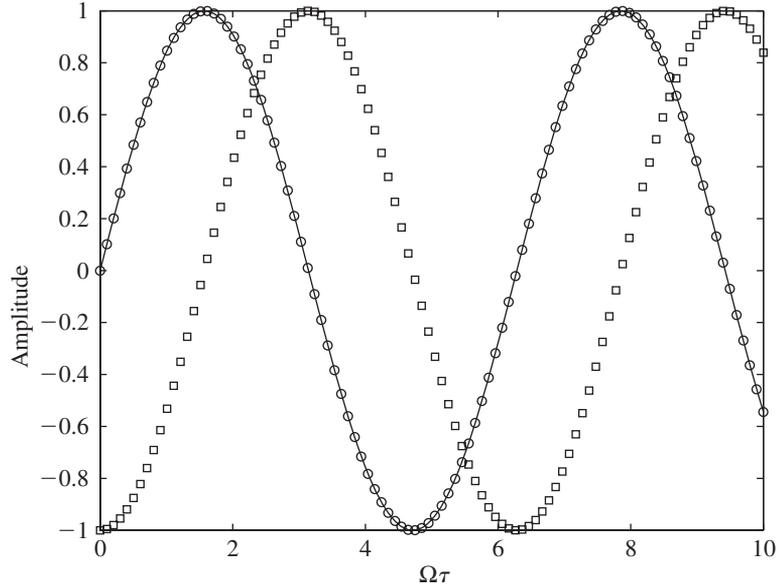
The velocity response follows from Eq. (5.71), and it is given by

$$v(\tau) = \frac{M_\epsilon}{2\zeta} \cos(\tau - \pi/2) = \frac{M_\epsilon}{2\zeta} \sin(\tau) = \frac{1}{2\zeta} f(\tau) \quad (5.72)$$

where we used the fact that  $f(\tau) = M_\epsilon \Omega^2 \sin(\Omega\tau)$  and  $\Omega = 1$ . Therefore, in this region, the velocity response is in phase with the unbalanced force. These results are illustrated in Figure 5.24.

**$\Omega \gg 1$**  In this region, we find from Eqs. (5.65) that

$$\begin{aligned} H_{ub}(\Omega) &\rightarrow 1 \\ \theta(\Omega) &\rightarrow \pi \end{aligned} \quad (5.73)$$

**FIGURE 5.24**

Phase relationships among displacement, velocity, and force of system with unbalance for  $\Omega = 1$  and  $\zeta = 0.1$ . [—  $f(\tau)/M_\epsilon$ ;  $\square$   $x(\tau)/(M_\epsilon/(2\zeta))$ ;  $\circ$   $v(\tau)/(M_\epsilon/(2\zeta))$ .]

The fact that the amplitude response converges to unity can also be seen from Figure 5.22a. Therefore, the displacement response is approximated from Eq. (5.64) as

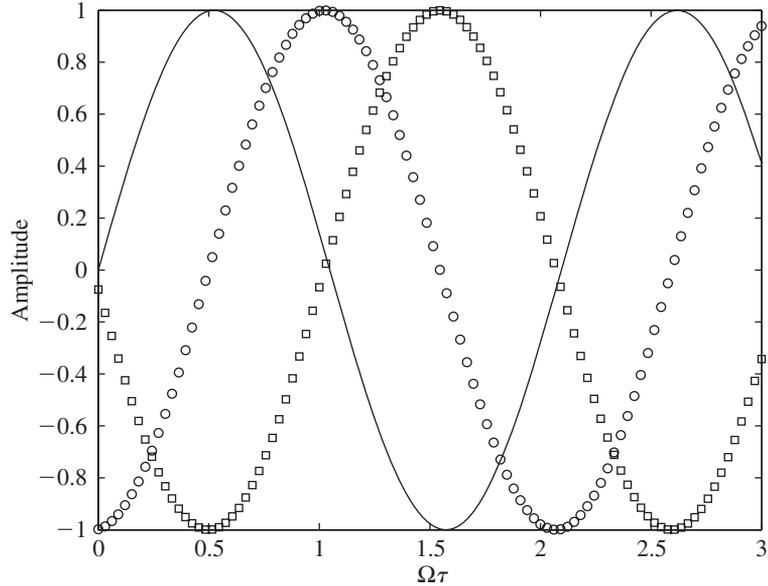
$$x(\tau) \cong M_\epsilon \sin(\Omega\tau - \pi) = -\frac{f(\tau)}{\Omega^2} \quad (5.74)$$

Thus, the displacement is  $180^\circ$  out of phase with the applied force. The corresponding velocity response is determined from Eq. (5.74) to be

$$v(\tau) = M_\epsilon \Omega \cos(\Omega\tau - \pi) = M_\epsilon \Omega \sin(\Omega\tau - \pi/2) \quad (5.75)$$

Therefore, in this region the velocity lags the force by  $\pi/2$ . These results are shown in Figure 5.25. Based on the discussion provided in this section and the graphs shown in Figure 5.22, the following design guideline is proposed.

**Design Guideline:** In order to reduce the displacement of the mass of a single degree-of-freedom system when the mass is subjected to a harmonic unbalanced force, one choice is for the natural frequency of the system to be at least twice the excitation frequency or 50% lower than the excitation frequency. These ranges hold irrespective of the system's damping for  $0 < \zeta < 1$ .

**FIGURE 5.25**

Phase relationships among displacement, velocity, and force of system with unbalance for  $\Omega \gg 1$  and  $\zeta = 0.1$ . [—  $f(\tau)/(M_\epsilon\Omega^2)$ ;  $\square$   $x(\tau)/M_\epsilon$ ;  $\circ$   $v(\tau)/(M_\epsilon\Omega)$ .]

### EXAMPLE 5.7 Fraction of applied force that is transmitted to the base

We shall determine the frequency at which a specified fraction of the magnitude of the applied force  $F_a$  due to an unbalanced mass is transmitted to the base. The fraction is denoted by  $\gamma$ , where  $\gamma < 1$ . The magnitude of the transmitted force  $F_T$  is determined from Eq. (3.10) and Figure 3.1 to be

$$F_T = c \frac{dx}{dt} + kx = k \left[ 2\zeta \frac{dx}{dt} + x \right] \quad (\text{a})$$

Substituting Eq. (5.64) into Eq. (a), we obtain<sup>11</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} F_T &= kM_\epsilon H_{ub}(\Omega) [2\zeta\Omega \cos(\Omega\tau - \theta(\Omega)) + \sin(\Omega\tau - \theta(\Omega))] \\ &= F_1 \sin(\Omega\tau - \theta(\Omega) + \varphi) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{b})$$

where we have used Eq. (D.12) and introduced the amplitude and phase

$$\begin{aligned} F_1 &= kM_\epsilon H_{ub}(\Omega) \sqrt{1 + (2\zeta\Omega)^2} \\ \varphi &= \tan^{-1} 2\zeta\Omega \end{aligned} \quad (\text{c})$$

respectively.

<sup>11</sup>It is noticed that the transmitted force is at the same frequency as the excitation produced by the rotating unbalance. This captures the transmission force characteristics observed in many industrial applications. However, there are other machines for which the nonharmonic nature of the excitation due to the rotating unbalance becomes important. See Bachmann et al., *ibid.*

To determine the frequency at which the magnitude of the force transmitted to the base is a fraction  $\gamma$  of the applied force  $F_a$ , we require that  $F_1 = \gamma F_a$ , or

$$kM_\epsilon H_{ub}(\Omega) \sqrt{1 + (2\zeta\Omega)^2} = \gamma m_o \epsilon \omega^2 \quad (d)$$

Therefore, making use of Eqs. (5.62b), (5.63b), and (5.65), we obtain

$$\frac{\sqrt{1 + (2\zeta\Omega)^2}}{\sqrt{(1 - \Omega^2)^2 + (2\zeta\Omega)^2}} = \gamma \quad (e)$$

Solving for the real positive value of the nondimensional excitation frequency  $\Omega$  from Eq. (e), we arrive at

$$\Omega = \sqrt{1 - 2\zeta^2(1 - \gamma^{-2}) + \sqrt{(1 - 2\zeta^2(1 - \gamma^{-2}))^2 - 1 + \gamma^{-2}}} \quad 0 < \gamma \leq 1 \quad (f)$$

We shall see in the next section that  $\gamma$ , as represented by Eq. (e), is simply the magnitude of the frequency-response function obtained when a harmonic excitation is applied to the base of the system. When  $\gamma = 1$ ,  $\Omega = \sqrt{2}$ , which is the frequency ratio above which the magnitude of the unbalanced force that is transmitted to the base is less than  $F_a$ .

Let us assume that the system has a natural frequency of 35 Hz and determine the angular speed of the rotating mass so that only 15% of the unbalanced force is transmitted to the base when the damping ratio is 0.1. Then, from Eq. (f)

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega = \frac{\omega}{\omega_n} &= \sqrt{1 - 2(0.1)^2(1 - (0.15)^{-2}) + \sqrt{(1 - 2(0.1)^2(1 - (0.15)^{-2}))^2 - 1 + (0.15)^{-2}}} \\ &= 2.953 \end{aligned}$$

Since there are  $2\pi$  rad/rev and 60 s/min, the required angular speed is

$$N = \frac{60}{2\pi} \omega = 2.953 \omega_n \frac{60}{2\pi} = 2.953(60)f_n = 2.953(60)(35) = 6200 \text{ rpm}$$

## 5.5 SYSTEMS WITH BASE EXCITATION

The base excitation model is useful for studying buildings subjected to earthquakes, packaging during transportation, and for designing accelerometers. The equation describing the motion of a single degree-of-freedom system with a vibrating base, which is shown in Figure 3.6, is given by Eq. (3.28). Rewriting Eq. (3.28) in terms of the nondimensional time  $\tau = \omega_n t$ , we have

$$\frac{d^2x}{d\tau^2} + 2\zeta \frac{dx}{d\tau} + x = 2\zeta \frac{dy}{d\tau} + y \quad (5.76)$$

where it is recalled that  $x(\tau)$  is the displacement response of the mass and  $y(\tau)$  is the displacement of the base. If the base motion is harmonic—that is,

$$y(\tau) = y_o \sin(\Omega\tau) \quad (5.77)$$

then Eq. (5.76) becomes

$$\frac{d^2x}{d\tau^2} + 2\zeta \frac{dx}{d\tau} + x = 2\zeta y_o \Omega \cos(\Omega\tau) + y_o \sin(\Omega\tau) \quad (5.78)$$

### Displacement Response

The right-hand side of Eq. (5.78) contains forcing functions of the form given by Eq. (5.12) and (5.3). Thus, the solution to Eq. (5.78) is determined from Eqs. (5.8a), (5.15a), and (D.12) to be

$$x(\tau) = y_o H(\Omega) \sqrt{1 + (2\zeta\Omega)^2} \sin(\Omega\tau - \theta(\Omega) + \varphi) \quad (5.79)$$

where  $\theta(\Omega)$  is given by the second of Eqs. (5.65) and

$$\varphi = \tan^{-1} 2\zeta\Omega \quad (5.80)$$

By using the appropriate trigonometric identities,<sup>12</sup> we can rewrite Eq. (5.79) as

$$x(\tau) = \underbrace{y_o H_{mb}(\Omega)}_{\text{Displacement magnitude}} \sin(\Omega\tau - \underbrace{\psi(\Omega)}_{\text{Phase}}) \quad (5.81)$$

where the amplitude response  $H_{mb}(\Omega)$  and the phase response  $\psi(\Omega)$  are given by

$$H_{mb}(\Omega) = \frac{\sqrt{1 + (2\zeta\Omega)^2}}{\sqrt{(1 - \Omega^2)^2 + (2\zeta\Omega)^2}}$$

$$\psi(\Omega) = \tan^{-1} \frac{2\zeta\Omega^3}{1 + \Omega^2(4\zeta^2 - 1)} \quad (5.82)$$

The graphs of the amplitude response and the phase response are shown in Figure 5.26 for different damping factors. As seen in Figure 5.26, the curves obtained for the different damping factors all have the same amplitude value at  $\Omega = \sqrt{2}$ .

### Velocity and Acceleration Responses

The velocity and acceleration are determined from Eq. (5.81) to be, respectively,

$$v(\tau) = y_o \omega_n \Omega H_{mb}(\Omega) \cos(\Omega\tau - \psi(\Omega))$$

$$a(\tau) = -\Omega^2 \omega_n^2 x(\tau) \quad (5.83)$$

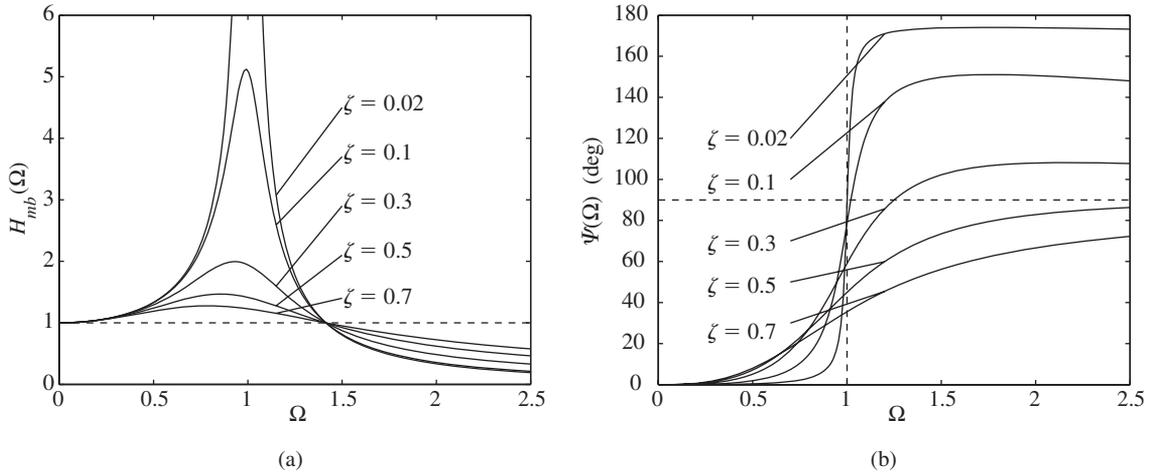
The relative displacement of the mass to the base is determined from Eqs. (5.77) and (5.81) to be

$$z = x(\tau) - y(\tau) = y_o [H_{mb}(\Omega) \sin(\Omega\tau - \psi(\Omega)) - \sin(\Omega\tau)]$$

$$= y_o [\{H_{mb}(\Omega) \cos(\psi(\Omega)) - 1\} \sin(\Omega\tau) - H_{mb}(\Omega) \sin(\psi(\Omega)) \cos(\Omega\tau)]$$

$$= y_o X_y(\Omega) \sin(\Omega\tau - \varphi_b(\Omega)) \quad (5.84)$$

<sup>12</sup>  $\tan^{-1} x \pm \tan^{-1} y = \tan^{-1} \frac{x \pm y}{1 \mp xy}$

**FIGURE 5.26**

Excitation due to moving base: (a) amplitude response and (b) phase response.

where the amplitude function  $X_y(\Omega)$  and the phase function  $\varphi_b(\Omega)$  are given by

$$\begin{aligned} X_y(\Omega) &= \sqrt{H_{mb}^2 - 2H_{mb}\cos(\psi(\Omega)) + 1} \\ \varphi_b(\Omega) &= \tan^{-1} \frac{H_{mb}(\Omega)\sin(\psi(\Omega))}{H_{mb}(\Omega)\cos(\psi(\Omega)) - 1} \end{aligned} \quad (5.85)$$

and Eq. (D.12) has been used. A plot of  $X_y(\Omega)$  versus the frequency ratio  $\Omega$  is identical to that obtained for the amplitude response  $H_{ub}(\Omega)$  of system with an unbalanced mass, which is shown in Figure 5.22a. However, the interpretation is different. For  $\Omega < 0.3$ , the mass and base move in phase and almost as a rigid body. When  $\Omega > 2$ , the mass moves very little; that is, it is relatively stationary, and only the base is moving. When  $\Omega \approx 1$ , the mass magnifies the motion of the base and there is large relative movement of the mass with respect to the base.

### Response Characteristics in Different Excitation Frequency Ranges

We now examine the system response in the frequency ranges  $\Omega \ll 1$  and  $\Omega \gg 1$ , and the frequency location  $\Omega = 1$ . This examination is carried out by studying  $H_{mb}(\Omega)$  and  $\psi(\Omega)$  in these three ranges.

**$\Omega \ll 1$**  In this region, we find from Eqs. (5.82) that

$$\begin{aligned} H_{mb}(\Omega) &\rightarrow 1 \\ \psi(\Omega) &\rightarrow 0 \end{aligned} \quad (5.86)$$

and, hence, the displacement response given by Eq. (5.81) simplifies to

$$x(\tau) \cong y_o \sin(\Omega\tau) = y(\tau) \quad (5.87)$$

Hence, in this frequency region, the displacement of the mass is approximately equal to the displacement of the base. The corresponding velocity is determined from Eq. (5.87) to be

$$v(\tau) = y_o \omega_n \Omega \cos(\Omega\tau) = y_o \omega_n \Omega \sin(\Omega\tau + \pi/2) \quad (5.88)$$

Thus, the velocity response leads the displacement response by  $\pi/2$ . These results are shown in Figure 5.27.

**$\Omega = 1$**  In this region, we determine from Eqs. (5.82) that

$$H_{mb}(1) = \frac{\sqrt{1 + (2\zeta)^2}}{2\zeta}$$

$$\psi(1) = \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{2\zeta} \quad (5.89)$$

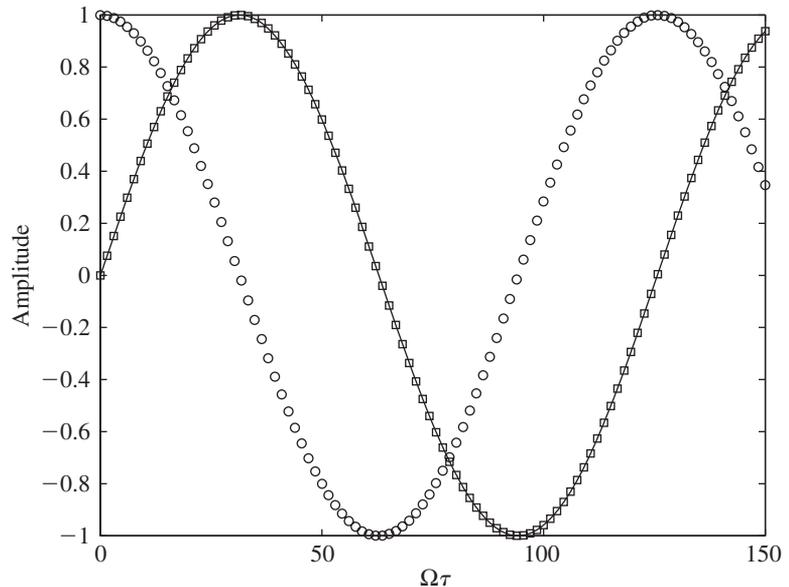
From Eq. (5.89), it is seen that the phase angle at  $\Omega = 1$  is a function of  $\zeta$ . It follows from Eq. (5.81) that the displacement response is

$$x(\tau) = y_o H_{mb}(1) \sin(\tau - \psi(1)) \quad (5.90)$$

and the corresponding velocity response is

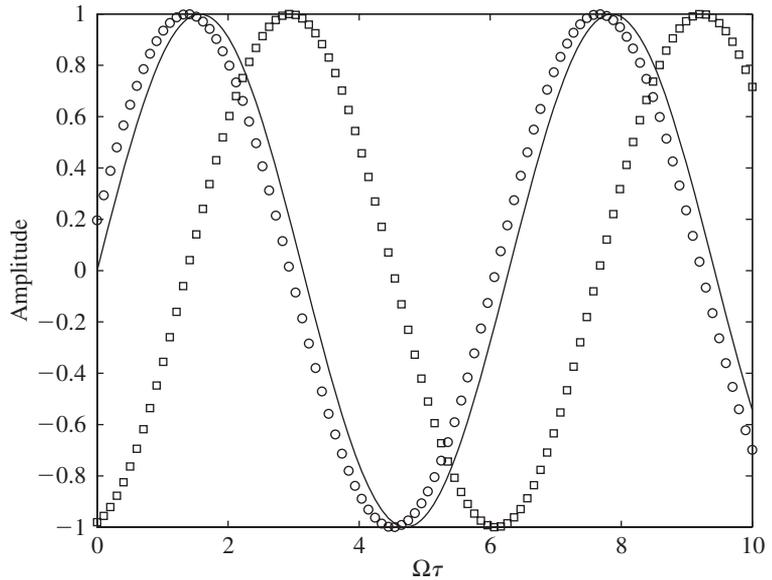
$$v(\tau) = y_o \omega_n H_{mb}(1) \cos(\tau - \psi(1)) \quad (5.91)$$

These results are shown in Figure 5.28.



**FIGURE 5.27**

Phase relationships among displacement, velocity, and force of system with moving base when  $\Omega \ll 1$  and  $\zeta = 0.1$ . [—  $y(\tau)/y_o$ ;  $\square$   $x(\tau)/y_o$ ;  $\circ$   $v(\tau)/(y_o \omega_n \Omega)$ .]

**FIGURE 5.28**

Phase relationships among displacement, velocity, and force of system with moving base when  $\Omega = 1$  and  $\zeta = 0.1$ . [—  $y(\tau)/y_o$ ;  $\square$   $x(\tau)/(y_o H_{mb}(1))$ ;  $\circ$   $v(\tau)/(y_o \omega_n H_{mb}(1)\Omega)$ .]

$\Omega \gg 1$  In this region, Eqs. (5.82) simplify to

$$H_{mb}(\Omega) \rightarrow \frac{2\zeta}{\Omega}$$

$$\psi(\Omega) \rightarrow \psi_1(\Omega) = \tan^{-1} \frac{2\zeta\Omega}{4\zeta^2 - 1} \quad (5.92)$$

and, therefore, the displacement response given by Eq. (5.81) is approximated to

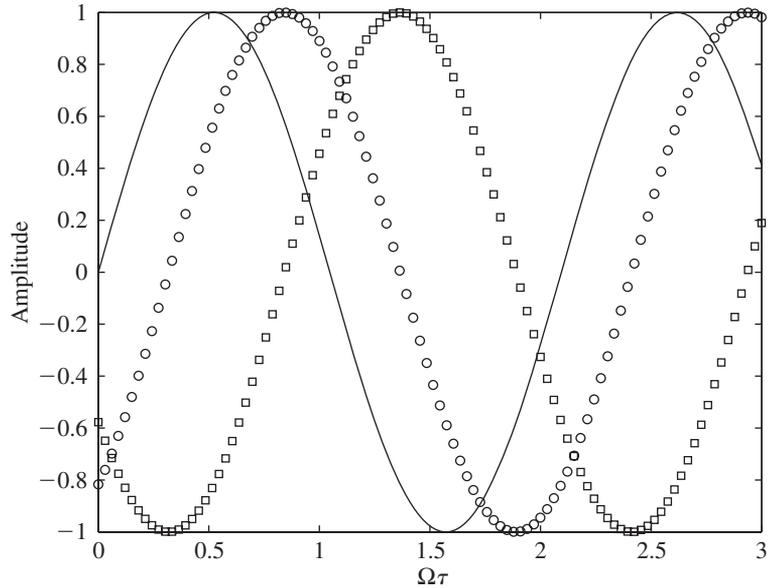
$$x(\tau) \cong \frac{2\zeta y_o}{\Omega} \sin(\Omega\tau - \psi_1(\Omega)) \quad (5.93)$$

The velocity response follows from Eq. (5.93), and it has the form

$$v(\tau) = y_o \omega_n 2\zeta \cos(\Omega\tau - \psi_1(\Omega)) \quad (5.94)$$

These results are shown in Figure 5.29. Based on the discussion provided in this section and Figure 5.26, the following design guidelines are postulated.

**Design Guideline:** In order to reduce the displacement of the mass of a single degree-of-freedom system when the base is subjected to harmonic excitation, one choice is for the natural frequency of the system to be at least 30% lower than the excitation frequency.

**FIGURE 5.29**

Phase relationships among displacement, velocity, and force of system with moving base when  $\Omega \gg 1$  and  $\zeta = 0.1$ . [—  $y(\tau)/y_o$ ;  $\square$   $x(\tau)/(2\zeta y_o \Omega)$ ;  $\circ$   $v(\tau)/(2\zeta y_o \omega_n)$ .]

### EXAMPLE 5.8 Response of an instrument subjected to base excitation

An instrument is mounted on an isolation system with a damping factor  $\zeta = 0.3$ . The base of the instrumentation system is subjected to harmonic motions at 120 Hz, which is three times higher than the natural frequency of the system. For the base motion amplitude of 2 cm, we shall determine the peak acceleration response of the instrument.

The magnitude of the displacement response of the instrument is given by Eqs. (5.81) and (5.82). Thus,

$$x_o = y_o H_{mb}(\Omega) \quad (\text{a})$$

Since  $\Omega = 3$  and  $y_o = 0.02$  m, Eq. (5.82) is used to determine

$$H_{mb}(3) = \frac{\sqrt{1 + 4 \times 0.3^2 \times 3^2}}{\sqrt{(1 - 3^2)^2 + 4 \times 0.3^2 \times 3^2}} = 0.25 \quad (\text{b})$$

Hence, from Eqs. (a) and (b), we have that the displacement magnitude of the mass is

$$x_o = (0.02 \text{ m}) \times 0.25 = 5 \text{ mm} \quad (\text{c})$$

Since the displacement response given by Eq. (5.81) is harmonic, the acceleration response will also be harmonic and the magnitude of the peak acceleration is determined from Eq. (c) and the provided excitation frequency as

$$a_o = \omega^2 x_o = (120 \times 2\pi \text{ rad/s})^2 \times 5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m} = 2842.5 \text{ m/s}^2 \quad (\text{d})$$

**EXAMPLE 5.9** Frequency-response function of a tire for pavement design analysis

A major cause of pavement damage is believed to be due to the vibrations of heavy trucks, which transmit their loads through the tires to the pavement.<sup>13</sup> Hence, for highway pavement design work, a good model of a tire is needed. In order to determine this model, the tire is excited by a vibration shaker in the laboratory by an excitation  $y(t)$  and the force  $f(t)$  is measured. A representative schematic of this system is shown in Figure 5.30, where the tire is represented by a linear vibratory system with mass  $m$ , stiffness  $k_1$ , and damping  $c$ . We shall illustrate how the frequency-response function based on the displacement input  $y(t)$  and the measured force output  $f(t)$  can be determined.

First, the governing equation of motion in this system is determined from a force balance along the  $j$  direction, and then, based on this equation, the required transfer function for this linear system is determined. Subsequently, the required frequency-response function is obtained. The governing equation of motion is

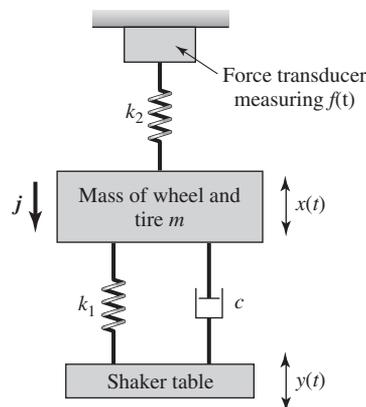
$$m\ddot{x} + (k_1 + k_2)x + c\dot{x} = k_1y + c\dot{y} \quad (a)$$

The magnitude of the force  $f(t)$  transmitted to the support is given by

$$f(t) = k_2x(t) \quad (b)$$

Assuming that the initial conditions are zero, we take the Laplace transforms of both sides of Eq. (a) and rearrange the resulting transforms to obtain the ratio

$$\frac{X(s)}{Y(s)} = \frac{cs + k_1}{ms^2 + cs + (k_1 + k_2)} \quad (c)$$



**FIGURE 5.30**

Model of experimental tire frequency-response measuring system.

<sup>13</sup>J. C. Tielking, "Conventional and wide base radial tyres," in *Proceedings of the Third International Symposium on Heavy Vehicle Weights and Dimensions*, D. Cebon and C. G. B. Mitchell, Eds., Cambridge, U.K., pp. 182–190 (28 June–2 July 1992).

where  $X(s)$  is the Laplace transform of  $x(t)$  and  $Y(s)$  is the Laplace transform of  $y(t)$ . From Eq. (b), we find the transform

$$F(s) = k_2 X(s) \quad (d)$$

where  $F(s)$  is the Laplace transform of  $f(t)$ . From Eqs. (c) and (d), we find the transfer function between the tire displacement and the force to be

$$\frac{F(s)}{Y(s)} = \frac{k_2(cs + k_1)}{ms^2 + cs + (k_1 + k_2)} \quad (e)$$

Based on the discussion of Section 5.3, the frequency-response function is obtained by setting  $s = j\omega$  in Eq. (e) to arrive at frequency-response function

$$\frac{F(j\omega)}{Y(j\omega)} = \frac{k_2(cj\omega + k_1)}{-m\omega^2 + cj\omega + (k_1 + k_2)} \quad (f)$$

Usually, in experiments of this type, the magnitude of the frequency-response function is desired. Then, from Eq. (f), we obtain

$$\left| \frac{F(j\omega)}{X(j\omega)} \right| = k_2 \frac{\sqrt{k_1^2 + \omega^2 c^2}}{\sqrt{(k_1 + k_2 - \omega^2 m)^2 + \omega^2 c^2}} \quad (g)$$

Equation (g) can be used to curve fit the data to determine the tire system parameters such as the damping coefficient  $c$ . In this regard, the discussion related to Figure 5.15 is applicable.

### EXAMPLE 5.10 Electrodynamic vibration exciter<sup>14</sup>

An electrodynamic vibration exciter is used to subject mechanical systems to known displacement, velocity, or acceleration levels. A typical system is shown in Figure 5.31 along with the equivalent electrical circuit and the coupled equivalent spring-mass-damper system. The amplifier provides a voltage  $u$  to the drive coil, which is attached to the movable table. The coil has a resistance  $R_B$  and an inductance  $L$ . The output resistance of the amplifier is  $R_A$ . The current  $i$  in the drive coil creates a vertical force  $F_v$  that is given by

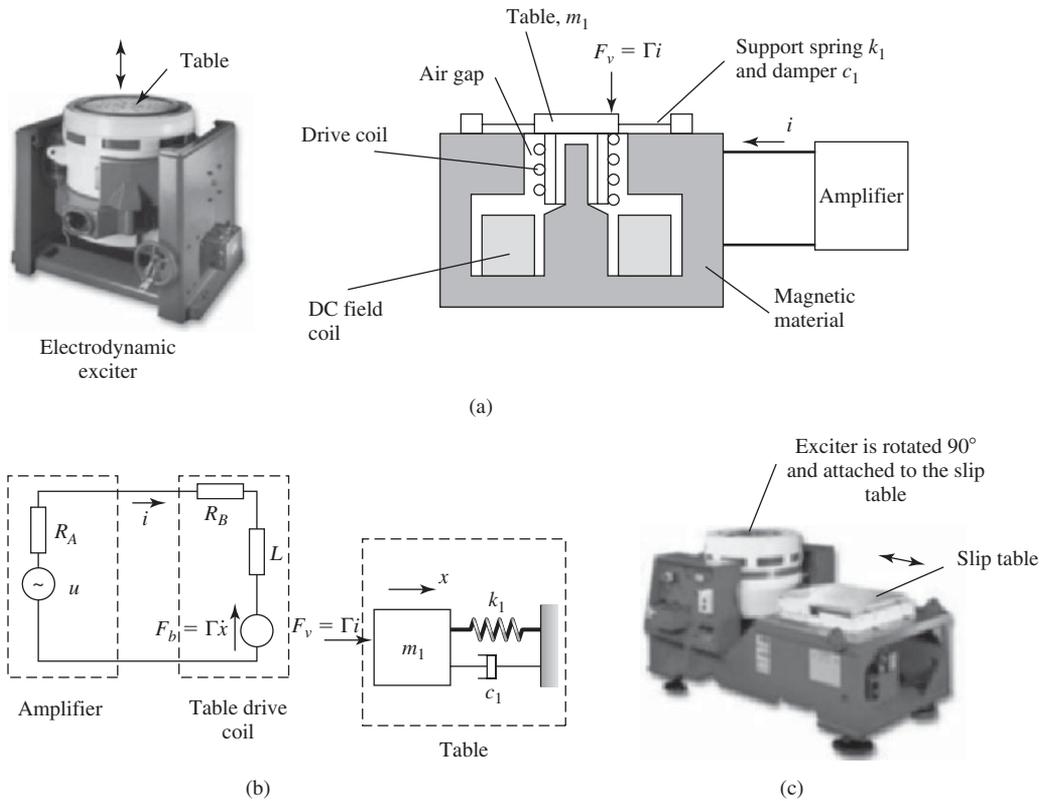
$$F_v = \Gamma i \quad (a)$$

where  $\Gamma$  has the units of N/A (Newton per ampere). This force moves the table. In this example, we will show how to obtain the frequency-response functions for this system.

The electric circuit equation is

$$L \frac{di}{dt} + Ri + F_b = u \quad (b)$$

<sup>14</sup>G. Buzdugan, E. Mihăilescu, and M. Radeş, *Vibration Measurement*, Martinus Nijhoff, Dordrecht, The Netherlands, 1986, pp. 198–205.

**FIGURE 5.31**

(a) Electrodynamic vibration exciter in its normal operating position and a schematic diagram of it; (b) equivalent electrical circuit and spring-mass-damper system; and (c) slip table. *Source:* <http://www.lds-group.com/home.php> LDS Test and Measurement LLC; <http://www.lds-group.com/home.php> LDS Test and Measurement LLC

where  $R = R_A + R_B$  and the back electromotive force induced in the coil is given by<sup>15</sup>

$$F_b = \Gamma \dot{x} \quad (c)$$

The equation of motion of the table system is

$$m_1 \ddot{x} + c_1 \dot{x} + k_1 x = F_v = \Gamma i \quad (d)$$

We shall assume that the system undergoes harmonic oscillations in response to a harmonic input. Thus, we let

$$\begin{aligned} i &= I_o e^{j\omega t} \\ x &= X_o e^{j\omega t} \\ u &= U_o e^{j\omega t} \end{aligned} \quad (e)$$

<sup>15</sup>It should be noted that  $\Gamma \dot{x}$  has the units of volts (V), since  $(\text{N/A})(\text{m/s}) = (\text{Nm/s})/\text{A} = (\text{VA})/\text{A} = \text{V}$ . The mechanical power has the unit of  $\text{Nm/s}$ , which is equivalent to the electrical power of  $\text{VA}$ .

After substituting Eqs. (e) into Eqs. (a) and (b) and taking into account Eq. (c), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} j\omega\Gamma X_o + (j\omega L + R)I_o &= U_o \\ (-m_1\omega^2 + j\omega c_1 + k_1)X_o - \Gamma I_o &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (f)$$

Solving for  $X_o$  and  $I_o$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} X_o &= \frac{U_o d_o}{D_o(\Omega)} \quad \text{m} \\ I_o &= \frac{U_o(1 - \Omega^2 + 2j\zeta\Omega)}{RD_o(\Omega)} \quad \text{A} \end{aligned} \quad (g)$$

where

$$D_o(\Omega) = 1 - \Omega^2(1 + 2\zeta\beta) + j\Omega(\alpha + 2\zeta + \beta(1 - \Omega^2))$$

and we have introduced the quantities

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \frac{\omega}{\omega_n}, \quad \omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k_1}{m_1}}, \quad d_o = \frac{\Gamma}{k_1 R} \\ \alpha &= \frac{\Gamma^2 \omega_n}{k_1 R}, \quad \beta = \frac{L\omega_n}{R}, \quad 2\zeta = \frac{c_1}{\sqrt{k_1 m_1}} \end{aligned}$$

where  $d_o$  has the units of meters per volt (m/V). If we assume that the acceleration of the table is

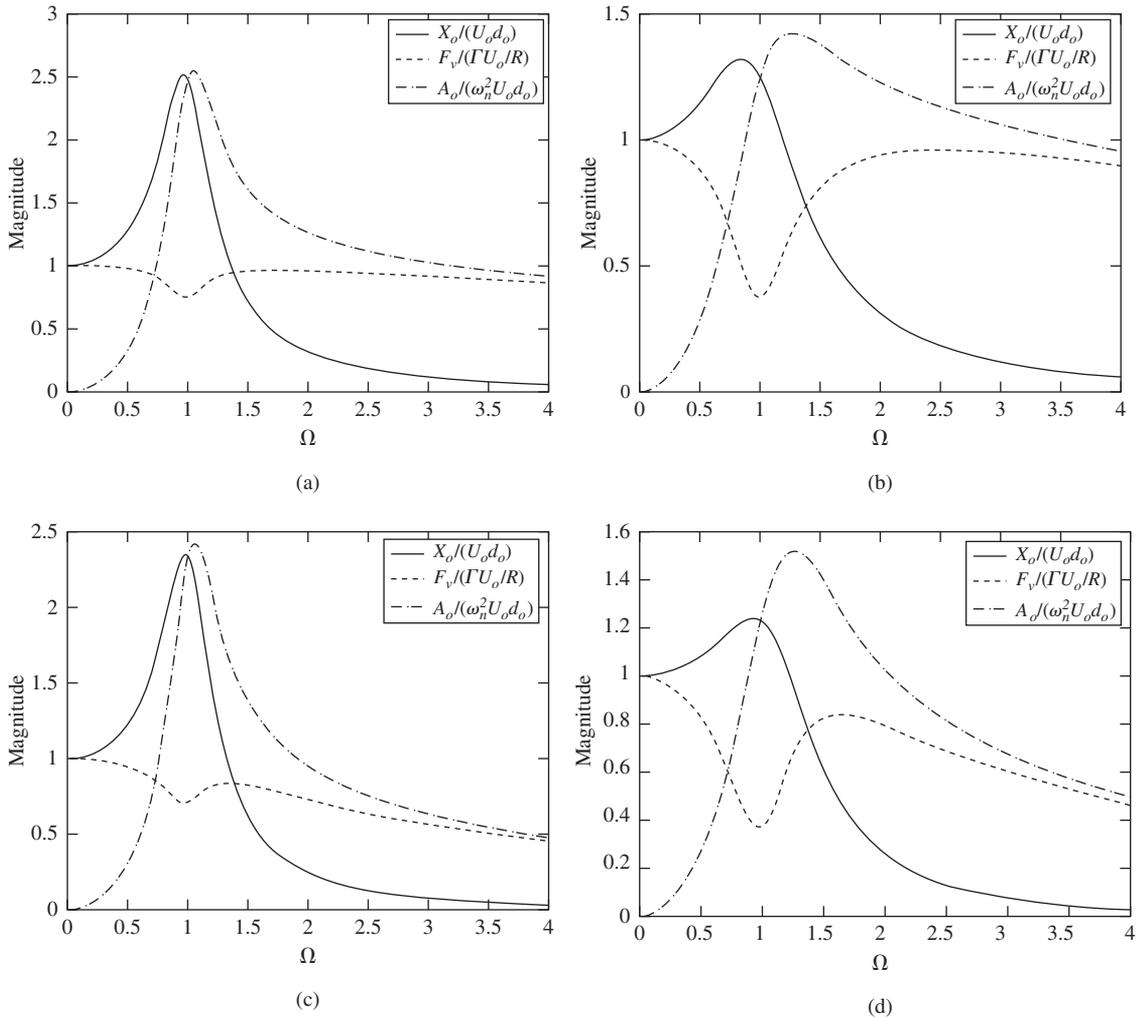
$$a = A_o e^{j\omega t}$$

we find from the second derivative of  $x$ , which is given by Eq. (e), that

$$A_o = -\omega^2 X_o$$

Plots of the normalized values of  $|X_o|$ ,  $|A_o|$ , and  $|F_v|$  are shown in Figure 5.32. We see that, in order to use the electrodynamic system in a range where its displacement and acceleration amplitudes are relatively uniform with frequency, one has to restrict the excitation frequency in the range  $\Omega > 1.5$ . In addition, for the values of these magnitudes to be adequate, one should design the electrodynamic system with  $\beta$  around 0.15 and  $\alpha$  around 0.1. We also see from these figures that  $\alpha$  influences the shapes of the responses more than  $\beta$ ; that is, for a given stiffness  $k_1$ , it is affected more by the current-producing force parameter  $\Gamma$  than by the electrical properties of the system.

When the mass of the test specimen is large, one has to be concerned with the static deflection of the table. This can be somewhat compensated for by increasing the stiffness of the support spring  $k_1$ . However, if the spring is made too stiff, then the natural frequency of the system will be increased and the usable frequency range of the electrodynamic excited may be reduced. The direction of the excitation relative to the position of the test specimen can be changed by using a slip table, as shown in Figure 5.30c. In this case, the table rides on a hydrostatic bearing that carries the static load due to the test specimen, and the force required by the shaker is only that necessary to

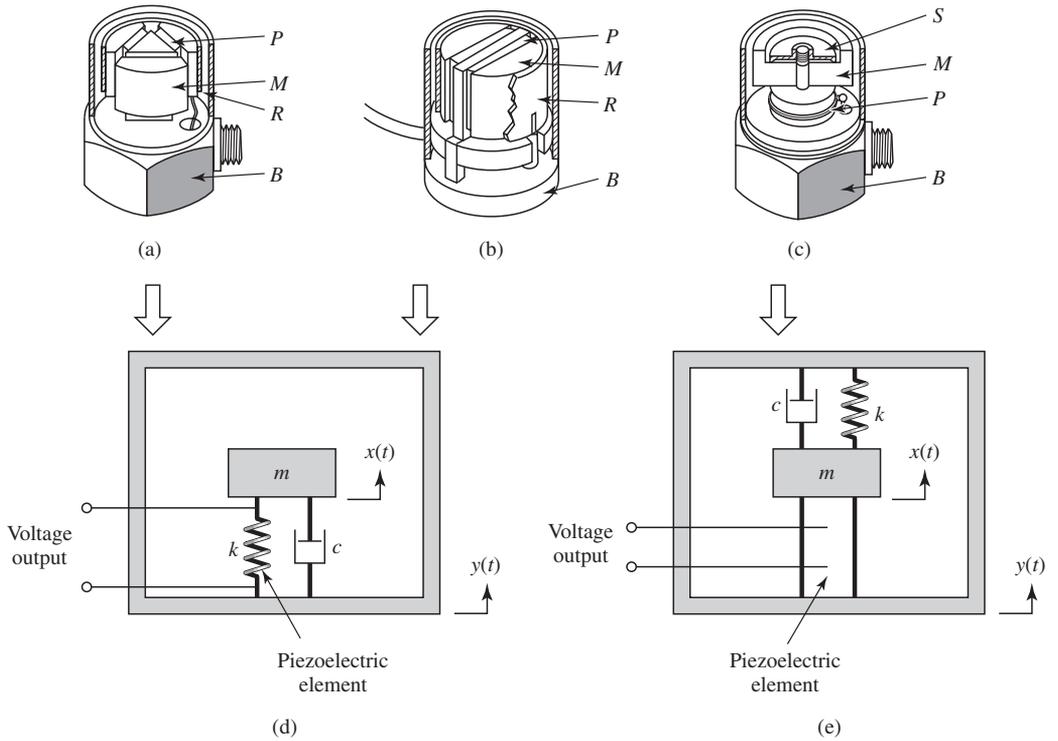
**FIGURE 5.32**

Frequency responses of normalized  $|X_o|$ ,  $|A_o|$ , and  $|F_v|$  for  $\zeta = 0.15$  and for different system parameter values of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ : (a)  $\alpha = 0.1, \beta = 0.15$ , (b)  $\alpha = 0.5, \beta = 0.15$ , (c)  $\alpha = 0.1, \beta = 0.5$ , and (d)  $\alpha = 0.5, \beta = 0.5$ .

overcome friction and provide the necessary excitation. However, the direction of the excitation is transverse to that shown in Figure 5.31a.

## 5.6 ACCELERATION MEASUREMENT: ACCELEROMETER

An accelerometer is a transducer whose electrical output is proportional to acceleration. It is a very common device used to measure the acceleration of a point on a system. Accelerometers are constructed in several ways. We shall



**FIGURE 5.33**

Piezoelectric accelerometer: (a) and (b) shear type; (c) compression type; (d) single degree-of-freedom model for shear type; and (e) single degree-of-freedom model for compression type. (*B* = base; *M* = mass; *P* = piezoelectric element; *S* = spring; *R* = retaining ring.) *Source*: Courtesy of Bruel & Kjaer Sound and Vibration Measurement A/S.

examine one of the more common types, called a *piezoelectric accelerometer*.<sup>16</sup> A typical piezoelectric accelerometer is constructed in one of the three forms shown in Figure 5.33. The electrical output of the piezoelectric element is proportional to the change in its length when the piezoelectric element is in compression or it is proportional to the change in shear angle when the element is in shear. For the compression mounting, the mass is held against the element by the compression spring, so that as the mass  $m$  moves relative to the base by an amount  $z$ , the force on the piezoelectric element either increases or decreases. In the shear mount, the movements of the masses shear the elements as the masses move relative to the base. In this case, the compression of the elements is not a factor and the stiffness is from the piezoelectric element itself. The retaining ring ensures that all masses move as a unit. Piezoelectric elements typically have very low damping factors; that is,  $0 < \zeta < 0.02$ .

From Eq. (3.31), we make use of the nondimensional time variable  $\tau$  to arrive at the following equation of motion of a single degree-of-freedom system with a moving base

<sup>16</sup>In Chapter 2, a MEMS accelerometer based on the change in capacitance was discussed.

$$\frac{d^2z}{d\tau^2} + 2\zeta \frac{dz}{d\tau} + z = -\frac{d^2y}{d\tau^2} \quad (5.95)$$

where  $\tau = \omega_n t$  and  $\ddot{y}$  is the acceleration of the base. If the base is subjected to a harmonically varying displacement, then

$$y(\tau) = y_o \sin(\Omega\tau) \quad (5.96)$$

Upon substituting Eq. (5.96) into Eq. (5.95), we arrive at

$$\frac{d^2z}{d\tau^2} + 2\zeta \frac{dz}{d\tau} + z = y_o \Omega^2 \sin(\Omega\tau) = a_o \sin(\Omega\tau) \quad (5.97)$$

where  $a_o \omega_n^2 = y_o \omega^2$  is the acceleration of the base.

The solution to Eq. (5.97) is given by Eq. (5.17). Thus,

$$z(\tau) = a_o H(\Omega) \sin(\Omega\tau - \theta(\Omega)) \quad (5.98)$$

where  $H(\Omega)$  and  $\theta(\Omega)$  are given by Eqs. (5.18). We see that the relative displacement of the mass is proportional to the acceleration of the base, and note that the electrical output voltage from the piezoelectric element is proportional to the relative displacement. Therefore, if the acceleration amplitude response and the phase response are to be relatively constant over a wide frequency range, then the parameters of the accelerometer have to be chosen so that  $H(\Omega)$  varies by less than  $\pm d$ , where  $|d| \ll 1$ , over that range. From Figure 5.2 and Eqs. (5.26), it is clear that for  $\Omega \ll 1$  the amplitude response and the phase response are constant. Since  $H(0) = 1$  and the damping ratio is very low, the frequency range is determined from

$$1 + d = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1 - \Omega^2)^2 + (2\zeta\Omega)^2}} \approx \frac{1}{1 - \Omega^2}$$

or

$$\Omega_a = \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{1 + d}} \quad (5.99)$$

where  $\Omega_a = \omega_a/\omega_n = f_a/f_n$  and  $f_a$  is the frequency below which the amplitude response varies by less than  $d$ . Typical values of  $f_n$  for small accelerometers are between 50 kHz and 100 kHz.

### EXAMPLE 5.11 Design of an accelerometer

We shall determine the working range of an accelerometer with a natural frequency of 60 kHz and whose variation in the amplitude response is less than 2%. Since we want a variation of less than 2% in the amplitude response of the accelerometer, then  $d = 0.02$  and, from Eq. (5.99),  $\Omega_a = 0.14$ . Since the natural frequency of the accelerometer is 60 kHz, the frequency range for which the deviation in the amplitude response is less than 2% is  $f_a =$

$(0.14)(60 \text{ kHz}) = 8.4 \text{ kHz}$ . In addition, from Figure 5.2 it is seen that the phase response  $\theta(\Omega) \approx 0$  for  $0 \leq \Omega \leq \Omega_a$  when  $\zeta$  is small. Hence, the working range of the accelerometer is  $0 < f_a \leq 8.4 \text{ kHz}$ .

## 5.7 VIBRATION ISOLATION

As discussed in Section 5.5, there are many situations in practice that require one to either isolate a single degree-of-freedom system from transmitting vibrations to its base or to isolate a vibrating single degree-of-freedom system from vibrations of its base. This isolation may be required to reduce the magnitude of the stresses in the support structure to lessen the chances of fatigue-induced failures or to reduce annoyance from low frequency motions or to minimize interference with precision measurements and manufacturing processes. We shall show that both of these vibration isolation scenarios are equivalent and that the corresponding design guidelines are the same.

### System with Direct Excitation of Inertial Element

We have shown in Eq. (5.17) that the displacement response of a single degree-of-freedom system whose mass is subjected to a harmonic force is

$$x(\tau) = \frac{F_o}{k} H(\Omega) \sin(\Omega\tau - \theta(\Omega))$$

where  $H(\Omega)$  and  $\theta(\Omega)$  are given by Eq. (5.18). As discussed in Example 5.7, the force transmitted to the base (ground) can be written as

$$F_T(\tau) = kx(\tau) + c\dot{x}(\tau) = k \left[ x(\tau) + 2\zeta \frac{dx}{d\tau} \right] \quad (5.100)$$

Upon substituting Eq. (5.17) into Eq. (5.100), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} F_T(\tau) &= F_o H(\Omega) [\sin(\Omega\tau - \theta(\Omega)) + 2\zeta\Omega \cos(\Omega\tau - \theta(\Omega))] \\ &= F_o H_{mb}(\Omega) \sin(\Omega\tau - \psi(\Omega)) \end{aligned} \quad (5.101)$$

where we have used Eq. (D.12) and  $H_{mb}(\Omega)$  and  $\psi(\Omega)$  are given by Eqs. (5.82). The magnitude of the ratio of the force transmitted to the ground to that applied to the mass is

$$\left| \frac{F_T(\tau)}{F_o} \right| = H_{mb}(\Omega) \quad (5.102)$$

### System with Base Excitation

Considering a system subjected to base excitation, we see from Eq. (5.81) that the ratio of the magnitude of displacement of the mass of a single degree-of-freedom system excited by a harmonic base motion to the magnitude of the applied displacement is

$$\left| \frac{x(\tau)}{y_o} \right| = H_{mb}(\Omega) \quad (5.103)$$

### Transmissibility Ratio

To minimize the force transmitted to the base from the vibrations of a directly excited system or to minimize the magnitude of the base motion transmitted to a system, we require from Eqs. (5.102) and (5.103) that

$$H_{mb}(\Omega) \ll 1$$

We define the *transmissibility ratio*  $TR$  as a measure of either the amount of applied force to the mass that is transmitted to the ground or the amount of displacement applied to the base that gets transmitted to the mass. Thus,

$$TR = H_{mb}(\Omega) \quad (5.104)$$

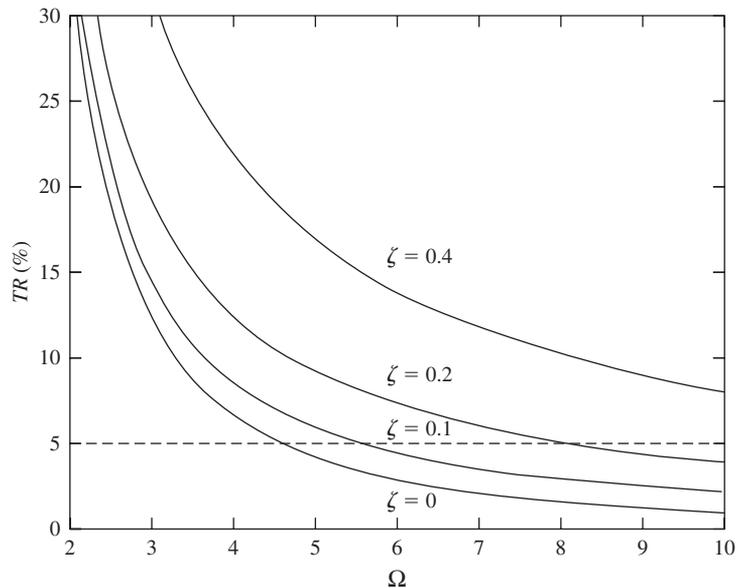
To determine the region in which  $TR \leq 1$ , we have to determine the value of  $\Omega$  that satisfies

$$H_{mb}(\Omega) \leq 1$$

which, after some algebra, results in

$$\Omega \geq \sqrt{2}$$

All the different frequency responses obtained for different  $\zeta$  intersect at  $\Omega = \sqrt{2}$ , as shown in Figure 5.26. By using Eq. (5.104), we now plot the  $TR$  as a percentage as a function of  $\zeta$  in Figure 5.34. It is pointed out that Figure 5.34 is simply an expanded version of Figure 5.26 for  $\Omega \geq 2$ . This figure clearly shows that, for a given  $TR$ , one should use the least amount of system damping. For example, when  $\Omega = 5.5$  and  $\zeta = 0.1$ ,  $TR = 5\%$ ; that is, 5% of the disturbance gets through.



**FIGURE 5.34**

Percentage transmission ratio versus excitation frequency for different damping ratios.

The *reduction in transmissibility*, denoted  $R$ , is a measure of the amount of force or displacement that doesn't get through; thus,

$$R = 1 - TR \quad (5.105)$$

### EXAMPLE 5.12 Design of a vibration isolation mount

It has been found that when a 100 kg machine rotating at 1200 rpm is mounted directly to the floor it generates 180 N of force on the floor. It is decided that the machine should be isolated from the floor so that the magnitude of the motion of the machine is less than or equal to 2 mm and that the  $TR$  is 10% or less. We shall determine the isolation system's spring stiffness  $k$  and damping constant  $c$ .

If the magnitude of  $x(t)$  is  $X_m$  and the magnitude of the force transmitted to the floor is  $F_m$ , then from Eqs. (5.17) and (5.102) and the given parameters, we find that

$$X_m = \frac{F_o}{k} H(\Omega) \leq 2 \text{ mm}$$

$$F_m = F_o H_{mb}(\Omega) = 180 \text{ N} \quad (a)$$

and from Eq. (5.104) that

$$TR = H_{mb}(\Omega) \leq 0.1 \quad (b)$$

where  $\Omega = \omega/\omega_n$  and  $\omega = 1200 \times (2\pi)/60 = 125.66 \text{ rad/s}$ . From Eqs. (a) and (b), we obtain

$$F_o = \frac{F_m}{TR} \geq \frac{180}{0.1} = 1800 \text{ N} \quad (c)$$

and that

$$k = \frac{F_o}{X_m} H(\Omega) \geq \frac{1800 \text{ N}}{(0.002 \text{ m})} H(\Omega) = 90 \times 10^4 H(\Omega) \text{ N/m} \quad (d)$$

From Figure 5.34, we see that if we assume that  $\zeta = 0.1$ , then  $\Omega$  must be greater than approximately 4, which means that  $\omega_n = \omega/\Omega = 125.66/4 = 31.415 \text{ rad/s}$ . Thus, from the definitions of  $\Omega$  and  $\omega_n$ ,

$$k = m\omega_n^2 = 100 \times 31.415^2 = 98690 \text{ N/m}$$

and

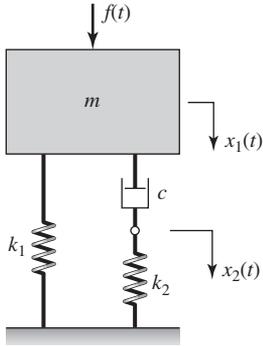
$$\begin{aligned} H(\Omega) &= [(1 - \Omega^2)^2 + (2\zeta\Omega)^2]^{-1/2} = [(1 - 4^2)^2 + (2 \times 0.1 \times 4)^2]^{-1/2} \\ &= 0.0666 \end{aligned} \quad (e)$$

We see from Eq. (a) that  $X_m = 1800 \times 0.0666/98690 = 0.0012 \text{ m}$ , which is less than 0.002 m.

The isolation system's damping constant is

$$c = 2\zeta m\omega_n = 2 \times 0.1 \times 100 \times 31.4 = 628 \text{ Ns/m}$$

**EXAMPLE 5.13** Modified system to limit the maximum value of  $TR$  due to machine start-up



**FIGURE 5.35**

Single degree-of-freedom system with an additional spring added in series with the damper.

The isolation that is indicated by Eq. (5.105) is valid only when the excitation frequency is much greater than the natural frequency of the system, and assumes that the system always operates at this frequency. There are many systems, however, that operate at a frequency much greater than the natural frequency, but are cycled so that they turn on and off on a regular and frequent basis. As these systems get up to operating speed (frequency) they must pass through the system's resonance region, where larger forces/displacements are temporarily transmitted to the ground/base.<sup>17</sup> A modification to the system that can reduce the maximum value of  $TR$  in the neighborhood of the resonance is shown in Figure 5.35. The modification includes an additional spring  $k_2$  between the damper and the base, which, we recall from Example 4.7, results in a Maxwell element. We shall now re-derive the governing equation of this system using Lagrange's equations.

The kinetic energy and potential energy for this system are, respectively,

$$T = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}_1^2$$

$$V = \frac{1}{2} k_1 x_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_2 x_2^2 \quad (\text{a})$$

and the dissipation function is

$$D = \frac{1}{2} c (\dot{x}_1 - \dot{x}_2)^2 \quad (\text{b})$$

By using Eq. (3.41), the Lagrange equations, with  $N = 2$ ,  $q_1 = x_1$ ,  $q_2 = x_2$ ,  $Q_1 = f(t)$ , and  $Q_2 = 0$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} m\ddot{x}_1 + c(\dot{x}_1 - \dot{x}_2) + k_1 x_1 &= f(t) \\ c(\dot{x}_1 - \dot{x}_2) - k_2 x_2 &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{c})$$

Although the inertia element shown in Figure 5.35 is described in terms of a single coordinate—that is,  $x_1$ —here, the additional variable  $x_2$  is also needed to determine the damper force and the spring force associated with  $k_2$ . As discussed later on, the transmitted force depends on the variable  $x_2$ .<sup>18</sup>

<sup>17</sup>It is mentioned that if a vibratory system such as a rotating machine is ramped up to operate at a high frequency, then to attenuate the response while passing through resonance, one will need some amount of damping.

<sup>18</sup>As discussed in Example 4.7, the system shown in Figure 5.35 is said to be a system with *one and a half degrees of freedom*: One of the governing equations is a second-order differential equation, while the other one is a first-order differential equation.

Introducing the damping factor  $\zeta = c/(2m\omega_n)$  and the natural frequency  $\omega_n = \sqrt{k_1/m}$ , Eq. (c) is written as

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 + 2\zeta\omega_n(\dot{x}_1 - \dot{x}_2) + \omega_n^2x_1 &= \frac{f(t)}{m} \\ 2\zeta\omega_n(\dot{x}_1 - \dot{x}_2) - \gamma\omega_n^2x_2 &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (d)$$

where  $\gamma = k_2/k_1$ .

We assume that the initial conditions are zero and take the Laplace transforms of Eqs. (d). This results in

$$\begin{aligned} (s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_ns + \omega_n^2)X_1(s) - 2\zeta\omega_nsX_2(s) &= \frac{F(s)}{m} \\ 2\zeta\omega_nsX_1(s) - (\gamma\omega_n^2 + 2\zeta\omega_ns)X_2(s) &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (e)$$

where  $X_1(s)$  is the Laplace transform of  $x_1(t)$ ,  $X_2(s)$  is the Laplace transform of  $x_2(t)$ , and  $F(s)$  is the Laplace transform of  $f(t)$ . Solving for  $X_1(s)$  and  $X_2(s)$  from Eqs. (e), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} X_1(s) &= \frac{F(s)}{m} \frac{C(s)}{D_3(s)} \\ X_2(s) &= \frac{F(s)}{m} \frac{B(s)}{D_3(s)} \end{aligned} \quad (f)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} D_3(s) &= \gamma\omega_n^2(s^2 + \omega_n^2) + 2\zeta\omega_ns(s^2 + \omega_n^2[1 + \gamma]) \\ B(s) &= 2\zeta\omega_ns \\ C(s) &= \gamma\omega_n^2 + 2\zeta\omega_ns \end{aligned} \quad (g)$$

We are interested in the dynamic force transmitted to the ground, which for the configuration shown in Figure 5.35, is

$$F_T = k_1x_1 + k_2x_2 \quad (h)$$

Taking the Laplace transform of Eq. (h) and using Eqs. (f) we obtain

$$\frac{F_T(s)}{F(s)} = \frac{\omega_n^2}{D_3(s)} [C(s) + \gamma B(s)] \quad (i)$$

From Section 5.3.4, we see that the transmissibility ratio is obtained by setting  $s = j\omega$  in Eq. (i) and then taking its magnitude, which results in

$$TR = \left| \frac{F_T(j\omega)}{F(j\omega)} \right| = \frac{\sqrt{\gamma^2 + [2\zeta\Omega(1 + \gamma)]^2}}{\sqrt{\gamma^2(1 - \Omega^2)^2 + (2\zeta\Omega)^2[1 + \gamma - \Omega^2]^2}} \quad (j)$$

When  $\gamma \rightarrow \infty$ , that is,  $k_2$  becomes rigid, Eq. (j) becomes  $H_{mb}(\Omega)$  given by Eqs. (5.82).

For a fixed value of  $\zeta$  and  $\gamma$ , the frequency ratio at which  $TR$  is an extremum,  $\Omega = \Omega_{\max}$ , corresponds to

$$\frac{\partial(TR)}{\partial\Omega} = 0 \quad (\text{k})$$

After evaluating<sup>19</sup> Eq. (k), we obtain

$$C_1 y^3 - C_2 y^2 - C_3 y - C_4 = 0$$

where  $y = \Omega^2$  and

$$C_1 = 32\zeta^4(1 + \gamma)^2$$

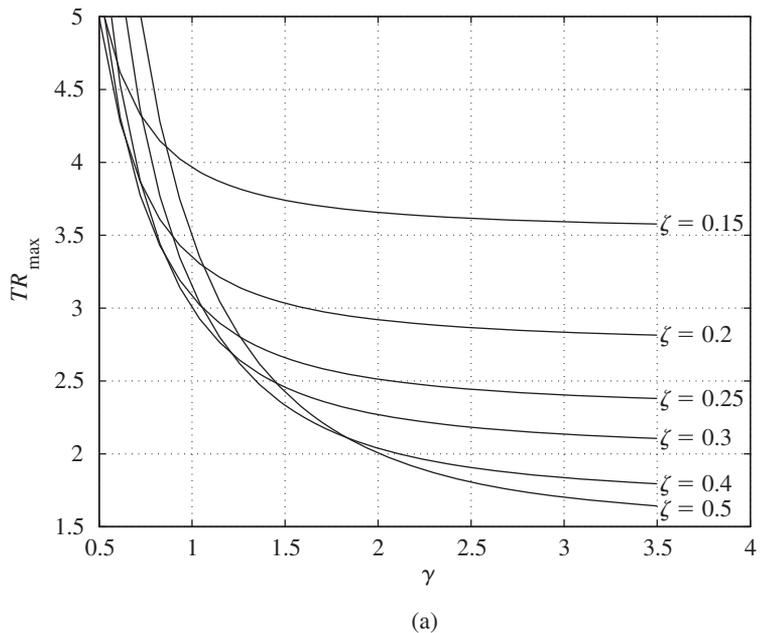
$$C_2 = -12\gamma^2\zeta^2 - 4\zeta^2(1 + \gamma)^2\gamma^2 + 32(1 + \gamma)^3\zeta^4$$

$$C_3 = -2\gamma^4 + 16\gamma^2(1 + \gamma)\zeta^2$$

$$C_4 = 2\gamma^4$$

The real root of this equation is denoted as  $y_{\max} = \Omega_{\max}^2$ .

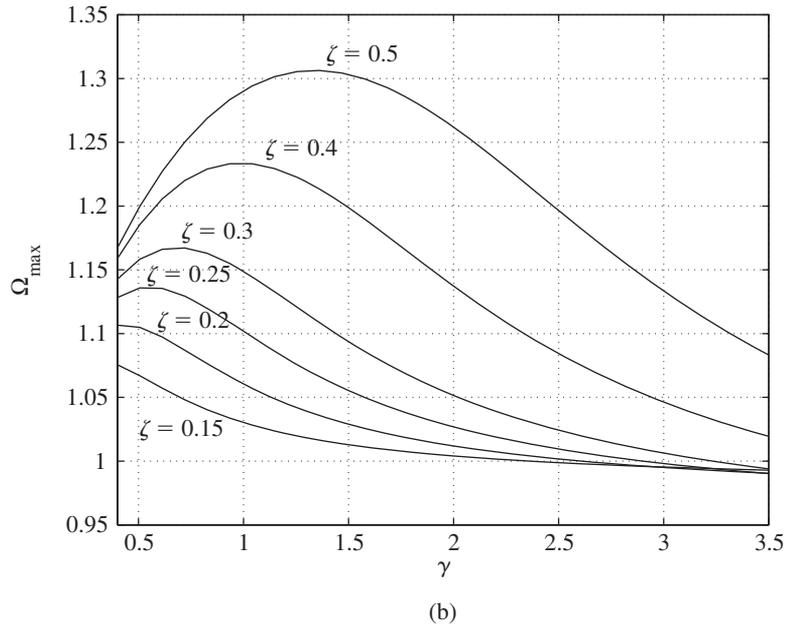
The real values of  $TR_{\max}$  which are determined at  $\Omega_{\max}$  are plotted in Fig. 5.36 for several values of  $\gamma$  and  $\zeta$ . We see, for example, that  $TR_{\max}$  will always be less than 2.5 when  $\gamma > 2$  and  $\zeta > 0.25$ . In this case, if the operating



**FIGURE 5.36**

(a)  $TR_{\max}$  as a function of  $\zeta$  and  $\gamma$ .

<sup>19</sup>We have used `diff` from the MATLAB Symbolic toolbox and `roots` to obtain the numerical values.

**FIGURE 5.36 (continued)**(b)  $\Omega_{\max}$  as a function of  $\zeta$  and  $\gamma$ .

frequency ratio is  $\Omega > 5$ , then we find from Eq. (j) that  $TR < 0.1$ ; that is, less than 10% of the force will be transmitted to the base. In addition, on the way to reaching this operating speed, the  $TR$  will not exceed 2.5.

## 5.8

## ENERGY DISSIPATION AND EQUIVALENT DAMPING

As discussed in the earlier chapters, viscous damping is one form of damping model. Other types of damping models include Coulomb or dry friction damping, fluid or velocity-squared damping, and structural or material damping. The viscous damping model as presented in Chapter 2 can be a linear or nonlinear model, while the Coulomb or dry friction model and the fluid model are nonlinear. In addition, the structural damping model is a linear one. We shall now relate the three damping models to the viscous damping model through a quantity called the *equivalent viscous damping*  $c_{\text{eq}}$ , which is the value of the damping coefficient  $c$  that is required in order to dissipate the same amount of energy per period of forced harmonic oscillation. Since the energy consideration is on a per cycle basis, the following results are only applicable to a system subjected to harmonic excitation.

In a vibratory system, the spring force and inertia force are conservative and hence, the work done by each of the forces over one cycle of forced oscillation is zero.<sup>20</sup> Therefore, in determining the energy dissipation in a vibratory system, we only pay attention to the damper or dissipation force.

<sup>20</sup>See Exercise 2.28 for the work done by the spring force.

If the dissipation force is  $F_D$ , then the energy dissipation as discussed in Section 2.4 is given by the work done; that is,

$$E_d = \int F_D dx = \int F_D \frac{dx}{dt} dt = \int F_D \dot{x} dt \quad (5.106)$$

For harmonic excitations of linear systems after the transients settle down, it can be assumed that the displacement and velocity responses have the forms

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= X_o \sin(\omega t - \phi) \\ \dot{x}(t) &= \omega X_o \cos(\omega t - \phi) \end{aligned} \quad (5.107)$$

where the displacement and the velocity responses have the period  $2\pi/\omega$ , where  $\omega$  is the forcing frequency. It can be shown that the work done by the external force acting on the system is equal to  $E_d$  over one cycle of forcing. See Exercise 5.18.

### Viscous Damping

From Eq. (2.46), we have that for a linear viscous damping model

$$F_D = c\dot{x}(t) \quad (5.108)$$

Upon substituting Eq. (5.108) into (5.106), the energy dissipated is

$$E_{\text{viscous}} = c \int_0^{2\pi/\omega} \dot{x}^2(t) dt \quad (5.109)$$

On substituting the velocity response from Eqs. (5.107) into Eq. (5.109), we obtain

$$E_{\text{viscous}} = c\omega^2 X_o^2 \int_0^{2\pi/\omega} \cos^2(\omega t - \phi) dt = c\pi\omega X_o^2 \quad (5.110)$$

From Eq. (5.110), it is clear that the energy dissipated is linearly proportional to the damping coefficient  $c$  and the excitation frequency  $\omega$ , and proportional to the square of the displacement amplitude  $X_o$ .

If  $f(\tau) = F_o \sin(\Omega\tau)$ , then using Eq. (5.9) another form of Eq. (5.110) is

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\text{viscous}} &= \int_0^{2\pi/\Omega} f(\tau) \dot{x}(\tau) d\tau = \frac{F_o^2 \Omega H(\Omega)}{k} \int_0^{2\pi/\Omega} \sin(\Omega\tau) \cos(\Omega\tau - \theta(\Omega)) d\tau \\ &= \frac{F_o^2}{k} \pi H(\Omega) \sin(\theta(\Omega)) = F_o X_o \pi \sin(\theta(\Omega)) \end{aligned} \quad (5.111)$$

where

$$X_o = \frac{F_o}{k} H(\Omega) \quad (5.112)$$

is the magnitude of the displacement of the mass at  $\Omega$ . We see from Eq. (5.111) that  $E_{\text{viscous}}$  will be a maximum when  $\theta(\Omega) = \pi/2$ . It was shown in Eqs. (5.29) and (5.31) that at  $\Omega = 1$ ,  $\theta(1) = \pi/2$  and the force and velocity are in phase. Therefore, from Eq. (5.111), we see that the external work that is available to overcome the viscous dissipation per cycle is a maximum at  $\Omega = 1$ . Hence, we should expect the system response to be a maximum at  $\Omega = 1$ ; that is, at the system's natural frequency.

Another way to visualize the energy dissipation per cycle is to plot the instantaneous force as a function of instantaneous displacement, which is shown in Figure 5.37 for the specific values of  $\zeta = 0.35$  and  $\Omega = 0.6$ . The force-displacement curve is called a hysteresis loop<sup>21</sup>, and the area enclosed by this loop is equal to the energy lost per forcing cycle  $E_{\text{viscous}}$ .

**Coulomb (Dry Friction) Damping**

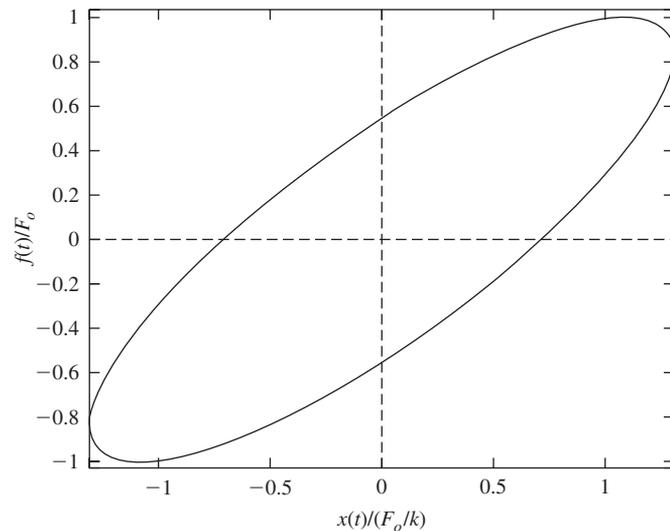
From Eq. (2.52), we have that the damping force magnitude is

$$F_D = \mu mg \operatorname{sgn}(\dot{x}) \tag{5.113}$$

and from Eq. (2.53) the energy dissipated is

$$E_{\text{coulomb}} = \mu mg \int_0^{2\pi/\omega} \operatorname{sgn}(\dot{x})\dot{x}(t)dt \tag{5.114}$$

where  $\operatorname{sgn}$  is the signum function introduced in Section 2.4. On substituting the velocity response from Eqs. (5.107) into Eq. (5.114) and integrating, we arrive at



**FIGURE 5.37** Hysteresis loop for  $\zeta = 0.35$  and  $\Omega = 0.6$  in Eq. (5.17).

<sup>21</sup>S. S. Rao, *Mechanical Vibrations*, 4th ed., Prentice Hall, Upper Saddle River, NJ, 2004, p. 165.

$$\begin{aligned}
E_{\text{Coulomb}} &= \mu mg X_o \int_0^{2\pi} \text{sgn}(\cos \xi) \cos \xi d\xi \\
&= \mu mg X_o \left[ \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos \xi d\xi - \int_{\pi/2}^{3\pi/2} \cos \xi d\xi + \int_{3\pi/2}^{2\pi} \cos \xi d\xi \right] \\
&= 4\mu mg X_o \tag{5.115}
\end{aligned}$$

where the variable of integration  $\xi = \omega t$ .

To determine the equivalent viscous damping, we set  $E_{\text{viscous}}$  equal to  $E_{\text{Coulomb}}$ . Thus, from Eqs. (5.115) and (5.110), we obtain

$$c_{\text{eq}} \pi \omega X_o^2 = 4\mu mg X_o$$

which leads to

$$c_{\text{eq}} = \frac{4\mu mg}{\pi \omega X_o} \tag{5.116}$$

where  $c_{\text{eq}}$  is the equivalent viscous damping. Note that this equivalence of damping model is based on energy considerations only, and it should not be inferred that in this and other cases that the linear system with the equivalent viscous damping has the same stability properties as the original system. Furthermore, it is noted from Eq. (5.116) that unlike in the case of a system with viscous damping, in the case of a system with dry friction the equivalent damping coefficient is inversely proportional to the excitation frequency and the displacement response amplitude  $X_o$ .

### Fluid (Velocity-Squared) Damping

From Eq. (2.54), we stated that the magnitude of the damping force is

$$F_D = c_d \dot{x}^2 \text{sgn}(\dot{x}) = c_d |\dot{x}| \dot{x} \tag{5.117}$$

where  $c_d$  is given by Eq. (2.55). After substituting Eq. (5.117) into Eq. (5.106), the energy dissipated is determined from

$$E_{\text{fluid}} = c_d \int_0^{2\pi/\omega} \text{sgn}(\dot{x}) \dot{x}^3 dt \tag{5.118}$$

On substituting the velocity response from Eqs. (5.107) into Eq. (5.118), we arrive at

$$E_{\text{fluid}} = c_d \omega^2 X_o^3 \int_0^{2\pi} \text{sgn}(\cos \xi) \cos^3 \xi d\xi = \frac{8}{3} c_d \omega^2 X_o^3 \tag{5.119}$$

where the integration has been carried out in a manner similar to that used to obtain Eq. (5.115).

To determine the equivalent viscous damping, we set  $E_{\text{viscous}}$  from Eq. (5.110) equal to  $E_{\text{fluid}}$  given by Eq. (5.119). Thus, we arrive at

$$c_{\text{eq}} \pi \omega X_o^2 = \frac{8}{3} c_d \omega^2 X_o^3$$

which leads to

$$c_{\text{eq}} = \frac{8c_d \omega X_o}{3\pi} \quad (5.120)$$

Thus, the equivalent viscous damping is linearly proportional to the excitation frequency and the response amplitude.

### Structural (Material) Damping

In Eq. (2.57), we stated that the magnitude of the damping force is given by

$$F_D = k\pi\beta \operatorname{sgn}(\dot{x}) |x| \quad (5.121)$$

where  $\beta$  is an empirically determined constant. After substituting Eq. (5.121) into Eq. (5.106), the energy dissipated is

$$E_{\text{structural}} = k\pi\beta \int_{\pi}^{2\pi/\omega} \operatorname{sgn}(\dot{x}) |x| \dot{x} dt \quad (5.122)$$

On substituting the velocity response from Eqs. (5.107) into Eq. (5.122), the resulting expression is

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\text{structural}} &= k\pi\beta X_o^2 \int_0^{2\pi} \operatorname{sgn}(\cos \xi) |\sin \xi| \cos \xi d\xi \\ &= k\pi\beta X_o^2 \left[ \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin \xi \cos \xi d\xi - \int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} \sin \xi \cos \xi d\xi \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_{\pi}^{3\pi/2} \sin \xi \cos \xi d\xi - \int_{3\pi/2}^{2\pi} \sin \xi \cos \xi d\xi \right] \\ &= 2k\pi\beta X_o^2 \end{aligned} \quad (5.123)$$

To determine the equivalent viscous damping for this case, we set  $E_{\text{viscous}}$  from Eq. (5.110) equal to  $E_{\text{structural}}$  in Eq. (5.123). This leads to

$$c_{\text{eq}} \pi \omega X_o^2 = 2k\pi\beta X_o^2$$

from which we obtain

$$c_{\text{eq}} = \frac{2k\beta}{\omega} \quad (5.124)$$

As in the case of dry friction, the equivalent viscous damping for structural damping is inversely proportional to the excitation frequency.

We now place the expressions for the equivalent viscous damping  $c_{eq}$  in their respective governing equations. The restriction for each of these equations is that the forcing function must be a harmonic excitation.

**Viscous damping**

$$m\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + kx = F_o \sin(\omega t) \quad (5.125)$$

**Coulomb (dry friction) damping**

$$m\ddot{x} + \frac{4\mu mg}{\pi\omega X_o} \dot{x} + kx = F_o \sin(\omega t) \quad (5.126)$$

**Fluid (velocity-squared) damping**

$$m\ddot{x} + \frac{8c_d\omega X_o}{3\pi} \dot{x} + kx = F_o \sin(\omega t) \quad (5.127)$$

**Structural (material) damping**

$$m\ddot{x} + \frac{2k\beta}{\omega} \dot{x} + kx = F_o \sin(\omega t) \quad (5.128)$$

In what has been presented above, systems with different forms of damping have been represented by equivalent systems with equivalent viscous damping. It is repeated that these equivalent systems may not always capture the true stability properties of the original systems, in particular, in cases like Eqs. (5.126) and (5.127). We see that these equations are nonlinear equations, because the equivalent damping term is a function of  $X_o$ , the magnitude of the displacement response.

**Forced Response of System with Structural Damping**

The solution to Eq. (5.128) is obtained from Eq. (5.17) by replacing  $c$  with  $2k\beta/\omega$  or, equivalently,  $\zeta = \beta/\Omega$ . Thus, in this case,

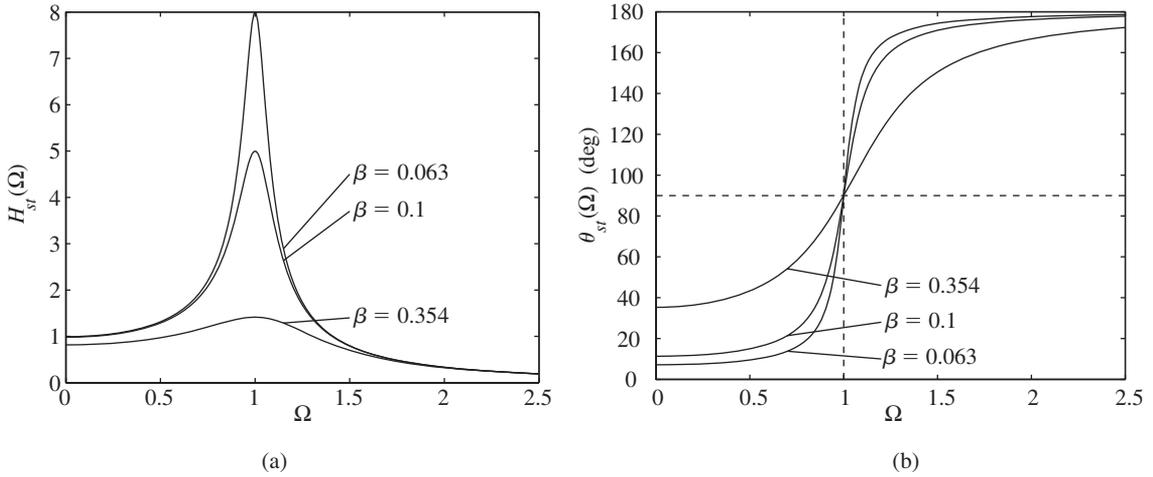
$$x_{st}(\tau) = \frac{F_o}{k} H_{st}(\Omega) \sin(\Omega\tau - \theta_{st}(\Omega)) \quad (5.129)$$

where the associated amplitude response  $H_{st}(\Omega)$  and the phase response  $\theta_{st}(\Omega)$  are given by

$$H_{st}(\Omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \Omega^2)^2 + 4\beta^2}}$$

$$\theta_{st}(\Omega) = \tan^{-1} \frac{2\beta}{1 - \Omega^2} \quad (5.130)$$

Graphs of Eqs. (5.130) are given in Figure 5.38. It is observed that the value of  $\Omega$  at which  $H_{st}(\Omega)$  is a maximum always occurs at  $\Omega = 1$ .



**FIGURE 5.38**

(a) Amplitude response and (b) phase response of system with structural damping.

We shall now examine  $x_{st}(\tau)$  in the frequency ranges  $\Omega \ll 1$  and  $\Omega \gg 1$  and at  $\Omega = 1$ . The examination is performed by studying  $H_{st}(\Omega)$  and  $\theta_{st}(\Omega)$  in these three ranges.

**$\Omega \ll 1$**  In this region from Eqs. (5.130), we approximate the amplitude and phase responses as

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_{st}(\Omega) &\rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + 4\beta^2}} \\
 \theta_{st}(\Omega) &\rightarrow \tan^{-1} 2\beta
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{5.131}$$

Thus, the displacement response in this region is determined from Eq. (5.129) to be

$$x_{st}(\tau) \cong \frac{F_o}{k\sqrt{1 + 4\beta^2}} \sin(\Omega\tau - \theta_{st}(\Omega))
 \tag{5.132}$$

Hence, the amplitude increases as  $\beta$  decreases.

**$\Omega = 1$**  At this location, it is determined from Eq. (5.130) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_{st}(1) &= \frac{1}{2\beta} \\
 \theta_{st}(1) &= \frac{\pi}{2}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{5.133}$$

Then, from Eq. (5.129), we arrive at the displacement response

$$x_{st}(\tau) = -\frac{F_o}{2k\beta} \cos(\tau)
 \tag{5.134}$$

Hence, the magnitude of the response is proportional to  $1/\beta$ ; that is, the peaks of  $H_{st}(\Omega)$  in Figure 5.38a are inversely proportional to  $\beta$ . The phase angle of the displacement response is  $90^\circ$  out-of-phase with force, irrespective of the value of  $\beta$ .

$\Omega \gg 1$  In this region, we use Eq. (5.130) to arrive at the approximations

$$\begin{aligned} H_{st}(\Omega) &\rightarrow \frac{1}{\Omega^2} = \frac{\omega_n^2}{\omega^2} \\ \theta_{st}(\Omega) &\rightarrow \pi \end{aligned} \quad (5.135)$$

In this case, Eq. (5.129) for the displacement response is simplified to

$$x_{st}(\tau) \cong \frac{F_o}{k\Omega^2} \sin(\Omega\tau - \pi) = -\frac{F_o}{k\Omega^2} \sin(\Omega\tau) = -\frac{f(\tau)}{k\Omega^2} \quad (5.136)$$

Thus, the force acts in a direction opposite to that of the displacement response.

#### Extension of Structural Damping Model to a Viscoelastic Material Model

We shall extend the structural damping model to account for a general viscoelastic material, which is a material that is modeled with stiffness and damping characteristics. In general, the stiffness and damping characteristics are functions of frequency. We start with Eq. (5.128) and express the forcing function in complex form as given by Eq. (D.61); that is,

$$f(t) = F_o e^{j\omega t} \quad (5.137)$$

Then, after replacing the constant  $2\beta$  by  $\eta$ , Eq. (5.128) can be rewritten as

$$m\ddot{x} + \frac{k\eta}{\omega}\dot{x} + kx = F_o e^{j\omega t} \quad (5.138)$$

We assume a solution to Eq. (5.138) of the form

$$x(t) = X(j\omega)e^{j\omega t} \quad (5.139)$$

After substituting Eq. (5.139) into Eq. (5.138), we obtain

$$X(j\omega) = \frac{F_o}{-m\omega^2 + K} \quad (5.140)$$

where

$$K = k(1 + j\eta) \quad (5.141)$$

Equation (5.140) has a form similar to the frequency response of a spring-mass system that is excited by a force acting on the mass of this system. However, here, the stiffness  $k$  is complex valued and this representation is valid for obtaining a physically meaningful solution only when there is a complex-valued forcing acting on the system.

For many viscoelastic materials,  $k$  and  $\eta$  are functions of frequency; that is,  $k \rightarrow k_v(\omega)$  and  $\eta \rightarrow \eta_v(\omega)$ . Then

$$K \rightarrow K_v(j\omega) = k_v(\omega)(1 + j\eta_v(\omega)) \quad (5.142)$$

It can be shown<sup>22</sup> that when certain restrictions<sup>23</sup> are placed on  $k_v(\omega)$  and  $\eta_v(\omega)$ , a physically meaningful response can be obtained from the inverse Fourier transform of  $X(j\omega)$  by using Eq. (5.58). With these assumptions, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(j\omega) e^{j\omega t} d\omega \\ &= \frac{F_o}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{(k_v(\omega) - m\omega^2) \cos \omega t + k_v(\omega) \eta_v(\omega) \sin \omega t}{(k_v(\omega) - m\omega^2)^2 + (k_v(\omega) \eta_v(\omega))^2} d\omega \end{aligned} \quad (5.143)$$

In general, Eq. (5.143) must be solved numerically for experimentally determined functions  $k_v(\omega)$  and  $\eta_v(\omega)$ . For the aforementioned restriction placed on  $k_v(\omega)$  and  $\eta_v(\omega)$ , it turns out that Eq. (5.143) can also be interpreted as the impulse response of a system with a viscoelastic spring. See Eqs. (5.59) and (5.60).

### Comparison of Force-Displacement Curves for Viscous, Coulomb, and Fluid Damping

Consider three vibratory systems with a mass  $m$  and stiffness  $k$  subjected to forced harmonic vibrations. System 1 has viscous damping with damping coefficient  $c$  (Ns/m), System 2 has Coulomb damping of magnitude  $\mu mg$  (N), where  $\mu$  is the coefficient of friction, and System 3 has fluid damping with the damping coefficient  $c_d$  (Ns<sup>2</sup>/m<sup>2</sup>). The governing equations for each of these three systems are given by Eqs. (3.22), (3.24), and (3.25), respectively. Rewriting these equations in terms of nondimensional quantities and noting that  $f(t) = F_o \sin(\omega t)$ , we obtain

#### 1. Viscous damping

$$\frac{d^2y}{d\tau^2} + d_v \frac{dy}{d\tau} + y = \sin(\Omega\tau) \quad (5.144)$$

#### 2. Coulomb damping

$$\frac{d^2y}{d\tau^2} + y + d_c \operatorname{sgn}(dy/d\tau) = \sin(\Omega\tau) \quad (5.145)$$

<sup>22</sup>A. D. Nashif, et al., *Vibration Damping*, John Wiley & Sons, New York, p. 148, 1985; D. I. G. Jones, *Handbook of Viscoelastic Vibration Damping*, John Wiley & Sons, Chichester, England, 2001.

<sup>23</sup>The quantity  $k_v(\omega)$  must be an even function of  $\omega$  and  $\eta_v(\omega)$  must be an odd function of  $\omega$ .

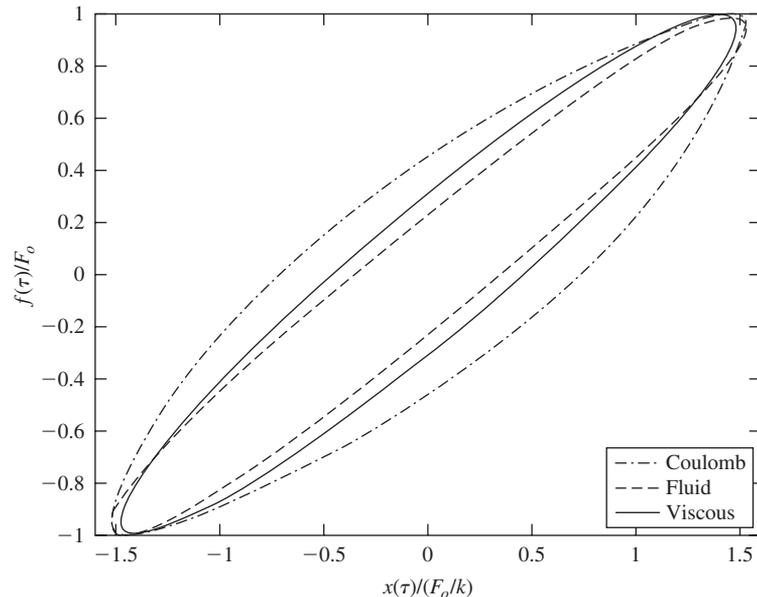
### 3. Fluid Damping

$$\frac{d^2y}{d\tau^2} + d_f \left| \frac{dy}{d\tau} \right| \frac{dy}{d\tau} + y = \sin(\Omega\tau) \quad (5.146)$$

where  $y = x/(F_o/k)$ ,  $\omega_n = \sqrt{k/m}$ ,  $\tau = \omega_n t$ ,  $\Omega = \omega/\omega_n$ , and

$$d_v = \frac{c}{\sqrt{km}}, \quad d_c = \frac{\mu g k}{F_o \omega_n^2}, \quad d_f = \frac{F_o c_d}{km}$$

are nondimensional quantities. The force-displacement curves<sup>24</sup> are shown in Figure 5.39 for  $d_v = d_f = d_c = 0.35$  and  $\Omega = 0.6$ . A calculation of the area<sup>25</sup> enclosed by each of these curves gives that the dissipation energy per cycle is equal to 1.449 units for the viscous damping, 1.179 units for fluid damping, and 2.129 units for Coulomb damping. Thus, of the three damping mechanisms considered and for the given parameters, the system with Coulomb damping dissipates the most amount of energy in a forcing cycle and the system with fluid damping loses the least amount of energy in a forcing cycle. On the other hand, it is found that if we set  $d_c = 0.235$ ,  $d_f = 0.45$ , and  $d_v = 0.35$ , then the system with Coulomb damping and the system with fluid damping will have the same dissipation energy per forcing cycle as the system with viscous damping.



**FIGURE 5.39**

Force-displacement curves for different damping models with  $d_v = d_f = d_c = 0.35$  and  $\Omega = 0.6$ .

<sup>24</sup>The MATLAB function ode45 was used.

<sup>25</sup>The MATLAB function polyarea was used.

**EXAMPLE 5.14** Vibratory system with structural damping

During cyclic loading of a vibratory system, it is found that the response amplitude is 0.5 cm while the input force magnitude is 250 N. It is observed that the displacement response lags the force by  $90^\circ$ ; that is, the system is being driven at its natural frequency. From static deflection experiments, it is found that the system stiffness is 50 kN/m. We shall determine the structural damping of this system.

Since the system is being driven at its natural frequency,  $\Omega = 1$ . Hence, from Eq. (5.134), the response amplitude is given by

$$X_o = \frac{F_o}{2k\beta} \quad (a)$$

On substituting the values for  $X_o$ ,  $F_o$ , and  $k$ , we find from Eq. (a) that the structural damping factor is

$$\beta = \frac{F_o}{2kX_o} = \frac{250 \text{ N}}{2(50 \times 10^3 \text{ N/m})(5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m})} = 0.05 \quad (b)$$

**EXAMPLE 5.15** Estimate for response amplitude of a system subjected to fluid damping

A system vibrating on a fluid medium is modeled by using fluid damping. We shall determine an estimate for the response amplitude when this system is driven at its natural frequency. From Eq. (5.120), the equivalent viscous damping coefficient is

$$c_{eq} = \frac{8c_d\omega_n X_o}{3\pi} \quad (a)$$

and the associated system damping factor is

$$\zeta = \frac{c_{eq}}{2m\omega_n} = \frac{8c_d X_o}{6\pi m} \quad (b)$$

Making use of Eqs. (5.127), (5.17), and (5.29), we find that the response amplitude for harmonic excitation at  $\Omega = 1$  is given by

$$X_o = \frac{F_o H_{st}(1)}{k} = \frac{F_o}{k} \frac{1}{2\zeta} \quad (c)$$

Hence, from Eqs. (b) and (c), we find that

$$X_o = \frac{3\pi m F_o}{8k c_d X_o} = \frac{3\pi F_o}{8c_d X_o \omega_n^2} \quad (d)$$

Thus, an estimate for the response amplitude of the system is

$$X_o = \frac{1}{\omega_n} \sqrt{\frac{3\pi F_o}{8c_d}} \quad (e)$$

## 5.9

## RESPONSE TO EXCITATION WITH HARMONIC COMPONENTS

Responses of vibratory systems subjected to periodic excitations are relevant to such widely diverse applications as internal combustion engines, propeller-driven aircraft, and weaving machinery. As explained later in this section, a periodic excitation can be considered as a sum of harmonic components. Here, we consider the steady-state response of a single degree-of-freedom system subjected to a forcing function that is composed of a collection of harmonic components, each at a different amplitude and frequency.

### Excitation with Two Harmonic Components

Consider a harmonic excitation acting on the mass of a linear vibratory system of the form

$$f_1(t) = B \sin(\omega t) \quad (5.147a)$$

or, in the equivalent form,

$$f_1(\tau) = B \sin(\Omega \tau) \quad (5.147b)$$

where the nondimensional time  $\tau = \omega_n t$  and the nondimensional frequency  $\Omega = \omega/\omega_n$ . Then, from Section 5.2, the steady-state displacement response is given by

$$x_1(\tau) = \frac{B}{k} H(\Omega) \sin(\Omega \tau - \theta(\Omega)) \quad (5.148)$$

where the amplitude response  $H(\Omega)$  and the phase response  $\theta(\Omega)$  are given by Eqs. (5.8).

When the forcing function is of the form

$$f_2(t) = A \cos(\omega t) \quad (5.149a)$$

or, in the equivalent form,

$$f_2(\tau) = A \cos(\Omega \tau) \quad (5.149b)$$

the corresponding steady-state response from Eq. (5.15) is

$$x_2(\tau) = \frac{A}{k} H(\Omega) \cos(\Omega \tau - \theta(\Omega)) \quad (5.150)$$

We now consider the linear combination of forces given by Eqs. (5.147b) and (5.149b); that is,

$$f(\tau) = A \cos(\Omega \tau) + B \sin(\Omega \tau) \quad (5.151)$$

Since the considered system is linear, the solution for the linear combination of forces given by Eq. (5.151) is the linear combination of the individual solutions<sup>26</sup> given by Eqs. (5.148) and (5.150). Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} x(\tau) &= x_1(\tau) + x_2(\tau) \\ &= \frac{H(\Omega)}{k} [A \cos(\Omega\tau - \theta(\Omega)) + B \sin(\Omega\tau - \theta(\Omega))] \\ &= \frac{H(\Omega)}{k} C \sin(\Omega\tau - \theta(\Omega) + \psi) \end{aligned} \quad (5.152)$$

where we have used Eq. (D.12) to determine that

$$\begin{aligned} C &= \sqrt{A^2 + B^2} \\ \psi &= \tan^{-1} \frac{A}{B} \end{aligned} \quad (5.153)$$

### Excitation with Multiple Harmonic Components

In general, when the forcing is of the form

$$f(t) = \sum_{i=1}^N [A_i \cos(\omega_i t) + B_i \sin(\omega_i t)] \quad (5.154a)$$

or, equivalently,

$$f(\tau) = \sum_{i=1}^N [A_i \cos(\Omega_i \tau) + B_i \sin(\Omega_i \tau)] \quad (5.154b)$$

where the  $\omega_i$  are distinct, the corresponding displacement response is given by

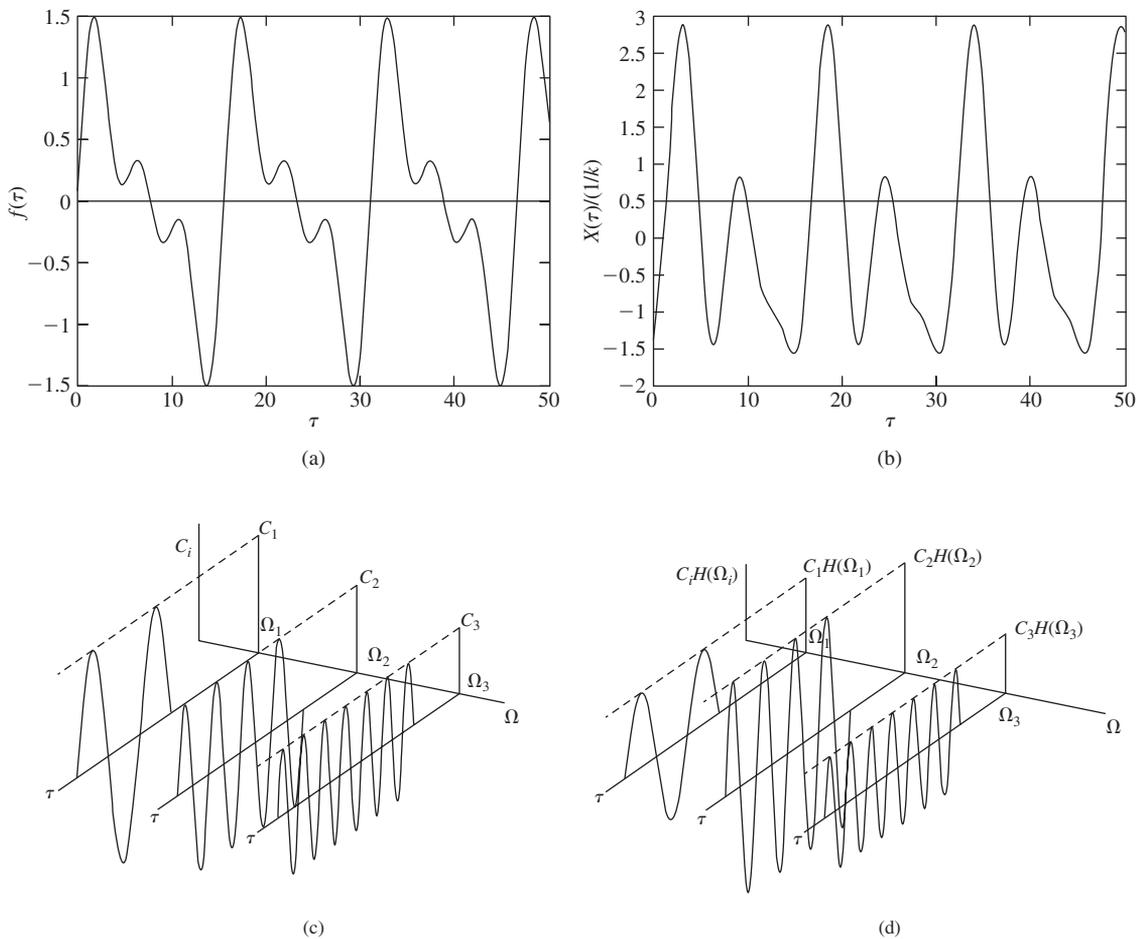
$$\begin{aligned} x(\tau) &= \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^N \{H(\Omega_i) [A_i \cos(\Omega_i \tau - \theta(\Omega_i)) + B_i \sin(\Omega_i \tau - \theta(\Omega_i))]\} \\ &= \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^N H(\Omega_i) C_i \sin(\Omega_i \tau - \theta(\Omega_i) + \psi_i) \end{aligned} \quad (5.155)$$

In Eqs. (5.154b) and (5.155), the nondimensional time  $\tau = \omega_n t$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_i &= \frac{\omega_i}{\omega_n} \\ C_i &= \sqrt{A_i^2 + B_i^2} \\ \psi_i &= \tan^{-1} \frac{A_i}{B_i} \end{aligned} \quad (5.156)$$

<sup>26</sup>This superposition principle is an important property of linear systems.

We see that when the input to a linear single degree-of-freedom system is a collection of harmonically varying force components each at a different frequency and amplitude, the associated displacement response is the weighted combination of these components comprising the input force. In the corresponding response, the amplitude of the  $i$ th input component is modified by  $H(\Omega_i)$  and it is delayed an amount  $\theta(\Omega_i)$ . The interpretation for these results is provided in Figure 5.40. As seen from this figure, the force input consists of components at the nondimensional frequency ratios  $\Omega_1$ ,  $\Omega_2$ , and  $\Omega_3$ , with amplitudes  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$ , and  $C_3$ , respectively. The time histories of the individual components comprising  $f(\tau)$  are shown along with their spectral information; that is, information in the frequency domain, in Figure 5.40c. In



**FIGURE 5.40**

Time and spectral representation of the response of a system subjected to force input with three harmonic components with different amplitudes: (a) force input history; (b) displacement output history; (c) spectrum of input and time history of individual components; and (d) spectrum of displacement output and time history of individual components.

Figure 5.40b, the displacement response of the system is shown. The individual components comprising this response are shown along with the corresponding spectral information in Figure 5.40d. These individual components are scaled and phase-shifted versions of the corresponding individual components shown in Figure 5.40c for the force input. Although in the corresponding response the components comprising  $x(\tau)$  are periodic, their sum is not necessarily periodic. For the sum of the harmonic components also to be a periodic function, the different frequencies  $\omega_i$  should be commensurate with respect to each other; that is,  $\omega_i = p\omega_j/q$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are integers. In other words, the ratio of one frequency to another should be a rational number.

### EXAMPLE 5.16 Response of a weaving machine

Rotating unbalanced parts in a weaving machine produce an excitation with frequency components at  $f_1$  Hz and  $f_2$  Hz to this machine. The vertical motions of this machine can be described by a single degree-of-freedom model

$$\ddot{x} + 2\zeta\omega_n\dot{x} + \omega_n^2x = B_1 \sin(\omega_1t) + B_2 \sin(\omega_2t) \quad (\text{a})$$

where the excitation frequency components are

$$\omega_1 = 2\pi f_1 \quad \text{and} \quad \omega_2 = 2\pi f_2 \quad (\text{b})$$

We shall determine the response amplitude  $x$  of the weaving machine.

In this case, the vibratory system is excited by an excitation with only two distinct frequency components. Hence, Eq. (5.155) is used to obtain the response

$$x(\tau) = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^2 H(\Omega_i) B_i \sin(\Omega_i\tau - \theta(\Omega_i)) \quad (\text{c})$$

where  $H(\Omega_i)$  and  $\theta(\Omega_i)$  are given by Eqs. (5.11) and  $\Omega_i = \omega_i/\omega_n$ .

It is mentioned that there are two ISO standards<sup>27</sup> that contain information about measurement and evaluation of machinery with unbalanced parts.

Next, we examine how a given periodic excitation can be broken up into harmonic components by using Fourier series, before determining the response of a vibratory system.

<sup>27</sup>ISO 2372, "Mechanical Vibrations of Machines with Operating Speeds from 10 to 200 rev/s for Specifying Evaluation Standards," International Standards Organization, Geneva, Switzerland (1974); and ISO 3945, "Mechanical Vibration of Large Rotating Machines with Speed Ranging from 10 to 200 rev/s—Measurement and Evaluation of Vibration Severity In Situ," International Standards Organization, Geneva, Switzerland (1985).

### Fourier Series

As a special case of Eq. (5.154a), let  $f(t)$  be periodic; that is,  $f(t) = f(t + T)$ , where  $T = 2\pi/\omega_o$  and  $\omega_o$  is the *fundamental frequency*. Then

$$f(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} [a_i \cos(i\omega_o t) + b_i \sin(i\omega_o t)] \quad (5.157)$$

where the quantities  $a_i$  and  $b_i$ , which are called the Fourier amplitudes, are given by

$$a_i = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f(t) \cos(i\omega_o t) dt \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$b_i = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f(t) \sin(i\omega_o t) dt \quad i = 1, 2, \dots \quad (5.158)$$

Equation (5.157) is called the *Fourier-series expansion* of the signal  $f(t)$ . In Eq. (5.157), the frequency components  $i\omega_o$  for  $i > 1$  are called the higher harmonics of  $\omega_o$ . For example, when  $i = 2$  we have the second harmonic, when  $i = 3$  we have the third harmonic, and so on.

We notice that in the definitions of  $a_i$  and  $b_i$  we have integrated over the period  $T$ . Consequently, the  $a_i$  and  $b_i$  are independent of time and these amplitudes are only a function of  $i\omega_o$ . In other words, we have transformed  $f(t)$  into the frequency domain so that  $a_i$  and  $b_i$  represent the amplitude contributions of the sine and cosine components of the  $i$ th harmonic  $i\omega_o$  comprising  $f(t)$ . Hence, a plot of these amplitudes as a function of  $i\omega_o$  would be a plot of discrete values, since the amplitudes are zero everywhere except at the corresponding frequencies  $i\omega_o$ .

By using Eq. (5.155), we find that the displacement response is given by

$$x(\tau) = \frac{a_0}{2k} + \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \{H(\Omega_i)[a_i \cos(\Omega_i \tau - \theta(\Omega_i)) + b_i \sin(\Omega_i \tau - \theta(\Omega_i))]\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{k} \left[ c_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c_i(\Omega_i) \sin(\Omega_i \tau - \theta(\Omega_i) + \psi_i) \right] \quad (5.159)$$

where the coefficients and phases are given by

$$c_0 = \frac{a_0}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \Omega_i = \frac{i\omega_o}{\omega_n}$$

$$c_i(\Omega_i) = H(\Omega_i) \sqrt{a_i^2 + b_i^2}$$

$$\psi_i = \tan^{-1} \frac{a_i}{b_i} \quad (5.160)$$

Fourier series expansions obtained by making use of Eqs. (5.158) for many common periodic waveforms are given in Appendix B.

**Design Guidelines:** When an excitation force to a linear vibratory system is composed of more than one harmonic waveform, the displacement response of the system is composed of scaled and phase shifted versions of each of these input waveforms. The displacement response of each force input waveform is modified by the amplitude response of the system at that waveform's frequency and it is delayed by system's phase response at that frequency. If the system's damping ratio is small, then in order to avoid amplifying these input waveforms, the constituent frequency components of the forcing should not be in the system's damping-dominated region. If the input waveform is composed of commensurate frequency components, then one must select the period such that neither the fundamental frequency nor any of the higher harmonics fall in the system's damping-dominated region.

**EXAMPLE 5.17** Single degree-of-freedom system subjected to periodic pulse train and saw-tooth forcing

We shall consider the responses of a single degree-of-freedom system to two periodic input forcing functions: a periodic pulse train and a saw-tooth function. The pulse train and its Fourier series representation are given by waveform  $h$  of Table B in Appendix B. From this table we have that

$$f(t) = F_o \alpha \left[ 1 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(i\pi\alpha)}{(i\pi\alpha)} \cos(2i\pi t/T) \right]$$

or

$$f(\tau) = F_o \alpha \left[ 1 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(i\pi\alpha)}{(i\pi\alpha)} \cos(\Omega_i \tau) \right] \quad (a)$$

where,  $\Omega_i = i\Omega_o$ ,  $\Omega_o = \omega_o/\omega_n$ ,  $\alpha = t_d/T$ ,  $T = 2\pi/\omega_o$ ,  $\tau = \omega_n t$ , and  $t_d$  is the duration of the pulse during each period. Thus, comparing Eq. (a) to Eqs. (5.157), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a_0}{2} &= \alpha F_o & b_i &= 0 & \phi_i &= \tan^{-1} \frac{a_i}{b_i} \\ a_i &= 2\alpha F_o \frac{\sin(i\pi\alpha)}{i\pi\alpha} \end{aligned} \quad (b)$$

Then, from Eqs. (5.159) and (5.160), we determine the displacement response to be

$$x(\tau) = \frac{\alpha F_o}{k} \left[ 1 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c_i(\Omega_i) \sin(\Omega_i \tau - \theta(\Omega_i) + \psi_i) \right] \quad (c)$$

where

$$c_i(\Omega_i) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1 - \Omega_i^2)^2 + (2\zeta\Omega_i)^2}} \left| \frac{\sin(i\pi\alpha)}{i\pi\alpha} \right| \quad i = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\theta(\Omega_i) = \tan^{-1} \frac{2\zeta\Omega_i}{1 - \Omega_i^2} \quad (d)$$

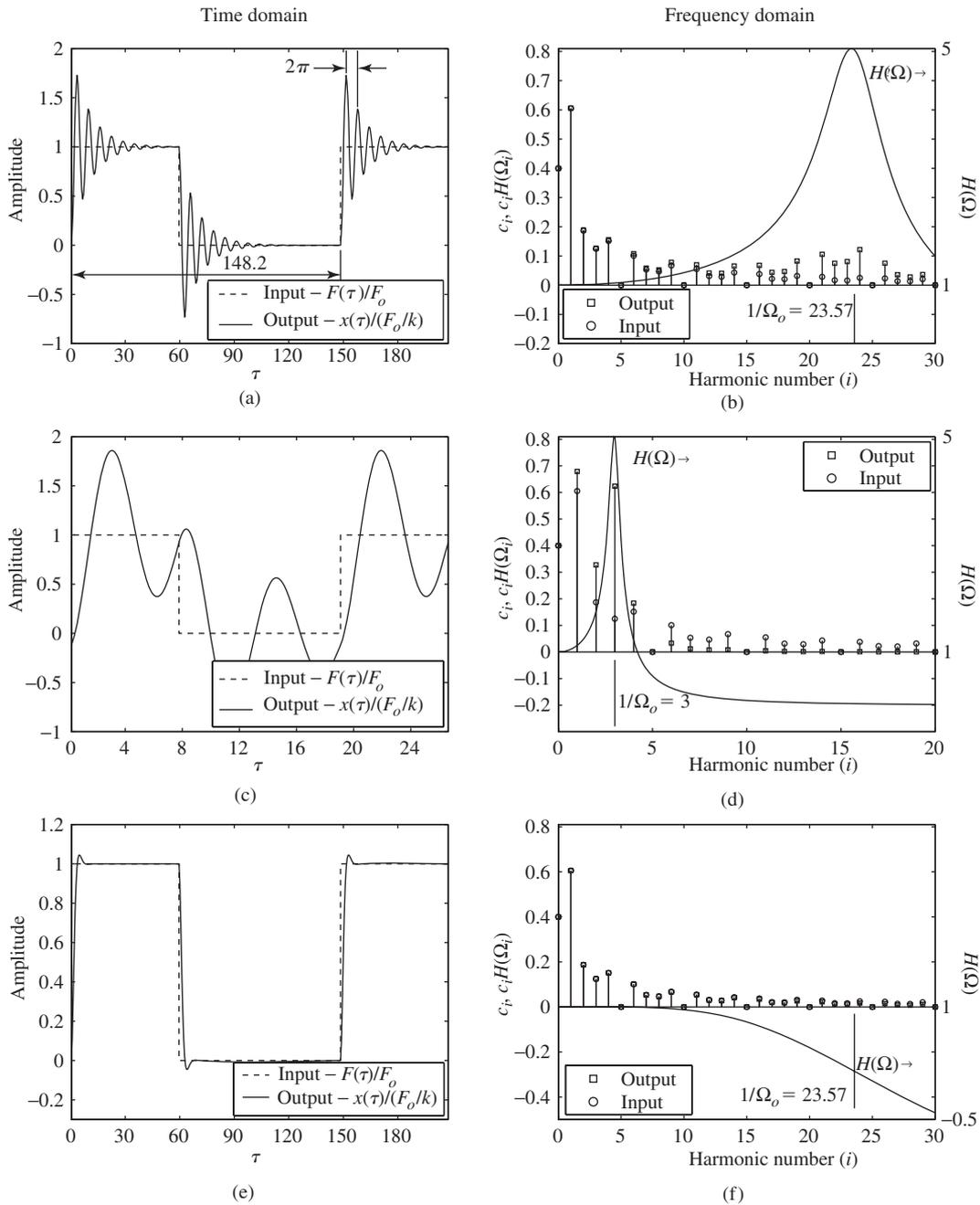
Equation (c) is plotted<sup>28</sup> in Figure 5.41 for  $\Omega_o = 0.0424$ ,  $\alpha = 0.4$ , and  $\zeta = 0.1$ . Thus, the non-dimensional period is  $\omega_n T = 2\pi/\Omega_o = 148.2$  and  $\omega_n/\omega_o = 1/\Omega_o = 23.57$ , which indicates that the 23rd and 24th harmonics fall in the vicinity of  $\omega_n$ . In Figure 5.41a, we see that the normalized output displacement response overshoots the input pulse's amplitude and then exhibits a decaying oscillation about the pulse's normalized height. Since  $\omega_n/\omega_o = 23.57$ , the period of the pulse train is 23.57 times longer than the period of the natural frequency of the system; therefore, the nondimensional period of the decaying oscillation is  $148.2/23.57 = 2\pi$ . We will show in Section 6.3 that this response is equivalent to the response of a single degree-of-freedom system subjected to a suddenly applied constant force. When damping increases substantially, these oscillations are almost eliminated as shown in Figure 5.41e.

The results plotted in Figure 5.41b are the amplitude spectrum of the pulse train before it is applied to the mass and the amplitude spectrum of the displacement of the mass in response to this force. We have also plotted the system's amplitude response function  $H(\Omega)$  for reference. We see that the system's amplitude response function greatly magnifies the amplitude of those components of the force that have frequency components in the vicinity of the system's natural frequency—the damping-dominated region. It is this magnification that produces, in the time domain, the overshoot and oscillations at a frequency equal to the system's damped natural frequency. We now see why large damping eliminates these oscillations. As shown in Figure 5.41f, the amplitude components in the neighborhood of the system's natural frequency are all slightly attenuated; thus, the output response more closely follows the input.

The next case we consider is where  $\Omega_o = 1/3$ ; that is, the natural frequency of the system is three times the fundamental frequency of the pulse train. Thus, the nondimensional period is  $\omega_n T = 2\pi/\Omega_o = 18.9$  and  $\omega_n/\omega_o = 1/\Omega_o = 3.0$ . We see from Figure 5.41d that since the pulse train's third harmonic coincides with the natural frequency of the system, the amplitude of the third harmonic undergoes the maximum magnification. Thus, the time domain response, which is shown in Figure 5.41c, is dominated by the component whose frequency is coincident with the system's natural frequency. Consequently, the displacement response does not bear any resemblance to the input forcing function, except that it has the same period.

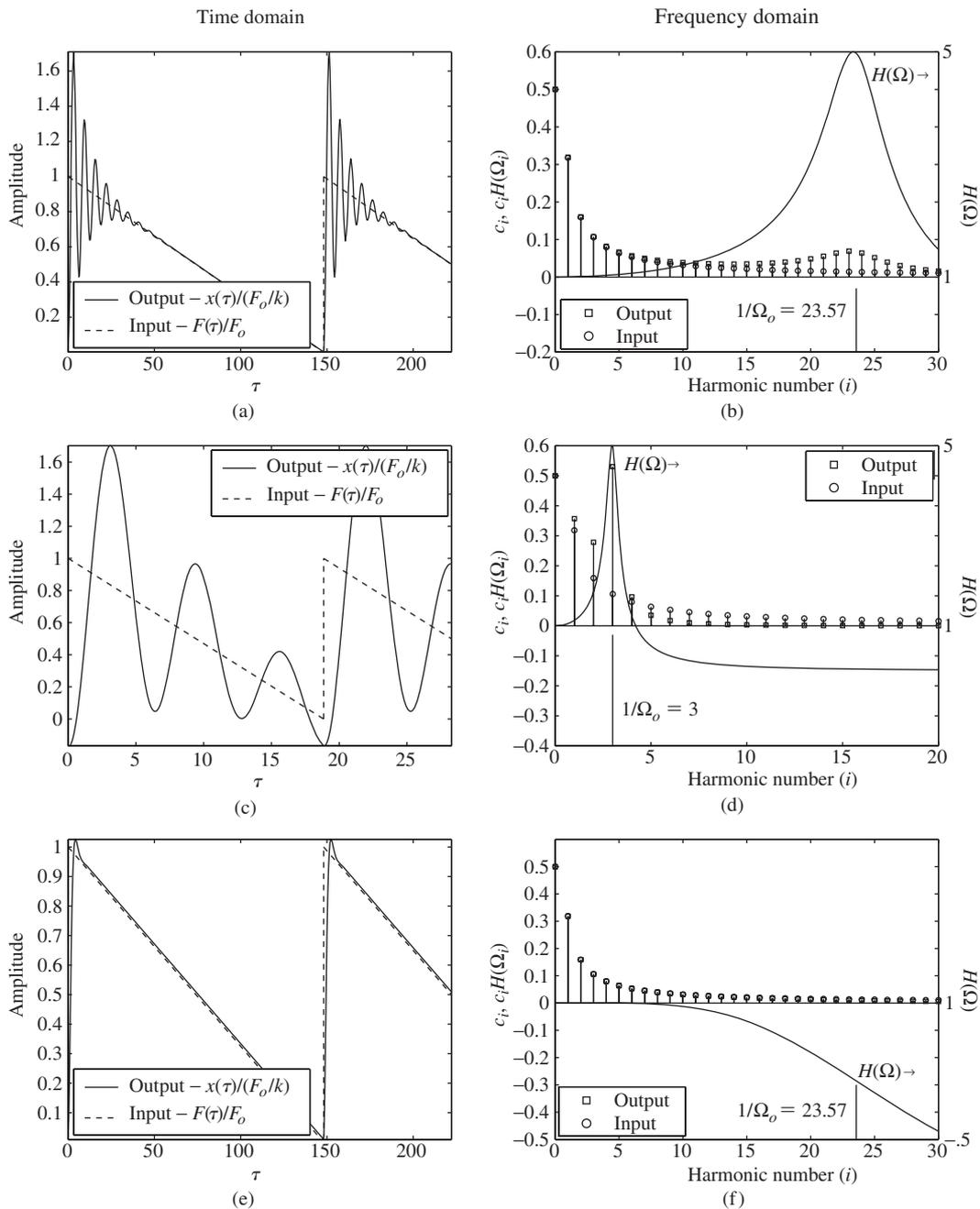
The responses of a linear vibratory system subjected to a saw-tooth type forcing waveform given by entry b of Table B in Appendix B are shown in Figure 5.42. Several qualitative aspects of these responses are similar to those

<sup>28</sup>200 terms were used in the summation.



**FIGURE 5.41**

Comparison of responses to pulse train forcing function in the time domain and frequency domain for two different values of the system damping ratio and two different fundamental excitation frequencies: (a) and (b)  $\zeta = 0.1$ ,  $t_d/T = 0.4$ , and  $\Omega_o = 0.0424$ ; (c) and (d)  $\zeta = 0.1$ ,  $t_d/T = 0.4$ , and  $\Omega_o = 0.333$ ; and (e) and (f)  $\zeta = 0.7$ ,  $t_d/T = 0.4$ , and  $\Omega_o = 0.0424$ . [Note: For display purposes the time axes have been shifted by  $\pi\alpha/\Omega_o$ .]



**FIGURE 5.42**

Comparison of the responses to a periodic saw-tooth forcing function in the time domain and frequency domain for two different values of the system damping ratio and two different fundamental excitation frequencies: (a) and (b)  $\zeta = 0.1$  and  $\Omega_o = 0.0424$ ; (c) and (d)  $\zeta = 0.1$  and  $\Omega_o = 0.333$ ; and (e) and (f)  $\zeta = 0.7$  and  $\Omega_o = 0.0424$ .

seen in Figure 5.41, where a periodic pulse train forcing and the corresponding response are presented. As discussed in Section 6.3, a step-like change in the input to a linear damped system always results in a “transient” component of the response. It is seen that the transient response within each period of the response is also captured.

### EXAMPLE 5.18 Single degree-of-freedom system response to periodic impulses<sup>29</sup>

We shall consider the response of a single degree-of-freedom system that is subjected to a periodic train of force impulses of period  $T$ . We shall compare these results to those obtained for a pulse train and determine under what conditions a pulse train can be used to imitate a periodic impulse train. The periodic impulse force is given by

$$f(t) = F'_o \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - iT) \quad (\text{a})$$

where  $\delta(t)$  is a generalized function called the *delta function*.<sup>30</sup> The delta function can be expressed as the following Fourier series<sup>31</sup>

$$f(t) = \frac{F'_o}{T} \left[ 1 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \cos(2i\pi t/T) \right]$$

or, in terms of nondimensional quantities as

$$f(\tau) = \frac{F'_o}{T} \left[ 1 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \cos(\Omega_i \tau) \right] \quad (\text{b})$$

where  $\Omega_i = i\Omega_o$ ,  $\Omega_o = \omega_o/\omega_n$ ,  $\omega_o = 2\pi/T$ , and  $F'_o$  has the units  $\text{N} \cdot \text{s}$ . Comparing Eq. (b) with Eq. (5.157), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a_0}{2} &= \frac{F'_o}{T} & b_i &= 0 \\ a_i &= \frac{2F'_o}{T} & \psi_i &= \tan^{-1} \frac{2F'_o/T}{0} = \frac{\pi}{2} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{c})$$

From Eqs. (5.159) and (5.160), we determine the displacement response to be

$$x(\tau) = \frac{F'_o}{m\omega_n} \frac{\Omega_o}{2\pi} \left[ 1 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} H(\Omega_i) \cos(\Omega_i \tau - \theta(\Omega_i)) \right] \quad (\text{d})$$

<sup>29</sup>For a complete discussion of the subject, see V. I. Babitsky, *Theory of Vibro-Impact Systems and Applications*, Springer, Berlin (1998). See also S. A. Kember and V. I. Babitsky, “Excitation of vibro-impact systems by periodic excitation,” *J. Sound Vibration*, Vol. 227, No. 2, pp. 427–447 (1999).

<sup>30</sup>See Section 6.2 for a discussion of the delta function and the units of  $F'_o$ .

<sup>31</sup>See, for example, A. Papoulis, *The Fourier Integral and Its Applications*, McGraw-Hill, NY, p. 44 (1962).

It is noted from Eqs. (a) and (c) that the magnitude of the Fourier series coefficients are constants, independent of the fundamental frequency of the pulse train and its harmonics, and for  $n \geq 1$ , these constants are equal. Thus, the periodic impulse train has a discrete, uniform harmonic spectrum, with each spectral component occurring at integer multiples of  $\omega_o$ .

Equation (d) is plotted in Figure 5.43 along with the results of the periodic pulse train given by Eq. (c) of Example 5.17. In order to compare the two solutions, we note that  $t_d F_o \rightarrow F'_o$ . Thus, in Eq. (c) of Example 5.17, we have

$$\frac{\alpha F_o}{k} = \frac{t_d F_o}{kT} \rightarrow \frac{F'_o}{kT} = \frac{F'_o}{m\omega_n} \frac{\Omega_o}{2\pi} \quad (e)$$

We see from Figure 5.43b that when  $t_d/T \leq 0.01$ , the pulse train is a good approximation to the impulse train, since both responses overlap.

### EXAMPLE 5.19 Base excitation: slider-crank mechanism

Consider the slider-crank mechanism that is attached to the base of the single degree-of-freedom system shown in Figure 5.44. We shall determine the displacement response of the mass and the corresponding response spectrum. The displacement of the base due to the slider-crank is<sup>32</sup>

$$\bar{y}(\tau) = \frac{R}{L} \cos(\Omega_o \tau) + \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{R}{L} \right)^2 \sin^2(\Omega_o \tau) \right]^{1/2} \quad (a)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \tau &= \omega_n t \quad \bar{y} = y/L \quad \Omega_o = \omega_o/\omega_n \\ 1 - \frac{R}{L} &\leq \bar{y} \leq 1 + \frac{R}{L} \end{aligned} \quad (b)$$

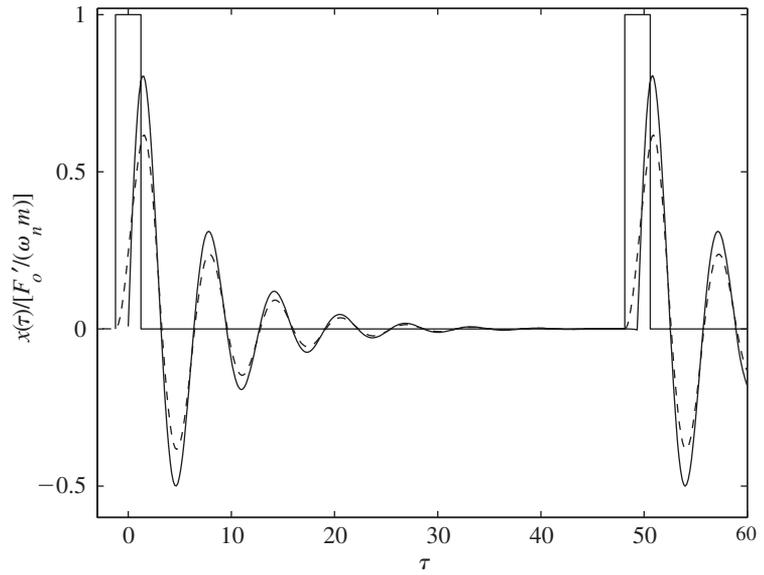
and  $\omega_o$  is the rotational frequency of the crank arm of length  $R$ . The corresponding velocity is

$$\frac{d\bar{y}}{d\tau} = -\Omega_o \frac{R}{L} \left[ \sin(\Omega_o \tau) + \frac{(R/L) \sin(\Omega_o \tau) \cos(\Omega_o \tau)}{\sqrt{1 - (R/L)^2 \sin^2(\Omega_o \tau)}} \right] \quad (c)$$

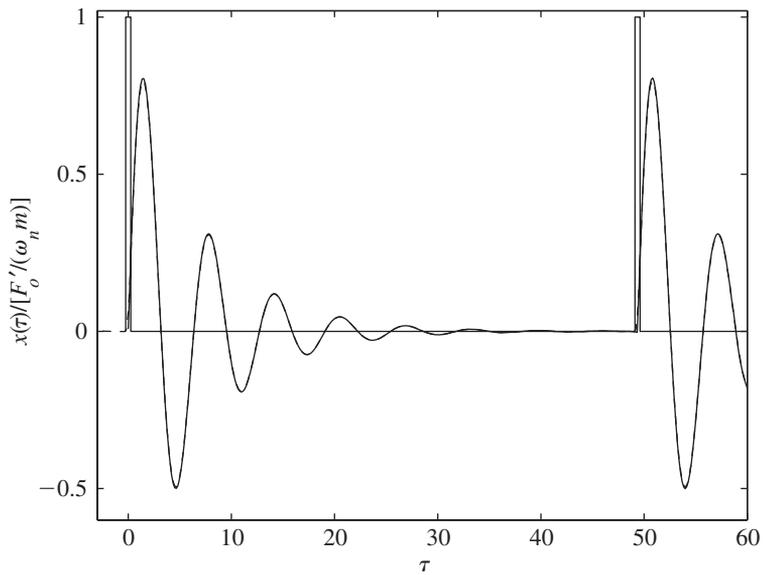
In this notation, Eq. (5.76) takes the form

$$\frac{d^2 w}{d\tau^2} + 2\zeta \frac{dw}{d\tau} + w = 2\zeta \frac{dy}{d\tau} + \bar{y} \quad (d)$$

<sup>32</sup>S. G. Kelly, *Fundamentals of Mechanical Vibrations*, 2nd ed., McGraw Hill, NY, pp. 171–173 (2000); E. Brusa et al., “Torsional Vibration of Crankshafts: Effects of Non-Constant Moments of Inertia,” *J. Sound Vibration*, Vol. 205, No. 2, pp. 135–150 (1997).



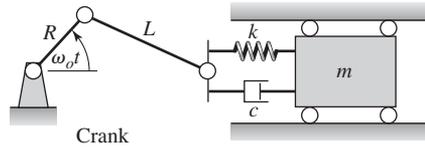
(a)



(b)

**FIGURE 5.43**

Responses of a single degree-of-freedom system to periodic force impulses and periodic force pulse train: (a)  $t_d/T = 0.05$  and (b)  $t_d/T = 0.01$ . (The solid lines are the responses to the periodic impulses and the dashed lines are the responses to the pulse train. For case (b), the responses are indistinguishable.)

**FIGURE 5.44**

Slider-crank mechanism connected to the base of a system.

where the response of the slider has been scaled as

$$w = x/L \quad (e)$$

### Numerical Results and Discussion

The excitation described by Eq. (a) is periodic and has the Fourier components at frequencies given by the harmonics of the (dimensionless) fundamental frequency  $\Omega_o$ . Instead of using the analytical expressions presented in this section, due to the form of  $\bar{y}(\tau)$  and its derivative, it is convenient to solve this equation numerically.<sup>33</sup> We assume the following sets of parameters: a)  $R/L = 0.8$ ,  $\zeta = 0.1$ , and  $\Omega_o = 0.3, .5$ , and  $1$ ; and b)  $R/L = 0.1$ ,  $\zeta = 0.1$ , and  $\Omega_o = 0.3, .5$ , and  $1$ . The results are shown in the Figures 5.45 and 5.46, respectively. The dashed horizontal lines in these figures represent the amplitude limits of  $\bar{y}$ .

The presence of multiple frequency components in the excitation (the slider-crank's displacement) results in a response with more than one frequency component. By expanding Eq. (a), we can see that the second harmonic is a consequence of the second term's contribution to the displacement. Thus, for  $|R/L| \ll 1$ , Eq. (a) is approximated by

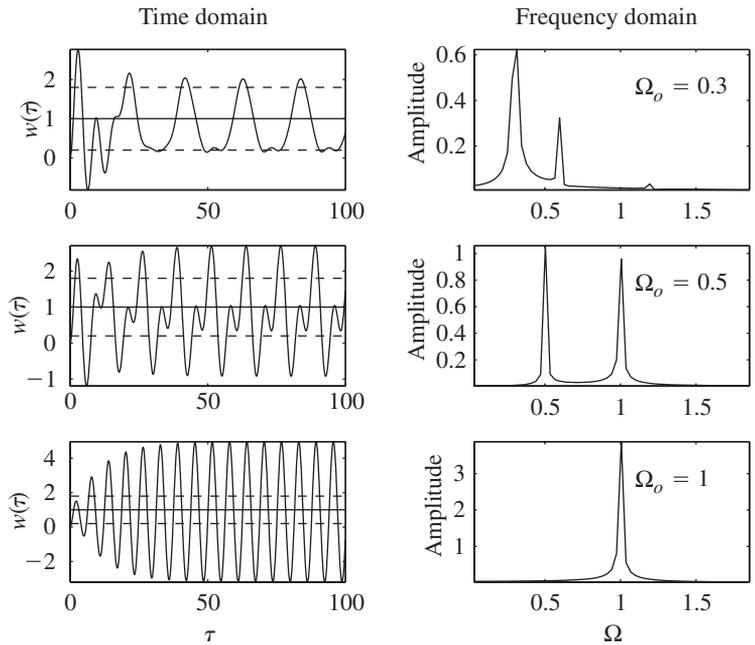
$$\bar{y} = 1 - \left(\frac{R}{2L}\right)^2 + \frac{R}{L} \cos(\Omega_o \tau) + \left(\frac{R}{2L}\right)^2 \cos(2\Omega_o \tau) - \dots \quad (f)$$

While expansion given by Eq. (f) is sufficient for  $R/L = 0.1$ , higher order terms will be needed for  $R/L = 0.8$ .

We see from Figures 5.45 and 5.46 that the transient response has died out by the time  $\tau = 50$ . If we take the discrete Fourier transform (DFT) of the steady-state portion of the displacement response ( $\tau > 50$ ), then we can determine the frequency content of the steady-state response. The frequency spectrum indicates that the relative magnitude of the second harmonic is a function of the rotation frequency of the slider-crank mechanism and the ratio  $R/L$ , as can be seen in Eq. (f).

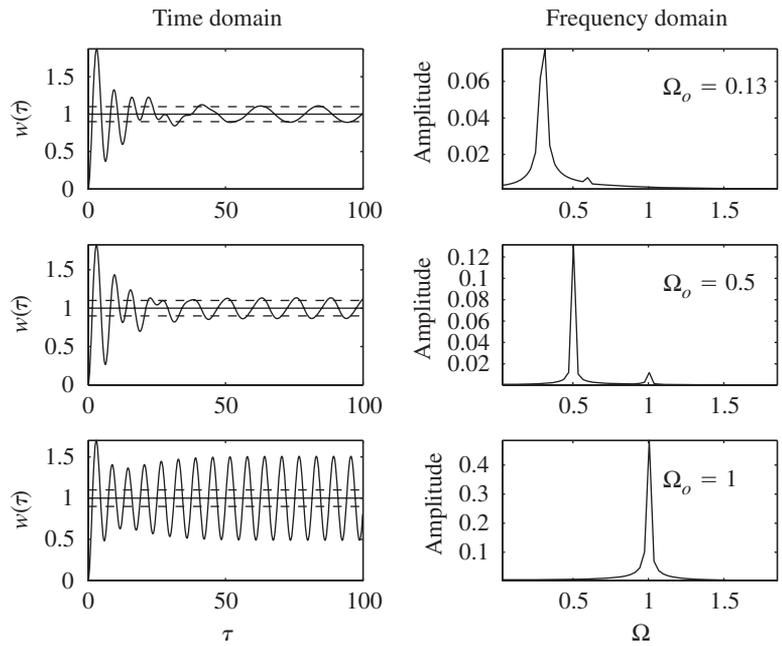
The relationship of the rotation frequency of the slide-crank mechanism to the natural frequency of the system influences the relative magnitudes of the two dominant frequency components of the base's displacement. From Eq. (f), we see that the ratio of amplitude of the second harmonic to the amplitude of fundamental frequency is  $a_{21} = R/(4L)$ . However, the system's

<sup>33</sup>The MATLAB function `ode45` was used to obtain the solution to Eq. (d) and the MATLAB function `fft` was used to determine the corresponding amplitude spectrum.



**FIGURE 5.45**

Slider-crank mechanism: displacement response of the mass and the steady-state response spectrum of the displacement for  $R/L = 0.8$  and  $\zeta = 0.1$ .



**FIGURE 5.46**

Slider-crank mechanism: displacement response of the mass and the steady-state response spectrum of the displacement for  $R/L = 0.1$  and  $\zeta = 0.1$ .

amplitude response function  $H_{mb}(\Omega)$ , given by Eqs. (5.82), modifies each of these components at their respective frequencies. Thus, the ratio of the amplitude of the second harmonic to that of the fundamental is

$$R_{21}(\Omega_o) = \frac{R}{4L} \frac{H_{mb}(2\Omega_o)}{H_{mb}(\Omega_o)} \quad (g)$$

We are now in a position to explain the amplitude spectral plots for  $\Omega_o = 0.5$ . From Eq. (5.89), we have seen that the magnification of a frequency located at the natural frequency of the base-excited system is approximately  $1/(2\zeta)$  for small damping factors. Since  $\zeta = 0.1$ , the magnification factor is 5. When  $\Omega_o = 0.5$ , the second harmonic coincides with the system's natural frequency, thereby magnifying it by a factor of 5. Thus, for case (1), where  $R/L = 0.8$ , we find that

$$R_{21}(0.5) = \frac{0.8}{4} \frac{H_{mb}(1)}{H_{mb}(0.5)} = 0.2 \left( \frac{5}{1.32} \right) = 0.76$$

and when  $R/L = 0.1$ ,

$$R_{21}(0.5) = \frac{0.1}{4} \frac{H_{mb}(1)}{H_{mb}(0.5)} = 0.025 \left( \frac{5}{1.32} \right) = 0.095$$

which are comparable to the numerical values determined from the figures.

## 5.10 INFLUENCE OF NONLINEAR STIFFNESS ON FORCED RESPONSE

In this section, we examine the forced response of nonlinear single degree-of-freedom systems to harmonic excitation of the form

$$f(\tau) = F_o \cos(\Omega_o \tau) \quad (5.161)$$

where  $F_o$  is the excitation amplitude,  $\Omega_o = \omega_o/\omega_n$  is the nondimensional frequency,  $\tau = \omega_n t$  is the nondimensional time, and  $\omega_o$  is the excitation frequency. The single-degree-of-freedom systems considered in this section have stiffness nonlinearity. In one case, the nonlinearity is cubic, while in another case, the nonlinearity is due to loss of contact in the system. Notions such as the backbone curve are discussed in this section and the effects of the nonlinearity on the frequency response of the system are illustrated. The dependence of the response on the excitation magnitude  $F_o$  is also studied.

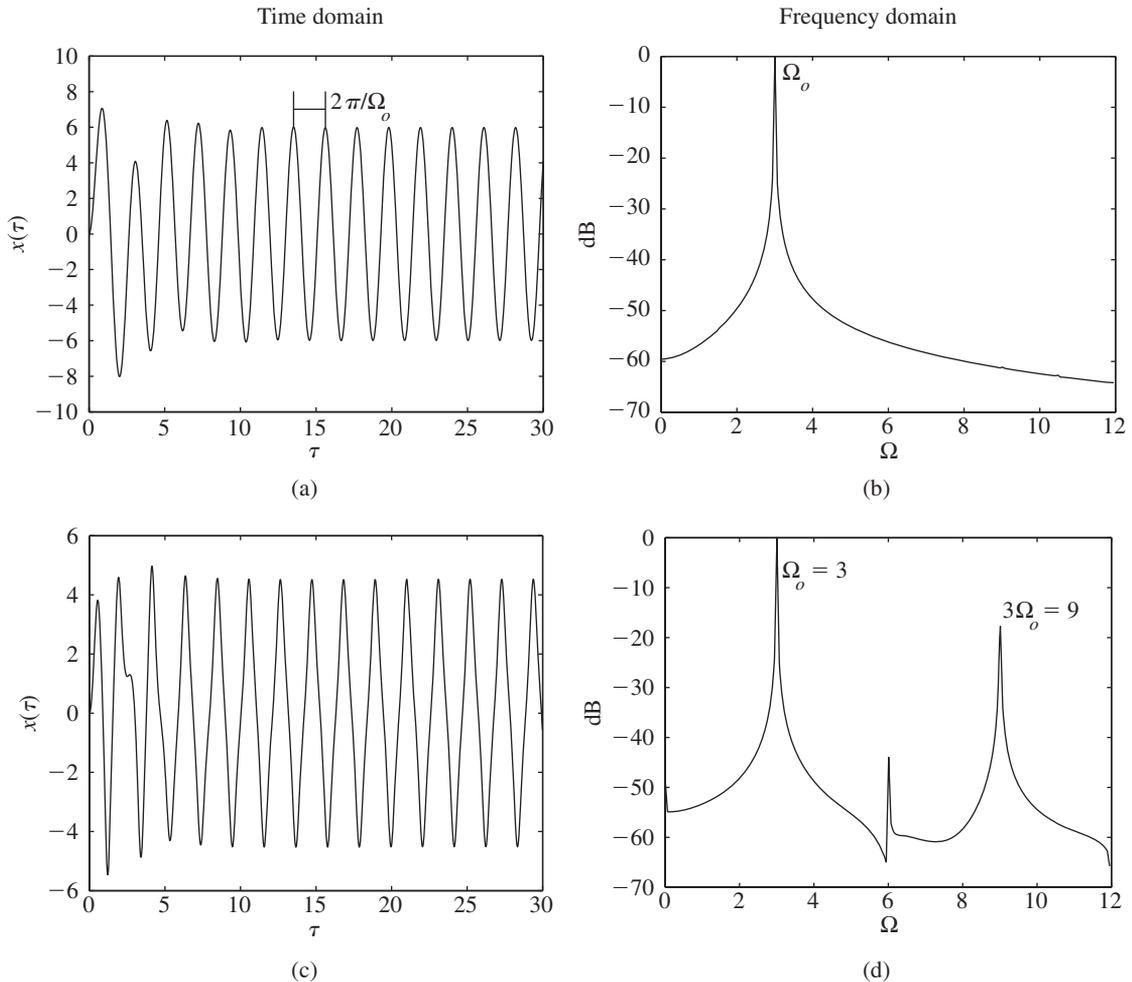
### Case 1: System with Cubic Nonlinearity

In this case, the system has the form

$$\frac{d^2x}{d\tau^2} + 2\zeta \frac{dx}{d\tau} + x + \alpha x^3 = \frac{F_o}{k} \cos(\Omega_o \tau) \quad (5.162)$$

where  $k$  is the linear stiffness and  $\alpha$  is the coefficient of the nonlinear term with units of  $(\text{length})^{-2}$ .

The solution to Eq. (5.162) has to be obtained numerically<sup>34</sup> for the nonlinear case ( $\alpha \neq 0$ ). For the linear and nonlinear cases, we assume that  $\Omega_o = 3$ ,  $\zeta = 0.4$ , and  $F_o/k = 50$  units; for the nonlinear case, we assume that  $\alpha = 1.5$ . The numerical solutions to Eq. (5.162) are presented in Figure 5.47, along with their amplitude spectra. The amplitude spectra were obtained from the steady-state portions of the signal;<sup>35</sup> that is, for  $\omega_n t > 10$ . We see that in



**FIGURE 5.47**

Displacement response of linear ( $\zeta = 0.4$ ) and nonlinear ( $\zeta = 0.4$  and  $\alpha = 1.5$ ) systems to harmonic excitation: (a) time history of linear system; (b) amplitude spectrum of linear system; (c) time history of nonlinear system; and (d) amplitude spectrum of nonlinear system.

<sup>34</sup>The MATLAB function `ode45` was used.

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the time domain, the steady-state nonlinear response is not sinusoidal. From an examination of the amplitude response, we see that it is the sum of two components; that at the driving frequency  $\Omega_o = 3$  and one additional one at the third harmonic,  $3\Omega_o = 9$ . The third harmonic is due to the nonlinear behavior of the spring.

For weak nonlinearity, the following approximation for the periodic amplitude response of the nonlinear system has been obtained<sup>36</sup> from a two-term approximate solution to Eq. (5.162)

$$X_o = \frac{S}{\sqrt{(1 \pm X_o^2 - \Omega^2)^2 + (2\zeta\Omega)^2}} \quad (5.163)$$

where  $\Omega = \omega/\omega_n$  and

$$X_o = X \sqrt{\frac{3\alpha}{4}} \quad \text{and} \quad S = \frac{F_o}{k} \sqrt{\frac{3\alpha}{4}} \quad (5.164)$$

In Eqs. (5.163) and (5.164),  $X$  is the nondimensional magnitude of the displacement of the mass,  $X_o$  is the nondimensional response amplitude, and  $S$  is the nondimensional force amplitude. In Eq. (5.163), the plus sign is used for a hardening spring ( $\alpha > 0$ ) and the minus sign is used for a softening spring ( $\alpha < 0$ ). A graph of Eq. (5.163) is given in Figure 5.48.<sup>37</sup> Unlike the case of a linear system, the maximum value of the amplitude occurs at an excitation frequency away from the natural frequency. This type of result also appears in the design of strain gauges.<sup>38</sup> In Figure 5.48, the amplitude information is presented along with information about the stability of the response.

In Figure 5.48, the solid lines are used to represent the loci of stable periodic responses and the broken lines are used to represent the loci of unstable responses. The determination of stability of periodic responses is not discussed here, but broadly speaking, an unstable periodic response is not stable to disturbances.<sup>39</sup>

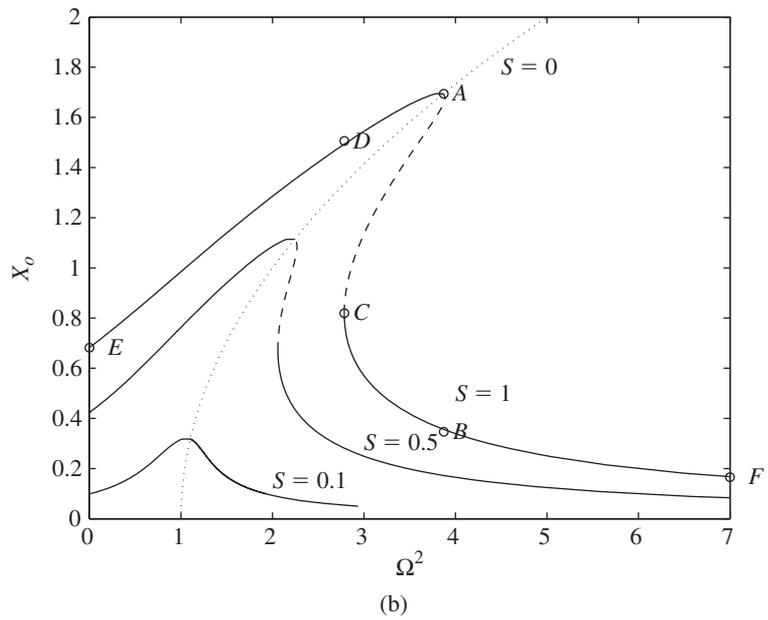
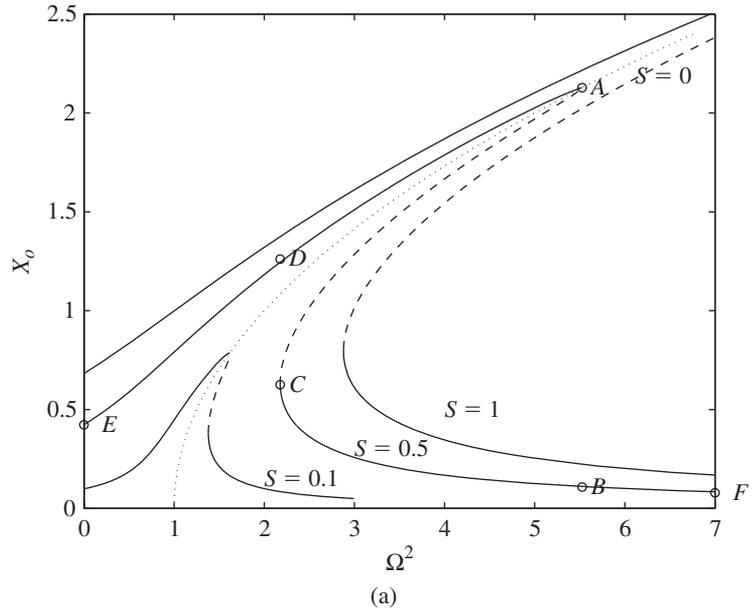
To examine what happens along a frequency-response curve, let us look at the curve plotted for  $\zeta = 0.05$  and  $S = 0.5$ . In this case, as the excitation frequency is increased gradually from 0, the response amplitude follows the branch *EDA*. At the excitation frequency corresponding to point *A*, a jump occurs, and for further increases in the excitation frequency, the response follows the branch *BF*. On the reverse sweep, as the excitation frequency is decreased from the value corresponding to the point *F*, the response follows the branch *FBC* before a jump takes place at point *C*. For further decrease in the excitation frequency, the response follows the branch *DE*.

<sup>36</sup>See, for example, L. S. Jacobsen and R. B. Ayre, *Engineering Vibrations*, McGraw-Hill, NY, pp. 286–293 (1958); or A. H. Nayfeh and D. T. Mook, *Nonlinear Oscillations*, John Wiley & Sons, NY (1979).

<sup>37</sup>For  $\alpha < 0$ , the curves would “bend” in the other direction.

<sup>38</sup>C. Gui et al., “Nonlinearity and Hysteresis of Resonant Strain Gauges,” *J. Microelectromechanical Systems*, Vol. 7, No. 1, pp. 122–127 (March 1998).

<sup>39</sup>A. H. Nayfeh and B. Balachandran, *Applied Nonlinear Dynamics: Analytical, Computational, and Experimental Methods*, John Wiley & Sons, NY, Chapter 2 (1995).



**FIGURE 5.48**

Representative amplitude response for system with linear and nonlinear stiffness elements with  $\alpha > 0$ : (a)  $\zeta = 0.05$  and (b)  $\zeta = 0.15$ .

The locus of the peak amplitudes shown by a dotted line in Figure 5.48 is called a *backbone curve*. It is given by

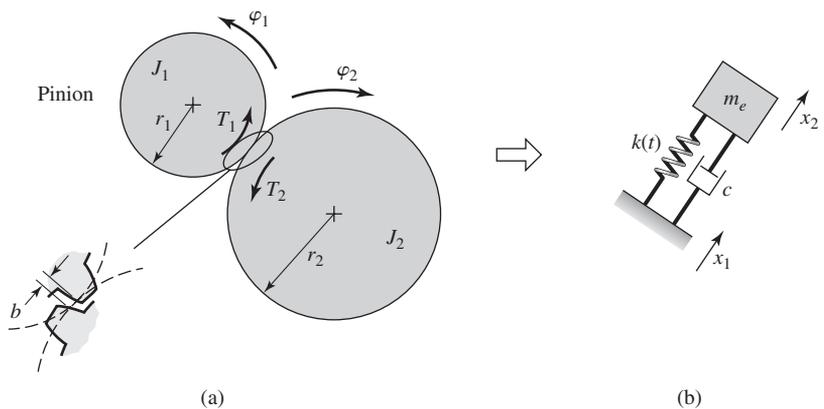
$$\Omega^2 = 1 + X_o^2 \quad (5.165)$$

When the nonlinearity is of the softening type, the frequency curves bend toward the left as the excitation amplitude is increased. Again, jumps occur in the response, beyond certain excitation amplitudes. Also, in some cases, chaotic motions, which are a form of aperiodic motions with identifiable characteristics, can be obtained.<sup>40</sup>

### Case 2: Dynamic interactions of gear teeth<sup>41</sup>

We shall derive the governing equation of motion for a pair of meshing gears that incorporates nonlinear stiffness characteristics, which arise in real systems due to the changing gear teeth contact regimes and the tooth separations due to tooth clearances (backlash). This governing equation is numerically solved to study the nonlinear behavior of the system.

The simplified gear system is shown in Figure 5.49a, where the gear centers are rigidly mounted and the stiffness and damping are provided by the elasticity and damping of the meshing gear teeth. The equivalent single degree-of-freedom system is shown in Figure 5.49b, where  $x_1$  is the tangential



**FIGURE 5.49**

(a) Meshing gears and (b) equivalent single degree-of-freedom system model.

<sup>40</sup>A. H. Nayfeh and B. Balachandran, *ibid.*

<sup>41</sup>For a more complete treatment of gear systems see, for example: A. Kahraman and R. Singh, "Interactions between time-varying mesh stiffness and clearance non-linearities in a geared system," *J. Sound Vibration*, Vol. 146, No. 1, pp. 135–156 (1991); A. Kahraman and G. W. Blankenship, "Interactions between commensurate parametric and forcing excitations in a system with clearance," *J. Sound Vibration*, Vol. 194, No. 3, pp. 317–336 (1996); C. Padmanabhan and R. Singh, "Analysis of periodically forced nonlinear Hill's oscillator with application to a geared system," *J. Acoustic Soc. Amer.*, Vol. 99, No. 1, pp. 324–334 (January 1996); and S. Theodossides and S. Natsiavas, "Non-linear dynamics of gear-pair systems with periodic stiffness and backlash," *J. Sound Vibration*, Vol. 229, No. 2, pp. 287–310 (2000).

displacement of a meshing tooth on gear 1 and  $x_2$  is the tangential displacement of the meshing tooth on gear 2. These quantities are related to the rotations by

$$x_j = r_j \varphi_j \quad j = 1, 2 \quad (5.166)$$

where  $r_j$  is the radius of gear  $j$  and  $\varphi_j$  is the angular rotation of gear  $j$ . The rotation  $\varphi_j$  is assumed to consist of a steady-state mesh speed  $\omega_j$ , where  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  are rotational speeds of gears 1 and 2, respectively, and a variation about this steady-state value given by  $\theta_j(t)$ ; that is,

$$\varphi_j(t) = \omega_j t + \theta_j(t) \quad j = 1, 2 \quad (5.167)$$

Thus, Eqs. (5.166) become

$$x_j = r_j(\omega_j t + \theta_j(t)) \quad j = 1, 2 \quad (5.168)$$

### Governing Equation of Motion

The meshing gear teeth are modeled as a single degree-of-freedom system with a moving base as shown in Figure 5.49b, where the quantity  $m_e$  is determined as follows. Since we have a system with a moving base, we form the difference between the displacements of gears 1 and 2 as

$$z = x_1 - x_2 = r_1 \theta_1 - r_2 \theta_2 \quad (5.169)$$

where we have used Eq. (5.168) and noted that  $r_1 \omega_1 = r_2 \omega_2$ . Next, we differentiate Eq. (5.169) twice with respect to time to obtain

$$\ddot{z} = r_1 \ddot{\theta}_1 - r_2 \ddot{\theta}_2 \quad (5.170)$$

However, from Figure 5.49a and Eqs. (1.17) and (1.21), we have that

$$\begin{aligned} T_1 &= J_1 \ddot{\varphi} = J_1 \ddot{\theta} = r_1 F \\ T_2 &= -J_2 \ddot{\varphi} = -J_2 \ddot{\theta} = r_2 F \end{aligned} \quad (5.171)$$

where  $T_j$  is the variation of the torque and  $F$  is the corresponding force. From Eqs. (5.170) and (5.171), we obtain

$$\ddot{z} = \frac{r_1^2}{J_1} F + \frac{r_2^2}{J_2} F = \left( \frac{r_1^2}{J_1} + \frac{r_2^2}{J_2} \right) F \quad (5.172)$$

or, equivalently, as

$$F = m_e \ddot{z} \quad (5.173)$$

where the effective inertia  $m_e$  is given by

$$m_e = \left( \frac{r_1^2}{J_1} + \frac{r_2^2}{J_2} \right)^{-1} \quad (5.174)$$

We assume that the stiffness of the gear tooth is the time-varying function

$$k(t) = k_o (1 - \epsilon \cos \omega_M t) \quad (5.175)$$

where  $k_o$  is the mean stiffness,  $\epsilon$  is a stiffness ratio, and  $\omega_M = n_1\omega_1 = n_2\omega_2$  is the rotating speed of the gears and  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  are the number of teeth on gears 1 and 2, respectively. The stiffness of the gear tooth is only engaged when the mating teeth come in contact; that is, after the mating tooth traverses a small separation distance  $b$ . This is similar, in principle, to the nonlinear spring system shown in Figure 4.24. Hence, we use the following relation to express the restoring force of the spring

$$F_s = k(t)h(z) \quad (5.176)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} h(z) &= 0 & |z| &\leq b \\ &= z - b \operatorname{sgn}(z) & |z| &> b \end{aligned} \quad (5.177)$$

The governing equation for the system shown in Figure 5.49 is, therefore,

$$m_e \ddot{z} + c\dot{z} + k(t)h(z) = f(t) \quad (5.178)$$

where we assume that the applied force on the teeth of the pinion is

$$f(t) = \frac{T_o}{r_1} (1 + \alpha \cos \omega_M t) \quad (5.179)$$

and  $T_o$  is the steady-state torque applied by the pinion and  $\alpha$  is a parameter used to select the magnitude of the time-varying portion of the torque. To convert Eq. (5.178) to a nondimensional form, we introduce the following definitions

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_n^2 &= \frac{k_o}{m_e} & 2\zeta &= \frac{c}{m_e \omega_n} & \Omega_M &= \frac{\omega_M}{\omega_n} \\ \tau &= \omega_n t & f_o &= \frac{T_o}{r_1 b k_o} & p &= \frac{z}{b} \end{aligned} \quad (5.180)$$

Then, Eq. (5.178) becomes

$$\ddot{p} + 2\zeta \dot{p} + (1 - \epsilon \cos \Omega_M \tau) h(p) = f_o (1 + \alpha \cos \Omega_M \tau) \quad (5.181)$$

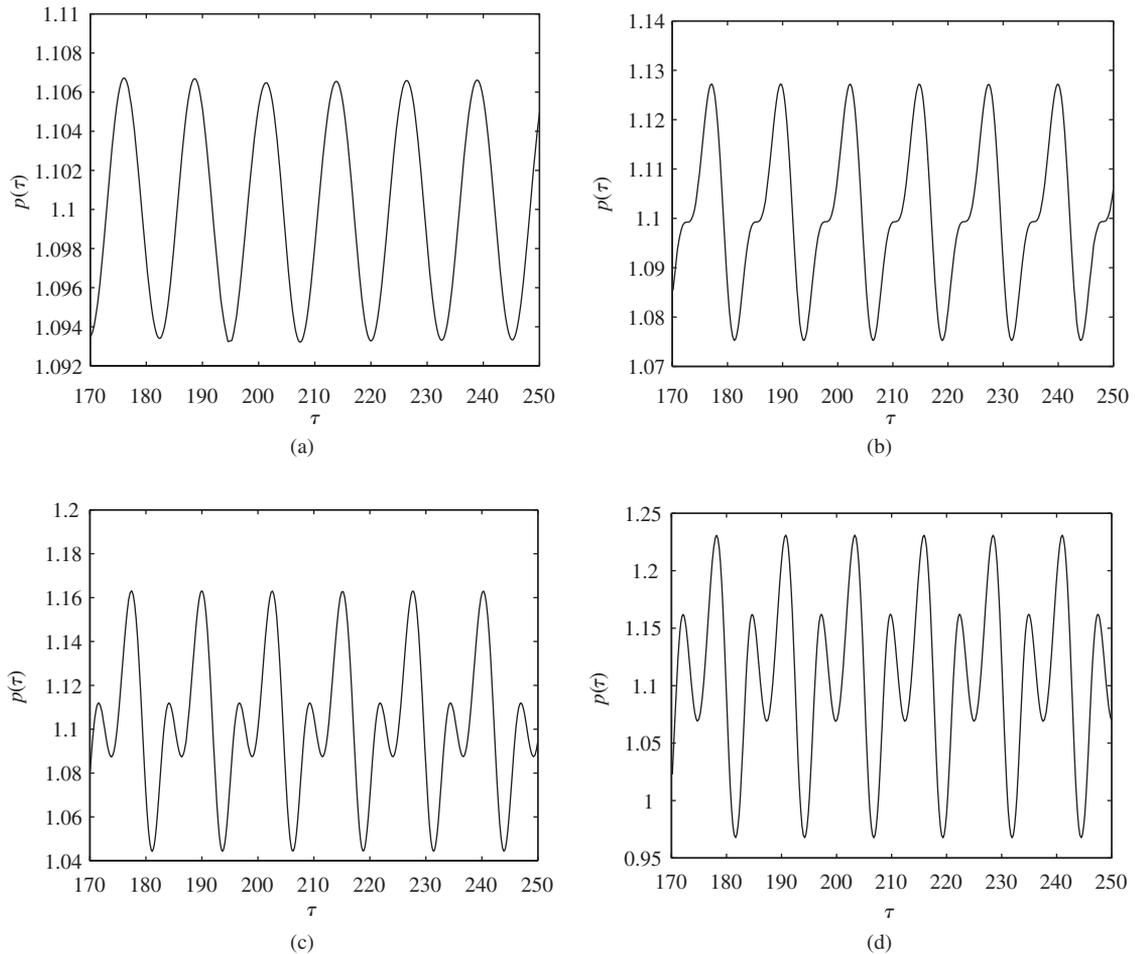
where the overdot indicates the derivative with respect to  $\tau$  and

$$\begin{aligned} h(p) &= 0 & |p| &\leq 1 \\ &= p - \operatorname{sgn}(p) & |p| &> 1 \end{aligned} \quad (5.182)$$

### Numerical Results

The steady-state responses of the numerical evaluation<sup>42</sup> of Eq. (5.181) are shown in Figure 5.50. It is seen that for  $\epsilon = 0$  the steady-state time histories exhibit a harmonic response. As the magnitude of  $\epsilon$  increases, the steady-state response is transformed into a nonharmonic periodic solution with an increasing peak-to-peak value.

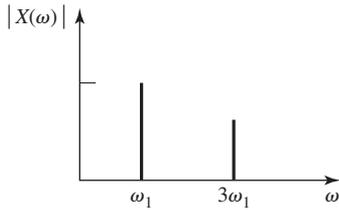
<sup>42</sup>The MATLAB function `ode45` was used.

**FIGURE 5.50**

Steady-state time histories of gear system for  $\Omega_M = 0.5$ ,  $\zeta = 0.05$ ,  $\alpha = 0.05$ ,  $f_o = 0.1$ : (a)  $\epsilon = 0$ ; (b)  $\epsilon = 0.1$ ; (c)  $\epsilon = 0.2$ ; and (d)  $\epsilon = 0.4$ .

### EXAMPLE 5.20 Determination of system linearity from amplitude response characteristics

Suppose that you are told that you have a single degree-of-freedom system subjected to periodically varying excitation with a known magnitude  $A_o$ . An engineer gives you a spectrum of the displacement of the mass, which is shown in Figure 5.51. The engineer wants to know what could cause the spectrum to look like this and if there is a way to determine the cause if there is more than one way that this could have occurred.



**FIGURE 5.51**  
Spectrum of the output of single degree-of-freedom system with unknown properties.

There are two possible scenarios in which this type of spectrum can occur. In one scenario, the excitation force is composed of two frequency components, one at  $\omega_1$  and the other at  $3\omega_1$  and the system has a linear stiffness. The other scenario is one where the system is subjected to a force at frequency  $\omega_1$  and the system has a nonlinear cubic spring, such as the one described in this section. Both of these scenarios can produce this spectrum.

There are two independent ways to determine which of these scenarios is applicable here. One can subject the system's spring to a series of known static forces, which includes as one of its values the forcing amplitude  $A_o$ , and measure the corresponding displacements. A plot of the force levels versus the observed displacement magnitudes would reveal whether or not the spring is linear or nonlinear. (Recall Figures 2.8 and 2.13.) If the system is linear, then assuming that the inertia and damping elements are linear, the forcing excitation contains two frequency components.

Another approach to examine if the second scenario is present is to subject the mass to a periodic force at frequency  $\omega_1$  only. If the spectrum of the displacement has only one frequency component, the system is linear, whereas if it contains two components, the system is nonlinear.

## 5.11 SUMMARY

In this chapter, responses of single degree-of-freedom systems subjected to harmonic and other periodic excitations are studied. Different sources of forcing such as rotating unbalance and base excitation are considered. The notions of system resonance and frequency-response functions are also introduced and explained. The topic of vibration isolation is discussed at length. The underlying principles of an electrodynamic shaker and an accelerometer are also explained. For the different damping models, the notion of an equivalent viscous damping is introduced and explained. Free-displacement curves for linear and nonlinear damping models are examined in the context of energy dissipation.

## EXERCISES

### Section 5.2.1

**5.1** A vibratory system with a natural frequency of 10 Hz is suddenly excited by a harmonic excitation at 6 Hz. What should the damping factor of the system be so that the system settles down to within 5% of the steady-state amplitude in 200 ms?

### Section 5.2.2

**5.2** A 150 kg mass is suspended by a spring-damper combination with a stiffness of  $30 \times 10^3$  N/m and a viscous-damping constant of 1500 N·s/m. The mass is initially at rest. Calculate the steady-state displacement amplitude and phase if the mass is

excited by a harmonic force amplitude of 70 N at 3 Hz.

**5.3** The dynamic amplification or attenuation of a single degree-of-freedom system is defined as the ratio of the steady-state magnitude of the displacement response to its static displacement  $F_o/k$ , where the mass is being driven by a harmonic force of magnitude  $F_o$ . Find the dynamic amplification or attenuation of a single degree-of-freedom system that is being excited at 100 rad/s and has the following system parameters:  $m = 100$  kg,  $k = 20$  kN/m, and  $c = 6000$  N · s/m.

**5.4** Consider the two independent single degree-of-freedom systems in Figure E5.4 that are each being forced to vibrate harmonically at the same frequency  $\omega$ . The excitation on System 1 starts at  $t = 0$ , and the excitation on System 2 starts at  $t = t_o$ ; that is,

$$f_1(t) = F_1 \sin(\omega t)u(t)$$

$$f_2(t) = F_2 \sin(\omega[t - t_o])u(t - t_o)$$

a) Use Eqs. (5.1) to (5.9) to show that the steady-state responses of the two systems are

$$x_{1ss}(\tau) = \frac{F_1}{k_1} H(\Omega, \zeta_1) \sin(\Omega\tau - \theta(\Omega, \zeta_1))$$

$$x_{2ss}(\tau) = \frac{F_2}{k_2} H(\Omega/\omega_r, \gamma\zeta_1) \sin(\Omega/\omega_r(\tau - \tau_o) - \theta(\Omega/\omega_r, \gamma\zeta_1))$$

where  $\Omega = \omega/\omega_{n1}$ ,  $\omega_r = \omega_{n2}/\omega_{n1}$ ,  $\gamma = \zeta_2/\zeta_1$ , and

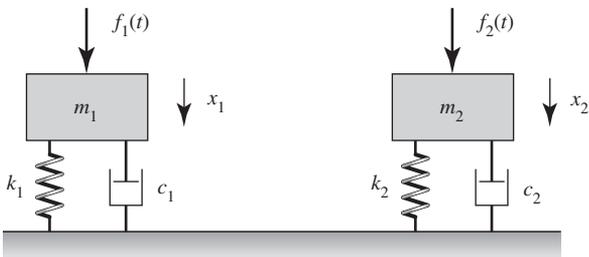


FIGURE E5.4

$$H(a, b) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1 - a^2)^2 + (2ba)^2}}$$

$$\theta(a, b) = \tan^{-1} \frac{2ba}{1 - a^2}$$

b) If both systems are operating in their respective mass-dominated regions, then what is the ratio of the magnitudes of the amplitudes of System 2 to that of System 1 and their relative phase.

**Section 5.2.4**

**5.5** The control tab of an airplane elevator is shown schematically in the Figure E5.5. The mass moment of inertia  $J_o$  of the control tab about the hinge point  $O$  is known, but the torsional spring constant  $k_1$  associated with the control linkage is difficult to evaluate, and hence, the natural frequency  $\omega_n = \sqrt{k_t/J_o}$  is difficult to determine. An experiment is designed to determine this natural frequency of the system. In this experiment, the elevator is rigidly mounted, springs with stiffness  $k_1$  and stiffness  $k_2$  are attached to the control tab, and the tab is harmonically excited at an amplitude  $e$ , as illustrated in the figure. The excitation frequency  $\omega$  is varied until resonance occurs at  $\omega = \omega_r$ , and this value is noted. Assuming that the damping in the system is negligible, determine an expression for  $\omega_n$  in terms of  $\omega_r, k_1, k_2, J_o$ , and  $L$ .

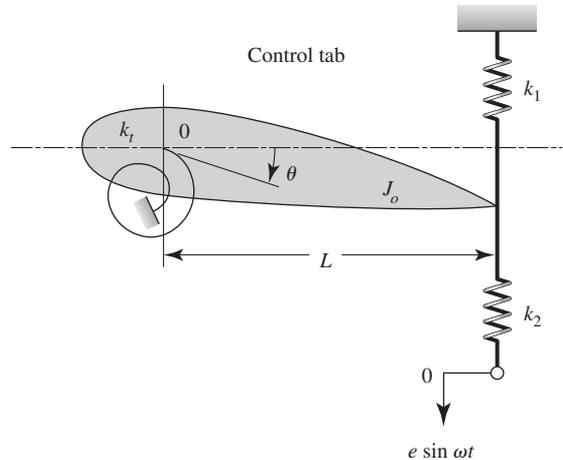


FIGURE E5.5

**5.6** Consider translational motions of a vibratory system with a mass  $m$  of 200 kg and a stiffness  $k$  of 200 N/m. When a harmonic forcing of the form  $F_o \sin(\omega t)$  is suddenly applied to the mass of the system, where  $F_o = 1.0$  N, determine the responses of the system and plot them for the following cases: (a)  $\omega = 0.2$  rad/s, (b)  $\omega = 1.0$  rad/s, and (c)  $\omega = 2.0$  rad/s, and discuss the results.

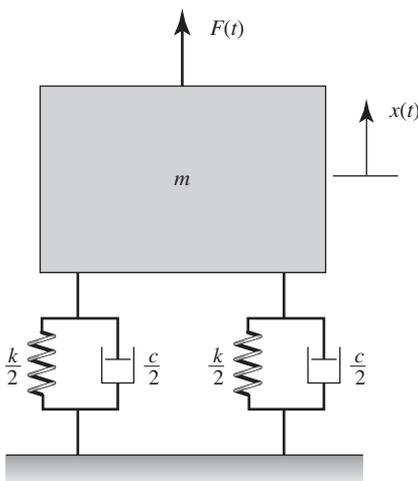
**Section 5.3.3**

**5.7** A micromechanical resonator is to be designed to have a  $Q$  factor of 1000 and a natural frequency of 2 kHz. Determine the system-damping factor and the system bandwidth.

**5.8** If a sensor modeled as a mass-spring-damper system is to be redesigned so that its sensitivity is increased by a factor of four, determine the corresponding percentage changes in the system natural frequency and damping ratio.

**Section 5.3.4**

**5.9** Consider the machine of 25 kg mass that is mounted on springs and dampers as shown in Figure E5.9. The equivalent stiffness of the spring combination is 9 kN/m, and the equivalent damping of the damper combination is 150 N·s/m. An excitation



**FIGURE E5.9**

force  $F(t)$  is directly applied to the mass of the system, as shown in the figure. Consider the displacement  $x(t)$  as the output, the forcing  $F(t)$  as the input, and determine the frequency response of this system.

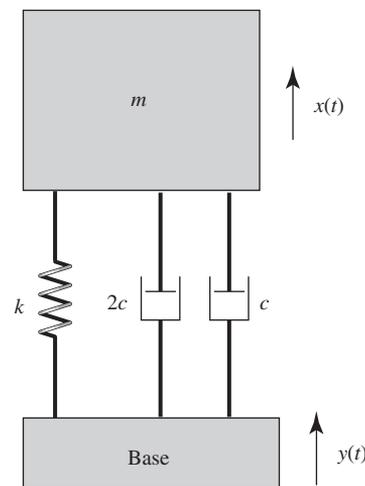
**Section 5.4**

**5.10** An air compressor with a total mass of 100 kg is operated at a constant speed of 2000 rpm. The unbalanced mass is 4 kg and the eccentricity is 0.12 m. The properties of the mounting are such that the damping factor  $\zeta = 0.15$ . Determine the following: (a) the spring stiffness that the mounting should have so that only 20% of the unbalance force is transmitted to the foundation and (b) determine the amplitude of the transmitted force.

**5.11** A motor of mass  $m$  is mounted at the end of a cantilever beam and it is found that the beam deflects 10 mm. When the motor is running at 1800 rpm, an unbalanced force of 100 N is measured. If the beam damping is negligible and its mass can be neglected, then what speed should the motor operate at so that the amplitude of the dynamic response is less than  $a_o$  m.

**Section 5.5**

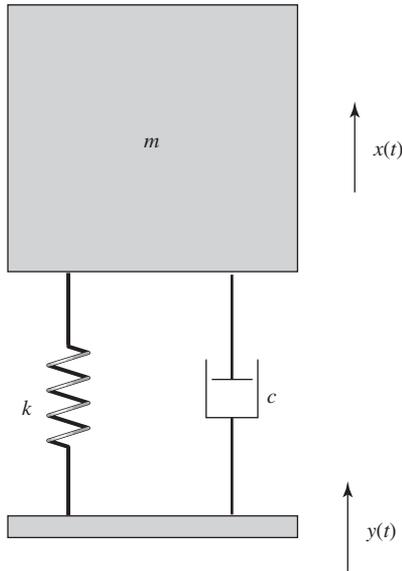
**5.12** In the system shown in Figure E5.12,  $y(t)$  is the base displacement and  $x(t)$  is the displacement



**FIGURE E5.12**

response of the mass  $m$ . Consider the base velocity  $\dot{y}$  as the input, the acceleration response  $\ddot{x}(t)$  as the output, and determine the frequency-response function of this system.

**5.13** The damped single degree-of-freedom mass-spring system shown in Figure E5.13 has a mass  $m = 20$  kg and a spring stiffness coefficient  $k = 2400$  N/m. Determine the damping coefficient of the system, if it is given that the mass exhibits a response with an amplitude of 0.02 m when the support is harmonically excited at the natural frequency of the system with an amplitude  $Y_o = 0.007$  m. In addition, determine the amplitude of the dynamic force transmitted to the support.



**FIGURE E5.13**

### Section 5.6

**5.14** An accelerometer is being designed to have a uniform amplitude frequency response of  $\pm 1\%$  up to  $f_a = 8$  kHz. What is the maximum damping ratio allowed if the phase angle is to be less than  $2^\circ$  over this frequency range?

**5.15** Determine the phase shift and amplitude error in the output of an accelerometer that has a natural frequency of 25 kHz and a damping ratio of 0.1, when it is measuring vibrations at 1 kHz.

### Section 5.7

**5.16** A rotating machine runs intermittently. When it is operating, it is rotating at 4200 rpm. The mass of the machine is 100 kg, and it is supported by an elastic structure with an equivalent spring constant of 160 kN/m and a viscous damper of damping coefficient of 2400 N · s/m that is in parallel with the spring. The engineer would like to keep the maximum transmission ratio less than 2.3 during the period that it takes the machine to reach the operating speed. If a spring is inserted in series with the damper, then what is the best value of the stiffness of this spring in order to have a  $TR < 0.08$  when the machine is at its operating speed?

**5.17** A compressor weighing 1000 kg operates at 1500 rpm. The compressor was originally attached to the floor of a building, but it produced undesirable vibrations to the building. To reduce these vibrations to the building, it is proposed that a concrete block be poured that is separated from the building and that the compressor then be mounted to this block. The location of the compressor will permit the block to be 1.8 m by 2.2 m. The soil on which the concrete block will rest has a compression coefficient  $k_c = 20 \times 10^6$  N/m<sup>3</sup>. If the density of the concrete is  $23 \times 10^3$  N/m<sup>3</sup>, then determine the height of the concrete block so that there is an 80% reduction in the force transmitted to the soil.

### Section 5.8

**5.18** Show that the work done per cycle by an harmonic force acting directly on the mass of a linear spring-mass-damper system is equal to the energy dissipated by the system per forcing cycle.

**5.19** A spring-mass system with  $m = 20$  kg and  $k = 8000$  N/m vibrates horizontally on a surface with coefficient of friction  $\mu = 0.2$ . When excited harmonically at 5 Hz, the steady-state displacement of the mass is 10 cm. Determine the equivalent viscous damping.

**5.20** The area of the hysteresis loop of a cyclically loaded system, which is the energy dissipated per forcing cycle, is measured to be  $10 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$ , and the measured maximum response  $X_o$  of the deflection is  $2 \text{ cm}$ . Calculate the equivalent viscous damping coefficient of this system if the driving force has a frequency of  $30 \text{ Hz}$ .

### Section 5.9

**5.21** Torsional oscillations of a vibratory system is governed by the following equation

$$J_o \ddot{\varphi} + c_t \dot{\varphi} + k_t \varphi = M_1 \cos(\omega_1 t) + M_2 \cos(\omega_2 t)$$

where

$$J_o = 20 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2, \quad k_t = 20 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}/\text{rad}, \\ c_t = 20 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}/(\text{rad}/\text{s})$$

$$M_1 = 10 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}, \quad M_2 = 20 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}, \\ \omega_1 = 1.0 \text{ rad}/\text{s}, \quad \text{and} \quad \omega_2 = 2.0 \text{ rad}/\text{s}$$

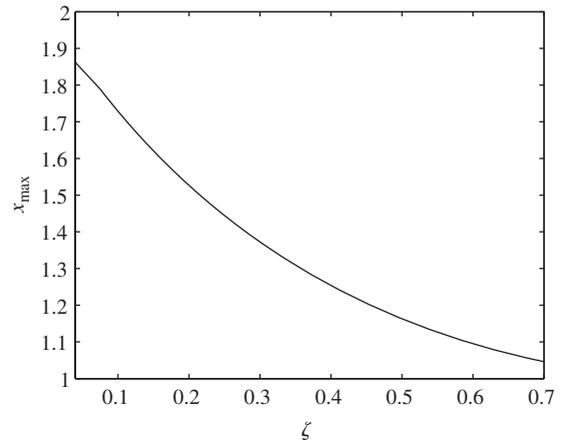
Determine the steady-state response of the system.

**5.22** Determine an expression for the output of an accelerometer with the damping factor  $\zeta$  and natural frequency  $\omega_n$ , when it is mounted on a system executing periodic displacement motions of the form

$$y = A_1 \sin \omega_1 t + A_2 \sin \omega_2 t$$

**5.23** A single degree-of-freedom system is driven by the periodic triangular wave excitation as shown in Case d of Appendix B. If the period  $T = 2 \text{ s}$  and the amplitude  $f_o = 10 \text{ N}$ , then find the steady-state response of the system by considering the first three harmonics of the forcing. Assume that the system parameters are  $k = 10 \text{ kN}/\text{m}$ ,  $c = 10 \text{ N} \cdot \text{s}/\text{m}$  and  $m = 1 \text{ kg}$ .

**5.24** Consider again the results of Example 5.17, where the response of a single degree-of-freedom system to a periodic pulse train was studied. If we were to differentiate Eq. (c) of this example with respect to  $f$  and set the result equal to zero, then the value of  $\tau = \tau_{\max}$  that satisfies this equation in one period is the time at which the maximum value  $x_{\max} = x(\tau_{\max})$



**FIGURE E5.24**

occurs. Use MATLAB (or a similar programming language), to determine  $x_{\max}$  as a function of the damping ratio for  $\Omega_o = 0.042426$  and  $\alpha = 0.4$ . The results should look like those shown in Figure E5.24.

**5.25** Repeat Exercise 5.24, except for the abscissa use the nondimensional bandwidth of the system. Explain your results.

**5.26** Consider the base excitation of a single degree-of-freedom system shown in Figure 3.6 and whose motion is described by Eq. (5.76). If the displacement of the base is the periodic sawtooth waveform described by Case c in Appendix B, then obtain an expression for the displacement of the system's mass.

**5.27** Consider a sine wave forcing of magnitude  $F_o$  and frequency  $\omega_b$  that has a duration of  $N$  periods  $t_p$ , where  $t_p = 2\pi/\omega_b$ . This sine wave is repeated every period  $T$ , where  $T = Mt_p = 2\pi/\omega_o$ ,  $M \geq N$ , and  $N$  and  $M$  are integers. If this periodic waveform is applied to the mass of a single degree-of-freedom system, then

$$f(t) = F_o \sin(\omega_b t) [u(t) - u(t - t_b)] \\ 0 \leq t \leq T, \quad 0 < t_b < T \quad (\text{a})$$

where  $t_b = Nt_p$  and  $f(t) = f(t + T)$ . See Figure E5.27a.

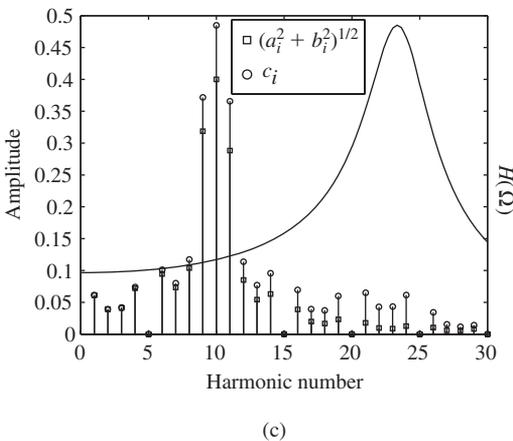
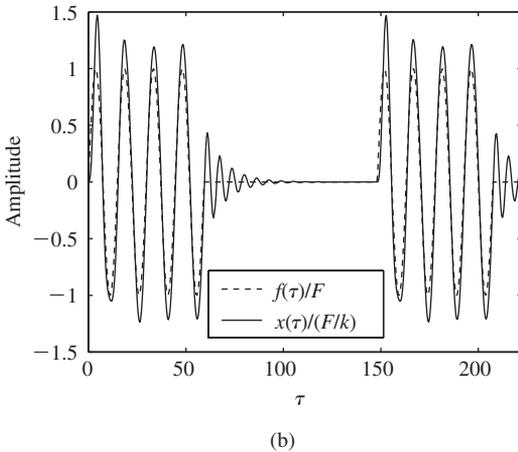
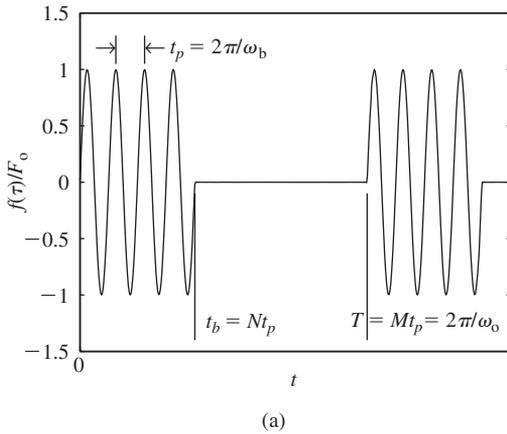


FIGURE E5.27

a) Expand Eq. (a) in a Fourier series and show that

$$a_0 = 0$$

$$a_i = \frac{1}{\pi M} \frac{1 - \cos(2\pi i N/M)}{1 - (i/M)^2} \quad i \neq M$$

$$a_i = 0 \quad i = M$$

$$b_i = \frac{-1}{\pi M} \frac{\sin(2\pi i N/M)}{1 - (i/M)^2} \quad i \neq M$$

$$b_i = \frac{N}{M} \quad i = M$$

These results were obtained by noting that  $\omega_b t_b = 2\pi N$ ,  $\omega_o/\omega_b = 1/M$ , and  $\omega_b T = 2\pi M$ .

b) Determine the displacement response of the mass by using Eq. (b) and Eqs. (5.159) and (5.160).

c) Assume that  $N = 4$ ,  $M = 10$ ,  $\Omega_o = 0.0424$  or  $0.3333$ , and  $\zeta = 0.1$  or  $0.7$ . Using MATLAB, or a comparable programming language, generate the equivalent figures for this excitation as those shown in Figure 5.31. One pair of the results should look like that shown in Figures E5.27b and c for  $\Omega_o = 0.0424$  and  $\zeta = 0.1$ . Explain these results.

### Section 5.10

5.28 Consider the following nonlinear single degree-of-freedom system subjected to a harmonic excitation, where  $f_o = 300$  N,  $\omega = \omega_n/3$ ,  $m = 100$  kg,  $c = 170$  N/m/s,  $k = 2$  kN/m, and  $\alpha = 10$  kN/m<sup>3</sup>. Assume that the initial conditions are  $x(0) = 0.01$  m and  $v(0) = 0.1$  m/s. Compute the time response of the system and associated amplitude spectrum of steady-state motions and compare it with the corresponding quantities of the linear system; that is, when  $\alpha = 0$ .

$$m\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + kx - \alpha x^3 = f_o \cos \omega t$$

5.29 Consider the following nonlinear single degree-of-freedom system subjected to a harmonic excitation, with the same values of parameters as in Exer-

cise 5.28, except that now the excitation frequency is at  $\omega = \omega_n$ .

$$m\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + kx + \alpha x^3 = f_o \cos \omega t$$

Compute the response of the system and compare it with that of the corresponding linear system. In ad-

dition, for this harmonic excitation, compare the differences between the responses of the system of softening stiffness discussed in Exercise 5.28 and the system of this exercise with hardening stiffness.



Mechanical systems and civil structures must be designed to withstand dynamic environments, which are often non periodic. The supporting structure of a rock breaker has to endure the intermittent application of non-periodic impulses generated during the rock breaking process. Structures such as the Seattle Space Needle must be designed to resist intermittent wind-induced forces. (Source: Stockxpert.com; Richard Nowitz / Getty Images.)

# 6

## Single Degree-of-Freedom Systems Subjected to Transient Excitations

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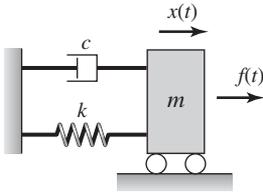
### 6.1 INTRODUCTION

In Chapter 4, free responses were discussed, and in Chapter 5, responses to harmonic and other periodic excitations were discussed. As illustrated in the last two chapters, a “sudden” change in the state of a system brought about by an initial condition or by a change in the profile of the forcing function results in transients in the response of the system. Here, the initial conditions are assumed to be zero, and the responses to various types of excitations such as impulse excitations, step inputs, ramp inputs, and pulse excitations are considered at length. All of these excitations are characterized by sudden changes

in their respective profiles of amplitude with time. When transformed to the frequency domain the responses to such transient excitations can also provide a basis for determining the characteristics of a system. The resulting displacement response, and several design criteria are established based on this information. In the systems considered in this chapter, the inertia element or the base of the system is subjected to a transient forcing.

**Solution for Response to Transient Excitation**

When the initial displacement  $X_o = 0$  and the initial velocity  $V_o = 0$ , the governing equation for an underdamped system ( $0 < \zeta < 1$ ) with a forcing acting on the mass as shown in Figure 6.1 is given by Eq. (5.2), which is repeated below.



**FIGURE 6.1**  
Spring-mass-damper system subjected to forcing  $f(t)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t) &= \frac{1}{m\omega_d} \int_0^t e^{-\zeta\omega_n\eta} \sin(\omega_d\eta) f(t - \eta) d\eta \\
 &= \frac{1}{m\omega_d} \int_0^t e^{-\zeta\omega_n(t-\eta)} \sin(\omega_d[t - \eta]) f(\eta) d\eta
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{6.1a}$$

In Eq. (6.1a),  $\eta$  is the variable of integration and it is recalled that the damped natural frequency  $\omega_d$  is given by

$$\omega_d = \omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}$$

In terms of nondimensional time  $\tau = \omega_n t$ , Eq. (6.1a) is written as

$$x(\tau) = \frac{1}{k\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \int_0^\tau e^{-\zeta(\tau-\xi)} \sin((\tau - \xi)\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}) f(\xi) d\xi
 \tag{6.1b}$$

where the variable of integration  $\xi = \omega_n \eta$ . We use Eqs. (6.1) as a basis for determining the responses to several different forcing functions.

In this chapter, we shall show how to:

- Analyze single degree-of-freedom systems subjected to abruptly changing forces, such as shocks, pulses, step functions, and ramps that are applied to the inertia element and to the base of the system.
- Study the significance of the ratio of the duration of a time-varying force to the period of free oscillation of the system.
- Relate the duration of a shock to its frequency content and study how this affects the system response.
- Determine the spectral energy of the input disturbance and the response.

## 6.2 RESPONSE TO IMPULSE EXCITATION

An impulse excitation is described by

$$f(t) = f_o \delta(t) \quad (6.2)$$

where  $f_o$  is the magnitude of the impulse and has the units<sup>1</sup> of N·s and  $\delta(t)$  is a generalized function called the *delta function*, which is defined by the property<sup>2</sup>

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - t_o) f(t) dt = f(t_o) \quad (6.3)$$

where  $f(t)$  is assumed to be continuous at  $t = t_o$ . After substituting Eq. (6.2) into Eq. (6.1a) and evaluating the integral, one obtains

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \frac{f_o}{m\omega_d} \int_0^t e^{-\zeta\omega_n\eta} \sin(\omega_d\eta) \delta(t - \eta) d\eta \\ &= \frac{f_o}{m\omega_d} e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \sin(\omega_d t) u(t) \end{aligned} \quad (6.4a)$$

which is rewritten in terms of the non dimensional time  $\tau = \omega_n t$  as

$$x(\tau) = \frac{f_o}{m\omega_n} \frac{e^{-\zeta\tau}}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \sin(\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}\tau) u(\tau) \quad (6.4b)$$

In Eqs. (6.4), the unit step function is included to indicate that the response is limited to those times for which  $t \geq 0$ . The displacement response given by Eq. (6.4b), which has the form of an exponentially decaying sinusoid for  $0 < \zeta < 1$ , is plotted in Figure 6.2 for  $\zeta = 0.1$  and  $\zeta = 0.4$ .

### Similarity to Response to Initial Velocity

The graphs shown in Figure 6.2 are qualitatively similar to those shown in Section 4.2.2 for a linear vibratory system subjected to no forcing and to an initial velocity. In fact, the form of the response given by Eq. (6.4a) is identical to that given by Eq. (4.13), which is given by

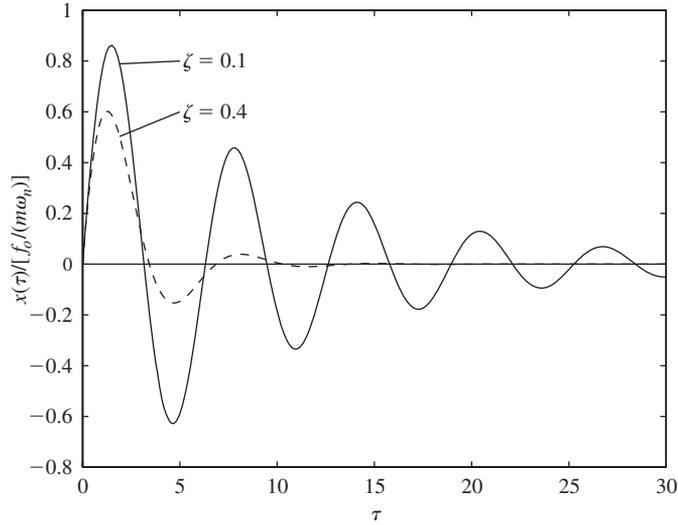
$$x(t) = \frac{V_o e^{-\zeta\omega_n t}}{\omega_d} \sin(\omega_d t) \quad (6.5)$$

<sup>1</sup>Based on Eqs. (6.2) and (6.3), the magnitude  $f_o$  of the impulse acting on the system is given by

$$f_o = \int_0^t f(t) dt$$

hence, the units N·s.

<sup>2</sup>See, for example, A. Papoulis, *The Fourier Integral and Its Applications*, McGraw-Hill, NY, p. 270 ff (1962).

**FIGURE 6.2**

Response of a system to an impulse.

Comparing Eqs. (6.4a) and (6.5), we see that

$$V_o = \frac{f_o}{m}$$

which should be expected since the change in linear momentum of a system is equal to the impulse applied to a system; that is, from Eq. (1.11), we have

$$\text{Change in momentum} = \int_0^t f(t) dt$$

Assuming that prior to applying the impulse the system is at rest, then  $V_o$  is the velocity of the mass after the impulse has acted on the system. In other words, the response of a system to an impulse is equivalent to the response of a system with the corresponding initial velocity.

#### Extremum of Response to an Impulse

In view of the identical nature of the response of the system to an impulse and that due to an initial velocity given by Eqs. (6.4a) and (6.5), respectively, the maximum displacement  $x_{\max}$  of the impulse response can be obtained directly from Eq. (4.18). Thus, since  $V_o = f_o/m$ , the first extremum is

$$x_{\max} = x(\tau_m) = \frac{f_o}{m\omega_n} e^{-\varphi/\tan \varphi} \quad (6.6)$$

which, from Eq. (4.17), occurs at

$$\tau_m = \frac{\varphi}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \quad (6.7)$$

where

$$\varphi = \tan^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}}{\zeta} \quad (6.8)$$

### Force Transmitted to Boundary

The force transmitted to the fixed boundary of Figure 6.1 is given by Eq. (3.10). Thus,

$$F_b = kx(t) + c \frac{dx(t)}{dt} = k \left[ x(t) + \frac{2\zeta}{\omega_n} \frac{dx(t)}{dt} \right] \quad (6.9)$$

After using Eq. (6.4a) and Eq. (D.12), we obtain for  $t > 0$  that

$$F_b = \frac{f_o \omega_n}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} e^{-\zeta \omega_n t} \sin(\omega_d t + \psi) \quad (6.10)$$

where the phase angle  $\psi$  is given by

$$\psi = \tan^{-1} \frac{2\zeta \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}}{1 - 2\zeta^2}$$

The maximum force transmitted to the fixed boundary occurs at the time  $t_m$  at which  $dF_b/dt = 0$ . Thus, Eq. (6.10) leads to

$$\omega_d t_m = \varphi - \psi \quad (6.11)$$

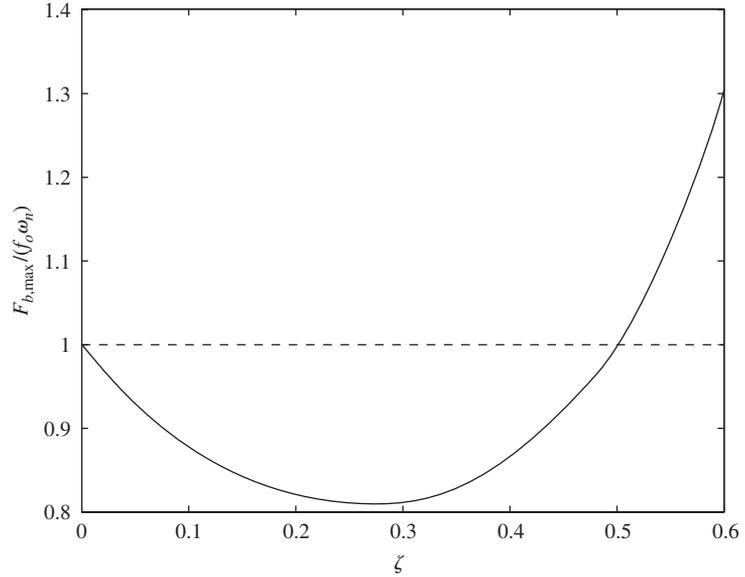
where  $\varphi$  is given by Eq. (6.8). Thus, the maximum normalized force<sup>3</sup> transmitted to the fixed boundary is given by

$$\frac{F_{b,\max}}{f_o \omega_n} = e^{-(\varphi - \psi)/\tan \varphi} \quad (6.12)$$

This result is plotted in Figure 6.3, where it is seen that  $F_{b,\max}/(f_o \omega_n)$  is a minimum at  $\zeta \approx 0.25$ , where  $F_{b,\max}/(f_o \omega_n) = 0.81$ . It is noted that as the damping increases beyond  $\zeta \approx 0.25$ , the magnitude of the transmitted force increases. From Eqs. (6.10) and (6.12) and Figure 6.3, one can deduce the following design guideline.

**Design Guideline:** To obtain the maximum decrease in the amount of force transmitted to the base of a linear single degree-of-freedom system due to an impulse (shock) loading, one can choose the damping ratio to be between 0.2 and 0.35. For this range of damping values, the maximum attenuation of the force transmitted to the fixed boundary will be around 18%. For a given damping ratio and magnitude of the impulse force, decreasing the natural frequency decreases the magnitude of the force transmitted to the fixed boundary.

<sup>3</sup>Strictly speaking, the force transmitted has an extremum at  $t = t_m$ . In order to determine that this force is a maximum here, we use numerical means.

**FIGURE 6.3**

Maximum magnitude of impulse force transmitted to fixed boundary.

### Time Domain and Frequency Domain Counterparts

We now examine the information corresponding to the displacement response given by Eq. (6.4a) in the frequency domain. To this end, we recall the following Fourier transform pair given by Eq. (5.60):

$$\frac{e^{-\zeta\omega_n t}}{\omega_d} \sin(\omega_d t) u(t) \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{(\zeta\omega_n + j\omega)^2 + \omega_d^2} \quad (6.13)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{(\zeta\omega_n + j\omega)^2 + \omega_d^2} &= \frac{1}{\omega_n^2 [1 - (\omega/\omega_n)^2 + 2j\zeta(\omega/\omega_n)]} \\ &= \frac{1}{\omega_n^2} H(\omega/\omega_n) e^{-j\theta(\omega/\omega_n)} \\ &= mG(j\omega) \end{aligned} \quad (6.14)$$

The amplitude response  $H(\omega/\omega_n)$  and the phase response  $\theta(\omega/\omega_n)$  are given by Eqs. (5.56a) and (5.56b), respectively, and  $G(j\omega)$  is the frequency-response function given by Eq. (5.55). Hence, based on Eqs. (6.13), the Fourier transform of the impulse response given by Eq. (6.4a) is

$$\frac{f_o e^{-\zeta\omega_n t}}{m\omega_d} \sin(\omega_d t) u(t) \Leftrightarrow \frac{f_o}{k} H(\omega/\omega_n) e^{-j\theta(\omega/\omega_n)} = f_o G(j\omega) \quad (6.15a)$$

When the magnitude of the impulse  $f_o$  is unity, a *unit impulse* is said to be applied to the system shown in Figure 6.1. The corresponding response is called the *impulse response* of the single degree-of-freedom system and is given by

$$h(t) = \frac{e^{-\zeta\omega_n t}}{m\omega_d} \sin(\omega_d t) u(t) \quad (6.15b)$$

This response is the time domain counterpart of its frequency-response function, which comprises the amplitude response  $H(\omega/\omega_n)$  and the phase response  $\theta(\omega/\omega_n)$ ; that is,

$$\frac{e^{-\zeta\omega_n t}}{m\omega_d} \sin(\omega_d t) u(t) \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{k} H(\omega/\omega_n) e^{-j\theta(\omega/\omega_n)} = G(j\omega) \quad (6.15c)$$

### Transfer Function and Frequency-Response Function

When the initial conditions are zero, the Laplace transform of the response given by Eq. (D.2) reduces to

$$X(s) = \frac{F(s)}{mD(s)} \quad (6.16)$$

which is rewritten as

$$X(s) = G(s)F(s) \quad (6.17)$$

where the transfer function  $G(s)$  is given by

$$G(s) = \frac{1}{mD(s)} \quad (6.18)$$

In the frequency domain, Eq. (6.17) becomes

$$X(j\omega) = G(j\omega)F(j\omega) \quad (6.19)$$

When an excitation of the form given by Eq. (6.2) is applied to a system, the corresponding Laplace transform is given by transform pair 5 in Table A of Appendix A. Thus,

$$F(s) = f_o \quad (6.20)$$

Hence, the corresponding Fourier transform  $F(j\omega)$  has a constant magnitude  $f_o$  over the entire frequency span. In other words, the magnitude of the amplitude spectrum of an impulse function is constant over the frequency range  $0 \leq \omega \leq \infty$ .

From a practical standpoint, an impulse function is hard to realize, since an ideal impulse has an “extremely large” magnitude that lasts an infinitesimally short time. However, a device called an impact hammer can be used in an experiment to apply a pulse of finite time duration to the mass of a system. An impact hammer usually has a built-in transducer to measure the force amplitude-time profile created by the hammer. The corresponding Fourier transform of the hammer’s pulse has a fairly constant magnitude over a finite

frequency bandwidth. As discussed in Section 6.6, this bandwidth becomes larger as the pulse duration is reduced.

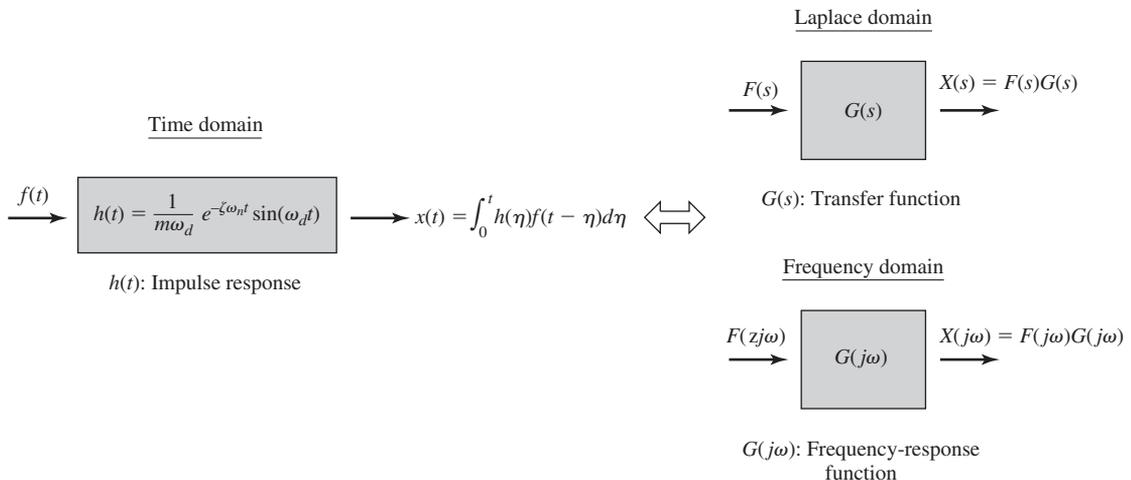
The notion of an impulse response leads to an experimental procedure to determine the frequency-response function. This procedure is an alternative to that discussed in Chapter 5 where a harmonic excitation was used to construct this function. Thus, one would use an impact hammer or another source to apply a force (or a moment) of very short time duration to the inertia element of a system, measure and digitize the forcing and displacement response signals, use the discrete Fourier transform on these signals to convert the time domain information to the frequency domain, and then determine the frequency-response function  $G(j\omega)$  based on Eq. (5.59c), which is appears in this chapter as Eq. (6.19).

### Response of a Linear System to Arbitrary Inputs Based on Impulse Response

Examining Eq. (6.17), which is in the Laplace domain, one can state that for a linear vibratory system the displacement response is the product of the system’s transfer function and the Laplace transform of the system input. Similarly, from Eq. (6.19), which is in the frequency domain, it can be stated that the displacement response is the product of the system’s frequency-response function and the Fourier transform of the system input. This input-output relationship, which is characteristic of all linear vibratory systems, is schematically illustrated in Figure 6.4.

From the transform pair 4 in Table A of Appendix A, we arrive at the time domain counterpart of Eq. (6.17); that is,

$$x(t) = \int_0^t h(\eta)f(t - \eta)d\eta \tag{6.21}$$



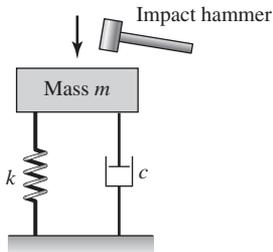
**FIGURE 6.4** System input-output relationships in time and transformed domains.

where  $f(t)$  is the forcing applied to the inertia elements and the function  $h(t)$  is the impulse response of the system; that is,

$$h(t) = \frac{1}{m\omega_d} e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \sin(\omega_d t) \quad (6.22)$$

As noted in Appendix D for Eq. (D.11), Eq. (6.21) is the convolution integral. Thus, the applied forcing is convolved with the system impulse response function over the time interval of interest to determine the system response as a function of time.

### EXAMPLE 6.1 Response of a linear vibratory system to multiple impacts<sup>4</sup>



**FIGURE 6.5**  
System inertia element struck by an impact hammer.

An impact hammer is used to manually apply an impulse to a model of a single degree-of-freedom system as illustrated in Figure 6.5. In experiments, a single impact is preferred; however, it is difficult to realize only a single impact and multiple impacts may occur. Assume that for a system with a mass of 2 kg, stiffness of 8 N/m, and damping coefficient of 2 N·s/m, a double impact of the form<sup>5</sup>

$$f(t) = \delta(t) + 0.5\delta(t - 1)$$

occurs. We shall determine the system response and compare it to that obtained when the second impact at  $t = 1$  s is absent.

For the given parameter values, the natural frequency  $\omega_n$  and the damping factor  $\zeta$  are determined, respectively, as

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{8 \text{ N/m}}{2 \text{ kg}}} = 2 \text{ rad/s}$$

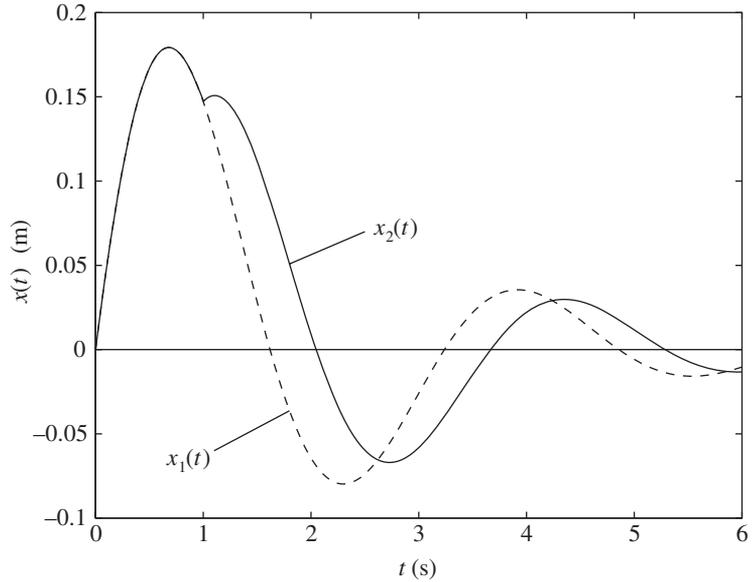
$$\zeta = \frac{2 \text{ N} \cdot \text{s/m}}{2 \times (2 \text{ kg}) \times (2 \text{ rad/s})} = 0.25$$

Since  $\zeta < 1$ , we have an underdamped system. Based on Eq. (6.4a), the response of the system subjected to a single impact starts at  $t = 0$  and is given by

$$\begin{aligned} x_1(t) &= \frac{1}{2 \times 2\sqrt{1 - 0.25^2}} e^{-(0.25 \times 2)t} \sin(2\sqrt{1 - 0.25^2}t) \text{ m} \\ &= 0.26e^{-0.5t} \sin(1.94t) \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

<sup>4</sup>D. J. Inman, *Engineering Vibration*, Prentice Hall, Upper Saddle River, NJ (2001).

<sup>5</sup>Of course, a pulse of a finite-time duration rather than the delta function better approximates the impact from a hammer. The responses to such pulse functions are discussed later in this chapter.



**FIGURE 6.6** Displacement responses to single impulse and two impulses one second apart.

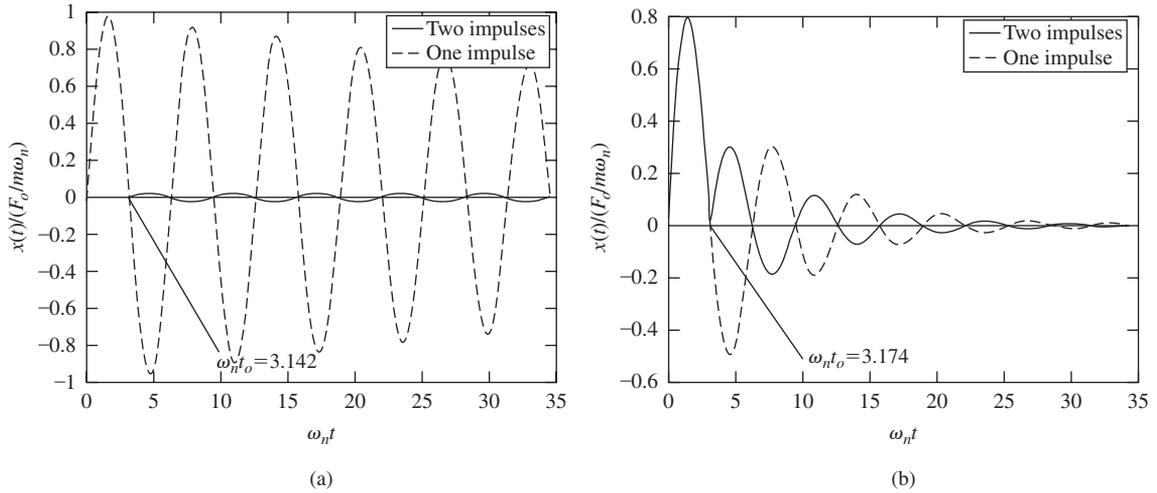
The response of the system subjected to the double impact is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_2(t) &= \underbrace{x_1(t)u(t)}_{\text{Response to first impact}} + \underbrace{0.5x_1(t-1)u(t-1)}_{\text{Response to second impact}} \\
 &= x_1(t)u(t) + (0.26 \times 0.5)e^{-0.5(t-1)} \sin(1.94(t-1))u(t-1) \text{ m} \\
 &= x_1(t)u(t) + 0.13e^{-0.5(t-1)} \sin(1.94(t-1))u(t-1) \text{ m}
 \end{aligned}$$

The unit step function  $u(t - 1)$  is used to indicate that the second impact affects the response only for  $t \geq 1$  s. Before one second, that is before the second impact occurs, the responses to the single and double impacts are identical, as seen in the graphs of the responses provided in Figure 6.6. However, after one second, the responses are different, as expected.

**EXAMPLE 6.2** Use of an additional impact to suppress transient response

We shall extend Example 6.1 in the following manner. Consider the system shown in Figure 6.1 that is subjected to an impulse of magnitude  $F_o \text{ N} \cdot \text{s}$  at  $t = 0$ . We then apply another impulse of magnitude  $F_o \text{ N} \cdot \text{s}$  at  $t = t_o$ . We shall determine the time  $t_o$  that minimizes the root mean square (rms) displacement response of the mass  $x_{\text{rms}}$  over the interval  $t_o \leq t \leq T_n$ , where,  $T_n = 2n\pi / \omega_d$

**FIGURE 6.7**

Response of the inertia element subjected to two impulses, where the second impulse has been applied so that the subsequent response is minimized over the duration of interest: (a)  $\zeta = 0.05$  and (b)  $\zeta = 0.15$ .

and  $n$  is an integer. The quantity  $T_1$  is the period of the damped oscillation. The choice of  $n$  is somewhat arbitrary, but from Figure 6.2 we see that  $n$  should increase as  $\zeta$  decreases.

From the statement of the problem, we have that

$$f(t) = F_o[\delta(t) + \delta(t - t_o)] \quad (\text{a})$$

Upon substituting Eq. (a) into Eq. (6.1a), we find that

$$x(t) = \frac{F_o}{m\omega_d} [e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \sin(\omega_d t)u(t) + e^{-\zeta\omega_n(t-t_o)} \sin(\omega_d(t-t_o))u(t-t_o)] \quad (\text{b})$$

The rms value over the specified time interval is given by

$$x_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{T_n} \int_{t_o}^{t_o+T_n} x^2(t) dt} \quad (\text{c})$$

Equation (c) is solved numerically by using a standard optimization procedure<sup>6</sup> to determine the earliest time  $t_o$  that gives the smallest value of  $x_{\text{rms}}$ . The results are shown in Figure 6.7 for  $\zeta = 0.01$  and  $\zeta = 0.15$ . It is seen from the figure that for a very lightly damped system, the application of an impulse at the nondimensional time  $\omega_n t_o = 3.142$  virtually eliminates the magnitude of the oscillations immediately after the application of the second impulse.

<sup>6</sup>The MATLAB function `fminsearch` was used.

However, the application of the second impact has less effect as the damping is increased. It is noted that the nondimensional half period of damped oscillations is  $\omega_n T_1/2 = \pi/\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}$ ; thus, for  $\zeta = 0.05$ , we have that  $\omega_n T_1/2 = 3.137$ . Therefore, for lightly damped systems, it is possible to greatly reduce the magnitude of oscillations after the application of another impulse if the second impulse is applied at a time approximately equal to the half period of its damped oscillation.

### EXAMPLE 6.3 Stress level under impulse loading

Consider the spring-mass-damper system shown in Example 6.1, and assume that the top of the spring is welded to the mass. The welding is over an area  $A_w = 4 \text{ mm}^2$ , and the allowed maximum stress for the weld material is  $\sigma_{w,\max} = 150 \text{ MN/m}^2$ . For an impulse of magnitude  $100 \text{ N} \cdot \text{s}$ , we shall determine whether the stress level in the weld material will be below the maximum allowed stress. It is assumed that  $\zeta = 0.25$ ,  $m = 200 \text{ kg}$ ,  $k = 800 \text{ N/m}$ , and therefore,  $\omega_n = 2 \text{ rad/s}$ .

The impulse is given by Eq. (6.2) with  $f_o = 100 \text{ N} \cdot \text{s}$ , and the corresponding displacement response of the system is determined from Eq. (6.4a). Then, the force acting on the weld material is determined and from the maximum value of this force, the maximum stress experienced by the weld material during the motions is determined. This value is compared to the maximum allowed stress level,  $\sigma_{w,\max}$ . The force acting on the weld material is given by

$$f_{\text{weld}}(t) = kx(t) \quad (\text{a})$$

The maximum force on the weld is given by Eq. (a) when  $x(t) = x_{\max}$ , where  $x_{\max}$  is given by Eq. (6.6). From Eq. (6.8), we find that

$$\varphi = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}}{\zeta} \right) = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\sqrt{1 - .25^2}}{.25} \right) = 1.318 \text{ rad} \quad (\text{b})$$

and, therefore,

$$\tan \varphi = \tan 1.318 = 3.873 \quad (\text{c})$$

Then, from Eq. (6.6),  $x_{\max}$  is

$$x_{\max} = \frac{100}{200 \times 2} e^{-1.318/3.873} = 0.178 \text{ m} \quad (\text{d})$$

By using Eqs. (a) and (d), the maximum force on the weld is

$$f_{\text{weld,max}} = kx_{\max} = 800 \times 0.178 = 142.4 \text{ N} \quad (\text{e})$$

Hence, the maximum stress  $\sigma_{w,\max}$  experienced by the weld material is given by

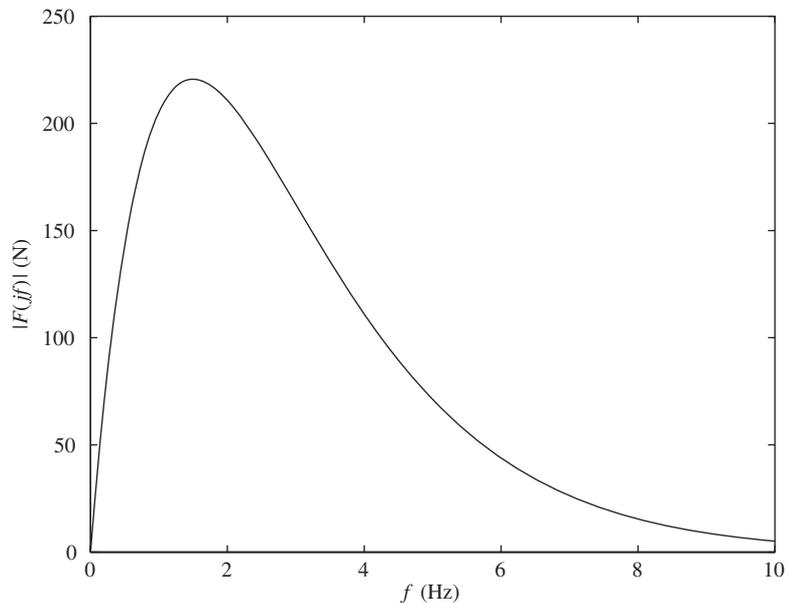
$$\sigma_{w,\max} = \frac{f_{\text{weld,max}}}{A_w} = \frac{142.4 \text{ N}}{4 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2} = 35.6 \text{ MN/m}^2 \quad (\text{f})$$

This value is well below the maximum allowed stress level in the weld material of  $150 \text{ MN/m}^2$ . To exceed the given value of maximum allowed stress, the impulse magnitude will have to be at least 4.2 times stronger than the present impulse magnitude.

### EXAMPLE 6.4 Design of a structure subjected to sustained winds

We shall determine an estimate of the outer diameter  $d_o$  of a 10 m high steel lamppost of constant cross-section that is subjected to sustained winds so that the maximum transverse displacement of the lamps on top of the lamppost does not exceed 5 cm. The mass of the lights on top of the lamppost is 75 kg. We assume that the lamppost is a cylindrical tube whose inner diameter is 95% of  $d_o$ , that the system acts as a beam in bending, and that it can be modeled as a single degree-of-freedom system. In addition, the damping ratio of the system is assumed to be  $\zeta = 0.04$ . The magnitude of the turbulence-induced wind force spectrum has been experimentally determined to be

$$|F(jf)| = 400 f e^{-0.667f} \text{ N} \quad (\text{a})$$



**FIGURE 6.8**

Assumed wind-induced force spectrum acting on the lamppost.

where  $f$  is frequency in Hz. The spectrum given by Eq. (a) is shown in Figure 6.8.

### Response in Frequency Domain

The solution is obtained by first determining from the displacement response in the frequency domain the value of the equivalent stiffness  $k$  for which the maximum amplitude  $|X(jf)|$  is less than 0.05 cm over the entire frequency range of  $|F(jf)|$ . After the magnitude of the equivalent stiffness is known, the value of  $d_o$  is determined from the relationship for the stiffness of a cantilever beam. Noting from Eq. (6.18) that the frequency-response function is

$$G(j\omega) = \frac{1}{m[(\zeta\omega_n + j\omega)^2 + \omega_d^2]} \quad (b)$$

the displacement response in the frequency domain is then determined from Eqs. (a) and (b), and Eq. (6.19). This response is converted from the radian frequency notation  $\omega$  to frequency  $f$  in Hz resulting in

$$|X(jf)| = \frac{|F(jf)|}{k} \left[ \left( 1 - \left( \frac{f}{f_n} \right)^2 \right)^2 + \left( \frac{2\zeta f}{f_n} \right)^2 \right]^{-1/2} \quad (c)$$

where the natural frequency  $f_n$  in Hz is

$$f_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \quad (d)$$

Upon substituting Eqs. (d) and (a) into Eq. (c) and noting that  $m = 75$  kg and  $\zeta = 0.04$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |X(jf)| &= \frac{400 f e^{-0.667f}}{k} \left[ \left( 1 - \left( 2\pi f \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}} \right)^2 \right)^2 + \left( 4\pi \zeta f \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}} \right)^2 \right]^{-1/2} \\ &= \frac{400 f e^{-0.667f}}{k} \left[ \left( 1 - \left( 2\pi f \sqrt{\frac{75}{k}} \right)^2 \right)^2 + \left( 4\pi(0.04)f \sqrt{\frac{75}{k}} \right)^2 \right]^{-1/2} \\ &= \frac{400 f e^{-0.667f}}{k} \left[ \left( 1 - 2960.9 \frac{f^2}{k} \right)^2 + 18.95 \frac{f^2}{k} \right]^{-1/2} \quad (e) \end{aligned}$$

We now plot Eq. (e) for three values of  $k$ : 20,000, 30,000, and 40,000 N/m. The results are shown in Figure 6.9. It is seen that as the stiffness increases, the natural frequency increases and the maximum magnitude of  $|X(jf)|$  decreases. This decrease is brought about by the fact that the spectral amplitude of  $|F(jf)|$  diminishes as  $f$  increases, when  $f$  is greater than about 1.6 Hz. Since this magnitude of the forcing is decreasing in this frequency region, the magnification by the system's frequency response function  $|H(jf)|$  in the damping-dominated region is magnifying a smaller quantity; hence, the peak magnitude of  $|X(jf)|$  becomes smaller.

Another way to determine approximately the peak responses is to recall the response of a system in the damping-dominated region given by Eq. (5.29); that is,

$$H(1) = \frac{1}{2\zeta} \quad (\text{f})$$

Thus, for  $\zeta = 0.04$ ,  $H(1) = 12.5$ . The values of  $|F(jf)|$  at the three the natural frequencies corresponding to the three stiffness values  $k_j$  are, respectively,

$$\begin{aligned} f_{n1} &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k_1}{m}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{20000}{75}} = 2.6 \text{ Hz} \\ f_{n2} &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k_2}{m}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{30000}{75}} = 3.18 \text{ Hz} \\ f_{n3} &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k_3}{m}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{40000}{75}} = 3.68 \text{ Hz} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{g})$$

Then, from Eqs. (a) and (g), we have that

$$\begin{aligned} |F(jf_{n1})| &= 400f_{n1}e^{-0.667fn1} = 400 \times 2.6e^{-0.667 \times 2.6} = 183.6 \text{ N} \\ |F(jf_{n2})| &= 400f_{n2}e^{-0.667fn2} = 400 \times 3.18e^{-0.667 \times 3.18} = 152.5 \text{ N} \\ |F(jf_{n3})| &= 400f_{n3}e^{-0.667fn3} = 400 \times 3.68e^{-0.667 \times 3.68} = 126.4 \text{ N} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{h})$$

These values could also have been obtained directly from Figure 6.8, but with less precision. Consequently, the peak magnitudes of the displacements at these three frequencies are, respectively,

$$\begin{aligned} |X(jf_{n1})| &= \frac{1}{k_1} |F(jf_{n1})| H(1) = \frac{183.6 \times 12.5}{20000} = 11.5 \text{ cm} \\ |X(jf_{n2})| &= \frac{1}{k_2} |F(jf_{n2})| H(1) = \frac{152.5 \times 12.5}{30000} = 6.35 \text{ cm} \\ |X(jf_{n3})| &= \frac{1}{k_3} |F(jf_{n3})| H(1) = \frac{126.4 \times 12.5}{40000} = 3.95 \text{ cm} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{i})$$

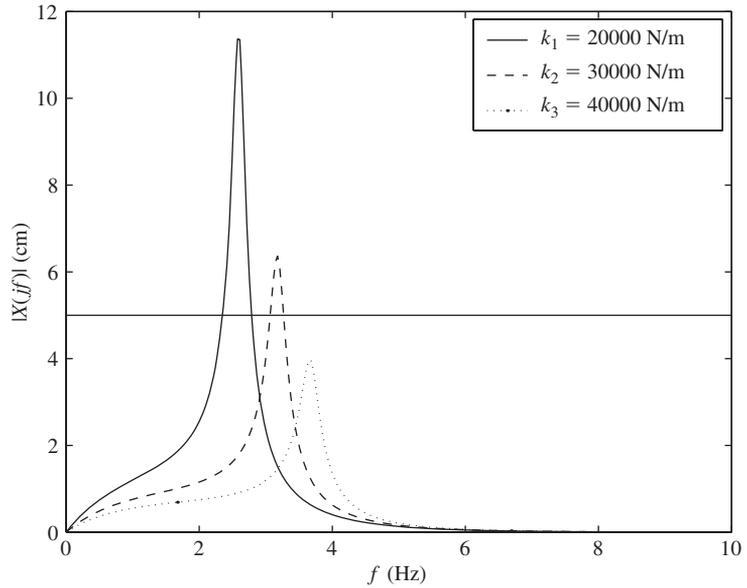
It is seen that these values correspond to their respective counterparts in Figure 6.9.

### Lamppost Parameters

The value of  $k$  that produces a maximum magnitude of  $|X(jf)|$  equal to 5 cm is determined numerically<sup>7</sup> to be 34,909 N/m. To determine the diameter of the cylindrical support, we note from entry 4 in Table 2.3 that

$$k = \frac{3EI}{L^3} \quad (\text{j})$$

<sup>7</sup>The MATLAB function `fzero` and the MATLAB function `fminbnd` from the Optimization Toolbox were used.

**FIGURE 6.9**

Displacement response spectrum of lamppost for three values of stiffness.

where

$$I = \frac{\pi}{32} (d_o^4 - d_i^4) \quad (\text{k})$$

Upon combining Eqs. (j) and (k), and noting that  $k = 34,909 \text{ N/m}$ ,  $d_i = 0.95d_o$ ,  $L = 10 \text{ m}$ , and  $E = 2.1 \times 10^{11} \text{ N/m}^2$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} d_o &= \sqrt[4]{\frac{32kL^3}{3E\pi(1 - (0.95)^4)}} \\ &= \sqrt[4]{\frac{32 \times 34,909 \times 10^3}{3\pi \times 2.1 \times 10^{11} \times (1 - (0.95)^4)}} \\ &= 0.235 \text{ m} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{l})$$

Thus, the outer diameter of the lamppost is 23.5 cm and its inner diameter 22.3 cm, resulting in a wall thickness of 1.2 cm.

## 6.3 RESPONSE TO STEP INPUT

The step input to a vibratory system shown in Figure 6.1 is expressed as

$$f(t) = F_o u(t) \quad (6.23)$$

where  $u(t)$  is the unit step function. After substituting Eq. (6.23) into Eq. (6.1a) to determine the displacement response, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t) &= \frac{F_o e^{-\zeta \omega_n t}}{m \omega_d} \int_0^t e^{\zeta \omega_n \eta} \sin(\omega_d [t - \eta]) d\eta \\
 &= \frac{F_o}{k} \left[ 1 - \frac{e^{-\zeta \omega_n t}}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \sin(\omega_d t + \varphi) \right] u(t)
 \end{aligned} \tag{6.24}$$

which is rewritten in terms of the nondimensional time  $\tau = \omega_n t$  as

$$x(\tau) = \frac{F_o}{k} \left[ 1 - \frac{e^{-\zeta \tau}}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \sin(\tau \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} + \varphi) \right] u(\tau) \tag{6.25}$$

where the phase angle  $\varphi$  is given by Eq. (6.8) and it has been assumed that the system is underdamped.

The maximum value  $x_{\max}$  is determined from the response given by Eq. (6.25) as follows. The extremum values  $x_{\max}$  are obtained by determining the times  $\tau_m$  at which the time derivative of  $x(\tau)$  given by Eq. (6.25) is zero; that is,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{dx(\tau)}{d\tau} &= \frac{F_o e^{-\zeta \tau}}{k} \left[ \frac{\zeta}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \sin(\tau \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} + \varphi) - \cos(\tau \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} + \varphi) \right] \\
 &= \frac{F_o e^{-\zeta \tau}}{k \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \sin(\tau \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2})
 \end{aligned} \tag{6.26}$$

where we have made use of Eq. (D.12). Then, setting  $dx(\tau)/d\tau = 0$ , we find that for  $\tau > 0$ , the first extremum occurs at

$$\tau_m = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \tag{6.27}$$

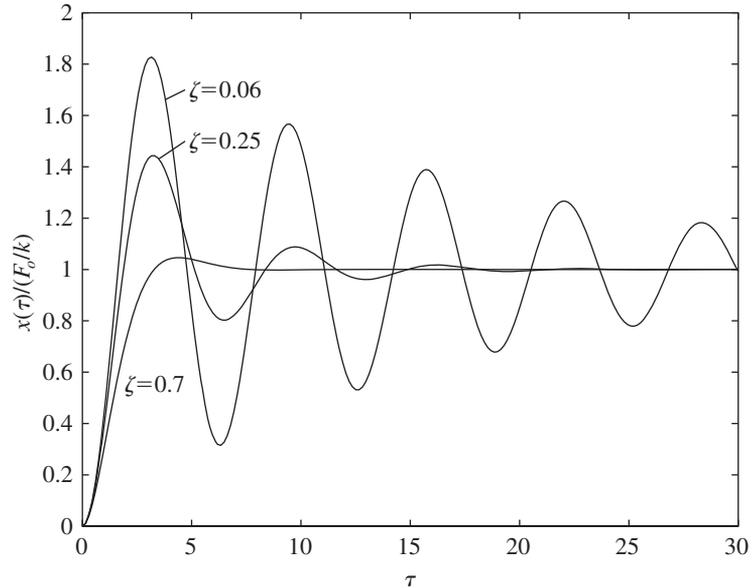
For the value of  $\tau_m$  given by Eq. (6.27), Eq. (6.25) evaluates to<sup>8</sup>

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_{\max} &= x(\tau_m) = \frac{F_o}{k} \left[ 1 - \frac{e^{-\zeta \tau_m}}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \sin(\tau_m \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} + \varphi) \right] \\
 &= \frac{F_o}{k} \left[ 1 - \frac{e^{-\zeta \pi / \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}}}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \sin(\pi + \varphi) \right] \\
 &= \frac{F_o}{k} [1 + e^{-\pi / \tan \varphi}]
 \end{aligned} \tag{6.28}$$

where we have made use of Eq. (4.15), that is,

$$\sin \varphi = \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}$$

<sup>8</sup>Strictly speaking, to verify that this extremum is indeed a maximum, one needs to verify that the second derivative is less than zero at  $\tau = \tau_m$ . We have, instead, determined numerically that the extremum is a maximum.

**FIGURE 6.10**

Responses of single degree-of-freedom systems with different damping factors to step inputs.

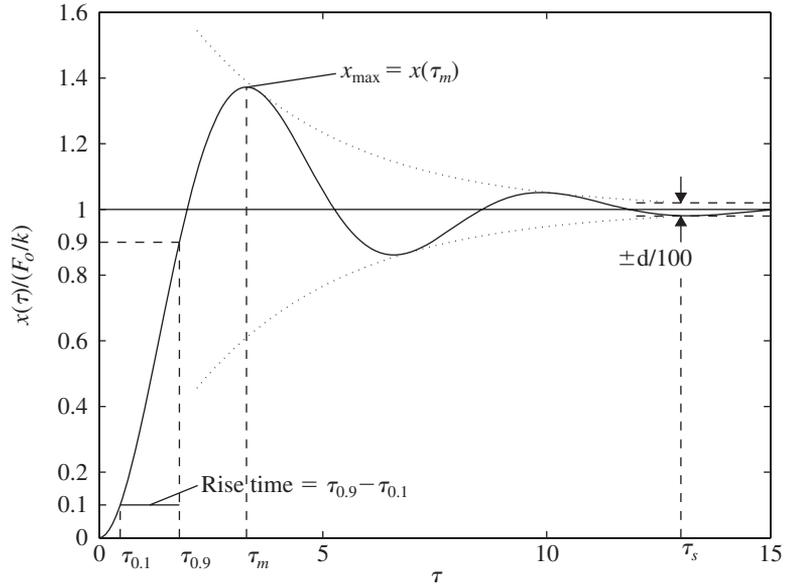
The response given by Eq. (6.25) consists of a constant term  $F_o/k$  and an exponentially decaying sinusoid for  $0 < \zeta < 1$ . This is plotted in Figure 6.10 for three different values of  $\zeta$ . From the responses shown in Figure 6.10, it is evident that the response of an underdamped system to a step input oscillates about the final settling position, which is at  $F_o/k$ , before settling down to it. This settling position, called the steady-state value, can also be determined from Eq. (6.25) by noting that

$$\lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} x(\tau) = \frac{F_o}{k} \quad (6.29)$$

To describe the features of the responses seen in Figure 6.10, the following definitions are introduced. These descriptors are useful for characterizing three important aspects of a linear system: (1) speed of response, (2) the magnification of the response by the system, and (3) time taken by the system to return to its equilibrium state. A graphical illustration of these definitions is provided in Figure 6.11.

### Rise Time

The *rise time*  $\tau_r = \omega_n t_r$  is the nondimensional time it takes for the response of a system to a step input to go from 10% of the steady-state value to 90% of the steady-state value. This quantity is a measure of how fast one can expect a system to overcome its inertia to a sudden change in the applied force. For the normalized response considered here—that is,

**FIGURE 6.11**

Definition of rise time, percentage overshoot, and settling time.

$$\tilde{x}(\tau) = \frac{x(\tau)}{F_o/k}$$

—the steady-state value is 1. Then

$$\tau_r = \omega_n t_r = \tau_{0.9} - \tau_{0.1} \quad (6.30)$$

where

$$\tilde{x}(\tau_{0.9}) = 0.9$$

$$\tilde{x}(\tau_{0.1}) = 0.1$$

In general, the rise time can also be determined for other waveforms. For example, consider a half-sine wave of frequency  $\omega$  and duration  $\pi/\omega$ ; that is,  $x(t) = \sin(\omega t)u(t - \pi/\omega)$ . Then the time to reach 90% of the steady-state value is

$$\omega t_r = \sin^{-1}(0.9) - \sin^{-1}(0.1) = 1.02$$

### Percentage Overshoot

The *percentage overshoot* is determined from

$$P_o = \left( \frac{x_{\max} - x_f}{x_f} \right) 100\% \quad (6.31)$$

where  $x_f$  is the final or steady-state value, which here is  $F_o/k$ , and  $x_{\max}$  is the maximum value of  $x(\tau)$ , which is given by Eq. (6.28). Thus, after substituting Eq. (6.28) into Eq. (6.31) we obtain

$$P_o = 100e^{-\pi/\tan \varphi} \% \quad (6.32)$$

The percentage overshoot is a measure of the magnification in the displacement response to a sudden change in the applied force. This quantity is important to know in the design of systems where, in a dynamic environment, interference, wear, undesirable contact between surfaces, and high stresses must be avoided.

### Settling Time

*Settling time*  $t_s$  is the time it takes for the displacement response of a system to a step input to decay to within  $\pm d$  % of the steady-state (final) value. It is a measure of a system's ability to return to an equilibrium state. Thus, from the envelope of the decay for underdamped oscillations discussed in Section 4.2 and Eq. (6.24), we have

$$\pm e^{-\zeta\omega_n t_s} = \frac{\pm d}{100}$$

or, equivalently,

$$\omega_n t_s = -\frac{1}{\zeta} \ln \frac{d}{100} \quad (6.33)$$

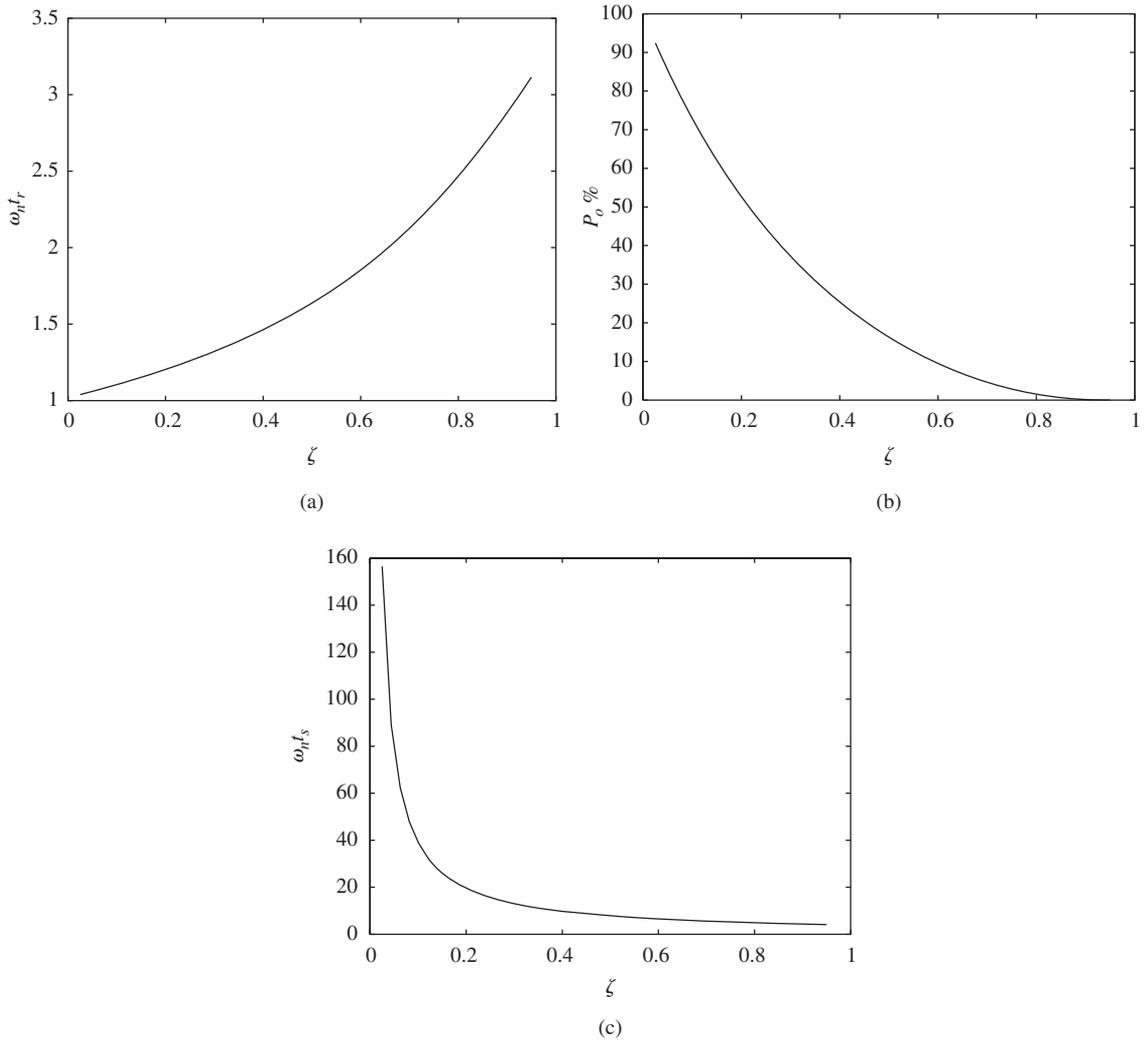
Expressions (6.30), (6.32), and (6.33) are evaluated numerically for underdamped oscillations and the corresponding values are plotted in Figure 6.12 as a function of  $\zeta$ . From these equations and Figure 6.12, one can deduce the following design limitations.

**Design Limitations:** For a linear single degree-of-freedom system with a mass  $m$  and a natural frequency  $\omega_n$ , the rise time, bandwidth, and percentage overshoot are determined by the damping ratio  $\zeta$ . Selecting  $\zeta$  to adjust any one characteristic affects the others. Thus, for example, decreasing  $\zeta$  (decreasing  $c$ ) to decrease rise time increases the percentage overshoot and the settling time.

Although an explicit relationship for the rise time could not be obtained, we can use standard curve fitting procedures<sup>9</sup> to fit the numerical results of Figure 6.12a to obtain the following expression for the rise time

$$t_r = \frac{1}{\omega_n} (-0.4377\zeta^2 + 1.3822\zeta^3 + 1.0174e^{0.8701\zeta})$$

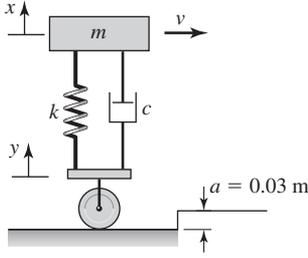
<sup>9</sup>The MATLAB function `lsqcurvefit` was used.

**FIGURE 6.12**

Underdamped oscillations: (a) rise time; (b) percentage overshoot; and (c) settling time to within  $\pm 2\%$ .

### EXAMPLE 6.5 Vehicle response to step change in road profile

Consider a car modeled as shown in Figure 6.13 with a mass of 1100 kg, a suspension stiffness of 400 kN/m, and suspension damping coefficient of 15 kN·s/m. The vehicle is traveling at a speed  $v = 64$  km/h and the step change in road elevation  $a = 0.03$  m is 160 m away from the vehicle at  $t = 0$ . We shall determine the vehicle displacement response.

**FIGURE 6.13**

Car suspension encountering a step change in road conditions.

The governing equation for the vehicle is given by Eq. (3.28), which is

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 2\zeta\omega_n \frac{dx}{dt} + \omega_n^2 x = 2\zeta\omega_n \frac{dy}{dt} + \omega_n^2 y \quad (\text{a})$$

where  $x(t)$  is the displacement response of the vehicle and  $y(t)$  is the base motion. Noting that the vehicle encounters the step change in the road condition at  $t_o = (160 \text{ m}) \times (3600 \text{ s/hr}) / (64 \times 10^3 \text{ m/hr}) = 9 \text{ s}$ , the base motion characterized by the step change is described by

$$y(t) = au(t - t_o) \quad (\text{b})$$

To determine the displacement response, we need to find the solution of the system

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 2\zeta\omega_n \frac{dx}{dt} + \omega_n^2 x = 2\zeta\omega_n a \delta(t - t_o) + a\omega_n^2 u(t - t_o) \quad (\text{c})$$

where we have made use of the fact that the derivative of a step function is the impulse function;<sup>10</sup> that is,

$$\frac{du(t - t_o)}{dt} = \delta(t - t_o) \quad (\text{d})$$

For the given parameter values, the damping factor is

$$\zeta = \frac{15 \times 10^3}{2 \times \sqrt{400 \times 10^3 \times 1100}} = 0.358 \quad (\text{e})$$

Since the system is underdamped, we can make use of Eqs. (4.1), (6.2), and (6.23) to determine that  $f_o = 2a\zeta\omega_n m$  and  $F_o = ak$ . Then, the displacement response is given by

$$x(t) = \frac{2\zeta a}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} e^{-\zeta\omega_n(t-t_o)} \sin(\omega_d(t - t_o)) u(t - t_o) + a \left[ 1 - \frac{e^{-\zeta\omega(t-t_o)}}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \sin(\omega_d(t - t_o) + \varphi) \right] u(t - t_o) \quad (\text{f})$$

where the step function  $u(t - t_o)$  indicates that the step affects the response only for  $t \geq t_o$ . For the given parameter values, it is found that

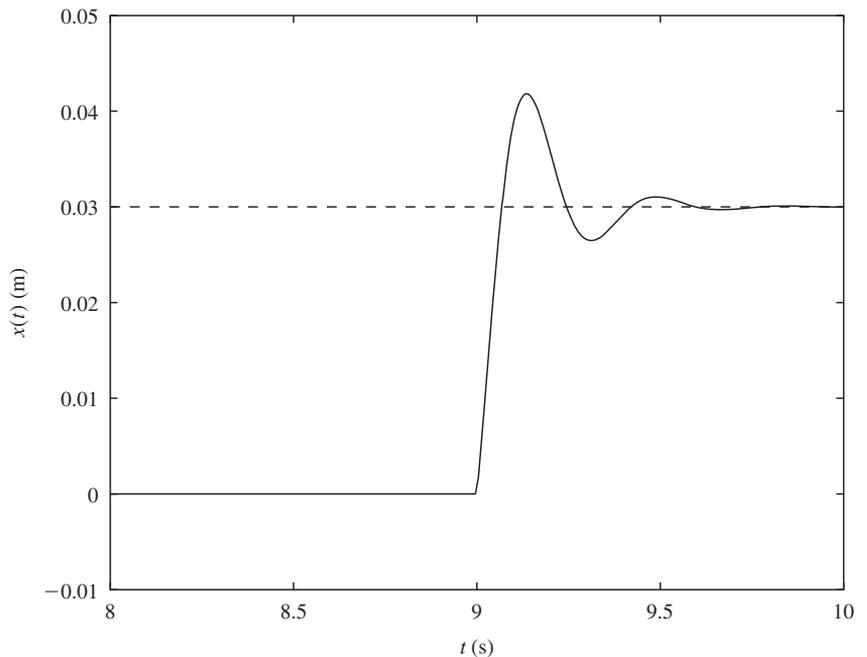
<sup>10</sup>Papoulis, *ibid.*

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{4 \times 10^5 \text{ N/m}}{1100 \text{ kg}}} = 19.07 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$\omega_d = 19.07 \sqrt{1 - 0.358^2} = 17.81 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$\varphi = \tan^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{1 - 0.358^2}}{0.358} = 1.21 \text{ rad}$$

Upon substituting these values into Eq. (f) and noting that  $a = 0.03 \text{ m}$  and  $t_o = 9 \text{ s}$ , the graph of the displacement response of the vehicle shown in Figure 6.14 is obtained. The vehicle response is at the equilibrium position  $x = 0$  before the sudden change due to the step is encountered. This encounter with the sudden change in road elevation produces transients in the response, which die out after some time, and the vehicle response settles down to the new position  $x = a$ .



**FIGURE 6.14**

Displacement response of vehicle to step change in roadway.

**EXAMPLE 6.6** Response of a foam automotive seat cushion and occupant

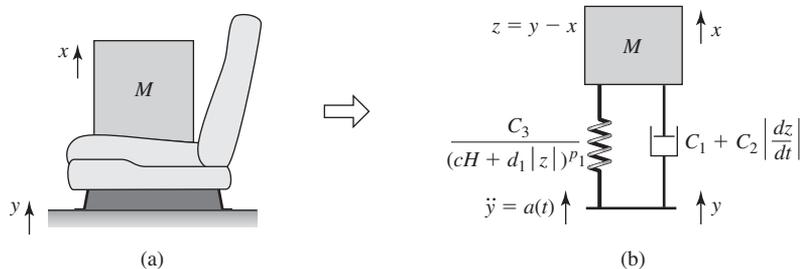
In this example, we study the response of a nonlinear system to a step input. The system is a car seat and its occupant, as shown in Figure 6.15. This system is subjected to a step input in the form of acceleration. The equation governing the vibrations of an open-celled polyurethane foam automotive seat cushion is given by<sup>11</sup>

$$M \frac{d^2z}{dt^2} + \underbrace{C_1 \frac{dz}{dt}}_{\text{Linear viscous damping}} + \underbrace{C_2 \left| \frac{dz}{dt} \right| \frac{dz}{dt}}_{\text{Quadratic fluid damping}} + \underbrace{\frac{C_3}{(cH + d_1|z|)^{p_1}} z}_{\text{Nonlinear stiffness}} = -Ma(t) \quad (a)$$

where the coefficients in Eq. (a) are given by

$$C_1 = \frac{\mu AH}{3K\xi}, \quad C_2 = \frac{\rho A}{3K_b \xi^2}, \quad C_3 = E_f a_1 A, \quad \text{and} \quad K = 0.012d^2 \quad (b)$$

The physical quantities associated with the coefficients in Eq. (b) and the numerical values of the different parameters are given in Table 6.1 for one type of seat. The second term on the left-hand side of Eq. (a) represents the linear viscous loss that is caused by the gas in the open cells of the foam being forced out of the bottom of the cushion. The third term represents the turbulent flow resistance of air escaping from the cells, and this is the fluid-damping model discussed in Section 2.4.2. The fourth term represents the nonlinear elasticity of the walls of the cells and any entrained air that doesn't escape. It is an empirically determined function. The quantity  $a(t)$  is the input acceleration to the base of the seat. The input acceleration is assumed to be of the form  $a(t) = a_o u(t)$ , where  $a_o$  is the magnitude of the acceleration and  $u(t)$  is the step function.



**FIGURE 6.15** (a) Automotive seat cushion and (b) its single degree-of-freedom equivalent.

<sup>11</sup>W. N. Patten, S. Sha, and C. Mo, “A Vibration Model of Open Celled Polyurethane Foam Automotive Seat Cushions,” *J. Sound Vibration*, Vol. 217, No. 1, pp. 145–161 (1998).

**TABLE 6.1**  
Seat Parameters

Quantity	Symbol	Units	Values
Foam cell edge diameter	$d$	m	0.0009
Cushion height	$H$	m	0.067
Cushion area	$A$	m <sup>2</sup>	0.095
Mass of load on car seat	$M$	kg	36 and 45
Young's modulus of polymer	$E_s$	N/m <sup>2</sup>	$6 \times 10^7$
Young's modulus of foam	$E_f$	N/m <sup>2</sup>	$1.1 \times 10^4$
Density of air	$\rho$	kg/m <sup>3</sup>	1.22
Viscosity of air	$\mu$	Ns/m <sup>2</sup>	$1.85 \times 10^{-5}$
Volume fraction of open cells	$\xi$		0.0133
Surface factor	$K_b$		1
Coefficients of shape function	$a_1$		0.0005
	$b$		0.4
	$c$		0.00022
	$d_1$		0.009
	$p_1$		1

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Equation (a) is a nonlinear, ordinary differential equation for which the solution must be obtained numerically.<sup>12</sup> The numerically obtained solution of Eq. (a) is used to determine the acceleration of the car seat  $a_c(t)$  and the scaled acceleration  $a_{cs}(t)$ :

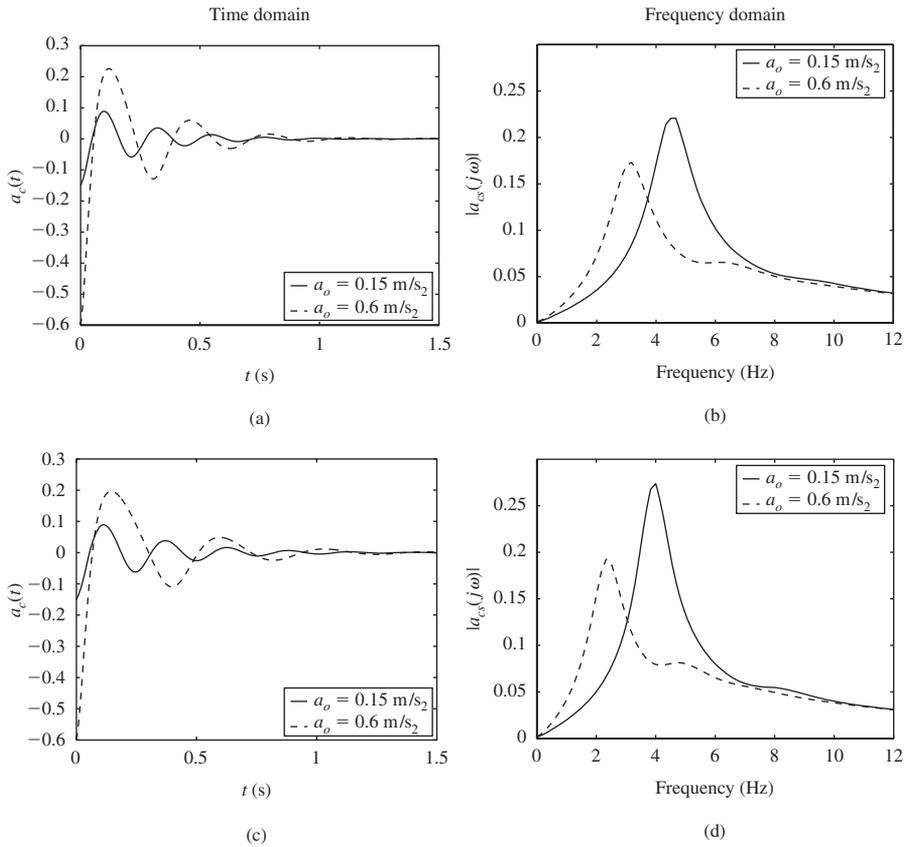
$$a_{cs}(t) = \frac{a_c(t)}{a_o} = \frac{1}{a_o} \frac{d^2z}{dt^2} \quad (c)$$

The two different magnitudes chosen for the acceleration are  $a_o = 0.15 \text{ m/s}^2$  and  $a_o = 0.60 \text{ m/s}^2$ . In Figures 6.16a and 6.16c, the acceleration responses of the car seat in the time domain for two different values of  $a_o$  and two different values of the system mass  $M$  are shown. These time domain acceleration responses are then transformed into the frequency domain by using the discrete Fourier transform<sup>13</sup> to obtain the results shown in Figure 6.16b and 6.16d.

From the time histories, it is evident that for a given system mass, as the base acceleration magnitude is increased, the period of oscillation during the early portion of the motion increases. This characteristic is attributed to the system nonlinearity. This increase in period of oscillation is reflected as a decrease in the frequency at which the peak amplitude occurs in the associated spectra. As discussed in Chapter 4, the period of oscillation of a nonlinear system can increase or decrease as the amplitude of response grows. Examining Figures 6.16a and 6.16c, we note that the peak acceleration magnitude increases with an increase in the base acceleration magnitude for a given system mass.

<sup>12</sup>The MATLAB function `ode45` was used.

<sup>13</sup>The MATLAB function `fft` was used.

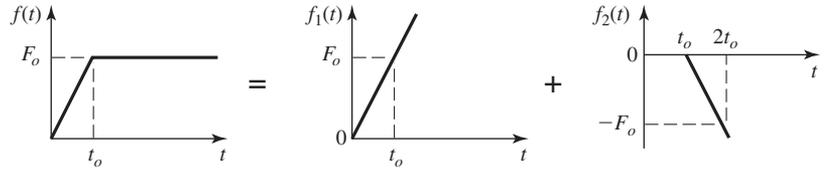
**FIGURE 6.16**

Time and frequency responses of car seat to step acceleration inputs: (a) and (b)  $M = 36$  kg and (c) and (d)  $M = 45$  kg.

## 6.4 RESPONSE TO RAMP INPUT

We now consider the response of a linear vibratory system to a ramp input and we use this response to demonstrate the effects of rise time of the input force on the rise time and overshoot of the response  $x(\tau)$ . The ramp waveform, which is shown in Figure 6.17, is described by

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(t) &= 0 & \text{for } t < 0 \\
 &= \frac{F_o t}{t_o} & \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq t_o \\
 &= F_o & \text{for } t \geq t_o
 \end{aligned} \tag{6.34}$$

**FIGURE 6.17**

Ramp force composed of two ramps.

When  $t_o \rightarrow 0$ , the ramp input approaches a step input. From Eqs. (6.30) and (6.34), we find that the rise time of the ramp portion of the forcing is  $t_r = 0.8t_o$ . Equation (6.34) is written in terms of the unit step function as

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) &= F_o \left[ \frac{t}{t_o} [u(t) - u(t - t_o)] + u(t - t_o) \right] \\ &= \frac{F_o}{t_o} [tu(t) - (t - t_o)u(t - t_o)] \end{aligned} \quad (6.35)$$

Referring to Figure 6.16, we see that Eq. (6.35) is the sum of two ramps  $f_1(t)$  and  $f_2(t)$  whose slopes are the negative of each other's slope and which are time shifted with respect to each other by an amount  $t_o$ . In terms of non-dimensional time  $\tau$ , Eq. (6.35) is rewritten as

$$f(\tau) = \frac{F_o}{\tau_o} [\tau u(\tau) - (\tau - \tau_o)u(\tau - \tau_o)] \quad (6.36)$$

where  $\tau_o = \omega_n t_o$ . After substituting Eq. (6.36) into Eq. (6.1b), and defining the following quantity

$$g(\tau, \xi) = e^{-\zeta(\tau - \xi)} \sin\left((\tau - \xi)\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}\right)$$

we determine the response of the system given in Figure 6.1 as<sup>14</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} x(\tau) &= \frac{F_o}{\tau_o k \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \left[ \int_0^\tau g(\tau, \xi) \xi u(\xi) d\xi - \int_0^\tau g(\tau, \xi) (\xi - \tau_o) u(\xi - \tau_o) d\xi \right] \\ &= \frac{F_o}{\tau_o k \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \left[ u(\tau) \int_0^\tau g(\tau, \xi) \xi d\xi - u(\tau - \tau_o) \int_{\tau_o}^\tau g(\tau, \xi) (\xi - \tau_o) d\xi \right] \end{aligned}$$

<sup>14</sup>In these equations, the unit step function determines the lower limit of integration. In addition, we must also place the unit step function outside the integrals to explicitly indicate the regions of applicability of each integral as a function of  $\tau$ .

Shifting the time variable in the second integral, we rewrite the above expression as

$$\begin{aligned} x(\tau) &= \frac{F_o}{\tau_o k \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \left[ u(\tau) \int_0^\tau g(\tau, \xi) \xi d\xi - u(\tau - \tau_o) \int_0^{\tau - \tau_o} g(\tau, \xi + \tau_o) \xi d\xi \right] \\ &= \frac{F_o}{\tau_o k \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \left[ u(\tau) \int_0^\tau g(\tau, \xi) \xi d\xi - u(\tau - \tau_o) \int_0^{\tau - \tau_o} g(\tau - \tau_o, \xi) \xi d\xi \right] \end{aligned}$$

since

$$\begin{aligned} g(\tau, \xi + \tau_o) &= e^{-\zeta(\tau - [\xi + \tau_o])} \sin\left((\tau - [\xi + \tau_o])\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}\right) \\ &= e^{-\zeta(\tau - \tau_o - \xi)} \sin\left((\tau - \tau_o - \xi)\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}\right) \\ &= g(\tau - \tau_o, \xi) \end{aligned}$$

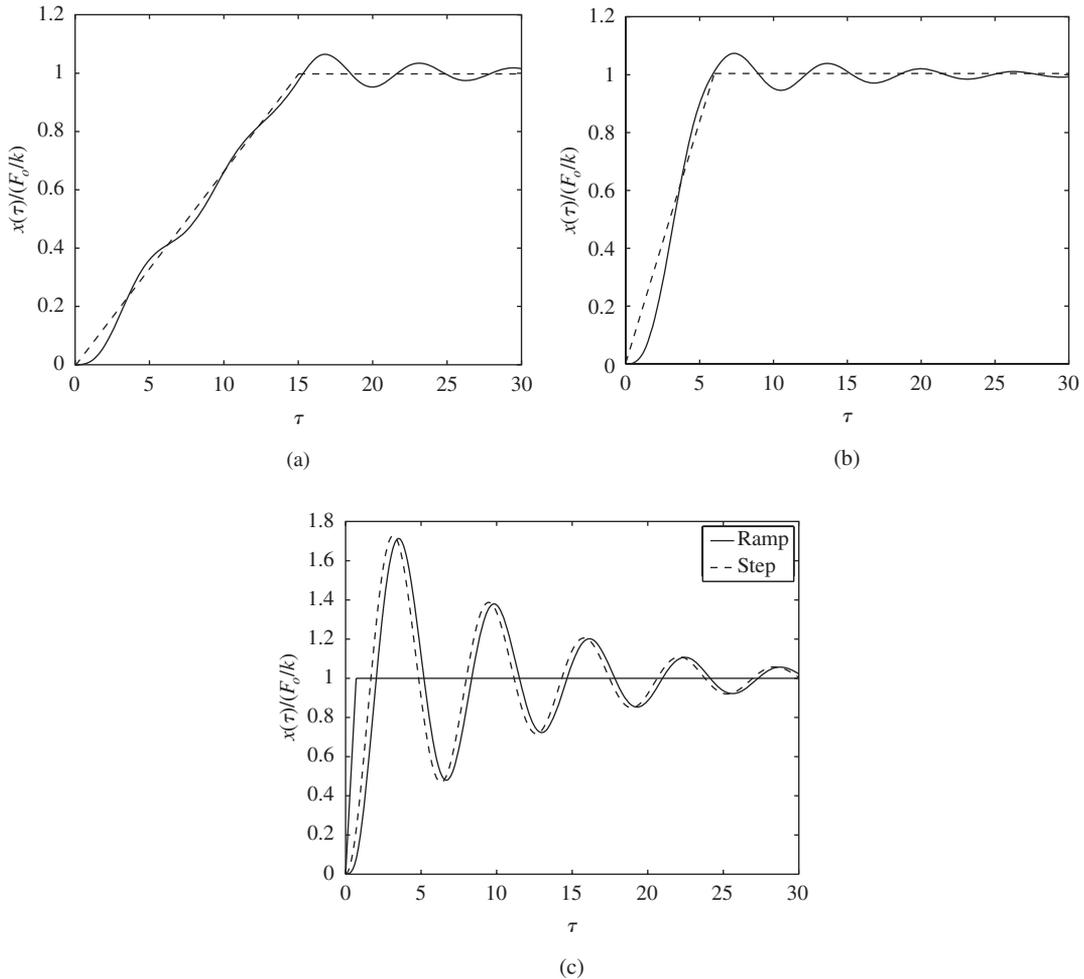
After performing the integration, we obtain

$$x(\tau) = \frac{F_o}{k} [h(\tau)u(\tau) - h(\tau - \tau_o)u(\tau - \tau_o)] \quad (6.37)$$

where the first term on the right-hand side of Eq. (6.37) is the response to the ramp function  $f_1(t)$  given by the first term of Eq. (6.36) and the second term on the right-hand side is the response to the ramp function  $f_2(t)$  given by the second term of Eq. (6.36). The function  $h(\tau)$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} h(\tau) &= \frac{1}{\tau_o} \left\{ -2\zeta + \tau + e^{-\zeta\tau} \left[ 2\zeta \cos\left(\tau\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}\right) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \frac{2\zeta^2 - 1}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \sin\left(\tau\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}\right) \right] \right\} \quad (6.38) \end{aligned}$$

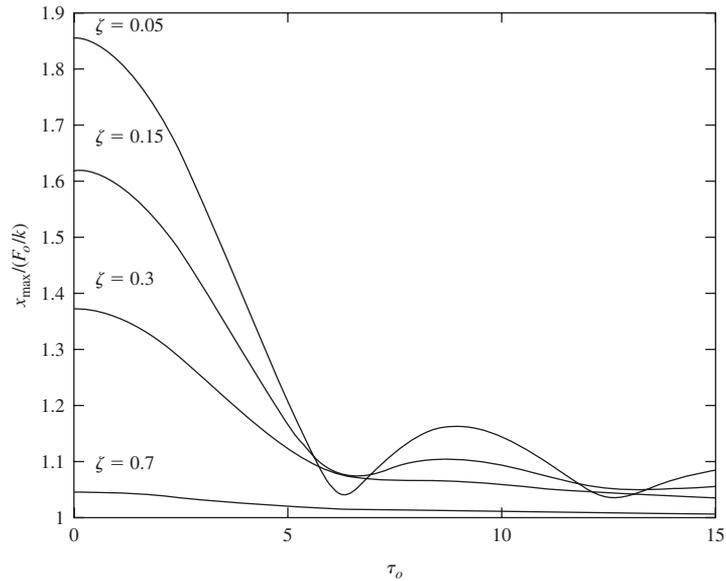
The displacement response given by Eq. (6.37) is plotted in Figure 6.18, where it is seen that as the rise time of the ramp input decreases, the amount of overshoot increases and the displacement response deviates more from the input waveform. For comparison, the response to a step input is also included in Figure 6.18c. As the rise time of the ramp becomes shorter, the response closely resembles the response to a step input of corresponding magnitude. Also, from Eqs. (6.37) and (6.38), it is noticed that as  $\zeta$  increases, the overshoot decreases.

**FIGURE 6.18**

Response of system to the ramp force given in Figure 6.17 for  $\zeta = 0.1$  and different rise times: (a)  $\tau_o = \omega_n t_o = 15$ ; (b)  $\tau_o = \omega_n t_o = 6$ ; and (c)  $\tau_o = \omega_n t_o = 0.7$ . In (a) and (b), the broken line is used to represent the input and the solid line is used to represent the response.

The maximum displacement response  $x_{\max}$ , which is a function of the ramp duration  $\tau_o$  and the damping factor  $\zeta$ , is determined numerically<sup>15</sup> based on Eqs. (6.37) and (6.38). The results are shown in Figure 6.19. For  $\zeta \leq 0.015$ , minimum values of  $x_{\max}$  occur in the vicinity of  $\tau_o = 2\pi, 4\pi, \dots$ , which are multiples of the period of the system's natural frequency. Hence, we can propose the following design guideline to decrease a system's overshoot.

<sup>15</sup>The MATLAB function `fminbnd` from the Optimization Toolbox was used.

**FIGURE 6.19**

Maximum displacement of single degree-of-freedom system to ramp forcing shown in Figure 6.17 for several different damping factors.

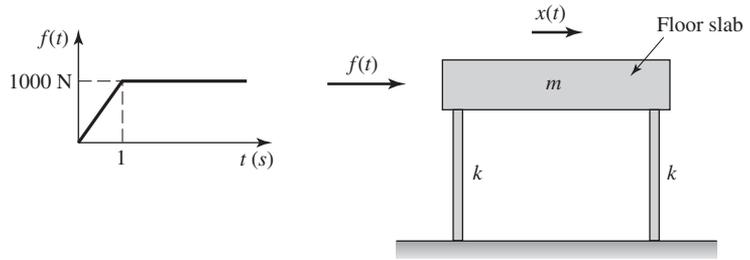
**Design Guideline:** Either increasing damping of a vibratory system or increasing the rise time of the external forcing function can decrease the amount of overshoot in the response of a single degree-of-freedom system subjected to a ramp excitation. In addition, for systems with  $\zeta \leq 0.015$ , the overshoot has minima at  $\tau_o \approx 2n\pi$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$

### EXAMPLE 6.7 Response of a slab floor to transient loading

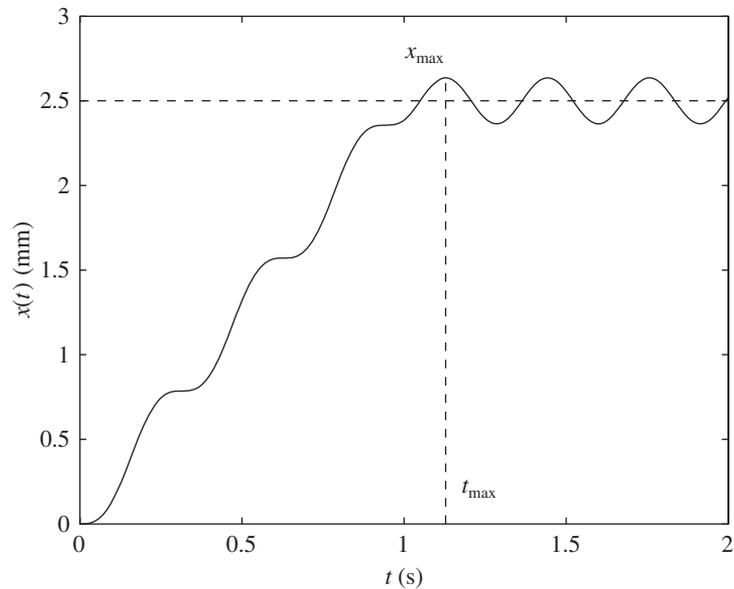
Consider the vibratory model of a slab floor shown in Figure 6.20. The slab floor has a mass of 1000 kg and the equivalent stiffness of each column supporting the system is  $2 \times 10^5$  N/m. The transient loading  $f(t)$  acting on the floor has the amplitude versus time profile shown in Figure 6.20. We shall determine the response  $x(t)$  of the slab floor and find the earliest time at which the maximum response occurs.

The governing equation of motion of the system is given by Eq. (3.22) with  $\zeta = 0$ . Thus,

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \omega_n^2 x = \frac{f(t)}{m} \quad (\text{a})$$

**FIGURE 6.20**

Floor slab subjected to ramp forcing.

**FIGURE 6.21**

Response of the floor slab shown in Figure 6.20.

where

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{2k}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 2 \times 10^5}{1000}} = 20 \text{ rad/s} \quad (\text{b})$$

Making use of Eq. (6.35), the forcing function is written as

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) &= 1000\{t[u(t) - u(t-1)] + u(t-1)\} \text{ N} \\ &= 1000[tu(t) - (t-1)u(t-1)] \text{ N} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{c})$$

To determine the response  $x(t)$ , we first recognize that in Eq. (6.38)  $\tau = \omega_n t$  and  $\tau_o = \omega_n$ . Also,  $\zeta = 0$  because we have an undamped system. Then,

$$h(t) = \frac{1}{\omega_n} \{ \omega_n t - \sin(\omega_n t) \} = t - 0.05 \sin(20t) \quad (d)$$

Then, from Eq. (6.37), the displacement response of the slab is given by

$$x(t) = 2.5 [ \{ t - 0.05 \sin(20t) \} u(t) - \{ (t - 1) - 0.05 \sin(20[t - 1]) \} u(t - 1) ] \text{ mm} \quad (e)$$

where we have used the fact that  $F_o/k = 1000/4 \times 10^5 \text{ m} = 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m} = 2.5 \text{ mm}$ . A graph of Eq. (e) is shown in Figure 6.21. The earliest time at which the maximum value  $x(t)$  is found numerically<sup>16</sup> to be  $x_{\max} = 2.64 \text{ mm}$  at  $t_m = 1.13 \text{ s}$ .

## 6.5 SPECTRAL ENERGY OF THE RESPONSE

The total energy  $E_T$  in a signal  $g(t)$ , which has a Laplace transform  $G(s)$ , is<sup>17</sup>

$$E_T = \int_0^{\infty} g^2(t) dt \quad (6.39)$$

which, by Parseval's theorem,<sup>18</sup> is also given by

$$E_T = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} |G(j\omega)|^2 d\omega \quad (6.40)$$

where  $|G(j\omega)|^2$  is the energy density spectrum with units  $(E_u \cdot s)/\text{rad/s}$ ,  $E_u$  has the physical or engineering unit of  $g(t)$ ; that is, it represents N, Pa, m/s, etc., and  $|G(j\omega)|$  is the amplitude density spectrum with the units  $E_u/\text{rad/s}$ . Hence, from either Eq. (6.39) or Eq. (6.40), the energy associated with a signal  $g(t)$  can be determined. Typically, the signals of interest will be the displacement response  $x(t)$  and the forcing  $f(t)$ .

The energy over a portion of the frequency range  $0 \leq \omega \leq \omega_c$  is determined from

$$E(\omega_c) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\omega_c} |G(j\omega)|^2 d\omega \quad (6.41)$$

<sup>16</sup>The MATLAB function `fminbnd` from the Optimization Toolbox was used.

<sup>17</sup>For this equation to be valid, the signal must be bounded and its energy must be finite.

<sup>18</sup>See, for example, Papoulis, *ibid.*, p. 27 ff.

The fraction of total energy in this frequency band can be written as

$$\frac{E(\omega_c)}{E_T} = \frac{1}{E_T \pi} \int_0^{\omega_c} |G(j\omega)|^2 d\omega \quad (6.42)$$

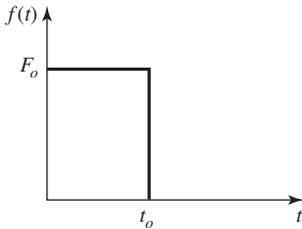
If  $\omega_c$  is the cutoff frequency of the amplitude density spectrum, then  $\omega_c$  is determined from the relation

$$|G(j\omega_c)| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |G(j\omega)|_{\omega=\omega_{\max}} \quad (6.43)$$

where  $|G(j\omega)|_{\omega=\omega_{\max}}$  is the maximum value of  $|G(j\omega)|$ , which occurs at  $\omega_{\max}$  and  $0 \leq \omega_{\max} < \omega_c$ .

In the next two sections, we shall develop relationships among the cutoff frequency  $\omega_c$ , the rise time  $\tau_r$ , the fraction of total energy in the region  $0 \leq \omega < \omega_c$ , and the effect of  $\Omega_c = \omega_c/\omega_n$  on the system's displacement response as a function of time for different pulse excitations. This information is useful for the design of components subjected to shock excitations, which are typically modeled as pulse excitations.

## 6.6 RESPONSE TO RECTANGULAR PULSE EXCITATION



**FIGURE 6.22**  
Rectangular force pulse.

We now consider the application of a force whose time profile is rectangular, as shown in Figure 6.22. In terms of the unit step function, this force is represented by

$$f(t) = F_o[u(t) - u(t - t_o)] \quad (6.44)$$

Then, by using Eqs. (6.39) and (6.44), the total energy in the pulse is

$$E_T = \int_0^{t_o} F_o^2 dt = F_o^2 t_o \quad (6.45)$$

Note that for the total energy in the pulse to remain constant, either  $F_o$  or  $t_o$  has to be adjusted so that  $F_o$  varies as  $\sqrt{t_o}$ . By using the Laplace transform pair 8 in Table A in Appendix A, the Laplace transform of  $f(t)$  given by Eq. (6.44) is

$$F(s) = \frac{F_o}{s} (1 - e^{-st_o}) \quad (6.46)$$

We obtain the associated amplitude spectrum and phase spectrum by making the substitution  $s = j\omega$  into Eq. (6.46). This results in

$$\begin{aligned} F(j\omega) &= \frac{F_o}{j\omega} (1 - e^{-j\omega t_o}) = \frac{F_o}{\omega} [\sin \omega t_o + j(\cos \omega t_o - 1)] \\ &= G_r(\omega) e^{j\psi(\omega)} \end{aligned} \quad (6.47)$$

where the pulse amplitude function  $G_r(\omega)$  and the pulse phase function  $\psi(\omega)$  are given by

$$G_r(\omega) = F_o t_o \left| \frac{\sin(\omega t_o/2)}{\omega t_o/2} \right|$$

$$\psi(\omega) = \tan^{-1} \frac{\cos(\omega t_o) - 1}{\sin(\omega t_o)} = \tan^{-1}(-\tan(\omega t_o/2)) = -\omega t_o/2 \quad (6.48)$$

The quantity  $G_r(\omega)/(F_o t_o)$  is plotted in Figure 6.23.

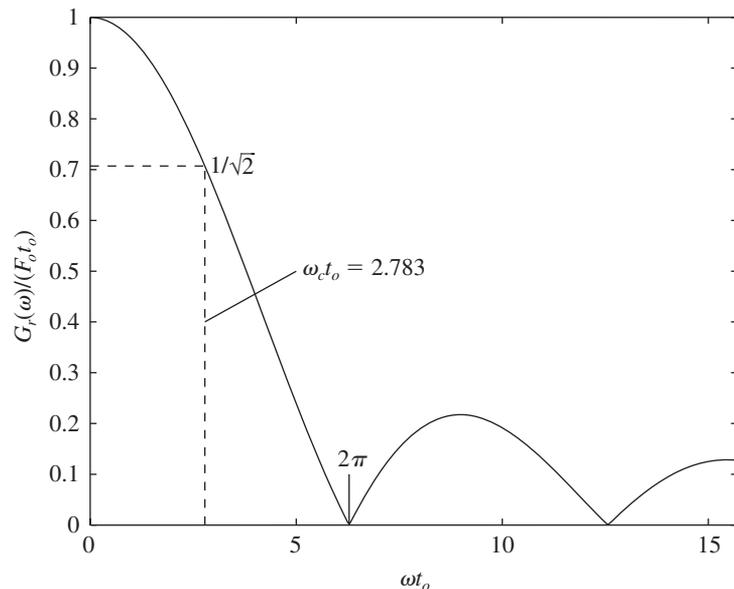
Hence, from Eqs. (6.48), the cutoff frequency  $\omega_c$  associated with the input force spectrum is determined from the numerical solution to

$$\frac{G_r(\omega_c)}{F_o t_o} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \left| \frac{\sin(\omega_c t_o/2)}{\omega_c t_o/2} \right|$$

which gives<sup>19</sup>

$$c_r = \omega_c t_o = 2.7831 \quad (6.49)$$

We call  $c_r$  the *pulse duration–bandwidth product*; thus, as the pulse duration  $t_o$  decreases, the bandwidth  $\omega_c$  increases proportionately.



**FIGURE 6.23**

Normalized amplitude spectrum of rectangular pulse of duration  $t_o$ .

<sup>19</sup>The MATLAB function `fzero` was used.

From Eq. (6.42), the fraction of the total energy in the frequency range  $0 \leq \omega \leq \omega_c$  is

$$\frac{E(\omega_c t_o)}{E_T} = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\omega_c t_o} \left| \frac{\sin(x/2)}{x/2} \right|^2 dx = 0.722 \quad (6.50)$$

where the integral was evaluated numerically.<sup>20</sup> We see that 72.2% of the total energy of the rectangular pulse lies within this bandwidth. In addition, it is numerically found that  $E(2\pi)/E_T = 0.903$ , or about 90% of the energy of the rectangular pulse lies in the bandwidth  $0 \leq \omega \leq 2\pi/t_o$ .

The amplitude spectrum and the phase spectrum of the displacement response of the mass are determined from Eqs. (5.55), (6.19), and (6.47). Thus,

$$X(j\omega) = G(j\omega)F(j\omega) = X_r(\omega)e^{-j\phi(\omega)} \quad (6.51)$$

where the response amplitude function  $X(\omega)$  and the response phase function  $\phi(\omega)$  are given by

$$X_r(\omega) = \frac{F_o t_o}{k\sqrt{(1 - (\omega/\omega_n)^2)^2 + (2\zeta\omega/\omega_n)^2}} \left| \frac{\sin(\omega t_o/2)}{\omega t_o/2} \right|$$

$$\phi(\omega) = \theta(\omega) - \psi(\omega) \quad (6.52)$$

where  $\theta(\omega)$  is given by Eq. (5.56b) and  $\psi(\omega)$  is given by Eq. (6.48).

In order to be able to make comparisons for various combinations of parameters, we introduce notations in terms of  $E_T$ , the total energy of the applied force, and  $\omega_c$ , the cutoff frequency. To have valid comparisons, we have chosen the total energy to be the same in all cases. We also want to be able to determine the effects of the cutoff frequency of the applied pulse in terms of the natural frequency of the system. To this end, we introduce the following notation

$$E_1 = \sqrt{\frac{c_r E_T}{\omega_n}} \quad E_o = \sqrt{\frac{E_T \omega_n}{c_r}}$$

$$\Omega = \omega/\omega_n \quad \Omega_c = \omega_c/\omega_n$$

$$\frac{F_o t_o}{k} = \frac{E_1}{k\sqrt{\Omega_c}} \quad \frac{F_o}{k} = \frac{E_o \sqrt{\Omega_c}}{k} \quad (6.53)$$

Then, Eq. (6.52) is written as

$$\frac{X_r(\omega)}{E_1/k} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Omega_c} \sqrt{(1 - \Omega^2)^2 + (2\zeta\Omega)^2}} \left| \frac{\sin(\Omega c_r/2\Omega_c)}{\Omega c_r/2\Omega_c} \right| \quad (6.54)$$

<sup>20</sup>The MATLAB function trapz was used.

To obtain  $x(t)$ , we first make use of Eqs. (6.46) and (6.17). Thus, we obtain

$$X(s) = G(s)F(s) = \frac{F_o}{m} \left[ \frac{1}{sD(s)} - \frac{e^{-st_o}}{sD(s)} \right] \quad (6.55)$$

From the transform pairs 15 and 3 in Table A of Appendix A, the inverse of  $X(s)$  given by Eq. (6.55) is

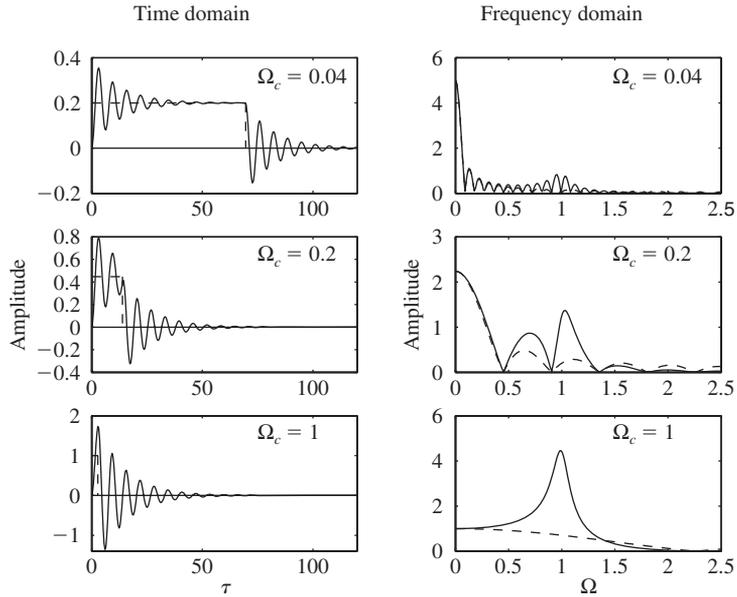
$$\frac{x(t)}{E_o/k} = \sqrt{\Omega_c} [g(t)u(t) - g(t - t_o)u(t - t_o)] \quad (6.56)$$

where, for the system with  $\zeta < 1$ ,

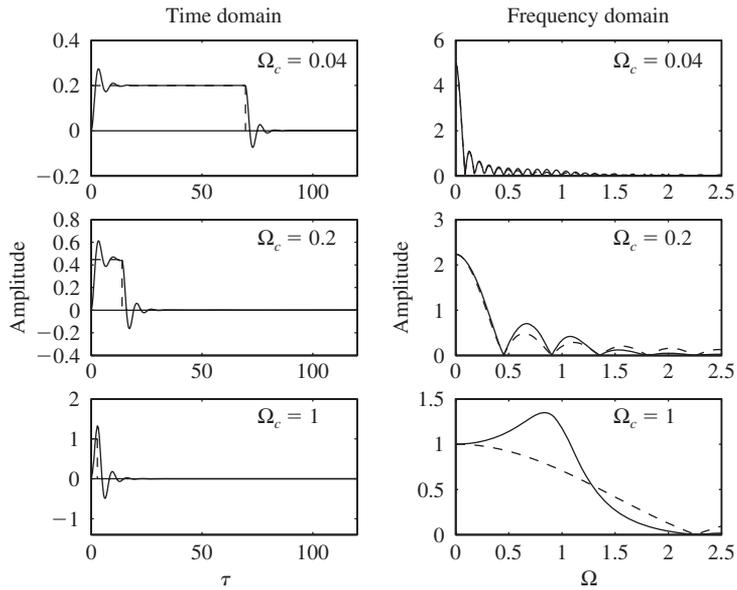
$$\begin{aligned} g(t) &= 1 - \frac{e^{-\zeta\omega_n t}}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \sin(\omega_d t + \varphi) \\ &= 1 - \frac{e^{-\zeta(c_r/\Omega_c)(t/t_o)}}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \sin[(c_r/\Omega_c)(t/t_o)\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} + \varphi] \end{aligned} \quad (6.57)$$

and  $\varphi$  is given by Eq. (6.8). It is noted that in this notation  $\tau = \omega_n t = (c_r/\Omega_c)(t/t_o)$  and  $\omega_n t_o = c_r/\Omega_c$ .

Equations (6.44), (6.48), (6.54), and (6.56) are plotted in Figure 6.24 for two different values of  $\zeta$  and three different values of  $\Omega_c$ , which is the ratio of the cutoff frequency to the system natural frequency. The displacement response of the mass can be interpreted from the corresponding amplitude spectrum. The displacement response for  $\Omega_c = 0.04$  is similar to the response of the pulse train shown in Figure 5.41 and to the response to a step change in the applied force, which is shown in Figure 6.10. In all three cases, the oscillations about the respective steady-state positions are caused by spectral components of the forcing that are in the frequency range of the single degree-of-freedom system's natural frequency. As discussed in Example 5.17, the excitation components in this range are magnified by the system's frequency-response function. The period of these oscillations is equal to the period of the damped natural frequency of the system. Thus, when damping is increased, the magnitude and duration of the oscillations decrease, because the magnification of the force's spectral energy in this region is considerably less than that when the damping is small. The amount of spectral energy in the force's pulse that is in the region of the system's natural frequency is a function of the cutoff frequency; the shorter the duration of the pulse, the larger the amount of energy there is in the region of the system's natural frequency. In the limit, as  $t_o \rightarrow 0$ , the spectrum approaches that of the spectrum of an impulse function; that is, one whose amplitude spectrum is constant over the entire frequency range. For relatively long  $t_o$ , the displacement response of the linear single degree-of-freedom system resembles that of a step response. As  $t_o$  decreases, the displacement of the mass response looks less and less like the form of the rectangular pulse, and as  $t_o$  decreases still further, the response approaches the system's impulse response.



(a)

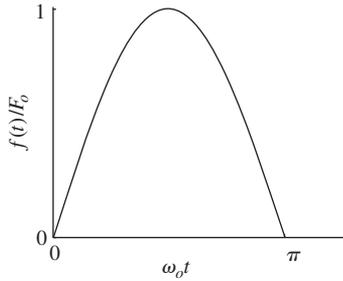


(b)

### FIGURE 6.24

Comparison of responses to rectangular pulse in the time domain and the frequency domain for three different values of  $\Omega_c = \omega_c/\omega_n$ : (a)  $\zeta = 0.08$ , and (b)  $\zeta = 0.3$ . Dashed lines are used to represent the applied force  $f(\tau)/E_0$  in the time domain and the force amplitude spectrum  $G_\lambda(\omega)/E_1$  in the frequency domain. The solid lines are used to represent the displacement response  $x(\tau)/(E_0/k)$  in the time domain and the displacement amplitude spectrum  $X_\lambda(\omega)/(E_1/k)$  in the frequency domain.

## 6.7 RESPONSE TO HALF-SINE WAVE PULSE



**FIGURE 6.25**  
Half-sine force pulse.

In the previous section, we introduced a relationship between the cutoff frequency of the spectral content of the applied force to its duration. For pulse shapes different from a rectangular shape, apart from the pulse duration, other characteristics such as the rise time of the input can be used. Therefore, in this section, we shall develop a relationship between the rise time of the applied force and its cutoff frequency, and illustrate the effect on the system's response.

The force pulse is considered to have the form of a half-sine wave as shown in Figure 6.25. Thus,

$$f(t) = F_o \sin(\omega_o t) [u(t) - u(t - \pi/\omega_o)] \quad (6.58)$$

where the pulse duration is  $t_o = \pi/\omega_o$ . From Section 6.3, the rise time of the half-sine wave is

$$\omega_o t_r = 1.02 \quad (6.59)$$

The Laplace transform of  $f(t)$  given by Eq. (6.58) is obtained from transform pair 10 in Table A of Appendix A. Thus, we have

$$F(s) = \frac{F_o \omega_o}{s^2 + \omega_o^2} [1 + e^{-\pi s/\omega_o}] \quad (6.60)$$

The corresponding spectrum of the half-sine wave force pulse is obtained by setting  $s = j\omega$ . This leads to

$$\begin{aligned} F(j\omega) &= \frac{F_o \omega_o}{\omega_o^2 - \omega^2} [1 + e^{-j\pi\omega/\omega_o}] \\ &= \frac{F_o \omega_o}{\omega_o^2 - \omega^2} [1 + \cos(\pi\omega/\omega_o) - j \sin(\pi\omega/\omega_o)] \\ &= G_{hs}(\omega) e^{-j\psi(\omega)} \end{aligned} \quad (6.61)$$

where the amplitude function  $G_{hs}(\omega)$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} G_{hs}(\omega) &= \frac{2F_o}{\omega_o} \left| \frac{\cos[\pi\omega/(2\omega_o)]}{1 - (\omega/\omega_o)^2} \right| \quad \text{for } \omega \neq \omega_o \\ &= \frac{2F_o}{\omega_o} \frac{\pi}{4} \quad \text{for } \omega = \omega_o \end{aligned} \quad (6.62)$$

and the phase function  $\psi(\omega)$  is given by

$$\psi(\omega) = \tan^{-1} \frac{\sin(\pi\omega/\omega_o)}{1 + \cos(\pi\omega/\omega_o)} = \tan^{-1} \left( \tan \frac{\pi\omega}{2\omega_o} \right) = \frac{\pi\omega}{2\omega_o} \quad (6.63)$$

The function  $G_{hs}(\omega)$  is plotted in Figure 6.26.

From Eq. (6.62), the cutoff frequency of the pulse's amplitude density spectrum is obtained from the numerical solution to

$$\frac{G_{hs}(\omega_c)}{2F_o/\omega_o} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \left| \frac{\cos[\pi\omega_c/(2\omega_o)]}{1 - (\omega_c/\omega_o)^2} \right| \quad \text{for } \omega_c \neq \omega_o \quad (6.64)$$

which leads to<sup>21</sup>

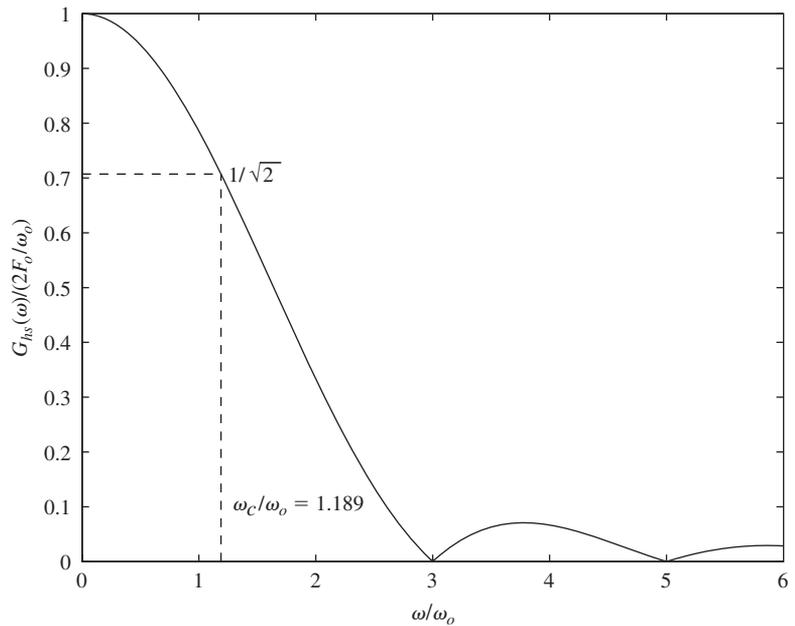
$$c_s = \frac{\omega_c}{\omega_o} = 1.189 \quad (6.65a)$$

or, upon using Eq. (6.59),

$$\omega_c t_r = 1.21 \quad (6.65b)$$

The total energy in the pulse is

$$E_T = F_o^2 \int_0^{\pi/\omega_o} \sin^2(\omega_o t) dt = \frac{F_o^2 \pi}{2\omega_o} = \frac{F_o^2 t_o}{2} \quad (6.66)$$



**FIGURE 6.26**

Amplitude density spectrum of half-sine wave pulse of duration  $\pi/\omega_o$ .

<sup>21</sup>The MATLAB function `fzero` was used.

Comparing this result with that shown in Eq. (6.45) for a rectangular pulse, we see that the total energy of a half-sine wave whose duration is equal to that of a rectangular pulse has one-half of the total energy of a rectangular pulse. Notice that for the energy of the half-sine wave pulse to remain constant, either  $F_o$  or  $\omega_o$  has to be adjusted so that  $F_o$  varies as  $\sqrt{\omega_o}$ .

The fraction of total energy that is in the frequency range  $0 \leq \omega \leq \omega_c$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{E(\omega_c)}{E_T} &= \frac{8}{\omega_o \pi^2} \int_0^{\omega_c} \left| \frac{\cos[\pi\omega/(2\omega_o)]}{1 - (\omega/\omega_o)^2} \right|^2 d\omega \\ &= \frac{8}{\pi^2} \int_0^{c_s} \left| \frac{\cos[\pi x/2]}{1 - x^2} \right|^2 dx = 0.784 \end{aligned} \quad (6.67)$$

where  $x = \omega/\omega_o$ ,  $c_s = \omega_c/\omega_o$ , and the integral has been evaluated numerically.<sup>22</sup> Thus, 78.4% of the total energy of the half-sine wave pulse lies within its bandwidth. In addition, it is numerically found that  $E(3)/E_T = 0.995$ , or about 99.5% of the energy of the half-sine pulse lies in the bandwidth  $0 \leq \omega \leq 3\omega_o$ .

Proceeding along the lines of the previous section used to determine the displacement response function given by Eq. (6.54), we find that

$$\frac{X(j\omega)}{E_{s1}/k} = X_s(\Omega) e^{-j(\theta(\Omega) + \psi(\Omega))} \quad (6.68)$$

where

$$X_s(\Omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Omega_o} \sqrt{(1 - \Omega^2)^2 + (2\zeta\Omega)^2}} \left| \frac{\cos(\pi\Omega/2\Omega_o)}{1 - (\Omega/\Omega_o)^2} \right| \quad (6.69)$$

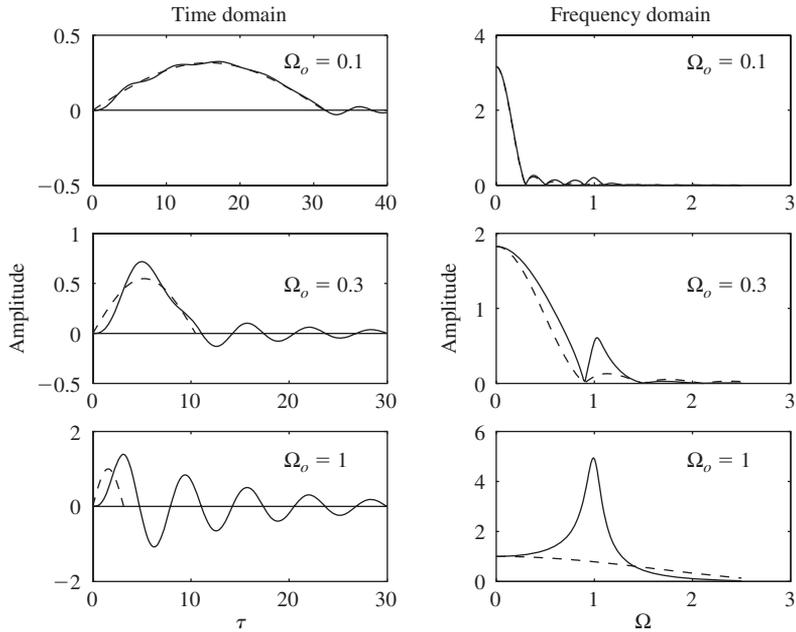
$\Omega_o = \omega_o/\omega_n$ ,  $\psi(\Omega)$  is given by Eq. (6.63), and

$$E_{s1} = \sqrt{\frac{8E_T}{\pi\omega_n}}$$

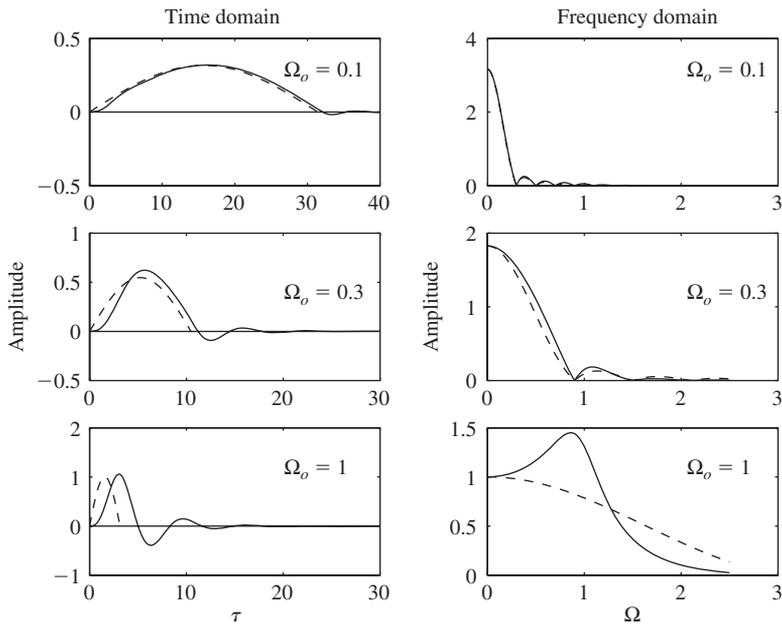
The displacement of the mass is obtained by substituting Eq. (6.58) in Eq. (6.1b), which yields

$$\frac{x(\tau)}{E_{s1}/k} = \sqrt{\Omega_o} \left[ u(\tau) \int_0^\tau g(\xi, \tau) d\xi - u(\tau - \pi/\Omega_o) \int_{\pi/\Omega_o}^\tau g(\xi, \tau) d\xi \right] \quad (6.70)$$

<sup>22</sup>The MATLAB function `quadl` was used.



(a)



(b)

### FIGURE 6.27

Comparison of responses to half-sine pulse in the time domain and the frequency domain for three different values of  $\Omega_o = \omega_o/\omega_n$ ; (a)  $\zeta = 0.08$ , and (b)  $\zeta = 0.3$ . Dashed lines are used to represent the applied force  $f(\tau)/E_{s0}$  in the time domain and the force amplitude spectrum  $G_{bs}(\Omega)/E_{s1}$  in the frequency domain. Solid lines are used to represent the displacement response  $x(\tau)/(E_{s0}/k)$  in the time domain and the displacement amplitude spectrum  $X_s(\Omega)$  in the frequency domain.

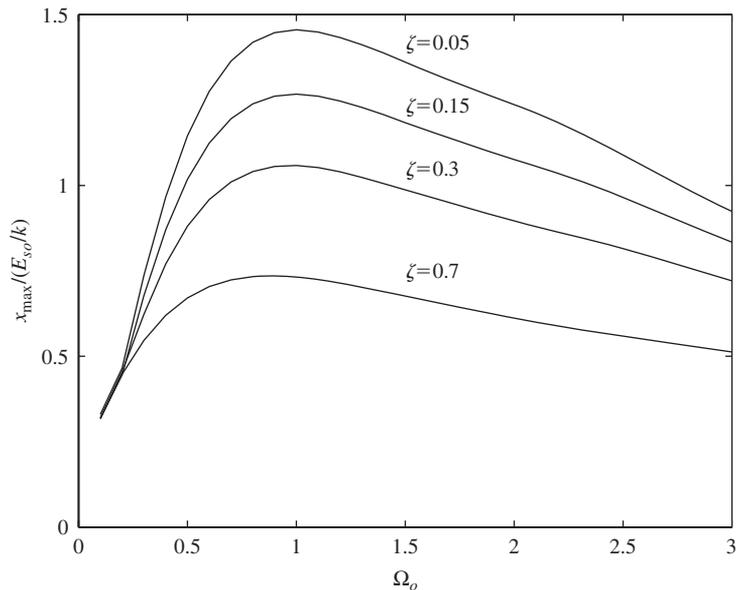
where  $u(t)$  is the unit step function,  $\tau = \omega_n t$ , and

$$g(\xi, \tau) = \frac{e^{-\zeta(\tau-\xi)}}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}} \sin\left((\tau-\xi)\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}\right) \sin(\Omega_o \xi)$$

$$E_{so} = \sqrt{\frac{2\omega_n E_T}{\pi}}$$

Equation (6.70) is solved numerically<sup>23</sup> and the results are shown in Figure 6.27. We see from Eqs. (6.65a) and (6.65b) that for a fixed  $\omega_n$ , as  $\Omega_o$  increases  $\omega_c$  increases and, therefore, the rise time decreases. The results of Figure 6.27 are examined in the same manner as was done for the results shown in Figure 6.24 for the rectangular pulse. The introduction of  $E_{so}$  was made to ensure that the response  $x(\tau)$  takes into account the differing amounts of spectral energy in the pulse as  $\Omega_o$  varies. This permits us to make comparisons of the response  $x(\tau)$  for different  $\Omega_o$ , since the input spectral energy is constant as  $\Omega_o$  changes.

It is often of interest to determine the maximum of the displacement response as a function of the pulse duration. In order to provide an idea of how this maximum varies as a function of the frequency ratio  $\Omega_o$  and the damping



**FIGURE 6.28**

Maximum amplitude of response of single degree-of-freedom system to half-sine pulse for different pulse durations and different values of damping factor.

<sup>23</sup>Although the MATLAB function `trapz` can be used to solve Eq. (6.70), the MATLAB function `ode45` was used instead to solve Eq. (3.8) with Eq. (6.58) as the forcing.

factor  $\zeta$ , Eq. (6.70) is solved numerically<sup>24</sup> for the maximum displacement  $x_{\max}$  and the results obtained are shown in Figure 6.28. It is seen from the graphs that the maximum of the response decreases as the damping factor increases and as the pulse duration decreases. The results are consistent with the results presented in Figure 6.27.

### EXAMPLE 6.8 Response to half-sine pulse base excitation<sup>25</sup>

The governing equation describing the motion of a linear single degree-of-freedom system with a moving base is given by Eq. (3.28). Rewriting this equation in terms of the nondimensional time  $\tau = \omega_n t$ , we obtain

$$\frac{d^2x}{d\tau^2} + 2\zeta \frac{dx}{d\tau} + x = 2\zeta \frac{dy}{d\tau} + y \quad (\text{a})$$

We also recall from Eq. (3.29) that the relative motion of the mass with respect to the base is  $z(\tau) = x(\tau) - y(\tau)$ . If we assume that the motion to the base is a half-sine pulse of frequency  $\omega_o$  and magnitude  $y_o$ , then we can describe the base motion as

$$y(\tau) = y_o \sin(\Omega_o \tau) [u(\tau) - u(\tau - \tau_o)] \quad (\text{b})$$

where  $\tau_o = \omega_n t_o = \pi \omega_n / \omega_o = \pi / \Omega_o$ ,  $\Omega_o = \omega_o / \omega_n = T_n / (2t_o)$ ,  $\omega_o t_o = \pi$ , and  $T_n = 2\pi / \omega_n$  is the period of the natural frequency of the single degree-of-freedom system. After substituting Eq. (b) into the right-hand side of Eq. (a) we obtain

$$\frac{d^2x}{d\tau^2} + 2\zeta \frac{dx}{d\tau} + x = y_o f_b(\tau) \quad (\text{c})$$

where

$$f_b(\tau) = 2\zeta \sin(\Omega_o \tau) [\delta(\tau) - \delta(\tau - \tau_o)] + [\sin(\Omega_o \tau) + 2\zeta \Omega_o \cos(\Omega_o \tau)] [u(\tau) - u(\tau - \tau_o)] \quad (\text{d})$$

and we have used Eq. (d) of Example 6.5.

<sup>24</sup>Although the MATLAB functions `trapz` and `max` can be used to solve Eq. (6.70) to obtain  $x_{\max}$ , the MATLAB function `ode45` was used instead to solve the Eq. (3.8) with Eq. (6.58) as the forcing and the MATLAB function `max` was used to estimate  $x_{\max}$ .

<sup>25</sup>Extensions of these types of models to include nonlinear springs and dissipative elements can be found in the following studies: N. C. Shekhar et al., "Response of Nonlinear Dissipative Shock Isolators," *J. Sound Vibration*, Vol. 214, No. 4, pp. 589–603 (1998); and N. C. Shekhar et al., "Performance of Nonlinear Isolators and Absorbers to Shock Excitation," *J. Sound Vibration*, Vol. 227, No. 2, pp. 293–307 (1999).

The solution to Eq. (c) is given by Eq. (5.2); that is, the convolution integral which, when written in terms of the nondimensional time variable  $\tau$ , takes the form

$$x(\tau) = \frac{y_o}{k} \int_0^\tau h(\xi, \tau) f_b(\xi) d\xi \tag{e}$$

where

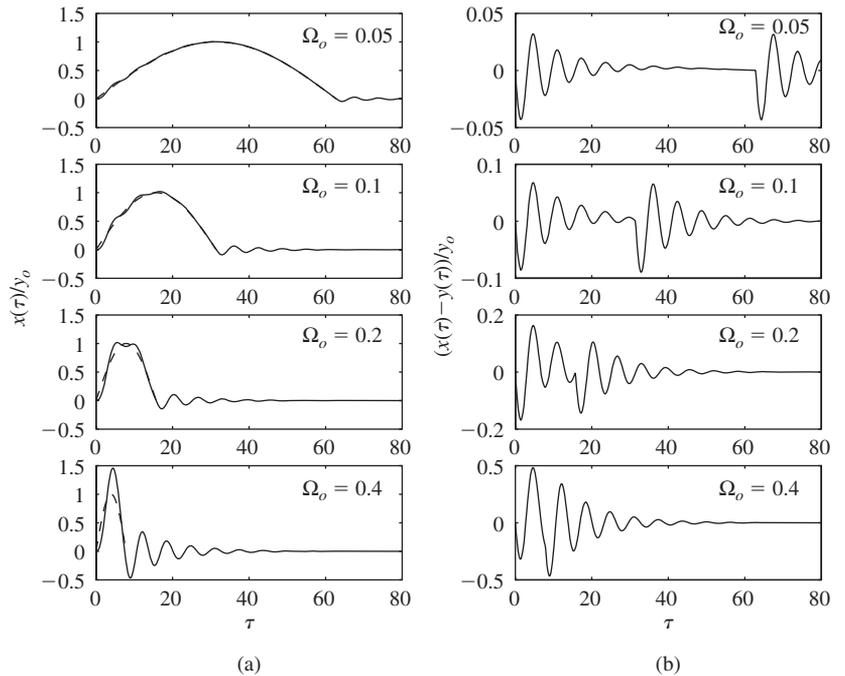
$$h(\xi, \tau) = \frac{e^{-\zeta(\tau-\xi)}}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}} \sin [\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}(\tau-\xi)] \tag{f}$$

After substituting Eqs. (d) and (f) into Eq. (e) and using Eq. (6.3), we obtain

$$x(\tau) = \frac{y_o}{k} \left[ \int_0^\tau g_b(\xi, \tau) d\xi - u(\tau - \tau_o) \int_{\tau_o}^\tau g_b(\xi, \tau) d\xi \right] \tag{g}$$

where

$$g_b(\xi, \tau) = [\sin(\Omega_o \tau) + 2\zeta \Omega_o \cos(\Omega_o \tau)] h(\xi, \tau) \tag{h}$$

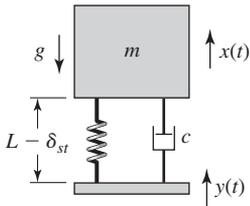


**FIGURE 6.29** (a) Absolute displacement and (b) relative displacement of the mass of single degree-of-freedom system subjected to half-sine wave displacement to the base with  $\zeta = 0.1$ .

The integral is solved numerically<sup>26</sup> and the results obtained for  $x(\tau)$  and  $z(\tau)$  are shown in Figure 6.29, where we see that when  $\Omega_o \ll 1$ , the mass follows the movement of the base as if it were rigidly connected to it. As  $\Omega_o$  approaches 1, the mass amplifies the base motions and has large excursions relative to the base. This example leads to the following design guideline.

**Design Guideline:** In order to minimize the amplification of the motion of the base of a single degree-of-freedom, one should keep the pulse duration of the displacement applied to the base long compared to the period of the natural frequency of the system. Stated differently, for a given pulse loading it is preferable to have a system with as high a natural frequency as possible to minimize the amplification of the base motion.

**EXAMPLE 6.9** Single degree-of-freedom system with moving base and nonlinear spring<sup>27</sup>



**FIGURE 6.30**

Base excitation of a single degree-of-freedom system with a nonlinear spring.  $L$  is the unstretched length of the spring.

Consider the single degree-of-freedom system whose base is subjected to a known displacement  $y(t)$  as shown in Figure 6.30. The spring is nonlinear with a force-displacement relationship given by Eq. (2.23); that is,

$$F(x) = kx + \alpha kx^3$$

Then, carrying out the force balance for vertical motions of mass  $m$ , as discussed in Sections 3.2 and 3.4, we arrive at the following equation of motion of the system

$$m\ddot{x} + c(\dot{x} - \dot{y}) + k(x - \delta_{st} - y) + k\alpha(x - \delta_{st} - y)^3 = -mg \quad (a)$$

where  $x$  is measured from the static equilibrium position of mass  $m$ ,  $y$  is the absolute displacement of the base, and  $\delta_{st}$  is the static deflection. From the static equilibrium of the system, we have that

$$k\delta_{st} + k\alpha\delta_{st}^3 = mg \quad (b)$$

Upon substituting Eq. (b) into Eq. (a), we obtain

$$m\ddot{x} + c(\dot{x} - \dot{y}) + k(x - y) + k\alpha(x - \delta_{st} - y)^3 = -k\alpha\delta_{st}^3 \quad (c)$$

<sup>26</sup>Although the MATLAB function `trapz` can be used to solve Eq. (g), the MATLAB function `ode45` was used instead to solve Eq. (c) with Eq. (d) as the forcing.

<sup>27</sup>N. Chandra, H. Shekhar, H. Hatwal, and A. K. Mallik, "Response of non-linear dissipative shock isolators," *J. Sound Vibration*, Vol. 214, No. 4, pp. 589–603 (1998).

The relative displacement is

$$z(t) = x(t) - y(t) \tag{d}$$

and, after substituting Eq. (d) into Eq. (c), we arrive at

$$m\ddot{z} + c\dot{z} + kz + k\alpha(z - \delta_{st})^3 = -k\alpha\delta_{st}^3 - m\dot{y} \tag{e}$$

If we set  $\tau = \omega_n t$ , then Eq. (e) can be written as

$$\frac{d^2z}{d\tau^2} + 2\zeta \frac{dz}{d\tau} + z + \alpha(z - \delta_{st})^3 = -\alpha\delta_{st}^3 - \frac{d^2y}{d\tau^2} \tag{f}$$

For the displacement to the base of the system, we assume a step-like disturbance that has variable rise time and a rounded shape given by

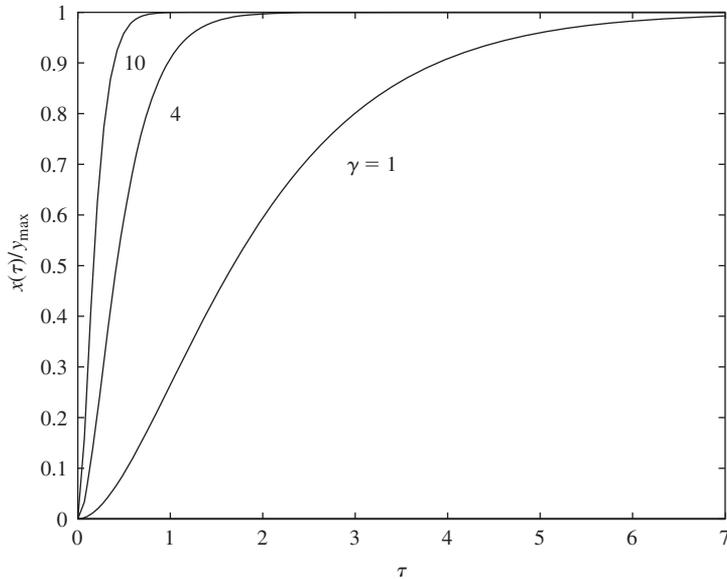
$$y(\tau) = y_{\max} [1 - (1 + \gamma\tau)e^{-\gamma\tau}] \tag{g}$$

This waveform was selected instead of a unit step function, in part, because its higher order derivatives are continuous. The normalized waveform  $y(\tau)/y_{\max}$  is shown in Figure 6.31 for several values of the parameter  $\gamma$ . Taking the second derivative of Eq. (g) with respect to  $\tau$ , we arrive at

$$\ddot{y}(\tau) = y_{\max} \gamma^2(1 - \gamma\tau)e^{-\gamma\tau} \tag{h}$$

We now substitute Eq. (h) into Eq. (f) and introduce the nondimensional variable  $z_n(\tau) = z(\tau)/y_{\max}$  to obtain

$$\frac{d^2z_n}{d\tau^2} + 2\zeta \frac{dz_n}{d\tau} + z_n + \alpha_o(z_n - \delta_o)^3 = -\alpha_o\delta_o^3 + g(\tau) \tag{i}$$



**FIGURE 6.31** Base excitation waveform for several values of  $\gamma$ .

where  $\delta_o = \delta_{st}/y_{\max}$ ,  $\alpha_o = \alpha y_{\max}^2$ , and

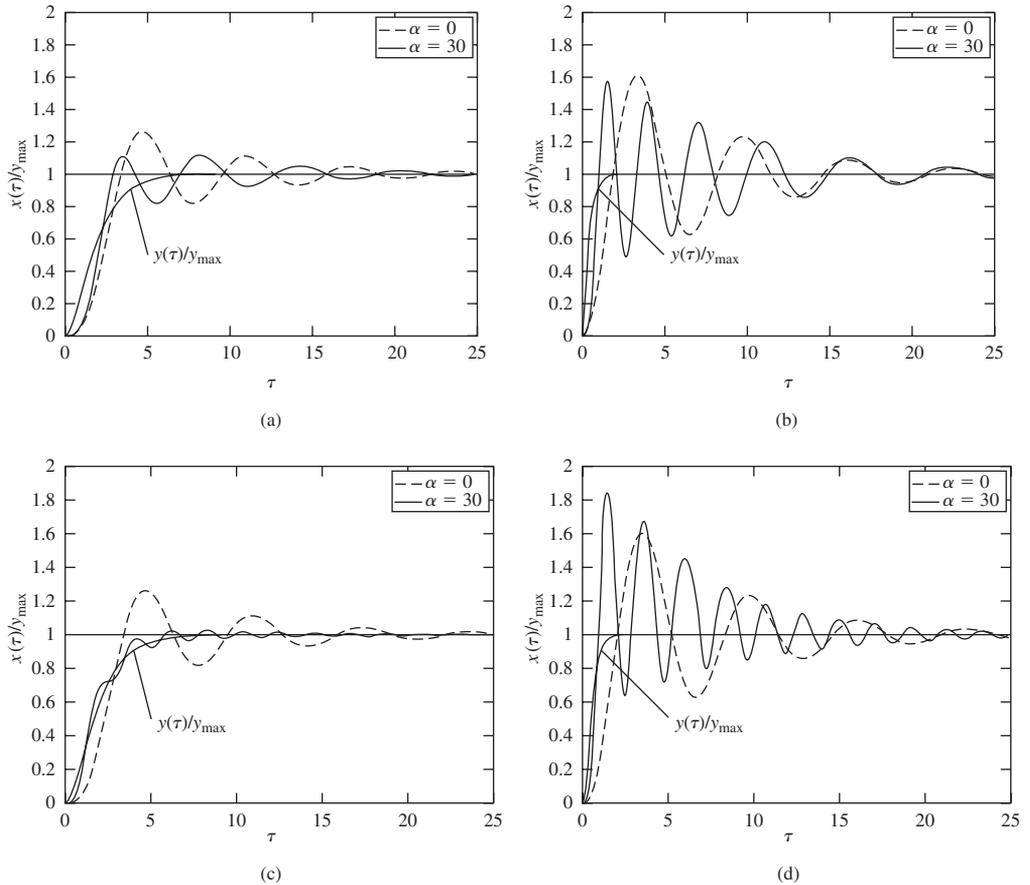
$$g(\tau) = -\gamma^2 (1 - \gamma\tau)e^{-\gamma\tau} \quad (j)$$

The absolute displacement  $x(\tau)$  is obtained from Eq. (d) and Eq. (g); that is,

$$x(\tau) = y_{\max}z_n(\tau) + y_{\max} [1 - (1 + \gamma\tau)e^{-\gamma\tau}] \quad (k)$$

where  $z_n(\tau)$  is a solution of Eq. (i).

The numerical evaluation<sup>28</sup> of Eq. (j) yields the results shown in Figure 6.32 for  $\alpha = 30$  and for  $\alpha = 0$ ; that is, when the nonlinear spring is replaced by a linear spring. In addition, we have selected the nondimensional static displacements of  $\delta_o = 0.3$  and  $\delta_o = 0$ . The value  $\delta_o = 0$  corresponds to the



**FIGURE 6.32**

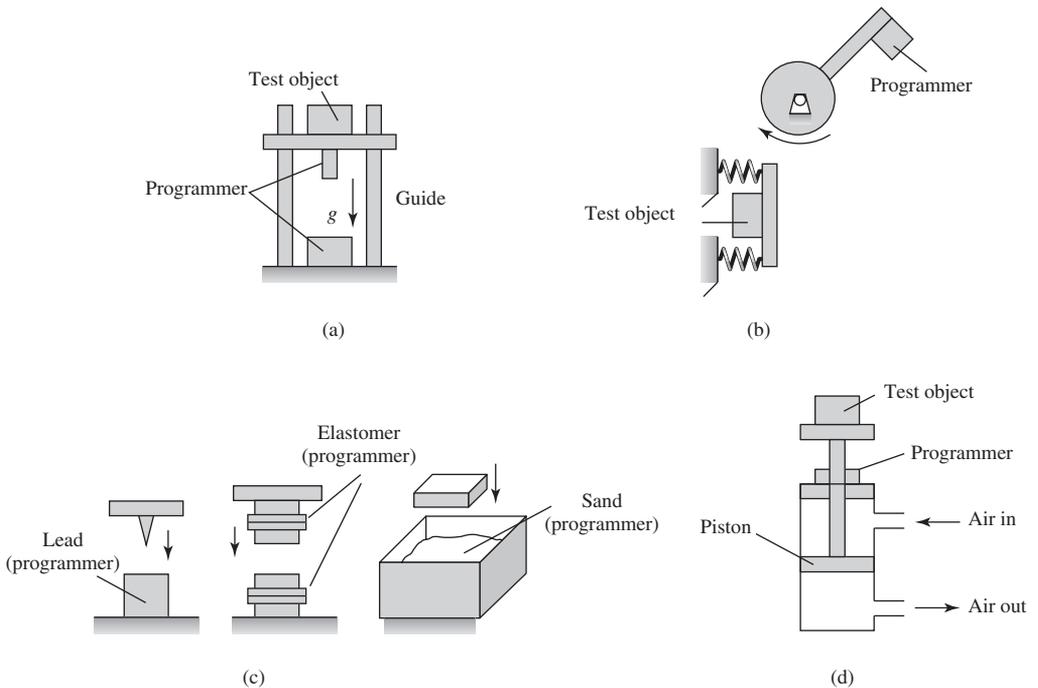
Normalized absolute displacement of the mass of a single degree-of-freedom system with a nonlinear spring with  $\zeta = 0.15$  and subject to the base excitation shown in Figure 6.31: (a)  $\delta_o = 0$  and  $\gamma = 1$ , (b)  $\delta_o = 0$  and  $\gamma = 4$ , (c)  $\delta_o = 0.3$  and  $\gamma = 1$ , and (d)  $\delta_o = 0.3$  and  $\gamma = 4$ .

<sup>28</sup>The MATLAB function ode45 was used.

case of no static displacement; that is, when the system is positioned as shown in Figure 6.1. We see that combination of the linear spring and the nonlinear spring is stiffer than the linear spring by itself and, therefore, the period of the oscillation is shorter than that of the linear spring by itself, especially as the rise time decreases ( $\gamma$  increases). In addition, as the rise time of the input displacement decreases ( $\gamma$  increases), the overshoot increases, which is similar to what was found for the response to a ramp input applied to a linear single degree-of-freedom system.

## 6.8 IMPACT TESTING

Impact testing is performed with standard shock test machines where a test object impacts a stationary platform. Placing different materials of different geometry between the object and its rigid terminating platform alters the shape of the impact profile.<sup>29</sup> These inserts are called *programmers*. These programmers are typically elastomer discs, lead pellets, and sand. The machines fall into one of three categories: (1) free-fall machines, which includes pendulum type machines; (2) pneumatic machines; and (3) electrodynamic



**FIGURE 6.33**

Different impact testing methods and the locations of their programmers: (a) free-fall apparatus, (b) pendulum, (c) different programmers, and (d) pneumatic machine.

<sup>29</sup>C. LaLanne, *Mechanical Shock*, Hermes Penton Ltd., Chapters 6 and 7, 2002.

machines. In free-fall machines, the object's velocity is a function of the release height from the impact platform. In pneumatic machines, the pneumatic driver produces the object's velocity. In electrodynamic shakers (recall Example 5.10), the shock spectrum is attained by tailoring the time-varying shape, magnitude, and duration of the signal sent to the shaker or by specifying the input spectrum. Schematic drawings of these different types of machines are given in Figure 6.33. One application of impact testing is in determining the efficacy of motorcycle helmets, where the acceleration response to impact is required to determine the head injury criteria (HIC) for these devices.<sup>30</sup> Another application<sup>31</sup> of impact analysis is to reduce the amount of force that is transferred to the ground (soil) in manufacturing facilities that use drop forges and other heavy machinery that create intermittent loads.

## 6.9 SUMMARY

In this chapter, responses of single degree-of-freedom systems subjected to various types of transient excitations have been studied. A common characteristic of the systems studied is that the excitation provides a “sudden” change to the state of the system. The notion of the impulse response, which is an important component for determining the response of linear systems, has been introduced, along with such notions as settling time and rise time of the response. It was also illustrated as to how the response to an input excitation with an arbitrary frequency spectrum can be determined.

## EXERCISES

### Section 6.2

**6.1** Determine the response of a vibratory system governed by the following equation:

$$\begin{aligned}\ddot{x}(t) + 0.2\dot{x}(t) + 3.5x(t) \\ = 1.5 \sin(\omega t)u(t) + 4\delta(t - 3)\end{aligned}$$

Assume that  $m = 1$  kg, the initial conditions are  $x(0) = 0.1$  m and  $\dot{x}(0) = 0$  m/s, and the excitation frequency  $\omega = 1.4$  rad/s. Plot the response.

**6.2** Consider the following single degree-of-freedom system excited by two impulses when the system is initially at rest

$$\ddot{x}(t) + 2\dot{x}(t) + 4x(t) = \delta(t) + \delta(t - 5)$$

Determine the displacement response of this vibratory system and plot the response.

**6.3** From extensive biomechanical tests, the spinal stiffness  $k$  of a person is estimated to be 50,000 N/m.

<sup>30</sup>R. Willinger, et al., “Dynamic Characterization of Motorcycle Helmets: Modeling and Coupling with the Human Head,” *J. Sound Vibration*, **235**(4), pp. 611–615, 2000.

<sup>31</sup>See, for example, A. G. Chehab and M. El Naggari, “Response of block foundations to impact loads,” *Journal of Sound and Vibration*, 276 (2004) pp. 293–310.

Assume that the body mass is 80 kg. Let us assume that this person is driving an automobile without wearing a seat belt. On hitting an obstacle, the driver is thrown upwards, and drops in free fall onto an unpadded seat and experiences an impulse with a magnitude of 100 N · s. Determine the resulting motions if an undamped single degree-of-freedom model is used to model the vertical vibrations of this person.

**6.4** Determine the response of the vibratory system discussed in Example 6.4 when the forcing due to the wind spectrum is of the following form

$$|F(jf)| = 200fe^{-0.5f} \text{ N}$$

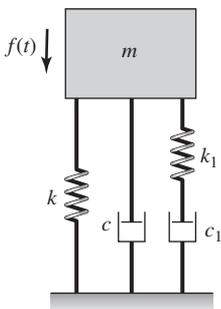
where  $f$  is the frequency in Hz. Plot the result for the values of  $k_3$  given in Example 6.4.

**Section 6.3**

**6.5** Determine the response of an underdamped single degree-of-freedom system that is subjected to the force  $f(t) = F_0e^{-\alpha t}u(t)$ . Assume that the system is initially at rest.

**6.6** Repeat Example 6.5 when the step change in road elevation  $a$  is 4 cm and the vehicle speed is 100 km/h. Plot the results.

**6.7** Refer to the Kelvin-Voigt-Maxwell combination shown in Figure E6.7. Obtain an expression for the displacement response in the Laplace transform do-

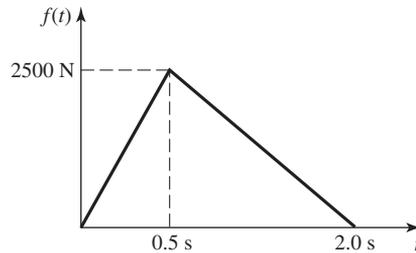


**FIGURE E6.7**

main of the mass when the mass is subjected to a step-function force of magnitude  $F_0$ .

**Section 6.4**

**6.8** A machine system of mass 30 kg is mounted on an undamped foundation of stiffness 1500 N/m. During the operations, the machine is subjected to a force of the form shown in Figure E6.8, where the horizontal axis time  $t$  is in seconds and the vertical axis is the amplitude of the force in Newtons. Assume that the machine system is initially at rest and determine the displacement response of the system.



**FIGURE E6.8**

**6.9** In Example 6.7, assume that the motions of the slab floor are damped with the damping factor being 0.2. Determine the response of this damped system for the forcing and system parameters given in Example 6.7. Also, find the earliest time at which the maximum displacement response occurs. Plot the results.

**6.10** Consider the Boltzmann sigmoidal function, whose general form is given by

$$S(\tau, a, b, \alpha, \tau_0) = a + b(1 + e^{\alpha(\tau_0 - \tau)})^{-1}$$

where  $a, b, \alpha,$  and  $\tau_0$  are constants and  $S(\tau_0, a, b, \alpha, \tau_0) = a + b/2$ . This function can be used to create a step-like function as shown in Figure E6.10 for  $S(\tau_0, 0, 1, 60, 0.1)$ . Determine the response of a system for  $f(\tau) = F_0S(\tau, 0, 1, 60, 0.1)$  and  $f(\tau) = F_0S(\tau, 0, 1, 6, 1)$  and graphically compare them to the response of the system to the step input given by Eq. (6.23). The solutions have to be obtained numerically.

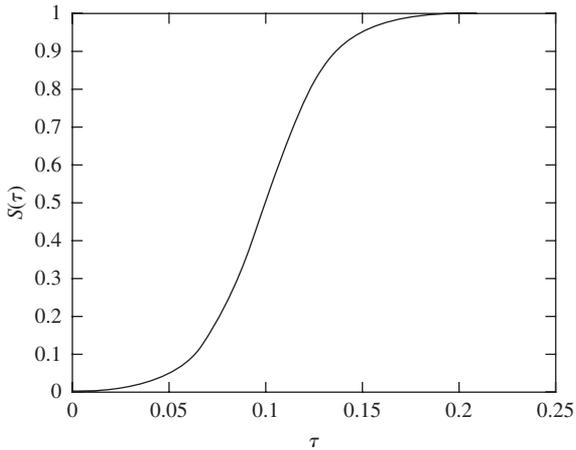


FIGURE E6.10

## Section 6.6

**6.11** Determine the response of the damped second-order system described by

$$m\ddot{x}(t) + c\dot{x}(t) + kx(t) = f(t)$$

to the rectangular pulse shown in Figure E6.11. Plot the displacement response for  $m = 1$  kg,  $\zeta = 0.1$ ,  $\omega_n = 4$  rad/s,  $f_o = 1$  N, and  $t_1 = 1$  s.

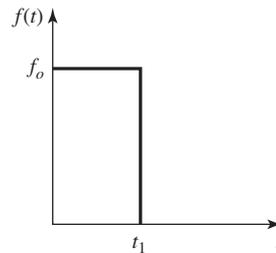


FIGURE E6.11

## Section 6.7

**6.12** Plot the energy density and then determine the bandwidth of the following pulse:

$$f(t) = 0.5(1 - \cos\omega_o t)[u(t) - u(t - 2\pi/\omega_o)]$$



Many systems can vibrate in multiple directions. Such systems are described by models with multiple degrees-of-freedom. The cable car and the locomotive can each simultaneously oscillate up and down as well as sway from left to right. (Source: © Zandebasenjis / Dreamstime.com; Stockxpert.com)

# 7

## Multiple Degree-of-Freedom Systems: Governing Equations, Natural Frequencies, and Mode Shapes

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### 7.1 INTRODUCTION

In Chapters 4 through 6, single degree-of-freedom systems and vibratory responses of these systems were studied. Systems with multiple degrees of freedom and their responses are studied in this chapter and the next. Systems that need to be described by more than one independent coordinate have multiple degrees of freedom. The number of degrees of freedom is determined by the inertial elements present in a system. For example, in a system with two degrees of freedom, there can be either one inertial element whose motion is described by two independent coordinates or two inertial elements whose motions are described by two independent coordinates. In general, the number of degrees of freedom of a system is not only determined by the inertial elements present in a system, but also by the constraints imposed on the system. The

governing equations of motion of vibratory systems is determined by using either force-balance and moment-balance methods or Lagrange's equations. In this chapter, both of these methods will be used to develop the system equations. Furthermore, viscous damping models will be used to model dissipation in the systems.

After developing the governing equations of motion, the determination of the natural frequencies and mode shapes of multi-degree-of-freedom systems are examined at length. Forced oscillations are considered in the next chapter. To describe the responses of single degree-of-freedom systems, only time information is needed. In addition to the time information, one also needs spatial information for describing the responses of systems with more than one degree of freedom. This spatial information is expressed in terms of mode shapes, which are determined from the free-vibration solution. Each mode shape is associated with a natural frequency of the system. This shape provides information about the relative spatial positions of the inertial elements in terms of the chosen generalized coordinates. Determination of mode shapes and natural frequencies is discussed in detail in this chapter. As illustrated in the next chapter, the spatial information obtained from the free-vibration problem can also provide a basis for determining the forced response of a system with multiple degrees of freedom. It is also shown there that the properties of mode shapes can be used to construct the response of a multi-degree-of-freedom system in terms of the responses of equivalent single degree-of-freedom systems. This allows the use of the material presented in the preceding chapters for determining the response of a system with multiple degrees of freedom.

The notions of stability introduced in Chapter 4 for single degree-of-freedom systems are extended in this chapter to multi-degree-of-freedom systems.

In this chapter, we shall show how to:

- Derive the governing equations for systems with multiple degrees of freedom by using force-balance and moment-balance methods.
- Derive the governing equations for systems with multiple degrees of freedom by using Lagrange's equations.
- Obtain the natural frequencies and mode shapes associated with vibrations of systems with multiple degrees of freedom.
- Obtain the conditions under which the mode shapes are orthogonal.
- Interpret characteristics of damped systems.
- Determine the vibration characteristics of rotating shafts.
- Examine the stability of multiple degree-of-freedom systems.

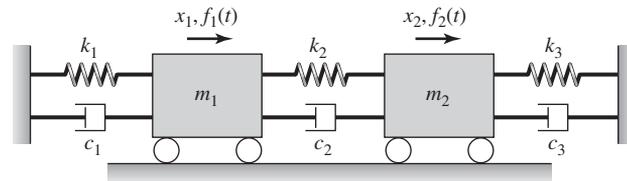
## 7.2 GOVERNING EQUATIONS

In this section, two approaches are presented for determining the governing equations of motion. The first approach is based on force-balance and moment-balance methods and the second approach is based on Lagrange's

equations. For algebraic ease, the number of degrees of freedom for the physical systems chosen in this chapter is less than or equal to five.

## 7.2.1 Force-Balance and Moment-Balance Methods

The underlying principles of the force-balance and moment-balance methods are expressed by Eqs. (1.11) and (1.17), which relate the forces and moments imposed on a system to the rate of change of linear momentum and the rate of change of angular momentum, respectively.



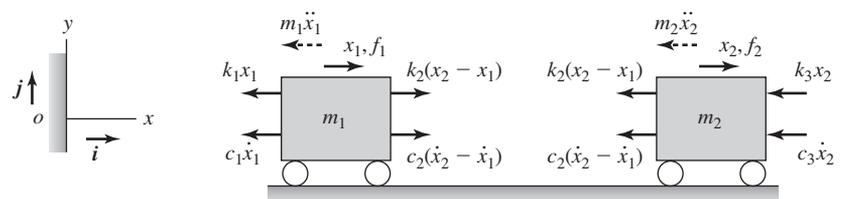
**FIGURE 7.1**

System with two degrees of freedom.

### Force-Balance Method

To illustrate the use of force-balance methods, consider the system shown in Figure 7.1. This system consists of linear springs, linear dampers, and translating inertia elements. The free-body diagrams for the point masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  are shown, along with the respective inertial forces in Figure 7.2. The generalized coordinates  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are used to specify the positions of the two masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ , respectively, from the fixed end on the left side. Based on the free-body diagram of inertia element  $m_1$  and carrying out the force balance along the horizontal direction  $\mathbf{i}$ , one obtains the following equation:

$$\underbrace{-m_1\ddot{x}_1}_{\text{Inertia force}} \underbrace{-k_1x_1}_{\text{Force associated with spring of stiffness } k_1} \underbrace{+k_2(x_2 - x_1)}_{\text{Force associated with spring of stiffness } k_2} \underbrace{-c_1\dot{x}_1}_{\text{Force associated with damper of coefficient } c_1} \underbrace{+c_2(\dot{x}_2 - \dot{x}_1)}_{\text{Force associated with damper of coefficient } c_2} \underbrace{+f_1(t)}_{\text{External force acting on mass } m_1} = 0$$



**FIGURE 7.2**

Free-body diagrams for masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  along with the respective inertial forces illustrated by broken lines. The origin of the coordinate system is located on the fixed boundary at the left end of the spring.

This equation has been rewritten as the first of Eqs. (7.1a). Similarly, from the free-body diagram of inertial element  $m_2$ , the second of Eqs. (7.1a) is obtained.

$$\begin{aligned} m_1\ddot{x}_1 + (c_1 + c_2)\dot{x}_1 - c_2\dot{x}_2 + (k_1 + k_2)x_1 - k_2x_2 &= f_1(t) \\ m_2\ddot{x}_2 + (c_2 + c_3)\dot{x}_2 - c_2\dot{x}_1 + (k_2 + k_3)x_2 - k_2x_1 &= f_2(t) \end{aligned} \tag{7.1a}$$

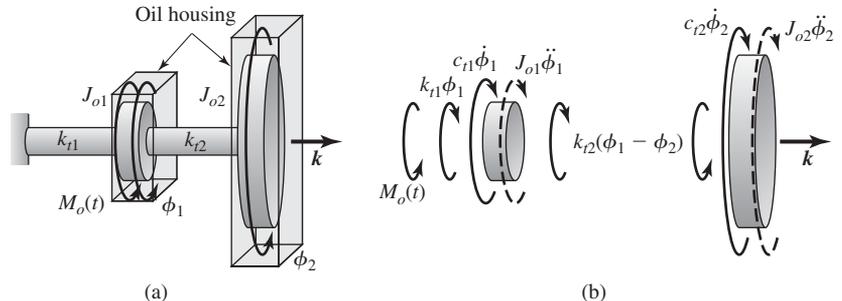
These linear differential equations are written in matrix form<sup>1</sup> as

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} m_1 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{x}_1 \\ \ddot{x}_2 \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c_1 + c_2 & -c_2 \\ -c_2 & c_2 + c_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{Bmatrix} \\ + \begin{bmatrix} k_1 + k_2 & -k_2 \\ -k_2 & k_2 + k_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \end{Bmatrix} \end{aligned} \tag{7.1b}$$

The off-diagonal terms of the inertia matrix are zero, while the off-diagonal terms of the stiffness and damping matrices are non-zero. In addition, all of these matrices are *symmetric matrices*.<sup>2</sup> The equations governing the system are coupled due to these non-zero off-diagonal terms in the stiffness and damping matrices. Physically, the system is uncoupled when the damper  $c_2$  and the spring  $k_2$  are absent. The excitations  $f_1(t)$  and  $f_2(t)$  are directly applied to the inertial elements of the system as shown in the figure.

**Moment-Balance Method**

We now consider the system shown in Figure 7.3, which has two flywheels with rotary inertias  $J_{o1}$  and  $J_{o2}$ . The end of the shaft attached to the rotor is treated as a fixed end. The drive torque to the first flywheel is  $M_o(t)$ . The generalized coordinates  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  are used to describe the rotations of the flywheels about the axis  $k$  through the respective centers. The inertias of the shafts are neglected, the torsional stiffness of the shaft in between the fixed end and the flywheel closest to it is represented by  $k_{t1}$ , and the torsional



**FIGURE 7.3**

(a) System of two flywheels driven by a rotor and (b) free-body diagrams along with the respective inertial moments illustrated by broken lines.

<sup>1</sup>See Appendix E for a brief introduction to matrix notation.

<sup>2</sup>As discussed in Appendix E, a matrix  $[A]$  is called a symmetric matrix if the elements of the matrix  $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$ .

stiffness of the other shaft is represented by  $k_{12}$ . It is assumed that the flywheels are immersed in housings filled with oil and that the corresponding dissipative effect is modeled by using the viscous damping coefficients  $c_{11}$  and  $c_{12}$ . In the free-body diagrams of Figure 7.3, the inertial moments  $-J_{o1}\ddot{\phi}_1\mathbf{k}$  and  $-J_{o2}\ddot{\phi}_2\mathbf{k}$  are also shown.

Based on the free-body diagrams shown in Figure 7.3, we apply the principle of angular momentum balance to each of the flywheels and obtain the governing equations

$$\begin{aligned} J_{o1}\ddot{\phi}_1 + c_{11}\dot{\phi}_1 + k_{11}\phi_1 + k_{12}(\phi_1 - \phi_2) &= M_o(t) \\ J_{o2}\ddot{\phi}_2 + c_{12}\dot{\phi}_2 + k_{12}(\phi_2 - \phi_1) &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (7.2a)$$

which are written in matrix form as

$$\begin{bmatrix} J_{o1} & 0 \\ 0 & J_{o2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{\phi}_1 \\ \ddot{\phi}_2 \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & c_{12} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{\phi}_1 \\ \dot{\phi}_2 \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} k_{11} + k_{12} & -k_{12} \\ -k_{12} & k_{12} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} M_o(t) \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (7.2b)$$

In this case, the equations are coupled because of the non-zero off-diagonal terms in the stiffness matrix, which are due to the shaft with stiffness  $k_{12}$ .

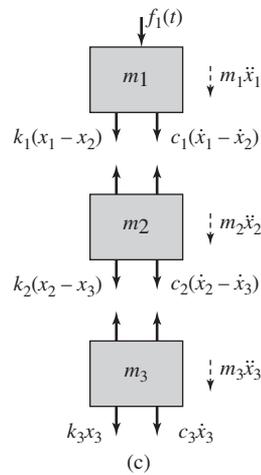
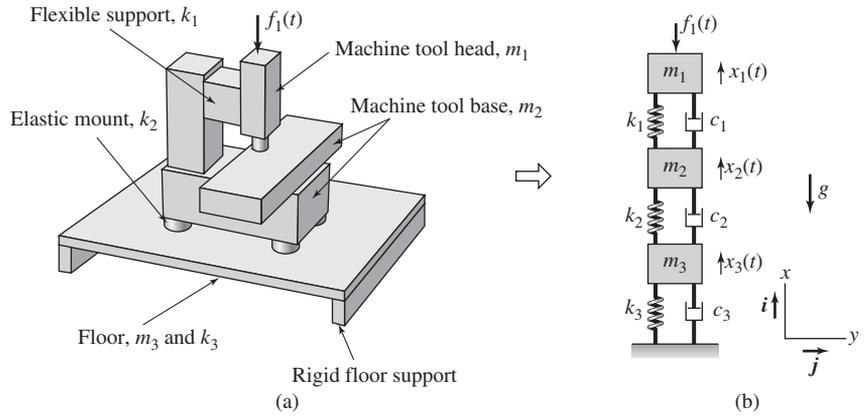
Both of the physical systems chosen for illustration of force-balance and moment-balance methods are described by linear models and the associated governing system of equations is written in matrix form. This is possible to do for any linear multi-degree-of-freedom system, as illustrated in Example 7.1. For a nonlinear multi-degree-of-freedom system, the governing nonlinear equations of motion are linearized to obtain a set of linear equations; the resulting linear equations are amenable to matrix form. This is illustrated in Example 7.3.

### EXAMPLE 7.1 Modeling of a milling machine on a flexible floor

A milling machine and a vibratory model of this system are shown in Figure 7.4. We shall derive the governing equations of motion for this system by using the force-balance method. As shown in Figure 7.4b, the milling machine is described by using the three inertial elements  $m_1$ ,  $m_2$ , and  $m_3$  along with discrete spring elements and damper elements. All three inertial elements translate only along the  $i$  direction. The external force  $f_1(t)$  in the  $i$  direction shown in the figure is a representative disturbance acting on  $m_1$ .

To obtain the governing equations of motion, we use the generalized coordinates  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ , and  $x_3$ , each measured from the system's static equilibrium position. Since the coordinates are measured from the static equilibrium position, gravity forces are not considered below. In order to apply the force-balance method to each inertial element, the free-body diagrams shown in Figure 7.4c are used. Applying the force-balance method along the  $i$  direction to each of the masses, we obtain the following equations:

$$\begin{aligned} m_1\ddot{x}_1 + k_1(x_1 - x_2) + c_1(\dot{x}_1 - \dot{x}_2) &= -f_1(t) \\ m_2\ddot{x}_2 + (k_1 + k_2)x_2 - k_1x_1 - k_2x_3 + (c_1 + c_2)\dot{x}_2 - c_1\dot{x}_1 - c_2\dot{x}_3 &= 0 \\ m_3\ddot{x}_3 + (k_2 + k_3)x_3 - k_2x_2 + (c_2 + c_3)\dot{x}_3 - c_2\dot{x}_2 &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (a)$$



**FIGURE 7.4**

(a) Milling machine; (b) vibratory model for study of vertical motions; and (c) free-body diagrams of inertial elements  $m_1$ ,  $m_2$ , and  $m_3$  shown in (b) along with the inertial forces illustrated by broken lines.

Equations (a) are arranged in the following matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} m_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & m_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ \dot{x}_3 \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & -c_1 & 0 \\ -c_1 & c_1 + c_2 & -c_2 \\ 0 & -c_2 & c_2 + c_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ \dot{x}_3 \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} k_1 & -k_1 & 0 \\ -k_1 & k_1 + k_2 & -k_2 \\ 0 & -k_2 & k_2 + k_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} -f_1(t) \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \tag{b}$$

We see that the inertia, the stiffness, and the damping matrices are symmetric matrices.

### EXAMPLE 7.2 Conservation of linear momentum in a multiple degree-of-freedom system

We revisit Example 7.1 and discuss when the linear momentum of this multiple degree-of-freedom system is conserved along the  $i$  direction. From Eq. (1.11), it is clear that in the absence of external forces  $f_i(t)$ , the linear momentum of the system is conserved; that is,

$$\frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} = \mathbf{0} \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathbf{p} = \text{constant} \quad (\text{a})$$

Even in the absence of the forcing  $f_i(t)$  in Example 7.1, the linear momentum of this three degree-of-freedom system is not conserved because of the forces acting at the base of the system. To examine this, we set  $f_i(t) \neq 0$  in Eq. (a) of Example 7.1 and arrive at the following equations:

$$\begin{aligned} m_1\ddot{x}_1 + k_1(x_1 - x_2) + c_1(\dot{x}_1 - \dot{x}_2) &= 0 \\ m_2\ddot{x}_2 + (k_1 + k_2)x_2 - k_1x_1 - k_2x_3 + (c_1 + c_2)\dot{x}_2 - c_1\dot{x}_1 - c_2\dot{x}_3 &= 0 \\ m_3\ddot{x}_3 + (k_2 + k_3)x_3 - k_2x_2 + (c_2 + c_3)\dot{x}_3 - c_2\dot{x}_2 &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{b})$$

Each of Eqs. (b) was obtained by performing a linear-momentum balance individually for each of the three inertial elements of the system. Adding all three equations of Eqs. (b), we obtain

$$m_1\ddot{x}_1 + m_2\ddot{x}_2 + m_3\ddot{x}_3 = -(k_3x_3 + c_3\dot{x}_3) \quad (\text{c})$$

Integrating Eq. (c) with respect to time—that is,

$$\int_0^t (m_1\ddot{x}_1 + m_2\ddot{x}_2 + m_3\ddot{x}_3) dt = - \int_0^t (k_3x_3 + c_3\dot{x}_3) dt \quad (\text{d})$$

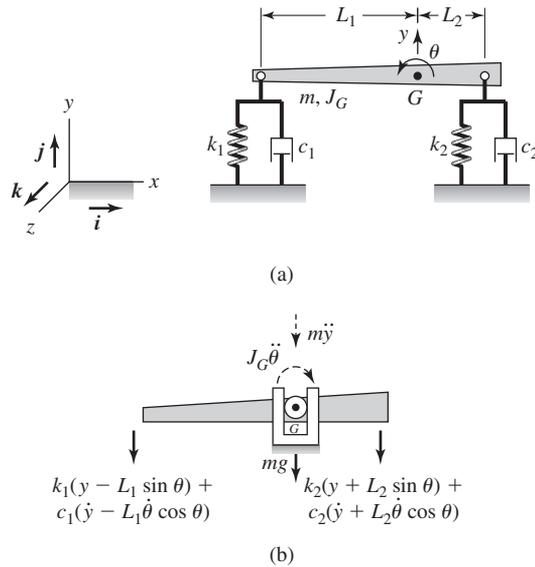
—leads to

$$m_1\dot{x}_1 + m_2\dot{x}_2 + m_3\dot{x}_3 \neq \text{constant} \quad (\text{e})$$

From Eq. (e), it follows that due to the presence of the spring and damper forces at the base, the total linear momentum of the system is not conserved. If the spring with stiffness  $k_3$  and the damper with damping coefficient  $c_3$  were absent, then the total linear momentum of the resulting free-free system is conserved.

### EXAMPLE 7.3 System with bounce and pitch motions

Consider the rigid bar shown in Figure 7.5a, which can rotate (pitch) about the  $k$  direction and translate (bounce) along the  $j$  direction. We locate the generalized coordinates  $y$  and  $\theta$  at the center of gravity of the beam. This model



**FIGURE 7.5**

(a) Rigid body in the plane constrained by springs and dampers and (b) free-body diagram of the system along with the inertial force and the inertial moment.

provides a good representation for describing certain types of motions of motorcycles, automobiles, and other vehicles.

This particular example has been chosen to illustrate that both the force-balance and moment-balance methods are needed to obtain the governing equations. In addition, we also illustrate how the equilibrium positions are determined and how linearization of a nonlinear system is carried out.

### Governing Equations of Motion

The free-body diagram shown in Figure 7.5b will be used to obtain the governing equations of motion. The inertial force and the inertial moment are also shown in Figure 7.5b. Considering force balance and moment balance with respect to the center of mass  $G$  of the rigid bar, we obtain, respectively,

$$\begin{aligned}
 m\ddot{y} + (c_1 + c_2)\dot{y} - (c_1L_1 - c_2L_2)\dot{\theta} \cos \theta + (k_1 + k_2)y \\
 - (k_1L_1 - k_2L_2)\sin \theta = -mg
 \end{aligned} \tag{a}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 J_G\ddot{\theta} - (c_1L_1 - c_2L_2)\dot{y} \cos \theta + (c_1L_1^2 + c_2L_2^2)\dot{\theta} \cos^2 \theta \\
 - (k_1L_1 - k_2L_2)y \cos \theta + (k_1L_1^2 + k_2L_2^2)\sin \theta \cos \theta = 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{b}$$

Equations (a) and (b) are nonlinear because of the  $\sin \theta$  and  $\cos \theta$  terms.

### Static-Equilibrium Positions

The equilibrium positions  $y_o$  and  $\theta_o$  of the system are obtained by setting the accelerations and velocities to zero in Eqs. (a) and (b). Thus,  $y_o$  and  $\theta_o$  are solutions of

$$\begin{aligned} (k_1 + k_2)y_o - (k_1L_1 - k_2L_2)\sin\theta_o &= -mg \\ \{[-(k_1L_1 - k_2L_2)y_o + (k_1L_1^2 + k_2L_2^2)\sin\theta_o]\}\cos\theta_o &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (c)$$

From the second of Eqs. (c), we find that

$$\cos\theta_o = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \sin\theta_o = y_o \frac{(k_1L_1 - k_2L_2)}{(k_1L_1^2 + k_2L_2^2)} \quad (d)$$

Making use of the second of Eqs. (d) in the first of Eqs. (c), we arrive at

$$y_o = -\frac{mg(k_1L_1^2 + k_2L_2^2)}{k_1k_2(L_1 + L_2)^2} \quad (e)$$

Note that the equilibrium position  $\theta_o = \pi/2$  corresponding to  $\cos\theta_o = 0$  in Eqs. (d) is not considered because it is not physically meaningful. Examining Eq. (e),  $y_o$  represents a sag in the position of the bar due to the weight of the bar. From the second of Eqs. (d),  $\theta_o$  represents a rotation due to the combination of the unequal stiffness at each end and the unequal mass distribution of the bar. When  $k_1L_1 = k_2L_2$ ,  $\theta_o = 0$ , but  $y_o \neq 0$ . For  $k_1L_1 \neq k_2L_2$ , in the absence of gravity loading or other constant loading,  $y_o = 0$ , and hence,  $\theta_o = 0$ .

### Linearization and Linear System Governing “Small” Oscillations about an Equilibrium Position

We now consider “small” oscillations of the system shown in Figure 7.5 about the equilibrium position  $(y_o, \theta_o)$ . In order to obtain the governing equations, we substitute

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= y_o + \hat{y}(t) \\ \theta(t) &= \theta_o + \hat{\theta}(t) \end{aligned} \quad (f)$$

into Eqs. (a) and (b) and carry out Taylor-series expansions<sup>3</sup> of  $\sin\theta$  and  $\cos\theta$ , and retain the linear terms in  $y$  and  $\theta$ . To this end, we find that

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{y}(t) &= \frac{d^2}{dt^2}(y_o + \hat{y}) = \ddot{\hat{y}}(t), & \dot{y}(t) &= \frac{d}{dt}(y_o + \hat{y}) = \dot{\hat{y}}(t) \\ \dot{\theta}(t) &= \frac{d^2}{dt^2}(\theta_o + \hat{\theta}) = \ddot{\hat{\theta}}(t), & \dot{\theta}(t) &= \frac{d}{dt}(\theta_o + \hat{\theta}) = \dot{\hat{\theta}}(t) \\ \sin\theta &= \sin(\theta_o + \hat{\theta}) \approx \sin\theta_o + \hat{\theta}\cos\theta_o + \dots \\ \cos\theta &= \cos(\theta_o + \hat{\theta}) \approx \cos\theta_o - \hat{\theta}\sin\theta_o + \dots \end{aligned} \quad (g)$$

<sup>3</sup>T. B. Hildebrand, *ibid.*

On substituting Eqs. (g) into Eqs. (a) and (b), making use of Eqs. (c), and retaining only the linear terms in  $\hat{y}$  and  $\hat{\theta}$ , we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} m\ddot{\hat{y}} + (c_1 + c_2)\dot{\hat{y}} - (c_1L_1 - c_2L_2)\dot{\hat{\theta}} \cos \theta_o + (k_1 + k_2)\hat{y} \\ - (k_1L_1 - k_2L_2)\hat{\theta} \cos \theta_o = 0 \\ J_G\ddot{\hat{\theta}} - (c_1L_1 - c_2L_2)\dot{\hat{y}} \cos \theta_o + (c_1L_1^2 + c_2L_2^2)\dot{\hat{\theta}} \cos^2 \theta_o \\ - (k_1L_1 - k_2L_2)\hat{y} \cos \theta_o + (k_1L_1^2 + k_2L_2^2)\hat{\theta}(\cos^2 \theta_o - \sin^2 \theta_o) = 0 \quad (\text{h}) \end{aligned}$$

which in matrix form reads as

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} m & 0 \\ 0 & J_G \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{\hat{y}} \\ \ddot{\hat{\theta}} \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c_1 + c_2 & -(c_1L_1 - c_2L_2)\cos \theta_o \\ -(c_1L_1 - c_2L_2)\cos \theta_o & (c_1L_1^2 + c_2L_2^2)\cos^2 \theta_o \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{\hat{y}} \\ \dot{\hat{\theta}} \end{Bmatrix} \\ + \begin{bmatrix} k_1 + k_2 & -(k_1L_1 - k_2L_2)\cos \theta_o \\ -(k_1L_1 - k_2L_2)\cos \theta_o & (k_1L_1^2 + k_2L_2^2)(\cos^2 \theta_o - \sin^2 \theta_o) \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \hat{y} \\ \hat{\theta} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (\text{i}) \end{aligned}$$

Equation (i) represents the linear system governing “small” oscillations of the system shown in Figure 7.5 about the static equilibrium position given by Eqs. (d) and (e). Although the gravity loading determines the equilibrium position, it does not appear explicitly in Eq. (i). Hence, when it is assumed that the generalized coordinates are measured from the static-equilibrium position, constant loading such as gravity loading is not considered for determining the equations of motion.

From the second of Eqs. (d) it is seen that if  $k_1L_1 = k_2L_2$ ,  $\theta_o = 0$ , and Eq. (i) takes the form

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} m & 0 \\ 0 & J_G \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{\hat{y}} \\ \ddot{\hat{\theta}} \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c_1 + c_2 & -(c_1L_1 - c_2L_2) \\ -(c_1L_1 - c_2L_2) & (c_1L_1^2 + c_2L_2^2) \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{\hat{y}} \\ \dot{\hat{\theta}} \end{Bmatrix} \\ + \begin{bmatrix} k_1 + k_2 & 0 \\ 0 & (k_1L_1^2 + k_2L_2^2) \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \hat{y} \\ \hat{\theta} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (\text{j}) \end{aligned}$$

If  $k_1L_1 \neq k_2L_2$  and  $\theta_o \approx 0$ , then Eq. (i) takes the form

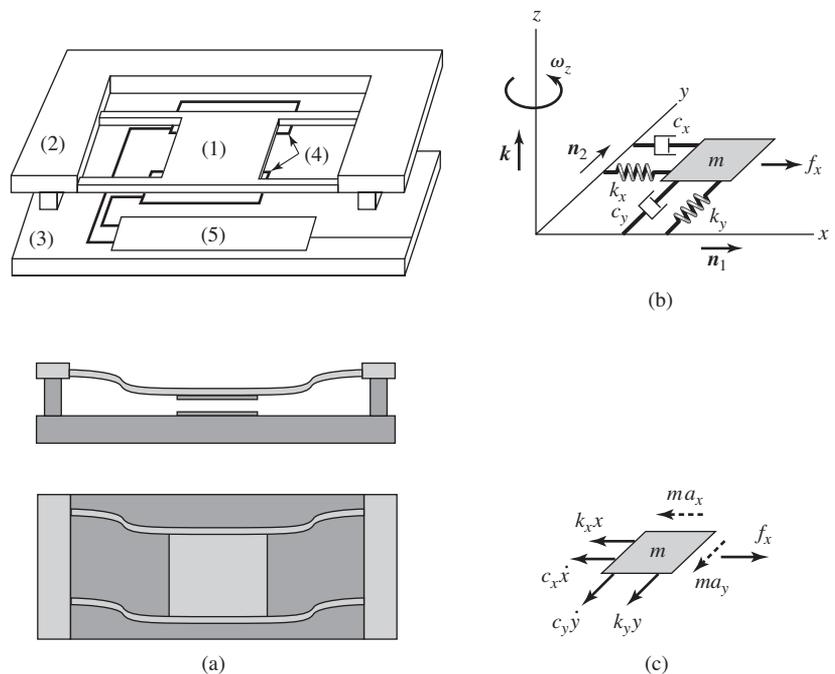
$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} m & 0 \\ 0 & J_G \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{\hat{y}} \\ \ddot{\hat{\theta}} \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c_1 + c_2 & -(c_1L_1 - c_2L_2) \\ -(c_1L_1 - c_2L_2) & (c_1L_1^2 + c_2L_2^2) \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{\hat{y}} \\ \dot{\hat{\theta}} \end{Bmatrix} \\ + \begin{bmatrix} k_1 + k_2 & -(k_1L_1 - k_2L_2) \\ -(k_1L_1 - k_2L_2) & (k_1L_1^2 + k_2L_2^2) \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \hat{y} \\ \hat{\theta} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (\text{k}) \end{aligned}$$

When  $c_1L_1 = c_2L_2$  and  $k_1L_1 = k_2L_2$  the equations uncouple: that is, the rotation and translation motions of the bar are independent of each other.

It is noted that Eqs. (k) could have been obtained directly, if it had been initially assumed that “small” oscillations about the static-equilibrium position were being considered and that the static-equilibrium position is “close” to the horizontal position. In this case,  $\cos \theta$  would have been set to 1 and  $\sin \theta$  would have been replaced by  $\theta$  in Eqs. (a) and (b).

### EXAMPLE 7.4 Governing equations of a rate gyroscope<sup>4</sup>

We shall obtain the governing equations of motion of a rate gyroscope, also known as a gyro-sensor. The physical system, along with the vibratory model, is shown in Figure 7.6. In the vibratory model shown in Figure 7.6b, the sensor is shown as a point mass  $m$  with two degrees of freedom and its motion is described by the coordinates  $x$  and  $y$  in the horizontal plane. The generalized coordinates are both located in a rotating reference frame. The sensor is to be designed to measure the rotational speed  $\omega_z$ , which is assumed constant. For modeling purposes, a spring with stiffness  $k_x$  and a viscous damper with a damping coefficient  $c_x$  are used to constrain motions along the  $n_1$  direction.



**FIGURE 7.6**

(a) Micromachined rate gyroscope; (b) vibratory model; and (c) free-body diagram along with the inertial forces. [(1) Suspended proof mass; (2) frame; (3) CMOS chip; (4) photodiodes; and (5) electronic circuitry.] *Source:* Fig. 7.6a from O. Degani, D. J. Seter, E. Socher, S. Kaldor, and Y. Nemirovsky, "Optimal Design and Noise Consideration of Micromachined Vibrating Rate Gyroscope with Modulated Integrative Differential Optical Sensing," *Journal of Microelectromechanical Systems*, Vol. 7, No. 3, pp. 329–338 (1998). Copyright © 1998 IEEE. Reprinted with permission.

<sup>4</sup>O. Degani, D. J. Seter, E. Socher, S. Kaldor, and Y. Nemirovsky, "Optimal Design and Noise Consideration of Micromachined Vibrating Rate Gyroscope with Modulated Integrative Differential Optical Sensing," *J. Microelectromechanical Systems*, Vol. 7, No. 3, pp. 329–338 (1998).

Another spring-damper combination is used to constrain motions along the  $\mathbf{n}_2$  direction. An external force  $f_x(t)$  in the  $\mathbf{n}_1$  direction is imposed on the system.

To obtain the governing equations, force balance is considered along the  $\mathbf{n}_1$  and  $\mathbf{n}_2$  directions. Making use of the free-body diagram shown in Figure 7.6c, we obtain the following relations

$$\begin{aligned} ma_x &= -k_x x - c_x \dot{x} + f_x \\ ma_y &= -k_y y - c_y \dot{y} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{a})$$

where  $x$  and  $y$  are the respective displacements along the  $\mathbf{n}_1$  and  $\mathbf{n}_2$  directions in the rotating reference frame;  $\dot{x}$  and  $\dot{y}$  are the respective velocities along these directions in the rotating reference frame; and  $a_x$  and  $a_y$  are the components of the absolute acceleration of the mass  $m$  along the  $\mathbf{n}_1$  and  $\mathbf{n}_2$  directions, respectively. From Exercise 1.4 and the discussion provided in Example 1.3 for a particle located in a rotating reference frame, it is found that

$$\begin{aligned} a_x &= \ddot{x} - 2\omega_z \dot{y} - \omega_z^2 x \\ a_y &= \ddot{y} + 2\omega_z \dot{x} - \omega_z^2 y \end{aligned} \quad (\text{b})$$

In arriving at Eqs. (b), the fact that the rotation  $\omega_z$  is constant and that the corresponding angular acceleration is zero has been taken into account. From Eqs. (a) and (b), we arrive at the following set of equations

$$\begin{aligned} m(\ddot{x} - 2\omega_z \dot{y} - \omega_z^2 x) &= -k_x x - c_x \dot{x} + f_x \\ m(\ddot{y} + 2\omega_z \dot{x} - \omega_z^2 y) &= -k_y y - c_y \dot{y} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{c})$$

Equations (c) are written in the following matrix form:

$$[M] \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{x} \\ \ddot{y} \end{Bmatrix} + [C] \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{Bmatrix} + [G] \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{Bmatrix} + [K] \begin{Bmatrix} x \\ y \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} f_x \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (\text{d})$$

where the different square matrices are

$$\begin{aligned} [M] &= \begin{bmatrix} m & 0 \\ 0 & m \end{bmatrix}, & [C] &= \begin{bmatrix} c_x & 0 \\ 0 & c_y \end{bmatrix}, & [G] &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2m\omega_z \\ 2m\omega_z & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ [K] &= \begin{bmatrix} k_x - m\omega_z^2 & 0 \\ 0 & k_y - m\omega_z^2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{e})$$

The matrix  $[G]$  is called the *gyroscopic matrix*.<sup>5</sup> The choice of coordinates in a rotating reference frame leads to this matrix. The gyroscopic matrix, which is a *skew-symmetric matrix*,<sup>6</sup> leads to coupling between the motions along the  $\mathbf{n}_1$  and  $\mathbf{n}_2$  directions. From the form of the stiffness matrix in Eqs. (e), it is clear that the effective stiffness associated with each direction of motion is reduced by the rotation.

<sup>5</sup>L. Meirovitch, *Computational Methods in Structural Dynamics*, Sijthoff and Noordhoff, The Netherlands, Chapter 2 (1980).

<sup>6</sup>The gyroscopic matrix  $[G]$  is called a skew-symmetric matrix since its elements  $g_{ij} = -g_{ji}$ .

## 7.2.2 General Form of Equations for a Linear Multi-Degree-of-Freedom System

Based on the structure of Eqs. (7.1b) and (7.2b) and the linear systems treated in Examples 7.1, 7.3, and 7.4, the general form of the governing equations of motion for a linear  $N$  degree-of-freedom system described by the generalized coordinates  $q_1, q_2, \dots, q_N$ , are put in the form

$$[M]\{\ddot{q}\} + [[C] + [G]]\{\dot{q}\} + [[K] + [H]]\{q\} = \{Q\} \quad (7.3)$$

where the different matrices and vectors in Eq. (7.3) have the following general form:

$$[M] = \begin{bmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & \cdots & m_{1N} \\ m_{21} & m_{22} & \cdots & m_{2N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ m_{N1} & m_{N2} & \cdots & m_{NN} \end{bmatrix}, \quad [C] = \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} & \cdots & c_{1N} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} & \cdots & c_{2N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_{N1} & c_{N2} & \cdots & c_{NN} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[K] = \begin{bmatrix} k_{11} & k_{12} & \cdots & k_{1N} \\ k_{21} & k_{22} & \cdots & k_{2N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ k_{N1} & k_{N2} & \cdots & k_{NN} \end{bmatrix}, \quad [G] = \begin{bmatrix} g_{11} & g_{12} & \cdots & g_{1N} \\ g_{21} & g_{22} & \cdots & g_{2N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ g_{N1} & g_{N2} & \cdots & g_{NN} \end{bmatrix} \quad (7.4a)$$

$$[H] = \begin{bmatrix} h_{11} & h_{12} & \cdots & h_{1N} \\ h_{21} & h_{22} & \cdots & h_{2N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ h_{N1} & h_{N2} & \cdots & h_{NN} \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\{q\} = \begin{Bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \\ \vdots \\ q_N \end{Bmatrix}, \quad \{\dot{q}\} = \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{q}_1 \\ \dot{q}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{q}_N \end{Bmatrix}, \quad \{\ddot{q}\} = \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{q}_1 \\ \ddot{q}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \ddot{q}_N \end{Bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \{Q\} = \begin{Bmatrix} Q_1 \\ Q_2 \\ \vdots \\ Q_N \end{Bmatrix} \quad (7.4b)$$

The inertia matrix  $[M]$ , the stiffness matrix  $[K]$ , and the damping matrix  $[C]$  are each an  $N \times N$  matrix, and the force vector  $\{Q\}$  is an  $N \times 1$  vector. The  $N \times N$  matrices  $[G]$  and  $[H]$ , which are skew symmetric matrices, are called the gyroscopic matrix and the circulatory matrix, respectively.<sup>7</sup> The  $N \times 1$  vector  $\{q\}$  is called the *displacement vector*, the  $N \times 1$  vector  $\{\dot{q}\}$  is called the *velocity vector*, and the  $N \times 1$  vector  $\{\ddot{q}\}$  is called the *acceleration vector*.

<sup>7</sup>Gyroscopic forces and circulatory forces occur in rotating systems such as shafts; see Section 7.4.

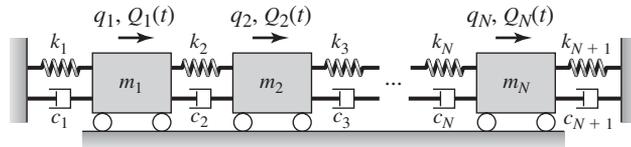
**Linear Systems with  $N$  Inertial Elements,  $(N+1)$  Linear Spring Elements, and  $(N+1)$  Linear Damper Elements**

As a special case of linear multi-degree-of-freedom systems, we consider the system shown in Figure 7.7. This system is an extension of the two degree-of-freedom system shown in Figure 7.1. In the figure,  $m_i$  is the mass of the  $i$ th inertial element whose motion is described by the generalized coordinate  $q_i(t)$ , which is measured from the point  $o$  located on the fixed boundary along the  $i$  direction. The force acting on the  $i$ th inertial element is represented by  $Q_i(t)$ . Carrying out a force balance based on the free-body diagram shown in Figure 7.7b, we obtain the following equation that governs the  $i$ th inertial element:

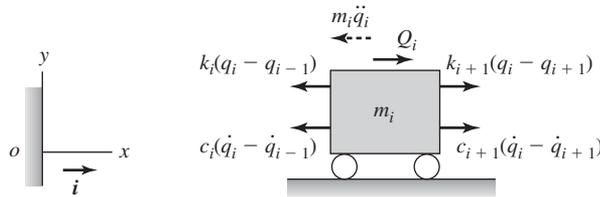
$$m_i \ddot{q}_i + (k_i + k_{i+1})q_i - k_i q_{i-1} - k_{i+1} q_{i+1} + (c_i + c_{i+1})\dot{q}_i - c_i \dot{q}_{i-1} - c_{i+1} \dot{q}_{i+1} = Q_i(t) \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N \quad (7.5a)$$

Assembling all of the  $N$  equations given by Eqs. (7.5a) into matrix form, we obtain Eq. (7.3) with the circulatory matrix  $[H] = 0$  and the gyroscopic matrix  $[G] = 0$  and with the following inertia, stiffness, and damping matrices, respectively,

$$[M] = \begin{bmatrix} m_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & m_2 & & 0 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & & m_N \end{bmatrix}$$



(a)



(b)

**FIGURE 7.7**

(a) Linear system with  $N$  inertial elements,  $(N+1)$  spring elements, and  $(N+1)$  damper elements and (b) free-body diagram of  $i$ th inertial element shown along with the inertial force.

$$\begin{aligned}
 [K] &= \begin{bmatrix} k_1 + k_2 & -k_2 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ -k_2 & k_2 + k_3 & -k_3 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & -k_3 & & & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & & \ddots & -k_{N-1} & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & -k_{N-1} & k_{N-1} + k_N & -k_N \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & -k_N & k_N + k_{N+1} \end{bmatrix} \\
 [C] &= \begin{bmatrix} c_1 + c_2 & -c_2 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ -c_2 & c_2 + c_3 & -c_3 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & -c_3 & & & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & & \ddots & -c_{N-1} & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & -c_{N-1} & c_{N-1} + c_N & -c_N \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & -c_N & c_N + c_{N+1} \end{bmatrix} \quad (7.5b)
 \end{aligned}$$

The inertia matrix given by Eq. (7.5b) is a diagonal matrix, while the stiffness matrix and the damping matrix given by Eq. (7.5b) are not diagonal matrices because of the presence of the off-diagonal elements. However, the stiffness and damping matrices are *banded matrices*, with each banded matrix having non-zero elements along three diagonals. All the other elements of these matrices are zero.

### Conservation of Linear Momentum and Angular Momentum

In the absence of external forces—that is,

$$Q_1 = Q_2 = \cdots = Q_N = 0 \quad (7.6a)$$

—the system linear momentum is conserved. This means that

$$m_1 \dot{q}_1 + m_2 \dot{q}_2 + \cdots + m_N \dot{q}_N = \text{constant} \quad (7.6b)$$

Equation (7.6b) is obtained directly by making use of Eq. (1.11) and noting Eq. (7.6a).

For systems that experience rotational motions, Eq. (1.17) can be used to examine if a system's angular momentum is conserved. For example, in the two degree-of-freedom system shown in Figure 7.3, even in the absence of the external moment—that is,  $M_o = 0$ —the angular momentum  $J_{o1} \dot{\phi}_1 + J_{o2} \dot{\phi}_2 \neq$  constant along the  $k$  direction. This is to be expected because of the fixed boundary at the left end.

### 7.2.3 Lagrange's Equations of Motion

To use Lagrange's equations, we start from Eqs. (3.41), where  $N$  is the number of degrees of freedom and the  $N$  independent generalized coordinates used for describing the motion are  $q_1, q_2, \dots, q_N$ . Repeating Eqs. (3.41), the system of  $N$  governing equations is given by

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_j} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_j} + \frac{\partial D}{\partial \dot{q}_j} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial q_j} = Q_j \quad \text{for } j = 1, 2, \dots, N \quad (7.7)$$

where  $T$  is the kinetic energy of the system,  $V$  is the potential energy of the system,  $D$  is the Rayleigh dissipation function, and  $Q_j$  is the generalized force acting on the  $j$ th inertial element.

### Linear Vibratory Systems

For vibratory systems with linear inertial characteristics, linear stiffness characteristics, and linear viscous damping characteristics,  $T$ ,  $V$ , and  $D$  take the form given by Eqs. (3.43); that is, we have<sup>8</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} T &= \frac{1}{2} \{\dot{q}\}^T [M] \{\dot{q}\} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{n=1}^N m_{jn} \dot{q}_j \dot{q}_n \\ V &= \frac{1}{2} \{q\}^T [K] \{q\} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{n=1}^N k_{jn} q_j q_n \\ D &= \frac{1}{2} \{\dot{q}\}^T [C] \{\dot{q}\} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{n=1}^N c_{jn} \dot{q}_j \dot{q}_n \end{aligned} \quad (7.8)$$

and  $Q_j$  is given by Eq. (3.42). Also,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial \dot{q}_j \partial \dot{q}_k} &= \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial \dot{q}_k \partial \dot{q}_j} \\ \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial q_j \partial q_k} &= \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial q_k \partial q_j} \\ \frac{\partial^2 D}{\partial \dot{q}_j \partial \dot{q}_k} &= \frac{\partial^2 D}{\partial \dot{q}_k \partial \dot{q}_j} \end{aligned} \quad (7.9a)$$

It can be shown<sup>9</sup> that the inertia coefficients  $m_{jk}$ , the stiffness coefficients  $k_{jk}$ , and the damping coefficients  $c_{jk}$  are symmetric; that is,

$$\begin{aligned} m_{jk} &= m_{kj} \\ k_{jk} &= k_{kj} \\ c_{jk} &= c_{kj} \end{aligned} \quad (7.9b)$$

In light of Eqs. (7.9b), for a two degree-of-freedom system with linear characteristics, Eq. (7.8) is written in expanded form as

<sup>8</sup>The quadratic forms shown for  $T$ ,  $V$ , and  $D$  in Eqs. (7.8) are strictly valid for systems with linear characteristics. However, the kinetic energy  $T$  is not always a function of only velocities as shown here. Systems in which the kinetic energy has the quadratic form shown in Eqs. (7.8) are called *natural systems*. As discussed later in this chapter, for systems such as that given in Example 7.4, where rotation effects are present, the form of the kinetic energy  $T$  is different from that shown in Eqs. (7.8). As noted in Chapter 2, gravity forces can also contribute to the potential energy of the system. For a general system with holonomic constraints, Eqs. (7.7) will be used directly in this book to obtain the governing equations.

<sup>9</sup>L. Meirovitch, *Elements of Vibration Analysis*, 2nd ed., McGraw Hill, NY, pp. 260–261 (1986).

$$\begin{aligned}
T &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^2 \sum_{n=1}^2 m_{jn} \dot{q}_j \dot{q}_n = \frac{1}{2} m_{11} \dot{q}_1^2 + m_{12} \dot{q}_1 \dot{q}_2 + \frac{1}{2} m_{22} \dot{q}_2^2 \\
V &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^2 \sum_{n=1}^2 k_{jn} q_j q_n = \frac{1}{2} k_{11} q_1^2 + k_{12} q_1 q_2 + \frac{1}{2} k_{22} q_2^2 \\
D &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^2 \sum_{n=1}^2 c_{jn} \dot{q}_j \dot{q}_n = \frac{1}{2} c_{11} \dot{q}_1^2 + c_{12} \dot{q}_1 \dot{q}_2 + \frac{1}{2} c_{22} \dot{q}_2^2
\end{aligned} \tag{7.10}$$

On substituting Eqs. (7.10) into Eqs. (7.7) and performing the indicated operations, we obtain the following system of two coupled ordinary differential equations

$$\begin{aligned}
m_{11} \ddot{q}_1 + m_{12} \ddot{q}_2 + c_{11} \dot{q}_1 + c_{12} \dot{q}_2 + k_{11} q_1 + k_{12} q_2 &= Q_1 \\
m_{12} \ddot{q}_1 + m_{22} \ddot{q}_2 + c_{12} \dot{q}_1 + c_{22} \dot{q}_2 + k_{12} q_1 + k_{22} q_2 &= Q_2
\end{aligned} \tag{7.11}$$

which are written in the matrix form

$$[M]\{\ddot{q}\} + [C]\{\dot{q}\} + [K]\{q\} = \{Q\} \tag{7.12}$$

where the square matrix  $[M]$  is the *inertia matrix*, the square matrix  $[K]$  is the *stiffness matrix*, and square matrix  $[C]$  is the *damping matrix*. They are given by, respectively,

$$[M] = \begin{bmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} \\ m_{12} & m_{22} \end{bmatrix}, \quad [K] = \begin{bmatrix} k_{11} & k_{12} \\ k_{12} & k_{22} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad [C] = \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} \\ c_{12} & c_{22} \end{bmatrix} \tag{7.13}$$

The displacement vector  $\{q\}$ , the velocity vector  $\{\dot{q}\}$ , the acceleration vector  $\{\ddot{q}\}$ , and the vector of generalized forces  $\{Q\}$  are given by the column vectors

$$\{\ddot{q}\} = \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{q}_1 \\ \ddot{q}_2 \end{Bmatrix}, \quad \{\dot{q}\} = \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{q}_1 \\ \dot{q}_2 \end{Bmatrix}, \quad \{q\} = \begin{Bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \end{Bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \{Q\} = \begin{Bmatrix} Q_1 \\ Q_2 \end{Bmatrix} \tag{7.14}$$

#### Illustration of Derivation of Governing Equations for a Two Degree-of-Freedom System

Consider again the two degree-of-freedom system shown in Figure 7.1, with linear springs and linear dampers. The kinetic energy and potential energy are given by

$$\begin{aligned}
T &= \frac{1}{2} m_1 \dot{x}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 \dot{x}_2^2 \\
V &= \frac{1}{2} k_1 x_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_2 (x_1 - x_2)^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_3 x_2^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{2} (k_1 + k_2) x_1^2 - k_2 x_1 x_2 + \frac{1}{2} (k_2 + k_3) x_2^2
\end{aligned} \tag{7.15}$$

the dissipation function  $D$  takes the form

$$\begin{aligned} D &= \frac{1}{2} c_1 \dot{x}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} c_2 (\dot{x}_1 - \dot{x}_2)^2 + \frac{1}{2} c_3 \dot{x}_2^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (c_1 + c_2) \dot{x}_1^2 - c_2 \dot{x}_1 \dot{x}_2 + \frac{1}{2} (c_2 + c_3) \dot{x}_2^2 \end{aligned} \quad (7.16)$$

and  $Q_1 = f_1$  and  $Q_2 = f_2$ .

Comparing Eqs. (7.15) and (7.16) with Eqs. (7.10), the corresponding inertia coefficients  $m_{jk}$ , stiffness coefficients  $k_{jk}$ , and damping coefficients  $c_{jk}$  are identified. Upon using Eqs. (7.4a), this leads to the governing system

$$[M]\{\ddot{x}\} + [C]\{\dot{x}\} + [K]\{x\} = \{F\} \quad (7.17)$$

where the different square matrices are

$$\begin{aligned} [M] &= \begin{bmatrix} m_1 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad [K] = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 + k_2 & -k_2 \\ -k_2 & k_2 + k_3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \\ [C] &= \begin{bmatrix} c_1 + c_2 & -c_2 \\ -c_2 & c_2 + c_3 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (7.18)$$

and the different column vectors are

$$\{\ddot{x}\} = \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{x}_1 \\ \ddot{x}_2 \end{Bmatrix}, \quad \{\dot{x}\} = \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{Bmatrix}, \quad \{x\} = \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{Bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \{F\} = \begin{Bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (7.19)$$

In certain situations, it is necessary to use Eqs. (7.7) directly. To illustrate this procedure, we evaluate the following derivatives based on Eqs. (7.15) and (7.16):

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{x}_1} \right) &= m_1 \ddot{x}_1, \quad \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{x}_2} \right) = m_2 \ddot{x}_2 \\ \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_1} &= 0, \quad \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_2} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_1} &= k_1 x_1 + k_2 (x_1 - x_2) = (k_1 + k_2) x_1 - k_2 x_2 \\ \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_2} &= -k_2 (x_1 - x_2) + k_3 x_2 = (k_2 + k_3) x_2 - k_2 x_1 \\ \frac{\partial D}{\partial \dot{x}_1} &= c_1 \dot{x}_1 + c_2 (\dot{x}_1 - \dot{x}_2) = (c_1 + c_2) \dot{x}_1 - c_2 \dot{x}_2 \\ \frac{\partial D}{\partial \dot{x}_2} &= -c_2 (\dot{x}_1 - \dot{x}_2) + c_3 \dot{x}_2 = (c_2 + c_3) \dot{x}_2 - c_2 \dot{x}_1 \end{aligned} \quad (7.20)$$

On substituting Eqs. (7.20) into Eqs. (7.7); that is,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{x}_1} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial D}{\partial \dot{x}_1} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_1} &= Q_1 \\ \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{x}_2} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_2} + \frac{\partial D}{\partial \dot{x}_2} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_2} &= Q_2 \end{aligned} \quad (7.21a)$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} m_1 \ddot{x}_1 + (c_1 + c_2) \dot{x}_1 - c_2 \dot{x}_2 + (k_1 + k_2)x_1 - k_2 x_2 &= f_1(t) \\ m_2 \ddot{x}_2 + (c_2 + c_3) \dot{x}_2 - c_2 \dot{x}_1 + (k_2 + k_3)x_2 - k_2 x_1 &= f_2(t) \end{aligned} \quad (7.21b)$$

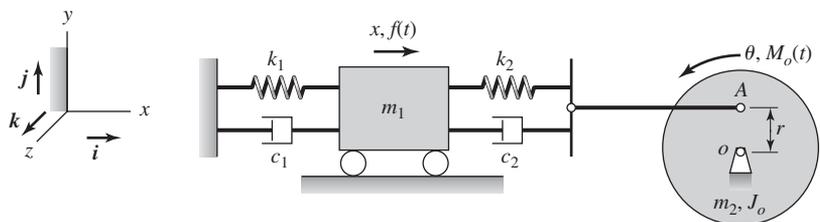
which yields the same matrix form as Eqs. (7.1b).

In light of Eqs. (7.9a) and (7.9b), the equations of motion obtained by using Lagrange's equations for linear systems always have symmetric inertia and stiffness matrices. For systems in which the dissipation is modeled by the Rayleigh dissipation function, the damping matrix is also symmetric. These symmetry properties are not necessarily explicit when the governing equations are obtained by using force-balance and moment-balance methods. However, the form of the governing equations obtained by using force-balance and moment-balance methods can be manipulated to obtain the same form as that obtained through Lagrange's equations.

Next, different examples are provided to illustrate the use of Lagrange's equations for deriving the equations of motion of multi-degree-of-freedom systems. When using Lagrange's equations, in cases where the expressions for kinetic energy, potential energy, and dissipation function are in the form of Eqs. (7.8), these equations are directly used to identify the coefficients in the inertia, stiffness, and damping matrices in the governing equations.

### EXAMPLE 7.5 System with a translating mass attached to an oscillating disk

Consider the system shown in Figure 7.8 with linear springs and linear dampers and a rotating element. A massless rigid bar connects the rotating element to the base of the combination of the spring  $k_2$  and the damper  $c_2$ . The inertial element  $m_1$  is treated as a translating point mass and the other inertial element is treated as a rigid body rotating about the point  $o$ . The position  $x$  of mass  $m_1$  is the displacement measured from the fixed end and the other generalized coordinate  $\theta$  is the angular position of the disk measured from the vertical. We shall use Lagrange's equations to determine the governing equations of motion of the system.



**FIGURE 7.8**

Translating and rotating system with two degrees of freedom.

The kinetic energy of the system is given by

$$T = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} m_1 \dot{x}^2}_{\text{Kinetic energy of mass } m_1} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} J_o \dot{\theta}^2}_{\text{Kinetic energy of rigid body } J_o} \quad (\text{a})$$

We assume that the mass center of the disk coincides with the point  $o$  and that the angular oscillations in  $\theta$  are “small.” The “small” angle assumption allows us to express the horizontal translation of point  $A$  as being equal to  $r\theta$ . The potential energy is then given by

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} k_1 x^2}_{\text{Potential energy associated with spring } k_1} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} k_2 (x + r\theta)^2}_{\text{Potential energy associated with spring } k_2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} k_1 x^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_2 r^2 \theta^2 + k_2 r \theta x + \frac{1}{2} k_2 x^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (k_1 + k_2) x^2 + k_2 r \theta x + \frac{1}{2} k_2 r^2 \theta^2 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{b})$$

The dissipation function takes the form

$$\begin{aligned} D &= \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} c_1 \dot{x}^2}_{\text{Dissipation associated with damper } c_1} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} c_2 (\dot{x} + r\dot{\theta})^2}_{\text{Dissipation associated with damper } c_2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} c_1 \dot{x}^2 + \frac{1}{2} c_2 r^2 \dot{\theta}^2 + c_2 r \dot{\theta} \dot{x} + \frac{1}{2} c_2 \dot{x}^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (c_1 + c_2) \dot{x}^2 + c_2 r \dot{\theta} \dot{x} + \frac{1}{2} c_2 r^2 \dot{\theta}^2 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{c})$$

Since Eqs. (a) through (c) are in the standard form of Eqs. (7.8), we identify the inertial, stiffness, and damping coefficients by comparing Eqs. (a) through (c) to Eqs. (7.10) and associating  $x$  with  $q_1$  and  $\theta$  with  $q_2$ . In addition, we make use of Eq. (3.42) to recognize the generalized forces as  $Q_1 = f(t)$  and  $Q_2 = M_o(t)$ . Then, the governing equations become

$$\begin{bmatrix} m & 0 \\ 0 & J_o \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{x} \\ \ddot{\theta} \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{Bmatrix} c_1 + c_2 & rc_2 \\ rc_2 & r^2 c_2 \end{Bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{\theta} \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{Bmatrix} k_1 + k_2 & rk_2 \\ rk_2 & r^2 k_2 \end{Bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x \\ \theta \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} f(t) \\ M_o(t) \end{Bmatrix} \quad (\text{d})$$

Since the damping and stiffness matrices have non-zero off-diagonal terms, Eqs. (d) are coupled.

### EXAMPLE 7.6 System with bounce and pitch motions revisited

Consider the rigid bar shown in Figure 7.5a. The generalized coordinates are  $y$  and  $\theta$ , which are located at the center of gravity of the beam. We shall use Lagrange's equations to obtain the governing equations of motion of this two degree-of-freedom system.

For a rigid bar undergoing planar motions, we use Eq. (1.24) to find that the kinetic energy is given by

$$T = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} m \dot{y}^2}_{\substack{\text{Kinetic energy} \\ \text{associated with} \\ \text{translation of center} \\ \text{of mass } m}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} J_G \dot{\theta}^2}_{\substack{\text{Kinetic energy} \\ \text{associated with} \\ \text{rotation about} \\ \text{center of mass}}} \quad (\text{a})$$

Taking into account the potential energy due to the spring displacement and the work done by the gravity loading, the potential energy is

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} k_1 (y - L_1 \sin \theta)^2}_{\substack{\text{Potential energy associated} \\ \text{with spring } k_1}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} k_2 (y + L_2 \sin \theta)^2}_{\substack{\text{Potential energy associated} \\ \text{with spring } k_2}} + \underbrace{mgy}_{\substack{\text{Potential energy} \\ \text{associated with} \\ \text{gravity loading}}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (k_1 + k_2) y^2 - (k_1 L_1 - k_2 L_2) y \sin \theta \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} (k_1 L_1^2 + k_2 L_2^2) \sin^2 \theta + mgy \end{aligned} \quad (\text{b})$$

The dissipation function is of the form

$$\begin{aligned} D &= \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} c_1 (\dot{y} - L_1 \dot{\theta} \cos \theta)^2}_{\substack{\text{Dissipation associated} \\ \text{with damper } c_1}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} c_2 (\dot{y} + L_2 \dot{\theta} \cos \theta)^2}_{\substack{\text{Dissipation associated} \\ \text{with damper } c_2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (c_1 + c_2) \dot{y}^2 - (c_1 L_1 - c_2 L_2) \dot{\theta} \dot{y} \cos \theta \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} (c_1 L_1^2 + c_2 L_2^2) \dot{\theta}^2 \cos^2 \theta \end{aligned} \quad (\text{c})$$

Since Eqs. (b) and (c) are not in the standard form of Eqs. (7.8), the equations of motion are obtained directly by using Eqs. (7.7). Thus, recognizing that  $q_1 = y$ , the first equation of Eqs. (7.7) takes the form

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{y}} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial D}{\partial \dot{y}} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} = Q_y \quad (\text{d})$$

Noting that  $Q_y = 0$ , we obtain from Eqs. (a) through (d) that the first equation of motion is

$$\begin{aligned} m\ddot{y} + (c_1 + c_2)\dot{y} - (c_1L_1 - c_2L_2)\dot{\theta} \cos \theta + (k_1 + k_2)y \\ - (k_1L_1 - k_2L_2)\sin \theta = -mg \end{aligned} \quad (e)$$

Recognizing that  $q_2 = \theta$ , the second equation of Eqs. (7.7) assumes the form

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{\theta}} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial D}{\partial \dot{\theta}} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta} = Q_\theta \quad (f)$$

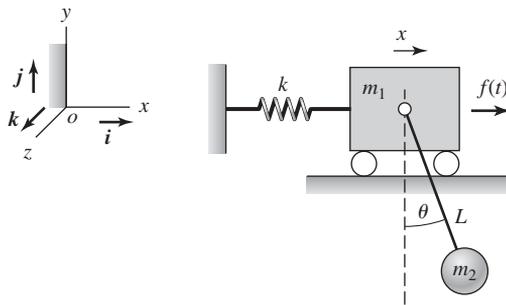
Recognizing that  $Q_\theta = 0$ , we arrive from Eqs. (a), (b), (c), and (f) at the second equation of motion

$$\begin{aligned} J_G \ddot{\theta} - (c_1L_1 - c_2L_2)\dot{y} \cos \theta + (c_1L_1^2 + c_2L_2^2)\dot{\theta} \cos^2 \theta \\ - (k_1L_1 - k_2L_2)y \cos \theta + (k_1L_1^2 + k_2L_2^2)\sin \theta \cos \theta = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (g)$$

Equations (e) and (g) are identical to Eqs. (a) and (b) of Example 7.3, which were obtained by using force-balance and moment-balance methods.

### EXAMPLE 7.7 Pendulum absorber

Consider the two degree-of-freedom system shown in Figure 7.9, in which the generalized coordinate  $x$  is used to locate the mass  $m_1$  and the other generalized coordinate  $\theta$  is used to specify the angular position of the pendulum. This type of system can model a pendulum absorber,<sup>10</sup> which is used in many



**FIGURE 7.9**  
Pendulum absorber.

<sup>10</sup>J. J. Hollkamp, R. L. Bagley, and R. W. Gordon, "A Centrifugal Pendulum Absorber for Rotating, Hollow Engine Blades," *J. Sound Vibration*, Vol. 219, No. 3, pp. 539–549 (1999); Z.-M. Ge and T.-N. Lin, "Regular and Chaotic Dynamic Analysis and Control of Chaos of an Elliptical Pendulum on a Vibrating Basement," *J. Sound Vibration*, Vol. 230, No. 5, pp. 1045–1068 (2000); and A. Ertas et al., "Performance of Pendulum Absorber for a Nonlinear System of Varying Orientation," *J. Sound Vibration*, Vol. 229, No. 4, pp. 913–933 (2000).

applications. The mass of the rod of length  $L$  is assumed to be negligible. In this example, we obtain the nonlinear equations of motion and then linearize the governing nonlinear equations about an equilibrium position of the system.

### Governing Equations

We see from Figure 7.9 that the position of mass  $m_2$  is

$$\mathbf{r}_m = (x + L \sin \theta)\mathbf{i} - L \cos \theta \mathbf{j}$$

Therefore, the velocity of mass  $m_2$  is given by

$$\mathbf{V}_m = \frac{d\mathbf{r}_m}{dt} = (\dot{x} + L\dot{\theta} \cos \theta)\mathbf{i} + L\dot{\theta} \sin \theta \mathbf{j} \quad (\text{a})$$

Making use of Eq. (1.22) and Eq. (a), the kinetic energy for the system is

$$\begin{aligned} T &= \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} m_1 \dot{x}^2}_{\text{Kinetic energy of mass } m_1} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} m_2 (\mathbf{V}_m \cdot \mathbf{V}_m)}_{\text{Kinetic energy of pendulum of mass } m_2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} m_1 \dot{x}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 [(\dot{x} + L\dot{\theta} \cos \theta)^2 + (L\dot{\theta} \sin \theta)^2] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (m_1 + m_2) \dot{x}^2 + m_2 L \cos \theta \dot{x} \dot{\theta} + \frac{1}{2} m_2 L^2 \dot{\theta}^2 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{b})$$

The potential energy of the system is

$$V = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} k x^2}_{\text{Potential energy associated with spring } k} + \underbrace{m_2 g L (1 - \cos \theta)}_{\text{Potential energy associated with gravity loading}} \quad (\text{c})$$

where the datum has been chosen at the bottom position of the pendulum. Since Eqs. (b) and (c) are not in the form of Eqs. (7.8), we use Eqs. (7.7) directly to obtain the equations of motion. On using Eqs. (7.7) with  $q_1 = x$ ,  $q_2 = \theta$ , and recognizing that the generalized forces are  $Q_1 = f(t)$  and  $Q_2 = 0$  and  $D = 0$ , Eq. (7.7) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{x}} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} &= f(t) \\ \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{\theta}} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta} &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{d})$$

Upon substituting Eqs. (b) and (c) into Eq. (d), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (m_1 + m_2) \ddot{x} + m_2 L \ddot{\theta} \cos \theta - m_2 L \dot{\theta}^2 \sin \theta + kx &= f(t) \\ m_2 L^2 \ddot{\theta} + m_2 L \dot{x} \cos \theta + m_2 g L \sin \theta &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{e})$$

### Static-Equilibrium Positions

Setting the accelerations and velocities and the time-dependent forcing  $f(t)$  to zero in Eqs. (e), the equations governing the equilibrium positions  $x_o$  and  $\theta_o$  of the system are

$$\begin{aligned} kx_o &= 0 \\ m_2gL \sin \theta_o &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (f)$$

From Eqs. (f), the equilibrium positions of the system are obtained as

$$(x_o, \theta_o) = (0, 0) \quad \text{and} \quad (x_o, \theta_o) = (0, \pi) \quad (g)$$

where the first of Eqs. (g) corresponds to the bottom position of the pendulum and the second of Eqs. (g) corresponds to the pendulum being rotated by  $180^\circ$ .

### Linearization

Considering “small” oscillations about the equilibrium position (0,0) and linearizing the equations of motion given by Eqs. (e) along the lines of what was illustrated with the use of Eqs. (g) of Example 7.3, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (m_1 + m_2)\ddot{x} + m_2L\ddot{\theta} + kx &= f(t) \\ m_2L^2\ddot{\theta} + m_2L\ddot{x} + m_2gL\theta &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (h)$$

which in matrix form reads as

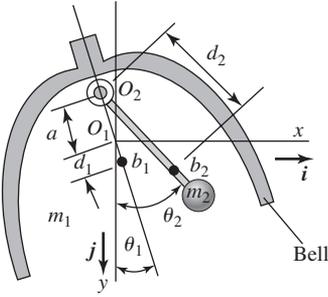
$$\begin{bmatrix} m_1 + m_2 & m_2L \\ m_2L & m_2L^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{x} \\ \ddot{\theta} \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} k & 0 \\ 0 & m_2gL \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x \\ \theta \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} f(t) \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (i)$$

In Eq. (i), the gravity loading appears explicitly in the equations governing “small” oscillations about the static-equilibrium position. In this case, the governing equations are coupled due to the non-zero off-diagonal terms in the inertia matrix.

### EXAMPLE 7.8 Bell and clapper<sup>11</sup>

Consider the bell and clapper shown in Figure 7.10. We shall derive the governing equations of motion for this system by assuming that the bell and clapper do not come into contact. From the figure, it is seen that the bell rotates about the fixed point  $O_1$  and the clapper rotates about the point  $O_2$  that moves with the bell. The bell has a rotational inertia of  $J_1$  about its centroid, and the clapper has a rotational inertia  $J_2$  about its centroid. The locations of the centroids  $b_1$  of the bell and  $b_2$  of the clapper from  $O_1$  are given by the positions  $r_1$  and  $r_2$ , respectively, as

<sup>11</sup>H. M. Hansen and P. F. Chenea, *Mechanics of Vibrations*, John Wiley & Sons, New York, pp. 133–137, 1953.



**FIGURE 7.10**

Bell and clapper.

$$\mathbf{r}_1 = d_1 \sin \theta_1 \mathbf{i} + d_1 \cos \theta_1 \mathbf{j}$$

$$\mathbf{r}_2 = (-a \sin \theta_1 + d_2 \sin \theta_2) \mathbf{i} + (-a \cos \theta_1 + d_2 \cos \theta_2) \mathbf{j} \quad (\text{a})$$

The corresponding velocities are

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = d_1 \dot{\theta}_1 \cos \theta_1 \mathbf{i} - d_1 \dot{\theta}_1 \sin \theta_1 \mathbf{j}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_2 = (-a \dot{\theta}_1 \cos \theta_1 + d_2 \dot{\theta}_2 \cos \theta_2) \mathbf{i} + (a \dot{\theta}_1 \sin \theta_1 - d_2 \dot{\theta}_2 \sin \theta_2) \mathbf{j} \quad (\text{b})$$

The kinetic energy of the system is

$$\begin{aligned} T &= \frac{1}{2} m_1 (\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1) + \frac{1}{2} m_2 (\mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2) + \frac{1}{2} J_1 \dot{\theta}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} J_2 \dot{\theta}_2^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} m_1 ((d_1 \dot{\theta}_1 \cos \theta_1)^2 + (d_1 \dot{\theta}_1 \sin \theta_1)^2) + \frac{1}{2} J_1 \dot{\theta}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} J_2 \dot{\theta}_2^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} m_2 ((-a \dot{\theta}_1 \cos \theta_1 + d_2 \dot{\theta}_2 \cos \theta_2)^2 + (a \dot{\theta}_1 \sin \theta_1 - d_2 \dot{\theta}_2 \sin \theta_2)^2) \quad (\text{c}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (m_1 d_1^2 + J_1 + m_2 a^2) \dot{\theta}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} (m_2 d_2^2 + J_2) \dot{\theta}_2^2 - m_2 a d_2 \dot{\theta}_1 \dot{\theta}_2 \cos(\theta_1 - \theta_2) \end{aligned}$$

The potential energy of the system with respect to the datum at point  $O_1$  is

$$V = -m_1 g d_1 \cos \theta_1 - m_2 g (d_2 \cos \theta_2 - a \cos \theta_1) \quad (\text{d})$$

If we assume that there is viscous damping at  $O_1$  and  $O_2$ , then the dissipation function is

$$D = \frac{1}{2} c_{r1} \dot{\theta}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} c_{r2} (\dot{\theta}_1 - \dot{\theta}_2)^2 \quad (\text{e})$$

where  $c_{r1}$  and  $c_{r2}$  are the torsion damping coefficients for the bell and clapper motions, respectively.

If we choose the generalized coordinates  $q_1 = \theta_1$  and  $q_2 = \theta_2$ , assume that  $Q_1 = M_1(t)$  and  $Q_2 = M_2(t) = 0$ , the Lagrange equations become

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{\theta}_1} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial \theta_1} + \frac{\partial D}{\partial \dot{\theta}_1} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta_1} &= M_1(t) \\ \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{\theta}_2} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial \theta_2} + \frac{\partial D}{\partial \dot{\theta}_2} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta_2} &= 0 \quad (\text{f}) \end{aligned}$$

Upon substituting Eqs. (c), (d), and (e) into Eq. (f) and performing the indicated operations, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (m_1 d_1^2 + J_1 + m_2 a^2) \ddot{\theta}_1 - m_2 a d_2 \ddot{\theta}_2 \cos(\theta_1 - \theta_2) - m_2 a d_2 \dot{\theta}_1 \dot{\theta}_2 \sin(\theta_1 - \theta_2) \\ (c_{r1} + c_{r2}) \dot{\theta}_1 - c_{r2} \dot{\theta}_2 + (m_1 d_1 - m_2 a) g \sin \theta_1 &= M_1(t) \\ (m_2 d_2^2 + J_2) \ddot{\theta}_2 - m_2 a d_2 \ddot{\theta}_1 \cos(\theta_1 - \theta_2) + m_2 a d_2 \dot{\theta}_1 \dot{\theta}_2 \sin(\theta_1 - \theta_2) \\ - c_{r2} \dot{\theta}_1 + c_{r2} \dot{\theta}_2 + m_2 g d_2 \sin \theta_2 &= 0 \quad (\text{g}) \end{aligned}$$

To obtain the equations governing “small” oscillations about the equilibrium position  $\theta_j = 0$ , we assume that  $\sin \theta_j \approx \theta_j$  and  $\cos \theta_j \approx 1$ . Then Eqs. (g) lead to the following coupled linear equations

$$\begin{aligned} (m_1 d_1^2 + J_1 + m_2 a^2) \ddot{\theta}_1 - m_2 a d_2 \ddot{\theta}_2 + (c_{t1} + c_{t2}) \dot{\theta}_1 - c_{t2} \dot{\theta}_2 + (m_1 d_1 - m_2 a) g \theta_1 &= M_1(t) \\ -m_2 a d_2 \ddot{\theta}_1 + (m_2 d_2^2 + J_2) \ddot{\theta}_2 - c_{t2} \dot{\theta}_1 + c_{t2} \dot{\theta}_2 + m_2 g d_2 \theta_2 &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (h)$$

**EXAMPLE 7.9** Three coupled nonlinear oscillators—Lavrov’s device<sup>12</sup>

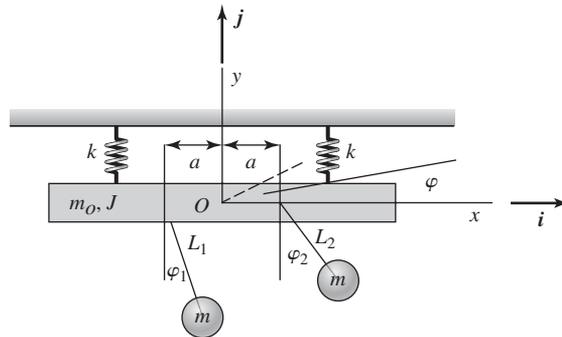
We shall derive the governing equations of the device shown in Figure 7.11. This device consists of a rigid bar of mass  $m_o$  that is supported on soft springs  $k$  that can translate in the  $xy$  plane and rotate about its center of mass with angular displacement  $\varphi$ . The rotary inertia of the bar about its center of mass is  $J$ . Two pendulums, which are of different lengths  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  and the same mass  $m$ , are attached to the bar a distance  $a$  on either side of the bar’s center of mass. The positions of the pendulums are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{r}_1 &= (x + L_1 \sin \varphi_1 - a \cos \varphi) \mathbf{i} + (y - L_1 \cos \varphi_1 - a \sin \varphi) \mathbf{j} \\ \mathbf{r}_2 &= (x + L_2 \sin \varphi_2 + a \cos \varphi) \mathbf{i} + (y - L_2 \cos \varphi_2 + a \sin \varphi) \mathbf{j} \end{aligned} \quad (a)$$

where  $\mathbf{r}_1$  is the position vector from point  $O$  to the mass of the pendulum of length  $L_1$  and  $\mathbf{r}_2$  is the position vector from point  $O$  to the mass of the pendulum of length  $L_2$ . Hence, the velocity of each mass is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}_1 &= (\dot{x} + L_1 \dot{\varphi}_1 \cos \varphi_1 + a \dot{\varphi} \sin \varphi) \mathbf{i} + (\dot{y} + L_1 \dot{\varphi}_1 \sin \varphi_1 - a \dot{\varphi} \cos \varphi) \mathbf{j} \\ \mathbf{v}_2 &= (\dot{x} + L_2 \dot{\varphi}_2 \cos \varphi_2 - a \dot{\varphi} \sin \varphi) \mathbf{i} + (\dot{y} + L_2 \dot{\varphi}_2 \sin \varphi_2 + a \dot{\varphi} \cos \varphi) \mathbf{j} \end{aligned} \quad (b)$$

The system kinetic energy is



**FIGURE 7.11** Lavrov’s device.

<sup>12</sup>P. S. Landa, *Regular and Chaotic Oscillations*, Springer, Berlin, pp. 67–71, 2001. The case where the mass doesn’t rotate and there are  $N$  pendulums has been studied by A. Vyas and A. K. Bajaj, “Dynamics of Autoparametric Vibration Absorbers Using Multiple Pendulums”, *J. Sound Vibration*, **246** (1), pp. 115–135, 2001.

$$\begin{aligned}
T &= \frac{1}{2}m_o\dot{x}^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_o\dot{y}^2 + \frac{1}{2}J\dot{\varphi}^2 + \frac{1}{2}m(\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1) + \frac{1}{2}m(\mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2) \\
&= \frac{1}{2}m_o(\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2) + \frac{1}{2}J\dot{\varphi}^2 \\
&+ \frac{1}{2}m \left[ (\dot{x} + L_1\dot{\varphi}_1 \cos \varphi_1 + a\dot{\varphi} \sin \varphi)^2 + (\dot{y} + L_1\dot{\varphi}_1 \sin \varphi_1 - a\dot{\varphi} \cos \varphi)^2 \right] \\
&+ \frac{1}{2}m \left[ (\dot{x} + L_2\dot{\varphi}_2 \cos \varphi_2 - a\dot{\varphi} \sin \varphi)^2 + (\dot{y} + L_2\dot{\varphi}_2 \sin \varphi_2 + a\dot{\varphi} \cos \varphi)^2 \right] \quad (c) \\
&= \frac{1}{2}m_T(\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2) + \frac{1}{2}J_T\dot{\varphi}^2 + \frac{1}{2}m(L_1^2\dot{\varphi}_1^2 + L_2^2\dot{\varphi}_2^2) \\
&\quad + m\dot{x}(L_1\dot{\varphi}_1 \cos \varphi_1 + L_2\dot{\varphi}_2 \cos \varphi_2) + m\dot{y}(L_1\dot{\varphi}_1 \sin \varphi_1 + L_2\dot{\varphi}_2 \sin \varphi_2) \\
&\quad + ma\dot{\varphi}(L_1\dot{\varphi}_1 \sin(\varphi - \varphi_1) - L_2\dot{\varphi}_2 \sin(\varphi - \varphi_2))
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
m_T &= m_o + 2m \\
J_T &= J + 2ma^2
\end{aligned}$$

The system potential energy is

$$V = -mgL_1 \cos \varphi_1 - mgL_2 \cos \varphi_2 + \frac{1}{2}k(y + a \sin \varphi)^2 + \frac{1}{2}k(y - a \sin \varphi)^2 + m_T g y \quad (d)$$

The Lagrange equations, Eqs. (7.7), for this undamped and unforced system become

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{x}} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} &= Q_x = 0 \\
\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{y}} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} &= Q_y = 0 \\
\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{\varphi}} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial \varphi} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial \varphi} &= Q_\varphi = 0 \quad (e) \\
\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{\varphi}_1} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial \varphi_1} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial \varphi_1} &= Q_{\varphi_1} = 0 \\
\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{\varphi}_2} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial \varphi_2} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial \varphi_2} &= Q_{\varphi_2} = 0
\end{aligned}$$

since  $D = 0$ . Upon substituting Eqs. (c) and (d) into Eqs. (e) and performing the indicated operations, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
m_T \ddot{x} + mL_1(\ddot{\varphi}_1 \cos \varphi_1 - \dot{\varphi}_1^2 \sin \varphi_1) + mL_2(\ddot{\varphi}_2 \cos \varphi_2 - \dot{\varphi}_2^2 \sin \varphi_2) &= 0 \\
m_T \ddot{y} + mL_1(\ddot{\varphi}_1 \sin \varphi_1 + \dot{\varphi}_1^2 \cos \varphi_1) + mL_2(\ddot{\varphi}_2 \sin \varphi_2 + \dot{\varphi}_2^2 \cos \varphi_2) + 2ky + m_T g &= 0 \\
J_T \ddot{\varphi} + maL_1(\ddot{\varphi}_1 \sin(\varphi - \varphi_1) - \dot{\varphi}_1^2 \cos(\varphi - \varphi_1)) + 2a^2k \sin \varphi \cos \varphi \\
- maL_2(\ddot{\varphi}_2 \sin(\varphi - \varphi_2) - \dot{\varphi}_2^2 \cos(\varphi - \varphi_2)) &= 0 \quad (f) \\
mL_1^2 \ddot{\varphi}_1 + mL_1(\ddot{x} \cos \varphi_1 + \ddot{y} \sin \varphi_1) + maL_1(\ddot{\varphi} \sin(\varphi - \varphi_1) + \dot{\varphi}^2 \cos(\varphi - \varphi_1)) + mgL_1 \sin \varphi &= 0 \\
mL_2^2 \ddot{\varphi}_2 + mL_2(\ddot{x} \cos \varphi_2 + \ddot{y} \sin \varphi_2) - maL_2(\ddot{\varphi} \sin(\varphi - \varphi_2) + \dot{\varphi}^2 \cos(\varphi - \varphi_2)) + mgL_2 \sin \varphi &= 0
\end{aligned}$$

When  $m = 0$ , we have the case of bounce and pitch motions discussed in Example 7.3, except that we have removed the restriction that the center of mass of the bar must only move in the vertical direction.

### EXAMPLE 7.10 Governing equations of a rate gyroscope

We revisit the gyro-sensor presented in Example 7.4 and obtain the equations of motion by using Lagrange's equations. Therefore, we construct the kinetic energy  $T$ , as follows. From Eq. (b) of Example 1.3, we have that

$$\mathbf{v} = (\dot{x} - \omega_z y)\mathbf{e}_1 + (\dot{y} + \omega_z x)\mathbf{e}_2$$

where  $\mathbf{e}_1$  and  $\mathbf{e}_2$  are the unit vectors fixed in the rotating plane. Therefore, the kinetic energy is

$$\begin{aligned} T &= \frac{1}{2} m(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}) = \frac{1}{2} m(\dot{x} - \omega_z y)^2 + \frac{1}{2} m(\dot{y} + \omega_z x)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} m(\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2) + m\omega_z(-y\dot{x} + x\dot{y}) + \frac{1}{2} m\omega_z^2(y^2 + x^2) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{a})$$

The potential energy  $V$  and dissipation function  $D$  are, respectively,

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \frac{1}{2} k_x x^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_y y^2 \\ D &= \frac{1}{2} c_x \dot{x}^2 + \frac{1}{2} c_y \dot{y}^2 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{b})$$

Because of the rotation  $\omega_z$ , the kinetic energy is not in the standard form shown in Eq. (7.8) and we have an example of a *nonnatural system*.<sup>13</sup>

Upon using Eqs. (a), Eqs. (b), and Eqs. (7.7), and recognizing that the generalized coordinates are  $q_1 = x$  and  $q_2 = y$  and that the associated generalized forces are

$$Q_1 = f_x \quad \text{and} \quad Q_2 = 0 \quad (\text{c})$$

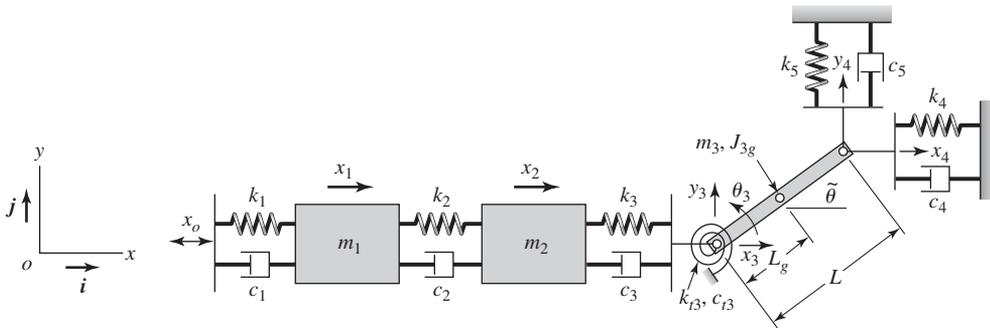
we carry out the indicated operations in Eqs. (7.7) to obtain equations that are identical to those given by Eqs. (c) and (d) in Example 7.4.

### EXAMPLE 7.11 Governing equations of hand-arm vibrations<sup>14</sup>

In Chapter 3, we considered the development of the governing equation of motion of a hand-arm system modeled as a rigid body with one degree of freedom. In this example, a multi-degree-of-freedom system model is used to

<sup>13</sup>L. Meirovitch, *ibid.*

<sup>14</sup>C. Thomas, S. Rakheja, R. B. Bhat, and I. Stiharu, "A Study of the Modal Behavior of the Human Hand-Arm System," *J. Sound Vibration*, Vol. 191, No. 1, pp. 171–176 (1996).



**FIGURE 7.12**

A five degree-of-freedom model used to study planar vibrations of the human hand-arm system. The nominal position of the upper arm is specified by  $\tilde{\theta}$ . Source: Reprinted by permission of Federation of European Biochemical Societies from *Journal of Sound Vibration*, 191, C. Thomas, S. Rakheja, R. B. Bhat, and I. Stiharu, FEBS Letters, "A Study of the Model Behaviour of the Human Hand-Arm System," pp. 171–176, Copyright © 1996, with permission from Elsevier Science.

study hand-arm vibrations. The model shown in Figure 7.12 has five degrees of freedom and the associated generalized coordinates are  $x_1, x_2, x_3, y_3,$  and  $\theta_3$ . The angle  $\tilde{\theta}$  shows the nominal position of the system about which we wish to study the vibrations of the system. It is assumed that  $\tilde{\theta} = 0$  throughout this discussion. The coordinates  $x_1, x_2,$  and  $x_3$  describe the longitudinal motions of the hand, the forearm, and the elbow, respectively. The coordinate  $y_3$  describes the vertical motion of the elbow and the coordinate  $\theta_3$  describes the rotation of the elbow joint about the nominal position. In Figure 7.12,  $x_o$  represents the external disturbance acting on the hand.

The hand is treated as a point mass of mass  $m_1$ , the forearm is treated as a point mass of mass  $m_2$ , and the upper arm is treated as a rigid body of mass  $m_3$  and rotary inertia  $J_{3g}$ . In addition, translation springs with stiffness of  $k_1$  through  $k_5$  and a torsion spring of stiffness  $k_{t3}$  are used to represent the flexibility of the various members. Similarly, translation dampers with damping coefficients of  $c_1$  through  $c_5$  and a torsion damper with damping coefficient  $c_{t3}$  are also used.

To construct the different quantities, we first note that the position vector of the center of mass of the rigid mass  $m_3$  from the origin  $o$  is given by

$$\mathbf{r}_g = (x_3 + L_g \cos(\tilde{\theta} + \theta_3))\mathbf{i} + (y_3 + L_g \sin(\tilde{\theta} + \theta_3))\mathbf{j} \quad (\text{a})$$

and, therefore, the velocity of the center of mass is

$$\mathbf{V}_g = (\dot{x}_3 + L_g \dot{\theta}_3 \sin(\tilde{\theta} + \theta_3))\mathbf{i} + (\dot{y}_3 + L_g \dot{\theta}_3 \cos(\tilde{\theta} + \theta_3))\mathbf{j} \quad (\text{b})$$

In addition, the displacements  $x_4$  and  $y_4$  are related to  $x_3, y_3,$  and  $\theta_3$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} x_4 &= x_3 + L \cos(\tilde{\theta} + \theta_3) \\ y_4 &= y_3 + L \sin(\tilde{\theta} + \theta_3) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{c})$$

Then, making use of Eq. (1.22) and Eqs. (a) through (c), the kinetic energy of the system is

$$\begin{aligned}
 T &= \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} m_1 \dot{x}_1^2}_{\text{Kinetic energy of the hand}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} m_2 \dot{x}_2^2}_{\text{Kinetic energy of the forearm}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} m_3 (\mathbf{V}_g \cdot \mathbf{V}_g)}_{\text{Kinetic energy of the upper arm}} + \frac{1}{2} J_{3g} \dot{\theta}_3^2 \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} m_1 \dot{x}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 \dot{x}_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_3 \left[ (\dot{x}_3 - L_g \dot{\theta}_3 \sin(\tilde{\theta} + \theta_3))^2 \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + (\dot{y}_3 + L_g \dot{\theta}_3 \cos(\tilde{\theta} + \theta_3))^2 \right] + \frac{1}{2} J_{3g} \dot{\theta}_3^2 \quad (d)
 \end{aligned}$$

and the potential energy of the system is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 V &= \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} k_1 (x_1 - x_o)^2}_{\text{Potential energy associated with spring } k_1} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} k_2 (x_2 - x_1)^2}_{\text{Potential energy associated with spring } k_2} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} k_3 (x_3 - x_2)^2}_{\text{Potential energy associated with spring } k_3} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} k_{t3} (\tilde{\theta} + \theta_3)^2}_{\text{Potential energy associated with spring } k_{t3}} \\
 &\quad + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} k_4 (x_3 + L \cos(\tilde{\theta} + \theta_3))^2}_{\text{Potential energy associated with spring } k_4} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} k_5 (y_3 + L \sin(\tilde{\theta} + \theta_3))^2}_{\text{Potential energy associated with spring } k_5} \\
 &\quad + \underbrace{m_3 g (y_3 + L_g \sin(\tilde{\theta} + \theta_3))}_{\text{Potential energy associated with gravity loading}} \quad (e)
 \end{aligned}$$

The dissipation function  $D$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 D &= \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} c_1 (\dot{x}_1 - \dot{x}_o)^2}_{\text{Dissipation associated with damper } c_1} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} c_2 (\dot{x}_2 - \dot{x}_1)^2}_{\text{Dissipation associated with damper } c_2} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} c_3 (\dot{x}_3 - \dot{x}_2)^2}_{\text{Dissipation associated with damper } c_3} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} c_{t3} \dot{\theta}_3^2}_{\text{Dissipation associated with damper } c_{t3}} \\
 &\quad + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} c_4 (\dot{x}_3 - L \dot{\theta}_3 \sin(\tilde{\theta} + \theta_3))^2}_{\text{Dissipation associated with damper } c_4} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} c_5 (\dot{y}_3 + L \dot{\theta}_3 \cos(\tilde{\theta} + \theta_3))^2}_{\text{Dissipation associated with damper } c_5} \quad (f)
 \end{aligned}$$

From the form of Eqs. (d) through (f), it is clear that we need to make use of Eqs. (7.7) directly to obtain the governing equations of motion. In terms of the chosen coordinates for this five degree-of-freedom system, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{x}_1} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial D}{\partial \dot{x}_1} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_1} &= Q_1 \\
 \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{x}_2} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_2} + \frac{\partial D}{\partial \dot{x}_2} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_2} &= Q_2 \\
 \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{x}_3} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_3} + \frac{\partial D}{\partial \dot{x}_3} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_3} &= Q_3
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{y}_3}\right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial y_3} + \frac{\partial D}{\partial \dot{y}_3} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial y_3} &= Q_4 \\ \frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{\theta}_3}\right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial \theta_3} + \frac{\partial D}{\partial \dot{\theta}_3} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta_3} &= Q_5\end{aligned}\quad (g)$$

where the generalized forces are given by

$$Q_i = 0 \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, 5 \quad (h)$$

since the external disturbance acting on the hand has already been taken into account in determining the kinetic energy, the potential energy, and the dissipation function. In addition, gravity loading has been accounted for in the system potential energy. After substituting Eqs. (d) through (f) and Eq. (h) into Eq. (g) and carrying out the different differentiations in Eqs. (g), we arrive at the following governing equations of motion of the hand-arm system:

$$\begin{aligned}m_1\ddot{x}_1 + (k_1 + k_2)x_1 - k_2x_2 + (c_1 + c_2)\dot{x}_1 - c_2\dot{x}_2 &= k_1x_o + c_1\dot{x}_o \\ m_2\ddot{x}_2 + (k_2 + k_3)x_2 - k_2x_1 - k_3x_3 + (c_2 + c_3)\dot{x}_2 - c_2\dot{x}_1 - c_3\dot{x}_3 &= 0 \\ m_3[\ddot{x}_3 - L_g\ddot{\theta}_3 \sin(\tilde{\theta} + \theta_3) - L_g\dot{\theta}_3^2 \cos(\tilde{\theta} + \theta_3)] + (k_3 + k_4)x_3 - k_3x_2 \\ &+ k_4L \cos(\tilde{\theta} + \theta_3) + (c_3 + c_4)\dot{x}_3 - c_3\dot{x}_2 - c_4L\dot{\theta}_3 \sin(\tilde{\theta} + \theta_3) = 0 \\ m_3[\ddot{y}_3 + L_g\ddot{\theta}_3 \cos(\tilde{\theta} + \theta_3) - L_g\dot{\theta}_3^2 \sin(\tilde{\theta} + \theta_3)] + k_5(y_3 + L \sin(\tilde{\theta} + \theta_3)) \\ &+ c_5[\dot{y}_3 + L\dot{\theta}_3 \cos(\tilde{\theta} + \theta_3)] = -m_3g \\ (J_{3g} + m_3L_g^2)\ddot{\theta}_3 + m_3L_g[-\ddot{x}_3 \sin(\tilde{\theta} + \theta_3) + \ddot{y}_3 \cos(\tilde{\theta} + \theta_3)] + k_{t3}(\tilde{\theta} + \theta_3) \\ &- k_4L \sin(\tilde{\theta} + \theta_3)[x_3 + L \cos(\tilde{\theta} + \theta_3)] \\ &+ k_5L \cos(\tilde{\theta} + \theta_3)[y_3 + L \sin(\tilde{\theta} + \theta_3)] \\ &+ c_{t3}\dot{\theta}_3 - c_4L \sin(\tilde{\theta} + \theta_3)[\dot{x}_3 - L\dot{\theta}_3 \sin(\tilde{\theta} + \theta_3)] \\ &+ c_5L \cos(\tilde{\theta} + \theta_3)[\dot{y}_3 + L \cos(\tilde{\theta} + \theta_3)] \\ &+ m_3gL_g \cos(\tilde{\theta} + \theta_3) = 0\end{aligned}\quad (i)$$

### Linearization

We now linearize the nonlinear system of equations given by Eqs. (i) about the nominal position  $\tilde{\theta}$  to describe “small” oscillations about this position. To this end, we use Eqs. (g) of Example 7.3 to determine that

$$\begin{aligned}\sin(\tilde{\theta} + \theta_3) &\approx \sin \tilde{\theta} + \theta_3 \cos \tilde{\theta} \\ \cos(\tilde{\theta} + \theta_3) &\approx \cos \tilde{\theta} - \theta_3 \sin \tilde{\theta}\end{aligned}\quad (j)$$

Making use of Eqs. (j) in Eqs. (i) and retaining only linear terms, we obtain the following system of linear equations:

$$\begin{aligned}m_1\ddot{x}_1 + (k_1 + k_2)x_1 - k_2x_2 - (c_1 + c_2)\dot{x}_1 - c_2\dot{x}_2 &= k_1x_o + c_1\dot{x}_o \\ m_2\ddot{x}_2 + (k_2 + k_3)x_2 - k_2x_1 - k_3x_3 + (c_2 + c_3)\dot{x}_2 - c_2\dot{x}_1 - c_3\dot{x}_3 &= 0 \\ m_3[\ddot{x}_3 - L_g\ddot{\theta}_3 \sin \tilde{\theta}] + (k_3 + k_4)x_3 - k_3x_2 - k_4L\theta_3 \sin \tilde{\theta} \\ &+ (c_3 + c_4)\dot{x}_3 - c_3\dot{x}_2 - c_4L\dot{\theta}_3 \sin \tilde{\theta} = -k_4L \cos \tilde{\theta}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& m_3 [\ddot{y}_3 + L_g \ddot{\theta}_3 \cos \tilde{\theta}] + k_5 [y_3 + L\theta_3 \cos \tilde{\theta}] \\
& + c_5 [\dot{y}_3 + L\dot{\theta}_3 \cos \tilde{\theta}] = -m_3 g - k_5 L \sin \tilde{\theta} \\
& (J_{3g} + m_3 L_g^2) \ddot{\theta}_3 + m_3 L_g [-\dot{x}_3 \sin \tilde{\theta} + \dot{y}_3 \cos \tilde{\theta}] + k_{i3} \theta_3 \\
& - k_4 L \sin \tilde{\theta} [x_3 - L\theta_3 \sin \theta] \\
& - k_4 L^2 \theta_3 \cos^2 \tilde{\theta} + k_5 L \cos \tilde{\theta} [y_3 + L\theta_3 \cos \tilde{\theta}] - k_5 L^2 \theta_3 \sin^2 \tilde{\theta} + c_{i3} \dot{\theta}_3 \\
& - c_4 L \sin \tilde{\theta} [\dot{x}_3 - L\dot{\theta}_3 \sin \tilde{\theta}] + c_5 L \cos \tilde{\theta} [\dot{y}_3 + L\dot{\theta}_3 \cos \tilde{\theta}] \\
& - m_3 g L_g \theta_3 \sin \tilde{\theta} = \\
& - m_3 g L_g \cos \tilde{\theta} - k_{i3} \tilde{\theta} + (k_4 - k_5) L^2 \sin \tilde{\theta} \cos \tilde{\theta} \tag{k}
\end{aligned}$$

Equation (k) is assembled in the following matrix form

$$\begin{aligned}
& \begin{bmatrix} m_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & m_3 & 0 & -m_3 L_g \sin \tilde{\theta} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & m_3 & m_3 L_g \cos \tilde{\theta} \\ 0 & 0 & -m_3 L_g \sin \tilde{\theta} & m_3 L_g \cos \tilde{\theta} & J_{3g} + m_3 L_g^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ \dot{x}_3 \\ \dot{y}_3 \\ \dot{\theta}_3 \end{Bmatrix} \\
& + \begin{bmatrix} c_1 + c_2 & -c_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -c_2 & c_2 + c_3 & -c_3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -c_3 & c_3 + c_4 & 0 & -c_4 L \sin \tilde{\theta} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & c_5 & c_5 L \cos \tilde{\theta} \\ 0 & 0 & -c_4 L \sin \tilde{\theta} & c_5 L \cos \tilde{\theta} & c_{55} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ \dot{x}_3 \\ \dot{y}_3 \\ \dot{\theta}_3 \end{Bmatrix} \\
& + \begin{bmatrix} k_1 + k_2 & -k_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -k_2 & k_2 + k_3 & -k_3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -k_3 & k_3 + k_4 & 0 & -k_4 L \sin \tilde{\theta} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & k_5 & k_5 L \cos \tilde{\theta} \\ 0 & 0 & -k_4 L \sin \tilde{\theta} & k_5 L \cos \tilde{\theta} & k_{55} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ y_3 \\ \theta_3 \end{Bmatrix} \tag{1} \\
& = \begin{Bmatrix} k_1 x_o + c_1 \dot{x}_o \\ 0 \\ -k_4 L \cos \tilde{\theta} \\ -m_3 g - k_5 L \sin \tilde{\theta} \\ \hat{Q}_5 \end{Bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
c_{55} &= c_{i3} + c_4 L^2 \sin^2 \tilde{\theta} + c_5 L^2 \cos^2 \tilde{\theta} \\
k_{55} &= k_{i3} + k_4 L^2 (\sin^2 \tilde{\theta} - \cos^2 \tilde{\theta}) + k_5 L^2 (\cos^2 \tilde{\theta} - \sin^2 \tilde{\theta}) - m_3 g L_g \sin \tilde{\theta} \\
\hat{Q}_5 &= -m_3 g L_g \cos \tilde{\theta} - k_{i3} \tilde{\theta} + (k_4 - k_5) L^2 \sin \tilde{\theta} \cos \tilde{\theta}
\end{aligned}$$

It is clear from Eq. (1) that the system inertia, damping, and stiffness matrices are symmetric matrices. Equation (1) is a system of five second-order ordinary differential equations that is used to study “small” motions about the nominal

position  $\tilde{\theta}$ . It is noted that this position is not an equilibrium position, but rather an operating point where  $\ddot{\tilde{\theta}} = 0$ . It is noted that depending on the application, linearization of a nonlinear system may need to be carried out about a reference position different from the equilibrium position.

## 7.3 FREE RESPONSE CHARACTERISTICS

In this section, we examine the natural frequencies and mode shapes of undamped and damped systems. As in the case of single degree-of-freedom systems, when the forcing is absent, the responses exhibited by a multi-degree-of-freedom system are called free responses. In Sections 7.3.1 and 7.3.2, undamped systems are considered and characteristics such as natural frequencies and mode shapes are examined. Following this discussion, modes of damped systems are examined in Section 7.3.3, and the notion of proportional damping is introduced. Subsequently, conservation of energy during free oscillations of a multi-degree-of-freedom system is examined. Throughout Section 7.3, characteristics of free responses of multi-degree-of-freedom systems are examined without explicitly determining the solution for the response. In Section 7.4, we study the vibrations of rotating shafts. In Section 7.5, we briefly discuss how the stability of a multi-degree-of-freedom system is assessed.

### 7.3.1 Undamped Systems: Natural Frequencies and Mode Shapes

For illustration, consider the system of equations given by Eq. (7.3), which govern the motion of a linear multi-degree-of-freedom system. Setting the damping, the circulatory and gyroscopic terms, and the external forces to zero, and replacing  $q_i$  by  $x_i$ , we obtain

$$[M]\{\dot{x}\} + [K]\{x\} = \{0\} \quad (7.22)$$

Since the system given by Eq. (7.22) is a linear system of ordinary differential equations with constant coefficients, the solution for Eq. (7.22) is assumed to be of the form<sup>15</sup>

$$\{x(t)\} = \{X\}e^{\lambda t} \quad (7.23a)$$

where  $t$  is time, the exponent  $\lambda$  can be complex valued, and the displacement vector  $\{x\}$  and the constant vector  $\{X\}$  are given by

$$\{x\} = \begin{Bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \\ \vdots \\ x_N(t) \end{Bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \{X\} = \begin{Bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ \vdots \\ X_N \end{Bmatrix} \quad (7.23b)$$

<sup>15</sup>For a solution of the form of Eq. (7.25a), we note that the ratio of any two elements  $x_j(t)/x_k(t) = X_j/X_k$  is always time independent. This type of motion is called *synchronous motion* because both generalized coordinates have the same time dependence.

On substituting Eq. (7.23a) into Eq. (7.22), we obtain

$$[[K] + \lambda^2[M]]\{X\}e^{\lambda t} = \{0\} \quad (7.24)$$

### Eigenvalue Problem

Since Eq. (7.24) should be satisfied for all time, we find that

$$[[K] + \lambda^2[M]]\{X\} = \{0\} \quad (7.25)$$

The system of Eq. (7.25) is a system of  $N$  linear algebraic equations. This system is satisfied for  $X_1 = X_2 = \dots = X_N = 0$ , which is a trivial solution. Since we seek nontrivial solutions for  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N$ , Eq. (7.25) represents an *eigenvalue problem*.<sup>16</sup> The unknowns are  $\lambda^2, X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N$ , and since there are only  $N$  equations to solve for these  $(N + 1)$  unknowns, at best, what one could do is solve for  $\lambda^2$ , and the ratios  $X_2/X_1, X_3/X_1, \dots, X_N/X_1$ . The quantity  $\lambda^2$  is referred to as the *eigenvalue* and the vector  $\{X_1 X_2 \dots X_N\}^T$  is called the *eigenvector*. The eigenvalues  $\lambda^2$  are determined by finding the roots of the *characteristic equation*

$$\det[[K] + \lambda^2[M]] = 0 \quad (7.26)$$

Since the stiffness and mass matrices are  $N \times N$  matrices, the expansion of Eq. (7.26) is a polynomial of degree  $2N$  in  $\lambda$  for an  $N$  degree-of-freedom system. Alternatively, one can view this polynomial as an  $N$ th order polynomial in  $\lambda^2$  with  $N$  roots or eigenvalues  $\lambda_1^2, \lambda_2^2, \dots, \lambda_N^2$ . The associated eigenvectors are solutions of the equations

$$[[K] + \lambda_j^2[M]]\{X\}_j = \{0\} \quad (7.27)$$

where  $\{X\}_j$  is the eigenvector associated with the eigenvalue  $\lambda_j^2$  and we have a total of  $N$  eigenvectors.

To solve for the eigenvectors associated with the first eigenvalue  $\lambda_1^2$ , the second eigenvalue  $\lambda_2^2$ , and so forth, we construct the eigenvectors

$$\{X\}_1 = \begin{Bmatrix} X_{11} \\ X_{21} \\ \vdots \\ X_{N1} \end{Bmatrix}, \quad \{X\}_2 = \begin{Bmatrix} X_{12} \\ X_{22} \\ \vdots \\ X_{N2} \end{Bmatrix}, \quad \dots \quad \{X\}_N = \begin{Bmatrix} X_{1N} \\ X_{2N} \\ \vdots \\ X_{NN} \end{Bmatrix} \quad (7.28a)$$

which can be written as

$$\{X\}_1 = X_{11} \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ X_{21}/X_{11} \\ \vdots \\ X_{N1}/X_{11} \end{Bmatrix}, \quad \{X\}_2 = X_{12} \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ X_{22}/X_{12} \\ \vdots \\ X_{N2}/X_{12} \end{Bmatrix}, \quad \dots$$

<sup>16</sup>In general, for a system  $[A]\{X\} = \lambda[B]\{X\}$ , the problem of finding the constants  $\lambda$  for which the vector  $\{X\}$  is nontrivial, is called an *eigenvalue* or *characteristic value problem*. A scalar version of this problem was discussed for single degree-of-freedom systems in Section 4.3.

$$\{X\}_N = X_{1N} \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ X_{2N}/X_{1N} \\ \vdots \\ X_{NN}/X_{1N} \end{Bmatrix} \quad (7.28b)$$

In writing Eqs. (7.28b), it has been assumed that  $X_{1j} \neq 0$  for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, N$ . In Eqs. (7.28),  $\{X\}_1$ , which is associated with the eigenvalue  $\lambda_1^2$ , is called the *first eigenvector*, *first eigenmode*, or *first mode shape*, and  $\{X\}_2$ , which is associated with the eigenvalue  $\lambda_2^2$ , is called the *second eigenvector*, *second eigenmode*, or *second mode shape*, and so on.

Due to the nature of the eigenvalue problem, the eigenvectors  $\{X\}_j$  are arbitrary to a non-zero scaling constant. A convenient normalization that is often used to remove this arbitrariness is

$$X_{11} = 1, \quad X_{12} = 1, \quad \dots, \quad X_{1N} = 1 \quad (7.29)$$

Another choice for normalization is

$$X_{21} = 1, \quad X_{22} = 1, \quad \dots, \quad X_{2N} = 1 \quad (7.30)$$

and so forth. Physically, the eigenvectors provide information about the relative spatial positions of the different inertial elements in terms of the generalized coordinates. Thus, for free oscillation at  $\lambda_j$ , each mass  $m_j$  moves a fixed amount relative to  $m_k$ . The process of normalizing the mode shapes (eigenvectors) of a system is called *normalization*, and the resulting modes are called *normal modes*.

The mode shapes are placed in a *modal matrix*  $[\Phi]$ , which is

$$[\Phi] = \{\{X\}_1 \quad \{X\}_2 \quad \dots \quad \{X\}_N\} = \begin{bmatrix} X_{11} & X_{12} & \dots & X_{1N} \\ X_{21} & X_{22} & \dots & X_{2N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ X_{N1} & X_{N2} & \dots & X_{NN} \end{bmatrix} \quad (7.31)$$

where  $\{X\}_j$  is the mode shape associated with the  $j$ th eigenvalue  $\lambda_j^2$ . When the normalization of the mode shapes is carried out according to Eqs. (7.29), then the modal matrix takes the form

$$[\Phi] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ X_{21}/X_{11} & X_{22}/X_{12} & \dots & X_{2N}/X_{1N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ X_{N1}/X_{11} & X_{N2}/X_{12} & \dots & X_{NN}/X_{1N} \end{bmatrix} \quad (7.32)$$

When the normalization is carried out according to Eqs. (7.30), then the modal matrix takes the form

$$[\Phi] = \begin{bmatrix} X_{11}/X_{21} & X_{12}/X_{22} & \dots & X_{1N}/X_{2N} \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ X_{N1}/X_{21} & X_{N2}/X_{22} & \dots & X_{NN}/X_{2N} \end{bmatrix} \quad (7.33)$$

and so forth. When the eigenvectors are normalized so that their magnitude is one, the corresponding normalization equation is

$$\|\{X\}_j\| = \sqrt{X_{1j}^2 + X_{2j}^2 + \cdots + X_{Nj}^2} = 1 \quad (7.34)$$

However, regardless of the choice of the normalization, the ratios of the different components in an eigenvector are always preserved.

For real and symmetric matrices  $[M]$  and  $[K]$ , the eigenvalues  $\lambda^2$  of Eq. (7.25) are real and the associated eigenvectors  $\{X\}_j$  are also real.<sup>17</sup> Hence, it is common to write

$$\lambda^2 = (j\omega)^2 = -\omega^2 \quad (7.35)$$

where  $\omega$  is a positive quantity. It will be shown later to be one of the  $N$  natural frequencies of the  $N$  degree-of-freedom system. On substituting for  $\lambda^2$  from Eq. (7.35) into Eqs. (7.26) and (7.27), we find that the natural frequencies are determined by solving the characteristic equation

$$\det[[K] - \omega^2[M]] = 0 \quad (7.36)$$

which is an  $N$ th order polynomial in  $\omega^2$  and that the eigenvectors  $\{X\}_j$  associated with the natural frequencies  $\omega_j$  are determined from

$$[[K] - \omega_j^2[M]]\{X\}_j = \{0\} \quad (7.37)$$

For a system with  $N$  degrees of freedom, Eq. (7.36) provides the  $N$  natural frequencies  $\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_N$  and Eq. (7.37) provides the associated eigenvectors  $\{X\}_1, \{X\}_2, \dots, \{X\}_N$ . The natural frequencies are ordered so that

$$\omega_1 \leq \omega_2 \leq \dots \leq \omega_N$$

Hence, the first natural frequency is lower than or equal to the second natural frequency, and so forth. It is noted that this ordering should not be expected when software such as MATLAB is used to solve Eq. (7.36).

To illustrate how the eigenvalues and eigenvectors are determined for a multi-degree-of-freedom system, we use two degree-of-freedom systems. However, the discussion provided below is valid for any linear multi-degree-of-freedom system.

### Free Oscillations of Two Degree-of-Freedom Systems

Setting  $N = 2$  in Eq. (7.37), and using the definitions of  $[K]$  and  $[M]$  from Eqs. (7.5b), we obtain

$$\left[ -\omega^2 \begin{bmatrix} m_1 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} k_1 + k_2 & -k_2 \\ -k_2 & k_2 + k_3 \end{bmatrix} \right] \begin{Bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (7.38a)$$

which is rewritten as

$$\begin{bmatrix} k_1 + k_2 - \omega^2 m_1 & -k_2 \\ -k_2 & k_2 + k_3 - \omega^2 m_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (7.38b)$$

<sup>17</sup>For a comprehensive discussion of eigenvalue problems associated with structural and mechanical systems, see L. Meirovitch, *ibid.*

In this case, the characteristic equation given by Eq. (7.36) translates to

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} k_1 + k_2 - \omega^2 m_1 & -k_2 \\ -k_2 & k_2 + k_3 - \omega^2 m_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad (7.39a)$$

which, when expanded, takes the form

$$(k_1 + k_2 - \omega^2 m_1)(k_2 + k_3 - \omega^2 m_2) - k_2^2 = 0 \quad (7.39b)$$

Equation (7.39b) is rewritten as

$$m_1 m_2 \omega^4 - [(k_1 + k_2)m_2 + (k_2 + k_3)m_1]\omega^2 + (k_1 + k_2)(k_2 + k_3) - k_2^2 = 0 \quad (7.39c)$$

which is a fourth-order polynomial in  $\omega$ . Due to the form of this equation, one can treat it as a quadratic polynomial in  $\omega^2$ . From Eq. (7.37), the eigenvectors associated with the natural frequencies  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  are determined from the following system of equations:

$$\begin{bmatrix} k_1 + k_2 - \omega_j^2 m_1 & -k_2 \\ -k_2 & k_2 + k_3 - \omega_j^2 m_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} X_{1j} \\ X_{2j} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \quad j = 1, 2 \quad (7.40)$$

Next, we present an example to show the explicit details of determining the natural frequencies and mode shapes of a two degree-of-freedom system before examining a nondimensional form of the system given by Eq. (7.38a). The nondimensional form is better suited for examining the influences of the different parameters on the system natural frequencies and mode shapes.

**EXAMPLE 7.12** Natural frequencies and mode shapes of a two degree-of-freedom system

We shall illustrate how the algebraic system given by Eq. (7.38b) is solved to determine the natural frequencies and mode shapes associated with a specific two degree-of-freedom system. The modal matrix  $[\Phi]$  of the system is also constructed. We choose the stiffness parameters  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$ , and  $k_3$  and the mass parameters  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  so that

$$k_1 = k_2 = k_3 = k \quad \text{and} \quad m_1 = m_2 = m \quad (a)$$

Thus, making use of Eqs. (a) in Eq. (7.38b), we obtain

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2k - \omega^2 m & -k \\ -k & 2k - \omega^2 m \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (b)$$

To determine the natural frequencies of the system, we make use of Eq. (7.36) and Eqs. (a) to arrive at

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 2k - \omega^2 m & -k \\ -k & 2k - \omega^2 m \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad (c)$$

On expanding Eq. (c), the result is the characteristic equation

$$(2k - \omega^2 m)^2 - k^2 = 0$$

which yields

$$2k - \omega^2 m = \pm k \quad (e)$$

Thus, the two roots are given by

$$\omega_1 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \quad \text{and} \quad \omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{3k}{m}} \quad (f)$$

which are the two natural frequencies of the system and they have been ordered so that  $\omega_1 < \omega_2$ .

To determine the associated mode shapes, we make use of Eqs. (7.40), (b), and (f). Therefore, to determine the mode shape associated with  $\omega_1$ , we set  $\omega = \omega_1$  in Eq. (b) to obtain

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2k - \omega_1^2 m & -k \\ -k & 2k - \omega_1^2 m \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} X_{11} \\ X_{21} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

which, upon using the first of Eqs. (f), reduces to

$$\begin{bmatrix} k & -k \\ -k & k \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} X_{11} \\ X_{21} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (g)$$

From the first of Eq. (g), we find that

$$kX_{11} - kX_{21} = 0$$

or

$$\frac{X_{21}}{X_{11}} = 1 \quad (h)$$

The second of Eq. (g) also provides the same ratio of modal amplitudes, as expected. Then, choosing the normalization given by Eq. (7.29), Eqs. (7.28b) and (h) lead to

$$\{X\}_1 = X_{11} \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (i)$$

Thus, mass  $m_1$  and mass  $m_2$  move in the same direction with the same displacement.

To determine the second mode shape associated with  $\omega_2$ , we set  $\omega = \omega_2$  in Eqs. (b) to obtain

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2k - \omega_2^2 m & -k \\ -k & 2k - \omega_2^2 m \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} X_{12} \\ X_{22} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

which, upon using the second of Eqs. (f), reduces to

$$\begin{bmatrix} -k & -k \\ -k & -k \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} X_{12} \\ X_{22} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (j)$$

From the first of Eq. (j) we find that

$$\frac{X_{22}}{X_{12}} = -1 \quad (k)$$

Thus, mass  $m_1$  and mass  $m_2$  move in the opposite directions but with the same displacement.

The ratio of the modal amplitudes shown in Eq. (k) could have also been determined from the second of Eq. (j). Again choosing the normalization given by Eq. (7.29), Eqs. (7.28b) and (k) lead to

$$\{X\}_2 = X_{12} \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (l)$$

For the normalization chosen, the modal matrix is obtained from Eqs. (7.31), (i), and (l) as

$$[\Phi] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (m)$$

In Example 7.12, the natural frequencies and mode shapes were determined for a two degree-of-freedom system with a specific set of parameters. In order to explore the natural frequencies and mode shapes associated with arbitrary system parameters, we introduce many nondimensional parameters and then solve the system given by Eq. (7.38b) in terms of these nondimensional parameters.

### Eigenvalue Problem in Terms of Nondimensional Parameters

In order to rewrite Eq. (7.38b) in terms of nondimensional mass, stiffness, and frequency parameters, we introduce the following quantities:

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_{nj}^2 &= \frac{k_j}{m_j}, \quad j = 1, 2 & m_r &= \frac{m_2}{m_1}, & \Omega &= \frac{\omega}{\omega_{n1}} \\ \omega_r &= \frac{\omega_{n2}}{\omega_{n1}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{m_r}} \sqrt{\frac{k_2}{k_1}}, & \text{and } k_{32} &= \frac{k_3}{k_2} \end{aligned} \quad (7.41)$$

On substituting the different quantities from Eqs. (7.41) into Eq. (7.38b), we find that the resulting system is

$$\begin{aligned} [1 + \omega_r^2 m_r - \Omega^2] X_1 - m_r \omega_r^2 X_2 &= 0 \\ -\omega_r^2 X_1 + [\omega_r^2(1 + k_{32}) - \Omega^2] X_2 &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (7.42a)$$

which, in matrix form, is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 + \omega_r^2 m_r - \Omega^2 & -m_r \omega_r^2 \\ -\omega_r^2 & \omega_r^2(1 + k_{32}) - \Omega^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (7.42b)$$

For the eigenvalue formulation given by Eq. (7.42a) or (7.42b), the eigenvalue is  $\Omega^2$  and the corresponding eigenvector is  $\{X\}$ . This system of equations has

a nontrivial solution for  $\{X\}$  only when the determinant of the coefficient matrix from Eq. (7.42b) is zero. Thus, from Eqs. (7.42b), we arrive at

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \omega_r^2 m_r - \Omega^2 & -m_r \omega_r \\ -\omega_r^2 & \omega_r^2(1 + k_{32}) - \Omega^2 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad (7.43)$$

which gives the characteristic equation

$$[1 + \omega_r^2 m_r - \Omega^2][\omega_r^2(1 + k_{32}) - \Omega^2] - m_r \omega_r^4 = 0 \quad (7.44)$$

Equation (7.44) is Eq. (7.39c) rewritten in terms of the nondimensional quantities given by Eqs. (7.41). It is important to note that the nondimensionalization introduced in Eqs. (7.41) led to the compact form of the characteristic equation, Eq. (7.44), which enables one to readily identify the parameters on which the natural frequencies depend.

Expanding Eq. (7.44) leads to

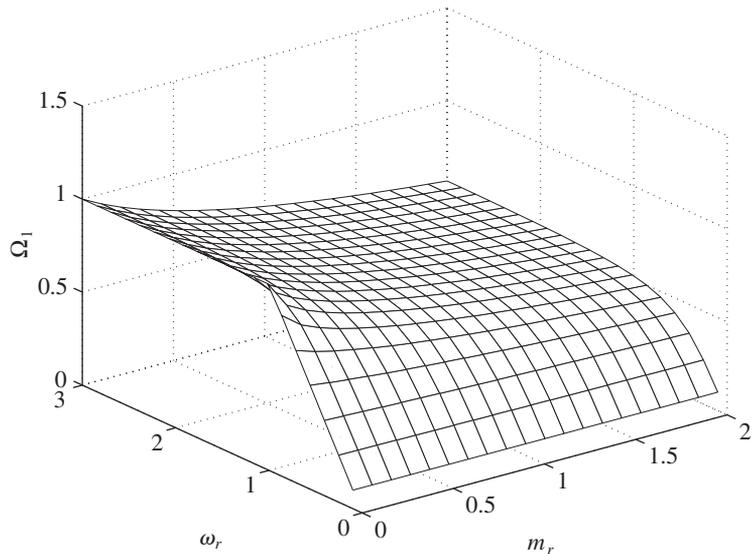
$$\Omega^4 - a_1 \Omega^2 + a_2 = 0 \quad (7.45)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= 1 + \omega_r^2(1 + m_r + k_{32}) \\ a_2 &= \omega_r^2[1 + k_{32}(1 + \omega_r^2 m_r)] \end{aligned} \quad (7.46)$$

The two positive roots of this *characteristic equation* given by Eq. (7.45) are

$$\Omega_{1,2} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}[a_1 \mp \sqrt{a_1^2 - 4a_2}]} \quad (7.47)$$



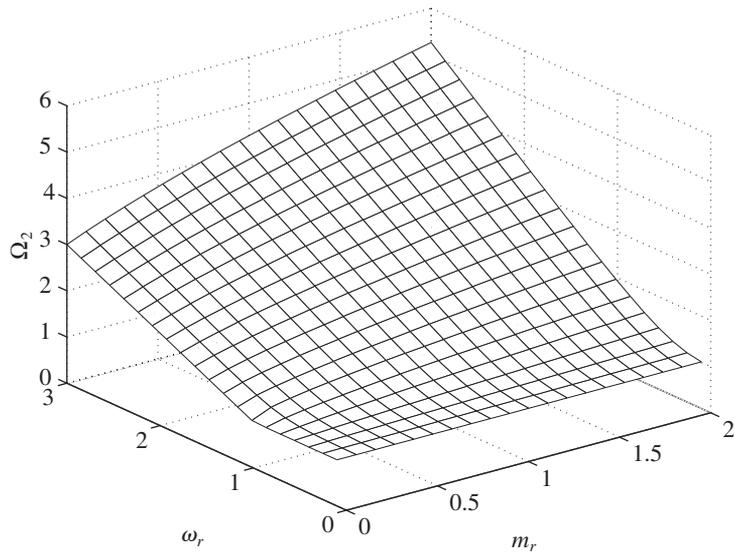
**FIGURE 7.13**

Variation of the first nondimensional natural frequency of two degree-of-freedom system shown in Figure 7.1 as a function of  $m_r$  and  $\omega_r$  when  $k_3 = 0$ .

and the frequency ratios  $\Omega_1$  and  $\Omega_2$  are ordered such that  $\Omega_1 < \Omega_2$ .<sup>18</sup> The frequency  $\omega_1$  associated with  $\Omega_1$  is called the *first natural frequency* and the frequency  $\omega_2$  associated with  $\Omega_2$  is called the *second natural frequency*.

We see that when the interconnecting spring  $k_2$  is absent from the system shown in Figure 7.1, we can set  $k_2 = 0$  ( $\omega_r = 0$ ) in Eq. (7.39b) and, as expected, the resulting system is uncoupled. The two natural frequencies are, respectively, the natural frequencies of two independent single degree-of-freedom systems. One natural frequency is  $\omega_{n1} = \sqrt{k_1/m_1}$  and the other natural frequency is  $\omega_{n2} = \sqrt{k_3/m_2}$ . When  $k_1 \neq 0$ ,  $k_2 \neq 0$ , and  $k_3 = 0$ , appropriate expressions are similarly obtained.<sup>19</sup>

Based on Eqs. (7.45), (7.46), and (7.41), we see that, in general, the natural frequencies of this system are functions of the three nondimensional parameters:  $m_r$ ,  $\omega_r$ , and  $k_{32}$ . If we assume that  $k_{32} = 0$  (i.e.,  $k_3 = 0$ ), then we can graph the first and second natural frequency ratios as functions of  $m_r$  and  $\omega_r$ . The results are shown in Figures 7.13 and 7.14, and they lead to the following design guideline.



**FIGURE 7.14**

Variation of the second nondimensional natural frequency of the two degree-of-freedom system shown in Figure 7.1 as a function of  $m_r$  and  $\omega_r$  when  $k_3 = 0$ .

<sup>18</sup>In practice, when software such as MATLAB is used to determine the eigenvalues of a system of the form, the eigenvalues obtained are not ordered in terms of magnitude from the lowest to the highest. See Chapter 9 of E. B. Magrab et al., *An Engineer's Guide to MATLAB*, 2nd ed., Prentice Hall, Upper Saddle River NJ (2005).

<sup>19</sup>We shall continue to include  $k_3$  and  $c_3$  in determining the necessary equations, but when we numerically evaluate related expressions, these coefficients are frequently set to zero.

**Design Guideline.** For a two degree-of-freedom system with two springs and two masses, as the mass ratio  $m_r = m_2/m_1$  increases, the first nondimensional natural frequency  $\Omega_1$  decreases and the second nondimensional natural frequency  $\Omega_2$  increases. Thus, increasing the ratio of the two masses tends to drive the two natural frequencies away from each other. For a constant mass ratio, we see that an increase in the stiffness ratio  $k_2/k_1$  increases both  $\Omega_1$  and  $\Omega_2$ .

We return to Eqs. (7.42a) and determine the eigenvectors associated with  $\Omega_1$  and  $\Omega_2$ . For  $\Omega = \Omega_j$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} [1 + \omega_r^2 m_r - \Omega_j^2] X_{1j} - m_r \omega_r^2 X_{2j} &= 0 \\ -\omega_r^2 X_{1j} + [\omega_r^2(1 + k_{32}) - \Omega_j^2] X_{2j} &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (7.48)$$

where  $X_{1j}$  and  $X_{2j}$  are the respective displacements of the two masses oscillating at the frequency  $\omega_{n1}\Omega_j$ . Since we can solve only for the ratio of  $X_{1j}/X_{2j}$  or  $X_{2j}/X_{1j}$ , from the first of Eqs. (7.48), we arrive at

$$\frac{X_{1j}}{X_{2j}} = \frac{m_r \omega_r^2}{1 + \omega_r^2 m_r - \Omega_j^2} \quad j = 1, 2 \quad (7.49)$$

and from the second of Eqs. (7.48) we arrive at

$$\frac{X_{1j}}{X_{2j}} = \frac{\omega_r^2(1 + k_{32}) - \Omega_j^2}{\omega_r^2} \quad j = 1, 2 \quad (7.50)$$

Although Eqs. (7.49) and (7.50) appear to have algebraically different forms, they can be shown to be identical by making use of Eqs. (7.47). It is remarked again that the nondimensionalization introduced in Eqs. (7.41) enables us to determine the dependence of the mode shapes on the various system parameters, as seen from the compact forms of Eqs. (7.45) through (7.50).

For a special case of interest, we let  $k_{32} = 0$  and  $m_r \ll 1$  for the system shown in Figure 7.1. Then, Eqs. (7.46) lead to

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &\rightarrow 1 + \omega_r^2 \\ a_2 &\rightarrow \omega_r^2 \end{aligned} \quad (7.51)$$

and the associated natural frequency ratios  $\Omega_j$  are determined from Eqs. (7.47) to be

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \Omega_1^2 &\rightarrow \omega_r^2 \\ \Omega_2^2 &\rightarrow 1 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{ for } \omega_r \leq 1 \quad (7.52)$$

and

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \Omega_1^2 &\rightarrow 1 \\ \Omega_2^2 &\rightarrow \omega_r^2 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{ for } \omega_r > 1 \quad (7.53)$$

Substituting these limiting values into Eq. (7.50), we find that the modal matrices in these two regions are as follows. For  $\omega_r \leq 1$

$$[\Phi] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 - 1/\omega_r^2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (7.54a)$$

and for  $\omega_r > 1$

$$[\Phi] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - 1/\omega_r^2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (7.54b)$$

The modal matrix plays a key role in determining the response of vibratory systems. In the next section, properties of mode shapes are examined. In the remainder of this section, we illustrate the determination and interpretation of natural frequencies and mode shapes through different examples.

### EXAMPLE 7.13 Rigid-body mode of a railway car system

A special case of interest is when

$$k_1 = k_3 = c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0 \quad (a)$$

for the system shown in Figure 7.1; that is, we have two masses connected by a spring as shown in Figure 7.15. This system is used to model two interconnected railway cars, a truck towing a car, and other such systems. Through this example, we illustrate what is meant by a *rigid-body mode of oscillation*. In this case, Eq. (7.38b) reduces to

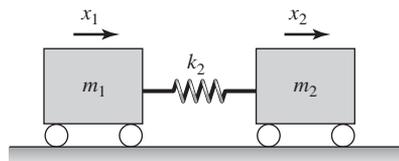
$$\begin{bmatrix} k_2 - \omega^2 m_1 & -k_2 \\ -k_2 & k_2 - \omega^2 m_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (b)$$

and the characteristic equation given by Eq. (7.39c) simplifies to

$$(k_2 - \omega^2 m_1)(k_2 - \omega^2 m_2) - k_2^2 = 0 \quad (c)$$

or

$$\omega^2(m_1 m_2 \omega^2 - k_2(m_1 + m_2)) = 0$$



**FIGURE 7.15**

Two carts with a spring interconnection.

The roots of this equation are

$$\begin{aligned}\omega_1 &= 0 \\ \omega_2 &= \omega_{n2}\sqrt{1 + m_r}\end{aligned}\quad (d)$$

where  $\omega_{n2}$  and  $m_r$  are defined in Eqs. (7.41). From Eqs. (b), the corresponding mode shape ratios are

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{X_{11}}{X_{21}} &= \frac{k_2}{k_2 - \omega_1^2 m_1} = 1 \\ \frac{X_{12}}{X_{22}} &= \frac{k_2}{k_2 - \omega_2^2 m_1} = \frac{k_2}{k_2 - \omega_{n2}^2 m_1 (1 + m_r)} = \frac{1}{1 - (1 + m_r)/m_r} = -m_r\end{aligned}\quad (e)$$

The first mode shape, which corresponds to  $\omega_1 = 0$ , is a *rigid-body mode*; that is, one in which there is no relative displacement between the two masses. The second mode shape, which corresponds to  $\omega_2$ , indicates that the displacements of the two masses are always out of phase; that is, when  $m_1$  moves in one direction,  $m_2$  moves in the opposite direction.

In general, the presence of a rigid-body mode is determined by examining the stiffness matrix  $[K]$ . If the size of the square matrix is  $n$  and the rank of the matrix is  $m$ , then there are  $(n - m)$  zero eigenvalues and, correspondingly,  $(n - m)$  rigid-body modes.<sup>20</sup>

### EXAMPLE 7.14 Natural frequencies and mode shapes of a two-mass-three-spring system

For the system shown in Figure 7.1, let  $m_1 = 1.2$  kg,  $m_2 = 2.7$  kg,  $k_1 = 10$  N/m,  $k_2 = 20$  N/m, and  $k_3 = 15$  N/m. This example is identical in spirit to Example 7.12, except that we will use the nondimensional quantities in carrying out the computations. We shall find the natural frequencies and mode shapes of this system and illustrate how the mode shapes are graphically illustrated. The modal matrix is also constructed.

First, we compute the quantities

$$\begin{aligned}\omega_{n1} &= \sqrt{\frac{10}{1.2}} = 2.887 \text{ rad/s}, & \omega_{n2} &= \sqrt{\frac{20}{2.7}} = 2.722 \text{ rad/s}, \\ \omega_r &= \frac{2.722}{2.887} = 0.943, & m_r &= \frac{2.7}{1.2} = 2.25, & \text{and } k_{32} &= \frac{15}{20} = 0.75\end{aligned}\quad (a)$$

From Eqs. (a) and (7.46), we find that

$$\begin{aligned}a_1 &= 1 + (1 + 2.25 + 0.75) \times 0.943^2 = 4.556 \\ a_2 &= [1 + 0.75 \times (1 + 2.25 \times 0.943^2)] \times 0.943^2 = 2.889\end{aligned}\quad (b)$$

<sup>20</sup>E. B. Magrab et al., *ibid.*, Chapter 9.

Making use of Eqs. (b) and Eqs. (7.47), we obtain the nondimensional natural frequency ratios

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega_1 &= \sqrt{0.5 \times (4.556 - \sqrt{4.556^2 - 4 \times 2.889})} = 0.873 \\ \Omega_2 &= \sqrt{0.5 \times (4.556 + \sqrt{4.556^2 - 4 \times 2.889})} = 1.948\end{aligned}\quad (c)$$

Noting that the natural frequencies  $\omega_j = \omega_{n1}\Omega_j$ , we find from Eqs. (a) and (c) that

$$\begin{aligned}\omega_1 &= 2.887 \times 0.873 = 2.519 \text{ rad/s} \\ \omega_2 &= 2.887 \times 1.948 = 5.623 \text{ rad/s}\end{aligned}\quad (d)$$

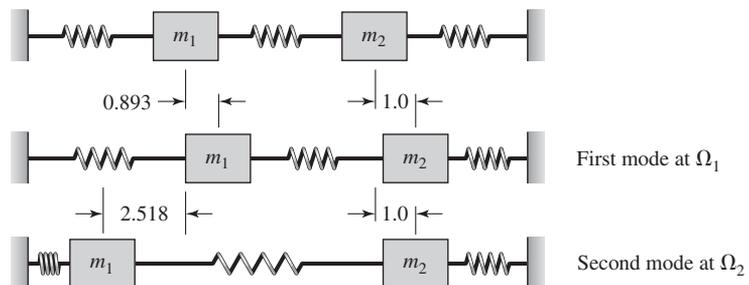
Next, the mode shape ratios are computed from Eqs. (7.49), (a), and (c) to be

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{X_{11}}{X_{21}} &= \frac{2.25 \times 0.943^2}{1 + 2.25 \times 0.943^2 - 0.873^2} = 0.893 \\ \frac{X_{12}}{X_{22}} &= \frac{2.25 \times 0.943^2}{1 + 2.25 \times 0.943^2 - 1.948^2} = -2.518\end{aligned}\quad (e)$$

After choosing the normalization given by Eqs. (7.30), we set  $X_{2j} = 1$  and construct the modal matrix as

$$[\Phi] = \begin{bmatrix} 0.893 & -2.518 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}\quad (f)$$

We see that for oscillations in the first mode, both masses move in the same direction, with  $m_1$  moving an amount that is 0.893 times that of  $m_2$ . For oscillation in the second mode, the masses move in opposite directions, with  $m_1$  moving 2.518 times as far in one direction as  $m_2$  moves in the opposite direction. It is common, as seen in this example, that the mode shape ratios are positive in the first mode, and there is a sign change when we go to the second mode. The modes  $\{X\}_1$  and  $\{X\}_2$  are illustrated in Figure 7.16.



**FIGURE 7.16**

Mode shapes for system shown in Figure 7.1.

### EXAMPLE 7.15 Natural frequencies and mode shapes of a pendulum attached to a translating mass

Consider the system shown in Figure 7.17. We shall derive the governing equations of motion for small  $|\theta|$  and then use these equations to determine the natural frequencies and mode shapes associated with this system. The equations of motion are obtained by using Lagrange's equations. We will also illustrate how the expressions for the kinetic energy and the potential energy are appropriately truncated to obtain the linear equations of motion.

Considering the translation of the point mass  $m$ , and the rotation of the rigid bar  $M$ , the system kinetic energy is

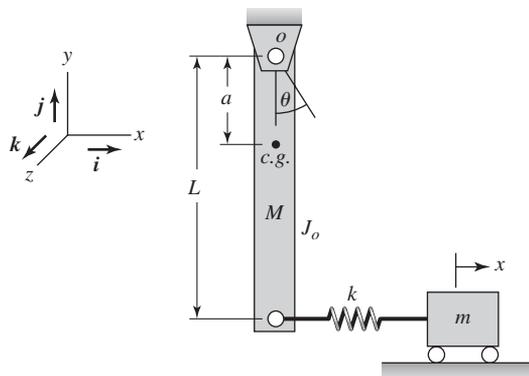
$$T = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}^2 + \frac{1}{2} J_o \dot{\theta}^2 \quad (\text{a})$$

and the system potential energy is

$$V = \frac{1}{2} k(x - L \sin \theta)^2 + Mga(1 - \cos \theta) \quad (\text{b})$$

where the datum for computing the potential energy due to gravity loading has been chosen at the center of mass of the pendulum. For "small" oscillations about  $\theta = 0$ , Taylor-series expansions lead to

$$\begin{aligned} \sin \theta &\approx \theta \\ \cos \theta &\approx 1 - \frac{\theta^2}{2} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{c})$$



**FIGURE 7.17**  
System with two degrees of freedom.

and the potential energy given by Eq. (b) is approximated as<sup>21</sup>

$$V = \frac{1}{2} k(x - L\theta)^2 + \frac{1}{2} Mga\theta^2 \quad (d)$$

Making use of Eqs. (a) and (c) in Eqs. (7.7) for  $q_1 = x$  and  $q_2 = \theta$  and recognizing that  $Q_x = 0$  and  $Q_\theta = 0$ , we obtain

$$\begin{bmatrix} m & 0 \\ 0 & J_o \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{x} \\ \ddot{\theta} \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} k & -kL \\ -kL & kL^2 + Mga \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x \\ \theta \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (e)$$

Comparing Eq. (e) with Eq. (7.22), we substitute a solution of the form

$$\begin{Bmatrix} x \\ \theta \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} X_o \\ \Theta_o \end{Bmatrix} e^{\lambda t} \quad (f)$$

into Eq. (e), choose  $\lambda^2 = -\omega^2$ , and arrive at the following eigenvalue formulation from Eq. (7.38b)

$$-\omega^2 \begin{bmatrix} m & 0 \\ 0 & J_o \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} X_o \\ \Theta_o \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} k & -kL \\ -kL & kL^2 + Mga \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} X_o \\ \Theta_o \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (g)$$

where  $\omega^2$  is the eigenvalue and the eigenvector is given by  $\{X_o \ \Theta_o\}^T$ .

Introducing the notations

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_{n1}^2 &= \frac{k}{m}, & \omega_{n2}^2 &= \frac{K_o}{J_o}, & K_o &= kL^2 + Mga \\ J_r &= \frac{mL^2}{J_o}, & \Omega &= \frac{\omega}{\omega_{n1}}, & \text{and } \omega_r &= \frac{\omega_{n2}}{\omega_{n1}} \end{aligned} \quad (h)$$

Eq. (g) is written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} (1 - \Omega^2) & -1 \\ -J_r & (\omega_r^2 - \Omega^2) \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} X_o \\ L\Theta_o \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (i)$$

where  $\{X_o \ L\Theta_o\}^T$  is the eigenvector and  $\Omega^2$  is the eigenvalue.

To determine the nontrivial solution of Eq. (i), we obtain a solution to

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} (1 - \Omega^2) & -1 \\ -J_r & (\omega_r^2 - \Omega^2) \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad (j)$$

Thus, we obtain

$$(1 - \Omega^2)(\omega_r^2 - \Omega^2) - J_r = 0 \quad (k)$$

Expanding Eq. (k) results in the characteristic equation

$$\Omega^4 - (1 + \omega_r^2)\Omega^2 + \omega_r^2 - J_r = 0 \quad (l)$$

<sup>21</sup>For obtaining the linear equations of motion, retaining up to quadratic terms in the functions  $T$  and  $V$  is sufficient, as illustrated in this example.

whose roots are

$$\Omega_{2,1} = \sqrt{1 + \omega_r^2 \pm \sqrt{(1 - \omega_r^2)^2 + 4J_r}/\sqrt{2}} \quad (\text{m})$$

where the nondimensional natural frequencies have been ordered so that  $\Omega_1 < \Omega_2$ . The corresponding mode shapes are obtained from the expanded form of Eq. (i); that is,

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - \Omega_j^2)X_{oj} - L\Theta_{oj} &= 0 \\ -J_r X_{oj} + (\omega_r^2 - \Omega_j^2)L\Theta_{oj} &= 0 \quad \text{for } j = 1, 2 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{n})$$

From the first of Eqs. (n), the mode shape ratio is

$$\frac{X_{oj}}{L\Theta_{oj}} = \frac{1}{1 - \Omega_j^2} \quad \text{for } j = 1, 2 \quad (\text{o})$$

If, instead, we chose the second of Eqs. (n), then the mode shape ratio will take the form

$$\frac{X_{oj}}{L\Theta_{oj}} = \frac{\omega_r^2 - \Omega_j^2}{J_r} \quad \text{for } j = 1, 2 \quad (\text{p})$$

Again, the introduction of nondimensional quantities has enabled us to express the nondimensional frequencies given by Eqs. (m) and the mode shapes given by Eqs. (o) or (p) in compact form to show the dependence on the various system parameters.

When  $\omega_{n1} = \omega_{n2}$ , we see from Eqs. (h) that  $\omega_r = 1$  and Eq. (m) becomes

$$\Omega_{2,1} = \sqrt{1 + 1 \pm \sqrt{(1 - 1)^2 + 4J_r}/\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{1 \pm \sqrt{J_r}} \quad (\text{q})$$

and the corresponding mode shape ratios given by Eqs. (o) become

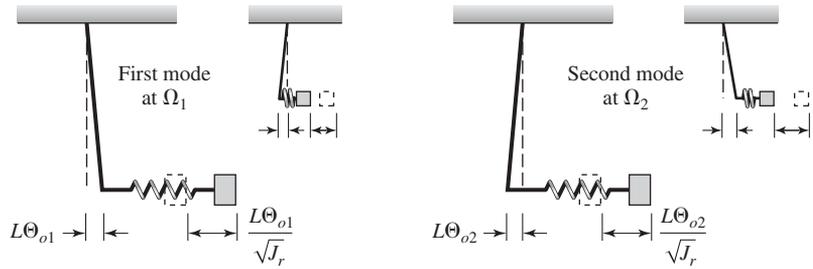
$$\frac{X_{oj}}{L\Theta_{oj}} = \frac{1}{1 - (1 \pm \sqrt{J_r})} = \mp \frac{1}{\sqrt{J_r}} \quad \text{for } j = 1, 2 \quad (\text{r})$$

Alternatively, the mode shape ratios can also be obtained from Eqs. (p); the result is

$$\frac{X_{oj}}{L\Theta_{oj}} = \frac{1 - (1 \pm \sqrt{J_r})}{J_r} = \mp \frac{1}{\sqrt{J_r}} \quad \text{for } j = 1, 2 \quad (\text{s})$$

which is identical to Eqs. (r), as expected.

Based on the convention that in the first mode, the mode shape ratios are positive, the second mode corresponds to the negative sign and the first mode corresponds to the positive sign. Plots of the two mode shapes are given in Figure 7.18. We see that for free oscillation in the first mode, the masses move in the same direction, but with relatively different displacements. In the second mode, the masses move in opposite directions. Based on Eqs. (r) and (s), it is remarked that, although the relative magnitudes of the mode shape displacement components may change as the physical characteristics of a system change, the directions of the relative motions do not.

**FIGURE 7.18**

Mode shapes for the system shown in Figure 7.17 when  $\omega_r = 1$ .

### EXAMPLE 7.16 Natural frequencies and mode shapes of a system with bounce and pitch motions

We now return to Example 7.3, where we determined the equations governing the system shown in Figure 7.5. To determine the natural frequencies and mode shapes of the undamped system, we set  $c_1 = c_2 = 0$  in Eq. (k) of Example 7.3. In addition, we shall introduce the notion of a *node* of a mode shape. We first introduce the quantities

$$\begin{aligned} X &= L_1 \Theta, & \omega_r^2 &= \frac{\omega_{n2}^2}{\omega_{n1}^2}, & \omega_{n1}^2 &= \frac{k_1}{m}, & \omega_{n2}^2 &= \frac{k_2 L_2^2}{J_G} \\ k_{21} &= \frac{k_2}{k_1}, & L_{21} &= \frac{L_2}{L_1}, & \text{and } \Omega &= \frac{\omega}{\omega_{n1}} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{a})$$

Then the eigenvalue formulation obtained from Eq. (k) of Example 7.3 in expanded form is

$$\begin{aligned} (-\Omega^2 + 1 + k_{21})Y - (1 - k_{21}L_{21})X &= 0 \\ -(1 - k_{21}L_{21})Y + \left(-\Omega^2 \frac{k_{21}L_{21}^2}{\omega_r^2} + 1 + k_{21}L_{21}^2\right)X &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{b})$$

where  $\Omega^2$  is the eigenvalue and  $\{Y X\}^T$  is the associated mode shape. Note that  $X = L_1 \Theta$  is the displacement of the left end of the bar associated with the rotation  $\Theta$ .

Setting the determinant of the coefficient matrix in Eqs. (b) to zero gives the following characteristic equation

$$b_1 \Omega^4 - b_2 \Omega^2 + b_3 = 0 \quad (\text{c})$$

where the coefficients in the quartic polynomial are

$$\begin{aligned} b_1 &= \frac{k_{21}L_{21}^2}{\omega_r^2} \\ b_2 &= 1 + b_1(1 + k_{21} + \omega_r^2) \\ b_3 &= k_{21}(1 + L_{21})^2 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{d})$$

The solutions of Eq. (c) provide the nondimensional natural frequencies

$$\Omega_{1,2} = \sqrt{\frac{b_2 \mp \sqrt{b_2^2 - 4b_1b_3}}{2b_1}} \quad (\text{e})$$

where  $\Omega_1 < \Omega_2$ . The mode shapes are obtained from either the first of Eqs. (b) as

$$\frac{Y_j}{X_j} = \frac{1 - k_{21}L_{21}}{-\Omega_j^2 + 1 + k_{21}} \quad \text{for } j = 1, 2 \quad (\text{f})$$

or from the second of Eqs. (b) as

$$\frac{Y_j}{X_j} = \frac{1}{1 - k_{21}L_{21}} \left( -\Omega_j^2 \frac{k_{21}L_{21}^2}{\omega_r^2} + 1 + k_{21}L_{21}^2 \right) \quad \text{for } j = 1, 2 \quad (\text{g})$$

We notice that when the ratios  $k_{21} = L_{21} = 1$ ; that is, when the spring constants are equal and the center of gravity is midway between both ends, the system equations are uncoupled as seen from Eqs. (b). In this case, from Eqs. (b), we obtain

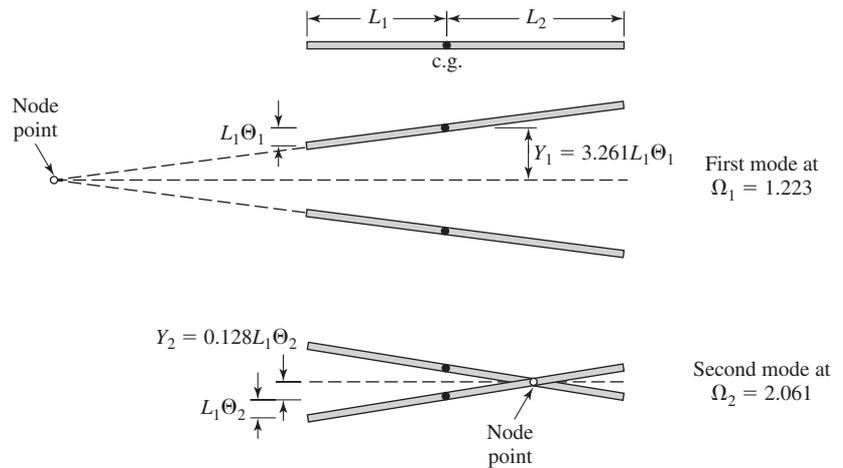
$$\begin{aligned} (-\Omega^2 + 2)Y &= 0 \\ \left( -\frac{\Omega^2}{\omega_r^2} + 2 \right)X &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

indicating that the rotation is independent of the translation. Thus, in this special case, if the bar is subjected to a force at its center of gravity, then the system can only translate. The translation occurs at the nondimensional frequency  $\Omega_1^2 = 2$ , or equivalently, at the dimensional frequency  $\omega_{nt} = \sqrt{2}\omega_{n1} = \sqrt{2k_1/m}$ .

In order to illustrate the mode shapes, a numerical case is considered next. Thus, for the choice,  $k_{21} = 0.6$ ,  $L_{21} = 1.1$ , and  $\omega_r = 1.32$ , we find from Eqs. (d) that  $b_1 = 0.417$ ,  $b_2 = 2.393$ , and  $b_3 = 2.646$ . Upon substituting these values into Eqs. (e), we find that  $\Omega_1 = 1.223$  and  $\Omega_2 = 2.061$ . From Eqs. (f), the respective mode shape ratios are

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{Y_1}{X_1} &= \frac{1 - 0.6 \times 1.1}{-1.223^2 + 1 + 0.6} = 3.261 \\ \frac{Y_2}{X_2} &= \frac{1 - 0.6 \times 1.1}{-2.061^2 + 1 + 0.6} = -0.128 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{h})$$

Thus, for oscillation in the first mode, we see from Eqs. (h) that if we assume that there is a displacement  $d$  in the negative  $y$ -direction at the left end of the bar, the amount of positive rotation of the bar is  $\Theta = d/L_1$  about the center of gravity. In addition, the center of gravity of the bar moves a distance that is

**FIGURE 7.19**

Modes shapes and node points for the system shown in Figure 7.5:  $k_{21} = 0.6$ ,  $L_{21} = 1.1$ , and  $\omega_r = 1.32$ . [Note: Figure not to scale.]

$3.261d$  in the opposite (positive, in this case) direction. The mode shapes given by Eqs. (h) are shown in Figure 7.19. It is pointed out that there is a point in each mode shape at which the bar (or an extension of it) intersects the reference (equilibrium) position. This point does not undergo any motion. Such a point is called a *node point*. For the first mode shape, the node point does not physically lie on the bar. Even so, one can consider this node point as being the fulcrum for the motion of the rigid bar at its first natural frequency. In other words, the bar oscillates through an arc as if it were pivoted at that point. For the second mode shape, the node point lies in the span of the bar. When the bar is vibrating in the second natural frequency, the bar is pivoted about this stationary point.

Nodes in vibratory systems play a significant role in determining the placement of vibration sensors and vibration actuators. For instance, a sensor placed at the node of a certain mode will not detect that particular mode. Similarly, an actuator placed at the node of a certain mode cannot excite that mode. The observation that when oscillating in a certain mode shape, the displacement is zero at the node point of a mode leads to the following design guideline.

**Design Guideline.** For a system with two or more degrees of freedom, if a sensor needs to be located so as not to pick up vibrations of a certain mode, one should locate the sensor at the node point of this mode. Alternatively, if a sensor should sense vibrations in a certain mode, one should not locate it at a node of the mode of interest.

**EXAMPLE 7.17** Inverse problem: determination of system parameters

Consider the system shown in Figure 7.1, which is described by the following inertia matrix  $[M]$  and stiffness matrix  $[K]$

$$[M] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ kg} \quad \text{and} \quad [K] = \begin{bmatrix} 25,000 & k_{12} \\ k_{21} & k_{22} \end{bmatrix} \text{ N/m} \quad (\text{a})$$

The modes of the system are given by

$$\{X\}_1 = \begin{Bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \{X\}_2 = \begin{Bmatrix} -1/2 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (\text{b})$$

and the natural frequency  $\omega_1$  associated with mode  $\{X\}_1$  is 100 rad/s. We shall illustrate how the unknown elements in the stiffness matrix and the other natural frequency  $\omega_2$  is determined.

To determine the needed quantities, we make use of Eq. (7.38b). Comparing the elements in the given stiffness matrix with that used in Eq. (7.38b), we determine that

$$\begin{aligned} k_{11} &= k_1 + k_2 = 25,000 \\ k_{12} &= k_{21} = -k_2 \\ k_{22} &= k_2 + k_3 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{c})$$

Therefore, from the first of Eq. (7.40) and Eqs. (b), the mode shape ratio is

$$\frac{X_{21}}{X_{11}} = \frac{k_1 + k_2 - m_1\omega_1^2}{k_2} = -\frac{k_{11} - m_1\omega_1^2}{k_{12}} = \frac{1}{3} \quad (\text{d})$$

Upon substituting the known numerical values into Eq. (d), we obtain

$$k_{12} = -3 \times (25,000 - 2 \times 100^2) = -15,000 \text{ N/m} \quad (\text{e})$$

From the second of Eq. (7.40), we see that

$$\frac{X_{21}}{X_{11}} = \frac{k_2}{k_2 + k_3 - m_2\omega_1^2} = -\frac{k_{12}}{k_{22} - m_2\omega_1^2} = \frac{1}{3} \quad (\text{f})$$

From Eq. (f), we find that

$$k_{22} = -3k_{12} + m_2\omega_1^2 = -3 \times (-15,000) + 3 \times 100^2 = 75,000 \text{ N/m} \quad (\text{g})$$

The other natural frequency is found by making use of the eigenvector  $\{X\}_2$  and the first of Eq. (7.40) with  $j = 2$ . Thus,

$$\frac{X_{22}}{X_{12}} = -\frac{k_{11} - m_1\omega_2^2}{k_{12}} = \frac{1}{-1/2} = -2 \quad (\text{h})$$

Solving Eq. (h) for  $\omega_2$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\omega_2 &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{m_1} \left( k_{12} \frac{X_{22}}{X_{12}} + k_{11} \right)} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} ((-15,000) \times (-2) + 25,000)} \\ &= 165.83 \text{ rad/s}\end{aligned}$$

**EXAMPLE 7.18** Natural frequencies of an  $N$  degree-of-freedom system: special case<sup>22</sup>

Consider the  $N$  degree-of-freedom system given by Eqs. (7.5). If we assume that  $c_i = Q_i = 0$ ,  $k_i = k$ ,  $m_i = m$ , and use  $x_i$  instead of  $q_i$ , then Eq. (7.5a) becomes

$$m\ddot{x}_n + 2kx_n - kx_{n-1} - kx_{n+1} = 0 \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, N \quad (\text{a})$$

where, because of the fixed ends,  $x_0 = x_{N+1} = 0$ . To determine the natural frequencies, we let

$$x_n = X_n e^{j\omega t} \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, N \quad (\text{b})$$

Upon substituting Eqs. (b) into Eqs. (a), we arrive at

$$(2 - \Omega^2)X_n - X_{n-1} - X_{n+1} = 0 \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, N \quad (\text{c})$$

where

$$\Omega = \frac{\omega}{\omega_o} \quad \text{and} \quad \omega_o = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \quad (\text{d})$$

Equation (c) is a difference equation whose solution can be obtained in a manner similar to that of a differential equation. We first assume a solution of the form

$$X_n = e^{j\beta n} \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, N \quad (\text{e})$$

where  $\beta$  is unknown. Upon substituting Eq. (e) into Eq. (c), we obtain

$$(2 - \Omega^2)e^{j\beta n} - e^{j\beta(n-1)} - e^{j\beta(n+1)} = 0$$

which leads to

$$(2 - \Omega^2) = e^{-j\beta} + e^{j\beta} = 2 \cos \beta$$

or

$$\Omega^2 = 2(1 - \cos \beta) = 4\sin^2(\beta/2) \quad (\text{f})$$

Once  $\beta$  is determined, the natural frequency coefficient  $\Omega$  can be obtained from Eq. (f). To determine  $\beta$ , we assume a solution to Eq. (c) of the form

$$X_n = A \cos(n\beta) + B \sin(n\beta) \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, N \quad (\text{g})$$

<sup>22</sup>W. T. Thomson, *Vibration Theory and Applications*, Prentice Hall, Saddle River, NJ, 1965, pp. 251–253.

The constants  $A$  and  $B$  are determined from the expressions for the displacement at  $X_0$  and  $X_N$ . At  $n = 0$ ,  $X_0 = 0$  and, therefore, from Eqs. (g),  $A = 0$ . From Eq. (c) and the fact that  $X_{N+1} = 0$ , we find that

$$(2 - \Omega^2)X_N = X_{N-1} \quad (\text{h})$$

Upon using Eq. (f) and Eqs. (g) with  $A = 0$ , Eq. (h) becomes

$$(2 - 2(1 - \cos \beta))\sin(\beta N) = \sin(\beta[N - 1]) \quad (\text{i})$$

After employing several trigonometric identities, Eq. (i) can be written as

$$\sin(\beta(N + 1)) = 0 \quad (\text{k})$$

We see that this equation is satisfied when

$$\beta = \frac{l\pi}{N + 1} \quad l = 0, 1, \dots, N \quad (\text{l})$$

If we ignore the trivial value  $l = 0$ , the values of  $\beta$  obtained from Eq. (l) and Eq. (f) lead to

$$\Omega^2 = 4 \sin^2\left(\frac{l\pi}{2(N + 1)}\right) \quad l = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

or, from Eq. (d), that

$$\omega_l = 2\omega_o \sin\left(\frac{l\pi}{2(N + 1)}\right) \quad l = 1, 2, \dots, N \quad (\text{m})$$

The corresponding mode shapes are determined by using Eq. (g) with  $A = 0$  and Eq. (l); thus,

$$X_{nl} = B_l \sin\left(\frac{nl\pi}{N + 1}\right) \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, N \quad l = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

where  $B_l$  is an arbitrary constant, the subscript  $l$  indicates the  $l$ th natural frequency, and  $n$  indicates the displacement of the  $n$ th mass.

If we let  $N = 4$ , then the four natural frequencies are

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_1 &= 2\omega_o \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{10}\right) = 0.6190\omega_o \\ \omega_2 &= 2\omega_o \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{10}\right) = 1.1756\omega_o \\ \omega_3 &= 2\omega_o \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{10}\right) = 1.6180\omega_o \\ \omega_4 &= 2\omega_o \sin\left(\frac{4\pi}{10}\right) = 1.9021\omega_o \end{aligned} \quad (\text{n})$$

and the corresponding matrix of modal vectors is

$$\Phi = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5878 & 0.9511 & 0.9511 & 0.5878 \\ 0.9511 & 0.5878 & -0.5878 & -0.9511 \\ 0.9511 & -0.5878 & -0.5878 & 0.9511 \\ 0.5878 & -0.9511 & 0.9511 & -0.5878 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{o})$$

where the first column corresponds to the first mode and so on.

These numerical results also can be obtained from Eqs. (7.5a) and (7.5b). In the present notation and with the assumptions stated above, these equations become

$$[M] = m[M_o] = m \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad [K] = k[K_o] = k \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then, the eigenvalues can be determined from

$$\det|[K_o] - \Omega^2[M_o]| = 0$$

Evaluation of this determinant<sup>23</sup> for the chosen number of masses and springs yields the same results as those obtained from Eqs. (m) and the same normalized results as given by Eq. (o).

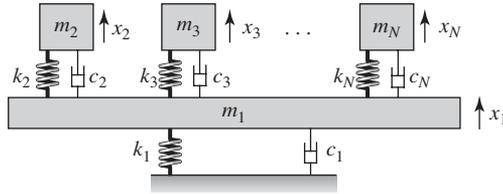
### EXAMPLE 7.19 Single degree-of-freedom system carrying a system of oscillators

Consider the multiple degree-of-freedom system shown in Figure 7.20. The kinetic energy, potential energy, and the dissipation function are, respectively,

$$\begin{aligned} T(\dot{x}_1, \dot{x}_2, \dots, \dot{x}_n) &= \frac{1}{2} m_1 \dot{x}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=2}^N m_n \dot{x}_n^2 \\ V(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) &= \frac{1}{2} k_1 x_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=2}^N k_n (x_1 - x_n)^2 \\ D(\dot{x}_1, \dot{x}_2, \dots, \dot{x}_n) &= \frac{1}{2} c_1 \dot{x}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=2}^N c_n (\dot{x}_1 - \dot{x}_n)^2 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{a})$$

where  $x_i$  is the absolute displacement of mass  $m_i$  and  $\dot{x}_i$  is the absolute velocity of mass  $m_i$ . Upon substituting expressions (a) into the Lagrange equations

<sup>23</sup>The MATLAB function `eig` was used.



**FIGURE 7.20**

A single degree-of-freedom system carrying a system of oscillators.

with  $q_n = x_n$  and  $Q_n = 0$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots, N$ , and performing the needed operations, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 m_1 \ddot{x}_1 + c_1 \dot{x}_1 + \sum_{n=2}^N c_n (\dot{x}_1 - \dot{x}_n) + k_1 x_1 + \sum_{n=2}^N k_n (x_1 - x_n) &= 0 \\
 m_2 \ddot{x}_2 - c_2 (\dot{x}_1 - \dot{x}_2) - k_2 (x_1 - x_2) &= 0 \\
 &\dots \\
 m_N \ddot{x}_N - c_N (\dot{x}_1 - \dot{x}_N) - k_N (x_1 - x_N) &= 0 \tag{b}
 \end{aligned}$$

In order to determine the natural frequency equation, we assume that

$$x_n(t) = X_n e^{j\omega t} \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, N \tag{c}$$

Upon substituting Eqs. (c) into Eqs. (b), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 -m_1 \omega^2 X_1 + j c_1 \omega X_1 + \sum_{n=2}^N j c_n \omega (X_1 - X_n) + k_1 X_1 + \sum_{n=2}^N k_n (X_1 - X_n) &= 0 \\
 -m_2 \omega^2 X_2 - j \omega c_2 (X_1 - X_2) - k_2 (X_1 - X_2) &= 0 \tag{d} \\
 &\dots \\
 -m_N \omega^2 X_N - j \omega c_N (X_1 - X_N) - k_N (X_1 - X_N) &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

We notice that from the second to  $N$ th equations in Eqs. (d), we can solve for  $X_n$ ,  $n = 2, \dots, N$  in terms of  $X_1$ . Thus,

$$X_n = \frac{(j\omega c_n + k_n) X_1}{k_n - m_n \omega^2 + j\omega c_n} \quad n = 2, \dots, N \tag{e}$$

Upon substituting Eqs. (e) into the first of Eqs. (d) and solving for  $X_1$ , we obtain

$$1 - \Omega^2 + j 2 \zeta_1 \Omega - \Omega^2 \sum_{n=2}^N (m_n/m_1) H_n(j\Omega) = 0 \tag{f}$$

where

$$H_n(j\Omega) = \frac{(1 + j 2 \zeta_n \Omega \omega_{1n})}{1 - \omega_{1n}^2 \Omega^2 + j 2 \zeta_n \omega_{1n} \Omega} \quad n = 2, 3, \dots, N \tag{g}$$

and

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k_n}{m_n}}, \quad 2\zeta_n = \frac{c_n}{\omega_n m_n}, \quad \Omega = \frac{\omega}{\omega_1}, \quad \omega_{1n} = \frac{\omega_1}{\omega_n}$$

Referring to Eq. (5.82), we see that  $|H_n(j\Omega)|$ ,  $n = 2, \dots, N$ , is the amplitude response of each of the single degree-of-freedom systems excited by a moving base.

In the absence of damping; that is, when  $c_n = 0$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots, N$ , we use Eq. (f) to find that the natural frequencies of the system are determined from the solution to

$$1 - \Omega^2 \left[ 1 + \sum_{n=2}^N \frac{m_n}{m_1(1 - \omega_{1n}^2 \Omega^2)} \right] = 0 \quad (\text{h})$$

In the special case where  $N = 2$ , Eq. (h) becomes

$$\Omega^4 - (1 + \omega_r^2(1 + m_r))\Omega^2 + \omega_r^2 = 0 \quad (\text{i})$$

where  $m_r$  and  $\omega_r$  are given by Eq.(7.41). We see that Eq. (i) is the same as Eq. (7.45), when  $k_{32} = 0$  in Eq. (7.45).

### 7.3.2 Undamped Systems: Properties of Mode Shapes

In this section, we examine the properties of the eigenvectors of undamped systems described by Eq. (7.25), which, after setting  $\lambda^2 = -\omega^2$ , is

$$[[K] - \omega^2[M]]\{X\} = \{0\} \quad (7.55)$$

It is shown that the eigenvectors  $\{X\}_j$ , and hence, the modal matrix  $[\Phi]$ , have a special property called *orthogonality*, which will be described shortly. This property follows from the properties of eigenvectors associated with real, symmetric matrices. We shall take advantage of this orthogonality to solve the coupled equations of the form given by Eq. (7.3) and other systems in the next chapter. Another important property is that the eigenvectors  $\{X\}_j$  form a linearly independent set. We address the orthogonality of the modes next, and explain the linear independence of the modes at the end of this section.

#### Orthogonality of Modes

We see from Eq. (7.55) that

$$\omega_j^2[M]\{X\}_j = [K]\{X\}_j \quad \text{for } j = 1, 2, \dots, N \quad (7.56)$$

where the matrices  $[M]$  and  $[K]$  are symmetric and  $\omega_j^2$  are the different eigenvalues and  $\{X\}_j$  are the associated eigenvectors. We consider Eq. (7.56) for two distinct frequencies  $\omega_l$  and  $\omega_m$ ; thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_l^2[M]\{X\}_l &= [K]\{X\}_l \\ \omega_m^2[M]\{X\}_m &= [K]\{X\}_m \end{aligned} \quad (7.57)$$

Pre-multiplying the first equation of Eqs. (7.57) by  $\{X\}_m^T$  and the second equation of Eqs. (7.57) by  $\{X\}_l^T$  leads to

$$\begin{aligned}\omega_l^2 \{X\}_m^T [M] \{X\}_l &= \{X\}_m^T [K] \{X\}_l \\ \omega_m^2 \{X\}_l^T [M] \{X\}_m &= \{X\}_l^T [K] \{X\}_m\end{aligned}\quad (7.58)$$

Taking the transpose<sup>24</sup> of the second equation of Eqs. (7.58), we find that

$$\begin{aligned}\omega_m^2 [\{X\}_l^T [M] \{X\}_m]^T &= [\{X\}_l^T [K] \{X\}_m]^T \\ \omega_m^2 \{X\}_m^T [M]^T \{X\}_l &= \{X\}_m^T [K]^T \{X\}_l \\ \omega_m^2 \{X\}_m^T [M] \{X\}_l &= \{X\}_m^T [K] \{X\}_l\end{aligned}\quad (7.59)$$

since we have assumed that  $[M]$  and  $[K]$  are symmetric matrices. Then, Eqs. (7.58) and (7.59) lead to

$$\begin{aligned}\omega_l^2 \{X\}_m^T [M] \{X\}_l &= \{X\}_m^T [K] \{X\}_l \\ \omega_m^2 \{X\}_m^T [M] \{X\}_l &= \{X\}_m^T [K] \{X\}_l\end{aligned}\quad (7.60)$$

On subtracting one equation from the other in Eqs. (7.60), we arrive at

$$(\omega_l^2 - \omega_m^2) \{X\}_m^T [M] \{X\}_l = 0 \quad (7.61)$$

Since  $\omega_l \neq \omega_m$ , Eq. (7.61) implies that

$$\{X\}_m^T [M] \{X\}_l = 0 \quad \text{for } \omega_l \neq \omega_m \quad (7.62)$$

Equation (7.62) provides a definition of *orthogonality* for the eigenvectors (or eigenmodes or modes) of a system. Also, from Eqs. (7.60), it follows that

$$\{X\}_m^T [K] \{X\}_l = 0 \quad \text{for } \omega_l \neq \omega_m \quad (7.63)$$

From Eqs. (7.62) and (7.63), we see that the modes are orthogonal with respect to both the mass matrix  $[M]$  and the stiffness matrix  $[K]$ , and this important property is one that we will make use of in the normal-mode approach for determining responses of multiple degree-of-freedom systems in Section 8.2.

Equations (7.62) and (7.63) can be shown to be true for cases where the eigenvalues are not distinct;<sup>25</sup> that is, when  $\omega_l = \omega_m$ . Thus, in general, we know

$$\begin{aligned}\{X\}_l^T [M] \{X\}_m &= 0 \\ \{X\}_l^T [K] \{X\}_m &= 0 \quad l \neq m\end{aligned}\quad (7.64)$$

where  $\omega_j$  and the corresponding  $\{X\}_j$  are obtained from the solutions to, respectively,

$$\begin{aligned}\det[-\omega^2 [M] + [K]] &= 0 \\ -\omega_j^2 [M] \{X\}_j + [K] \{X\}_j &= 0 \quad \text{for } j = 1, 2, \dots, N\end{aligned}\quad (7.65)$$

<sup>24</sup>From linear algebra, we know that  $([A][B])^T = [B]^T [A]^T$ . See Appendix E.

<sup>25</sup>D. C. Murdoch, *Linear Algebra*, John Wiley & Sons, NY, Chapter 6 (1970).

## Modal Mass, Modal Stiffness, and Modal Matrix

After pre-multiplying each side of Eq. (7.56) with  $\{X\}_j^T$ , we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned}\omega_j^2 \{X\}_j^T [M] \{X\}_j &= \{X\}_j^T [K] \{X\}_j \\ \omega_j^2 \hat{M}_{jj} &= \hat{K}_{jj} \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, N \\ \omega_j^2 &= \hat{K}_{jj} / \hat{M}_{jj}\end{aligned}\quad (7.66)$$

where the *modal mass*  $\hat{M}_{jj}$  of the  $j$ th mode and the *modal stiffness*  $\hat{K}_{jj}$  of the  $j$ th mode are given by, respectively,

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{M}_{jj} &= \{X\}_j^T [M] \{X\}_j \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, N \\ \hat{K}_{jj} &= \{X\}_j^T [K] \{X\}_j \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, N\end{aligned}\quad (7.67)$$

By using Eqs. (7.31) for the modal matrix  $[\Phi]$  and taking advantage of Eqs. (7.62) and (7.67), we see that

$$\begin{aligned}[\Phi]^T [M] [\Phi] &= \begin{Bmatrix} \{X\}_1^T \\ \{X\}_2^T \\ \vdots \\ \{X\}_N^T \end{Bmatrix} [M] \begin{Bmatrix} \{X\}_1 & \{X\}_2 & \cdots & \{X\}_N \end{Bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{Bmatrix} \{X\}_1^T \\ \{X\}_2^T \\ \vdots \\ \{X\}_N^T \end{Bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} [M]\{X\}_1 & [M]\{X\}_2 & \cdots & [M]\{X\}_N \end{Bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \{X\}_1^T [M] \{X\}_1 & \{X\}_1^T [M] \{X\}_2 & \cdots & \{X\}_1^T [M] \{X\}_N \\ \{X\}_2^T [M] \{X\}_1 & \{X\}_2^T [M] \{X\}_2 & \cdots & \{X\}_2^T [M] \{X\}_N \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \{X\}_N^T [M] \{X\}_1 & \{X\}_N^T [M] \{X\}_2 & \cdots & \{X\}_N^T [M] \{X\}_N \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \hat{M}_{11} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \hat{M}_{22} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \hat{M}_{NN} \end{bmatrix} = [M_D]\end{aligned}\quad (7.68a)$$

and in a similar manner, by making use of Eqs. (7.63) and (7.67), we obtain the diagonal matrix

$$[\Phi]^T [K] [\Phi] = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{K}_{11} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \hat{K}_{22} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \hat{K}_{NN} \end{bmatrix} = [K_D]\quad (7.68b)$$

Therefore, Eqs. (7.66) can be written in matrix form as

$$\begin{aligned}[\omega_D^2] [M_D] &= [K_D] \\ [\omega_D^2] &= [M_D]^{-1} [K_D]\end{aligned}\quad (7.69a)$$

which means that

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} \omega_1^2 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \omega_2^2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \omega_N^2 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1/\hat{M}_{11} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1/\hat{M}_{22} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1/\hat{M}_{NN} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{K}_{11} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \hat{K}_{22} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \hat{K}_{NN} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \hat{K}_{11}/\hat{M}_{11} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \hat{K}_{22}/\hat{M}_{22} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \hat{K}_{NN}/\hat{M}_{NN} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (7.69b)$$

in agreement with Eqs. (7.66).

### Mass-Normalized Modes

Equation (7.68a) can also be used for normalizing the mode shapes in lieu of Eqs. (7.29) and (7.30) or Eq. (7.34). If one normalizes the mode shapes so that for the first mode

$$\{X_{11} \quad X_{12} \quad \cdots \quad X_{1N}\}[M] \begin{Bmatrix} X_{11} \\ X_{12} \\ \vdots \\ X_{1N} \end{Bmatrix} = 1 \quad (7.70a)$$

and for the second mode

$$\{X_{21} \quad X_{22} \quad \cdots \quad X_{2N}\}[M] \begin{Bmatrix} X_{21} \\ X_{22} \\ \vdots \\ X_{2N} \end{Bmatrix} = 1 \quad (7.70b)$$

and so forth, then the mode shapes are said to be *mass-normalized*, and these normalized mode shapes are also referred to as *ortho-normal modes*. In general, for a system with  $N$  degrees of freedom, Eq. (7.62) together with Eqs. (7.70a) and (7.70b) are expressed as

$$[\Phi]^T[M][\Phi] = [I] \quad (7.71a)$$

where  $[I]$  is the identity matrix. It follows from Eqs. (7.60) and (7.63) that

$$[\Phi]^T[K][\Phi] = [\omega_D^2] \quad (7.71b)$$

We take advantage of the orthogonality of the modes in developing a solution for the response of multiple degree-of-freedom systems in Section 8.2.

### Linear Independence of Eigenvectors

We now consider the fact that the eigenvectors  $\{X\}_j$  form a linearly independent set. This means that for a system with  $N$  degrees of freedom with  $N$  modes  $\{X\}_j$ , any  $N$ -dimensional vector is constructed as a linear combination of these eigenvectors. In physical terms, the implication is that any vibratory

motion of a system is viewed as a weighted sum of oscillations in the individual modes. This observation, along with the orthogonality of the modes, forms the basis of the normal-mode approach discussed in Section 8.2. Mathematically, linear dependence of the eigenvectors means that

$$C_1\{X\}_1 + C_2\{X\}_2 + \cdots + C_n\{X\}_n = \{0\} \quad (7.72)$$

for non-zero constants  $C_j$ . The orthogonality properties given by Eqs. (7.64) is used to show that Eq. (7.72) is true only if the  $C_j$  are all zero, thus verifying that the eigenvectors are not linearly dependent, and hence, they form a linearly independent set.

**EXAMPLE 7.20** Orthogonality of modes, modal masses, and modal stiffness of a spring-mass system

We now illustrate how the orthogonality of the modes of a vibratory system is examined, and how the modal masses and modal stiffness are computed. We consider the two degree-of-freedom system treated in Example 7.14 where  $m_1 = 1.2$  kg,  $m_2 = 2.7$  kg,  $k_1 = 10$  N/m,  $k_2 = 20$  N/m, and  $k_3 = 15$  N/m. Then, from Eq. (7.38a)

$$[M] = \begin{bmatrix} 1.2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2.7 \end{bmatrix} \text{ kg} \quad \text{and} \quad [K] = \begin{bmatrix} 30 & -20 \\ -20 & 35 \end{bmatrix} \text{ N/m} \quad (a)$$

Since the mass and stiffness matrices are real and symmetric matrices, the modes will be orthogonal to the mass and stiffness matrices. We shall now show this through numerical calculations. To this end, we recall the modal matrix  $[\Phi]$  from Eq. (f) of Example 7.14, which is

$$[\Phi] = \begin{bmatrix} 0.893 & -2.518 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (b)$$

To check the orthogonality of the mode shapes, we note that

$$\begin{aligned} \{X\}_2^T [M] \{X\}_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} -2.518 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1.2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2.7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} 0.893 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix} = 0 \\ \{X\}_2^T [K] \{X\}_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} -2.518 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 30 & -20 \\ -20 & 35 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} 0.893 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix} = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (c)$$

To determine the modal masses, we find that

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{M}_{11} &= \{X\}_1^T [M] \{X\}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.893 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1.2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2.7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} 0.893 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix} = 3.658 \\ \hat{M}_{22} &= \{X\}_2^T [M] \{X\}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2.518 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1.2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2.7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} -2.518 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix} = 10.311 \end{aligned} \quad (d)$$

and to determine the modal stiffness associated with each mode, we compute

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{K}_{11} &= \{X\}_1^T [K] \{X\}_1 = \begin{Bmatrix} 0.893 & 1 \end{Bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 30 & -20 \\ -20 & 35 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} 0.893 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix} = 23.209 \\ \hat{K}_{22} &= \{X\}_2^T [K] \{X\}_2 = \begin{Bmatrix} -2.51 & 1 \end{Bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 30 & -20 \\ -20 & 35 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} -2.518 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix} = 326.01 \quad (e)\end{aligned}$$

In addition, to compare these results with the results provided in Example 7.14 for the natural frequencies, we carry out the following. From Eq. (7.69b) and the computed quantities above, we find that

$$\begin{aligned}[\omega_D^2] &= \begin{bmatrix} \hat{K}_{11}/\hat{M}_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & \hat{K}_{22}/\hat{M}_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 23.21/3.658 & 0 \\ 0 & 326.01/10.311 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} \omega_1^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \omega_2^2 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 6.345 & 0 \\ 0 & 31.618 \end{bmatrix} \quad (f)\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{bmatrix} \omega_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \omega_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2.519 & 0 \\ 0 & 5.623 \end{bmatrix} \quad (g)$$

which agree with the values presented in Eq. (d) of Example 7.14.

### 7.3.3 Characteristics of Damped Systems

In Sections 7.3.1 and 7.3.2, we treated the natural frequencies and mode shapes of undamped multi-degree-of-freedom systems with symmetric inertia and symmetric stiffness matrices. The eigenvalues and eigenvectors of such systems are real-valued quantities with a physical interpretation. Here, we examine the eigenvalues and eigenvectors for damped multiple degree-of-freedom systems.

We revisit Eq. (7.3), set the external forces to zero, replace  $q_i$  by  $x_i$ , and arrive at

$$[M]\{\dot{x}\} + [[C] + [G]]\{\dot{x}\} + [[K] + [H]]\{x\} = \{0\} \quad (7.73)$$

Since we have a linear system of ordinary differential equations with constant coefficients, we can assume a solution of the form given by Eq. (7.23a). On substituting Eq. (7.23a) into Eq. (7.73), the result is

$$[\lambda^2[M] + \lambda([C] + [G]) + [K] + [H]]\{X\}e^{\lambda t} = \{0\} \quad (7.74)$$

#### Eigenvalue Problem

Noting that Eq. (7.74) should be satisfied for all time  $t$ , we arrive at

$$[\lambda^2[M] + \lambda([C] + [G]) + [K] + [H]]\{X\} = \{0\} \quad (7.75)$$

Although the trivial solution

$$\{X\} = \{0\} \quad (7.76)$$

satisfies Eq. (7.75), we are looking for nontrivial solutions of this system, which has  $N$  algebraic equations in the  $(N + 1)$  unknowns  $\lambda, X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N$ .

The special values of  $\lambda$  for which we have a nontrivial solution are called eigenvalues.

The eigenvalues of Eq. (7.75) are given by the roots of the characteristic equation

$$\det[\lambda^2[M] + \lambda([C] + [G]) + [K] + [H]] = \{0\} \quad (7.77)$$

which is a polynomial in  $\lambda$  of order  $2N$ . Since all of the matrices in Eq. (7.77) are real-valued, we end up with  $2N$  roots for this characteristic equation of the  $N$  degree-of-freedom system. For mechanical systems known as *lightly damped systems*, these roots are in the form of  $N$  complex conjugates pairs, and they are given by<sup>26</sup>

$$\lambda_k = \delta_k \pm j\omega_k \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, N \quad (7.78)$$

For systems that do not fall under the category of lightly damped systems, one or more of the eigenvalues is real. The associated eigenvectors are determined by solving the algebraic system<sup>27</sup>

$$[\lambda_k^2[M] + \lambda_k([C] + [G]) + [K] + [H]]\{X\}_k = \{0\} \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, N \quad (7.79)$$

### Damped Systems Without Gyroscopic and Circulatory Forces

For the cases where the gyroscopic and circulatory forces are absent, Eq. (7.73) is of the form

$$[M]\{\dot{x}\} + [C]\{\dot{x}\} + [K]\{x\} = \{0\} \quad (7.80)$$

Following the steps that were used to obtain Eqs. (7.77) and (7.79), the eigenvalues associated with Eq. (7.80) are given by the roots of

$$\det[\lambda^2[M] + \lambda[C] + [K]] = 0 \quad (7.81)$$

and they have the form of Eqs. (7.78). The corresponding eigenvectors are determined from

$$[\lambda_k^2[M] + \lambda_k[C] + [K]]\{X\}_k = \{0\} \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, N \quad (7.82)$$

### Proportional Damping<sup>28</sup>

For the case of proportional damping, the damping matrix  $[C]$  is given by

$$[C] = \alpha[M] + \beta[K] \quad (7.83)$$

<sup>26</sup>L. Meirovitch, 1980, *ibid.* and P. C. Müller and W. O. Schiehlen, *Linear Vibrations: A Theoretical Treatment of Multi-Degree-of-Freedom Vibrating Systems*, Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, Dordrecht, The Netherlands, Chapters 4 and 6 (1985).

<sup>27</sup>In Section 8.3, we shall see why the state-space form of Eq. (7.73) is convenient to use and to interpret the eigenvalues given by Eqs. (7.78) and the eigenvectors determined from Eqs. (7.79).

<sup>28</sup>In Sections 8.2 and 8.3, we shall use the normal-mode formulation and the state-space formulation to interpret the eigenvalues given by Eqs. (7.78) and the eigenvectors determined from Eqs. (7.82). While the state-space formulation is applicable to arbitrary forms of the damping matrix  $[C]$ , the normal mode approach is applicable only to systems with proportional damping.

where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are real-valued constants. Since, in Eq. (7.83), the damping matrix  $[C]$  is a combination of a matrix proportional to the mass matrix  $[M]$  and a matrix proportional to a stiffness matrix  $[K]$ , we use the designation proportional damping.

On substituting Eq. (7.83) into Eq. (7.81), we arrive at the eigenvalue problem

$$[\lambda^2[M] + \lambda\alpha[M] + \beta\lambda[K] + [K]]\{X\} = \{0\} \quad (7.84)$$

which is rewritten in the form

$$[(1 + \beta\lambda)[K] + \lambda(\lambda + \alpha)[M]]\{X\} = \{0\} \quad (7.85)$$

Next, we compare the eigenvalues  $\lambda_{dk}$  of the proportionally damped system with the eigenvalues  $\lambda_k$  of the undamped system determined from Eq. (7.25). These eigenvalues are determined by the following characteristic equations determined from Eq. (7.26) and Eq. (7.85), respectively.

#### **Undamped system**

$$\det[[K] + \lambda^2[M]] = 0 \quad (7.86)$$

#### **Damped system**

$$\det[(1 + \beta\lambda)[K] + \lambda(\lambda + \alpha)[M]] = 0 \quad (7.87)$$

When the two characteristic polynomials given by Eqs. (7.86) and (7.87) are compared, it is clear that  $\lambda_{dk} \neq \lambda_k$ ; that is, the eigenvalues for the proportionally damped case are not the same as those for the undamped case. Since  $[K]$  and  $[M]$  are real and symmetric matrices, the eigenvalues of the undamped system  $\lambda_k^2$  are real and  $\lambda_k = \pm j\omega_k$ , where  $\omega_k$  are the system natural frequencies. By contrast, the eigenvalues  $\lambda_{dk}^2$  of the proportionally damped system are complex-valued quantities.

To carry out a proper comparison of the eigenvectors of a damped system with those of the corresponding undamped system, the state-space formulation discussed in Section 8.3 is needed. From such a formulation, it can be established that the eigenvectors of the proportionally damped system and the eigenvectors of the associated undamped system have a similar structure; in particular, the ratios of the modal components corresponding to the displacement states are the same in the undamped and damped cases.<sup>29</sup> This information will now be used to determine the relationship between  $\lambda_{dk}$  and  $\lambda_k$ .

Let  $\{X\}_k$  be the eigenvector associated with the eigenvalue  $\lambda_k^2$  of the undamped system described by Eq. (7.25). Then, setting  $\lambda = \lambda_{dk}$  and  $\{X\} = \{X\}_k$  in Eq. (7.85) we obtain

$$[(1 + \beta\lambda_{dk})[K] + \lambda_{dk}(\lambda_{dk} + \alpha)[M]]\{X\}_k = \{0\} \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, N \quad (7.88)$$

Pre-multiplying Eqs. (7.88) by  $\{X\}_k^T$ , we arrive at

<sup>29</sup>P. C. Müller and W. O. Schiehlen, *ibid.*

$$\{X\}_k^T [(1 + \beta\lambda_{dk})[K] + \lambda_{dk}(\lambda_{dk} + \alpha)[M]] \{X\}_k = \{X\}_k^T \{0\} \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, N \quad (7.89)$$

which, upon expanding the different terms, leads to

$$(1 + \beta\lambda_{dk})\{X\}_k^T [K]\{X\}_k + \lambda_{dk}(\lambda_{dk} + \alpha)\{X\}_k^T [M]\{X\}_k = 0 \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, N \quad (7.90)$$

Making use of Eqs. (7.67) for the modal mass  $\hat{M}_{kk}$  and the modal stiffness  $\hat{K}_{kk}$  in Eqs. (7.90), we find that

$$(1 + \beta\lambda_{dk})\hat{K}_{kk} + \lambda_{dk}(\lambda_{dk} + \alpha)\hat{M}_{kk} = 0 \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, N \quad (7.91)$$

The natural frequency associated with the  $k$ th mode is given by Eqs. (7.66); that is,

$$\omega_k^2 = \frac{\hat{K}_{kk}}{\hat{M}_{kk}} \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, N \quad (7.92)$$

Then, Eqs. (7.91) become the quadratic equations

$$\lambda_{dk}^2 + (\alpha + \beta\omega_k^2)\lambda_{dk} + \omega_k^2 = 0 \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, N \quad (7.93a)$$

whose roots are given by

$$\lambda_{dk_{1,2}} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ -(\alpha + \beta\omega_k^2) \mp \sqrt{(\alpha + \beta\omega_k^2)^2 - 4\omega_k^2} \right] \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, N \quad (7.93b)$$

Thus, Eqs. (7.93b) establish how the eigenvalues  $\lambda_{dk}$  of the proportionally damped system are related to the eigenvalues  $\lambda_k = \pm j\omega_k$  of the undamped system.

Equations (7.93a), which are associated with the free oscillation of the  $k$ th mode of the proportionally damped system, has the same form of the characteristic equation obtained for a single degree-of-freedom system; that is, Eq. (4.49). Comparing these two equations, we introduce the *modal damping factor*  $\zeta_k$  associated with the  $k$ th mode as

$$\zeta_k = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\alpha}{\omega_k} + \beta\omega_k \right) \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, N \quad (7.94)$$

From Eq. (7.94), we see that if  $\beta = 0$ , then  $\zeta_k = \alpha/\omega_k$  and  $\zeta_k$  decreases as  $\omega_k$  increases. On the other hand, when  $\alpha = 0$ ,  $\zeta_k = \beta\omega_k$  and  $\zeta_k$  increases as  $\omega_k$  increases.

In terms of the modal damping factor, one can rewrite Eqs. (7.93a) as

$$\lambda_{dk}^2 + 2\zeta_k\omega_k\lambda_{dk} + \omega_k^2 = 0 \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, N \quad (7.95)$$

Hence, if the damping factor  $\zeta_k$  of the  $k$ th mode is such that  $0 \leq \zeta_k < 1$ , then one can define the corresponding damped natural frequency of the system as

$$\omega_{dk} = \omega_k \sqrt{1 - \zeta_k^2} \quad (7.96)$$

The roots of Eqs. (7.93a), given by Eqs. (7.93b), are expressed in terms of the damping factor  $\zeta_k$ , the natural frequency  $\omega_k$ , and the damped natural frequency  $\omega_{dk}$  as

$$\lambda_{dk_{1,2}} = -\zeta_k\omega_k \mp j\omega_{dk} \quad (7.97)$$

Examining Eqs. (7.97), it is clear that the real parts of the complex-conjugate pair of eigenvalues associated with a particular mode contain information about the associated damping factor and undamped natural frequency and that the imaginary parts of these eigenvalues contain information about the associated damped natural frequency.

From Eqs. (7.93), it is also clear that the characteristic polynomial associated with the proportionally damped system is of the form

$$(\lambda_{d1}^2 + (\alpha + \beta\omega_1^2)\lambda_{d1} + \omega_1^2)(\lambda_{d2}^2 + (\alpha + \beta\omega_2^2)\lambda_{d2} + \omega_2^2) \dots (\lambda_{dN}^2 + (\alpha + \beta\omega_N^2)\lambda_{dN} + \omega_N^2) = 0 \quad (7.98)$$

In other words, Eq. (7.98) is the result of expanding the determinant given in Eq. (7.87) in terms of  $N$  quadratic polynomials, each being associated with an equivalent single degree-of-freedom system in the considered mode of free oscillation. The interpretation of the modal damping factors of the different modes and the associated damped natural frequencies will be further clarified in Section 8.2, when presenting the normal-mode approach.

In Section 7.3.2, we saw that the modal matrix  $[\Phi]$ , which consisted of the  $N$  eigenvectors determined for the undamped system, is used to establish the diagonal inertia matrix  $[M_D]$  and the diagonal stiffness matrix  $[K_D]$  by making use of the orthogonality of the eigenvectors. Similarly, for a proportionally damped system, the damping matrix  $[C]$  given by Eq. (7.83) can be transformed to a diagonal matrix  $[C_D]$ . To examine this, let us start from

$$[C_D] = [\Phi]^T [C] [\Phi] \quad (7.99)$$

Then substituting from Eq. (7.83) into Eq. (7.99), we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} [C_D] &= [\Phi]^T [\alpha[M] + \beta[K]] [\Phi] = \alpha[\Phi]^T [M] [\Phi] + \beta[\Phi]^T [K] [\Phi] \\ &= \alpha[M_D] + \beta[K_D] = \alpha[M_D] + \beta[\omega_D^2][M_D] \\ &= [\alpha[I] + \beta[\omega_D^2]][M_D] \end{aligned} \quad (7.100)$$

where we have made use of Eqs. (7.68) and (7.69). On expanding the right-hand side of Eq. (7.100), we have that

$$[C_D] = \begin{bmatrix} (\alpha + \beta\omega_1^2)\hat{M}_{11} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & (\alpha + \beta\omega_2^2)\hat{M}_{22} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & (\alpha + \beta\omega_N^2)\hat{M}_{NN} \end{bmatrix} \quad (7.101)$$

from which it is clear that we have a diagonal damping matrix  $[C_D]$  for a proportionally damped system. The matrix  $[C_D]$  is rewritten in terms of the modal damping factors given by Eqs. (7.94) as

$$[C_D] = \begin{bmatrix} 2\zeta_1\omega_1\hat{M}_{11} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 2\zeta_2\omega_2\hat{M}_{22} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 2\zeta_N\omega_N\hat{M}_{NN} \end{bmatrix} \quad (7.102)$$

On examining the form of Eq. (7.102), it is clear that each of the diagonal terms is an equivalent damping coefficient associated with a certain damping mode. The transformation given by Eq. (7.99) can also be used to determine if the damping matrix for a system can be labeled as a proportional damping matrix. In other words, if the resulting transformed damping matrix is a diagonal matrix, then the system is proportionally damped; in all other cases, the transformed matrix is not a diagonal matrix.

### Lightly Damped Systems and Other Cases

There are lightly damped systems ( $0 < \zeta < 0.1$ ) in which  $[\Phi]^T[C][\Phi]$  does not result in a diagonal matrix.<sup>30</sup> In this case, the off-diagonal terms are neglected, and only the diagonal terms ( $([\Phi]^T[C][\Phi])_{kk}$ ) are retained. In this case, the damping factor  $\zeta_k$  takes the form

$$\zeta_k = \frac{1}{2\omega_k \hat{M}_{kk}} ([\Phi]^T[C][\Phi])_{kk} \quad (7.103)$$

Another case of interest is one where the damping factor is constant and equal for each mode. In this case, the modal damping factor is assumed to be

$$\zeta_k = \zeta \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, N \quad (7.104)$$

The last case that we shall consider corresponds to the physical system shown in Figure 7.21, which is used as a vibratory model of such diverse systems as an animal paw<sup>31</sup> or a system with a vibration absorber, which is discussed in Section 8.6. For this two degree-of-freedom system, the damping matrix  $[C]$  and the modal damping  $[\Phi]$  are given by, respectively,

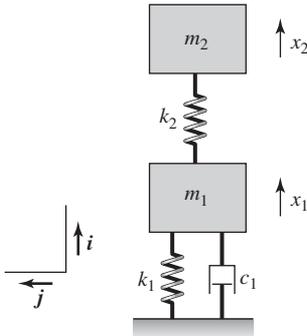
$$[C] = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (7.105)$$

$$[\Phi] = \begin{bmatrix} X_{11} & X_{12} \\ X_{21} & X_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

Making use of Eqs. (7.105), the matrix  $[\Phi]^T[C][\Phi]$  is determined as

$$\begin{aligned} [\Phi]^T[C][\Phi] &= \begin{bmatrix} X_{11} & X_{21} \\ X_{12} & X_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_{11} & X_{12} \\ X_{21} & X_{22} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} X_{11} & X_{21} \\ X_{12} & X_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 X_{11} & c_1 X_{12} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} c_1 X_{11}^2 & c_1 X_{12} X_{21} \\ c_1 X_{11} X_{12} & c_1 X_{12}^2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (7.106)$$

Thus, we see that for a two degree-of-freedom system where one damper is connected to only one inertial element, the resulting transformed matrix is a



**FIGURE 7.21**

Vibratory model of a two degree-of-freedom system with one damper.

<sup>30</sup>J. H. Ginsberg, *Mechanical and Structural Vibrations*, John Wiley & Sons, NY, Chapter 4 (2001).

<sup>31</sup>R. M. Alexander, *Elastic Mechanisms in Animal Movement*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, Great Britain, Chapter 7 (1988).

nondiagonal matrix. This information is useful for deciding which approach to use in determining a solution for the response of a multiple degree-of-freedom system, as discussed in Chapter 8.

### EXAMPLE 7.21 Nature of the damping matrix

For the following mass, stiffness, and damping matrices, we shall determine whether the system has proportional damping.

$$[M] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad [K] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad [C] = \begin{bmatrix} 0.8 & -0.2 \\ -0.2 & 0.4 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{a})$$

To determine whether the damping matrix is proportional, we consider Eq. (7.83) and determine if there are constants  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  for which the damping matrix  $[C]$  in Eq. (a) is written as

$$\begin{aligned} [C] &= \alpha[M] + \beta[K] \\ &= \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \beta \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2\alpha + 2\beta & -\beta \\ -\beta & \alpha + \beta \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{b})$$

Comparing the elements of matrix  $[C]$  from the third equation of Eqs. (a) with those of Eq (b), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 2\alpha + 2\beta &= 0.8 \\ -\beta &= -0.2 \\ \alpha + \beta &= 0.4 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{c})$$

from which we find that  $\alpha = 0.2$  and  $\beta = 0.2$ . Therefore, it is possible to express the damping matrix in the form of Eq. (7.83), and hence, the given damping matrix represents proportional damping.

### EXAMPLE 7.22 Free oscillation characteristics of a proportionally damped system

We revisit Example 7.21 to determine the characteristic equation associated with this system, and from this equation, we solve for the eigenvalues associated with the damped system. We shall illustrate how the modal damping factors are calculated and the associated damped natural frequencies are determined.

#### Undamped System

To determine the natural frequencies of the undamped system, we make use of the stiffness and inertia matrices from Eqs. (a) of Example 7.21 and Eq. (7.26) and obtain the following characteristic equation:

$$\det \left[ \lambda^2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right] = 0$$

or

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 2(\lambda^2 + 1) & -1 \\ -1 & (\lambda^2 + 1) \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad (\text{a})$$

Equation (a) leads to the quartic equation

$$2\lambda^4 + 4\lambda^2 + 1 = 0 \quad (\text{b})$$

whose roots are

$$\lambda^2 = - \left( 1 \mp \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \quad (\text{c})$$

Since  $[M]$  and  $[K]$  are real symmetric matrices, the eigenvalues are real. To determine the associated natural frequencies, one can use Eq. (7.35)—that is,  $\lambda^2 = -\omega^2$ —and obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_1 &= \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} = 0.541 \text{ rads/s} \\ \omega_2 &= \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} = 1.307 \text{ rads/s} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{d})$$

### Damped System

From Eq. (7.81) and Eqs. (a) of Example 7.21, we find that the characteristic equation in the proportionally damped case is given by

$$\det \left[ \lambda^2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 0.8 & -0.2 \\ -0.2 & 0.4 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right] = 0$$

which is rewritten as

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 2\lambda^2 + 0.8\lambda + 2 & -0.2\lambda - 1 \\ -0.2\lambda - 1 & \lambda^2 + 0.4\lambda + 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad (\text{e})$$

Expanding the determinant in Eq. (e), we arrive at the quartic polynomial

$$2\lambda^4 + 1.6\lambda^3 + 4.28\lambda^2 + 1.2\lambda + 1 = 0 \quad (\text{f})$$

Solving<sup>32</sup> Eq. (f), we find that the eigenvalues in the proportionally damped case are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{d1,2} &= \lambda_{1,2} = -0.129 \mp j0.526 \\ \lambda_{d2,2} &= \lambda_{3,4} = -0.271 \mp j1.278 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{g})$$

<sup>32</sup>The MATLAB function `roots` was used.

Equations (g) could have been obtained directly from Eqs. (7.93b) after making use of the undamped natural frequencies given in Eqs. (d) and the values of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  determined in Example 7.21; that is,

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_{d1,2} &= \frac{1}{2} [-(0.2 + 0.2 \times 0.541^2) \mp \sqrt{(0.2 + 0.2 \times 0.541^2)^2 - 4 \times 0.541^2}] \\ &= -0.129 \mp j0.526\end{aligned}\quad (\text{h})$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_{d2,2} &= \frac{1}{2} [-(0.2 + 0.2 \times 1.307^2) \mp \sqrt{(0.2 + 0.2 \times 1.307^2)^2 - 4 \times 1.307^2}] \\ &= -0.271 \mp j1.278\end{aligned}\quad (\text{i})$$

From Eq. (d), we have that  $\omega_1 = 0.541$  rad/s and  $\omega_2 = 1.307$  rad/s. Making use of Eq. (7.97), we obtain the damping factors as  $\zeta_1 = 0.129/0.541 = 0.238$  and  $\zeta_2 = 0.271/1.307 = 0.207$ . The modal damping factors can also be found from Eqs. (7.94) as

$$\begin{aligned}\zeta_1 &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{0.2}{0.541} + 0.2 \times 0.541 \right) = 0.239 \\ \zeta_2 &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{0.2}{1.307} + 0.2 \times 1.307 \right) = 0.207\end{aligned}\quad (\text{j})$$

which agree with the previously determined values. Since both damping factors are less than 1, the corresponding damped natural frequencies are determined by making use of Eqs. (7.96), (d), and (j). The calculations lead to

$$\begin{aligned}\omega_{d1} &= 0.541 \times \sqrt{1 - 0.239^2} = 0.525 \text{ rad/s} \\ \omega_{d2} &= 1.307 \times \sqrt{1 - 0.207^2} = 1.279 \text{ rad/s}\end{aligned}\quad (\text{k})$$

### EXAMPLE 7.23 Free oscillation characteristics of a system with gyroscopic forces

We revisit Example 7.4, where we discussed a gyro-sensor, and illustrate the effects that gyroscopic forces have on the eigenvalues. The characteristic polynomial is determined for the damped case and the eigenvalues are explicitly determined only for the undamped case.

Setting the external force  $f_x$  to zero in Eq. (d) of Example 7.4, we obtain the following system of equations:

$$[M] \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{x} \\ \ddot{y} \end{Bmatrix} + [C] \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{Bmatrix} + [G] \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{Bmatrix} + [K] \begin{Bmatrix} x \\ y \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}\quad (\text{a})$$

Considering a special case where  $c_x = c_y = c$  and  $k_x = k_y = k$  in Figure 7.6; that is, the stiffness-damper combinations are identical in both directions,

we find that the different matrices in Eqs. (a) are determined from Eqs. (e) of Example 7.4 as

$$\begin{aligned} [M] &= \begin{bmatrix} m & 0 \\ 0 & m \end{bmatrix}, & [K] &= \begin{bmatrix} k - m\omega_z^2 & 0 \\ 0 & k - m\omega_z^2 \end{bmatrix} \\ [C] &= \begin{bmatrix} c & 0 \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix}, & [G] &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2m\omega_z \\ 2m\omega_z & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (b)$$

To determine the eigenvalues associated with this system, we set the circulatory terms  $[H] = [0]$  and substitute Eqs. (b) into Eq. (7.77) to obtain the characteristic equation

$$\begin{aligned} \det \left[ \lambda^2 \begin{bmatrix} m & 0 \\ 0 & m \end{bmatrix} + \lambda \left( \begin{bmatrix} c & 0 \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2m\omega_z \\ 2m\omega_z & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \right. \\ \left. + \begin{bmatrix} k - m\omega_z^2 & 0 \\ 0 & k - m\omega_z^2 \end{bmatrix} \right] = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (c)$$

Equation (c) is rearranged to give

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} m\lambda^2 + c\lambda + k - m\omega_z^2 & -2m\omega_z\lambda \\ 2m\omega_z\lambda & m\lambda^2 + c\lambda + k - m\omega_z^2 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad (d)$$

On expanding this determinant, the result is the quartic polynomial

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda^4 + 2\frac{c}{m}\lambda^3 + \left[ \left( \frac{c}{m} \right)^2 + 2\frac{k}{m} + 2\omega_z^2 \right] \lambda^2 \\ + 2\left( \frac{k}{m} - \omega_z^2 \right) \frac{c}{m} \lambda + \left( \frac{k}{m} - \omega_z^2 \right)^2 = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (e)$$

Equation (e) is the characteristic equation for the damped system, whose four roots are determined numerically for given values of  $k$ ,  $c$ ,  $m$ , and  $\omega_z$ .

In order to determine the eigenvalues of the undamped system explicitly, we set  $c = 0$  in Eq. (e) and obtain

$$\lambda^4 + 2\left( \frac{k}{m} + \omega_z^2 \right) \lambda^2 + \left( \frac{k}{m} - \omega_z^2 \right)^2 = 0 \quad (f)$$

The roots of this quadratic polynomial in  $\lambda^2$  are given by

$$\lambda_{1,2}^2 = -\left( \frac{k}{m} + \omega_z^2 \right) \pm 2\omega_z \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \quad (g)$$

When the gyroscopic force is zero—that is,  $\omega_z = 0$ —these results reduce to the natural frequencies of two uncoupled single degree-of-freedom systems, each of which has the same mass and the same stiffness. Since

$$2\omega_z \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} < \left( \frac{k}{m} + \omega_z^2 \right)$$

then all of the eigenvalues are imaginary, as in the case of an undamped system free of gyroscopic forces; that is, when  $\omega_z = 0$ .

### 7.3.4 Conservation of Energy

In Section 7.2.1, we discussed how the linear momentum and the angular momentum of a multiple degree-of-freedom system is conserved when the external forces and external moments are absent. Here, we examine when the energy of a multiple degree-of-freedom system is conserved during free oscillations. To this end, we start from Eq. (7.73), which are the equations for a damped system with gyroscopic and circulatory terms; that is

$$[M]\{\dot{x}\} + [[C] + [G]]\{\dot{x}\} + [[K] + [H]]\{x\} = \{0\}$$

Pre-multiplying this equation by  $\{\dot{x}\}^T$ , we arrive at

$$\{\dot{x}\}^T [M]\{\dot{x}\} + \{\dot{x}\}^T [[C] + [G]]\{\dot{x}\} + \{\dot{x}\}^T [[K] + [H]]\{x\} = \{0\} \quad (7.107)$$

Noting that  $\{\dot{x}\}^T [G]\{\dot{x}\} = 0$  because the gyroscopic matrix is a skew symmetric matrix, and expanding and rearranging Eq. (7.107) leads to

$$\{\dot{x}\}^T [M]\{\dot{x}\} + \{\dot{x}\}^T [K]\{x\} = -\{\dot{x}\}^T [C]\{\dot{x}\} - \{\dot{x}\}^T [H]\{x\} \quad (7.108)$$

Since  $[M]$  and  $[K]$  are symmetric matrices, the left-hand side of Eq. (7.108) is expressed in terms of a time derivative as

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{2} \{\dot{x}\}^T [M]\{\dot{x}\} + \frac{1}{2} \{x\}^T [K]\{x\} \right) = -\{\dot{x}\}^T [C]\{\dot{x}\} - \{\dot{x}\}^T [H]\{x\} \quad (7.109)$$

Examining Eq. (7.109), we find that if the system is undamped and free of circulatory forces, the right-hand side is zero and Eq. (7.109) becomes

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{2} \{\dot{x}\}^T [M]\{\dot{x}\} + \frac{1}{2} \{x\}^T [K]\{x\} \right) = 0 \quad (7.110)$$

which means that

$$\frac{1}{2} \{\dot{x}\}^T [M]\{\dot{x}\} + \frac{1}{2} \{x\}^T [K]\{x\} = \text{constant} \quad (7.111)$$

Making use of Eqs. (7.8) for a natural system, we recognize that the left-hand side of Eq. (7.111) is the sum of the system kinetic energy and the system potential energy. In other words, Eq. (7.111) means that

$$E = T + V = \text{constant} \quad (7.112)$$

where  $E$  is the total energy of the natural system. Thus, the energy of a multiple degree-of-freedom system is only conserved in the absence of damping and circulatory forces. For nonnatural systems, the left-hand side of Eq. (7.111) is referred to as the *Hamiltonian* of the system.<sup>33</sup>

<sup>33</sup>L. Meirovitch, *ibid.*

**EXAMPLE 7.24** Conservation of energy in a three degree-of-freedom system

Consider the three degree-of-freedom system used to model the milling machine shown in Figure 7.4. We set  $f_1(t)$  to zero so that we can examine free oscillations of this system. Then, Eqs. (b) of Example 7.1 become

$$\begin{bmatrix} m_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & m_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{x}_1 \\ \ddot{x}_2 \\ \ddot{x}_3 \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & -c_1 & 0 \\ -c_1 & c_1 + c_2 & -c_2 \\ 0 & -c_2 & c_2 + c_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ \dot{x}_3 \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} k_1 & -k_1 & 0 \\ -k_1 & k_1 + k_2 & -k_2 \\ 0 & -k_2 & k_2 + k_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (\text{a})$$

From the form of Eqs. (a), it is clear that the system is free of gyroscopic and circulatory forces. However, due to the presence of damping, we see from Eq. (7.109) that the sum of the kinetic energy of the system and the potential energy of the system is not conserved; in other words,

$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{2} m_1 \dot{x}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 \dot{x}_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_3 \dot{x}_3^2}_{\text{System kinetic energy}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} k_1 (x_1 - x_2)^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_2 (x_2 - x_3)^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_3 x_3^2}_{\text{System potential energy}} \neq \text{constant} \quad (\text{b})$$

Making use of  $E = T + V$  to represent the total energy of the system and using Eq. (7.109), we see that

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = -\{\dot{x}\}^T [C] \{\dot{x}\} = -\left[ c_1 (\dot{x}_1 - \dot{x}_2)^2 + c_2 (\dot{x}_2 - \dot{x}_3)^2 + c_3 \dot{x}_3^2 \right] \quad (\text{c})$$

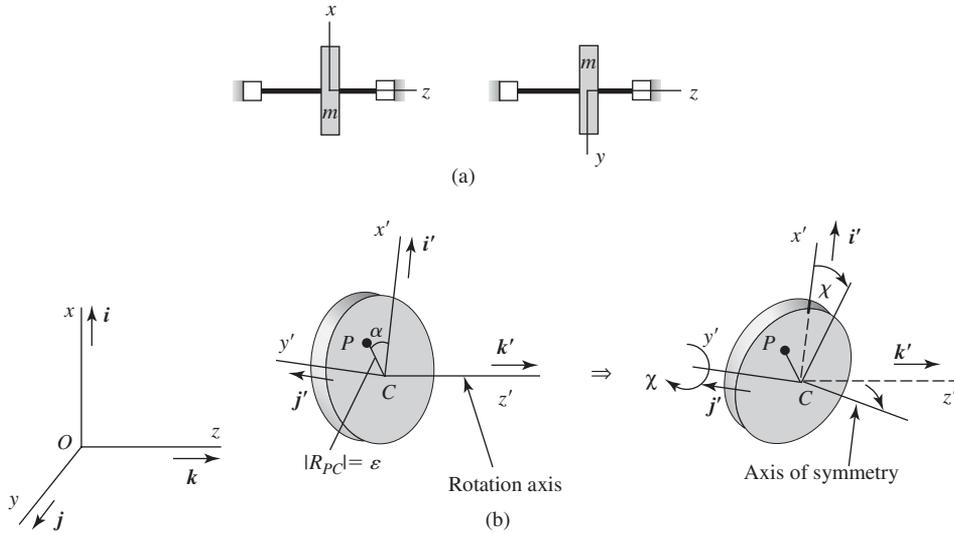
Since the value of the right-hand side of Eq. (c) is always negative, except when  $\dot{x}_1 = \dot{x}_2 = \dot{x}_3 = 0$  (i.e., at the system's equilibrium position), the total energy of the system continues to decrease and eventually comes to zero at the system's equilibrium position. In the absence of damping, Eq. (c) becomes

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = 0 \quad (\text{d})$$

and hence, energy is conserved.

**7.4** ROTATING SHAFTS ON FLEXIBLE SUPPORTS

Many types of rotating machinery are mounted on a shaft, which in turn is mounted to a supporting structure with flexibility. This flexibility is modeled as springs. The masses mounted to the shaft can have slight imbalances,

**FIGURE 7.22**

(a) Rotating shaft with disk showing supports and the  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  axes of the inertial reference frame; and (b) transformation from  $Oxyz$  to disk fixed frame  $Cx'y'z'$  and the rotation  $\chi$  that accounts for the angular imbalance. An Euler-angle sequence of a  $\varphi$  rotation about the  $O$ - $x$  axis, followed by a  $\theta$  rotation about the intermediate  $y$  axis, and a subsequent rotation of  $\psi$  about the  $O$ - $z$  axis takes one from the  $Oxyz$  frame to the  $Cx'y'z'$  frame shown in Figure 7.22b. A subsequent rotation  $\chi$  about the  $C$ - $y'$  axis takes one to the principal axes of the disk.

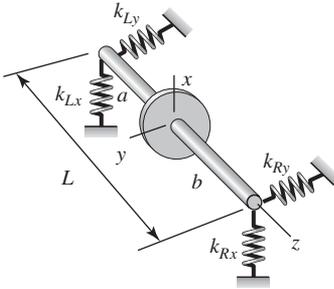
which can cause the shaft to vibrate in an undesirable manner. In this section, we shall model such a system and analyze it to determine the factors that influence its vibratory motion.<sup>34</sup>

Consider a massless rotating shaft carrying a disk of mass  $m$ , as shown in Figure 7.22a. We ignore damping effects in this analysis, and assume “small” angular motions of the disk, as will be explained subsequently. The external forces and moments that act on the disk also will be discussed later. Referring to Figure 7.22b, the center of mass of the disk is located at  $P$ , which is located at a distance  $\varepsilon$  from the center of the shaft  $C$ . In addition, the shaft is assumed to be supported at its left and right ends by pairs of translational springs in the  $x$  and  $y$  directions, as shown in Figure 7.23.

### Kinematics and Kinetic Energy

As shown in Figure 7.22b, the unit vectors  $i, j$ , and  $k$  are directed along the  $O$ - $x$ ,  $O$ - $y$ , and  $O$ - $z$  directions, and point  $O$  is fixed in an inertial reference frame. The unit vectors  $i', j'$ , and  $k'$  are directed along the  $C$ - $x'$ ,  $C$ - $y'$ , and  $C$ - $z'$  directions, where  $C$  is the geometric center of the disk. The static unbalance angle is

<sup>34</sup>The derivation of the equations of motion follows the treatment provided in G. Genta, 1995, *ibid.*

**FIGURE 7.23**

Definitions of the stiffness constants representing the stiffness of the supports.

$\alpha$  and  $\chi$  is the angular imbalance between the axis of symmetry and the rotation axis, which is along the  $C$ - $z'$  direction. The axis of symmetry is shown in Figure 7.22b. In the absence of this angular imbalance  $\chi$ , the principal axes of the disk coincide with the  $C$ - $x'$ ,  $C$ - $y'$ , and  $C$ - $z'$  axes.

To obtain the equations of motion, we use Lagrange's equations. We first construct the kinetic energy and potential energy of the system. In order to go from the  $Oxyz$  frame to the  $Cx'y'z'$  frame, an Euler-angle sequence consisting of a  $\varphi$  rotation about the  $O$ - $x$  axis, followed by a  $\theta$  rotation about the intermediate  $y$  axis, and a subsequent rotation of  $\vartheta$  about the  $O$ - $z$  or  $C$ - $z'$  axis is used. For an arbitrary rotation  $\beta$  about each of these three axes, we can define the rotation matrices as follows.<sup>35</sup>

1. For a rotation  $\beta$  about the  $O$ - $x$  axis,

$$[R_x(\beta)] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \beta & \sin \beta \\ 0 & -\sin \beta & \cos \beta \end{bmatrix} \quad (7.113a)$$

2. For a rotation  $\beta$  about the intermediate  $y$  axis,

$$[R_y(\beta)] = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \beta & 0 & -\sin \beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sin \beta & 0 & \cos \beta \end{bmatrix} \quad (7.113b)$$

3. For a rotation  $\beta$  about the  $O$ - $z$  axis,

$$[R_z(\beta)] = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \beta & \sin \beta & 0 \\ -\sin \beta & \cos \beta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (7.113c)$$

Making use of the rotation matrices given in Eq. (7.113), one can relate the unit vectors  $i'$ ,  $j'$ , and  $k'$  to the unit vectors  $i$ ,  $j$ , and  $k$  as

$$\begin{Bmatrix} i' \\ j' \\ k' \end{Bmatrix} = [R_z(\vartheta + \alpha)][R_y(\theta)][R_x(\varphi)] \begin{Bmatrix} i \\ j \\ k \end{Bmatrix} \\ \approx \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\vartheta + \alpha) & \varphi\theta \cos(\vartheta + \alpha) + \sin(\vartheta + \alpha) & \varphi \sin(\vartheta + \alpha) - \theta \cos(\vartheta + \alpha) \\ -\sin(\vartheta + \alpha) & -\varphi\theta \sin(\vartheta + \alpha) + \cos(\vartheta + \alpha) & \varphi \cos(\vartheta + \alpha) + \theta \sin(\vartheta + \alpha) \\ \theta & -\varphi & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} i \\ j \\ k \end{Bmatrix} \quad (7.114)$$

where we have assumed “small” rotation angles  $\varphi$  and  $\theta$  about zero in arriving at the composite rotation matrix. In addition, if it is assumed that the static

<sup>35</sup>D. T. Greenwood, 1988, *ibid.*

unbalance angle  $\alpha = 0$  and that we can neglect terms with  $\varphi\theta$ , then Eq. (7.114) becomes

$$\begin{Bmatrix} i' \\ j' \\ k' \end{Bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} \cos \vartheta & \sin \vartheta & \varphi \sin \vartheta - \theta \cos \vartheta \\ -\sin \vartheta & \cos \vartheta & \varphi \cos \vartheta + \theta \sin \vartheta \\ \theta & -\varphi & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} i \\ j \\ k \end{Bmatrix} \quad (7.115)$$

The position vector from the disk center of mass  $P$  to the origin of the inertial reference frame  $O$  is given by

$$\mathbf{R}_{PO} = \mathbf{R}_{CO} + \mathbf{R}_{PC} = x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k} + \varepsilon\mathbf{i}' \quad (7.116)$$

After using the first row of Eq. (7.115) in Eq. (7.116), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{R}_{PO} &= x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k} + \varepsilon[\cos \vartheta\mathbf{i} + \sin \vartheta\mathbf{j} + (\varphi \sin \vartheta - \theta \cos \vartheta)\mathbf{k}] \\ &= (x + \varepsilon \cos \vartheta)\mathbf{i} + (y + \varepsilon \sin \vartheta)\mathbf{j} + (z + \varepsilon\varphi \sin \vartheta - \varepsilon\theta \cos \vartheta)\mathbf{k} \end{aligned} \quad (7.117)$$

It is recalled that  $\vartheta(t)$  is the rotation angle corresponding to the rotation speed of the shaft. We obtain the velocity of the center of mass  $P$  with respect to the  $O$  by taking the time derivative of Eq. (7.117); this leads to

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{V}_{PO} &= [\dot{x} - \varepsilon\dot{\vartheta} \sin \vartheta]\mathbf{i} + [\dot{y} + \varepsilon\dot{\vartheta} \cos \vartheta]\mathbf{j} \\ &\quad + [\dot{z} + \varepsilon(\dot{\vartheta}\varphi - \dot{\theta}) \cos \vartheta + (\dot{\vartheta}\theta + \dot{\varphi}) \sin \vartheta]\mathbf{k} \end{aligned} \quad (7.118a)$$

The  $z$ -component of the velocity contains two terms. The first term is the velocity of the point  $C$  in the axial direction. The second term is the velocity due to the eccentricity and rotations of the cross section of the shaft. If  $\varepsilon$  is small, then this second term can be neglected in comparison to the first term. This leads to

$$\mathbf{V}_{PO} \approx [\dot{x} - \varepsilon\dot{\vartheta} \sin \vartheta]\mathbf{i} + [\dot{y} + \varepsilon\dot{\vartheta} \cos \vartheta]\mathbf{j} + \dot{z}\mathbf{k} \quad (7.118b)$$

Then, the translational kinetic energy is given by

$$\begin{aligned} T_t &= \frac{1}{2} m(\mathbf{V}_{PO} \cdot \mathbf{V}_{PO}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} m\{\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2 + \varepsilon^2\dot{\vartheta}^2 + 2\varepsilon\dot{\vartheta}[-\dot{x} \sin \vartheta + \dot{y} \cos \vartheta]\} \end{aligned} \quad (7.119)$$

To determine the rotational kinetic energy, we need to determine the angular speeds about the axis of symmetry fixed in the disk. First, noting that  $\alpha = 0$ , we determine the angular speeds about the  $C$ - $x'$ ,  $C$ - $y'$ , and  $C$ - $z'$  axes as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{Bmatrix} \omega_{x'} \\ \omega_{y'} \\ \omega_{z'} \end{Bmatrix} &= [R_z(\vartheta)][R_y(\theta)] \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{\varphi} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} + [R_z(\vartheta)] \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ \dot{\theta} \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \dot{\vartheta} \end{Bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{\varphi} \cos \vartheta \cos \theta + \dot{\theta} \sin \vartheta \\ -\dot{\varphi} \sin \vartheta \cos \theta + \dot{\theta} \cos \vartheta \\ \dot{\varphi} \sin \theta + \dot{\vartheta} \end{Bmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (7.120)$$

where the rotation matrices are given by Eq. (7.113). To determine the angular speeds of the disk about the principal axes of the disk, we need to rotate the  $Cx'y'z'$  frame through the angle  $\chi$  about the  $C-y'$  axis. This rotation results in the angular speeds

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{Bmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \\ \omega_3 \end{Bmatrix} &= [R_y(\chi)] \begin{Bmatrix} \omega_X \\ \omega_Y \\ \omega_Z \end{Bmatrix} = [R_y(\chi)] \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{\varphi} \cos \vartheta \cos \theta + \dot{\theta} \sin \vartheta \\ -\dot{\varphi} \sin \vartheta \cos \theta + \dot{\theta} \cos \vartheta \\ \dot{\varphi} \sin \theta + \dot{\vartheta} \end{Bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{Bmatrix} (\dot{\varphi} \cos \vartheta \cos \theta + \dot{\theta} \sin \vartheta) \cos \chi - (\dot{\varphi} \sin \theta + \dot{\vartheta}) \sin \chi \\ -\dot{\varphi} \sin \vartheta \cos \theta + \dot{\theta} \cos \vartheta \\ (\dot{\varphi} \cos \vartheta \cos \theta + \dot{\theta} \sin \vartheta) \sin \chi + (\dot{\varphi} \sin \theta + \dot{\vartheta}) \cos \chi \end{Bmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (7.121)$$

If it is assumed that  $\chi$  is a “small” rotation about zero and that the rotation angles  $\varphi$  and  $\theta$  are “small” rotations about zero as well, then Eq. (7.121) can be simplified to

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_1 &\approx \dot{\varphi} \cos \vartheta + \dot{\theta} \sin \vartheta - \chi \dot{\vartheta} \\ \omega_2 &\approx -\dot{\varphi} \sin \vartheta + \dot{\theta} \cos \vartheta \\ \omega_3 &\approx \chi [\dot{\varphi} \cos \vartheta + \dot{\theta} \sin \vartheta] + \dot{\vartheta} + \dot{\varphi} \theta \end{aligned} \quad (7.122)$$

The rotational kinetic energy  $T_r$  is obtained from

$$T_r = \frac{1}{2} \begin{Bmatrix} \omega_1 & \omega_2 & \omega_3 \end{Bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} J_t & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & J_t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & J_p \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \\ \omega_3 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (7.123)$$

where  $J_t$  is the principal inertia of the disk about two of the axes in the plane of the disk and  $J_p$  is the principal inertia of the disk about the third axis. Upon substituting Eq. (7.122) into Eq. (7.123) and performing the matrix multiplications, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} T_r &= \frac{1}{2} \{J_t(\omega_1^2 + \omega_2^2) + J_p\omega_3^2\} \\ &\approx \frac{1}{2} \{J_t(\dot{\varphi}^2 + \dot{\theta}^2 + \chi^2\dot{\vartheta}^2) + J_p(\dot{\vartheta}^2 + 2\dot{\varphi}\theta\dot{\vartheta}) \\ &\quad + 2\chi\dot{\vartheta}(J_p - J_t)(\dot{\varphi} \cos \vartheta + \dot{\theta} \sin \vartheta)\} \end{aligned} \quad (7.124)$$

where, by assuming “small” rotational speeds  $\dot{\theta}$  and  $\dot{\varphi}$ , the cubic and higher terms composed of the products of  $\chi$ ,  $\theta$ ,  $\dot{\theta}$ , and  $\dot{\varphi}$  and their squares have been neglected. However, the terms containing  $\dot{\vartheta}$  and  $\dot{\vartheta}^2$  are not neglected.

### Lagrange’s Equations and Equations of Motion

Next, we use Lagrange’s equations to determine the equations governing the rigid-body motions of the disk. Since there are no potential energy terms and no damping, the potential energy  $V = 0$ , and the damping function  $D = 0$  in Eqs. (7.7). To determine the generalized forces, we note that the forces  $F_x$ ,  $F_y$ , and  $F_z$  are defined along the  $O-x$ ,  $O-y$ , and  $O-z$  directions, respectively, and the moments  $M_\varphi$ ,  $M_\theta$ , and  $M_\vartheta$  are defined about the  $x$  axis obtained after a  $\varphi$

rotation about the  $O$ - $x$  axis, about the intermediate  $y$  axis, and  $C$ - $z$  axes, respectively. Thus, the forces are  $Q_x = F_x$ ,  $Q_y = F_y$ , and  $Q_z = F_z$ , and the moments are given by

$$\begin{Bmatrix} Q_\varphi \\ Q_\theta \\ Q_\vartheta \end{Bmatrix} = [R_y(\theta)]^T \begin{Bmatrix} M_\varphi \\ M_\theta \\ M_\vartheta \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & 0 & \sin\theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin\theta & 0 & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} M_\varphi \\ M_\theta \\ M_\vartheta \end{Bmatrix} \approx \begin{Bmatrix} M_\varphi + M_\vartheta\theta \\ M_\theta \\ M_\vartheta - M_\varphi\theta \end{Bmatrix} \quad (7.125)$$

where we have made use of Eq. (7.113) and also assumed a “small”  $\theta$  rotation about 0. After using the generalized forces and the generalized moments given by Eq. (7.125) and noting the dependence of  $T_t$  and  $T_r$  on the different variables, the Lagrange equations can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T_t}{\partial \dot{x}} \right) - \frac{\partial T_t}{\partial x} &= F_x & \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T_r}{\partial \dot{\varphi}} \right) - \frac{\partial T_r}{\partial \varphi} &= M_\varphi + M_\vartheta\theta \\ \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T_t}{\partial \dot{y}} \right) - \frac{\partial T_t}{\partial y} &= F_y & \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T_r}{\partial \dot{\theta}} \right) - \frac{\partial T_r}{\partial \theta} &= M_\theta \\ \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T_t}{\partial \dot{z}} \right) - \frac{\partial T_t}{\partial z} &= F_z & \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T_r}{\partial \dot{\vartheta}} \right) - \frac{\partial (T_r + T_t)}{\partial \vartheta} &= M_\vartheta - M_\varphi\theta \end{aligned} \quad (7.126)$$

After substituting Eqs. (7.119) and (7.123) into Eq. (7.125) and performing the indicated operations, we obtain the following equations governing the translational motions

$$m\ddot{x} = m\varepsilon[\ddot{\vartheta} \sin \vartheta + \dot{\vartheta}^2 \cos \vartheta] + F_x \quad (7.127a)$$

$$m\ddot{y} = m\varepsilon[-\ddot{\vartheta} \cos \vartheta + \dot{\vartheta}^2 \sin \vartheta] + F_y \quad (7.127b)$$

$$m\ddot{z} = F_z \quad (7.127c)$$

For the rotational motions, we obtain the governing equations

$$J_t \ddot{\varphi} + J_p \ddot{\theta} + J_p \dot{\theta} \dot{\vartheta} = \chi(J_t - J_p)(\ddot{\vartheta} \cos \vartheta - \dot{\vartheta}^2 \sin \vartheta) + M_\varphi + M_\vartheta\theta \quad (7.128a)$$

$$J_t \ddot{\theta} - J_p \dot{\theta} \dot{\varphi} = \chi(J_t - J_p)(\ddot{\vartheta} \sin \vartheta + \dot{\vartheta}^2 \cos \vartheta) + M_\theta \quad (7.128b)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (J_p + J_t \chi^2 + m\varepsilon^2) \ddot{\vartheta} + m\varepsilon(\dot{y} \cos \vartheta - \dot{x} \sin \vartheta) + \chi(J_p - J_t)(\dot{\varphi} \cos \vartheta + \dot{\theta} \sin \vartheta) \\ = M_\vartheta - M_\varphi\theta \end{aligned} \quad (7.128c)$$

We can substitute for  $M_\vartheta$  from Eq. (7.128c) into Eq. (7.128a). We note that in Eq. (7.128a),  $M_\vartheta$  is multiplied by the small angle  $\theta$ . When Eq. (7.128c) is multiplied by the small angle  $\theta$ , except for the term  $J_p \theta \ddot{\vartheta}$ , all the other terms can be neglected, since they are higher-order terms. Therefore, Eq. (7.128a) becomes

$$J_t \ddot{\varphi} + J_p \dot{\theta} \dot{\vartheta} = \chi(J_t - J_p)(\ddot{\vartheta} \cos \vartheta - \dot{\vartheta}^2 \sin \vartheta) + M_\varphi \quad (7.129)$$

If the only external forces acting on the rigid body are those due to the reactions of the elastic springs shown in Figure 7.23, then, in general,

$$\begin{aligned} k_{xx}x + k_{x\theta}\theta &= -F_x \\ k_{\theta x}x + k_{\theta\theta}\theta &= -M_\theta \end{aligned} \quad (7.130)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} k_{yy}y - k_{y\varphi}\varphi &= -F_y \\ -k_{\varphi y}y + k_{\varphi\varphi}\varphi &= -M_\varphi \end{aligned} \quad (7.131)$$

where  $k_{\alpha\beta}$  are the spring constants for the coupled motion of the system. The quantities  $k_{xx}$  and  $k_{yy}$  represent the stiffness due to translations only of the shaft in the  $x$  and  $y$  directions, respectively, and  $k_{\varphi\varphi}$  and  $k_{\theta\theta}$  represent the stiffness of the system due to rotations only about the corresponding axes, respectively. The quantities  $k_{x\theta}$ ,  $k_{\theta x}$ ,  $k_{y\varphi}$ , and  $k_{\varphi y}$  represent the stiffness due to the coupling of translation and rotation of the shaft. Also, from Maxwell's reciprocal theorem, we have that  $k_{x\theta} = k_{\theta x}$  and  $k_{y\varphi} = k_{\varphi y}$ . These spring constants are determined subsequently.

In view of Eqs. (7.130) and (7.131), Eq. (7.127c) is uncoupled from all the other equations. In addition, we have already used Eq. (7.128c) to obtain Eq. (7.129). Thus, there remain four equations that determine the motion of the system shown in Figure 7.22. After using Eqs. (7.130) and (7.131) in Eqs. (7.127a), (7.127b), (7.128b), and Eq. (7.129), we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} m\ddot{x} + k_{xx}x + k_{x\theta}\theta &= m\varepsilon[\dot{\vartheta}\sin\vartheta + \dot{\vartheta}^2\cos\vartheta] \\ m\ddot{y} + k_{yy}y - k_{y\varphi}\varphi &= m\varepsilon[-\dot{\vartheta}\cos\vartheta + \dot{\vartheta}^2\sin\vartheta] \\ J_t\ddot{\varphi} + J_p\dot{\theta}\dot{\vartheta} - k_{\varphi y}y + k_{\varphi\varphi}\varphi &= \chi(J_t - J_p)(\dot{\vartheta}\cos\vartheta - \dot{\vartheta}^2\sin\vartheta) \\ J_t\ddot{\theta} - J_p\dot{\vartheta}\dot{\phi} + k_{\theta x}x + k_{\theta\theta}\theta &= \chi(J_t - J_p)(\dot{\vartheta}\sin\vartheta + \dot{\vartheta}^2\cos\vartheta) \end{aligned} \quad (7.132)$$

We now assume that the shaft rotates at constant speed  $\omega_s$ ; that is,  $\vartheta = \omega_s t$ . Then,  $\dot{\vartheta} = \omega_s$  and  $\ddot{\vartheta} = 0$ , and Eqs. (7.132) become

$$m\ddot{x} + k_{xx}x + k_{x\theta}\theta = m\varepsilon\omega_s^2 \cos\omega_s t \quad (7.133a)$$

$$m\ddot{y} + k_{yy}y - k_{y\varphi}\varphi = m\varepsilon\omega_s^2 \sin\omega_s t \quad (7.133b)$$

$$J_t\ddot{\varphi} + J_p\dot{\theta}\omega_s - k_{\varphi y}y + k_{\varphi\varphi}\varphi = -\chi\omega_s^2(J_t - J_p)\sin\omega_s t \quad (7.133c)$$

$$J_t\ddot{\theta} - J_p\dot{\vartheta}\omega_s + k_{\theta x}x + k_{\theta\theta}\theta = \chi\omega_s^2(J_t - J_p)\cos\omega_s t \quad (7.133d)$$

The spring constants used in Eqs. (7.133) are determined from a static-force balance and a static-moment balance. By using a procedure similar to that shown in Figure 7.5 for “small”  $\theta$ , we find that a force balance along the  $O$ - $x$  direction gives

$$\begin{aligned} F_x &\approx (x - a\theta)k_{Lx} + (x + b\theta)k_{Rx} \\ &\approx (k_{Lx} + k_{Rx})x + (-ak_{Lx} + bk_{Rx})\theta \end{aligned} \quad (7.134)$$

and that a moment balance in the disk plane yields

$$\begin{aligned} M_\theta &\approx -a(x - a\theta)k_{Lx} + b(x + b\theta)k_{Rx} \\ &\approx (-ak_{Lx} + bk_{Rx})x + (a^2k_{Lx} + b^2k_{Rx})\theta \end{aligned} \quad (7.135)$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are defined in Figure 7.23. If we drop the terms with velocities and accelerations from Eqs. (7.133a) and (7.133d) and compare the resulting equations with Eqs. (7.134) and (7.135), respectively, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} k_{xx} &= k_{Lx} + k_{Rx} \\ k_{x\theta} &= k_{\theta x} = -ak_{Lx} + bk_{Rx} \\ k_{\theta\theta} &= a^2k_{Lx} + b^2k_{Rx} \end{aligned} \quad (7.136)$$

In a similar manner, we find that

$$\begin{aligned} k_{yy} &= k_{Ly} + k_{Ry} \\ k_{y\varphi} &= k_{\varphi y} = -ak_{Ly} + bk_{Ry} \\ k_{\varphi\varphi} &= a^2k_{Ly} + b^2k_{Ry} \end{aligned} \quad (7.137)$$

We shall restrict ourselves to the symmetrical case where  $k_{Lx} = k_{Rx} = k_{Ly} = k_{Ry} = k$ . Then, from Eqs. (7.136) and (7.137), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} k_1 &= k_{xx} = k_{yy} = 2k \\ k_2 &= k_{x\theta} = k_{\theta x} = k_{y\varphi} = k_{\varphi y} = kLA_1 \\ k_3 &= k_{\theta\theta} = k_{\varphi\varphi} = kL^2A_2 \end{aligned} \quad (7.138)$$

where  $L$  is the length of the shaft and

$$A_1 = \frac{-a + b}{L} \quad \text{and} \quad A_2 = \frac{a^2 + b^2}{L^2} \quad (7.139)$$

We note that  $A_1 = 0$  when the disk is in the center of the shaft; that is, when  $a = b$ . The quantity  $k_1$  represents the stiffness due to translation only,  $k_3$  represents the stiffness due to rotation only, and  $k_2$  represents the stiffness due to the coupling of translation and rotation. When the system is restricted to translate only, then,  $k_2 = k_3 = 0$ .

In an attempt to identify key parameters that determine the natural frequencies of the system, we introduce the following quantities

$$\begin{aligned} X &= x/L, \quad Y = y/L, \quad \omega_1 = \sqrt{\frac{k_1}{m}}, \quad \Omega_s = \frac{\omega_s}{\omega_1} \\ J_{mt} &= \frac{J_t}{mL^2}, \quad J_{mp} = \frac{J_p}{mL^2}, \quad \tau = \omega_s t, \quad \hat{\varepsilon} = \frac{\varepsilon}{L} \end{aligned} \quad (7.140)$$

After using Eqs. (7.138) and (7.140) in Eqs. (7.133), we obtain the following nondimensional form of Eqs. (7.133):

$$\ddot{X} + X + (A_1/2)\theta = \hat{\varepsilon}\Omega_s^2 \cos\Omega_s\tau \quad (7.141a)$$

$$\ddot{Y} + Y - (A_1/2)\varphi = \hat{\varepsilon}\Omega_s^2 \sin\Omega_s\tau \quad (7.141b)$$

$$J_{mt}\ddot{\varphi} + J_{mp}\Omega_s\dot{\theta} - (A_1/2)Y + (A_2/2)\varphi = -\chi\Omega_s^2(J_{mt} - J_{mp})\sin\Omega_s\tau \quad (7.141c)$$

$$J_{mt}\ddot{\theta} - J_{mp}\Omega_s\dot{\varphi} + (A_1/2)X + (A_2/2)\theta = \chi\Omega_s^2(J_{mt} - J_{mp})\cos\Omega_s\tau \quad (7.141d)$$

Here, an over dot indicates the derivative with respect to  $\tau$ . The right-hand side of the first two equations contains the force components generated by the unbalance due to the eccentricity between the center of mass of the disk and the center of disk that lies on the axis of rotation. The right-hand side of the last two equations contains rotational inertia components associated with the angular misalignment of the axis of symmetry of the disk with the axis of rotation of the shaft.

### Special Cases

**Case 1: Translation only** When the system only translates in, say, the  $x$  direction, then  $k_2 = k_3 = 0$  and Eq. (7.141a) reduces to Eq. (5.63a) without damping (i.e., when  $\zeta = 0$ ).

**Case 2: Translation and rotation in one plane** When the system can both rotate and translate in only one plane, say the  $CX$ - $CZ$  plane and the shaft is not spinning, then  $Y = \varphi = \Omega_s = 0$  and Eqs. (7.141a) and (7.141d) reduce, after notational differences are accounted for and damping is omitted, to Eqs. (b) of Example 7.16.

**Case 3: Centrally located mass** When the disk is located at the center of the shaft  $a = b$  and, therefore,  $A_1 = 0$ . In this case, the Eqs. (7.141a) and (7.141b) uncouple from each other and from Eqs. (7.141c) and (7.141d). Thus, Eqs. (7.141a) and (7.141b) become, respectively,

$$\ddot{X} + X = \hat{\varepsilon}\Omega_s^2 \cos \Omega_s \tau \quad (7.142a)$$

$$\ddot{Y} + Y = \hat{\varepsilon}\Omega_s^2 \sin \Omega_s \tau \quad (7.142b)$$

Each of Eqs. (7.142) is analogous to the equation obtained for a single degree-of-freedom system subjected to a rotating unbalanced load given by Eq. (5.63a) when  $\zeta = 0$  in Eq. (5.63a). The solutions to Eqs. (7.142a) and (7.142b) are, respectively,

$$X = \frac{\hat{\varepsilon}\Omega_s^2}{1 - \Omega_s^2} \cos \Omega_s \tau \quad (7.143a)$$

and

$$Y = \frac{\hat{\varepsilon}\Omega_s^2}{1 - \Omega_s^2} \sin \Omega_s \tau \quad (7.143b)$$

The nondimensional displacement of the center of the disk denoted by  $r$  is given by

$$r = \sqrt{X^2 + Y^2} = \frac{\hat{\varepsilon}\Omega_s^2}{1 - \Omega_s^2} \quad (7.144)$$

which, for a given value of  $\Omega_s$ , is a constant. Thus, the displaced center of the shaft rotates in a circle of radius  $r$  about the point  $O$  fixed in the inertial reference frame. This type of response is known as *synchronous whirl*. When  $\Omega_s = 1$ ; that is, when  $\omega_s = \omega_1$ , then the shaft is said to be rotating at its *critical speed*.

### General Solution

To obtain an analytical solution to Eqs. (7.140), we introduce the following complex variables<sup>36</sup>

<sup>36</sup>See Appendix F.

$$\begin{aligned} \xi &= X + jY \\ \eta &= \theta - j\varphi \end{aligned} \tag{7.145}$$

We multiply Eqs. (7.141b) and (7.141c) by  $j$  and then add Eqs. (7.141a) and the modified (7.141b) together and subtract the modified Eq. (7.141c) from Eq. (7.141d) and use Eq. (7.145) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{\xi} + \xi + A_1\eta/2 &= \hat{\varepsilon}\Omega_s^2 e^{j\Omega_s\tau} \\ J_{mt}\dot{\eta} - jJ_{mp}\Omega_s\dot{\eta} + A_1\xi/2 + A_2\eta/2 &= \chi(J_{mt} - J_{mp})\Omega_s^2 e^{j\Omega_s\tau} \end{aligned} \tag{7.146}$$

**Free whirling of an undamped system** The free whirling of an undamped system can be obtained by setting  $\hat{\varepsilon} = \chi = 0$  in Eq. (7.146) and assuming that  $\eta$  and  $\xi$  are of the form

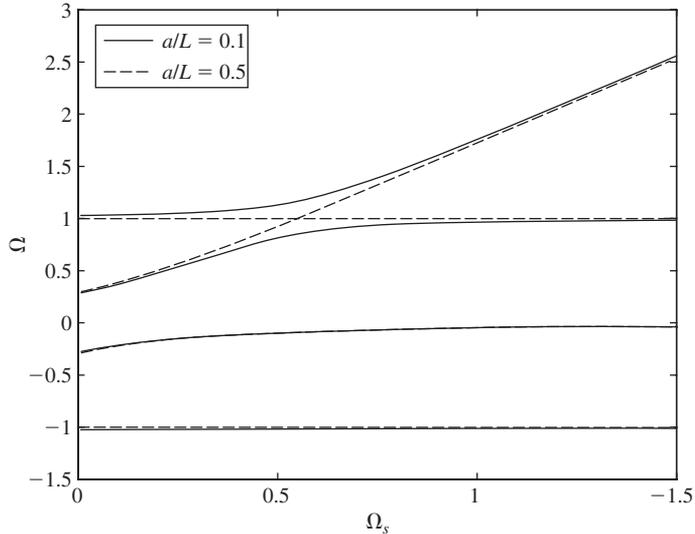
$$\begin{aligned} \xi &= \xi_o e^{j\Omega\tau} = X_o e^{j\Omega\tau} + jY_o e^{j\Omega\tau} \\ \eta &= \eta_o e^{j\Omega\tau} = \Theta_o e^{j\Omega\tau} - j\Phi_o e^{j\Omega\tau} \end{aligned} \tag{7.147}$$

where  $\Omega = \omega/\omega_1$  and  $\omega$  is the vibration frequency. After using Eqs. (7.147) in Eqs. (7.146), we arrive at

$$[\hat{D}_c]\{Z_o\} = 0 \tag{7.148}$$

where

$$[\hat{D}_c] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \Omega^2 & A_1/2 \\ A_1/2 & A_2/2 - J_{mt}\Omega^2 + J_{mp}\Omega_s\Omega \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \{Z_o\} = \begin{Bmatrix} \xi_o \\ \eta_o \end{Bmatrix}$$



**FIGURE 7.24** Campbell diagram for a rigid shaft rotating at  $\Omega_s$  for two different locations of the disk with  $J_{mt} = 3$  and  $J_{mp} = 5$ .

The natural frequencies  $\Omega_n$  are those values that satisfy  $|\hat{D}_c| = 0$ ; that is, when they are the solutions to

$$J_{mt}\Omega^4 - J_{mp}\Omega_s\Omega^3 - (J_{mt} + A_2/2)\Omega^2 + J_{mp}\Omega_s\Omega + A_2/2 - A_1^2/4 = 0 \quad (7.149)$$

After solving numerically<sup>37</sup> for the four roots of Eq. (7.149) as a function of  $\Omega_s$ , we obtain the results shown in Figure 7.24. This diagram is referred to as a Campbell diagram. For each value of  $\Omega_s$ , two of these roots are positive and the other two are negative. The positive roots correspond to whirling in the forward direction, and the negative roots correspond to whirling in the reverse or backward direction.

## 7.5 STABILITY

Extending the notion of bounded stability presented in Section 4.3, a linear multi-degree-of-freedom system described by the generalized coordinates  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N$  and subjected to finite initial conditions and finite forcing functions is said to be *stable* if

$$\|\{x\}\| = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_N^2} \leq A \text{ for all time} \quad (7.150)$$

where  $A$  has a finite value. This is a boundedness condition, which requires the system response  $\{x\}$  to be bounded for bounded system inputs. If this condition is not satisfied, then the system is said to be *unstable*.

### EXAMPLE 7.25 Stability of an undamped system with gyroscopic forces

We revisit Examples 7.4 and 7.23 and determine under what conditions the gyro-sensor is unstable during free oscillations at angular speeds  $\omega_z$ . Based on Eq. (7.150), we need to determine if

$$\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \leq A \text{ for all time} \quad (a)$$

is true. For free oscillations of the gyro-sensor based on the discussion of Section 7.3.3, the motion is described by

$$\begin{Bmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} X \\ Y \end{Bmatrix} e^{\lambda t} \quad (b)$$

where  $\lambda$  are the eigenvalues. If one or more of the eigenvalues have a positive real part, then Eq. (a) will not be true for all time. We can use this as a basis

<sup>37</sup>The MATLAB function `roots` was used.

to determine the angular speeds  $\omega_z$  for which the system will be either unstable or stable.

For the special case treated in Example 7.23, the eigenvalues are given by Eqs. (g). From these eigenvalues, we arrive at the following angular speed range for instability

$$2\omega_z\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} > \left(\frac{k}{m} + \omega_z^2\right) \quad (c)$$

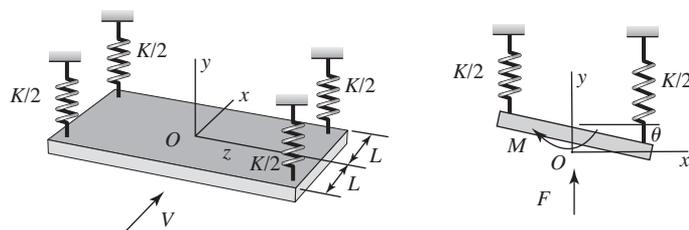
which is not possible.

### EXAMPLE 7.26 Wind-induced vibrations of a suspension bridge deck: stability analysis<sup>38</sup>

Consider a section of a deck of a suspension bridge that is subjected to a wind with a speed  $V$ . Let us assume that a section of the deck can be modeled as shown in Figure 7.25, where the linear springs are specified in terms of stiffness per unit length of the deck. The wind produces a lifting force  $F$  in the vertical direction and a moment  $M$ , as shown in the figure. The vertical motion of the deck is independent of the torsional motion. If the deck has a mass per unit length  $m$  and a mass moment of inertia  $J$  about the longitudinal axis of the deck, then the governing equations of motion in the vertical and torsional directions are, respectively,

$$\begin{aligned} m\ddot{y} + Ky &= F \\ J\ddot{\theta} + KL^2\theta &= M \end{aligned} \quad (a)$$

where we have used Eq. (k) of Example 7.3 with  $k_1 = k_2 = K/2$  and  $L_1 = L_2 = L$ . Through this example, we shall illustrate how to carry out a stability analysis for a system with two degrees of freedom.



**FIGURE 7.25**

Model of a bridge deck subjected to a wind with a speed  $V$ .

<sup>38</sup>M. Roseau, *Vibrations in Mechanical Systems: Analytical Methods and Applications*, Springer-Verlag, Berlin, Germany, 1983, pp. 236–243.

Under some simplifying assumptions, the wind-induced lifting force and moment can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} F &= c_F \rho L V^2 \left( \theta - \frac{\dot{y}}{V} \right) \\ M &= c_M \rho L^2 V^2 \left[ \left( \theta - \frac{\dot{y}}{V} \right) - \frac{L}{V} \dot{\theta} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (\text{b})$$

where  $c_F$  and  $c_M$  are constants and  $\rho$  is the density of air. Upon substituting Eqs. (b) into Eqs. (a), we obtain the coupled equations

$$\begin{aligned} m\ddot{y} + Ky &= c_F \rho L V^2 \left( \theta - \frac{\dot{y}}{V} \right) \\ J\ddot{\theta} + KL^2\theta &= c_M \rho L^2 V^2 \left[ \left( \theta - \frac{\dot{y}}{V} \right) - \frac{L}{V} \dot{\theta} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (\text{c})$$

Next, we introduce the following quantities

$$\begin{aligned} w &= \frac{y}{L}, \quad \omega_o = \frac{V}{L}, \quad \omega_y^2 = \frac{K}{m}, \quad \omega_\theta^2 = \frac{KL^2}{J} \\ M_F &= \frac{c_F \rho L^2}{m}, \quad M_M = \frac{c_M \rho L^4}{J}, \quad \tau = \omega_o t \\ \Omega_y^2 &= \frac{\omega_y^2}{\omega_o^2}, \quad \Omega_\theta^2 = \frac{\omega_\theta^2}{\omega_o^2} \end{aligned}$$

into Eqs. (c) and obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{w} + M_F \dot{w} + \Omega_y^2 w - M_F \theta &= 0 \\ \ddot{\theta} + M_M \dot{\theta} + (\Omega_\theta^2 - M_M) \theta + M_M \dot{w} &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{d})$$

where the over dot now indicates the derivative with respect to  $\tau$ .

To investigate the stability of the system, we assume a solution of the form

$$\begin{aligned} w(\tau) &= W_o e^{\lambda\tau} \\ \theta(\tau) &= \Theta_o e^{\lambda\tau} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{e})$$

We substitute Eqs. (e) into Eqs. (d) to obtain

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda^2 + M_F \lambda + \Omega_y^2 & -M_F \\ M_M \lambda & \lambda^2 + M_M \lambda + \Omega_\theta^2 - M_M \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} W_o \\ \Theta_o \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (\text{f})$$

Setting the determinant of the coefficients in Eq. (f) to zero, we obtain the following fourth-order polynomial in  $\lambda$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda^4 + (M_F + M_M)\lambda^3 + (\Omega_y^2 + \Omega_\theta^2 + M_M M_F - M_M)\lambda^2 \\ + (\Omega_y^2 M_M + \Omega_\theta^2 M_F)\lambda + \Omega_y^2 (\Omega_\theta^2 - M_M) = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{g})$$

The stability conditions for this system are determined by examining certain combinations of the coefficients of this polynomial using the Routh-Hurwitz stability criterion.<sup>39</sup>

## 7.6 SUMMARY

In this chapter, the derivation of the governing equations of a multi-degree-of-freedom system was illustrated by making use of force-balance and moment-balance methods and Lagrange's equations. Linearization of the equations governing a nonlinear system was also addressed. Means to determine the natural frequencies and mode shapes were introduced, and the notions of orthogonality of modes, modal mass, modal stiffness, proportional damping, modal damping factor, node of a mode, and rigid-body mode were introduced. The conditions under which conservation of energy, conservation of linear momentum, and conservation of angular momentum hold during free-oscillations of a multiple degree-of-freedom system were determined. Finally, the notion of stability of a linear multi-degree-of-freedom system was introduced.

## EXERCISES

### Section 7.2.1

**7.1** Consider the “small” amplitude motions of the pendulum-absorber system shown in Figure 7.9 and derive the equations of motion by using force-balance and moment-balance methods.

**7.2** Derive the equations of the hand-arm system treated in Example 7.11 by using force-balance and moment-balance methods for “large” and “small” oscillations about the nominal position.

**7.3** A container of mass  $m_c$  is suspended by two taut cables of length  $L$  as shown in Figure E7.3. The tension in the cables is  $T_o$ . Inside the container, a mass  $m$  is elastically supported by a spring  $k$ .

- Determine the equivalent spring constant for the cable-mass system and sketch the equivalent vibratory system.
- For the equivalent system determined in part (a), determine the equations governing the motion of this system.

<sup>39</sup>The polynomial given by Eq. (g) is of the form

$$\lambda^4 + b_1\lambda^3 + b_2\lambda^2 + b_3\lambda + b_4 = 0$$

where  $b_j \neq 0, j = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . For none of the roots of the polynomial to have positive real parts, the following criteria must be satisfied

$$b_1 > 0, \quad \begin{vmatrix} b_1 & 1 \\ b_3 & b_2 \end{vmatrix} > 0, \quad \begin{vmatrix} b_1 & 1 & 0 \\ b_3 & b_2 & b_1 \\ 0 & b_4 & b_3 \end{vmatrix} > 0, \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{vmatrix} b_1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ b_3 & b_2 & b_1 & 1 \\ 0 & b_4 & b_3 & b_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & b_4 \end{vmatrix} > 0$$

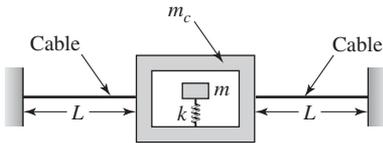


FIGURE E7.3

7.4 A two degree-of-freedom system with a nonlinear spring element is described by the following system of equations:

$$\begin{aligned} m_1 \ddot{x}_1 + k_1 x_1 + \alpha x_1^3 + k_2(x_1 - x_2) \\ + k_2 \alpha (x_1 - x_2)^3 = 0 \\ m_2 \ddot{x}_2 + k_2(x_2 - x_1) + k_2 \alpha (x_2 - x_1)^3 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Determine the system equilibrium positions. Assume that  $m_1$ ,  $m_2$ ,  $k_1$ , and  $k_2$  are positive and  $\alpha$  is negative.

### Section 7.2.3

7.5 Derive the equations of motion of the systems shown in Figures E7.5a and E7.5b and present the resulting equations in each case in matrix form.

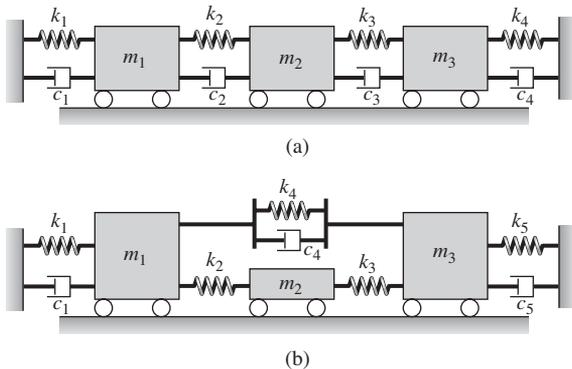


FIGURE E7.5

7.6 Derive the equations of motion for the model of an electronic system  $m_2$  contained in a package  $m_1$ , as shown in Figure E7.6, and present them in matrix form.

7.7 Derive the equations of motion of the vehicle model shown in Figure E7.7.

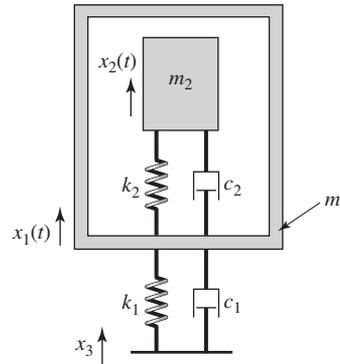


FIGURE E7.6

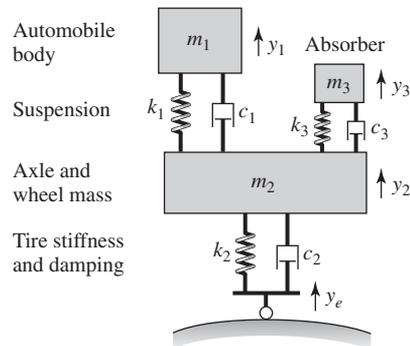


FIGURE E7.7

7.8 Derive the equations of motion of the pendulum absorber shown in Figure E7.8 for large oscillations and then linearize these equations about the static-equilibrium position corresponding to the bottom position of the pendulum. Present the final equations in matrix form.

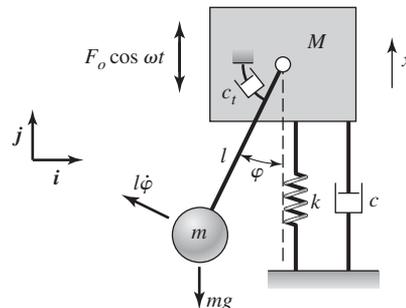


FIGURE E7.8

7.9 Derive the equations of motion of the system shown in Figure E7.9 by using Lagrange's equations.

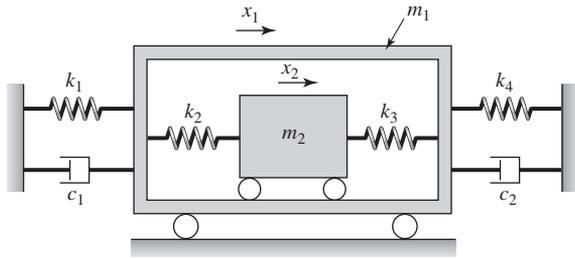


FIGURE E7.9

7.10 Replace each of the linear springs  $k_2$  and  $k_3$  shown in Figure E7.9 by a nonlinear spring whose force-displacement characteristic is given by

$$F(x) = k(x + \alpha x^3)$$

and determine the resulting equations of motion.

7.11 Derive the equations of the milling model shown in Figure 7.4b by using Lagrange's equations.

7.12 Derive the equations of motion of the system shown in Figure E7.12, which is an extended version of a two degree-of-freedom system discussed in Section 7.2. Let  $M_o(t)$  be the external torque that acts on the disc whose motion is described by the angular variable  $\phi_1$ .

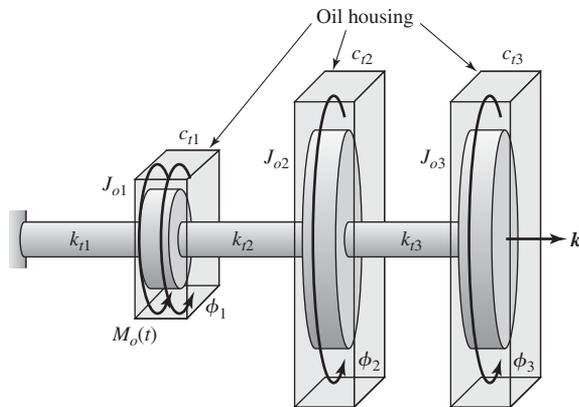


FIGURE E7.12

7.13 The experimental arrangement for an airfoil mounted in a wind tunnel is described by the model shown in Figure E7.13. Determine the equations of motion governing this system when the stiffness of the translation spring is  $k$ , the stiffness of the torsion spring is  $k_t$ ,  $G$  is the center of mass of the airfoil located a distance  $l$  from the attachment point  $O'$ ,  $m$  is the mass of the airfoil, and  $J_G$  is the mass moment of inertia of the airfoil about the center of mass. Use the generalized coordinates  $x$  and  $\theta$  discussed in Exercise 1.13.

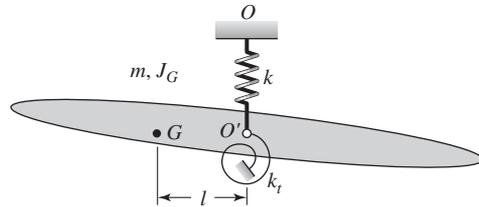


FIGURE E7.13

7.14 A multistory building is described by the model shown in Figure E7.14. Derive the equations of motion of this system and present them in matrix form. Are the mass and stiffness matrices symmetric?

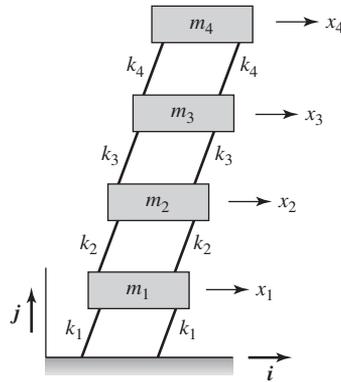


FIGURE E7.14

7.15 Obtain the governing equations of motion for large oscillations of the system shown in Figure E7.15 in terms of the generalized coordinates  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ , and  $\theta$ . The spring  $k_3$  is attached at the midpoint of the bar.

Linearize the resulting system of equations for “small” motions about the system equilibrium position and present the resulting equations in matrix form. Point  $G$  is the center of mass of the bar.

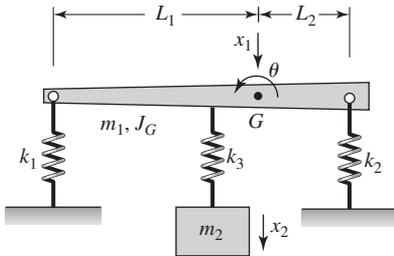


FIGURE E7.15

**7.16** A pair of shafts are linked by a set of gears as shown in Figure E7.16a. An equivalent system for the system shown in Figure E7.16a is determined as shown in Figure E7.16b, where  $\hat{J}_i = J_i T_R^2$ ,  $\hat{k}_{i2} = k_{i2} T_R^2$  and the transmission ratio  $T_R = \omega_{\text{out}}/\omega_{\text{in}}$ . Determine the governing equations of motion of the system shown in Figure E7.16b in terms of the generalized coordinates  $\phi_1$ ,  $\hat{\phi}_2$ , and  $\hat{\phi}_4$  where  $\hat{\phi}_i = \phi_i/T_R$ .

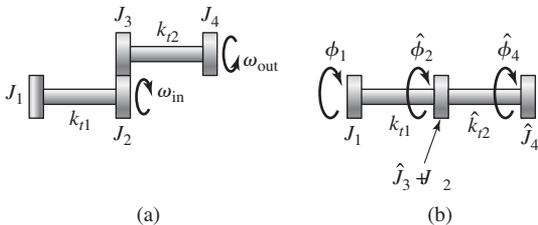


FIGURE E7.16

**7.17** As shown in Figure E7.17, a rigid weightless rod of length  $2L$  is attached to a pivot at its center. At each end of the rod, a mass  $m$  is attached. Assume “small” rotations and that gravity acts normal to the plane of the system. To one of the end masses another spring-mass system is attached. A torque  $T(t)$  is applied to the rod at the pivot as shown in the figure. Obtain the equations of motion for this system.

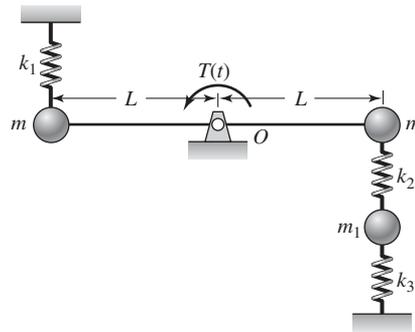


FIGURE E7.17

**7.18** Consider the vibratory system shown in Figure E7.18, which consists of two masses that are connected by rigid massless rods. Determine the equations of motion of the system. Assume that gravity acts normal to the plane of the system.

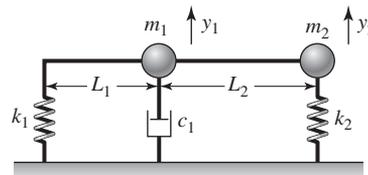


FIGURE E7.18

**7.19** Consider the vibratory system shown in Figure E7.19.

- If the connecting rod is rigid and uniform with a total mass  $m$ , then determine the equations of motion for the system.
- If the connecting rod is rigid and weightless, then determine the equations of motion for the system.
- If the connecting rod is rigid and weightless and the pivot is removed; that is, the rod can translate vertically and rotate in the plane of the page, then determine the equations of motion for the system.

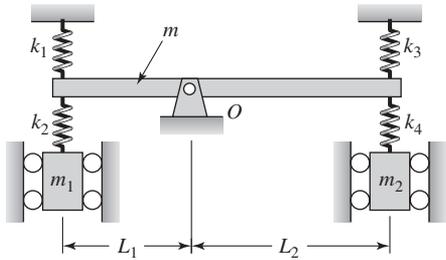


FIGURE E7.19

**7.20** The mass  $m$  shown in Figure E.7.20 slides in a gravity field along a massless rod. Wrapped around the rod is a massless spring of constant  $k$  that has an unstretched length  $L$ . One end of the rod is attached to a vertically moving pivot that oscillates harmonically as

$$z(t) = z_o \cos \omega t$$

The position of the mass along the rod is  $u(t)$ , which is measured from the unstretched position of the spring. Use Lagrange's equations to obtain the nonlinear equations of motion.

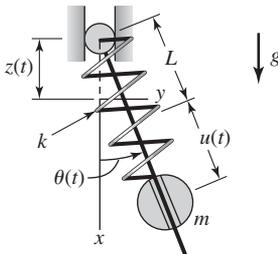


FIGURE E7.20

**7.21** Consider the autoparametric vibration absorber shown in Figure E7.21. The system composed of mass  $m_1$  and spring  $k_1$  is externally excited by a harmonically oscillating force

$$f(t) = f_o \cos \omega t$$

The oscillations of this primary system are to be attenuated by attaching another system composed of a mass  $m_3$  that is attached to a rigid rod of mass  $m_2$  and length  $l_2$ . The base of the rod is pivoted on mass  $m_1$ .

Attached to the rod at a distance  $l_s$  from the pivot is a spring  $k_2$ .

- a) Determine expressions for the kinetic energy and the potential energy of the system.
- b) Show that the nonlinear equations of motions for this system are

$$\frac{d^2 X}{d\tau^2} + X - \gamma_1 \left[ \left( \frac{d\theta}{d\tau} \right)^2 \cos \theta + \frac{d^2 \theta}{d\tau^2} \sin \theta \right] = F_o \cos \Omega \tau$$

$$\frac{d^2 \theta}{d\tau^2} - \gamma_2 \frac{d^2 X}{d\tau^2} \sin \theta + \frac{\omega_2^2}{\omega_1^2} \sin \theta \cos \theta = 0$$

where

$$\tau = \omega_1 t, \quad \Omega = \frac{\omega}{\omega_1},$$

$$\omega_1^2 = \frac{k_1}{m_1 + m_2 + m_3}, \quad \omega_2^2 = \frac{k_2 l_s^2}{m_2 l_2^2 / 3 + m_3 l_3^2}$$

$$X = x/l_2, \quad F_o = \frac{f_o}{k_1 l_2}, \quad \gamma_1 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_2 + 2m_3 l_3 / l_2}{m_1 + m_2 + m_3},$$

$$\text{and } \gamma_2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{l_2^2 (m_2 + 2m_3 l_3 / l_2)}{m_2 l_2^2 / 3 + m_3 l_3^2}$$

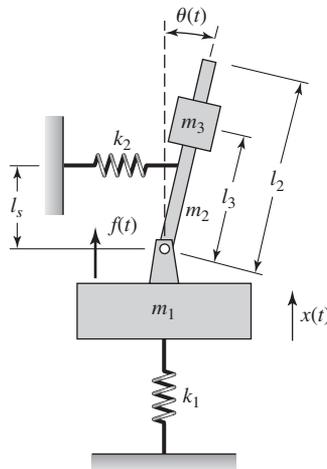


FIGURE E7.21

**7.22** Consider the pulley-cable-mass system shown in Figure E7.22. Use Lagrange's equations to determine

the equation of motion of this system and place these equations in matrix form.

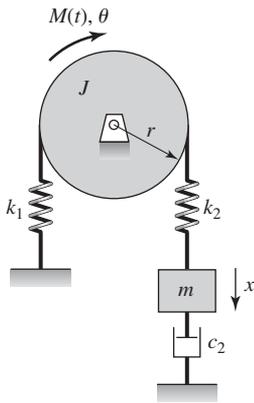


FIGURE E7.22

**7.23** For the system shown in Figure E7.23, determine the equations of motion. Assume that the length of the pendulum is  $L$ .

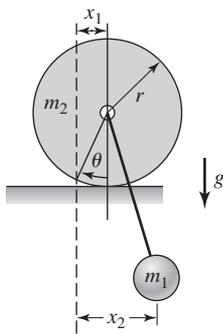


FIGURE E7.23

**7.24** Consider the system that is shown in Figure E7.24, where a uniform rod of length  $L_2$  and mass  $m$  is suspended from a massless rod of length  $L_1$ . The rod of length  $L_1$  is connected to the rod of length  $L_2$  by a frictionless hinge. Determine the equations of motion.

**7.25** Derive the governing equations of the frictionless system shown in Figure E7.25. Assume motions

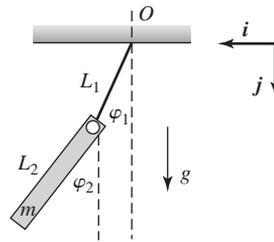


FIGURE E7.24

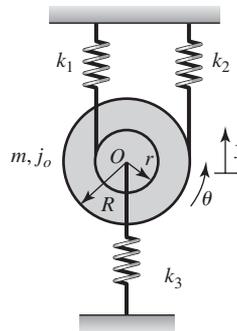


FIGURE E7.25

about the static-equilibrium position. Compare your results to those obtained for “small” oscillations in Example 7.3 after setting the damping coefficients  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  to zero.

### Section 7.3.1

**7.26** Determine the natural frequencies and mode shapes for the system shown in Figure E7.26, when  $\theta_1 = 30^\circ$  and  $\theta_2 = 45^\circ$  at the equilibrium position. Let  $L$  be the length of each spring at the equilibrium position and assume that the deflections in the springs at an angle are small.

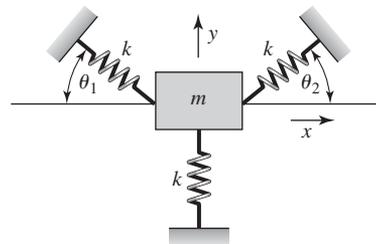
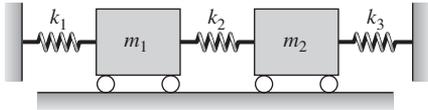


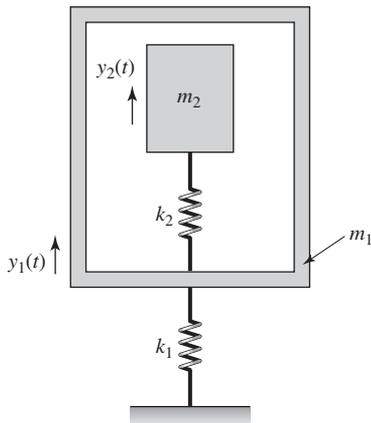
FIGURE E7.26

**7.27** Determine the natural frequencies and mode shapes associated with the system shown in Figure E7.27 for  $m_1 = 10$  kg,  $m_2 = 20$  kg,  $k_1 = 100$  N/m,  $k_2 = 100$  N/m, and  $k_3 = 50$  N/m.



**FIGURE E7.27**

**7.28** Determine the natural frequencies and mode shapes associated with the system shown in Figure E7.28 for  $m_1 = 10^{-3}$  kg,  $m_2 = 0.01$  kg, and  $k_1 = k_2 = 2$  kN/m. Include plots of the mode shapes.



**FIGURE E7.28**

**7.29** For the system considered in Exercise 7.10, remove the nonlinear spring  $k_3$  by considering small displacements about  $x_o$ , set the damping coefficients  $c_1 = c_4 = 0$ , and consider the free oscillations of this system. Choose the values of the parameters as follows:  $m_1 = 10$  kg,  $m_2 = 2$  kg,  $k_1 = k_4 = k = 10$  N/m, and  $\alpha = 2$  m<sup>-2</sup>. Assume that the nonlinear spring is initially compressed by  $x_o = 0.05$  m. Determine the natural frequencies and mode shapes associated with free oscillations about the equilibrium position.

**7.30** Consider a system with the following inertia and stiffness matrices:

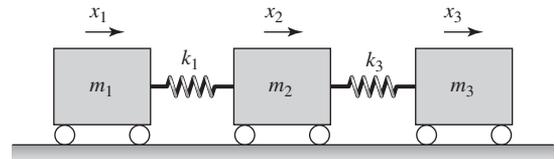
$$[M] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \text{ kg}; \quad [K] = \begin{bmatrix} 10,000 & -k \\ -k & k_{22} \end{bmatrix} \text{ N/m}$$

If the modes of the system are given by

$$\{X\}_1 = \begin{Bmatrix} 0.5414 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \{X\}_2 = \begin{Bmatrix} -5.5575 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix}$$

and the natural frequency associated with  $\{X\}_1$  is 19.55 rad/s, then determine the unknown coefficients in the stiffness matrix and the other natural frequency of the system.

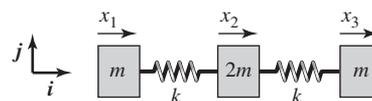
**7.31** Determine if the system shown in Figure E7.31 has any rigid-body modes.



**FIGURE E7.31**

**7.32** Let the system shown in Figure E7.31 represent a system of three railroad cars with masses  $m_1 = m_2 = m_3 = 1200$  kg and interconnections  $k_1 = k_3 = 4800$  kN/m. Determine the natural frequencies and mode shapes of this system and plot the corresponding mode shapes.

**7.33** A flexible structural system is represented by the model shown in Figure E7.33. Determine the governing equations of motion of this system, and from these three equations, determine the eigenvalues and eigenvectors associated with free oscillations of this



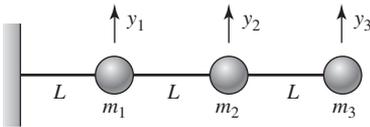
**FIGURE E7.33**

system. Find the locations of the nodes for the different mode shapes.

**7.34** Consider the system shown in Figure E7.34 in which the three masses  $m_1$ ,  $m_2$ , and  $m_3$  are located on a uniform cantilever beam with flexural rigidity  $EI$ . The inverse of the stiffness matrix for this system  $[K]$ , which is called the *flexibility matrix*, is given by

$$[K]^{-1} = \frac{L^3}{3EI} \begin{bmatrix} 27 & 14 & 4 \\ 14 & 8 & 2.5 \\ 4 & 2.5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Determine the following: (a) the stiffness matrix of the system, (b) the governing equations of motion, and (c) when  $m_1 = m_2 = m_3 = m$ , determine the natural frequencies and mode shapes of the system. For part (c), let  $\alpha = 3EI/mL^3$  and express the natural frequencies in terms of  $\alpha$ .



**FIGURE E7.34**

**7.35** The stiffness matrix for the system shown in Figure E7.14 is given by the following matrix

$$[J] = \begin{bmatrix} 21 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 21 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 21 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 21 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 21 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 21 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 98 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 49 \end{bmatrix} \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2$$

$$[K] = \frac{EI}{L^3} \begin{bmatrix} 24 & -12 & 0 & 0 \\ -12 & 24 & -12 & 0 \\ 0 & -12 & 24 & -12 \\ 0 & 0 & -12 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

If all the masses of the floors of the four-story building are equal; that is,  $m_1 = m_2 = m_3 = m_4 = m$ , then determine the system eigenvalues and eigenvectors and plot the eigenvectors of this system. Let  $\alpha = EI/mL^3$  and express the natural frequencies in terms of  $\alpha$ .

**7.36** Repeat Example 7.16 for the following values of the nondimensional ratios:  $k_{21} = 0.5$ ,  $L_{21} = 2.0$ , and  $\omega_r = 1.5$ .

**7.37** Repeat Example 7.15 when  $\omega_r = 2.0$  and  $J_r = 1.0$ .

**7.38** An elastically supported machine tool with a total mass of 4000 kg has a resonance frequency of 80 Hz. An 800 kg absorber system with a natural frequency of 80 Hz is attached to the machine tool. Determine the natural frequencies and mode shapes of this system.

**7.39** A six-cylinder, four-cycle engine driving a generator is modeled<sup>40</sup> by using an eight degree-of-freedom system shown in Figure E7.39. Free oscillations of this system are described by the following system

$$[J]\{\dot{\phi}\} + [K_r]\{\phi\} = \{0\}$$

where

<sup>40</sup>C. Genta, *ibid.*

and

$$[K_t] = \begin{bmatrix} 51 & -51 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -51 & 102 & -51 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -51 & 102 & -51 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -51 & 102 & -51 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -51 & 102 & -51 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -51 & 117 & -66 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -66 & 81 & -15 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -15 & 15 \end{bmatrix} \times 10^6 \text{ Nm/rad}$$

Determine the natural frequencies and mode shapes associated with the system and plot the mode shapes. Does the system have any rigid-body modes?

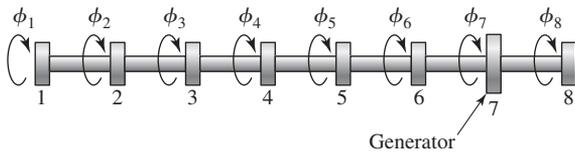


FIGURE E7.39

7.40 Consider the system shown in Figure E7.40. (a) Determine the equations of motion for the system and put them in matrix form. (b) From the results obtained in part (a), obtain the determinant form of the characteristic equation.

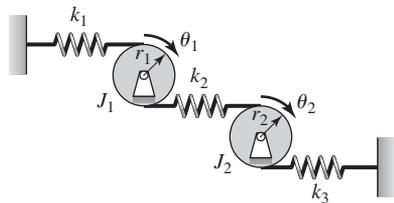


FIGURE E7.40

7.41 Two identical discs of rotary inertia  $J_o$  and radius  $r$  are mounted on identical shafts and undergo torsional oscillations. Each shaft has a torsional spring constant  $k_t$ . At a radial distance  $a$  from their respective centers, the rotors are connected via a translation

spring of constant  $k$ , as shown in Figure E7.41. If  $J_o = 10 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2$ ,  $r = 0.25 \text{ m}$ ,  $k_t = 600 \text{ Nm/rad}$ ,  $k = 1000 \text{ N/m}$ , and  $a = 0.15 \text{ m}$ , then determine the natural frequencies of the system.

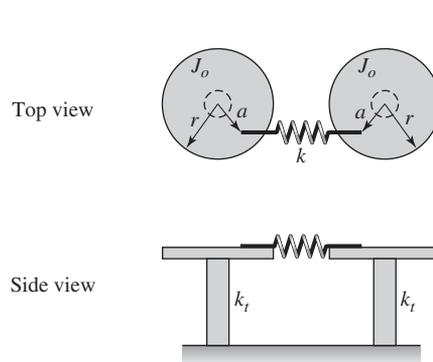


FIGURE E7.41

7.42 A cable fixed at one end and carrying a mass  $m$  at the other end is stretched over two pulleys, as shown in Figure E7.42. The pulleys have rotary inertia  $J_1$  and  $J_2$  about their respective rotation centers, and the corresponding radii are  $r_1$  and  $r_2$ , respectively. The stiffness of the various sections of the cables is provided in the figure. Assume that there is sufficient friction so that the cable does not slip on the pulleys.

- Determine the equations governing this vibratory system and place them in matrix form.
- If  $m = 12 \text{ kg}$ ,  $J_1 = 0.2 \text{ kg m}^2$ ,  $J_2 = 0.3 \text{ kg m}^2$ ,  $r_1 = 120 \text{ mm}$ ,  $r_2 = 160 \text{ mm}$ ,  $k_1 = k_3 = 25 \times 10^3 \text{ N/m}$ , and  $k_2 = 40 \times 10^3 \text{ N/m}$ , determine the natural frequencies and mode shapes.

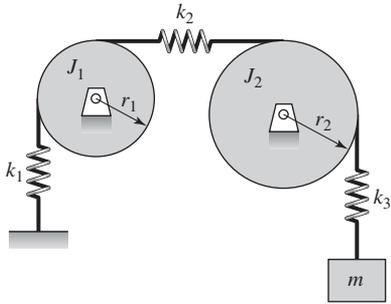


FIGURE E7.42

**7.43** An electrical motor and pump system operates at 1800 rpm, and they are elastically mounted to a support structure. The mass of the system is  $m_1 = 25$  kg and the effective viscous-damping factor of the mount is 0.15. Unfortunately, it is found that 1800 rpm coincides with the natural frequency  $\omega_{n1}$  of the system and the horizontal amplitude of the system is excessive. To decrease the magnitude of the horizontal amplitude, it is decided that rather than change the stiffness of the support a second mass  $m_2 = 0.25$  kg will be added to the system by attaching  $m_2$  to the end of a cantilever beam, as shown in Figure E7.43. The cantilever beam is a solid circular rod 6 mm in diameter. Use  $E = 1.96 \times 10^{11}$  N/m<sup>2</sup> for the Young's modulus of elasticity of the beam material. What should be the length of the rod so that the natural frequencies of the modified system are not in the range  $\omega_{n1} \pm 4\%$ ?

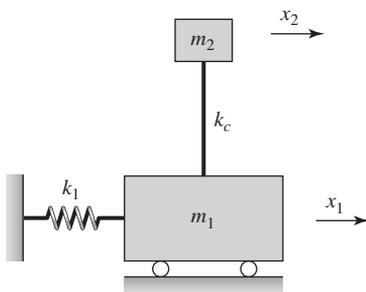


FIGURE E7.43

**7.44** Consider the coupled pendulum system shown in Figure E7.44.

- Use Lagrange's equations to derive the equations of motion. Include the effects of gravity. Put the results in matrix form.
- For  $m_1 = 10$  kg,  $m_2 = 15$  kg,  $m_3 = 5$  kg,  $k_1 = k_2 = 100$  N/m,  $L_1 = 0.5$  m, and  $L_2 = 0.4$  m, determine the natural frequencies and mode shapes of the system.

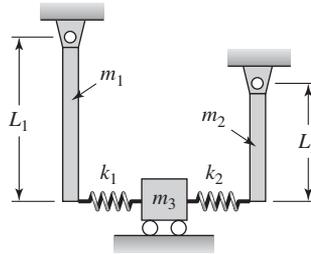


FIGURE E7.44

**7.45** One model that has been used to study the vibratory motion of motor vehicles is shown in Figure E7.45. The body of the vehicle has a mass  $m_1$  and a rotary inertia  $J_G$  about an axis through the center. The elasticity of the tires is represented by springs  $k_2$ , and the elasticity of the suspension by springs  $k_1$ . The mass of the tire assemblies is  $m_2$ .

- Determine the matrix form for the governing equations of the system.
- Obtain the natural frequencies and mode shapes for the case where  $m_1 = 800$  kg,  $m_2 = 25$  kg,  $k_1 = 60$  kN/m,  $k_2 = 20$  kN/m,  $L = 1.4$  m, and  $J_G = 180$  kg · m<sup>2</sup>.

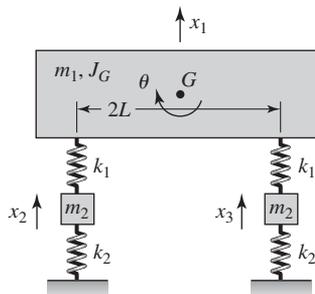
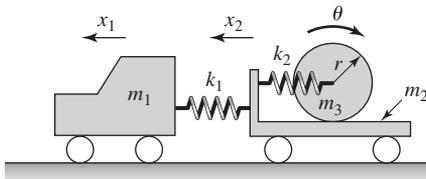


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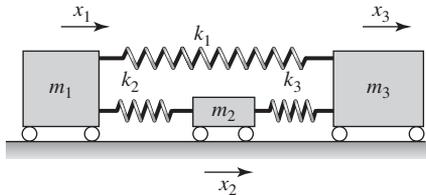
**7.46** A tractor-trailer is hauling a large cylindrical drum that is elastically supported by spring  $k_2$  as shown in Figure E7.46. The drum rolls on the floor of the trailer without slipping. The trailer is attached to the tractor by a system that has an equivalent spring  $k_1$ . The mass of the tractor is  $m_1$ , that of the trailer is  $m_2$ , and that of the drum is  $m_3$ .

- a) Obtain the equations of motion for this system.
- b) If  $k_1 = k_2 = k$ ,  $m_1 = m_2 = m$ , and  $m_3 = 2m/3$ , then obtain the natural frequencies in terms of  $k/m$  and the corresponding mode shapes.



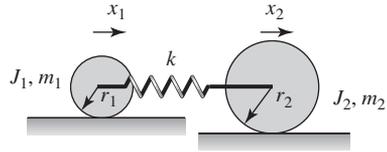
**FIGURE E7.46**

**7.47** Determine the characteristic equation for the system shown in Figure E7.47 and solve this equation for the special case when  $k_1 = k_2 = k_3 = k$  and  $m_1 = m_2 = m_3 = m$ . Determine if the system has any rigid-body modes.



**FIGURE E7.47**

**7.48** Two disks that roll without slipping on a flat surface are connected to each other by a spring with constant  $k$ , as shown in Figure E7.48. Determine the natural frequencies and mode shapes of the system.



**FIGURE E7.48**

**7.50** Is it possible for a three degree-of-freedom system to have the following eigenvectors?

$$\{X\}_1 = \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1/2 \end{Bmatrix}, \quad \{X\}_2 = \begin{Bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1/2 \end{Bmatrix}, \quad \{X\}_3 = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix}$$

**Section 7.3.3**

**7.51** Determine the modal mass, modal stiffness, and modal damping factors associated with the system whose mass matrix, stiffness matrix, and damping matrix are given by the following:

$$[M] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad [K] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$[C] = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ -2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

**7.52** Show that the system treated in Example 7.21 is proportionally damped by making use of Eqs. (7.99).

**7.53** To describe the vertical motions of an automobile, the two degree-of-freedom system shown in Figure E7.53 is used. This model is known as a *quarter-car model*. If the parameters of the system are  $m_1 = 80$  kg,  $m_2 = 1100$  kg,  $k_2 = 30$  kN/m,  $k_1 = 300$  kN/m, and  $c_1 = 5000$  N/(m/s), determine if the system is proportionally damped.

**7.54** The modal matrix and the damping matrix for a two degree-of-freedom system are, respectively,

$$[\Phi] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad [C] = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Is this system proportionally damped?

**Section 7.3.2**

**7.49** Show that the linear independence of eigenvectors given by Eq. (7.72) is true by making use of the orthogonality property of eigenvectors.

**7.55** For the system shown in Figure E7.12, assume that the drive torque  $M_o(t) = 0$ . Let  $J_{o1} = 1$  kg · m<sup>2</sup>,

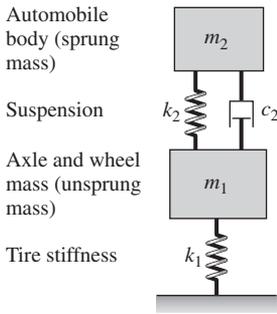


FIGURE E7.53

$J_{o2} = 4 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2$ ,  $J_{o3} = 1 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2$  and the torsional stiffness of each shaft be as follows:  $k_{t1} = k_{t2} = 10 \text{ Nm/rad}$  and  $k_{t3} = 5 \text{ Nm/rad}$ . In addition, let the damping coefficients be such that  $c_{r1} = 0.5 \text{ Nm/rad/s}$ ,  $c_{r2} = 2 \text{ Nm/rad/s}$ , and  $c_{r3} = 0.5 \text{ Nm/rad/s}$ . Determine the following:

- Is the system proportionally damped?
- If the damping associated with the second fly-wheel changes from  $2 \text{ Nm/rad/s}$  to  $1.8 \text{ Nm/rad/s}$ , can the system be approximated as a system with modal damping?

**7.56** The eigenvalues associated with a damped three degree-of-freedom system are given by the following:

$$\lambda_{d1,2} = -0.1 \mp j0.995$$

$$\lambda_{d2,2} = -0.75 \mp j1.299$$

$$\lambda_{d3,2} = -0.4 \mp j1.960$$

Determine the system natural frequencies, modal damping factors, and damped natural frequencies.

### Section 7.3.4

**7.57** Consider free oscillations of the gyro-sensor treated in Example 7.4 and determine if energy is conserved in the system.

**7.58** Consider the three degree-of-freedom system shown in Figure E7.31 and determine if the linear momentum and the total energy of this system are conserved.

### Section 7.5

**7.59** The eigenvalues determined for two different three degree-of-freedom systems are as follows:

a)

$$\lambda_{d1,2} = -a_1 \mp jb_1; \quad a_1 > 0, \quad b_1 > 0$$

$$\lambda_{d2,2} = -a_2 \mp jb_2; \quad a_2 > 0, \quad b_2 > 0$$

$$\lambda_{d3,2} = -a_3 \mp jb_3; \quad a_3 > 0, \quad b_3 > 0$$

b)

$$\lambda_{d1,2} = -a_1 \mp jb_1; \quad a_1 > 0, \quad b_1 > 0$$

$$\lambda_{d2,2} = -a_2 \mp jb_2; \quad a_2 > 0, \quad b_2 > 0$$

$$\lambda_{d3,2} = a_3, -b_3; \quad a_3 > 0, \quad b_3 > 0$$

Determine which of these systems is stable.



The transmission of undesired vibrations can be attenuated by various techniques, one of which is based on the principle of the vibration absorber. The attachment of an elastically supported mass creates a tuned mass absorber that reduces vibration levels in systems excited at a constant frequency. An externally energized elastically mounted mass whose motion is controlled in a specific manner is a more sophisticated version of the tuned mass absorber. (*Source:* Kristiina Paul; © Justin Kase / Alamy)

# 8

## Multiple Degree-of-Freedom Systems: General Solution for Response and Forced Oscillations

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### 8.1 INTRODUCTION

In the previous chapter, we studied systems with multiple degrees of freedom and discussed the ways in which one can obtain the governing equations of motion. In addition, free-response characteristics of damped and undamped systems were examined. In this chapter, we build on this material, and as laid

out in Table 8.1, employ different approaches to obtain the solution for the responses of multi-degree-of-freedom systems.

As with the case of a single degree-of-freedom system, there are different approaches to determine the response of a multiple degree-of-freedom system. These approaches include the following: (a) normal-mode approach, (b) Laplace transform approach, and (c) state-space formulation. The first approach is unique to multiple degree-of-freedom systems, while the second and third approaches are similar in spirit to those used for single degree-of-freedom systems. It is remarked that unlike the other two approaches, the Laplace transform approach is not based in the time domain but, instead, this approach is based in the Laplace domain.

With the objective of providing a summary of the domain of applicability of the above-mentioned approaches, Table 8.1 has been constructed. This summary is organized around a) whether the system is linear or nonlinear and b) the nature of the damping properties of the system.

**TABLE 8.1**  
Application Domains of Different  
Solution Methods for Multiple  
Degree-of-Freedom Systems

<b>System</b>	<b>Methods</b>	<b>Typically Used to Determine the Following</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Section</b>
Linear systems	Normal-mode approach	Natural frequencies, mode shapes, and responses of inertial elements to initial conditions and external forcing	For damped systems with given initial conditions and forcing; requires special form of linear viscous damping matrix—analytical and numerical solutions	8.2
	Laplace transform approach	Natural frequencies, transfer functions, and responses of inertial elements to initial conditions and external forcing for general form of damping matrix	Cumbersome for systems with high degrees of freedom—analytical and numerical solutions	8.4
	State-space formulation	Responses of inertial elements to initial conditions and external forcing for general form of damping matrix	Analytical and numerical solutions	8.3
Nonlinear systems	Weakly nonlinear analysis and numerical approach	Responses of inertial elements to initial conditions and external forcing for arbitrary damping models	For “strongly” nonlinear systems, usually, only possible to get a numerical solution	

As presented in Table 8.1, all three approaches can be used to study systems subjected to periodic and other excitations. However, the form of the damping matrix places a restriction on the domain of applicability of the normal-mode approach. As discussed in Chapter 7 and elaborated further in this chapter, the damping matrix needs to have a special structure in order to use the normal-mode approach. However, whenever this approach is applicable, the solution obtained through this approach provides insight into the spatial responses of the inertial elements. This type of information is indispensable for system designs where one is minimizing or maximizing the response to external excitations and where one is determining where to place an actuator and/or a sensor.

The Laplace transform approach is convenient to use since one can obtain transfer functions and frequency-response functions, which can be used to design systems such as vibration absorbers and mechanical filters. In addition, an attractive feature of this approach is that there is no restriction on the form of damping. However, for systems with more than two degrees of freedom, the algebra is cumbersome. The Laplace transform approach is limited to linear vibratory systems.

The state-space formulation, where the governing equations are put in first-order form, lends itself to an analytical solution in linear cases and to numerical solutions in both linear and nonlinear cases. This formulation is applicable to systems with all forms of damping and forcing. For the nonlinear systems presented in this book, only numerical solutions are pursued, although methods to determine analytical approximations exist for “weakly” nonlinear systems.<sup>1</sup> Whenever one is seeking a solution of a nonlinear system, it is important to note that the approach is based in the time domain.

After presenting the different approaches to determine the response of a multiple degree-of-freedom system, we present transfer functions and the relationship between the frequency-response function and the transfer function in the same manner as was done for single degree-of-freedom systems. In the latter part of the chapter, we introduce vibration absorbers, the notion of transmissibility ratio, and examine systems subjected to base excitation.

In this chapter, we shall show how to:

- Use normal modes, Laplace transforms, and the state-space formulation to determine the responses of multiple degree-of-freedom systems to initial displacements, initial velocities, and external forces.
- Determine the frequency-response functions for two degree-of-freedom systems.
- Examine different types of vibration absorbers and identify and choose the appropriate parameters to obtain an optimal performance.
- Isolate the force transmitted to the stationary boundary of two degree-of-freedom systems.
- Analyze the responses of two degree-of-freedom systems with a moving base.

<sup>1</sup>A. H. Nayfeh and D. T. Mook, *Nonlinear Oscillations*, John Wiley & Sons, NY (1979).

## 8.2 NORMAL-MODE APPROACH

### 8.2.1 General Solution

In Section 7.3, we discussed the characteristics associated with free oscillations of multiple degree-of-freedom systems such as natural frequencies and mode shapes without explicitly determining them. In this section, we determine the general solution for the response of a multi-degree-of-freedom system and present explicit forms for the responses due to both forcing and initial conditions. This development follows along the lines of Appendix D, except that one now needs to consider spatial information apart from time information.

In this section, we determine the response of the system given by Eq. (7.3), which is repeated below after replacing  $q_i(t)$  by  $x_i(t)$ ,  $\{Q\}$  by  $\{F\}$ , and dropping the gyroscopic and circulatory force terms.

$$[M]\{\dot{x}\} + [C]\{\dot{x}\} + [K]\{x\} = F \quad (8.1)$$

In general, Eq. (8.1) is a coupled system of equations. One way to solve this system is to uncouple them by using an appropriate coordinate transformation. One candidate transformation is the modal matrix  $[\Phi]$  given by Eq. (7.31), which has the desirable property of being orthogonal to the matrices  $[M]$  and  $[K]$ . Thus, we assume a solution to Eq. (8.1) of the form

$$\{x(t)\} = \underbrace{[\Phi]}_{\text{Modal matrix}} \underbrace{\{\eta(t)\}}_{\text{Modal amplitudes}} \quad (8.2)$$

where  $\{\eta(t)\}$  is a column vector of generalized (modal) coordinates that are to be determined. On substituting Eq. (8.2) into Eq. (8.1), we obtain

$$[M][\Phi]\{\dot{\eta}\} + [C][\Phi]\{\dot{\eta}\} + [K][\Phi]\{\eta\} = \{F\} \quad (8.3)$$

Pre-multiplying Eq. (8.3) by  $[\Phi]^T$  results in

$$[\Phi]^T [M][\Phi]\{\dot{\eta}\} + [\Phi]^T [C][\Phi]\{\dot{\eta}\} + [\Phi]^T [K][\Phi]\{\eta\} = [\Phi]^T \{F\} \quad (8.4)$$

Upon using Eqs. (7.68), we obtain

$$[M_D]\{\dot{\eta}\} + [\Phi]^T [C][\Phi]\{\dot{\eta}\} + [K_D]\{\eta\} = [\Phi]^T \{F\} \quad (8.5)$$

We now pre-multiply Eq. (8.5) by  $[M_D]^{-1}$ , the inverse of  $[M_D]$ , and use Eq. (7.69) to arrive at

$$\{\ddot{\eta}\} + [M_D]^{-1}[\Phi]^T [C][\Phi]\{\dot{\eta}\} + [\omega_D^2]\{\eta\} = \{Q\} \quad (8.6)$$

where we have assumed that  $[M_D]^{-1}$  exists and reintroduced the force vector  $\{Q\}$  so that

$$\{Q\} = [M_D]^{-1}[\Phi]^T \{F\} \quad (8.7)$$

Equations (8.6) and (8.7) are written in expanded form as

$$\begin{aligned}
& \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{\eta}_1(t) \\ \dot{\eta}_2(t) \\ \vdots \\ \dot{\eta}_N(t) \end{Bmatrix} + [M_D]^{-1} [\Phi]^T [C] [\Phi] \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{\eta}_1(t) \\ \dot{\eta}_2(t) \\ \vdots \\ \dot{\eta}_N(t) \end{Bmatrix} \\
& + \begin{bmatrix} \omega_1^2 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \omega_2^2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \omega_N^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \eta_1(t) \\ \eta_2(t) \\ \vdots \\ \eta_N(t) \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} Q_1(t) \\ Q_2(t) \\ \vdots \\ Q_N(t) \end{Bmatrix} \quad (8.8)
\end{aligned}$$

From the form of Eq. (8.8), it is clear that these equations in the transformed coordinates can be uncoupled into  $N$  individual second-order differential equations if the matrix

$$[M_D]^{-1} [\Phi]^T [C] [\Phi]$$

is a diagonal matrix. As discussed in Section 7.3.3, this is possible when the system is proportionally damped. For this case, we obtain from Eqs. (7.99) and (7.102) that

$$\begin{aligned}
[C_D] &= [\Phi]^T [C] [\Phi] \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} 2\zeta_1 \omega_1 \hat{M}_{11} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 2\zeta_2 \omega_2 \hat{M}_{22} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 2\zeta_N \omega_N \hat{M}_{NN} \end{bmatrix} \quad (8.9)
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\hat{M}_{kk}$  is the modal mass of the  $k$ th mode. From Eqs. (7.68a) and (8.9), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
[M_D]^{-1} [C_D] &= \begin{bmatrix} 1/\hat{M}_{11} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1/\hat{M}_{22} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1/\hat{M}_{NN} \end{bmatrix} \\
&\times \begin{bmatrix} 2\zeta_1 \omega_1 \hat{M}_{11} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 2\zeta_2 \omega_2 \hat{M}_{22} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 2\zeta_N \omega_N \hat{M}_{NN} \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} 2\zeta_1 \omega_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 2\zeta_2 \omega_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 2\zeta_N \omega_N \end{bmatrix} = [(2\zeta\omega)_D] \quad (8.10)
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, for a system with proportional damping, from Eqs. (8.6) and (8.10), we arrive at the uncoupled set of equations

$$\{\ddot{\eta}\} + [(2\zeta\omega)_D]\{\dot{\eta}\} + [\omega_D^2]\{\eta\} = \{Q\} \quad (8.11)$$

in which the  $j$ th equation has the form

$$\ddot{\eta}_j(t) + 2\zeta_j\omega_j\dot{\eta}_j(t) + \omega_j^2\eta_j(t) = Q_j(t) \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, N \quad (8.12)$$

In Eqs. (8.12),  $\zeta_j$  is the damping factor associated with the  $j$ th mode and  $\omega_j$  is the natural frequency associated with the  $j$ th mode. As discussed in Section 7.3.3, since the damping matrix in Eq. (8.9) is diagonal, the system is said to have *modal damping*. The coordinates  $\eta_j$ , in which the governing equations of motion are uncoupled, are referred to as the *principal coordinates* or *modal coordinates*.

The equation describing the oscillation in the  $j$ th mode has the form of the governing equation of a single degree-of-freedom system, namely, Eq. (4.1). Hence the solution for the response of the  $j$ th mode is given by Eq. (D.11a) if  $0 \leq \zeta_j < 1$ . Thus,

$$\eta_j(t) = \underbrace{A_j e^{-\zeta_j\omega_j t} \sin(\omega_{dj}t + \varphi_{dj})}_{\text{Response to initial conditions}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{\omega_{dj}} \int_0^t e^{-\zeta_j\omega_j(t-\xi)} \sin(\omega_{dj}[t-\xi]) Q_j(\xi) d\xi}_{\text{Response to forcing}} \quad (8.13)$$

where the constants  $A_j$  and  $\varphi_{dj}$  are determined by the initial conditions,

$$A_j = \sqrt{\eta_j^2(0) + \left( \frac{\dot{\eta}_j(0) + \zeta_j\omega_j\eta_j(0)}{\omega_{dj}} \right)^2}$$

$$\varphi_{dj} = \tan^{-1} \frac{\omega_{dj}\eta_j(0)}{\dot{\eta}_j(0) + \zeta_j\omega_j\eta_j(0)} \quad (8.14a)$$

and the damped natural frequency  $\omega_{dj}$  of the  $j$ th mode is given by

$$\omega_{dj} = \omega_j \sqrt{1 - \zeta_j^2} \quad (8.14b)$$

From Eqs. (7.94), the modal damping factor  $\zeta_j$  is

$$\zeta_j = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\alpha}{\omega_j} + \beta\omega_j \right) \quad (8.15)$$

where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are such that

$$[C] = \alpha[M] + \beta[K]$$

In Section 8.2.2, we show how to obtain the initial modal displacements  $\eta_j(0)$  and initial modal velocities  $\dot{\eta}_j(0)$  in terms of the system initial displacements  $x_j(0)$  and initial velocities  $\dot{x}_j(0)$ .

Having determined the responses of the individual modes—that is,  $\eta_j(t)$ —we return to Eq. (8.2) and find that the system response can be constructed by making use of Eq. (7.31) as

$$\begin{Bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \\ \vdots \\ x_N(t) \end{Bmatrix} = [\Phi] \{ \eta(t) \} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} X_{11} & X_{12} & \cdots & X_{1N} \\ X_{21} & X_{22} & \cdots & X_{2N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ X_{N1} & X_{N2} & \cdots & X_{NN} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Modal matrix}} \underbrace{\begin{Bmatrix} \eta_1(t) \\ \eta_2(t) \\ \vdots \\ \eta_N(t) \end{Bmatrix}}_{\text{Modal Amplitudes}} \quad (8.16)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_i(t) &= \sum_{j=1}^N X_{ij} \eta_j(t) \\
 &= \underbrace{X_{i1} \eta_1(t)}_{\substack{\text{Component of response} \\ \text{in the first mode}}} + \underbrace{X_{i2} \eta_2(t)}_{\substack{\text{Component of response} \\ \text{in the second mode}}} + \cdots + \underbrace{X_{iN} \eta_N(t)}_{\substack{\text{Component of response} \\ \text{in the } N\text{th mode}}} \\
 i &= 1, 2, \dots, N
 \end{aligned} \tag{8.17}$$

Equation (8.16) is rewritten in the compact form

$$\{x(t)\} = \sum_{j=1}^N \underbrace{\{X\}_j \eta_j(t)}_{\substack{\text{Oscillation in the} \\ j\text{th mode}}} \tag{8.18}$$

We see from Eq. (8.18) that the displacement of each mass  $x_i(t)$  is composed of response components in the different modes of the vibratory system. Thus, the response of a multi-degree-of-freedom system is a weighted combination of the individual modes of the system. The modal amplitude provides the weighting for each mode.

### Response of Damped System

On substituting Eq. (8.13) into Eq. (8.18), we see that the response of the linear multi-degree-of-freedom system given by Eq. (8.1) takes the form

$$\begin{aligned}
 \{x(t)\} &= \sum_{j=1}^N \{X\}_j \left[ A_j e^{-\zeta_j \omega_j t} \sin(\omega_{dj} t + \varphi_{dj}) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{\omega_{dj}} \int_0^t e^{-\zeta_j \omega_j (t-\xi)} \sin(\omega_{dj} [t - \xi]) Q_j(\xi) d\xi \right]
 \end{aligned} \tag{8.19}$$

where the elements of  $\{x(t)\}$  are

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_i(t) &= \sum_{j=1}^N X_{ij} \left[ A_j e^{-\zeta_j \omega_j t} \sin(\omega_{dj} t + \varphi_{dj}) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{\omega_{dj}} \int_0^t e^{-\zeta_j \omega_j (t-\xi)} \sin(\omega_{dj} [t - \xi]) Q_j(\xi) d\xi \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

### Response of Undamped System

When the system is undamped, we set  $\zeta_j = 0$  in Eq. (8.19), note that  $\omega_{dj} = \omega_j$  from Eq. (8.14b), and obtain

$$\{x(t)\} = \sum_{j=1}^N \{X\}_j \left[ A_j \sin(\omega_j t + \varphi_j) + \frac{1}{\omega_j} \int_0^t \sin(\omega_j [t - \xi]) Q_j(\xi) d\xi \right] \tag{8.20}$$

where from Eqs. (8.14a), we find that

$$A_j = \sqrt{\eta_j^2(0) + \left(\frac{\dot{\eta}_j(0)}{\omega_j}\right)^2}$$

$$\varphi_j = \tan^{-1} \frac{\omega_j \eta_j(0)}{\dot{\eta}_j(0)} \quad (8.21)$$

## 8.2.2 Response to Initial Conditions

When the forcing is zero—that is,  $\{F\} = \{0\}$  in Eq. (8.1)—then the modal forced vector  $\{Q\} = \{0\}$  in Eq. (8.7), and the response of the system follows from Eq. (8.19) as

$$\{x(t)\} = \sum_{j=1}^N \underbrace{\{X\}_j A_j e^{-\zeta_j \omega_j t} \sin(\omega_{dj} t + \varphi_{dj})}_{\text{Free oscillation component in the } j\text{th mode}} \quad (8.22)$$

where  $A_j$  and  $\varphi_{dj}$  are determined from Eqs. (8.14a) in terms of the initial displacement and the initial velocity. For  $0 \leq \zeta_j < 1$ , Eq. (8.22) consists of a sum of damped sinusoids associated with the individual modes. The damped natural frequency  $\omega_{dj}$  of the  $j$ th mode is given by Eq. (8.14b).

For the determination of  $\varphi_{dj}$  in Eqs. (8.14a), the proper quadrant as determined by the sign of the numerator and the denominator must be used. For example, when  $\dot{\eta}_j(0) = 0$ , we see that the quadrant is determined by the sign of  $\eta_j(0)$ ; when  $\eta_j(0) > 0$ ,  $\varphi_{dj}$  is in the first quadrant and when  $\eta_j(0) < 0$ ,  $\varphi_{dj}$  is in the third quadrant.

The initial conditions and  $\dot{\eta}_j(0)$  and  $\eta_j(0)$  can now be determined from Eq. (8.2) in the following manner. We note from Eq. (8.18) that

$$\{x(0)\} = \sum_{j=1}^N \{X\}_j \eta_j(0)$$

$$\{\dot{x}(0)\} = \sum_{j=1}^N \{X\}_j \dot{\eta}_j(0) \quad (8.23)$$

If we pre-multiply Eqs. (8.23) by  $\{X\}_i^T [M]$ ; that is,

$$\{X\}_i^T [M] \{x(0)\} = \sum_{j=1}^N \{X\}_i^T [M] \{X\}_j \eta_j(0)$$

$$\{X\}_i^T [M] \{\dot{x}(0)\} = \sum_{j=1}^N \{X\}_i^T [M] \{X\}_j \dot{\eta}_j(0) \quad (8.24)$$

and make use of the orthogonality of the modes given by Eq. (7.62) and the modal mass given by Eqs. (7.67), we obtain

$$\eta_j(0) = \{X\}_j^T [M] \{x(0)\} / \hat{M}_{jj}$$

$$\dot{\eta}_j(0) = \{X\}_j^T [M] \{\dot{x}(0)\} / \hat{M}_{jj} \quad (8.25)$$

If the modes are normalized with respect to the mass matrix, then  $\hat{M}_{jj} = 1$ .

## Free Oscillations for a Special Case

Now we consider the special case where the initial velocity  $\{\dot{x}(0)\} = \{0\}$ , and the system is provided an initial displacement in its  $n$ th mode shape; that is,

$$\{x(0)\} = a_o\{X\}_n \quad (8.26)$$

From Eqs. (7.62) and (7.67), we find that

$$\frac{1}{\hat{M}_{jj}} \{X\}_j^T [M] \{X\}_n = \delta_{nj} \quad (8.27)$$

where the *Kronecker delta function*  $\delta_{nj} = 0, n \neq j$  and  $\delta_{nj} = 1, n = j$ . Then, from Eqs. (8.25), we find that the initial modal displacement and initial modal velocity are given by, respectively,

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_j(0) &= a_o \delta_{nj} \\ \dot{\eta}_j(0) &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (8.28)$$

Therefore, the only mode for which the associated initial condition is not equal to zero is the one corresponding to the  $n$ th mode shape, and it follows that the only mode that has a non-zero response is  $\eta_n(t)$ . Then, from Eq. (8.18)

$$\{x(t)\} = \{X\}_n \eta_n(t) \quad (8.29)$$

where  $\eta_n$  is found from Eq. (8.13) as

$$\eta_n(t) = A_n e^{-\zeta_n \omega_n t} \sin(\omega_{dn} t + \varphi_{dn}) \quad (8.30)$$

and from Eqs. (8.14a), (8.14b), and (8.28) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} A_n &= \sqrt{\eta_n^2(0) + \left( \frac{\zeta_n \omega_n \eta_n(0)}{\omega_{dn}} \right)^2} = \frac{\eta_n(0)}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta_n^2}} = \frac{a_o}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta_n^2}} \\ \varphi_{dn} &= \tan^{-1} \frac{\omega_{dn} \eta_n(0)}{\zeta_n \omega_n \eta_n(0)} = \tan^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{1 - \zeta_n^2}}{\zeta_n} \end{aligned} \quad (8.31)$$

In other words, the system only oscillates in its  $n$ th mode shape; none of the other modes is excited.

**EXAMPLE 8.1** Undamped free oscillations of a two degree-of-freedom system

We return to the system shown in Figure 7.1 and consider the case when the forcing and the damping are absent. We shall find the response of the system when the initial conditions are as follows

$$\{x(0)\} = \begin{Bmatrix} x_{10} \\ x_{20} \end{Bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \{\dot{x}(0)\} = \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{x}_{10} \\ \dot{x}_{20} \end{Bmatrix} \quad (a)$$

The response in this case is determined by making use of the general solution given by Eqs. (8.20) and (8.21) for the undamped system; that is,

$$\{x(t)\} = \sum_{j=1}^2 \{X\}_j A_j \sin(\omega_j t + \varphi_{dj}) \quad (b)$$

where

$$A_j = \sqrt{\eta_j^2(0) + \frac{\dot{\eta}_j^2(0)}{\omega_j^2}}$$

$$\varphi_{dj} = \tan^{-1} \frac{\omega_j \eta_j(0)}{\dot{\eta}_j(0)} \quad (c)$$

The initial conditions from the modes  $\eta_j(0)$  and  $\dot{\eta}_j(0)$  are determined from Eqs. (8.25) as

$$\eta_j(0) = \frac{1}{\hat{M}_{jj}} \{X\}_j^T [M] \begin{Bmatrix} x_{10} \\ x_{20} \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\dot{\eta}_j(0) = \frac{1}{\hat{M}_{jj}} \{X\}_j^T [M] \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{x}_{10} \\ \dot{x}_{20} \end{Bmatrix} \quad (d)$$

Thus, from Eq. (b) the undamped oscillations of the system are described as the weighted sum of the free oscillations of the first and second modes of the system.

### EXAMPLE 8.2 Damped and undamped free oscillations of a two degree-of-freedom system

We now continue with Examples 7.14 and 7.20 and assume that damping is present in the form of Eq. (7.104) with  $\zeta = 0.05$ . The damped and undamped free responses of the system are determined for the initial conditions

$$\begin{Bmatrix} x_{10} \\ x_{20} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0.1 \\ -0.1 \end{Bmatrix} \text{ m} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{x}_{10} \\ \dot{x}_{20} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \text{ m/s} \quad (a)$$

The response of the system has the form of Eq. (8.20) for the undamped case and Eq. (8.19) for the damped case. Based on the information in Example 7.12 and from Eqs. (a) and (d) of Example 8.1, we find that the initial modal velocities  $\dot{\eta}_j(0) = 0$  and the initial modal displacements  $\eta_j(t)$  are

$$\eta_1(0) = \{X\}_1^T [M] \{x(0)\} / \hat{M}_{11} = \frac{1}{3.658} \left( \begin{Bmatrix} 0.893 & 1 \end{Bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1.2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2.7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} 0.1 \\ -0.1 \end{Bmatrix} \right)$$

$$= -0.045$$

$$\eta_2(0) = \{X\}_2^T [M] \{x(0)\} / \hat{M}_{22} = \frac{1}{10.311} \left( \begin{Bmatrix} -2.518 & 1 \end{Bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1.2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2.7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} 0.1 \\ -0.1 \end{Bmatrix} \right)$$

$$= -0.056 \quad (b)$$

where from Eq. (b) of Example 7.14 we have determined that

$$[\Phi] = \begin{bmatrix} 0.893 & -2.518 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

### Response for Damped Case

For  $\zeta = 0.05$  and from Eq. (d) of Example 7.4, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta\omega_1 &= 0.05 \times 2.519 = 0.126 \\ \zeta\omega_2 &= 0.05 \times 5.623 = 0.281 \end{aligned} \quad (c)$$

From Eqs. (8.14), we compute the damped natural frequencies  $\omega_{dj}$  and the phases  $\varphi_{dj}$  as

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_{d1} &= \omega_1 \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} = 2.519 \sqrt{1 - 0.05^2} = 2.516 \text{ rad/s} \\ \omega_{d2} &= \omega_2 \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} = 5.623 \sqrt{1 - 0.05^2} = 5.616 \text{ rad/s} \\ \varphi_{d1} &= \tan^{-1} \frac{\omega_{d1} \eta_1(0)}{\zeta \omega_1 \eta_1(0)} = \tan^{-1} \frac{\eta_1(0) \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}}{\zeta \eta_1(0)} \\ &= \tan^{-1} \frac{-\sqrt{1 - 0.05^2}}{-0.05} = -1.621 \text{ rad} \\ \varphi_{d2} &= \tan^{-1} \frac{\omega_{d2} \eta_2(0)}{\zeta \omega_2 \eta_2(0)} = \tan^{-1} \frac{\eta_2(0) \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}}{\zeta \eta_2(0)} \\ &= \tan^{-1} \frac{-\sqrt{1 - 0.05^2}}{-0.05} = -1.621 \text{ rad} \end{aligned} \quad (d)$$

and the amplitudes  $A_j$  as

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &= \sqrt{\eta_1^2(0) + \left( \frac{\zeta \omega_1 \eta_1(0)}{\omega_{d1}} \right)^2} = \sqrt{(-0.045)^2 + \left( \frac{-0.045 \times 0.126}{2.516} \right)^2} \\ &= 0.045 \\ A_2 &= \sqrt{\eta_2^2(0) + \left( \frac{\zeta \omega_2 \eta_2(0)}{\omega_{d2}} \right)^2} = \sqrt{(-0.056)^2 + \left( \frac{-0.056 \times 0.281}{5.616} \right)^2} \\ &= 0.056 \end{aligned} \quad (e)$$

Then, from Eq. (8.13), in the absence of forcing (i.e.,  $Q_j = 0$ ), we obtain the modal responses and compute them based on Eqs. (c), (d), and (e), as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_1(t) &= A_1 e^{-\zeta \omega_1 t} \sin(\omega_{d1} t + \varphi_{d1}) = 0.045 e^{-0.126t} \sin(2.516t - 1.621) \\ \eta_2(t) &= A_2 e^{-\zeta \omega_2 t} \sin(\omega_{d2} t + \varphi_{d2}) = 0.056 e^{-0.281t} \sin(5.616t - 1.621) \end{aligned} \quad (f)$$

The free response of the damped system is determined from Eq. (8.22) and Eqs. (f). Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_1(t) &= \eta_1(t)X_{11} + \eta_2(t)X_{12} \\
 &= A_1X_{11}e^{-\zeta\omega_1 t} \sin(\omega_{d1}t + \varphi_{d1}) + A_2X_{12}e^{-\zeta\omega_2 t} \sin(\omega_{d2}t + \varphi_{d2}) \\
 &= 0.045 \times 0.893 \times e^{-0.126t} \sin(2.516t - 1.621) \\
 &\quad - 0.056 \times 2.518 \times e^{-0.281t} \sin(5.616t - 1.621) \\
 &= 0.040e^{-0.126t} \sin(2.516t - 1.621) \\
 &\quad - 0.140e^{-0.281t} \sin(5.616t - 1.621) \quad \text{m}
 \end{aligned} \tag{g}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_2(t) &= \eta_1(t)X_{21} + \eta_2(t)X_{22} \\
 &= A_1X_{21}e^{-\zeta\omega_1 t} \sin(\omega_{d1}t + \varphi_{d1}) + A_2X_{22}e^{-\zeta\omega_2 t} \sin(\omega_{d2}t + \varphi_{d2}) \\
 &= 0.045 \times 1 \times e^{-0.126t} \sin(2.516t - 1.621) \\
 &\quad - 0.056 \times 1 \times e^{-0.281t} \sin(5.616t - 1.621) \\
 &= 0.045e^{-0.126t} \sin(2.516t - 1.621) \\
 &\quad - 0.056e^{-0.281t} \sin(5.616t - 1.621) \quad \text{m}
 \end{aligned} \tag{h}$$

### Response for Undamped Case

The results for the undamped case are computed as follows. From Eqs. (b) and (e), with  $\zeta = 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_1 &= 0.045 \\
 A_2 &= 0.056
 \end{aligned} \tag{i}$$

and from Eqs. (d), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \omega_{d1} &= \omega_1 = 2.519 \\
 \omega_{d2} &= \omega_2 = 5.623 \\
 \varphi_{d1} &= -\pi/2 \\
 \varphi_{d2} &= -\pi/2
 \end{aligned} \tag{j}$$

Then, from Eq. (8.22) with  $\zeta_j = 0$  and Eqs. (i) and (j), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_1(t) &= A_1X_{11} \sin(\omega_1 t - \pi/2) + A_2X_{12} \sin(\omega_2 t - \pi/2) \\
 &= -0.045 \times 0.893 \cos(2.516t) + 0.056 \times 2.518 \cos(5.623t) \\
 &= -0.040 \cos(2.516t) + 0.140 \cos(5.623t) \quad \text{m}
 \end{aligned} \tag{k}$$

and

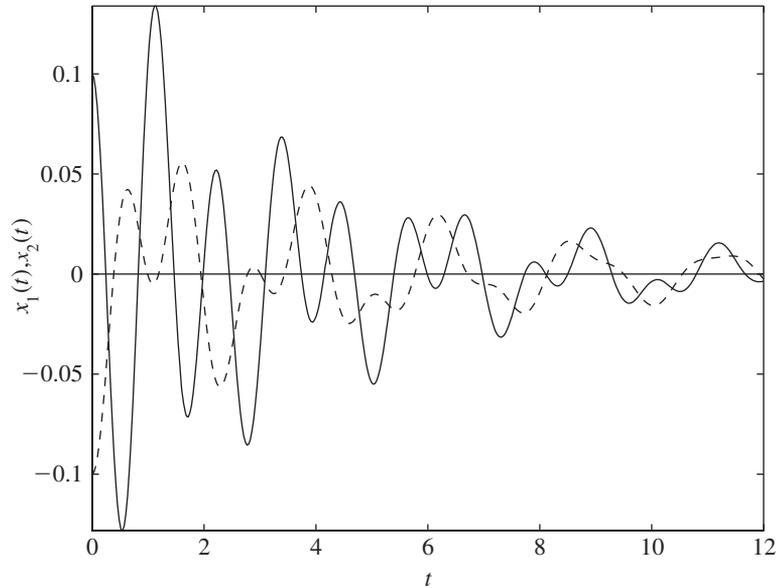
$$\begin{aligned}
 x_2(t) &= A_1X_{21} \sin(\omega_1 t - \pi/2) + A_2X_{22} \sin(\omega_2 t - \pi/2) \\
 &= -0.045 \times 1 \times \cos(2.516t) - 0.056 \times 1 \times \cos(5.623t) \\
 &= -0.045 \cos(2.516t) - 0.056 \cos(5.623t) \quad \text{m}
 \end{aligned} \tag{l}$$

In the damped case, the response given by Eqs. (g) and (h) consists of exponentially decaying sinusoidal oscillations in each mode. In the undamped case, the response given by Eqs. (k) and (l) consists of harmonic oscillations in each mode.

The time histories given by Eqs. (g) and (h) for the damped case are plotted in Figure 8.1, and the time histories given by Eqs. (k) and (l) for the undamped case are plotted in Figure 8.2. Comparing Figures 8.1 and 8.2, we see that in the damped case, the displacements  $x_1(t)$  and  $x_2(t)$  approach zero as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ; that is, the system eventually settles down to the equilibrium position. This is not true in the undamped case.

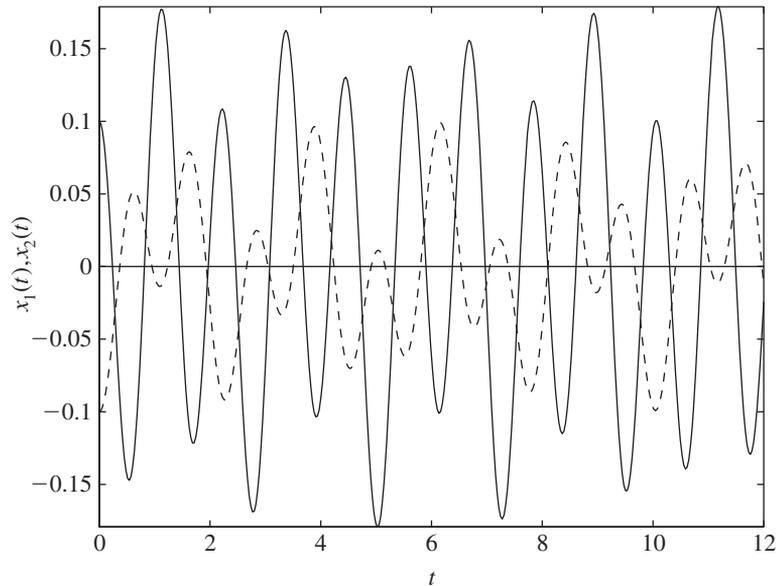
**FIGURE 8.1**

Displacements of a two degree-of-freedom system with  $\zeta = 0.05$  when both masses are subjected to equal, but opposite, initial displacements. [Solid line  $x_1(t)$ ; dashed line  $x_2(t)$ .]



**FIGURE 8.2**

Displacements of a two degree-of-freedom system with  $\zeta = 0$  when both masses are subjected to equal, but opposite, initial displacements. [Solid line  $x_1(t)$ ; dashed line  $x_2(t)$ .]



### 8.2.3 Response to Harmonic Forcing and the Frequency-Response Function

In this section, we determine the response of the physical systems described by Eq. (8.1) to harmonic forcing. First, we consider the response of undamped systems and illustrate how the frequency-response function can be constructed from this response. The notion of resonance in a multiple degree-of-freedom system is also discussed. A direct approach that can be used to obtain the forced response of a multiple degree-of-freedom system is presented and it is followed by a presentation of the normal-mode approach. Proportionally damped systems are treated at the end of the section.

#### Undamped Systems: Direct Approach

For illustration, we consider the two degree-of-freedom system shown in Figure 7.1 without damping; that is,  $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0$  in Eq. (7.1b), and let the forcing be of the form

$$\begin{aligned} f_1(t) &= F_1 \cos \omega t \\ f_2(t) &= F_2 \cos \omega t \end{aligned} \quad (8.32)$$

where  $F_j$  are constants. Then, the governing equations of motion given by Eq. (7.1b) reduce to

$$\begin{bmatrix} m_1 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} k_1 + k_2 & -k_2 \\ -k_2 & k_2 + k_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \end{Bmatrix} \cos \omega t \quad (8.33)$$

To determine a response of the two degree-of-freedom system to this forcing, a solution of the form

$$\begin{Bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{Bmatrix} \cos \omega t \quad (8.34)$$

is assumed where  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are to be determined. Equation (8.34) means that the masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  in Figure 7.1 are assumed to respond at the same frequency as the excitation frequency  $\omega$ . Furthermore, this solution form is consistent with the discussion presented in Section 5.2 where harmonically forced single degree-of-freedom systems were considered. On substituting Eq. (8.34) into Eq. (8.33) and canceling the common factor  $\cos \omega t$  on both sides of the equation, we arrive at

$$\begin{bmatrix} k_1 + k_2 - \omega^2 m_1 & -k_2 \\ -k_2 & k_2 + k_3 - \omega^2 m_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (8.35)$$

After using the nondimensional quantities given by Eqs. (7.41), Eq. (8.35) is recast into the form

$$\begin{aligned} [1 + \omega_r^2 m_r - \Omega^2] X_1 - m_r \omega_r^2 X_2 &= F_1/k_1 \\ -\omega_r^2 X_1 + [\omega_r^2(1 + k_{32}) - \Omega^2] X_2 &= \omega_r^2 F_2/k_2 \end{aligned} \quad (8.36)$$

Solving for  $X_j$  from Eqs. (8.36), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} X_1 &= \frac{1}{D_o} [(F_1/k_1)[\omega_r^2(1 + k_{32}) - \Omega^2] + (F_2/k_2)m_r\omega_r^4] \\ X_2 &= \frac{\omega_r^2}{D_o} [(F_1/k_1) + (F_2/k_2)[1 + \omega_r^2m_r - \Omega^2]] \end{aligned} \quad (8.37)$$

where the term in the denominator has the form

$$D_o = \Omega^4 - a_1\Omega^2 + a_2 \quad (8.38)$$

and  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  are given by Eqs. (7.46). When  $D_o = 0$ , we have the characteristic equation given by Eq. (7.45).

From Eqs. (8.37), it is evident that whenever the excitation frequency  $\omega$  is equal to a natural frequency of the system, that is, when  $\omega = \omega_1$  or  $\omega = \omega_2$ , the displacement responses  $X_j$  become infinite; hence, each of these frequency relationships between the excitation frequency and a system natural frequency is called a *resonance relation* and at these excitation frequencies, the system is said to be in *resonance*. In Chapter 5, it was seen that for a linear single degree-of-freedom system there is one excitation frequency at which we have a resonance. Since a linear two degree-of-freedom system has two natural frequencies, there are two excitation frequencies at which we can have a resonance. By extension, since a linear system with  $N$  degrees of freedom has  $N$  natural frequencies, there are  $N$  excitation frequencies at which we can have a resonance. It is also noted from the stability discussion of Section 7.5 that an undamped multiple degree-of-freedom system is unbounded when excited at one of its resonances.

In a manner similar to that for a single degree-of-freedom system, we construct the system frequency-response functions. To this end, we set  $F_2 = 0$  in Eqs. (8.37) and obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{X_1}{F_1/k_1} &= H_{11}(\Omega) = \frac{\omega_r^2(1 + k_{32}) - \Omega^2}{D_o} \\ \frac{X_2}{F_1/k_1} &= H_{21}(\Omega) = \frac{\omega_r^2}{D_o} \end{aligned} \quad (8.39)$$

Similarly, setting  $F_1 = 0$  in Eqs. (8.37), we find that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{X_1}{F_2/k_2} &= H_{12}(\Omega) = \frac{m_r\omega_r^4}{D_o} \\ \frac{X_2}{F_2/k_2} &= H_{22}(\Omega) = \frac{\omega_r^2(1 + \omega_r^2m_r - \Omega^2)}{D_o} \end{aligned} \quad (8.40)$$

In Eqs. (8.39) and (8.40), the frequency-response functions  $H_{ij}(\Omega)$  are nondimensional, the subscript  $i$  is associated with the response of inertial element  $m_i$  and the subscript  $j$  is associated with the force input to the inertial element  $m_j$ . Transfer functions and associated frequency-response functions are obtained for more general cases in Section 8.5.

From Eqs. (8.39), it is clear that for a given excitation frequency one can choose the ratio  $\omega_r$  and  $k_{32}$  so that

$$\Omega^2 = \omega_r^2(1 + k_{32}) \quad (8.41)$$

For this choice of system parameters, then, the displacement of the first inertial element is zero at the excitation frequency that satisfies Eq. (8.41). This observation is used to design an undamped vibration absorber, which is the subject of Example 8.3. In general, the excitation frequencies at which the response amplitude of an inertial element is zero are referred to as the frequencies at which the *zeros of the forced response* occur for that inertial element.

The frequency-response functions given by Eqs. (8.39) are plotted as a function of the nondimensional excitation frequency  $\Omega$  for the following parameter values:  $m_r = 1$ ,  $\omega_r = 1$ , and  $k_{32} = 1$ . In this case,  $a_1 = 4$  and  $a_2 = 3$  and from Eqs. (7.41), (8.38), and (8.39), the frequency-response functions have the following forms:

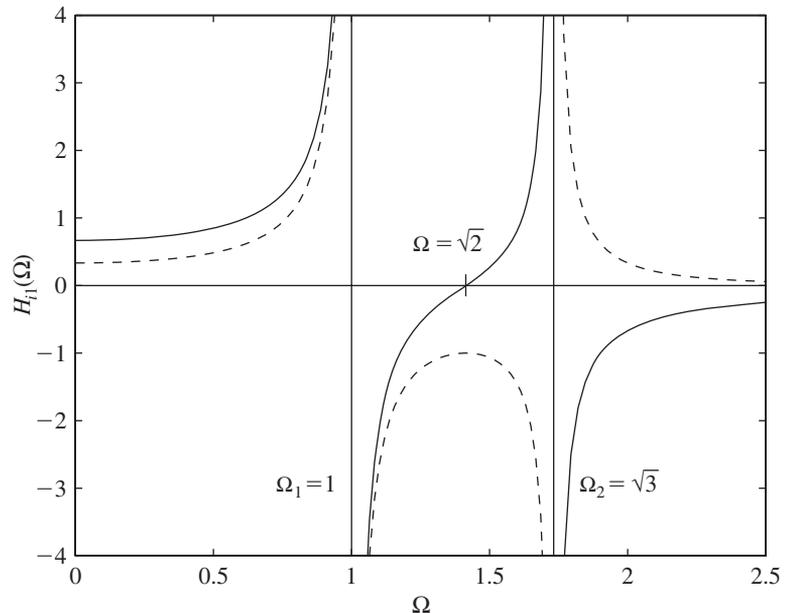
$$H_{11}(\Omega) = \frac{\omega_r^2(1 + k_{32}) - \Omega^2}{\Omega^4 - a_1\Omega^2 + a_2} = \frac{2 - \Omega^2}{\Omega^4 - 4\Omega^2 + 3}$$

$$H_{21}(\Omega) = \frac{\omega_r^2}{\Omega^4 - a_1\Omega^2 + a_2} = \frac{1}{\Omega^4 - 4\Omega^2 + 3} \quad (8.42)$$

Graphs of  $H_{11}(\Omega)$  and  $H_{21}(\Omega)$  are plotted as functions of  $\Omega$  in Figure 8.3. From Eqs. (7.47), it is found that  $\Omega_1 = 1$  and  $\Omega_2 = \sqrt{3}$ . Thus, it is seen that  $H_{11}(\Omega)$  and  $H_{21}(\Omega)$  become infinite-valued for  $\Omega_1 = 1$  and  $\Omega_2 = \sqrt{3}$ . This is reflected in Figure 8.3. Furthermore, from this figure it is seen that for

**FIGURE 8.3**

Frequency-response functions of an undamped two degree-of-freedom system when harmonic forcing is applied to mass  $m_1$ . [Solid lines:  $H_{11}(\Omega)$ ; dashed lines:  $H_{21}(\Omega)$ .]



$\Omega < \sqrt{2}$ , the ratio of  $H_{11}(\Omega)/H_{21}(\Omega)$  is positive and that for  $\Omega > \sqrt{2}$ , this ratio is negative. This is explained in terms of participation of first and second modes, as discussed in Example 8.5. On examining Figure 8.3, it is clear that there is a sign change for  $H_{ik}(\Omega)$  whenever a resonance location is crossed. This sign change means that the response phase goes from  $0^\circ$  to  $180^\circ$  or from  $180^\circ$  to  $0^\circ$  as we go from a frequency on one side of a resonance to a frequency on the other side of the resonance.

### Undamped Systems: Normal-Mode Approach

In this case, the system of equations given by Eq. (8.33) is uncoupled by making use of the transformation given by Eq. (8.2); that is,

$$\begin{Bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{Bmatrix} = [\Phi] \begin{Bmatrix} \eta_1(t) \\ \eta_2(t) \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X_{11} & X_{12} \\ X_{21} & X_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \eta_1(t) \\ \eta_2(t) \end{Bmatrix} \quad (8.43)$$

where the modal matrix  $[\Phi]$  is first determined from the unforced problem given by Eq. (7.42) and the unknowns to be determined are the modal amplitudes  $\eta_1(t)$  and  $\eta_2(t)$ . On substituting Eq. (8.43) into Eq. (8.33) and following the steps used for obtaining Eqs. (8.3) to (8.8), we obtain the following system of equations:

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{\eta}_1(t) \\ \ddot{\eta}_2(t) \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \omega_1^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \omega_2^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \eta_1(t) \\ \eta_2(t) \end{Bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1/\hat{M}_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & 1/\hat{M}_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_{11} & X_{21} \\ X_{12} & X_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \end{Bmatrix} \cos \omega t \\ &= \begin{Bmatrix} (X_{11}F_1 + X_{21}F_2)/\hat{M}_{11} \\ (X_{12}F_1 + X_{22}F_2)/\hat{M}_{22} \end{Bmatrix} \cos \omega t \end{aligned} \quad (8.44)$$

In Eq. (8.44), the system natural frequencies  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  are determined from the eigenvalue problem associated with free oscillations. The modal masses  $\hat{M}_{kk}$  are determined from Eqs. (7.67) to be

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{M}_{11} &= \{X_{11} \quad X_{21}\} \begin{bmatrix} m_1 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} X_{11} \\ X_{21} \end{Bmatrix} = m_1 X_{11}^2 + m_2 X_{21}^2 \\ \hat{M}_{22} &= \{X_{12} \quad X_{22}\} \begin{bmatrix} m_1 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} X_{12} \\ X_{22} \end{Bmatrix} = m_1 X_{12}^2 + m_2 X_{22}^2 \end{aligned} \quad (8.45)$$

From Eqs. (8.44) and (8.45), it is seen that the system given by Eq. (8.33) has been transformed into two uncoupled single degree-of-freedom systems, each of which is treated as in Chapter 5. After solving for the modal amplitudes  $\eta_1(t)$  and  $\eta_2(t)$ , one can use Eq. (8.2) to determine the system responses.

### Proportionally Damped Systems: Normal-Mode Approach

In this case, the governing equations of motion given by Eq. (7.1b) and for the forcing described by Eqs. (8.32) take the form

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} m_1 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c_1 + c_2 & -c_2 \\ -c_2 & c_2 + c_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} k_1 + k_2 & -k_2 \\ -k_2 & k_2 + k_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{Bmatrix} \\ = \begin{Bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \end{Bmatrix} \cos \omega t \end{aligned} \quad (8.46)$$

where the damping matrix  $[C]$  is assumed to have the form of proportional damping as given by Eq. (7.83); that is,

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_1 + c_2 & -c_2 \\ -c_2 & c_2 + c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} m_1 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2 \end{bmatrix} + \beta \begin{bmatrix} k_1 + k_2 & -k_2 \\ -k_2 & k_2 + k_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (8.47)$$

where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are real-valued quantities. Equation (8.47) means that the damping coefficients need to satisfy the relationships

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 + c_2 &= \alpha m_1 + \beta(k_1 + k_2) \\ c_2 &= \beta k_2 \\ c_2 + c_3 &= \alpha m_2 + \beta(k_2 + k_3) \end{aligned} \quad (8.48a)$$

from which we find that

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 &= \alpha m_1 + \beta k_1 \\ c_2 &= \beta k_2 \\ c_3 &= \alpha m_2 + \beta k_3 \end{aligned} \quad (8.48b)$$

Recall that Eqs. (8.48b) were used in Example 7.21 to determine if the given system was a proportionally damped system.

To determine the response of the proportionally damped system, we again uncouple Eq. (8.46) by making use of the transformation given by Eq. (8.43). Noting that the unknowns to be determined are the modal amplitudes, we substitute Eq. (8.43) into Eq. (8.46) and follow the steps used to obtain Eqs. (8.3) to (8.8) to obtain the following system of equations:

$$\begin{aligned} &\begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{\eta}_1(t) \\ \ddot{\eta}_2(t) \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2\zeta_1\omega_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2\zeta_2\omega_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{\eta}_1(t) \\ \dot{\eta}_2(t) \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \omega_1^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \omega_2^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \eta_1(t) \\ \eta_2(t) \end{Bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1/\hat{M}_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & 1/\hat{M}_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_{11} & X_{21} \\ X_{12} & X_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \end{Bmatrix} \cos \omega t \\ &= \begin{Bmatrix} (X_{11}F_1 + X_{21}F_2)/\hat{M}_{11} \\ (X_{12}F_1 + X_{22}F_2)/\hat{M}_{22} \end{Bmatrix} \cos \omega t \end{aligned} \quad (8.49)$$

In Eq. (8.49), the system natural frequencies  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  and the system damping factors  $\zeta_1$  and  $\zeta_2$  are determined from the eigenvalue problem associated with free oscillations. The modal masses  $\hat{M}_{kk}$  are given by Eqs. (8.45). From Eqs. (8.46) and (8.49), it is seen that the system of equations given by Eq. (8.46) has been transformed into two uncoupled single-degree-of-freedom systems, each of which can be treated as in Chapter 5. After solving for the modal amplitudes  $\eta_1(t)$  and  $\eta_2(t)$ , one uses Eq. (8.2) to determine the system responses. For underdamped systems, the solutions to Eq. (8.49) are given by Eq. (8.19).

For arbitrarily damped systems, one cannot use the normal-mode approach to determine the solution for the response. However, one can use either the state-space formulation discussed in Section 8.3 or the Laplace transform approach discussed in Section 8.4 to determine the response of a multi-degree-of-freedom system.

### EXAMPLE 8.3 Undamped vibration absorber system

Consider the model of a physical system shown in Figure 7.21 with  $c_1 = 0$ . This model is an idealization of a primary undamped mechanical system composed of  $m_1$  and  $k_1$  to which a secondary mechanical system composed of  $m_2$  and  $k_2$  is attached. The secondary mechanical system is called a *vibration absorber* as illustrated in Figure 8.4. The generalized coordinates  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  represent the displacements measured from the static-equilibrium position of the system.

#### Single Degree-of-Freedom System

When the secondary system is absent and a harmonic force

$$f_1(t) = F_1 \sin \omega t \quad (\text{a})$$

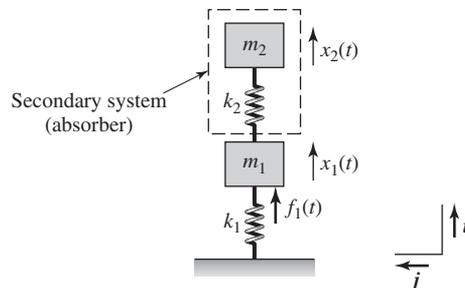
is applied to  $m_1$ , the governing equation of motion is that of a single degree-of-freedom system given by

$$m_1 \ddot{x}_1 + k_1 x_1 = F_1 \sin \omega t \quad (\text{b})$$

For the harmonically forced single degree-of-freedom system given by Eq. (b), the resulting forced response is given by Eqs. (5.17) and (5.18) with  $\zeta = 0$ . Thus

$$x_1(t) = \frac{F_1}{k_1} \frac{\sin \omega t}{1 - \Omega^2} \quad (\text{c})$$

It is seen from Eq. (c) that if the excitation frequency is in the vicinity of the natural frequency  $\omega_{n1}$  of the primary system—that is, when  $\Omega \approx 1$ —then the resulting response is undesirable. However, if we are required to operate the system at  $\Omega = 1$  ( $\omega = \omega_{n1}$ ) or close to it, then a secondary system can be introduced in order to have a finite amplitude response at the resonance of the single degree-of-freedom system as illustrated below.



**FIGURE 8.4**

Undamped vibration absorber system.

### Two Degree-of-Freedom System

The governing equations of the two degree-of-freedom systems are obtained from Eqs. (7.1a) with  $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = k_3 = f_2(t) = 0$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} m_1 \ddot{x}_1 + (k_1 + k_2)x_1 - k_2 x_2 &= F_1 \sin \omega t \\ m_2 \ddot{x}_2 + k_2 x_2 - k_2 x_1 &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (d)$$

Assuming a solution of the form,

$$\begin{Bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{Bmatrix} \sin \omega t \quad (e)$$

and substituting Eq. (e) into Eqs. (d), we obtain Eq. (8.35) with  $F_2 = 0$ . Then the response amplitudes  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are obtained from Eqs. (8.39) with  $k_{32} = 0$ . Thus, the forced response is given by

$$\begin{aligned} X_1 &= \frac{F_1}{k_1} \frac{\omega_r^2 - \Omega^2}{D_o} \\ X_2 &= \frac{F_1}{k_1} \frac{\omega_r^2}{D_o} \end{aligned} \quad (f)$$

where upon making use of Eqs. (8.38) and (7.46), we find that

$$D_o = \Omega^4 - [1 + \omega_r^2(1 + m_r)]\Omega^2 + \omega_r^2 \quad (g)$$

It is recalled from Eqs. (7.41) that  $\omega_r = \omega_{n2}/\omega_{n1}$  is the ratio of the system's uncoupled natural frequencies and  $\Omega = \omega/\omega_{n1}$  is the excitation frequency ratio.

Since we are forcing the primary system at  $\Omega = 1$ , we see from the first of Eqs. (f) that  $X_1 = 0$  when

$$\omega_r = \Omega = 1 \quad (h)$$

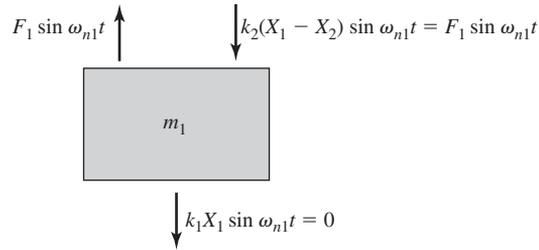
or, equivalently, from Eq. (7.41) that

$$\omega_{n1} = \omega_{n2} \quad \text{and} \quad \omega = \omega_{n1} \quad (i)$$

Evaluating  $D_o$  at  $\Omega = 1$  from Eq. (g) we find that  $D_o = -m_r \omega_r^2 = -k_2/k_1$ . Then, Eqs. (f) lead to

$$\begin{aligned} X_1 &= 0 \\ X_2 &= \frac{F_1}{k_1} \frac{1}{D_o} = \frac{-F_1}{k_1(k_2/k_1)} = \frac{-F_1}{k_2} \end{aligned} \quad (j)$$

Although the harmonic excitation of the primary mass is at a frequency equal to the primary system's natural frequency, the choice of the secondary system's parameters are such that  $\omega_{n1} = \omega_{n2}$ , which makes the response of the primary system zero. To understand why the response of the primary mass  $m_1$  is zero when the excitation frequency is at the natural frequency of the single degree-of-freedom system, we consider the free-body diagram shown in Figure 8.5. In this diagram, the spring forces have been evaluated from Eqs. (j). From this figure, it is seen that the spring force generated by the secondary system, the absorber, is equal and opposite to the excitation force at  $\Omega = 1$ ;

**FIGURE 8.5**

Free-body diagram of mass  $m_1$  for  $\omega_r = 1$  and  $\Omega = 1$ .

that is, the primary mass  $m_1$  does not experience any effective excitation at  $\Omega = 1$  when the secondary system is designed so that  $\omega_r = \omega_{n2}/\omega_{n1} = 1$ . If one considers the two degree-of-freedom system from an input energy-output energy perspective, all of the energy input to the system at the excitation frequency  $\Omega = 1$  goes into the secondary system, the absorber. In other words, the secondary system absorbs all of the input energy.

The natural frequencies of the two degree-of-freedom system are given by the roots of  $D_o = 0$ . We find from Eq. (g) that when  $\omega_r = 1$ , the natural frequencies are solutions of

$$\Omega^4 - (2 + m_r)\Omega^2 + 1 = 0 \quad (\text{k})$$

Although the presence of the absorber is good for the system in terms of attenuating the response of the primary mass at  $\omega = \omega_{n1}$ , there are still two resonances given by the solution to Eq. (k). At these two resonances, the system response is unbounded since we have an undamped system. This unbounded response can be eliminated by the inclusion of damping, which is considered in Section 8.6.

### EXAMPLE 8.4 Absorber for a diesel engine<sup>2</sup>

An engine of mass 300 kg is found to experience undesirable vibrations at an operating speed of 6000 rpm. If the magnitude of the excitation force is 240 N, design a vibration absorber for this system so that the maximum amplitude of the absorber mass does not exceed 3 mm.

To design the vibration absorber for this system, we make use of the analysis of Example 8.3 and the parameters given above to determine the absorber stiffness  $k_2$  and the absorber mass  $m_2$ . From the information provided, the excitation frequency is given by

$$\omega = \frac{(2\pi \text{ rad/rev})(6000 \text{ rev/min})}{60 \text{ s/min}} = 628.32 \text{ rad/s} \quad (\text{a})$$

<sup>2</sup>S. S. Rao, *Mechanical Vibrations*, Addison-Wesley, Reading, MA, Chapter 9 (1995).

and the excitation amplitude is

$$F_1 = 240 \text{ N} \quad (\text{b})$$

The amplitude  $X_2$  of the absorber mass has to be such that

$$|X_2| \leq 3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m} \quad (\text{c})$$

It is assumed that the system is operating at the natural frequency of the engine—that is,  $\omega = \omega_{n1}$ —and that the absorber is designed so that  $\omega_{n1} = \omega_{n2}$  (the absorber's natural frequency is the same as the engine's natural frequency). From Eq. (a) and Eqs. (7.41), we arrive at

$$\omega_{n2}^2 = \frac{k_2}{m_2} = \omega_{n1}^2 = \omega^2 = (628.32)^2 \text{ rad}^2/\text{s}^2 \quad (\text{d})$$

Equation (d) provides us one of the equations needed to determine the parameters  $k_2$  and  $m_2$  of the absorber. To determine another equation, we make use of Eq. (b) and Eq. (j) from Example 8.3 to arrive at

$$|X_2| = \frac{F_1}{k_2} = \frac{240}{k_2} \quad (\text{e})$$

From Eqs. (c) and (e), we find that the absorber stiffness should be such that

$$|X_2| = \frac{F_1}{k_2} = \frac{240}{k_2} \leq 0.003 \text{ m}$$

or

$$k_2 \geq 80 \times 10^3 \text{ N/m} \quad (\text{f})$$

Making use of Eq. (d), we determine the absorber mass to be

$$m_2 = \frac{k_2}{(628.32)^2} \quad (\text{g})$$

Choosing  $k_2 = 100 \times 10^3 \text{ N/m}$  so that Eq. (f) is satisfied leads to  $m_2 = 0.253 \text{ kg}$ .

### EXAMPLE 8.5 Forced response of a system with bounce and pitch motions

We build on Example 7.16 and construct the frequency-response functions and then graph them. Since the system is undamped, we can use the direct approach presented in Section 8.2.3. Based on Eqs. (a) and (b) of Example 7.16 and Eq. (8.34), we obtain the following set of equations when the harmonic forcing of amplitude  $F_1$  is applied to the center of gravity of the system; that is, point  $G$  in Figure 7.5.

$$\begin{aligned} (-\Omega^2 + 1 + k_{21})Y + (1 - k_{21}L_{21})X &= F_1/k_1 \\ (1 - k_{21}L_{21})Y + \left( -\Omega^2 \frac{k_{21}L_{21}^2}{\omega_r^2} + 1 + k_{21}L_{21}^2 \right)X &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{a})$$

where  $X = L_1\Theta$ . Upon solving Eqs. (a) for the forced response amplitudes, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{Y}{F_1/k_1} &= \frac{1}{D'_o} \left( -\Omega^2 \frac{k_{21}L_{21}^2}{\omega_r^2} + 1 + k_{21}L_{21}^2 \right) \\ \frac{X}{F_1/k_1} &= -\frac{(1 - k_{21}L_{21})}{D'_o}\end{aligned}\quad (b)$$

where the term  $D'_o$  has the form

$$D'_o = b_1\Omega^4 - b_2\Omega^2 + b_3 \quad (c)$$

The coefficients  $b_j$  in Eqs. (c) are given in Eqs. (d) of Example 7.16. The frequency-response functions given by Eqs. (b) are plotted in Figure 8.6 for the parameters used in Example 7.16. We see that the relative motion of the beam at different frequencies is

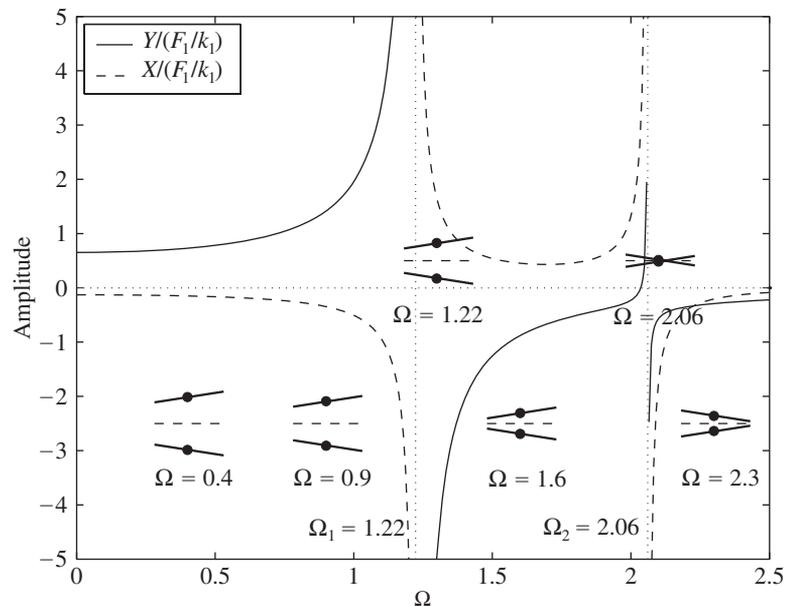
$$\frac{Y}{X} = -\left( -\Omega^2 \frac{k_{21}L_{21}^2}{\omega_r^2} + 1 + k_{21}L_{21}^2 \right) / (1 - k_{21}L_{21}) \quad (d)$$

provided that  $k_{21}L_{21} \neq 1$  and  $D'_o \neq 0$ ; that is, when  $\Omega \neq \Omega_j$ . When  $D'_o = 0$ —that is, when  $\Omega = \Omega_j$ —the responses are unbounded and the solution given by Eq. (8.34) is not valid.

Equation (d) is used to plot the relative motion of the beam at frequencies other than those at  $\Omega_j$  in Figure 8.6. From this figure, it is seen that the displacement amplitude  $Y$  and the rotation  $\Theta$  of the bar in Figure 8.6 become unbounded when the excitation frequency is equal to either one of the natural frequencies; that is, when  $\omega = \omega_j$  ( $\Omega = \Omega_j$ ). When the excitation frequency is

**FIGURE 8.6**

Amplitudes of frequency-response functions for the system in Figure 7.5 and the envelopes of motion of the bar at selected frequencies. The solid dot shown on the envelopes is the point  $G$  in Figure 7.5.



below the first natural frequency ( $\Omega < \Omega_1$ ), it is clear from the displacement pattern and the discussion of Example 7.16 that the first mode dominates the response. On the other hand, when the excitation frequency is above the second natural frequency ( $\Omega > \Omega_2$ ), it is clear from the displacement pattern that the second mode dominates the response. In the intermediate response region,  $\Omega_1 < \Omega < \Omega_2$ , neither the first nor the second mode is dominant.

### 8.3 STATE-SPACE FORMULATION

In Section 8.2, we discussed how the response of a damped system can be determined for proportionally damped systems. In this section, we discuss how the response of a multi-degree-of-freedom system can be determined for a system with an arbitrary damping matrix.

The approach is based on a standard solution procedure from the theory of ordinary differential equations, where the governing equations are rewritten as a set of first-order equations called the *state-space* form. Although one can obtain this form for both linear and nonlinear systems, here, we restrict our discussion to linear multi-degree-of-freedom systems. To this end, we start with the governing equations given by Eq. (7.3) for a system with damping, circulatory forces, and gyroscopic forces. These equations are repeated below after replacing the force vector  $\{Q\}$  on the right-hand side by  $\{F\}$ . Thus,

$$[M]\{\ddot{q}\} + [[C] + [G]]\{\dot{q}\} + [[K] + [H]]\{q\} = \{F\} \quad (8.50)$$

where

$$\{\ddot{q}\} = \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{q}_1 \\ \ddot{q}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \ddot{q}_N \end{Bmatrix}, \quad \{\dot{q}\} = \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{q}_1 \\ \dot{q}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{q}_N \end{Bmatrix}, \quad \{q\} = \begin{Bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \\ \vdots \\ q_N \end{Bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \{F\} = \begin{Bmatrix} f_1(t) \\ f_2(t) \\ \vdots \\ f_N(t) \end{Bmatrix} \quad (8.51)$$

We now introduce the new vectors  $\{Y_1\}$  and  $\{Y_2\}$ , which are defined as

$$\{Y_1\} = \{q\} = \begin{Bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \\ \vdots \\ q_N \end{Bmatrix}, \quad \{Y_2\} = \{\dot{Y}_1\} = \{\dot{q}\} = \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{q}_1 \\ \dot{q}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{q}_N \end{Bmatrix},$$

$$\text{and} \quad \{\dot{Y}_2\} = \{\ddot{q}\} = \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{q}_1 \\ \ddot{q}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \ddot{q}_N \end{Bmatrix} \quad (8.52)$$

From Eqs. (8.52), it is clear that  $\{Y_1\}$  is the displacement vector containing the  $N$  displacements  $q_i$  and  $\{Y_2\}$  is the velocity vector containing the  $N$

velocities  $\dot{q}_i$ . On substituting Eqs. (8.52) into Eq. (8.50), we arrive at the following system of  $N$  first-order equations

$$[M]\{\dot{Y}_2\} + [[C] + [G]]\{Y_2\} + [[K] + [H]]\{Y_1\} + \{F\} \quad (8.53)$$

From Eqs. (8.52), we have the second set of  $N$  first-order equations

$$\{\dot{Y}_1\} = [I]\{Y_2\} \quad (8.54)$$

where  $[I]$  is an  $N \times N$  identity matrix given by

$$[I] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Equation (8.53) is written as

$$\begin{aligned} \{\dot{Y}_2\} + [M]^{-1}[[C] + [G]]\{Y_2\} + [M]^{-1}[[K] + [H]]\{Y_1\} \\ = [M]^{-1}\{F\} \end{aligned} \quad (8.55a)$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} \{\dot{Y}_2\} = -[M]^{-1}[[C] + [G]]\{Y_2\} - [M]^{-1}[[K] \\ + [H]]\{Y_1\} + [M]^{-1}\{F\} \end{aligned} \quad (8.55b)$$

provided that the inverse of the inertia matrix  $[M]^{-1}$  exists. Upon combining the two sets of first-order differential equations given by Eqs. (8.54) and (8.55b), we arrive at the following system of  $2N$  first-order differential equations

$$\{\dot{Y}\} = [A]\{Y\} + [B]\{F\} \quad (8.56)$$

where the  $(2N \times 1)$  state vector  $\{Y\}$  and its time derivative  $\{\dot{Y}\}$  are given by

$$\{Y\} = \begin{Bmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \\ \vdots \\ q_N \\ \dot{q}_1 \\ \dot{q}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{q}_N \end{Bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \{\dot{Y}\} = \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{Y}_1 \\ \dot{Y}_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{q}_1 \\ \dot{q}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{q}_N \\ \ddot{q}_1 \\ \ddot{q}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \ddot{q}_N \end{Bmatrix} \quad (8.57)$$

In Eq. (8.56), the  $(2N \times 2N)$  state matrix  $[A]$  and the  $(2N \times N)$  matrix  $[B]$  are, respectively, given by

$$\begin{aligned} [A] &= \begin{bmatrix} [0] & [I] \\ -[M]^{-1}[[K] + [H]] & -[M]^{-1}[[C] + [G]] \end{bmatrix} \\ [B] &= \begin{Bmatrix} [0] \\ [M]^{-1} \end{Bmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (8.58)$$

where  $[I]$  is an  $(N \times N)$  identity matrix,  $[0]$  is an  $(N \times N)$  null matrix; that is, a matrix whose elements are all zero. Equation (8.56) is referred to as the state-space form<sup>3</sup> of Eq. (8.50).

The initial displacements and the initial velocities of the inertial elements are given by

$$\{Y_1(0)\} = \begin{Bmatrix} q_1(0) \\ q_2(0) \\ \vdots \\ q_N(0) \end{Bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \{Y_2(0)\} = \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{q}_1(0) \\ \dot{q}_2(0) \\ \vdots \\ \dot{q}_N(0) \end{Bmatrix} \quad (8.59)$$

The form of Eqs. (8.56) to (8.59) are well suited to numerical evaluation by standard numerical procedures.<sup>4</sup> Alternatively, a solution for Eq. (8.56) subject to the initial conditions given by Eqs. (8.59) can be found by using the Laplace transform method, as discussed in Appendix A. A third choice for solving Eq. (8.56) is based on the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the state matrix and its transpose. This approach parallels the normal-mode approach.<sup>5</sup> It is noted that since the matrix  $[A]$  is not symmetric, its eigenvalues are complex valued.

In the vibrations literature, the words “mode of a system” are reserved for the eigenvectors determined from the eigenvalue problem associated with the second-order form of the governing equations; that is, eigensystems such as Eq. (7.79) associated with Eq. (7.73). However, in the broader literature, it is common to use the words “modes of a system” for the eigenvectors determined from the eigenvalue problem associated with the state-space form of the governing equations. This is further explored in Example 8.8.

### EXAMPLE 8.6 State-space form of equations for a gyro-sensor

We illustrate how the governing equations obtained for the gyro-sensor in Example 7.4 can be written in state-space form. For convenience, the governing equations determined in Example 7.4 are repeated below.

$$[M] \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{x} \\ \ddot{y} \end{Bmatrix} + [C] \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{Bmatrix} + [G] \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{Bmatrix} + [K] \begin{Bmatrix} x \\ y \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} f_x \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (a)$$

where

<sup>3</sup>It is noted that the state-space form of a system is not unique; one can obtain different state-space forms by considering equations different from Eq. (8.54).

<sup>4</sup>For example, the MATLAB function `ode45` can be used to numerically solve these equations.

<sup>5</sup>L. Meirovitch, *Fundamentals of Vibrations*, McGraw Hill, NY, Chapter 7 (2001) or L. Meirovitch (1980), *ibid.*

$$\begin{aligned}
 [M] &= \begin{bmatrix} m & 0 \\ 0 & m \end{bmatrix}, \quad [C] = \begin{bmatrix} c_x & 0 \\ 0 & c_y \end{bmatrix}, \quad [G] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2m\omega_z \\ 2m\omega_z & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 [K] &= \begin{bmatrix} k_x - m\omega_z^2 & 0 \\ 0 & k_y - m\omega_z^2 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned} \tag{b}$$

Since we have a two degree-of-freedom system, the state vector is a  $(4 \times 1)$  vector. Noting that  $N = 2$  in Eq. (8.56) and identifying  $q_1$  as  $x$  and  $q_2$  as  $y$ , the state vector and its time derivative are given by

$$\{Y\} = \begin{Bmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} x \\ y \\ \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{Bmatrix}, \quad \{\dot{Y}\} = \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{Y}_1 \\ \dot{Y}_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \ddot{x} \\ \ddot{y} \end{Bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \{F\} = \begin{Bmatrix} f_x \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \tag{c}$$

In order to construct the  $(4 \times 4)$  state matrix  $[A]$  and the  $(4 \times 2)$  matrix  $[B]$ , we first determine the inverse of the inertia matrix  $[M]$ . Since the mass matrix given by Eqs. (b) is a diagonal matrix, the inverse is given by

$$[M]^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/m & 0 \\ 0 & 1/m \end{bmatrix} \tag{d}$$

Making use of Eqs. (d), (b), and (8.58) and recognizing that the chosen example is free of circulatory forces—that is,  $[H] = [0]$ —we arrive at the state matrix.

$$\begin{aligned}
 [A] &= \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ -\begin{bmatrix} 1/m & 0 \\ 0 & 1/m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} k_x - m\omega_z^2 & 0 \\ 0 & k_y - m\omega_z^2 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ -\begin{bmatrix} 1/m & 0 \\ 0 & 1/m \end{bmatrix} \left[ \begin{bmatrix} c_x & 0 \\ 0 & c_y \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2m\omega_z \\ 2m\omega_z & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right] \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -(k_x - m\omega_z^2)/m & 0 & -c_x/m & 2\omega_z \\ 0 & -(k_y - m\omega_z^2)/m & -2\omega_z & -c_y/m \end{bmatrix} \tag{e}
 \end{aligned}$$

From Eqs. (8.58) and (d), the matrix  $[B]$  is found to be

$$[B] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ -1/m & 0 \\ 0 & -1/m \end{bmatrix} \tag{f}$$

From Eqs. (8.56) and (8.57), and Eqs. (c), (e), and (f), we arrive at the following state-space form of Eq. (a):

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{z} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -(k_x - m\omega_z^2)/m & 0 & -c_x/m & 2\omega_z \\ 0 & -(k_y - m\omega_z^2)/m & -2\omega_z & -c_y/m \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x \\ y \\ \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ -1/m & 0 \\ 0 & -1/m \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} f_x \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (\text{g})$$

### EXAMPLE 8.7 State-space form of equations for a model of a milling system

We revisit the three degree-of-system treated in Example 7.1 for a milling system and determine the state-space form of the governing equations. The approach follows along the lines of Example 8.6. First, from Eqs. (8.57) and Eqs. (b) of Example 7.1, we identify the state vector as a  $(6 \times 1)$  vector and construct this vector and its time derivative as follows.

$$\{Y\} = \begin{Bmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ \dot{x}_3 \end{Bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \{\dot{Y}\} = \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{Y}_1 \\ \dot{Y}_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ \dot{x}_3 \\ \ddot{x}_1 \\ \ddot{x}_2 \\ \ddot{x}_3 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (\text{a})$$

Then, the inverse of the inertia matrix  $[M]$  is obtained. Since the mass matrix given in Eqs. (b) of Example 7.1 is a diagonal matrix, the inverse of this matrix is

$$[M]^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/m_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/m_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/m_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{b})$$

Making use of Eqs. (8.58) and Eqs. (b) of Example 7.1 and noting that this system is free of gyroscopic and circulatory forces—that is,  $[G] = [0]$  and  $[H] = [0]$ —we find the following state matrix:

$$[A] = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ - \begin{bmatrix} 1/m_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/m_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/m_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} k_1 & -k_1 & 0 \\ -k_1 & k_1 + k_2 & -k_2 \\ 0 & -k_2 & k_2 + k_3 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ - \begin{bmatrix} 1/m_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/m_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/m_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & -c_1 & 0 \\ -c_1 & c_1 + c_2 & -c_2 \\ 0 & -c_2 & c_2 + c_3 \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \quad (c)$$

Carrying out the matrix multiplication operations, the matrix in Eq. (c) is reduced to the form

$$[A] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -k_1/m_1 & k_1/m_1 & 0 & -c_1/m_1 & c_1/m_1 & 0 \\ k_1/m_2 & -(k_1 + k_2)/m_2 & k_2/m_2 & c_1/m_2 & -(c_1 + c_2)/m_2 & c_2/m_2 \\ 0 & k_2/m_3 & -(k_2 + k_3)/m_3 & 0 & c_2/m_3 & -(c_2 + c_3)/m_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (d)$$

In this case, from Eqs. (8.58) and Eqs. (b), we find that the  $(6 \times 3)$  matrix  $[B]$  is given by

$$[B] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1/m_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1/m_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1/m_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (e)$$

Hence, the state-space form of Eqs. (b) of Example 7.1 is given by

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ \dot{x}_3 \\ \ddot{x}_1 \\ \ddot{x}_2 \\ \ddot{x}_3 \end{Bmatrix} = [A] \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ \dot{x}_3 \end{Bmatrix} + [B] \begin{Bmatrix} -f(t) \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (f)$$

where the matrices  $[A]$  and  $[B]$  are given by Eqs. (d) and (e), respectively.

**EXAMPLE 8.8** Eigenvalues and eigenvectors of a proportionally damped system from the state matrix

In this example, we revisit Examples 7.21 and 7.22 and illustrate by using the state-space form of equations for the undamped system and the proportionally damped system that the eigenvectors have a similar structure in both cases. This was pointed out in Section 7.2.3. Let us suppose that the matrices given in Example 7.21 correspond to the system shown in Figure 7.1. The governing equations of motion of this two degree-of-freedom system are repeated below after setting the forces to zero.

$$\begin{bmatrix} m_1 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c_1 + c_2 & -c_2 \\ -c_2 & c_2 + c_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} k_1 + k_2 & -k_2 \\ -k_2 & k_2 + k_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (\text{a})$$

To find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors associated with the two degree-of-freedom system, we write Eq. (a) in the following state-space form:

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{Bmatrix} = [A] \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{Bmatrix} = [A] \{x\} \quad (\text{b})$$

Following the procedure outlined in Example 8.5, we find that the state matrix is given by

$$[A] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -(k_1 + k_2)/m_1 & k_2/m_1 & -(c_1 + c_2)/m_1 & c_2/m_1 \\ k_2/m_2 & -(k_2 + k_3)/m_2 & c_2/m_2 & -(c_2 + c_3)/m_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{c})$$

Since Eq. (b) is a set of linear ordinary differential equations with constant coefficients, one can assume a solution of the form

$$\{x\} = \{X\}e^{\lambda t} \quad (\text{d})$$

On substituting Eq. (d) into Eq. (b) and canceling the common factor of  $e^{\lambda t}$  on both sides of the equations, we arrive at the following system

$$[A]\{X\} = \lambda\{X\} \quad (\text{e})$$

The algebraic system of equations given by Eq. (e) constitutes an eigenvalue problem, since we are seeking those special values of  $\lambda$  for which the vector  $\{X\}$  will be nontrivial. For the chosen physical system, we have a system of four algebraic equations, which will mean that we will have four eigenvalues and a set of four corresponding eigenvectors. These eigenvalues are determined from

$$\det[[A] - \lambda[I]] = 0 \quad (f)$$

Since matrix  $[A]$  is not a symmetric matrix, the eigenvalues of this matrix can no longer be expected to be real. Furthermore, from Eqs. (b) and (d), it is seen that the first two entries in each eigenvector are associated with the displacement states, which are  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ , and that the next two entries in each eigenvector are associated with the velocity states, which are  $\dot{x}_1$  and  $\dot{x}_2$ . From Eq. (d), we see that  $\dot{x}_1 = \lambda x_1$  and  $\dot{x}_2 = \lambda x_2$ ; hence, the third entry of the eigenvector associated with the eigenvalue  $\lambda$  is  $\lambda$  times the first entry of this eigenvector and the fourth entry of this eigenvector is  $\lambda$  times the second entry of this eigenvector.

We numerically determine the eigenvalues and eigenvectors associated with the state matrix  $[A]$  for the parameter values given in Example 7.21 and compare the results obtained in the undamped and damped cases presented in Example 7.22.

### Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors in the Undamped Case

In the undamped case, we set the damping coefficients  $c_i = 0$  in Eq. (c). From Eq. (a) of Example 7.21, we then make the substitutions  $k_1 + k_2 = 2$ ,  $k_2 = 1$ ,  $k_2 + k_3 = 1$ ,  $m_1 = 2$ , and  $m_2 = 1$  and find that the state-space matrix is given by

$$[A] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (g)$$

Upon substituting Eq. (g) into Eq. (f), we find that the eigenvalues<sup>6</sup> are

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{11,12} &= \mp j0.541 \\ \lambda_{21,22} &= \mp j1.307 \end{aligned} \quad (h)$$

and the corresponding eigenvectors are

$$\begin{aligned} \{X\}_{11} &= \begin{Bmatrix} 0.508 \\ 0.718 \\ -j0.275 \\ -j0.389 \end{Bmatrix}, & \{X\}_{12} &= \begin{Bmatrix} 0.508 \\ 0.718 \\ j0.275 \\ j0.389 \end{Bmatrix}, \\ \{X\}_{21} &= \begin{Bmatrix} -0.351 \\ 0.496 \\ j0.459 \\ -j0.648 \end{Bmatrix}, & \{X\}_{22} &= \begin{Bmatrix} -0.351 \\ 0.496 \\ -j0.459 \\ j0.648 \end{Bmatrix}, \end{aligned} \quad (i)$$

The imaginary eigenvalues are identical to those given in Eqs. (c) and (d) of Example 7.22. Upon comparing the results of Example 7.22 and this example, it is clear that in the undamped case

$$\lambda_{11,12} = \mp j\omega_1 \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_{21,22} = \mp j\omega_2 \quad (j)$$

<sup>6</sup>The MATLAB function `eig` was used.

or

$$(\lambda_{11,12})^2 = -\omega_1^2 \quad \text{and} \quad (\lambda_{21,22})^2 = -\omega_2^2$$

where the  $\omega_i$  are the natural frequencies of the system. Equations (j) are consistent with Eqs. (7.35). The four eigenvalues occur in the form of two complex conjugate pairs. The eigenvectors associated with a complex conjugate pair of eigenvalues are complex conjugates of each other; for example, the eigenvector  $\{X\}_{11}$  associated with the eigenvalue  $\lambda_{11}$  is the complex conjugate of the eigenvector  $\{X\}_{12}$  associated with the eigenvalue  $\lambda_{12}$ . In addition, it can be verified that the third entry of each eigenvector is the corresponding eigenvalue times the first entry of this eigenvector and that the fourth entry of each eigenvector is the corresponding eigenvalue times the second entry of this eigenvector.

### Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors in the Damped Case

In the damped case, we find from Eq. (a) of Example 7.21 that  $c_1 + c_2 = 0.8$ ,  $c_2 = 0.2$ , and  $c_2 + c_3 = 0.4$ . Upon substituting these values and the values for  $k_i$  and  $m_i$  used to obtain Eq. (g), we find that the state-space matrix is given by

$$[A] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1/2 & -0.4 & 0.1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0.2 & -0.4 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{k})$$

After substituting Eq. (k) into Eq. (f), we find that the eigenvalues are<sup>7</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{d1,2} &= -0.129 \mp j0.526 \\ \lambda_{d2,1,2} &= -0.271 \mp j1.278 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{l})$$

and the associated eigenvectors are

$$\begin{aligned} \{X\}_{d1,1} &= \begin{Bmatrix} -0.141 - j0.488 \\ -0.200 - j0.690 \\ -0.238 + j0.137 \\ -0.337 + j0.194 \end{Bmatrix}, & \{X\}_{d1,2} &= \begin{Bmatrix} -0.141 + j0.488 \\ -0.200 + j0.690 \\ -0.238 - j0.137 \\ -0.337 - j0.194 \end{Bmatrix}, \\ \{X\}_{d2,1} &= \begin{Bmatrix} 0.233 - j0.263 \\ -0.329 + j0.371 \\ -0.399 - j0.227 \\ -0.564 + j0.321 \end{Bmatrix}, & \{X\}_{d2,2} &= \begin{Bmatrix} 0.233 + j0.263 \\ -0.329 - j0.371 \\ -0.399 + j0.227 \\ -0.564 - j0.321 \end{Bmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{m})$$

On comparing the eigenvalues determined for the damped system with those determined in Example 7.22, we see that the eigenvalues determined in both cases are equal and that they are in the form

$$\lambda_{d1,2} = -\zeta_1\omega_1 \mp j\omega_{d1} \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_{d2,1,2} = -\zeta_2\omega_2 \mp j\omega_{d2} \quad (\text{n})$$

<sup>7</sup>The MATLAB function `eig` was used. However, the eigenvalues and associated eigenvectors presented here are not in the same order as that determined by MATLAB.

where  $\zeta_i$  are the damping factors and  $\omega_{di}$  are the damped natural frequencies. At first glance, the eigenvectors determined for the undamped case and presented in Eqs. (i) appear to have a different form from the eigenvectors determined for the damped case and presented in Eqs. (m). To compare them, we normalize each eigenvector by dividing throughout with the first entry of that eigenvector; this means that the first entry of each eigenvector will be 1 in both the undamped and damped cases. The normalized eigenvectors for the undamped and damped cases are shown below.

*Normalized eigenvectors in the undamped case*

$$\begin{aligned} \{X\}_{11} &= \begin{Bmatrix} 1.000 \\ 1.413 \\ -j0.541 \\ -j0.766 \end{Bmatrix}, & \{X\}_{12} &= \begin{Bmatrix} 1.000 \\ 1.413 \\ j0.541 \\ j0.766 \end{Bmatrix}, \\ \{X\}_{21} &= \begin{Bmatrix} 1.000 \\ -1.413 \\ j1.307 \\ -j1.846 \end{Bmatrix}, & \{X\}_{22} &= \begin{Bmatrix} 1.000 \\ -1.413 \\ j1.307 \\ -j1.846 \end{Bmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (o)$$

*Normalized eigenvectors in the damped case*

$$\begin{aligned} \{X\}_{d11} &= \begin{Bmatrix} 1.000 \\ 1.414 \\ -0.129 - j0.525 \\ -0.183 - j0.743 \end{Bmatrix}, & \{X\}_{d12} &= \begin{Bmatrix} 1.000 \\ 1.414 \\ -0.129 + j0.525 \\ -0.183 + j0.743 \end{Bmatrix}, \\ \{X\}_{d21} &= \begin{Bmatrix} 1.000 \\ -1.414 \\ -0.270 - j1.278 \\ -1.748 - j0.598 \end{Bmatrix}, & \{X\}_{d22} &= \begin{Bmatrix} 1.000 \\ -1.414 \\ -0.270 + j1.278 \\ -1.748 + j0.598 \end{Bmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (p)$$

Comparing the eigenvectors given in Eqs. (o) and (p), we see that the first two entries of an eigenvector determined for the undamped case are identical to the first two entries of the corresponding eigenvector in the proportionally damped case; this means that the ratio of the displacement states for modes of the undamped system and the ratio of the displacement states in the corresponding modes of the proportionally damped system are the same. For this reason, it is often loosely stated in the literature that the modes of the undamped system are “identical” to the corresponding modes of the proportionally damped system. From Eqs. (o) and (p), it is clear that since the first entry of each eigenvector is one, the third entry of each eigenvector is the corresponding eigenvalue. Recall the discussion following Eq. (f).

**EXAMPLE 8.9** Free oscillation comparison for a system with an arbitrary damping model and a system with a constant modal damping model

We compare the free oscillations of two systems with identical mass and stiffness matrices, but with different damping matrices. In one case, the damping matrix product term

$$[C_t] = [M_D]^{-1}[\Phi]^T [C][\Phi] \quad (a)$$

is a diagonal matrix while in the other case, this matrix product is not diagonal. For the diagonal matrix case, the damping factors are the same for each of the two modes and, hence, this case is referred to as a constant modal damping case. In this case, as illustrated in Example 8.2, one can determine the solution for free oscillations by using the normal-mode approach. However, this is not possible to do when the damping matrix  $[C]$  is arbitrary or the matrix product  $[C_t]$  is not a diagonal matrix. Here, we consider the constant modal damping case of Example 8.2 as a baseline case and make changes to the damping matrix  $[C]$  determined for this baseline case so that the matrix product  $[C_t]$  is not a diagonal matrix. In both cases, the solutions for free oscillations of the displacement states are determined by making use of the state-space formulation; that is, Eq. (8.56). The initial conditions for both cases are given by Eqs. (a) of Example 8.2.

### Constant Modal Damping Case

In Example 8.2, we considered damped oscillations of a two degree-of-freedom system. In this example, which is a continuation of Examples 7.14 and 7.20, it is assumed that the damping matrix product term can be approximated by the following equation, which is obtained by assuming constant modal damping and dropping the off-diagonal terms because they are “small.”

$$[M_D]^{-1}[\Phi]^T [C][\Phi] \approx [(2\zeta\omega)] = \begin{bmatrix} 2\zeta\omega_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2\zeta\omega_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (b)$$

To determine the damping matrix  $[C]$ , which will lead to the diagonal matrix shown in Eq. (b), we carry out a series of matrix multiplications and find from Eq. (b) that the damping matrix  $[C]$  needs to take the form

$$[C] = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 + c_2 & -c_2 \\ -c_2 & c_2 + c_3 \end{bmatrix} = [[\Phi]^T]^{-1}[M_D][2\zeta\omega][\Phi]^{-1} \quad (c)$$

Equation (c) can be used to determine the damping coefficients  $c_1$ ,  $c_2$ , and  $c_3$  that will provide constant modal damping and a matrix  $[C_t]$  that will be a diagonal matrix.

Previously, in Example 7.20, the modal matrix and the modal masses were determined along with the system natural frequencies. On using Eq. (7.68a), Eqs. (a), (b), and (g) of Example 7.20, and the value of  $\zeta = 0.05$  used in Example 8.2, Eq. (c) results in

$$\begin{aligned}
 \begin{bmatrix} c_1 + c_2 & -c_2 \\ -c_2 & c_2 + c_3 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.893 & 1 \\ -2.518 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 3.658 & 0 \\ 0 & 10.31 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &\times \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 \times 2.519 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.1 \times 5.623 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.893 & -2.518 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.577 & -0.246 \\ -0.246 & 0.900 \end{bmatrix} \text{Ns/m} \quad (d)
 \end{aligned}$$

from which it is found that

$$\begin{aligned}
 c_1 &= 0.332 \text{ N} \cdot \text{s/m} \\
 c_2 &= 0.246 \text{ N} \cdot \text{s/m} \\
 c_3 &= 0.654 \text{ N} \cdot \text{s/m} \quad (e)
 \end{aligned}$$

For these values, it can be verified that

$$[M_D]^{-1} [\Phi]^T [C] [\Phi] = \begin{bmatrix} 0.252 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.562 \end{bmatrix} \quad (f)$$

which, as expected, is a diagonal matrix.

In order to determine the associated free oscillations, we first used Eq. (d) and the matrices  $[M]$  and  $[K]$  that are given by Eqs. (a) of Example 7.20 to form the matrices  $[A]$  and  $[B]$  given by Eqs. (8.58). These matrices are used, in turn, in Eq. (8.56) to numerically obtain the state vector  $\{Y\}$ .<sup>8</sup> The results obtained for free oscillations of the displacement states, which are in agreement with those obtained analytically in Example 8.2 and shown in Figure 8.1, are presented in Figure 8.7.

### Arbitrary Damping Case

If we increase the values of  $c_1$ ,  $c_2$ , and  $c_3$ , from those given by Eqs. (e), then the resulting damping matrix  $[C]$  will not necessarily result in a diagonal matrix on carrying out the operations given in Eq. (a). This can help assess how the free oscillation characteristics change when there are non-zero off-diagonal terms in the matrix  $[C]$ .

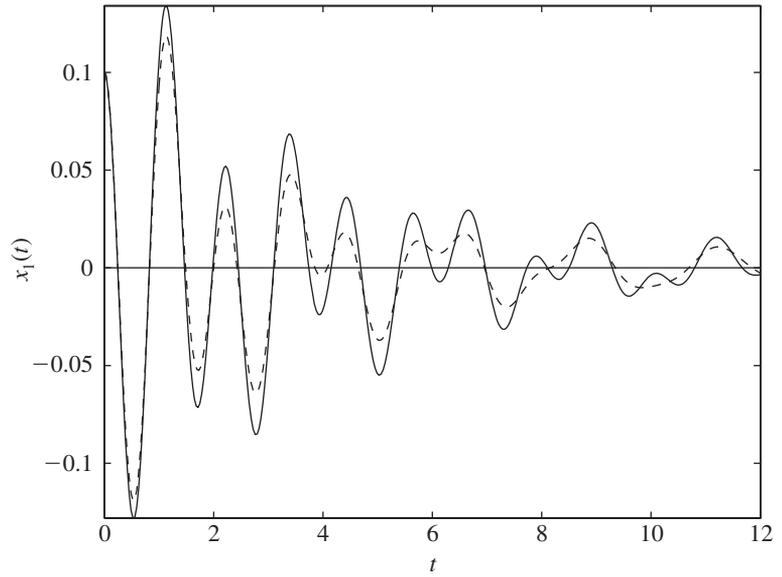
It is found that doubling the values of either  $c_1$  or  $c_3$  has “little” effect on the responses  $x_j(t)$  compared to those obtained with the damping matrix product given in Eq. (f). However, doubling the value of  $c_2$  from 0.246 N · s/m to 0.49 N · s/m does result in noticeable differences in the responses of the inertia elements. In this case, the damping matrix takes the form

$$[C] = \begin{bmatrix} 0.821 & -0.246 \\ -0.246 & 1.144 \end{bmatrix} \text{N} \cdot \text{s/m} \quad (g)$$

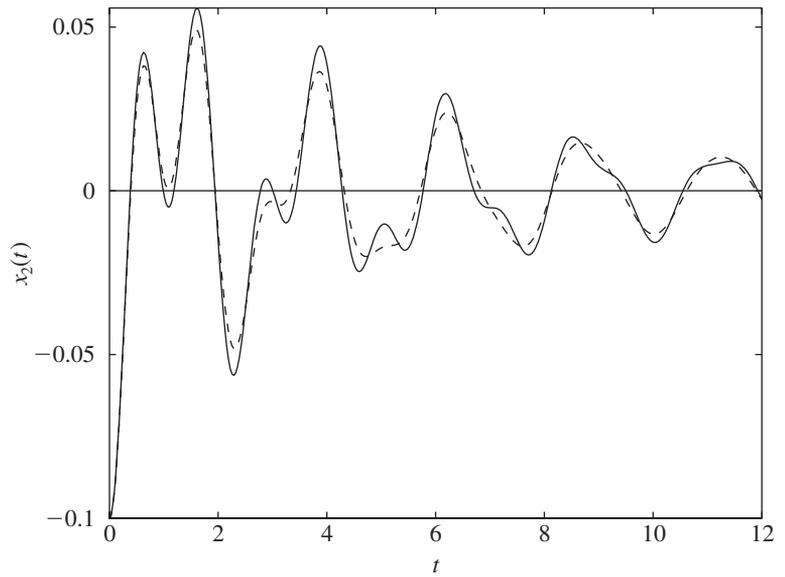
and evaluating the damping matrix product we obtain

$$[M_D]^{-1} [\Phi]^T [C] [\Phi] = \begin{bmatrix} 0.253 & 0.025 \\ 0.009 & 0.855 \end{bmatrix} \quad (h)$$

<sup>8</sup>The MATLAB function ode45 was used.



(a)



(b)

**FIGURE 8.7**

Displacements of a two degree-of-freedom system with two different damping models when both masses are subjected to equal, but opposite, initial displacements: (a) displacement of  $m_1$  and (b) displacement of  $m_2$ . Solid lines correspond to the constant damping model of Example 8.2 with  $\zeta = 0.05$  and dashed lines correspond to an arbitrary damping model whose damping matrix is given by Eq. (g).

which is not a diagonal matrix. In this case, the matrix  $[C]$  given by Eq. (g) is used along with the matrices  $[M]$  and  $[K]$  from Eqs. (a) of Example 7.20 to form the matrices  $[A]$  and  $[B]$  in Eqs. (8.58). These matrices are used, in turn, in Eq. (8.56) to numerically obtain the state vector  $\{Y\}$ . The results for the displacement states are shown in Figure 8.7.

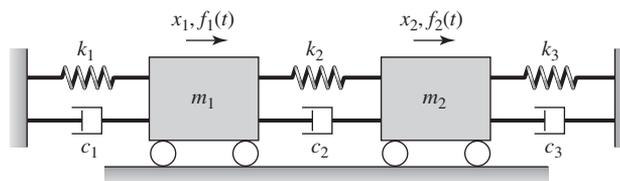
On comparing the results of Figure 8.7, it is seen that there are discernible differences between the free oscillations of the two cases in which the only difference between the models of the two systems is due to the damping matrix.

## 8.4 LAPLACE TRANSFORM APPROACH

In this section, the general solution for the response of a system such as that shown in Figure 8.8 is determined by using Laplace transforms. This method is applicable to linear systems of differential equations with constant coefficients, either in the second-order form of Eq. (7.3) or in the first-order form of Eq. (8.56). The procedure to determine the solution follows along the lines of what was illustrated in Appendix D for single degree-of-freedom systems. First, the governing system of differential equations is transformed into an algebraic system of equations by using Laplace transforms. Next, we solve this algebraic system to determine the responses of the different inertial elements in the Laplace domain. In the final step, these responses are transformed back to the time domain by using the inverse Laplace transform. As had been done in Chapter 4, this final step is not explicitly carried out here. Instead, we either take recourse to tables such as those presented in Appendix A or numerically evaluate the quantities with the appropriate MATLAB functions.

For purposes of illustration and algebraic ease, the discussion is restricted to two degree-of-freedom systems. The governing equations of motion of the system shown in Figure 8.8 are given by Eq. (7.1b), which are repeated below.

$$\begin{aligned} m_1 \frac{d^2 x_1}{dt^2} + (c_1 + c_2) \frac{dx_1}{dt} + (k_1 + k_2)x_1 - c_2 \frac{dx_2}{dt} - k_2 x_2 &= f_1(t) \\ m_2 \frac{d^2 x_2}{dt^2} + (c_2 + c_3) \frac{dx_2}{dt} + (k_2 + k_3)x_2 - c_2 \frac{dx_1}{dt} - k_2 x_1 &= f_2(t) \end{aligned} \quad (8.60)$$



**FIGURE 8.8**

System with two degrees of freedom.

Introducing the nondimensional quantities from Eqs. (7.41) and the following additional quantities for the nondimensional time, damping factor, and damping coefficient ratio, respectively,

$$\tau = \omega_{n1}t, \quad 2\zeta_j = \frac{c_j}{m_j\omega_{nj}}, \quad \text{and} \quad c_{32} = \frac{c_3}{c_2} \quad (8.61)$$

Eqs. (8.60) are rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2x_1}{d\tau^2} + (2\zeta_1 + 2\zeta_2m_r\omega_r) \frac{dx_1}{d\tau} \\ + (1 + m_r\omega_r^2)x_1 - 2\zeta_2m_r\omega_r \frac{dx_2}{d\tau} - m_r\omega_r^2x_2 &= \frac{f_1(\tau)}{k_1} \\ \frac{d^2x_1}{d\tau^2} + 2\zeta_2\omega_r(1 + c_{32}) \frac{dx_2}{d\tau} \\ + \omega_r^2(1 + k_{32})x_2 - 2\zeta_2\omega_r \frac{dx_1}{d\tau} - \omega_r^2x_2 &= \frac{f_2(\tau)}{k_1m_r} \end{aligned} \quad (8.62)$$

Carrying out the Laplace transforms of the different terms on each side of Eqs. (8.62) and making use of Laplace transform pair 2 in Table A of Appendix A, we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} A(s)X_1(s) - B(s)X_2(s) &= K_1(s) \\ -C(s)X_1(s) + E(s)X_2(s) &= K_2(s) \end{aligned} \quad (8.63)$$

where the coefficients  $A(s)$ ,  $B(s)$ ,  $C(s)$ , and  $E(s)$  are given by

$$\begin{aligned} A(s) &= s^2 + 2(\zeta_1 + \zeta_2m_r\omega_r)s + 1 + m_r\omega_r^2 \\ B(s) &= 2\zeta_2m_r\omega_rs + m_r\omega_r^2 \\ C(s) &= B(s)/m_r = 2\zeta_2\omega_rs + \omega_r^2 \\ E(s) &= s^2 + 2\zeta_2\omega_r(1 + c_{32})s + \omega_r^2(1 + k_{32}) \end{aligned} \quad (8.64)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} K_1(s) &= \frac{F_1(s)}{k_1} + \dot{x}_1(0) + [s + 2\zeta_1 + 2\zeta_2m_r\omega_r]x_1(0) - 2\zeta_2m_r\omega_rx_2(0) \\ K_2(s) &= \frac{F_2(s)}{k_1m_r} + \dot{x}_2(0) + [s + 2\zeta_2\omega_r(1 + c_{32})]x_2(0) - 2\zeta_2\omega_rx_1(0) \end{aligned} \quad (8.65)$$

In Eqs. (8.65), the transforms  $K_1(s)$  and  $K_2(s)$  are determined by the forcing and the initial conditions, the overdot indicates the time derivative with respect to the nondimensional time  $\tau$ ,  $X_1(s)$  and  $X_2(s)$  are the Laplace transforms of  $x_1(\tau)$  and  $x_2(\tau)$ , respectively, and  $F_1(s)$  and  $F_2(s)$  are the Laplace transforms of the force inputs,  $f_1(\tau)$  and  $f_2(\tau)$ , respectively. Furthermore,  $x_1(0)$  and  $\dot{x}_1(0)$  are the initial displacement and the initial velocity of mass  $m_1$ , respectively, and  $x_2(0)$  and  $\dot{x}_2(0)$  are the initial displacement and the initial velocity of mass  $m_2$ , respectively.

Solving for  $X_1(s)$  and  $X_2(s)$  from Eqs. (8.63) yields

$$\begin{aligned} X_1(s) &= \frac{K_1(s)E(s)}{D_1(s)} + \frac{K_2(s)B(s)}{D_1(s)} \\ X_2(s) &= \frac{K_1(s)C(s)}{D_1(s)} + \frac{K_2(s)A(s)}{D_1(s)} \end{aligned} \quad (8.66)$$

where the denominator  $D_1(s)$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} D_1(s) &= s^4 + [2\zeta_1 + 2\zeta_2\omega_r m_r + 2\zeta_2\omega_r(1 + c_{32})]s^3 \\ &\quad + [1 + m_r\omega_r^2 + \omega_r^2 + 4\zeta_1\zeta_2\omega_r + \omega_r^2 k_{32} + 4\zeta_2\omega_r c_{32}(\zeta_1 + \zeta_2\omega_r m_r)]s^2 \\ &\quad + [2\zeta_2\omega_r + 2\zeta_1\omega_r^2 + 2k_{32}\omega_r^2(\zeta_1 + \zeta_2\omega_r m_r) + 2c_{32}\zeta_2\omega_r(1 + m_r\omega_r^2)]s \\ &\quad + \omega_r^2[1 + k_{32}(1 + m_r\omega_r^2)] \end{aligned} \quad (8.67)$$

From Eq. (8.67), we can obtain the characteristic equation associated with free oscillations of a two degree-of-freedom system by setting the damping factors  $\zeta_1 = \zeta_2 = 0$  and  $s = j\Omega$ . This results in the characteristic equation, Eq. (7.45), which was obtained in the context of free oscillations of the undamped system.

The desired displacement responses  $x_1(\tau)$  and  $x_2(\tau)$  are determined by executing the inverse Laplace transforms of  $X_1(s)$  and  $X_2(s)$  given by Eqs. (8.66). The solution

$$x_j(\tau) = L^{-1}[X_j(s)] \quad \text{for } j = 1, 2 \quad (8.68)$$

is referred to as the *general solution* for the response of the two degree-of-freedom system given by Eqs. (8.62). The symbol  $L^{-1}$  denotes the inverse Laplace transform. To determine the inverse Laplace transforms in Eqs. (8.68), the method of partial fractions and the table provided in Appendix A can be used. Alternatively, readily available algorithms such as the ones in the MATLAB Controls Toolbox and Symbolic Math Toolbox can be used to determine the responses based on Eqs. (8.66). In the next two sections, we illustrate how the responses can be determined for arbitrary forcing and arbitrary initial conditions.

### 8.4.1 Response to Arbitrary Forcing

If we assume that the initial conditions are zero and that we have arbitrary forcing, the transforms  $K_1(s)$  and  $K_2(s)$  in Eqs. (8.65) reduce to

$$\begin{aligned} K_1(s) &= \frac{F_1(s)}{k_1} \\ K_2(s) &= \frac{F_2(s)}{k_1 m_r} \end{aligned} \quad (8.69)$$

where  $F_i(s)$  is the Laplace transform of the force input  $f_i(t)$ . We now consider two cases of forcing.

### Impulse Excitation

As a first case, we determine the response of the vibratory system shown in Figure 8.8, when the second mass is subjected to an impulse; that is,

$$f_1(t) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad f_2(t) = F_o\delta(t) \quad (8.70)$$

Upon using the Laplace transform pair 5 in Table A of Appendix A, we determine that

$$F_2(s) = F_o \quad (8.71)$$

Then, from Eqs. (8.69), the transforms  $K_1(s)$  and  $K_2(s)$  are

$$\begin{aligned} K_1(s) &= \frac{F_1(s)}{k_1} = 0 \\ K_2(s) &= \frac{F_2(s)}{k_1 m_r} = \frac{F_o}{k_1 m_r} \end{aligned} \quad (8.72)$$

Based on Eqs. (8.66) and (8.72), the displacement responses in the Laplace domain are given by

$$\begin{aligned} X_1(s) &= \frac{F_o B(s)}{k_1 m_r D_1(s)} = \frac{F_o C(s)}{k_1 D_1(s)} \\ X_2(s) &= \frac{F_o A(s)}{k_1 m_r D_1(s)} \end{aligned} \quad (8.73)$$

For the special case where  $k_3 = c_3 = 0$  in Figure 8.8—that is  $k_{32} = c_{32} = 0$ —the polynomial  $D_1(s)$  reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} D_2(s) &= s^4 + [2\zeta_1 + 2\zeta_2\omega_r m_r + 2\zeta_2\omega_r]s^3 + [1 + m_r\omega_r^2 + \omega_r^2 + 4\zeta_1\zeta_2\omega_r]s^2 \\ &\quad + [2\zeta_2\omega_r + 2\zeta_1\omega_r^2]s + \omega_r^2 \end{aligned} \quad (8.74)$$

and Eqs. (8.73) reduce to

$$\begin{aligned} X_1(s) &= \frac{F_o B(s)}{k_1 m_r D_2(s)} = \frac{F_o C(s)}{k_1 D_2(s)} \\ X_2(s) &= \frac{F_o A(s)}{k_1 m_r D_2(s)} \end{aligned} \quad (8.75)$$

### Step Input

As a second case, we consider the determination of the response of the vibratory system shown in Figure 8.8 when the second mass is subjected to a step input; that is,

$$f_1(t) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad f_2(t) = F_o u(t) \quad (8.76)$$

Upon using the Laplace transform pair 6 in Table A of Appendix A, we determine that

$$F_2(s) = \frac{F_o}{s} \quad (8.77)$$

Then, from Eqs. (8.69), the transforms  $K_1(s)$  and  $K_2(s)$  are given by

$$\begin{aligned} K_1(s) &= 0 \\ K_2(s) &= \frac{F_o}{sk_1m_r} \end{aligned} \quad (8.78)$$

Based on Eqs. (8.66) and (8.78), the displacement responses in the Laplace domain are

$$\begin{aligned} X_1(s) &= \frac{F_oB(s)}{sk_1m_rD_1(s)} = \frac{F_oC(s)}{sk_1D_1(s)} \\ X_2(s) &= \frac{F_oA(s)}{sk_1m_rD_1(s)} \end{aligned} \quad (8.79)$$

For the special case where  $k_3 = c_3 = 0$  in Figure 8.8—that is  $k_{32} = c_{32} = 0$ —the polynomial  $D_1(s)$  reduces to  $D_2(s)$  given by Eq. (8.74) and the responses given by Eqs. (8.79) reduce to

$$\begin{aligned} X_1(s) &= \frac{F_oB(s)}{k_1m_r s D_2(s)} = \frac{F_oC(s)}{sk_1D_2(s)} \\ X_2(s) &= \frac{F_oA(s)}{k_1m_r s D_2(s)} \end{aligned} \quad (8.80)$$

To determine the time-domain responses, the inverse Laplace transforms of the impulse response given by Eqs. (8.75) and the step response given by Eqs. (8.80) were evaluated numerically,<sup>9</sup> and the results obtained are shown in Figures 8.9 and 8.10. In each of Figures 8.9 and 8.10, the response of the mass  $m_1$  is graphed by using a dashed line and the response of mass  $m_2$  is graphed by using a solid line. The response of the second mass is more pronounced compared to the response of the first mass, since the forcing is directly applied to the second mass. However, due to the coupling in the stiffness and damping matrices, the mass  $m_1$  also responds to the forcing. In the case of the impulse excitation applied to the second mass, at the higher value of the mass ratio  $m_r$ , the responses of the first and second masses are characterized by damped oscillations with the same period for  $\omega_r \geq 1$ . In the case of the step input, this observation is true of the transient oscillations. On examining Figure 8.10, it is seen that the settling positions of the two masses are different for the given step input.

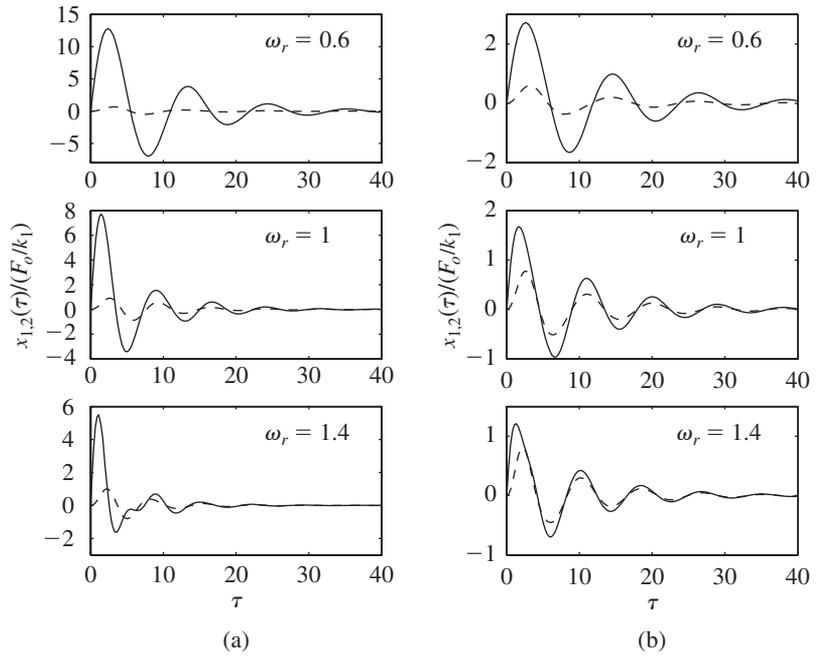
## 8.4.2 Response to Initial Conditions

We use the general solution given by Eqs. (8.66) to examine free oscillations of the system shown in Figure 8.8 for different initial conditions. In order to isolate the response to initial conditions, we set the forcing  $f_1(t)$  and  $f_2(t)$  in

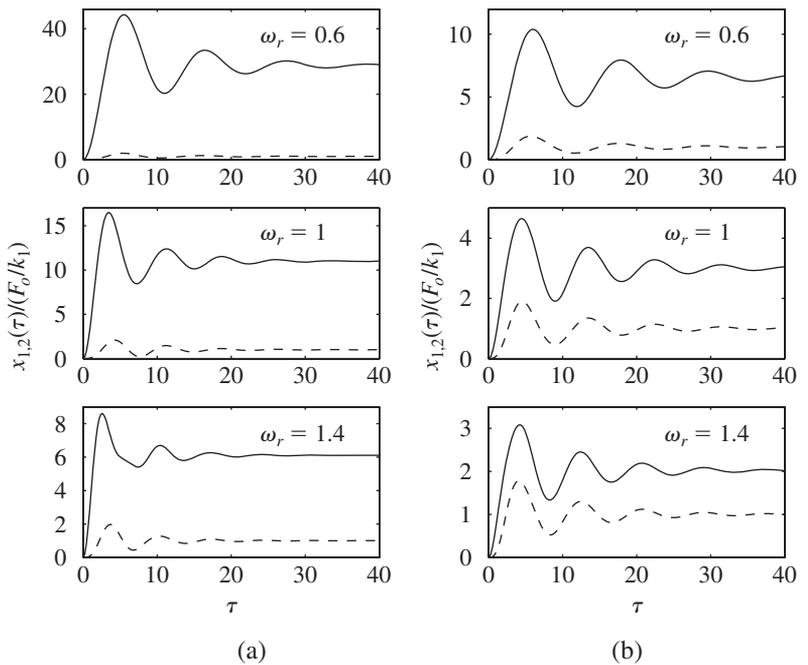
<sup>9</sup>The MATLAB functions `tf`, `step`, and `impulse` from the Controls Toolbox were used.

**FIGURE 8.9**

Normalized displacement responses of a two degree-of-freedom system when  $m_2$  is subjected to an impulse force,  $\zeta_1 = \zeta_2 = 0.2$ ,  $k_3 = c_3 = 0$ , and  $\tau = \omega_n t$ : (a)  $m_r = 0.1$  and (b)  $m_r = 0.5$ . [Dashed line  $x_1(\tau)$ ; solid line  $x_2(\tau)$ .]

**FIGURE 8.10**

Normalized displacement responses of a two degree-of-freedom system when  $m_2$  is subjected to a step force,  $\zeta_1 = \zeta_2 = 0.2$ ,  $k_3 = c_3 = 0$ , and  $\tau = \omega_n t$ : (a)  $m_r = 0.1$  and (b)  $m_r = 0.5$ . [Dashed line  $x_1(\tau)$ ; solid line  $x_2(\tau)$ .]



Eqs. (8.62) to zero. Therefore, the corresponding Laplace transforms are  $F_1(s) = 0$  and  $F_2(s) = 0$ , and the transforms  $K_1(s)$  and  $K_2(s)$  in Eqs. (8.65) reduce to

$$\begin{aligned} K_1(s) &= \dot{x}_1(0) + [s + 2\zeta_1 + 2\zeta_2 m_r \omega_r]x_1(0) - 2\zeta_2 m_r \omega_r x_2(0) \\ K_2(s) &= \dot{x}_2(0) + [s + 2\zeta_2 \omega_r (1 + c_{32})]x_2(0) - 2\zeta_2 \omega_r x_1(0) \end{aligned} \quad (8.81)$$

For the special case where the spring  $k_3$  and the damper  $c_3$  are not present in Figure 8.8—that is,  $k_{32} = c_{32} = 0$ —the coefficient  $E(s)$  in Eqs. (8.64) reduces to

$$E_2(s) = s^2 + 2\zeta_2 \omega_r s + \omega_r^2 \quad (8.82)$$

and the function  $K_2(s)$  in Eqs. (8.81) reduces to

$$K_{22}(s) = \dot{x}_2(0) + [s + 2\zeta_2 \omega_r]x_2(0) - 2\zeta_2 \omega_r x_1(0) \quad (8.83)$$

The polynomial  $D_1(s)$  in Eq. (8.67) reduces to the polynomial  $D_2(s)$  given by Eq. (8.74) and, therefore, the responses of the masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  given by Eqs. (8.66) in the Laplace domain reduce to

$$\begin{aligned} X_1(s) &= \frac{K_1(s)E_2(s)}{D_2(s)} + \frac{K_{22}(s)B(s)}{D_2(s)} \\ X_2(s) &= \frac{K_1(s)C(s)}{D_2(s)} + \frac{K_{22}(s)A(s)}{D_2(s)} \end{aligned} \quad (8.84)$$

where  $K_1(s)$  is given by Eqs. (8.81),  $K_{22}(s)$  is given by Eq. (8.83),  $E_2(s)$  is given by Eq. (8.82),  $D_2(s)$  is given by Eq. (8.74), and  $A(s)$  and  $B(s)$  are given by Eqs. (8.64).

We now consider the special case where the masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  in Figure 8.8 are both subjected to the same initial velocity  $V_o$ ; that is, the initial conditions are

$$x_1(0) = 0, \quad \frac{dx_1(0)}{dt} = V_o, \quad x_2(0) = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dx_2(0)}{dt} = V_o \quad (8.85)$$

Noting from Eqs. (8.61) that the nondimensional time  $\tau = \omega_{n1}t$ , the transforms  $K_1(s)$  and  $K_{22}(s)$  given by Eqs. (8.81) and (8.83), respectively, reduce to

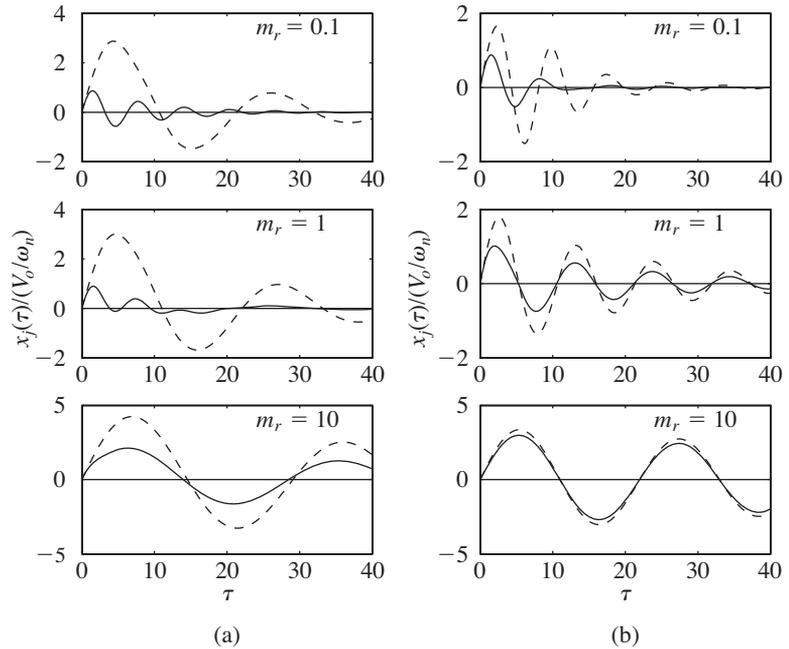
$$\begin{aligned} K_1(s) &= \dot{x}_1(0) = V_o/\omega_{n1} \\ K_{22}(s) &= \dot{x}_2(0) = V_o/\omega_{n1} \end{aligned} \quad (8.86)$$

and, therefore, Eqs. (8.84) reduce to

$$\begin{aligned} X_1(s) &= \frac{V_o}{\omega_{n1}D_2(s)} [E_2(s) + B(s)] \\ X_2(s) &= \frac{V_o}{\omega_{n1}D_2(s)} [C(s) + A(s)] \end{aligned} \quad (8.87)$$

The time-domain responses  $x_1(\tau)$  and  $x_2(\tau)$  are the inverse transforms of Eqs. (8.87). These have been obtained numerically<sup>10</sup> and they are shown in Figure 8.11. In Figure 8.11, solid lines are used to depict the response of the

<sup>10</sup>The MATLAB function `ilaplace` from the Symbolic Toolbox was used.

**FIGURE 8.11**

Responses of  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  when the masses are each subjected to the same initial velocity for different mass ratios  $m_r$ ,  $\zeta_1 = 0.1$ ,  $\zeta_2 = 0.2$ , and different values of  $\omega_r$ : (a)  $\omega_r = 0.3$  and (b)  $\omega_r = 0.865$ . [Solid line  $x_1(\tau)$ ; dashed line  $x_2(\tau)$ .]

mass  $m_1$  and broken lines are used to depict the response of the mass  $m_2$ . As expected, the free oscillations of the two masses show characteristics of damped oscillations, and the long-time responses of these two masses settle down to the equilibrium position; that is,

$$\lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} x_1(\tau) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} x_2(\tau) = 0 \quad (8.88)$$

For  $m_r = 0.1$ , it is seen that the periods of the damped oscillations of the two masses are different. As the mass ratio  $m_r$  increases—that is, the mass  $m_2$  increases in comparison to the mass  $m_1$ —the periods of damped oscillations of both masses approach each other. As seen for single degree-of-freedom systems, the responses to initial velocity seen in Figure 8.11 and the responses to impulses seen in Figure 8.9 have similar characteristics.

### EXAMPLE 8.10 Damped free oscillations of a spring-mass system revisited

We return to Example 8.2 and solve for the free-oscillation response of a two degree-of-freedom system by using Laplace transforms. The mass, stiffness, and damping matrices used in Examples 7.20 and 8.9 are used to generate the numerical results for the following initial conditions:

$$x_1(0) = d \text{ m}, \quad \dot{x}_1(0) = 0 \text{ m/s}, \quad x_2(0) = -d \text{ m}, \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{x}_2(0) = 0 \text{ m/s} \quad (\text{a})$$

In Eqs. (a) of Example 8.2,  $d = 0.1$ .

For the initial conditions given in Eqs. (a), Eqs. (8.81) reduce to

$$\begin{aligned} K_1(s) &= [s + 2\zeta_1 + 2\zeta_2 m_r \omega_r]d + 2\zeta_2 m_r \omega_r d \\ &= d\{s + 2\zeta_1 + 4\zeta_2 m_r \omega_r\} \\ K_2(s) &= -[s + 2\zeta_2 \omega_r(1 + c_{32})]d - 2\zeta_2 \omega_r d \\ &= -d\{s + 2\zeta_2 \omega_r(2 + c_{32})\} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{b})$$

From Eqs. (a) of Example 7.20 and Eqs. (7.41), we determine the following quantities:

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_{n1} &= 2.887 \text{ rad/s}, \quad \omega_{n2} = 2.722 \text{ rad/s} \\ \omega_r &= 0.943, \quad m_r = 2.25, \quad \text{and} \quad k_{32} = \frac{15}{20} = 0.75 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{c})$$

Furthermore, for the constant modal damping case of Example 8.9, we found that

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 &= 0.332 \text{ N} \cdot \text{s/m} \\ c_2 &= 0.246 \text{ N} \cdot \text{s/m} \\ c_3 &= 0.654 \text{ N} \cdot \text{s/m} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{d})$$

By using Eqs. (8.61), we determine that

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta_1 &= \frac{0.332}{2 \times 1.2 \times 2.887} = 0.048 \\ \zeta_2 &= \frac{0.246}{2 \times 2.7 \times 2.722} = 0.017 \\ c_{32} &= \frac{0.654}{0.246} = 2.662 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{e})$$

Upon substituting the values given in Eqs. (c), (d), and (e) into Eqs. (8.64), (8.67) and (b), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} A(s) &= s^2 + 0.167s + 3 \\ B(s) &= 0.071s + 2 \\ C(s) &= 0.032s + 0.889 \\ E(s) &= s^2 + 0.115s + 1.556 \\ D_1(s) &= s^4 + 0.282s^3 + 4.573s^2 + 0.479s + 2.889 \\ K_1(s) &= 0.1s + 0.0238 \\ K_2(s) &= -0.1s - 0.0147 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{f})$$

By using Eqs. (f) in Eqs. (8.66), which give the displacements of the individual inertial elements in the Laplace transform domain, we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} X_1(s) &= \frac{0.1s^3 + 0.0282s^2 - 0.0427s + 0.0076}{s^4 + 0.282s^3 + 4.573s^2 + 0.4792s + 2.889} \\ X_2(s) &= \frac{-0.1s^3 - 0.0282s^2 - 0.213s - 0.0229}{s^4 + 0.282s^3 + 4.573s^2 + 0.4792s + 2.889} \end{aligned} \quad (g)$$

Upon taking the inverse Laplace transform of Eqs. (g) numerically,<sup>11</sup> we obtain the results shown in Figure 8.1.

In the absence of damping,  $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0$ , and Eqs. (f) and (g) become, respectively,

$$\begin{aligned} A(s) &= s^2 + 3 \\ B(s) &= 2 \\ C(s) &= 0.889 \\ E(s) &= s^2 + 1.556 \\ D_1(s) &= s^4 + 4.556s^2 + 2.889 \\ K_1(s) &= 0.1s \\ K_2(s) &= -0.1s \end{aligned} \quad (h)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} X_1(s) &= \frac{(0.1s^2 - 0.0444)s}{s^4 + 4.556s^2 + 2.889} \\ X_2(s) &= \frac{-(0.1s^3 + 0.211)s}{s^4 + 4.556s^2 + 2.889} \end{aligned} \quad (i)$$

Again taking the inverse Laplace transform of Eqs. (i) numerically, we obtain the results shown in Figure 8.2.

We now consider the two degree-of-freedom system with the same mass and stiffness matrices as before, but with a different damping matrix. In particular, we use the damping values of the arbitrary damping case of Example 8.9; that is, the values of the values of  $c_1$  and  $c_3$  remain the same as in Eqs. (d) while  $c_2 = 0.49 \text{ N} \cdot \text{s/m}$ . In this case, we find that  $c_{32} = 1.33$  and  $\zeta_2 = 0.0334$ . Making the appropriate substitutions and taking the inverse Laplace transform numerically produces the same results as those shown in Figure 8.7b. We note that the Laplace transform method does not require any restrictions to be placed on the form of the viscous damping matrix.

### 8.4.3 Force Transmitted to a Boundary

Once the responses to certain forcing conditions and/or certain initial conditions are determined, one may also determine the force transmitted to a fixed boundary such as the left end in Figure 8.8. In this case, from a free-body diagram of mass  $m_1$ , the force transmitted is

<sup>11</sup>The function `ilaplace` from MATLAB's Symbolic Toolbox was used.

$$f_{\text{base}}(t) = c_1 \frac{dx_1}{dt} + k_1 x_1 \quad (8.89a)$$

which, in terms of the nondimensional time  $\tau$  takes the form

$$f_{\text{base}}(\tau) = k_1 \left[ 2\zeta_1 \frac{dx_1}{d\tau} + x_1 \right] \quad (8.89b)$$

Taking the Laplace transforms of both sides of Eq. (8.89b), we obtain

$$F_{\text{base}}(s) = k_1 [(2\zeta_1 s + 1)X_1(s) - 2\zeta_1 x_1(0)] \quad (8.90)$$

where  $X_1(s)$  is given by Eqs. (8.66). Once  $F_{\text{base}}(s)$  is determined, the corresponding time information is determined from

$$f_{\text{base}}(\tau) = L^{-1}[F_{\text{base}}(s)] \quad (8.91)$$

The transmitted force given by Eqs. (8.89) is used in Section 8.7, where we address the notion of transmissibility ratio.

## 8.5 TRANSFER FUNCTIONS AND FREQUENCY-RESPONSE FUNCTIONS

In Sections 5.3 and 6.2, we considered transfer functions associated with single degree-of-freedom systems and explained the relationship between a frequency-response function and a transfer function. In Section 8.2.3, we illustrated how frequency-response functions associated with a two degree-of-freedom system were constructed from the response to a harmonic excitation. Here, we discuss further frequency-response functions for two degree-of-freedom systems. The nature of the relationship between a frequency-response function and a transfer function is also addressed. The fundamental nature of this relationship remains the same as that discussed for a single degree-of-freedom system. However, in the case of a multi-degree-of-freedom system, due to the presence of more than one inertial element, one deals with more than one transfer function and more than one frequency-response function.

As in the case of vibratory systems described by linear single degree-of-freedom systems, the responses of vibratory systems described by linear multi-degree-of-freedom systems can be determined if the transfer functions for the systems are known. For this reason, the material presented here provides a basis for the discussions<sup>12</sup> on mechanical filters later in this section, vibration absorbers in Section 8.6, transmissibility ratio in Section 8.7, and the moving base model in Section 8.8.

We now obtain expressions for the transfer functions associated with the inertial elements  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  shown in Figure 8.8. We first set the initial

<sup>12</sup>If one goes back to Section 8.4 after completing this section, it will be seen that the notion of a transfer function was used in determining the numerical results for responses in the presence of different initial conditions and different forcing conditions.

conditions to zero, assume that  $k_{32} = c_{32} = 0$  for convenience, and use Eqs. (8.65), (8.66), (8.74), and (8.82) to arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} X_1(s) &= \frac{1}{k_1 D_2(s)} [F_1(s)E_2(s) + F_2(s)B(s)/m_r] \\ X_2(s) &= \frac{1}{k_1 D_2(s)} [F_1(s)C(s) + F_2(s)A(s)/m_r] \end{aligned} \quad (8.92)$$

Equations (8.92) will be used to determine four transfer functions, one pair associated with the forcing applied to one inertial element (say,  $m_1$  in Figure 8.8) and the other pair associated with the forcing applied to the other inertial element. As discussed in Section 6.2 for a single degree-of-freedom system, an impulse force can be used to determine a transfer function. We determine the transfer functions  $G_{ij}(s)$  where the subscript  $i$  refers to the response (or output) location and the subscript  $j$  refers to the force (or input) location. Therefore, to determine the first pair of transfer functions, an impulse forcing is applied to mass  $m_1$ ; that is,

$$\begin{aligned} f_1(\tau) &= F_o \delta(\tau) \\ f_2(\tau) &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (8.93)$$

Then, we have<sup>13</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} G_{11}(s) &= \frac{X_1(s)}{F_1(s)} \quad \text{m/N} \\ G_{21}(s) &= \frac{X_2(s)}{F_1(s)} \quad \text{m/N} \end{aligned} \quad (8.94)$$

where

$$F_1(s) = F_o \quad (8.95)$$

Making use of Eqs. (8.92), (8.94), and (8.95), we find that

$$\begin{aligned} k_1 G_{11}(s) &= \frac{E_2(s)}{D_2(s)} \\ k_1 G_{21}(s) &= \frac{C(s)}{D_2(s)} \end{aligned} \quad (8.96)$$

Similarly, we determine the other pair of transfer functions by applying an impulse forcing to mass  $m_2$ ; that is,

$$\begin{aligned} f_1(\tau) &= 0 \\ f_2(\tau) &= F_o \delta(\tau) \end{aligned} \quad (8.97)$$

Then, we have

<sup>13</sup>It should be clear from the form of Eqs. (8.94) that excitations other than impulse excitations can also be used to determine the transfer functions  $G_{jk}(s)$ .

$$G_{12}(s) = \frac{X_1(s)}{F_2(s)} \quad \text{m/N}$$

$$G_{22}(s) = \frac{X_2(s)}{F_2(s)} \quad \text{m/N} \quad (8.98)$$

where

$$F_2(s) = F_o \quad (8.99)$$

Making use of Eqs. (8.92), (8.98), and (8.99), we find that

$$k_1 G_{12}(s) = \frac{B(s)}{m_r D_2(s)}$$

$$k_1 G_{22}(s) = \frac{A(s)}{m_r D_2(s)} \quad (8.100)$$

From the form of Eqs. (8.96) and (8.100), it is evident that the polynomial  $D_2(s)$  appears in the denominator of each transfer function; this is the same polynomial that is associated with the characteristic equation of this two degree-of-freedom system.

Note that Eqs. (8.62) are written in terms of the nondimensional time  $\tau$  instead of  $t$  before the Laplace transforms were executed. Therefore, the frequency-response functions are given by  $G_{ij}(j\omega/\omega_{n1})$  or  $G_{ij}(j\Omega)$ , where  $\Omega = \omega/\omega_{n1}$  is the nondimensional frequency ratio. (See Laplace transform pair 1 in Table A of Appendix A.) Hence, the frequency-response functions are determined from Eqs. (8.96) and (8.100) to be

$$k_1 G_{11}(j\Omega) = \frac{E_2(j\Omega)}{D_2(j\Omega)}$$

$$k_1 G_{21}(j\Omega) = \frac{C(j\Omega)}{D_2(j\Omega)}$$

$$k_1 G_{12}(j\Omega) = \frac{B(j\Omega)}{m_r D_2(j\Omega)} = k_1 G_{21}(j\Omega)$$

$$k_1 G_{22}(j\Omega) = \frac{A(j\Omega)}{m_r D_2(j\Omega)} \quad (8.101)$$

where the terms in the numerators and the denominators are given by

$$A(j\Omega) = -\Omega^2 + 2(\zeta_1 + \zeta_2 m_r \omega_r) j\Omega + 1 + m_r \omega_r^2$$

$$B(j\Omega) = 2\zeta_2 m_r \omega_r j\Omega + m_r \omega_r^2$$

$$C(j\Omega) = 2\zeta_2 \omega_r j\Omega + \omega_r^2$$

$$E_2(j\Omega) = -\Omega^2 + 2\zeta_2 \omega_r j\Omega + \omega_r^2$$

$$D_2(j\Omega) = \Omega^4 - j[2\zeta_1 + 2\zeta_2 \omega_r m_r + 2\zeta_2 \omega_r] \Omega^3$$

$$- [1 + m_r \omega_r^2 + \omega_r^2 + 4\zeta_1 \zeta_2 \omega_r] \Omega^2 + j[2\zeta_2 \omega_r$$

$$+ 2\zeta_1 \omega_r^2] \Omega + \omega_r^2 \quad (8.102)$$

When the damping is absent,  $D_2(j\Omega)$  given by the last of Eqs. (8.102) reduces to the characteristic equation, Eq. (7.45), when the spring  $k_3$  is absent.

The magnitudes of the frequency-response functions are given by

$$H_{il}(\Omega) = k_1 |G_{il}(j\Omega)| \quad i, l = 1, 2 \quad (8.103)$$

and the associated phase responses are given by

$$\varphi_{il}(\Omega) = \tan^{-1} \frac{\text{Im}[G_{il}(j\Omega)]}{\text{Re}[G_{il}(j\Omega)]} \quad (8.104)$$

Notice that  $H_{il}$  is a nondimensional quantity.

As discussed in Section 5.3 for a single degree-of-freedom system and in Section 8.2.3 for a two degree-of-freedom system, frequency-response functions can also be constructed from responses to harmonic excitations. This can be used to interpret Eqs. (8.103) and (8.104) in the following manner. Let us suppose that a harmonic excitation of the following form acts on the system shown in Figure 8.8:

$$\begin{aligned} f_1(t) &= F_o \cos(\omega t) \quad \text{or} \quad f_1(\tau) = F_o \cos(\Omega t) \\ f_2(t) &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (8.105)$$

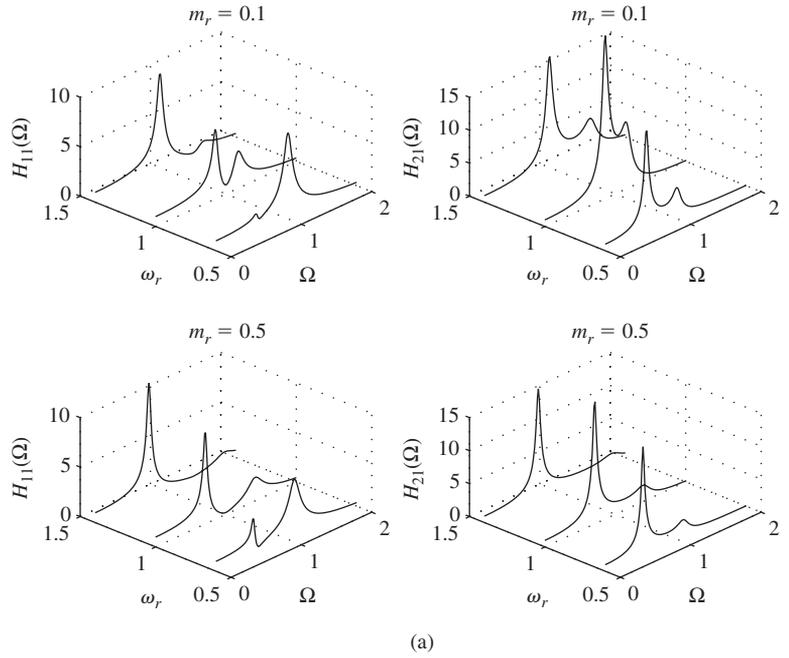
Then,  $H_{11}(\Omega)$  and  $H_{21}(\Omega)$  represent the amplitude-response functions of the inertia elements  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ , respectively. These amplitude-response functions are functions of the excitation frequency  $\omega$  or, in the nondimensional form, the frequency ratio  $\Omega$ . The associated phase-response functions of the inertia elements  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  are given by  $\varphi_{11}(\Omega)$  and  $\varphi_{21}(\Omega)$ , respectively. Similarly, the amplitude-response functions  $H_{12}(\Omega)$  and  $H_{22}(\Omega)$  provide the amplitudes of the responses of the inertia elements  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ , respectively, when a harmonic excitation of the following form is imposed on the system shown in Figure 8.8.

$$\begin{aligned} f_1(t) &= 0 \\ f_2(t) &= F_o \cos(\omega t) \quad \text{or} \quad f_2(\tau) = F_o \cos(\Omega t) \end{aligned} \quad (8.106)$$

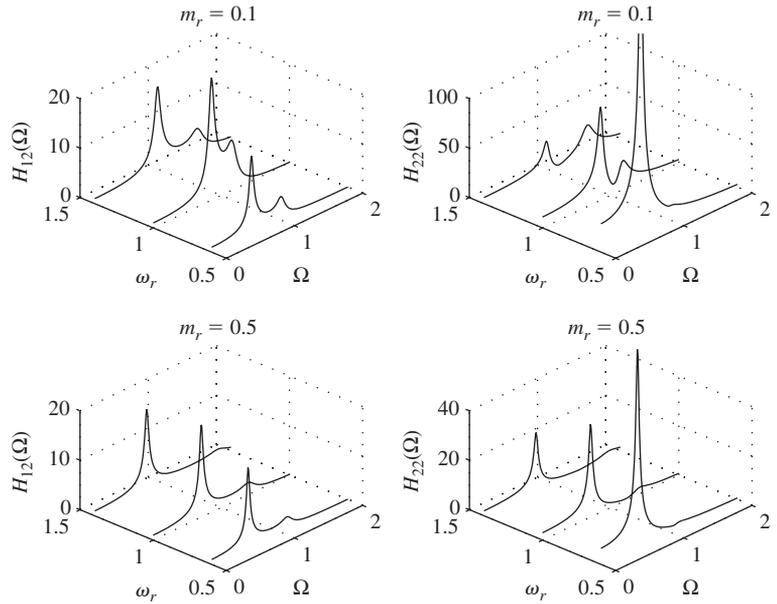
The associated phase-response functions of the inertia elements  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  are given by  $\varphi_{12}(\Omega)$  and  $\varphi_{22}(\Omega)$ , respectively.

In Figure 8.12, for the case where  $k_3 = c_3 = 0$ , the nondimensional amplitude-response functions  $H_{ij}(\Omega)$  are plotted as a function of the excitation frequency ratio  $\Omega$  and the system frequency ratio  $\omega_r$ . These plots are graphs of the functions given by Eqs. (8.103). Since the system is damped, the amplitude responses of the inertia elements  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  have finite values for all values of the excitation frequency. For “small” values of  $\omega_r$ , it is seen that the response of one of the inertia elements is pronounced at and close to the lower resonance, while the response of the other inertia element is pronounced at and close to the higher resonance. As the excitation-frequency ratio  $\Omega$  is increased past the higher resonance value, the responses of both inertia elements are relatively uniform, as was the case for responses of damped single degree-of-freedom systems forced by harmonic excitations.

In Figure 8.13, the amplitude responses are shown along with the associated phase responses. These responses have been generated by using



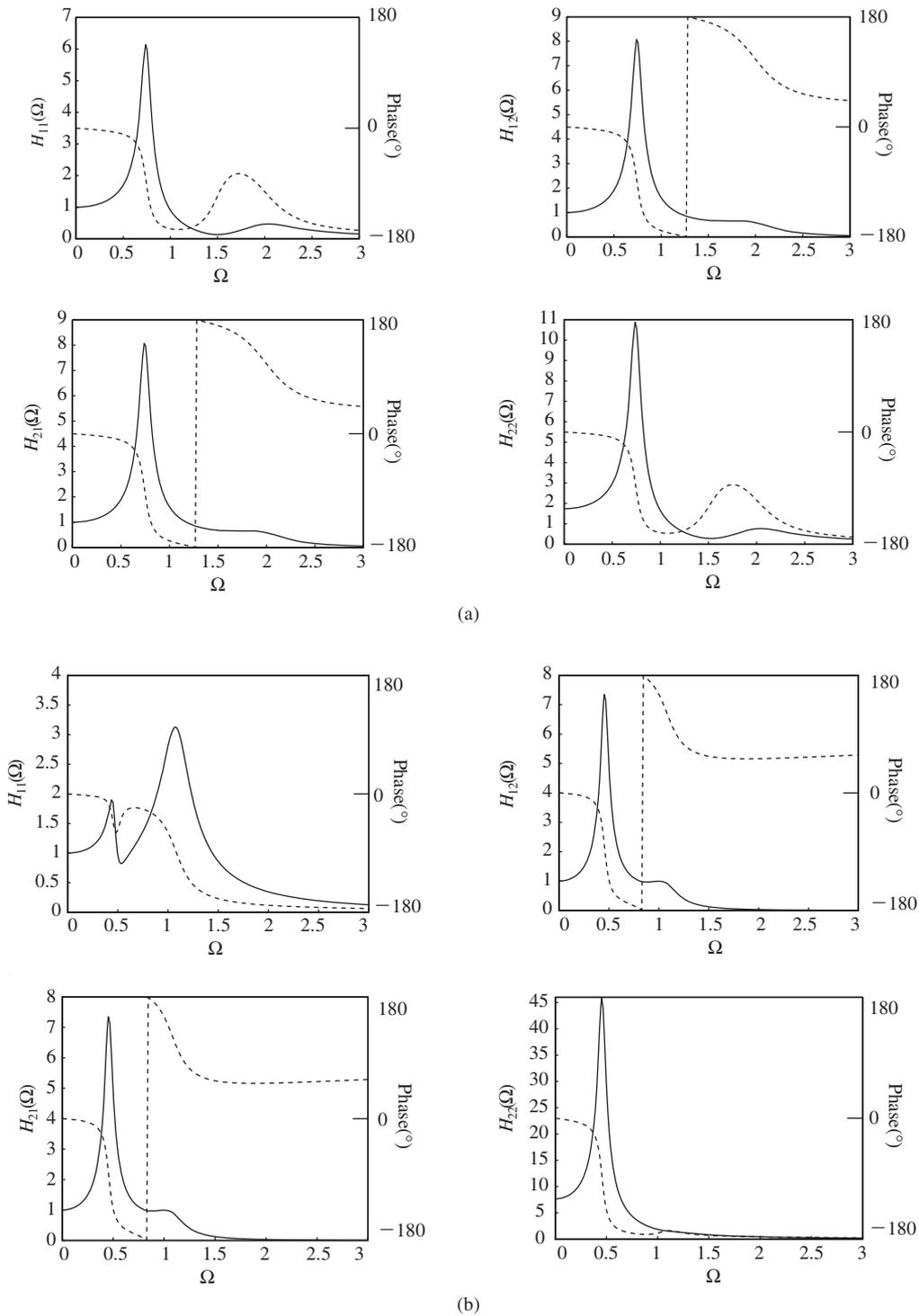
(a)



(b)

**FIGURE 8.12**

Magnitudes of frequency-response functions for the two masses shown in Figure 8.8 when  $k_3 = c_3 = 0$ ,  $\zeta_1 = \zeta_2 = 0.05$ , and  $m_r = 0.1$  or  $0.5$ : (a)  $H_{n1}(\Omega)$ ,  $n = 1, 2$  and (b)  $H_{n2}(\Omega)$ ,  $n = 1, 2$ . The frequency-response functions are shown for  $\omega_r = 0.6, 1.0$ , and  $1.4$ .



**FIGURE 8.13**

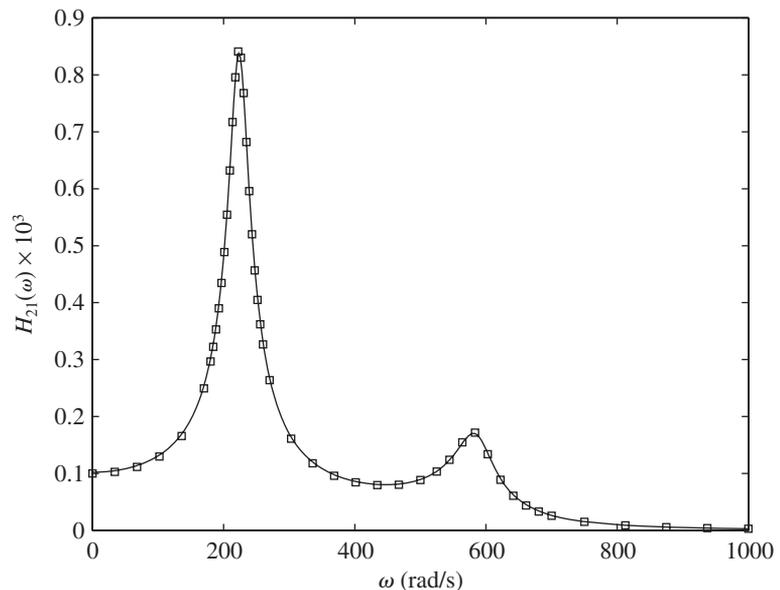
Frequency-response functions for the two masses shown in Figure 8.8 as a function of  $\Omega = \omega/\omega_{n1}$  when  $k_3 = c_3 = 0$ ,  $\zeta_1 = \zeta_2 = 0.1$ , and  $m_r = 0.6$ : (a)  $\omega_r = 1.5$  and (b)  $\omega_r = 0.5$ . [The solid lines represent amplitude responses and the dashed lines represent phase responses.]

Eqs. (8.103) and (8.104). Phase shift characteristics as seen in Chapter 5 for a harmonically forced single degree-of-freedom system at resonance can be seen at the two resonance frequency locations for the two degree-of-freedom system. The phase at each resonance is either  $-90^\circ$  or  $90^\circ$ .

### System Identification

For constructing Figures 8.12 and 8.13, the system parameters were assumed and substituted into Eqs. (8.103) and (8.104). In practice, one often measures frequency-response functions and then determines the system parameters, as discussed in Section 5.3 for single degree-of-freedom systems. This approach to the problem is the inverse of the approach that we have taken so far; that is, going from measurements to the determination of system parameters rather than going from system parameters to response predictions. Thus, if a linear vibratory model is assumed to represent the physical system, then one fits the measurement data with functions such as those given by Eqs. (8.103) and (8.104) to obtain an estimate for the system parameters. This topic falls under the purview of modal analysis<sup>14</sup> and system identification.

To illustrate the determination of the parameters of a two degree-of-freedom system from measured data, consider the experimental data shown by the squares in Figure 8.14. They were obtained by applying a harmonically varying force of measured magnitude  $F(\omega)$  at the frequency  $\omega$  to mass  $m_1$  and measuring the displacement response of mass  $m_2$  at this frequency. The ratio of these two measured quantities at each value of  $\omega$  is represented by the squares



**FIGURE 8.14**

Experimentally obtained data values and the result after fitting a model to them.

<sup>14</sup>D. Ewins, *Modal Testing: Theory and Practice*, John Wiley & Sons, NY (1984).

in Figure 8.14. In order to determine the system's properties, we use the model represented by  $H_{21}(\omega)$  and fit the data to this model. From Eqs. (8.103), the quantity  $H_{21}(\omega)$  is

$$H_{21}(\omega/\omega_{n1}) = \left| \frac{C(j\omega/\omega_{n1})}{D_2(j\omega/\omega_{n1})} \right|$$

From this equation and Eqs. (8.102), we see that there are six parameters to be determined from the curve-fitting procedure, namely  $k_1$ ,  $\omega_{n1}$ ,  $\zeta_1$ ,  $\zeta_2$ ,  $m_r$ , and  $\omega_r$ . The known values are  $H_{21}(\omega)$  and  $\omega$ . By using the results of standard curve fitting procedures<sup>15</sup> we find that  $k_1 = 9797.3$  N/m,  $\omega_n = 250.5$  rad/s,  $\zeta_1 = 0.082$ ,  $\zeta_2 = 0.041$ ,  $m_r = 0.204$ , and  $\omega_r = 2.095$ . We now use the relations given by Eqs. (7.41) and (8.61) to determine the remaining parameters. Thus, from  $k_1$  and  $\omega_{n1}$  we obtain  $m_1 = 0.156$  kg; from  $m_1$  and  $m_r$  we obtain  $m_2 = 0.032$  kg; from  $\omega_r$  and  $\omega_{n1}$  we obtain  $\omega_{n2} = 524.8$  rad/s; from  $m_2$  and  $\omega_{n2}$  we obtain  $k_2 = 8765.3$  N/m; from  $\zeta_1$ ,  $\omega_{n1}$ , and  $m_1$  we obtain  $c_1 = 6.45$  N · s/m; and from  $\zeta_2$ ,  $\omega_{n2}$ , and  $m_2$  we obtain  $c_2 = 1.37$  N · s/m.

### EXAMPLE 8.11 Frequency-response functions for system with bounce and pitch motions

In this example, we revisit the physical system shown in Figure 7.5 when a force  $f(t)$  and a moment  $m(t)$  are imposed at the location  $G$ . Although the assumed forcing and moment inputs are not realistic, they have been considered to illustrate how frequency-response functions can be constructed. To determine these frequency-response functions, we first obtain the governing equations of the system for “small” oscillations. We then take the Laplace transforms of these equations to obtain the associated transfer functions. The frequency-response functions are determined from these transfer functions. We also illustrate how a sensor measurement can be represented in terms of the system frequency-response functions.

The governing equations for the unforced case have been obtained in Eq. (k) of Example 7.3. We modify Eq. (k) to include the force  $f(t)$  and the moment  $m(t)$  to obtain the following governing equations:

$$\begin{bmatrix} m & 0 \\ 0 & J_G \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{\hat{y}} \\ \ddot{\hat{\theta}} \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c_1 + c_2 & -(c_1L_1 - c_2L_2) \\ -(c_1L_1 - c_2L_2) & (c_1L_1^2 + c_2L_2^2) \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{\hat{y}} \\ \dot{\hat{\theta}} \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} k_1 + k_2 & -(k_1L_1 - k_2L_2) \\ -(k_1L_1 - k_2L_2) & (k_1L_1^2 + k_2L_2^2) \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \hat{y} \\ \hat{\theta} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} f(t) \\ m(t) \end{Bmatrix} \quad (\text{a})$$

If we denote the Laplace transforms of  $\hat{y}(t)$ ,  $\hat{\theta}(t)$ ,  $f(t)$ , and  $m(t)$  by  $\hat{Y}(s)$ ,  $\hat{\Theta}(s)$ ,  $F(s)$ , and  $M(s)$ , respectively, then upon taking the Laplace transform of Eq. (a) and assuming that the initial conditions are zero, we arrive at

<sup>15</sup>The function `lsqnonlin` from MATLAB's Optimization Toolbox was used. For this model, the procedure is very sensitive to the initial guesses and must be employed interactively in order to obtain a satisfactory residual.

$$\begin{bmatrix} ms^2 + (c_1 + c_2)s + k_1 + k_2 & -(c_1L_1 - c_2L_2)s - (k_1L_1 - k_2L_2) \\ -(c_1L_1 - c_2L_2)s - (k_1L_1 - k_2L_2) & J_Gs^2 + (c_1L_1^2 + c_2L_2^2)s + (k_1L_1^2 + k_2L_2^2) \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{Bmatrix} \hat{Y}(s) \\ \hat{\Theta}(s) \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} F(s) \\ m(s) \end{Bmatrix} \quad (\text{b})$$

From Eq. (b), we find that

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \hat{Y}(s) \\ \hat{\Theta}(s) \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} G_{11}(s) & G_{12}(s) \\ G_{21}(s) & G_{22}(s) \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} F(s) \\ M(s) \end{Bmatrix} \quad (\text{c})$$

where the transfer functions  $G_{ij}(s)$  are given by the following expressions:

$$\begin{aligned} G_{11}(s) &= \frac{J_Gs^2 + (c_1L_1^2 + c_2L_2^2)s + (K_1L_1^2 + K_2L_2^2)}{D(s)} \\ G_{12}(s) = G_{21}(s) &= \frac{(c_1L_1 + c_2L_2)s + (k_1L_1 - k_2L_2)}{D(s)} \\ G_{22}(s) &= \frac{ms^2 + (c_1 + c_2)s + k_1 + k_2}{D(s)} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{d})$$

and the polynomial  $D(s)$  is given by

$$D(s) = [J_Gs^2 + (c_1L_1^2 + c_2L_2^2)s + (k_1L_1^2 + k_2L_2^2)][ms^2 + (c_1 + c_2)s + k_1 + k_2] - [(c_1L_1 - c_2L_2)s + (k_1L_1 - k_2L_2)]^2 \quad (\text{e})$$

The frequency-response functions  $G_{ik}(j\omega)$  are determined by setting  $s = j\omega$  in Eqs. (d) and (e).

Let us suppose that an acceleration sensor is located at a distance  $L_{\text{sensor}}$  to the right of the point  $G$  in Figure 7.5. Then the acceleration measured by the sensor is

$$a_s(t) = \ddot{y}(t) + L_{\text{sensor}}\ddot{\theta}(t) \quad (\text{f})$$

We shall determine how the frequency information in the sensor measurement is related to the frequency information in the forcing by making use of the frequency-response functions given by Eqs. (d). Upon taking the Laplace transform of Eq. (f) and assuming zero initial conditions, we arrive at

$$A_s(s) = s^2\hat{Y}(s) + L_{\text{sensor}}\hat{\Theta}(s) \quad (\text{g})$$

For illustrative purposes, we assume that the excitation moment  $m(t) = 0$ ; hence,  $M(s) = 0$ . Making use of Eq. (c) to express the responses  $\hat{Y}(s)$  and  $\hat{\Theta}(s)$  in terms of the applied forcing, we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{Y}(s) &= G_{11}(s)F(s) \\ \hat{\Theta}(s) &= G_{21}(s)F(s) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{h})$$

where the transfer functions  $G_{ik}(s)$  in Eq. (h) are given by Eqs. (d). Upon substituting Eqs. (h) into Eq. (g), we arrive at

$$A_s(s) = s^2[G_{11}(s) + L_{\text{sensor}}G_{21}(s)]F(s) \quad (\text{i})$$

To obtain the frequency response function, we set  $s = j\omega$  in Eq. (i), which leads to

$$A_s(j\omega) = -\omega^2[G_{11}(j\omega) + L_{\text{sensor}}G_{21}(j\omega)]F(j\omega) \quad (\text{j})$$

Equation (j) relates the frequency information in the accelerometer measurement to the applied forcing and the system frequency-response functions. If the excitation moment  $m(t) \neq 0$ , then it will be found that the sensor measurement also depends on the frequency-response functions  $G_{12}(j\omega)$  and  $G_{22}(j\omega)$ .

### EXAMPLE 8.12 Frequency-response functions for a structurally damped system

Through this example, we shall illustrate how to obtain the frequency-response functions of a system with structural damping. As discussed in Chapter 5, when a vibratory system is excited by a harmonic excitation, the stiffness elements can be given complex stiffness values to model structural damping; that is, from Eq. (5.141), we have that

$$k_i \rightarrow k_i(1 + j\eta_i) \quad i = 1, 2 \quad (\text{a})$$

where  $k_i$  and  $\eta_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  are constants. The quantities  $\eta_1$  and  $\eta_2$  are introduced to model the structural damping.

We choose Eqs. (8.35) with  $k_3 = 0$  as the model of a two degree-of-freedom system subjected to a harmonic excitation and use Eq. (a) to represent the stiffness quantities. Then Eq. (8.35) becomes

$$\begin{bmatrix} k_1(1 + j\eta_1) + k_2(1 + j\eta_2) - \omega^2 m_1 & -k_2(1 + j\eta_2) \\ -k_2(1 + j\eta_2) & k_2(1 + j\eta_2) - \omega^2 m_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (\text{b})$$

Introducing the nondimensional quantities given by Eqs. (7.41), Eqs. (b) can be written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} (1 + j\eta_1) + \omega_r^2 m_r(1 + j\eta_2) - \Omega^2 & -\omega_r^2 m_r(1 + j\eta_2) \\ -\omega_r^2(1 + j\eta_2) & \omega_r^2(1 + j\eta_2) - \Omega^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} F_1/k_1 \\ F_2/(m_r k_1) \end{Bmatrix} \quad (\text{c})$$

Upon solving for  $X_i$  in Eqs. (c), we obtain

$$X_1 = \frac{1}{k_1 D_{sd}} [(\omega_r^2(1 + j\eta_2) - \Omega^2)F_1 + \omega_r^2(1 + j\eta_2)F_2]$$

$$X_2 = \frac{1}{m_r k_1 D_{sd}} [\omega_r^2 m_r(1 + j\eta_2)F_1 + ((1 + j\eta_1) + \omega_r^2 m_r(1 + j\eta_2) - \Omega^2)F_2] \quad (\text{d})$$

where

$$D_{sd} = \Omega^4 - (1 + j\eta_1 + \omega_r^2(1 + j\eta_2)(1 + m_r))\Omega^2 + \omega_r^2(1 + j\eta_1)(1 + j\eta_2) \quad (\text{e})$$

We construct the first set of frequency-response functions by setting  $F_2 = 0$ . Then Eqs. (d) lead to

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_{11}(\Omega) &= \left| \frac{X_1}{F_1/k_1} \right| = \left| \frac{1}{D_{sd}} (\omega_r^2(1 + j\eta_2) - \Omega^2) \right| \\
 H_{21}(\Omega) &= \left| \frac{X_2}{F_1/k_1} \right| = \left| \frac{\omega_r^2(1 + j\eta_2)}{D_{sd}} \right|
 \end{aligned} \tag{f}$$

The second set of frequency-response functions are obtained by setting  $F_1 = 0$ . Then Eqs. (d) result in

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_{12}(\Omega) &= \left| \frac{X_1}{F_2/k_1} \right| = \left| \frac{\omega_r^2(1 + j\eta_2)}{D_{sd}} \right| \\
 H_{22}(\Omega) &= \left| \frac{X_2}{F_2/k_1} \right| = \left| \frac{1}{m_r D_{sd}} ((1 + j\eta_1) + \omega_r^2 m_r (1 + j\eta_2) - \Omega^2) \right|
 \end{aligned} \tag{g}$$

Evaluation of Eqs. (f) and (g) for  $m_r = 0.1$  and  $\eta_1 = \eta_2 = 0.10$  produce graphs virtually identical to those shown in Figure 8.12.

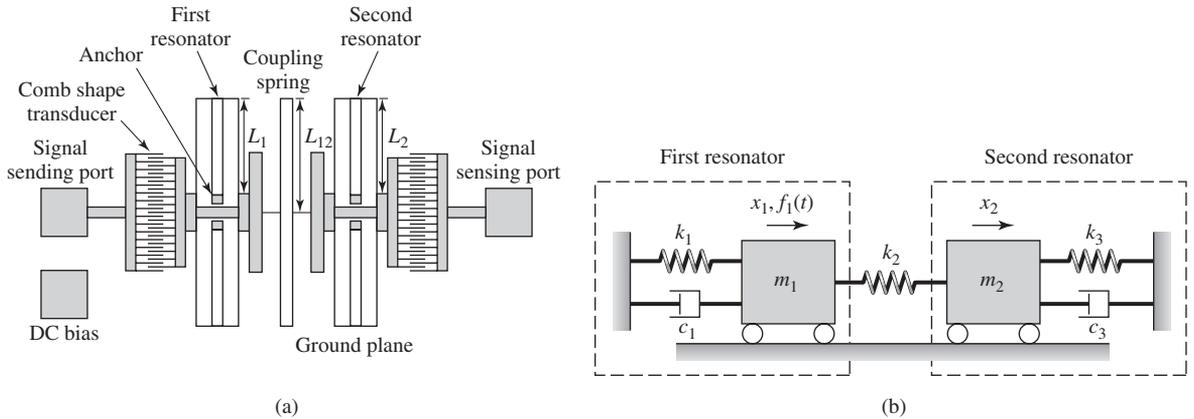
### EXAMPLE 8.13 Amplitude response of a micromechanical filter

There is a class of devices called micromechanical filters that have been used in signal processing for the last 60 years.<sup>16</sup> These are resonant electro-mechanical systems that exhibit such characteristics as narrow bandwidth, low loss, and good stability. These devices are getting considerable attention again with the advent of small-scale systems being developed in the field of MEMS.<sup>17</sup> One form of these devices consists of two masses and three springs as shown in Figure 8.15a. The equivalent vibratory model is shown in Figure 8.15b. The device shown in Figure 8.15 consists of an inertial element  $m_1$  being driven by an electrostatic comb transducer. An electrostatic comb transducer senses the motion of the other inertial element  $m_2$ . Between the two masses is a coupling spring  $k_2$ . The masses and the geometric parameters are chosen so that  $m_1 = m_2$ ,  $k_1 = k_3$ , and  $c_1 = c_3$ . The goal is to select the appropriate values for  $m_j$ ,  $k_j$ , and  $c_j$  to create a filter whose amplitude response of  $m_2$  is relatively uniform within a specified bandwidth. The degree of uniformity is called *pass band ripple*, and the corresponding magnitudes are usually expressed in dB.

The filter is described by the transfer function involving the displacement response of  $m_2$  and the force applied to mass  $m_1$ ; that is, we are interested in

<sup>16</sup>R. A. Johnson, *Mechanical Filters in Electronics*, John Wiley & Sons, NY (1983).

<sup>17</sup>L. Lin et al., "Microelectromechanical Filters for Signal Processing," *J. Microelectromechanical Systems*, Vol. 7, No. 3, pp. 286–294 (September 1998); and K. Wang and C. T.-C. Nguyen, "High-Order Microelectromechanical Electronic Filters," Proceedings, 10th Annual International Workshop on Micro Electro Mechanical Systems, IEEE Robotics and Automation Society, pp. 25–30 (January 1997).



**FIGURE 8.15**

(a) Layout of a series two resonator micromechanical filter and (b) vibratory model. *Source:* From A. Lin, et al., "Microelectromechanical Filters for Signal Processing," *Journal of Microelectromechanical Systems*, Vol. 7, No. 3, pp. 286–294 (September 1998). Copyright © 1998 IEEE. Reprinted with permission.

the transfer function  $G_{21}(s) = X_2(s)/F_1(s)$ . We start with Eq. (8.60) and set  $m_2 = m_1$ ,  $k_3 = k_1$ ,  $c_3 = c_1$ ,  $c_2 = 0$ , and  $f_2(t) = 0$  to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} m_1 \frac{d^2x_1}{dt^2} + c_1 \frac{dx_1}{dt} + (k_1 + k_2)x_1 - k_2x_2 &= f_1(t) \\ m_1 \frac{d^2x_2}{dt^2} + c_1 \frac{dx_2}{dt} + (k_2 + k_1)x_2 - k_2x_1 &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (a)$$

Introducing the quantities

$$\omega_{n1} = \sqrt{\frac{k_1}{m_1}}, \quad 2\zeta_1 = \frac{c_1}{m_1\omega_{n1}}, \quad \tau = \omega_{n1}t, \quad \text{and} \quad k_{21} = \frac{k_2}{k_1} \quad (b)$$

Eqs. (a) can be rewritten as

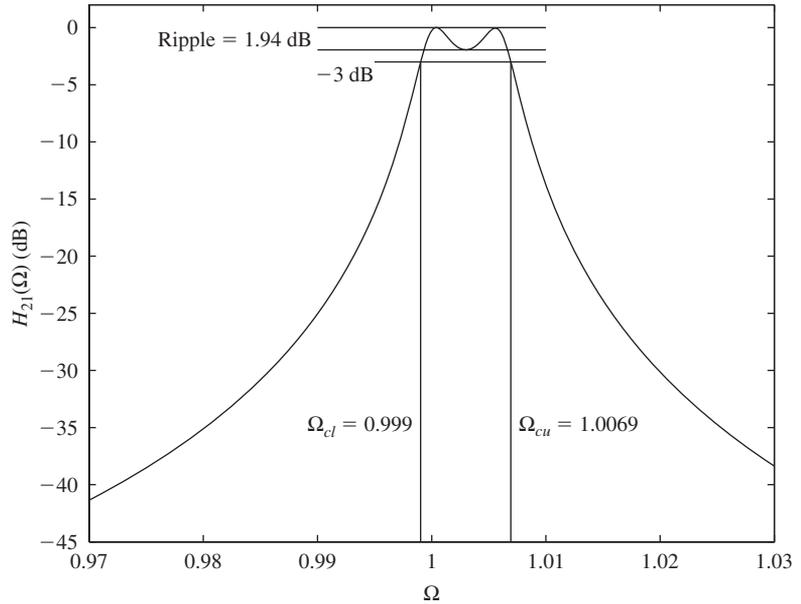
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2x_1}{d\tau^2} + 2\zeta_1 \frac{dx_1}{d\tau} + (1 + k_{21})x_1 - k_{21}x_2 &= \frac{f_1(\tau)}{k_1} \\ \frac{d^2x_2}{d\tau^2} + 2\zeta_1 \frac{dx_2}{d\tau} + (1 + k_{21})x_2 - k_{21}x_1 &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (c)$$

Upon taking the Laplace transforms of the different terms in Eqs.(c) and assuming that all the initial conditions are zero, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (s^2 + 2\zeta_1s + (1 + k_{21}))X_1(s) - k_{21}X_2(s) &= \frac{F_1(s)}{k_1} \\ -k_{21}X_1(s) + (s^2 + 2\zeta_1s + (1 + k_{21}))X_2(s) &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (d)$$

where  $X_j(s)$  is the Laplace transform of  $x_j(\tau)$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ , and  $F_1(s)$  is the Laplace transform of  $f_1(\tau)$ .

Solving this system of algebraic equations for  $X_2(s)$ , we arrive at

**FIGURE 8.16**

Amplitude response for a micromechanical filter for  $k_{21} = 0.006$  and  $\zeta_1 = 0.0015$ . The data have been normalized with respect to the maximum value of  $H_{21}(\Omega)$ .

$$\frac{X_2(s)}{(F_1(s)/k_1)} = \frac{k_{21}}{D_5(s)} \quad (\text{e})$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} D_5(s) &= (s^2 + 2\zeta_1 s + (1 + k_{21}))^2 - k_{21}^2 \\ &= s^4 + 4\zeta_1 s^3 + 2(2\zeta_1^2 + 1 + k_{21})s^2 + 4\zeta_1(1 + k_{21})s + 1 + 2k_{21} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{f})$$

The magnitude of the amplitude-response function is obtained by setting  $s = j\Omega$  in Eqs. (e) and (f), where  $\Omega = \omega/\omega_n$ . Hence, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} H_{21}(\Omega) &= \left| \frac{X_2(j\Omega)}{(F_1(j\Omega)/k_1)} \right| \\ &= k_{21} |\Omega^4 - 4\zeta_1 j\Omega^3 - 2(2\zeta_1^2 + 1 + k_{21})\Omega^2 + 4\zeta_1(1 + k_{21})j\Omega + 1 + 2k_{21}|^{-1} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{g})$$

The damping factors for micromechanical filters vary, but typically they are low and on the order of 0.001. To give an idea of the amplitude response of  $m_2$ , we select  $k_{21} = 0.006$  and  $\zeta_1 = 0.0015$ . The numerically obtained results are shown in Figure 8.16.

In Section 5.3.3, we discussed how a single degree-of-freedom system could be viewed as a mechanical filter. It was shown that the filter parameters are dependent on the system resonance and the system's damping factor. In this example, we have used a two degree-of-freedom system to construct a mechanical filter. Examining Figure 8.16, it is seen that the system parameters have been chosen to place the two system natural frequencies and, hence,

their resonance locations, with a certain frequency separation. This separation determines the center frequency of the filter and the bandwidth  $BW$  of the filter. Recalling the definitions introduced in Section 5.3.3 for a filter, the bandwidth  $BW$  is determined by the  $-3$  dB values of the amplitude response, which occur at  $\Omega_{cl}$  and  $\Omega_{cu}$ , the nondimensional lower and upper cutoff frequencies, respectively. In Section 5.3.3, we discussed that the lower the damping factor  $\zeta$ , the higher the  $Q$  factor associated with a filter. Due to the low damping levels associated with microelectromechanical systems, they are attractive candidates for mechanical filters. However, unlike in Section 5.3.3 where certain explicit relationships between the filter parameters and the system parameters of a single degree-of-freedom system could be obtained, when a multiple degree-of-freedom system is designed to act as a filter, one has to resort to numerical means to determine how a change in a certain system parameter affects the filter design.

### EXAMPLE 8.14 Bell and clapper (continued)

We consider the forced oscillations of the bell and clapper system discussed in Example 7.8 and shown in Figure 7.10. The governing equations of motion, which are given by Eq. (h) of this example, are given by

$$\begin{aligned} (m_1 d_1^2 + J_1 + m_2 a^2) \ddot{\theta}_1 - m_2 a d_2 \ddot{\theta}_2 + (c_{r1} + c_{r2}) \dot{\theta}_1 - c_{r2} \dot{\theta}_2 + (m_1 d_1 - m_2 a) g \theta_1 &= M_1(t) \\ -m_2 a d_2 \dot{\theta}_1 + (m_2 d_2^2 + J_2) \ddot{\theta}_2 - c_{r2} \dot{\theta}_1 + c_{r2} \dot{\theta}_2 + m_2 g d_2 \theta_2 &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (a)$$

We shall show that under certain conditions there exists a frequency at which there is no relative angular motion between the bell and clapper and the bell will not ring.

We assume a harmonic excitation and let

$$M_1(t) = M_o e^{j\omega t} \quad (b)$$

The corresponding steady-state response can be assumed as

$$\theta_j(t) = \Theta_j e^{j\omega t} \quad j = 1, 2 \quad (c)$$

Then, upon substituting Eqs. (b) and (c) into Eqs. (a), we obtain the following system of equations in matrix form

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ -\omega^2 \begin{bmatrix} m_1 d_1^2 + J_1 + m_2 a^2 & -m_2 a d_2 \\ -m_2 a d_2 & m_2 d_2^2 + J_2 \end{bmatrix} + j\omega \begin{bmatrix} c_{r1} + c_{r2} & -c_{r2} \\ -c_{r2} & c_{r2} \end{bmatrix} \right. \\ & \left. + g \begin{bmatrix} m_1 d_1 - m_2 a & 0 \\ 0 & m_2 d_2 \end{bmatrix} \right] \begin{Bmatrix} \Theta_1 \\ \Theta_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} M_o \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

which can be written more compactly as

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11}(j\omega) & a_{12}(j\omega) \\ a_{21}(j\omega) & a_{22}(j\omega) \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \Theta_1 \\ \Theta_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} M_o \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (d)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_{11}(j\omega) &= -\omega^2(m_1d_1^2 + J_1 + m_2a^2) + j\omega(c_{t1} + c_{t2}) + g(m_1d_1 - m_2a) \\
 a_{12}(j\omega) &= a_{21}(j\omega) = m_2ad_2\omega^2 - jc_{t2}\omega \\
 a_{22}(j\omega) &= -\omega^2(m_2d_2^2 + J_2) + jc_{t2}\omega + m_2gd_2
 \end{aligned} \tag{e}$$

Solving for  $\Theta_j$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Theta_1 &= a_{22}(j\omega) \frac{M_o}{\Delta} \\
 \Theta_2 &= -a_{21}(j\omega) \frac{M_o}{\Delta}
 \end{aligned} \tag{f}$$

where

$$\Delta = a_{11}(j\omega)a_{22}(j\omega) - a_{12}^2(j\omega) \tag{g}$$

The complex amplitude of the relative angular displacement between the bell and clapper is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Theta_1 - \Theta_2 &= (a_{22}(j\omega) + a_{21}(j\omega)) \frac{M_o}{\Delta} \\
 &= (-\omega^2(m_2d_2^2 + J_2 - m_2ad_2) + m_2gd_2) \frac{M_o}{\Delta}
 \end{aligned} \tag{h}$$

We see that  $\Theta_1 - \Theta_2 = 0$  when

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{m_2gd_2}{m_2d_2^2 + J_2 - m_2ad_2}} \tag{i}$$

Hence, for this frequency there will be no relative motion between the bell and the clapper, and the bell will not ring.

## 8.6 VIBRATION ABSORBERS

Vibration absorbers are used in many applications, which include power transmission lines, automobiles, aircraft, optical platforms, and rotating machinery. In Section 8.2.3, we introduced the undamped vibration absorber and showed how the absorber system could be designed based on the zeros of the forced response or the frequency-response function. In this section, we revisit this problem and broaden the discussion to include damping and different types of dampers. In Sections 8.6.1 and 8.6.2, we discuss the design of two very different types of vibration absorbers that are based on linear-system principles. In Sections 8.6.3 to 8.6.5, we introduce nonlinear vibration absorbers and give an indication of the types of absorber designs that are possible.<sup>18</sup>

<sup>18</sup>The models presented in this section also have been used to estimate the effects of sloshing dampers (tanks with a fluid in them). See for example: K. Fujii, et al., "Wind-Induced Vibration of Tower and Practical Applications of Tended Sloshing Damper, *J. Wind Engineering Industrial Aerodynamics*, Vol. 33, pp. 263–272, 1990; G. So and S. E. Semercigil, "A Note on a Natural Sloshing Absorber for Vibration Control," *J. Sound Vibration*, Vol. 269, pp. 1119–1127, 2004.

### 8.6.1 Linear Vibration Absorber

As an illustration of a linear vibration absorber, we consider the system shown in Figure 8.17. In this system, it is assumed that the primary system with damping has attached to it a secondary system, the vibration absorber. A disturbance  $f_1(t)$  acts on the primary system and it is assumed that there is no force acting on the absorber mass  $m_2$ . The governing equations are determined from Eqs. (8.62) by setting  $f_2(\tau) = 0$ ,  $k_{32} = 0$  ( $k_3 = 0$ ), and  $c_{32} = 0$  ( $c_3 = 0$ ). This leads to

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2x_1}{d\tau^2} + (2\zeta_1 + 2\zeta_2 m_r \omega_r) \frac{dx_1}{d\tau} + (1 + m_r \omega_r^2)x_1 \\ - 2\zeta_2 m_r \omega_r \frac{dx_2}{d\tau} - m_r \omega_r^2 x_2 = \frac{f_1(\tau)}{k_1} \\ \frac{d^2x_2}{d\tau^2} + 2\zeta_2 \omega_r \frac{dx_2}{d\tau} + \omega_r^2 x_2 - 2\zeta_2 \omega_r \frac{dx_1}{d\tau} - \omega_r^2 x_1 = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (8.107)$$

where the different parameters in Eqs. (8.107) are given by Eqs. (7.41).

The design question that is posed is the following: How can a combination of parameters  $k_2$ ,  $c_2$ , and  $m_2$  of the secondary system be chosen so that the response amplitude of the primary system is at a minimum (or zero) in the specified frequency range of the excitation? To answer this question, we start from the responses given by Eqs. (8.101) and obtain.

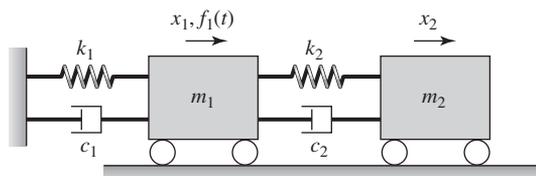
$$\frac{X_1(j\Omega)}{F_1(j\Omega)} = G_{11}(j\Omega) = \frac{E_2(j\Omega)}{k_1 D_2(j\Omega)} \quad (8.108)$$

where  $D_2(j\Omega)$  and  $E_2(j\Omega)$  are given by Eqs. (8.102). The relation for  $E_2(j\Omega)$  is repeated here for convenience as

$$E_2(j\Omega) = -\Omega^2 + j(2\zeta_2 \omega_r \Omega) + \omega_r^2 \quad (8.109)$$

In Example 8.3, we considered an undamped primary system and an undamped vibration absorber, and it was shown that when this primary system is subjected to a harmonic excitation at the natural frequency of the primary system, the vibration absorber can be designed to provide an equal and opposite force to the excitation force on the primary system. Therefore, the effective excitation experienced by the primary system is cancelled at this excitation frequency. In the present case, the primary and secondary systems are damped. The question is whether the same canceling effect can be accomplished.

**FIGURE 8.17**  
System with vibration absorber.



Special Case of Absorber System:  $\zeta_2 = 0$ 

From Eqs. (8.108), we see that when  $E_2(j\Omega) = 0$  the response of the primary system given by  $X_1(j\Omega)$  is also zero. When  $\zeta_2$  is zero, it is seen from Eq. (8.109) that  $E_2(j\Omega) = 0$  if

$$\Omega = \omega_r \quad (8.110a)$$

or equivalently from Eqs. (7.41) that

$$\omega = \omega_{n2} \quad (8.110b)$$

Equation (8.110a) is the same as that previously determined from Eq. (h) of Example 8.3. Thus, if we choose  $k_2$  and  $m_2$  so that Eq. (8.110b) is satisfied, then we can have a zero of the forced response of the primary system at the chosen excitation frequency. The implication of this observation is as follows. Suppose that a harmonic excitation is imposed on the primary mass  $m_1$  at a frequency  $\omega = \omega_{n1}$ , where  $\omega_{n1}$  is the natural frequency of the undamped primary system; that is, the system of Figure 8.17 without the secondary system. In the absence of the secondary system, since we are exciting the primary system at its undamped natural frequency, we expect the response of this linear system to be “large.” With the inclusion of an undamped secondary system, and for the choice of  $k_2$  and  $m_2$  satisfying Eqs. (8.110), we find that the response of the primary system is zero at  $\omega = \omega_{n1}$ . The absorber parameters  $k_2$  and  $m_2$  need to be chosen so that

$$\omega_{n2} = \omega = \omega_{n1} \quad (8.111)$$

where  $\omega_{n2}$  is the natural frequency of the undamped, uncoupled secondary system. As discussed in Example 8.4, another equation or condition apart from Eq. (8.111) will be needed to determine the absorber parameters.

In Example 8.3, we found that the response of the primary mass is zero despite having an excitation acting directly on it, since the force produced by the absorber on the primary mass is equal and opposite to it. To see if this holds true for this case, we consider Eqs. (8.63) to (8.65), set  $k_3 = c_2 = c_3 = f_2(\tau) = 0$ , assume that the initial conditions are zero, and set  $s = j\Omega$  to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (-\Omega^2 + 1 + m_r\omega_r^2 + 2j\zeta_1\Omega)X_1(j\Omega) - m_r\omega_r^2X_2(j\Omega) &= \frac{F_1(j\Omega)}{K_1} \\ -\omega_r^2X_1(j\Omega) + (-\Omega^2 + \omega_r^2)X_2(j\Omega) &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (8.112)$$

In Eqs. (8.112),  $X_1(j\Omega)$  and  $X_2(j\Omega)$  are the complex amplitudes of the frequency responses of the inertia elements  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ , respectively. From the second of Eqs. (8.112), if the vibration absorber is chosen to satisfy Eq. (8.110a), then

$$X_1(j\Omega) = 0 \quad (8.113a)$$

and, hence, it follows from the first of Eqs. (8.112) and Eqs. (7.41) that

$$X_2(j\Omega) = -\frac{F_1(j\Omega)}{K_1m_r\omega_r^2} = -\frac{F_1(j\Omega)}{k_2} \quad (8.113b)$$

which is identical to Eq. (j) of Example 8.3. Thus, the force generated by the spring  $k_2$  on the primary mass  $m_1$  opposes the disturbing force and is equal to it in magnitude. As a result, the mass  $m_1$  does not move and instead all of the energy provided to the system through the forcing  $f_1(t)$  is absorbed by the secondary system.

Although we would like to take advantage of the zero of the forced response at a selected excitation frequency, it is not possible to realize this in practice. This can occur because of poor frequency tuning of the absorber after installation or frequency detuning over time caused by changes to the primary system stiffness and inertia characteristics or by changes to the absorber system stiffness and inertia characteristics. The possible variations in the system parameters poses the question: How can one design an absorber to be effective over a broad frequency range? Before answering this question, we return to the free oscillation problem. With the introduction of the secondary system, the absorber, the two degree-of-freedom system has two natural frequencies. The two natural frequencies of the undamped two degree-of-freedom system are given by the roots of the characteristic equation, which is

$$D_2(j\Omega) = \Omega^4 - [1 + m_r\omega_r^2 + \omega_r^2]\Omega^2 + \omega_r^2 = 0 \quad (8.114)$$

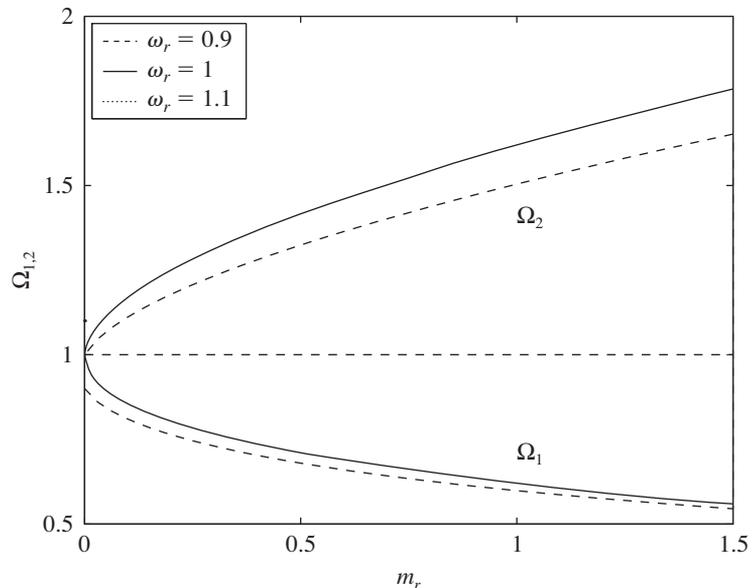
The solution of Eq. (8.114), which is a quadratic equation in  $\Omega^2$ , is

$$\Omega_{1,2} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 + \omega_r^2(1 + m_r) \mp \sqrt{1 + \omega_r^2(1 + m_r)}^2 - 4\omega_r^2 \right]} \quad (8.115)$$

The variations of the two nondimensional natural frequencies  $\Omega_1$  and  $\Omega_2$  are plotted in Figure 8.18 with respect to the mass ratio  $m_r = m_2/m_1$  and the frequency ratio  $\omega_r$ . As the mass ratio is increased, the separation between the

**FIGURE 8.18**

Natural frequencies of a two degree-of-freedom system with a vibration absorber as a function of the mass ratio  $m_r$ .



two natural frequencies increases. In the presence of a harmonic disturbance acting on the mass of the primary system, we would like the response of mass  $m_1$  not to be large when we are operating at frequencies close to either of the two resonance frequencies of the undamped two degree-of-freedom system. To address this, we return to the forced oscillation problem.

### General Case of Absorber System<sup>19</sup>

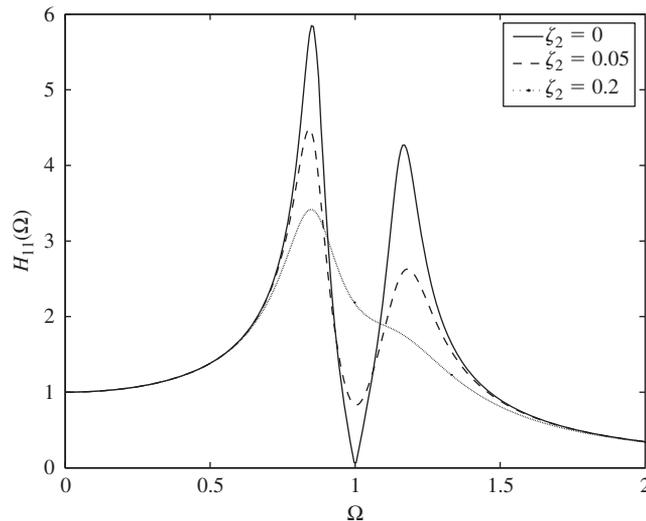
In Figures 8.19 and 8.20, the nondimensional amplitude response

$$H_{11}(\Omega) = |k_1 G_{11}(j\Omega)| \quad (8.116)$$

determined from Eq. (8.108) is plotted as a function of the nondimensional excitation frequency ratio  $\Omega$ . The mass ratio  $m_r$ , the ratio frequency  $\omega_r$ , and the damping of the primary system expressed by  $\zeta_1$  are held fixed in each case, and the damping factor  $\zeta_2$  is varied. The ratio  $\omega_r$  is decreased from 1 to 0.97 (i.e., by 3%) in going from Figure 8.19 to Figure 8.20. In both figures, we have one scenario with an undamped vibration absorber and two scenarios with two different damped vibration absorbers. The responses seen in Figures 8.19 and 8.20 are characteristic of two degree-of-freedom systems excited by a harmonic excitation, where the excitation frequency range includes the two

**FIGURE 8.19**

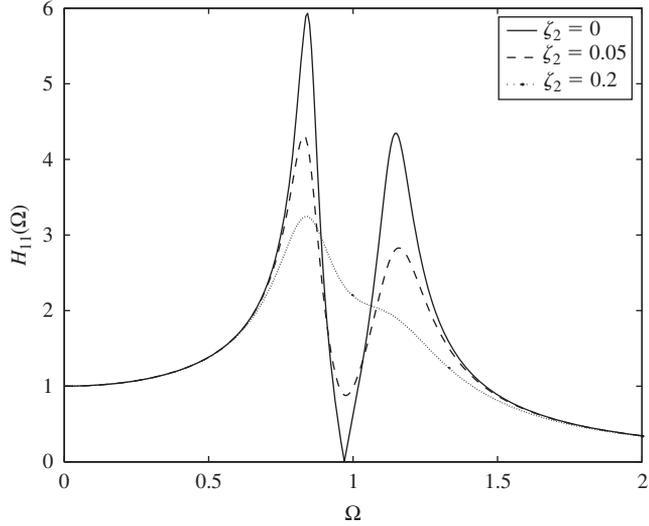
Amplitude response of primary mass  $m_1$  with a damped vibration absorber:  $m_r = 0.1$ ,  $\zeta_1 = 0.1$ , and  $\omega_r = 1$ .



<sup>19</sup>The response of an absorber system that is limited by an elastic or rigid stop can be found in the work of A. M. Veprík and V. I. Babitsky, "Non-Linear Correction of Vibration Protection System Containing Tuned Dynamic Absorber," *J. Sound Vibration*, Vol. 239 No. 2, pp. 335–356, 2001. The attachment of a spring-mass-damper system to beams, plates, and shells is treated in the following series of articles: E. O. Ayorinde and G. B. Warburton, "Optimum Absorber Parameters for Simple Systems," *Earthquake Engineering and Structural Dynamics*, Vol. 8, pp. 196–217, 1980; E. O. Ayorinde and G. B. Warburton, "Minimizing Structural Vibrations with Absorbers," *Earthquake Engineering and Structural Dynamics*, Vol. 8, pp. 219–236, 1980; G. B. Warburton, "Optimum Absorber Parameters for Minimizing Vibration Response," *Earthquake Engineering and Structural Dynamics*, Vol. 9, pp. 251–262, 1981; and G. B. Warburton, "Optimum Absorber Parameters for Various Combinations of Response and Excitation Parameters," *Earthquake Engineering and Structural Dynamics*, Vol. 10, pp. 381–401, 1982.

**FIGURE 8.20**

Amplitude response of primary mass  $m_1$  with a damped vibration absorber and when  $\omega_r \neq 1$ :  $m_r = 0.1$ ,  $\zeta_1 = 0.1$ , and  $\omega_r = 0.97$ .



resonance frequencies. Based on Eq. (8.110a), it is clear that when  $\zeta_2 = 0$ , the response of the primary system is zero. However, when  $\zeta_2 \neq 0$  and/or if the nondimensional excitation frequency is different from  $\Omega = 1$ , the response of the primary system may not have a “small” magnitude. Therefore, we would like to choose the absorber system parameters so that the response of the primary system is as small as possible over a wide frequency range that includes  $\Omega = 1$ .

For the general case, when the damping factor  $\zeta_1$  of the primary system is not zero, the choice of the secondary system parameters cannot be put in explicit form such as Eq. (8.111) and one has to resort to numerical means. However, when  $\zeta_1 = 0$ , one can obtain<sup>20</sup> optimal values for the secondary system natural frequency and the secondary system damping ratio to tailor the amplitude response  $H_{11}(\Omega)$  of the primary system. The optimal values for the absorber system parameters are obtained when the values of the peaks shown in Figure 8.21 are equal; that is, when

$$H_{11}(\Omega_A) = H_{11}(\Omega_B) \tag{8.117}$$

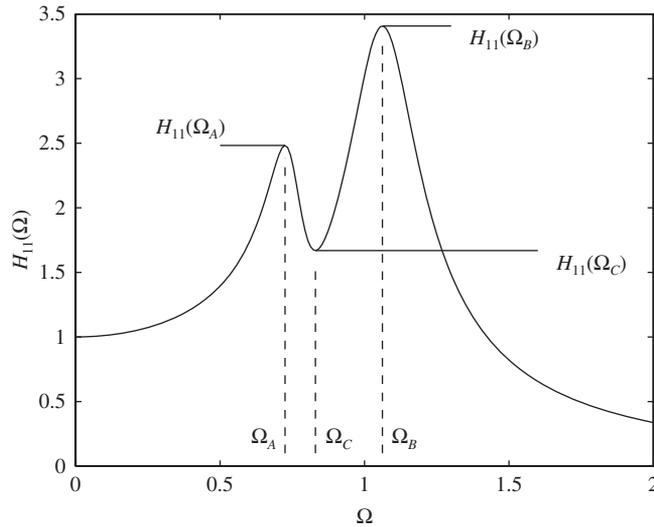
Upon carrying out the derivation, the following optimal values are obtained:<sup>21</sup>

$$\omega_{r,\text{opt}} = \frac{1}{1 + m_r} \quad \text{and} \quad \zeta_{2,\text{opt}} = \sqrt{\frac{3m_r}{8(1 + m_r)^3}} \tag{8.118}$$

<sup>20</sup>J. P. Den Hartog, *Mechanical Vibrations*, Dover, NY, pp. 87–113 (1985).

<sup>21</sup>Equation (8.118), which can be used to determine the optimum values of the absorber parameters, is based on the displacement response of the mass  $m_1$ . If one is interested in determining the optimum values of the absorber parameters based on the velocity response or acceleration response of the mass  $m_1$ , then for the velocity response, the optimal values are

$$\omega_{r,\text{opt}} = \frac{\sqrt{1 + m_r/2}}{1 + m_r} \quad \text{and} \quad \zeta_{2,\text{opt}} = \sqrt{\frac{3m_r(1 + m_r + 5m_r^2/24)}{8(1 + m_r)(1 + m_r/2)^2}}$$

**FIGURE 8.21**

Identification of amplitude response functions to be minimized.

The ratio  $\omega_r$  is optimal or there is optimal tuning when the first of Eqs. (8.118) is satisfied. The second of Eqs. (8.118) provides the optimal damping value for the secondary system. It is important to note that the mass ratio is the sole determining factor for the optimal values. For a general case, when  $\zeta_1 \neq 0$ , although the optimal condition expressed by Eq. (8.117) is valid, explicit forms such as Eqs. (8.118) cannot be obtained.

We shall now determine optimal secondary system parameters for a damped absorber (i.e.,  $\zeta_2 \neq 0$ ) so that there is an operating region including  $\Omega = 1$  wherein the variation of the amplitude of the primary system  $m_1$  as a function of frequency can remain relatively constant. That is, we would like to reduce the absorber's sensitivity to small variations in frequency. This can be realized through optimization solution techniques.<sup>22</sup> Referring to Figure 8.21, the goal is to find the secondary system parameters for which the peak amplitudes  $A$  and  $B$  are equal and are as "small" as possible, while the minimum between these peaks  $C$  is as close to  $A$  and  $B$  as possible in terms of magnitude. In other words, we would like to find the system parameters that

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and for the acceleration response, the optimal values are

$$\omega_{r,\text{opt}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + m_r}} \quad \text{and} \quad \zeta_{2,\text{opt}} = \sqrt{\frac{3m_r}{8(1 + m_r/2)}}$$

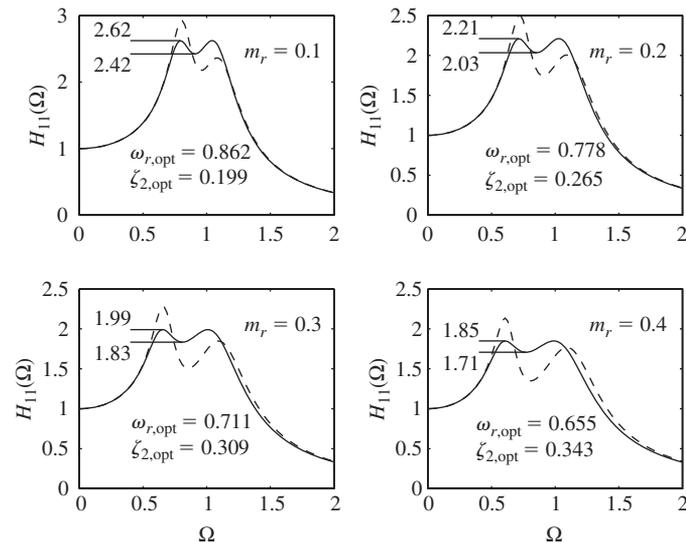
See G. B. Warburton, *op cit.*, 1982.

<sup>22</sup>E. Pennestri, "An Application of Chebyshev's Min-Max Criterion to the Optimal Design of a Damped Dynamic Vibration Absorber," *J. Sound Vibration*, Vol. 217, No. 4, pp. 757–765, 1998.

minimize each of the following three maximum values simultaneously:  $H_{11}(\Omega_A)$ ,  $H_{11}(\Omega_B)$ , and  $1/H_{11}(\Omega_C)$ . This can be stated as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{\omega_r, \zeta_2} \{H_{11}(\Omega_A)\} \\ & \min_{\omega_r, \zeta_2} \{H_{11}(\Omega_B)\} \\ & \min_{\omega_r, \zeta_2} \{1/H_{11}(\Omega_C)\} \\ & \text{subject to: } \omega_r > 0 \\ & \quad \zeta_2 \geq 0 \end{aligned} \tag{8.119}$$

For illustration, we assume that  $\zeta_1 = 0.1$  and  $m_r = 0.1, 0.2, 0.3$  and  $0.4$  and use readily available numerical procedures<sup>23</sup> to determine the optimum values of  $\zeta_{2,\text{opt}}$  and  $\omega_{r,\text{opt}}$ . The results are shown in Figure 8.22 for four different values of the mass ratio  $m_r$ . It is seen that these results satisfy the condition given by Eq. (8.117). Comparing the results shown in the four cases in Figure 8.22, it is clear that the last case is preferable, since the primary system's response is attenuated to the smallest magnitude over the chosen frequency range. For a given primary system mass, when  $m_r = 0.1$ , the secondary system is the smallest and the displacement amplitude of the secondary system is likely to be the largest. Since there are restrictions on the amplitude of motion of the secondary system, if the displacement amplitude of the secondary system is required to be less than a certain value, then this requirement



**FIGURE 8.22**

Optimum values for the parameters of a vibration absorber and the resulting amplitude responses of  $m_1$  for  $\zeta_1 = 0.1$ . The dashed lines are the responses obtained for the optimum values given by Eqs. (8.118).

<sup>23</sup>The MATLAB function `fminimax` from the Optimization Toolbox was used.

can be included as a constraint for Eqs. (8.119). In terms of design, there are still other choices one can come up with if Eq. (8.119) is replaced with another set of objectives. However, here, we have pointed out that for a practical design of an absorber, one will have to resort to numerical means and take advantage of algorithms such as that used in the present context. Furthermore, it is noted that when one carries out design, usually there is more than one design solution to be reckoned with. In addition, the number of degrees of freedom is likely to be higher than two in a practical situation.

Upon comparing the results obtained from Eqs. (8.118), we see that there are differences. For example, when  $m_r = 0.1$ , Eqs. (8.118) give that  $\omega_{r,opt} = 0.909$  and  $\zeta_{2,opt} = 0.168$ , whereas, from Figure 8.22 we see that the numerical optimization procedure gives  $\omega_{r,opt} = 0.862$  and  $\zeta_{2,opt} = 0.199$ . Similarly, for  $m_r = 0.4$ , Eqs. (8.118) give that  $\omega_{r,opt} = 0.714$  and  $\zeta_{2,opt} = 0.234$ , whereas, from Figure 8.22 we see that the numerical optimization procedure gives  $\omega_{r,opt} = 0.655$  and  $\zeta_{2,opt} = 0.343$ . However, it is seen from Figure 8.22 that the variations in the amplitude-response function around the natural frequencies obtained by using the optimum values from Eqs. (8.118) are consistently greater than those obtained on the basis of Eqs. (8.119).

If the damper  $c_2$  is not connected to mass  $m_1$  and instead connected to a fixed end, as shown in Figure 8.23, then the governing equations take the form

$$\begin{aligned} m_1 \ddot{x}_1 + (k_1 + k_2)x_1 - k_2 x_2 &= f_1(t) \\ m_2 \ddot{x}_2 + c_2 \dot{x}_2 + k_2(x_2 - x_1) &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (8.120)$$

After using the approach that was employed to obtain Eqs. (8.101), we arrive at the frequency-response function

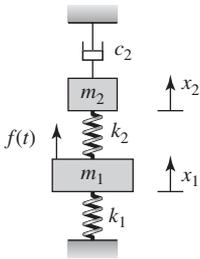
$$\begin{aligned} H_{11}(j\Omega) &= \left| \frac{X_1(j\Omega)}{F_1(j\Omega)/k_1} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{-\Omega^2 + \omega_r^2 + j2\zeta_2\Omega\omega_r}{(1 - \Omega^2)(\omega_r^2 - \Omega^2) - \Omega^2\omega_r^2 m_r + j2\zeta_2\Omega\omega_r(1 - \Omega^2 + \omega_r^2 m_r)} \right| \end{aligned} \quad (8.121)$$

It has been found that for this function,<sup>24</sup> the optimum values are

$$\omega_{r,opt} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{1 - m_r}} \quad \text{and} \quad \zeta_{2,opt} = \sqrt{\frac{3m_r}{8(1 - m_r/2)}} \quad (8.122)$$

A comparison of the responses for the two types of attachment of the damper to the absorber mass for  $m_r = 0.1$  is given in Figure 8.24. It is seen that the responses are similar, but with the configuration of the absorber shown in Figure 8.23, one obtains about a 10% decrease in the maximum magnitude of the displacement for the same mass ratio.

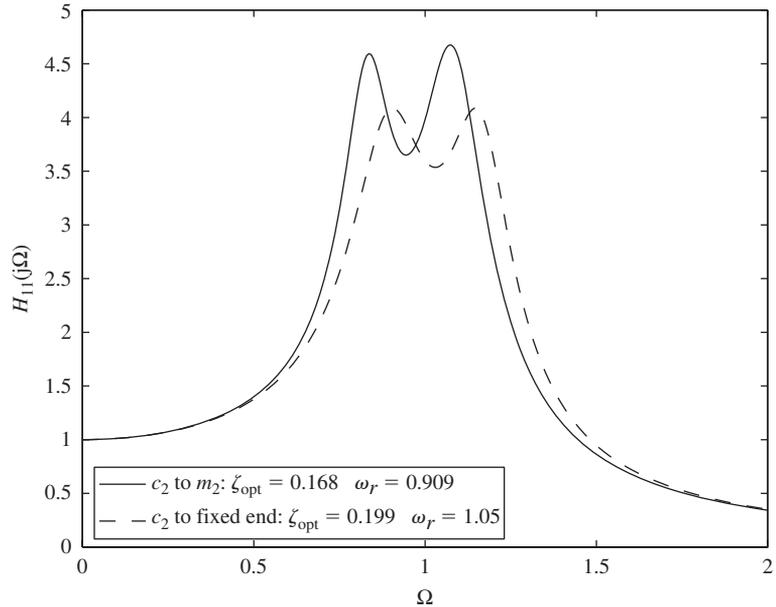
In designing a vibration absorber, there are other aspects such as the static deflection of the two degree-of-freedom system, stresses in the absorber



**FIGURE 8.23**

A variation of the attachment of the absorber damper.

<sup>24</sup>M. Z. Ren, "A Variant Design of the Dynamic Vibration Absorber," *J. Sound Vibration*, **245**(4), pp. 762–770, 2001.

**FIGURE 8.24**

Optimized amplitude response of  $m_1$  for two types of damper attachments when  $m_r = 0.1$ .

springs, displacement of the absorber mass, etc. that one has to deal with. Many practical hints for designing absorbers are available in the literature.<sup>25</sup>

**Design Guideline:** In many practical situations, a vibration-absorber system should have a ratio of the absorber mass to the primary system mass of about one-tenth, a damping factor for the absorber system of about 0.2 when the primary system is lightly damped, and an uncoupled natural frequency of the absorber system that is about 15% less than that of the primary system.

### EXAMPLE 8.15 Absorber design for a rotating system with mass unbalance

A rotating system with an unbalanced mass is modeled as a single degree-of-freedom system with a mass of 10 kg, a natural frequency of 40 Hz, and a damping factor of 0.2. The system requires an undamped absorber so that the natural frequencies of the resulting two degree-of-freedom system are outside the frequency range of 30 Hz to 50 Hz. In addition, the absorber is to be

<sup>25</sup>H. Bachmann et al., *Vibration Problems in Structures: Practical Guidelines*, Birkhäuser Verlag, Basel, Germany, Appendix D (1995).

designed such that for force amplitudes of up to 6000 N at 40 Hz, the steady-state amplitude of the absorber's response will not exceed 20 mm.

The parameters provided for the primary system are

$$\begin{aligned} m_1 &= 10 \text{ kg} \\ \omega_{n1} &= 40 \times 2\pi = 251.33 \text{ rad/s} \\ \zeta_1 &= 0.2 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{a})$$

For this system, the absorber must be such that the resulting two degree-of-freedom system's lowest natural frequency  $\omega_1$  and the highest natural frequency  $\omega_2$  have, respectively, the following limits

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_1 &< 30 \times 2\pi = 188.50 \text{ rad/s} \\ \omega_2 &> 50 \times 2\pi = 314.16 \text{ rad/s} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{b})$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_1 &= \frac{\omega_1}{\omega_{n1}} < \frac{188.50 \text{ rad/s}}{251.33 \text{ rad/s}} = 0.75 \\ \Omega_2 &= \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_{n1}} > \frac{314.16 \text{ rad/s}}{251.33 \text{ rad/s}} = 1.25 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{c})$$

where  $\Omega_1$  and  $\Omega_2$  are the nondimensional natural frequency limits of the rotating system with the absorber. The requirement on the steady-state amplitude of the absorber at 40 Hz is expressed as

$$|X_2(j\omega)|_{\omega=\omega_{n1}=251.33} \leq 20 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m} \quad (\text{d})$$

For the absorber to meet the requirements given by Eqs. (b), (c) and (d), we choose an undamped spring-mass system of stiffness  $k_2$  and mass  $m_2$ . To meet the requirement given by Eqs. (c), we note from Figure 8.18 that the larger the mass ratio, the larger the separation between the nondimensional natural frequencies  $\Omega_1$  and  $\Omega_2$ . The frequency ratio  $\omega_r$  is chosen to satisfy Eq. (8.111); that is,

$$\omega_r = \frac{\omega_{n2}}{\omega_{n1}} = 1 \quad (\text{e})$$

Then, Eq. (8.115) is used to determine the nondimensional natural frequencies  $\Omega_1$  and  $\Omega_2$  for a chosen mass ratio  $m_r$ . Let

$$m_r = \frac{m_2}{m_1} = 0.6 \quad (\text{f})$$

From Eqs. (8.115), (e), and (f), we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_{1,2} &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} [1 + \omega_r^2(1 + m_r) \mp \sqrt{(1 + \omega_r^2(1 + m_r))^2 - 4\omega_r^2}]} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} [1 + 1^2 \times (1 + 0.6) \mp \sqrt{(1 + 1^2 \times (1 + 0.6))^2 - 4 \times 1^2}]} \\ &= 0.685, 1.460 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{g})$$

Thus, for the chosen mass ratio  $m_r$  and frequency ratio  $\omega_r$ , the requirement given by Eq. (b) is satisfied; that is, the two degree-of-freedom system's natural frequencies are outside the range of 30 Hz to 50 Hz.

It remains to be determined if the requirement (d) is satisfied. Making use of Eqs. (a), (e), and (f), we find that the absorber stiffness  $k_2$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} k_2 &= m_2 \omega_{n2}^2 = (m_r m_1) (\omega_r \omega_{n1})^2 \\ &= (0.6 \times 10 \text{ kg}) \times (1 \times 251.33 \text{ rad/s})^2 \\ &= 379 \times 10^3 \text{ N/m} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{h})$$

Since we have chosen an undamped vibration absorber (i.e.,  $\zeta_2 = 0$ ) and  $\omega_r = 1$ , we can use Eq. (8.113b) to determine if Eq. (d) is satisfied. Making use of the given value for the forcing amplitude of 6000 N and the stiffness  $k_2$  calculated in Eq. (h), we find that

$$|X_2|_{\omega=\omega_{n1}=251.33} = \left| -\frac{6000 \text{ N}}{379 \times 10^3 \text{ N/m}} \right| = 15.83 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m} \quad (\text{i})$$

Hence, comparing Eqs. (d) and (h), we find that the second requirement has also been satisfied. Had we chosen a frequency ratio  $\omega_r$  different from 1, we could not have used Eq. (8.113b). Instead, we would have to use Eqs. (8.112) to determine the steady-state amplitude of the absorber response.

### EXAMPLE 8.16 Absorber design for a machine system

A machine has a mass of 200 kg and a natural frequency of 130 rad/s. An absorber mass of 20 kg and a spring-damper combination is to be attached to this machine so that the machine can be operated in as wide a frequency range as possible around the machine's natural frequency. We shall determine the values for the absorber spring constant  $k_2$  and damping coefficient  $c_2$ .

For the given parameters, the mass ratio  $m_r$  is

$$m_r = \frac{m_r}{m_1} = \frac{20 \text{ kg}}{200 \text{ kg}} = 0.1 \quad (\text{a})$$

The optimal frequency ratio  $\omega_{r,\text{opt}}$  and the optimal damping ratio  $\zeta_{2,\text{opt}}$  are determined from Eqs. (8.118) as

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_{r,\text{opt}} &= \frac{1}{1 + m_r} = \frac{1}{1 + 0.1} = 0.909 \\ \zeta_{2,\text{opt}} &= \sqrt{\frac{3m_r}{8(1 + m_r)^3}} = \sqrt{\frac{3 \times 0.1}{8(1 + 0.1)^3}} = 0.168 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{b})$$

The absorber's natural frequency is

$$\omega_{n2} = \omega_{r,\text{opt}} \omega_{n1} = 0.909 \times (130 \text{ rad/s}) = 118.17 \text{ rad/s} \quad (\text{c})$$

Hence, the absorber stiffness is

$$\begin{aligned} k_2 &= m_2 \omega_{n2}^2 \\ &= (20 \text{ kg}) \times (118.17 \text{ rad/s})^2 = 279.28 \times 10^3 \text{ N/m} \end{aligned} \quad (d)$$

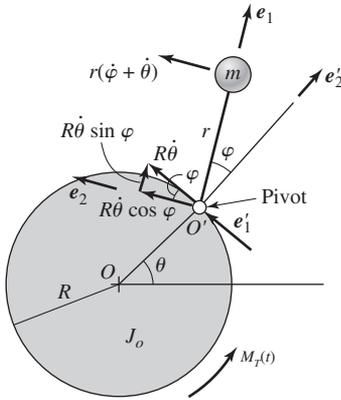
and the absorber damping coefficient is

$$\begin{aligned} c_2 &= 2\zeta_2 m_2 \omega_{n2} \\ &= 2 \times 0.168 \times (20 \text{ kg}) \times (118.17 \text{ rad/s}) \\ &= 794.10 \text{ N/(m/s)} \end{aligned} \quad (e)$$

### 8.6.2 Centrifugal Pendulum Vibration Absorber<sup>26</sup>

Centrifugal pendulum absorbers, which are also known as rotating pendulum vibration absorbers, are widely used in many rotary applications. For example, in rotating shafts, the centrifugal pendulum absorber is often employed to reduce undesirable vibrations at frequencies that are proportional to the rotational speed of the shaft. Since the rotational speed can vary over a wide range, in order to have an effective absorber, the natural frequency of the absorber should be proportional to the rotational speed. This can be realized by using the centrifugal pendulum vibration absorber.

A conceptual representation of rotary system with this absorber is illustrated in Figure 8.25, where the pendulum absorber moves in the plane containing the unit vectors  $e_1$  and  $e_2$ . These unit vectors are fixed to the pendulum, which has a mass  $m$  and length  $r$ . The unit vectors  $e'_1$  and  $e'_2$  are fixed to the rotary system. For this two degree-of-freedom system, we will derive the governing nonlinear equations of the system by using the generalized coordinates  $\theta$  and  $\varphi$ , linearize these equations, and use these equations to show how this absorber can be designed. In Figure 8.25, the angle  $\varphi$  is measured relative to the rotating system, which has a rotary inertia  $J_o$  about the point  $O$ , which is fixed for all time. An external moment  $M_T(t)$  acts on this system.



**FIGURE 8.25**  
Centrifugal pendulum absorber.

#### Equations of Motion

The Lagrange equations given by Eqs. (7.7) are used to get the governing equations of motion. From Figure 8.25 and Example 1.4, we see that the velocity of the pendulum with respect to the point  $O$  is given by

$$V_m = R\dot{\theta}e'_1 + r(\dot{\varphi} + \dot{\theta})e_2 = (R\dot{\theta} \sin \varphi)e_1 + (R\dot{\theta} \cos \varphi + r(\dot{\varphi} + \dot{\theta}))e_2 \quad (8.123)$$

<sup>26</sup>See, for example: R. G. Mitchiner and R. G. Leonard, "Centrifugal Pendulum Vibration Absorbers—Theory and Practice," *J. Vibration Acoustics*, Vol. 113, pp. 503–507 (1991); M. Sharif-Bakhtiar and S. W. Shaw, "Effects of Nonlinearities and Damping on the Dynamic Response of a Centrifugal Pendulum Vibration Absorber," *J. Vibration Acoustics*, Vol. 114, pp. 305–311 (1992); and M. Hosek, H. Elmali, and N. Olgac, "A tunable vibration absorber: the centrifugal delayed resonator," *J. Sound Vibration*, Vol. 205, No. (2), pp. 151–165 (1997).

Hence, the kinetic energy of the system is

$$\begin{aligned}
 T &= \frac{1}{2} J_O \dot{\theta}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m (\mathbf{V}_m \cdot \mathbf{V}_m) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} J_O \dot{\theta}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m [(R\dot{\theta} \sin \varphi)^2 + (R\dot{\theta} \cos \varphi + r(\dot{\varphi} + \dot{\theta}))^2] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} J_O \dot{\theta}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m [R^2 \dot{\theta}^2 + r^2 (\dot{\varphi} + \dot{\theta})^2 + 2rR(\dot{\theta}^2 + \dot{\varphi}\dot{\theta}) \cos \varphi] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} [J_O + m(R^2 + r^2 + 2rR \cos \varphi)] \dot{\theta}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m r^2 \dot{\varphi}^2 \\
 &\quad + m r (r + R \cos \varphi) \dot{\varphi} \dot{\theta}
 \end{aligned} \tag{8.124}$$

If we ignore the effects of gravity and the stiffness of the rotary system,<sup>27</sup> then there is no contribution to the system potential energy. In addition, since we have not taken any form of damping into account, there is no dissipation. For the generalized coordinates we have  $q_1 = \theta$  and  $q_2 = \varphi$ . Then, setting  $D = V = 0$  and recognizing that  $Q_1 = M_T(t)$  and  $Q_2 = 0$ , the Lagrange equations given by Eqs. (7.7) reduce to the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{\theta}} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial \theta} &= M_T(t) \\
 \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{\varphi}} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial \varphi} &= 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{8.125}$$

After substituting Eqs. (8.124) into Eqs. (8.125) and carrying out the indicated differentiations, we obtain the following coupled, nonlinear equations:

$$\begin{aligned}
 [J_O + m(R^2 + r^2 + 2rR \cos \varphi)] \ddot{\theta} + m r (r + R \cos \varphi) \ddot{\varphi} \\
 - m r R \dot{\varphi} \dot{\theta} \sin \varphi - m r R \dot{\varphi}^2 \sin \varphi &= M_T(t) \\
 m r (r + R \cos \varphi) \ddot{\theta} + m r^2 \ddot{\varphi} + m r R \dot{\theta}^2 \sin \varphi &= 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{8.126}$$

Dividing each of the terms in Eqs. (8.126) by  $mR^2$  and introducing the non-dimensional pendulum length ratio  $\gamma = r/R$ , we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned}
 J_1(\varphi) \ddot{\theta} + J_2(\varphi) \ddot{\varphi} - \gamma (2\dot{\varphi} \dot{\theta} + \dot{\varphi}^2) \sin \varphi &= M_T(t)/(mR^2) \\
 J_2(\varphi) \ddot{\theta} + \gamma^2 \ddot{\varphi} + \gamma \sin \varphi \dot{\theta}^2 &= 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{8.127}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 J_1(\varphi) &= J_O/(mR^2) + 1 + \gamma^2 + 2\gamma \cos \varphi \\
 J_2(\varphi) &= \gamma^2 + \gamma \cos \varphi
 \end{aligned} \tag{8.128}$$

The rotation  $\theta$  of the rotary system is assumed to consist of two parts, one, a steady-state rotation  $\omega t$ , due to rotation at a constant angular speed  $\omega$ , and another part  $\psi(t)$  due to a disturbance about this rotation. Thus, we arrive at

$$\theta(t) = \omega t + \psi(t) \tag{8.129}$$

<sup>27</sup>For consideration of rotary system stiffness, see C. Genta, Chapter 5, *ibid.*

After substituting Eq. (8.129) into Eqs. (8.127), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} J_1(\varphi)\ddot{\psi} + J_2(\varphi)\ddot{\phi} - \gamma(2\dot{\phi}\dot{\psi} + \dot{\phi}^2)\sin\varphi - 2\omega\gamma\dot{\phi}\sin\varphi &= M_T(t)/(mR^2) \\ J_2(\varphi)\ddot{\psi} + \gamma^2\ddot{\phi} + \gamma\sin\varphi(\omega + \dot{\psi})^2 &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (8.130)$$

### Linearized System

We consider “small” oscillations of the pendulum about the position  $\varphi = 0$  by linearizing the trigonometric terms using the approximations  $\sin\varphi \approx \varphi$  and  $\cos\varphi \approx 1$  and neglecting the quadratic nonlinearities in Eqs. (8.130). After performing this linearization and making use of Eqs. (8.128), we arrive at the following linear system of equations:

$$\begin{aligned} [J_0/mR^2 + (1 + \gamma^2)]\ddot{\psi} + \gamma(1 + \gamma)\ddot{\phi} &= M_T(t)/(mR^2) \\ (1 + \gamma)\ddot{\psi} + \gamma\ddot{\phi} + \omega^2\varphi &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (8.131)$$

The natural frequency  $\omega_p$  of the pendulum is defined as

$$\omega_p = \sqrt{\frac{\omega^2}{\gamma}} = \frac{\omega}{\sqrt{\gamma}} = \omega\sqrt{R/r} \quad (8.132)$$

where we have used the fact that  $\gamma = r/R$ . Therefore, the pendulum frequency is linearly proportional to the rotation speed  $\omega$ .

Let us suppose that the external moment applied to the rotating system is in the form of a harmonic excitation; that is,

$$M_T(t) = M_o \sin \omega_o t \quad (8.133)$$

Since there is no damping in this case, we use the procedure of Section 8.2.3 and assume a harmonic solution for Eqs. (8.131) of the form

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(t) &= \Psi \sin \omega_o t \\ \varphi(t) &= \Phi \sin \omega_o t \end{aligned} \quad (8.134)$$

Upon substituting Eqs. (8.134) and (8.133) into Eqs. (8.131) and canceling the  $\sin \omega_o t$  term, we obtain the following system of equations:

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_o^2(J_0/mR^2 + (1 + \gamma^2))\Psi + \omega_o^2\gamma(1 + \gamma)\Phi &= -M_o/mR^2 \\ -\omega_o^2\gamma(1 + \gamma)\Psi + (\gamma\omega^2 - \omega_o^2\gamma^2)\Phi &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (8.135)$$

From the second of Eqs. (8.135), it is seen that if the nondimensional pendulum length is chosen so that

$$\gamma = \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_o^2} \quad (8.136)$$

then the response amplitude of the rotary system  $\Psi$  is zero regardless of the excitation imposed on the system. When  $\gamma$  is given by Eq. (8.136), the response amplitude of the pendulum  $\Phi$  is determined from the first of Eqs. (8.135) as

$$\Phi = -\frac{M_o}{mR^2\omega_o^2\gamma(1 + \gamma)} = -\frac{M_o}{mR^2\omega^2(1 + \omega^2/\omega_o^2)} \quad (8.137)$$

When the tuning of the pendulum absorber is chosen in accordance with Eq. (8.136), then the zero response of the rotating system in the presence of an external moment can be explained as follows. The pendulum exerts an inertial moment equal and opposite to the applied external moment on the rotating system so that the effective external moment felt by the rotating system has zero magnitude at the disturbance frequency  $\omega_o$ .

Comparing Eqs. (8.136) and (8.132), it is clear that the pendulum frequency  $\omega_p$  is equal to the disturbance frequency  $\omega_o$ ; that is, we have a tuned pendulum absorber.

### EXAMPLE 8.17 Design of a centrifugal pendulum vibration absorber for an internal combustion engine<sup>28</sup>

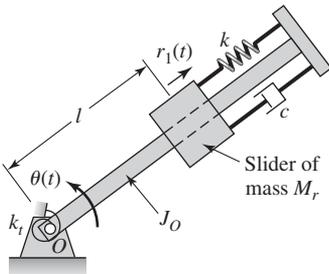
In a four-stroke-cycle internal combustion engine operating at the speed  $\omega$ , it is necessary to suppress oscillations at the frequency  $\omega_o$ , which is three times the operating speed; that is,

$$\omega_o = 3\omega \quad (a)$$

In this case, based on Eqs. (8.136), one can choose a pendulum of the non-dimensional length

$$\gamma = \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_o^2} = \frac{1}{9} \quad (b)$$

which means that the pendulum length  $r$  needs to be 1/9 the radius  $R$ .



**FIGURE 8.26**

Bar-slider model. *Source:* From A. Khajepour, M. F. Golnaraghi, and K. A. Morris, "Applications of Center Manifold Theory to Regulation of a Flexible Beam." *ASME Journal of Vibrations Acoustics*, Vol. 119, pp. 158–165 (1997). Copyright © 1997 ASME. Reprinted with permission.

### 8.6.3 Bar Slider System

In this section and in Sections 8.6.4 and 8.6.5, we provide a brief introduction to vibration absorbers whose design is based on nonlinear system behavior. We will be pointing out that the oscillations of nonlinear systems can display vibration characteristics remarkably different from those exhibited by linear systems.<sup>29</sup> In particular, it will be illustrated that nonlinear systems can show aperiodic oscillations, such as chaos, and that their response is sensitive to initial conditions.<sup>30</sup>

Consider the bar-slider system<sup>31</sup> shown in Figure 8.26 where  $M_r$  is a sliding mass on the bar that has a mass moment of inertia  $J_O$  about the fixed point  $O$ . The bar-slider system is assumed to be in a plane perpendicular to gravity. The slider is restrained by a linear spring-damper combination and

<sup>28</sup>C. Genta, *ibid.* This reference also provides details of many possible designs of pendulum absorbers.

<sup>29</sup>A. H. Nayfeh and D. T. Mook, 1979, *ibid.*

<sup>30</sup>A. H. Nayfeh and B. Balachandran, 1995, *ibid.*

<sup>31</sup>A. Khajepour, M. F. Golnaraghi, and K. A. Morris, "Application of Center Manifold Theory to Regulation of a Flexible Beam." *ASME J. Vibrations Acoustics*, Vol. 119, pp. 158–165 (1997).

there is a torsion spring attached to the bar at the point  $O$ , which restrains the motions of the bar. To describe the oscillations of this two degree-of-freedom system, the generalized coordinates  $r_1$  and  $\theta$  are chosen.

We shall derive the governing nonlinear equations of motion and show that there are quadratic and cubic coupling nonlinearities in the governing equations. By generating numerical results, it is shown that the slider mass can absorb the energy input to this two degree-of-freedom system and this helps attenuate the angular oscillations of the bar. This attenuation of angular oscillations of the bar is enhanced in the presence of a two-to-one frequency relationship between the natural frequencies  $\omega_r$  and  $\omega_\theta$  of the linear system. This type of frequency relationship involving just the natural frequencies of a multi-degree-of-freedom system is called an *internal resonance*; in the particular case considered here, the internal resonance is a *two-to-one internal resonance*.<sup>32</sup>

Lagrange's equations given by Eqs. (7.7) are used to establish the governing equations in terms of the generalized coordinates  $r_1$  and  $\theta$ . Based on Figure 8.26, the system kinetic energy, the system potential energy, and the dissipation function  $D$  are constructed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} T &= \frac{1}{2} J_O \dot{\theta}^2 + \frac{1}{2} M_r \dot{r}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} M_r (l + r_1)^2 \dot{\theta}^2 \\ V &= \frac{1}{2} k_r \theta^2 + \frac{1}{2} k r_1^2 \\ D &= \frac{1}{2} c \dot{r}_1^2 \end{aligned} \quad (8.138)$$

where the position given by length  $l$  corresponds to the unstretched position of the spring to which the slider is attached. Making use of Eqs. (7.7), and noting that the generalized forces  $Q_1 = 0$  and  $Q_2 = 0$ , we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{r}_1} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial r_1} + \frac{\partial D}{\partial \dot{r}_1} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial r_1} &= 0 \\ \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{\theta}} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial D}{\partial \dot{\theta}} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta} &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (8.139)$$

On substituting Eqs. (8.138) into Eqs. (8.139) and performing the indicated operations, the result is the following coupled, nonlinear equations of motion:

$$\begin{aligned} M_r \ddot{r}_1 + c \dot{r}_1 + k r_1 - \underbrace{M_r l \dot{\theta}^2}_{\text{quadratic nonlinearity}} - \underbrace{M_r r_1 \dot{\theta}^2}_{\text{cubic nonlinearity}} &= 0 \\ [J_O + M_r l^2] \ddot{\theta} + k_r \theta + \underbrace{2M_r l (\dot{r}_1 \dot{\theta} + r_1 \ddot{\theta})}_{\text{quadratic nonlinearities}} + \underbrace{2M_r r_1 (\dot{r}_1 \dot{\theta} + r_1 \ddot{\theta})}_{\text{cubic nonlinearities}} &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (8.140)$$

<sup>32</sup>Vibration absorbers based on internal resonances have been studied since the 1960s; see, for example, the following articles: E. Sevin, "On the Parametric Excitation of a Pendulum-type Vibration Absorber," *ASME J. Applied Mechanics*, Vol. 28, pp. 330–334 (1961); and R. S. Haxton and A. D. S. Barr, "The Autoparametric Vibration Absorber," *ASME J. Eng. Industry*, Vol. 94, pp. 119–125 (1972).

In Eqs. (8.140), the source of the coupling is the quadratic and cubic nonlinearities. For small oscillations about the system equilibrium position  $r_1 = 0$  and  $\theta = 0$ , the nonlinear equations are linearized to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} M_r \dot{r}_1 + c \dot{r}_1 + k r_1 &= 0 \\ [J_O + M_r l^2] \ddot{\theta} + k_t \theta &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (8.141)$$

From the linearized system of Eqs. (8.141), it is seen that the radial motions of the slider and the angular oscillations of the bar are uncoupled. Hence, the undamped system natural frequencies are readily identified as

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_r &= \sqrt{\frac{k}{M_r}} \\ \omega_\theta &= \sqrt{\frac{k_t}{J_O + M_r l^2}} \end{aligned} \quad (8.142)$$

The ratio of the two natural frequencies given in Eqs. (8.142) is critical for the design of the nonlinear vibration absorber.

We rewrite the nonlinear equations given by Eqs. (8.140) in terms of the following nondimensional quantities:

$$\begin{aligned} \tau &= \omega_\theta t, \quad \omega_c = \frac{\omega_r}{\omega_\theta}, \quad \zeta = \frac{c}{2M_r \omega_r}, \\ r(\tau) &= \frac{r_1(\tau)}{l}, \quad m = \frac{M_r}{J_O/l^2 + M_r} \end{aligned} \quad (8.143)$$

Then Eqs. (8.140) become

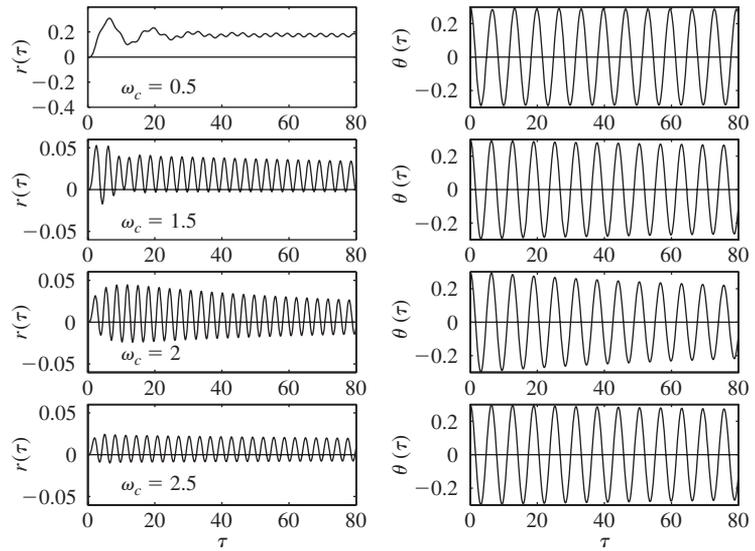
$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{r} + 2\zeta \omega_c \dot{r} + \omega_c^2 r - (1+r)\dot{\theta}^2 &= 0 \\ [1 + 2m(1+r)r]\ddot{\theta} + \theta + 2m(1+r)\dot{r}\dot{\theta} &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (8.144)$$

where the overdot now indicates the derivative with respect to the nondimensional time  $\tau$ . From these equations, it is seen that the motion of the system can be studied in terms of the following nondimensional parameters: a) the frequency ratio  $\omega_c$ , b) the mass ratio  $m$ , and c) the damping ratio  $\zeta$ .

For arbitrary magnitudes of oscillations, the nonlinear equations (8.144) can only be solved numerically.<sup>33</sup> To illustrate the absorber action, we assume that the system is subjected to an initial rotation  $\theta(0) = 0.3$  rad (i.e.,  $17.2^\circ$ ), an initial radial displacement  $r(0) = 0$ , and that the initial radial velocity and the initial angular velocity are zero. For  $m = 0.3$ ,  $\zeta = 0.15$ , and  $\omega_c = 0.5, 1.5, 2$ , and  $2.5$ , the numerically generated results are presented in Figure 8.25.

It is seen from Figure 8.27 that when  $\omega_c = 2.0$ , the angular oscillations decay more rapidly than in the other cases considered. In this special case, the coupling between the radial oscillations of the slider mass and the angular oscillations of the bar are enhanced due to the nonlinear coupling terms. These

<sup>33</sup>The MATLAB function `ode45` was used.



**FIGURE 8.27**

Response of the slider-mass system for  $\zeta = 0.15$ ,  $m = 0.3$ , and  $\omega_c = 0.5, 1.5, 2.0$ , and  $2.5$ .

types of frequency relationships have been used to construct vibration controllers for free oscillations and forced oscillations.<sup>34</sup>

### 8.6.4 Pendulum Absorber<sup>35</sup>

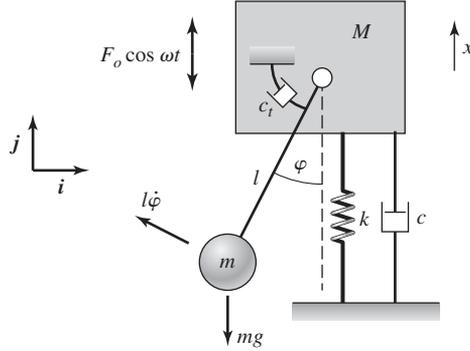
Consider the pendulum absorber system shown in Figure 8.28. This system consists of a mass  $M$  mounted on a combination of a linear spring and a linear viscous damper. A pendulum of mass  $m$  and length  $l$  is attached to the mass  $M$ . A linear torsion damper with a damping coefficient  $c_t$  is also included. To describe the motions of this two degree-of-freedom system, the generalized coordinates  $x$  and  $\varphi$  are used. The coordinate  $x$  is measured from the system static-equilibrium position.

When the system is forced harmonically along the vertical direction, the up and down motions of the system can be undesirable, especially when the excitation frequency is close to the system natural frequency associated with the vertical motions. To attenuate these up and down oscillations, the pendulum is designed as an absorber, so that the input energy along the vertical direction is absorbed as angular oscillations of the pendulum.

The harmonic forcing acting on the mass  $M$  is assumed to have an amplitude  $F_o$  and a frequency  $\omega$ . Starting from the Lagrange equations given by

<sup>34</sup>A. H. Nayfeh, *Nonlinear Interactions*, John Wiley & Sons, NY, Chapter 2 (2000).

<sup>35</sup>A. Tondl, T. Ruijgork, F. Verhulst, and R. Nabergoj, *Autoparametric Resonance in Mechanical Systems*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, England, Chapter 4 (2000); Y. Song, et al., "The Response of a Dynamic Vibration Absorber System with a Parametrically Excited Pendulum," *J. Sound Vibration*, Vol. 259, No. 4, pp. 747–759, 2003.



**FIGURE 8.28**  
System with pendulum absorber.

Eqs. (7.7) and recognizing that the generalized forces are  $Q_1 = F_o \cos \omega t$  and  $Q_2 = 0$ , we find that the governing equations are obtained from

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{\varphi}} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial \varphi} + \frac{\partial D}{\partial \dot{\varphi}} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial \varphi} &= F_o \cos \omega t \\ \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{x}} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial D}{\partial \dot{x}} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (8.145)$$

The system kinetic energy  $T$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} T &= \frac{1}{2} M \dot{x}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m (\mathbf{V}_m \cdot \mathbf{V}_m) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} M \dot{x}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m [(l\dot{\varphi} \cos \varphi)^2 + (\dot{x} + l\dot{\varphi} \sin \varphi)^2] \end{aligned} \quad (8.146)$$

where, in arriving at Eq. (8.146), we have made use of the pendulum velocity

$$\mathbf{V}_m = (-l\dot{\varphi} \cos \varphi)\mathbf{i} + (\dot{x} + l\dot{\varphi} \sin \varphi)\mathbf{j} \quad (8.147)$$

The system potential energy  $V$  and the dissipation function  $D$  take the form

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \frac{1}{2} kx^2 + mgl(1 - \cos \varphi) \\ D &= \frac{1}{2} c\dot{x}^2 + \frac{1}{2} c_r \dot{\varphi}^2 \end{aligned} \quad (8.148)$$

After substituting Eqs. (8.146) and (8.148) in Eqs. (8.145) and carrying out the indicated operations, the result is the following system of coupled nonlinear equations:

$$\begin{aligned} (M + m)\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + kx + \underbrace{ml[\dot{\varphi} \sin \varphi + \dot{\varphi}^2 \cos \varphi]}_{\text{nonlinear terms}} &= F_o \cos \omega t \\ m\ddot{\varphi} + c_r \dot{\varphi} + \underbrace{ml\dot{x} \sin \varphi + mgl \sin \varphi}_{\text{nonlinear terms}} &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (8.149)$$

For small oscillations about the system equilibrium position  $x = 0$  and  $\varphi = 0$ , Eqs. (8.149) are linearized by using the approximations  $\sin \varphi \approx \varphi$  and  $\cos \varphi \approx 1$  and dropping the nonlinear terms. The result is

$$\begin{aligned}(M + m)\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + kx &= F_o \cos \omega t \\ ml^2\ddot{\varphi} + c_t\dot{\varphi} + mgl\varphi &= 0\end{aligned}\quad (8.150)$$

From Eqs. (8.150) it is seen that the vertical motions of the system are uncoupled from the angular oscillations of the pendulum in the linear system. Therefore, the undamped system natural frequencies is readily identified as

$$\begin{aligned}\omega_x &= \sqrt{\frac{k}{m + M}} \\ \omega_\varphi &= \sqrt{\frac{g}{l}}\end{aligned}\quad (8.151)$$

The ratio of the two natural frequencies given in Eqs. (8.151) is critical for the considered nonlinear vibration absorber design.

We introduce the following nondimensional quantities

$$\begin{aligned}z &= \frac{x}{l}, \quad \tau = \omega_x t, \quad \omega_r = \frac{\omega_\varphi}{\omega_x}, \quad \Omega = \frac{\omega}{\omega_x}, \quad f_o = \frac{F_o}{(M + m)l\omega_x^2} \\ 2\zeta_x &= \frac{c}{(M + m)\omega_x}, \quad 2\zeta_t = \frac{c_t}{ml^2\omega_x}, \quad m_r = \frac{m}{(M + m)}\end{aligned}\quad (8.152)$$

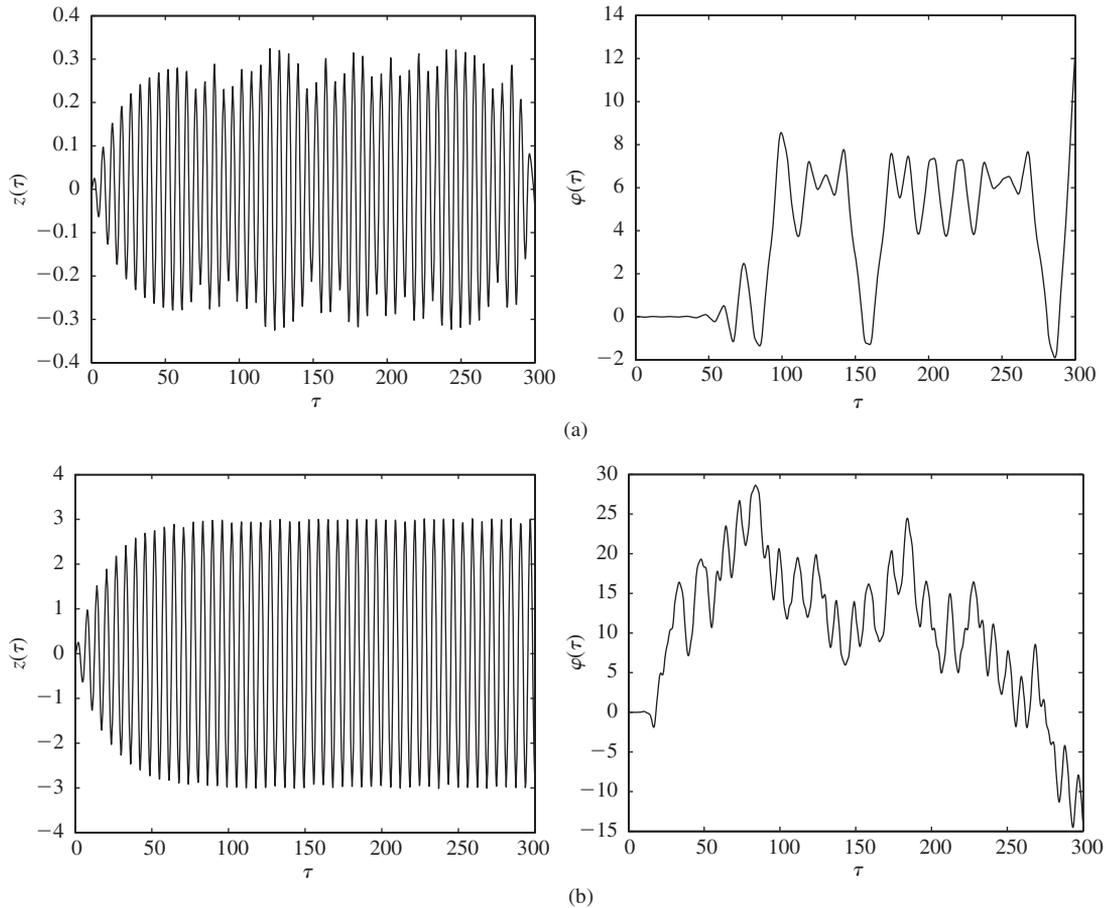
into Eqs. (8.149) and arrive at

$$\begin{aligned}\ddot{z} + 2\zeta_x\dot{z} + z + m_r[\ddot{\varphi} \sin \varphi + \dot{\varphi}^2 \cos \varphi] &= f_o \cos \Omega \tau \\ \ddot{\varphi} + 2\zeta_t\dot{\varphi} + (\omega_r^2 + \ddot{z})\sin \varphi &= 0\end{aligned}\quad (8.153)$$

where the overdot now indicates the derivative with respect to  $\tau$ . It is seen from the form of Eqs. (8.153) that the motions of this nonlinear system can be studied in terms of the following nondimensional quantities: a) the mass ratio  $m_r$ , b) the frequency ratio  $\omega_r$ , c) the damping ratios  $\zeta_x$  and  $\zeta_t$ , d) the forcing amplitude  $f_o$ , and e) the forcing frequency  $\Omega$ .

For arbitrary magnitudes of oscillations, the nonlinear system given by Eqs. (8.153) can only be solved numerically. Furthermore, from the second of Eqs. (8.153), it is seen that  $\varphi = 0$  is always a solution of this system. Therefore, if nontrivial solutions for  $\varphi$  are sought, one has to be careful in picking an initial condition for which  $\varphi(0) \neq 0$ . As pointed out in Section 4.5.2, initial conditions are critical in determining the response of a nonlinear system. Since we would like the absorber to be effective, when the forcing frequency is in resonance with the system natural frequency for vertical motions, we choose  $\Omega = 1$ . Furthermore, to enhance the nonlinear coupling between the angular oscillations and the up and down translations, we set  $\omega_r = 0.5$ ; that is, the natural frequency of the pendulum oscillations is one half of the natural frequency of vertical translations of the system. Light damping is also considered. The numerical results<sup>36</sup> generated are presented

<sup>36</sup>The MATLAB function ode45 was used.



**FIGURE 8.29** Response of the system with the pendulum absorber for  $\Omega = 1$ ,  $\omega_r = 0.5$ ,  $\zeta_x = 0.05$ ,  $\zeta_t = 0.005$ , and  $m_r = 0.05$ : (a)  $f_o = 0.03$  and (b)  $f_o = 0.3$ .

in Figure 8.29 for two different values of non-dimensional forcing magnitude  $f_o$ . The initial condition for the angular state is picked as  $\varphi(0) = 0.02$  rad ( $1.15^\circ$ ) to avoid converging to the trivial solution  $\varphi = 0$ . The initial translation state  $z$ , the initial angular velocity  $\dot{\varphi}$ , and the initial translation velocity  $\dot{z}$  are all zero.

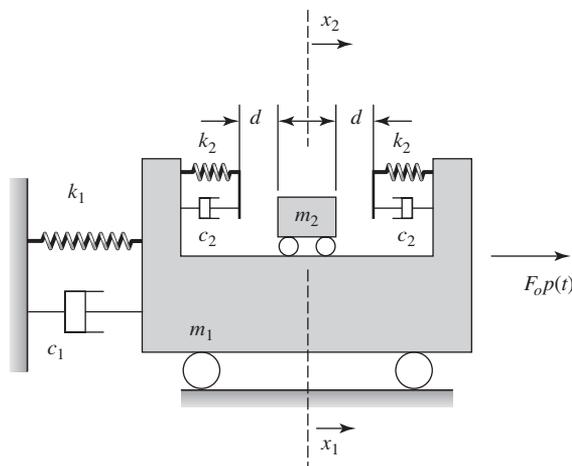
It is seen that although the system is being driven at the resonance of the system’s translation motions, the pendulum absorber is effective in limiting them. However, the translation motions and the angular motions have an aperiodic character, despite a harmonic input into this system. The pendulum motion is an irregular mixture of oscillations and rotation. (Recall that one complete revolution of the pendulum is  $2\pi$  radians.) The aperiodic motions seen in Figure 8.29 are examples of chaotic motions, which have some special characteristics. For more details on how these

characteristics can be identified, the reader is referred to the nonlinear dynamics literature.<sup>37</sup>

### 8.6.5 Particle Impact Damper

A particle damper is a passive device composed of one or more cavities that are filled with dry granular particles such as granules of aluminum, lead, tungsten carbide, or ceramic. These cavities either can be an integral part of the vibrating system or be externally attached to the system. The particles move freely within the cavity, and they remove vibratory energy from the host system through losses that occur during their inelastic collisions amongst each other as well as with the cavity walls. The collisions amongst the particles can occur in a random manner. By comparison to tuned mass dampers, particle impact dampers are attractive for the following reasons: (1) they can provide effective damping over a wide range of frequencies and accelerations, (2) they have a very simple and inexpensive design, and (3) they can operate in harsh environments. They have been successfully used in such applications as cutting tools, turbine blades, and various types of structures and structural elements.

Here, we illustrate a fundamental mechanism by which these dampers work by considering a single particle damper attached to a single degree-of-freedom system (the host system to be damped), as shown in Figure 8.30. Interactions amongst the particles are not considered in this elementary model. The host system has a mass  $m_1$ , a damping coefficient  $c_1$ , and a stiffness  $k_1$ . The particle has a mass  $m_2$ , and it is assumed to slide without friction in a cavity on top of the mass  $m_1$ . The mass  $m_2$  can traverse a maximum distance of



**FIGURE 8.30**

Single particle impact damper.

<sup>37</sup>A. H. Nayfeh and B. Balachandran, 1995, *ibid*; F. C. Moon, *Chaotic and Fractal Dynamics: An Introduction for Applied Scientists and Engineers*, John Wiley & Sons, NY (1992).

2d without contacting the walls of the cavity, which each have a stiffness  $k_2$ . The viscous damper with damping coefficient  $c_2$  has been used to model the loss associated with the inelastic collision between the particle and the cavity wall. This type of loss has been discussed in Example 4.4, where the coefficient of restitution  $\varepsilon$  was introduced. The relationship between  $\varepsilon$  and the damping factor  $\zeta$  is given by Eq. (b) of Example 4.4. The mass  $m_1$  is subjected to a time-varying disturbance of magnitude  $F_o$  and shape  $p(t)$ .

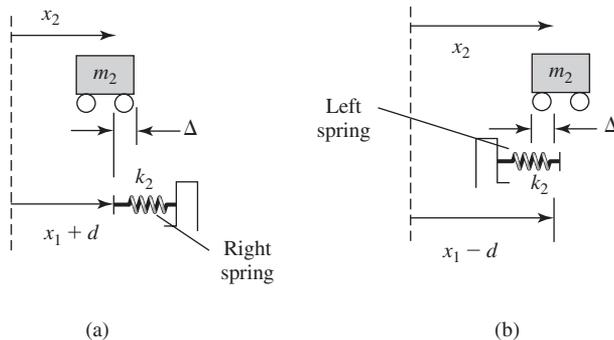
To develop the equations of motion, we consider the scenarios illustrated in Figure 8.31. When the mass  $m_2$  moves towards the right more than the mass  $m_1$  moves towards the right, the right spring is compressed when  $x_2 - (x_1 + d) > 0$ . The compressive force generated in the right spring has the magnitude  $k_2(x_1 + d - x_2)$ . When the mass  $m_1$  moves towards the right more than the mass  $m_2$  moves, the left spring is compressed when  $(x_1 - d) - x_2 > 0$ . The compressive force generated in the left spring has the magnitude  $k_2(x_1 - d - x_2)$ . A similar reasoning is used to determine the force generated by the viscous dampers. With these considerations, the equation of motion governing the host system with mass  $m_1$  is<sup>38</sup>

$$m_1 \frac{d^2 x_1}{dt^2} + c_1 \frac{dx_1}{dt} + k_1 x_1 + k_2 h(x_1, x_2) + c_2 g(\dot{x}_1, \dot{x}_2) = F_o p(t) \quad (8.154)$$

The equation of motion governing the particle with mass  $m_2$  is

$$m_2 \frac{d^2 x_2}{dt^2} - k_2 h(x_1, x_2) - c_2 g(\dot{x}_1, \dot{x}_2) = 0 \quad (8.155)$$

where  $p(t)$  is the time-varying forcing function,  $F_o$  is the forcing magnitude, and  $\dot{x}_j = dx_j/dt$ ,  $j = (1, 2)$ , and



**FIGURE 8.31**

Relative motion of the masses: (a)  $m_2$  moves towards the right more than  $m_1$  so that contact is made with the right spring and (b)  $m_1$  moves towards the right more than  $m_2$  and contact is made with the left spring. The spring is compressed by an amount  $\Delta$ .

<sup>38</sup>See S. Chatterjee, A. K. Mallik, and A. Ghosh, "On Impact Dampers for Non-Linear Vibrating Systems," *Journal Sound Vibration*, 187 (1995) pp. 403–420 and S. F. Masri and T. K. Caughey, "On the Stability of the Impact Absorber," *Journal of Applied Mechanics*, E33 (1966) pp. 586–592.

$$\begin{aligned} h(x_1, x_2) &= (x_1 - x_2 - d)u(x_1 - x_2 - d) + (x_1 - x_2 + d)u(-x_1 + x_2 - d) \\ g(\dot{x}_1, \dot{x}_2) &= (\dot{x}_1 - \dot{x}_2)u(x_1 - x_2 - d) + (\dot{x}_1 - \dot{x}_2)u(-x_1 + x_2 - d) \end{aligned} \quad (8.156)$$

We have used the unit step function  $u(x)$  in the functions  $h(x_1, x_2)$  and  $g(x_1, x_2)$  to express the contact forces due to the  $k_2 - c_2$  combination on either the left side or the right side.

Equations (8.154) and (8.155) are nonlinear, since the contact forces are piecewise functions. These forces vanish when the mass  $m_2$  does not make contact with mass  $m_1$  and they are non-zero otherwise. The host system, which is linear, becomes nonlinear after inclusion of the particle damper.

In order to simplify these equations, we introduce the following nondimensional parameters

$$\begin{aligned} y_j &= \frac{x_j}{d} \quad j = 1, 2 \quad \omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k_1}{m_1}}, \quad \tau = \omega_n t, \quad f_o = \frac{F_o}{dk_1} \\ \Omega &= \frac{\omega}{\omega_n}, \quad k_{21} = \frac{k_2}{k_1}, \quad m_{21} = \frac{m_2}{m_1}, \quad c_{21} = \frac{c_2}{c_1}, \quad 2\zeta = \frac{c_1}{m_1\omega_n} \end{aligned}$$

Then, Eqs. (8.154) to (8.156) become, respectively,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2 y_1}{d\tau^2} + 2\zeta \frac{dy_1}{d\tau} + y_1 + k_{21}h(y_1, y_2) + 2\zeta c_{21}g(\dot{y}_1, \dot{y}_2) &= f_o p(\tau) \\ \frac{d^2 y_2}{d\tau^2} - \frac{k_{21}}{m_{21}}h(y_1, y_2) - 2\zeta \frac{c_{21}}{m_{21}}g(\dot{y}_1, \dot{y}_2) &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (8.157)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} h(y_1, y_2) &= (y_1 - y_2 - 1)u(y_1 - y_2 - 1) + (y_1 - y_2 + 1)u(-y_1 + y_2 - 1) \\ g(\dot{y}_1, \dot{y}_2) &= (\dot{y}_1 - \dot{y}_2)u(y_1 - y_2 - 1) + (\dot{y}_1 - \dot{y}_2)u(-y_1 + y_2 - 1) \end{aligned} \quad (8.158)$$

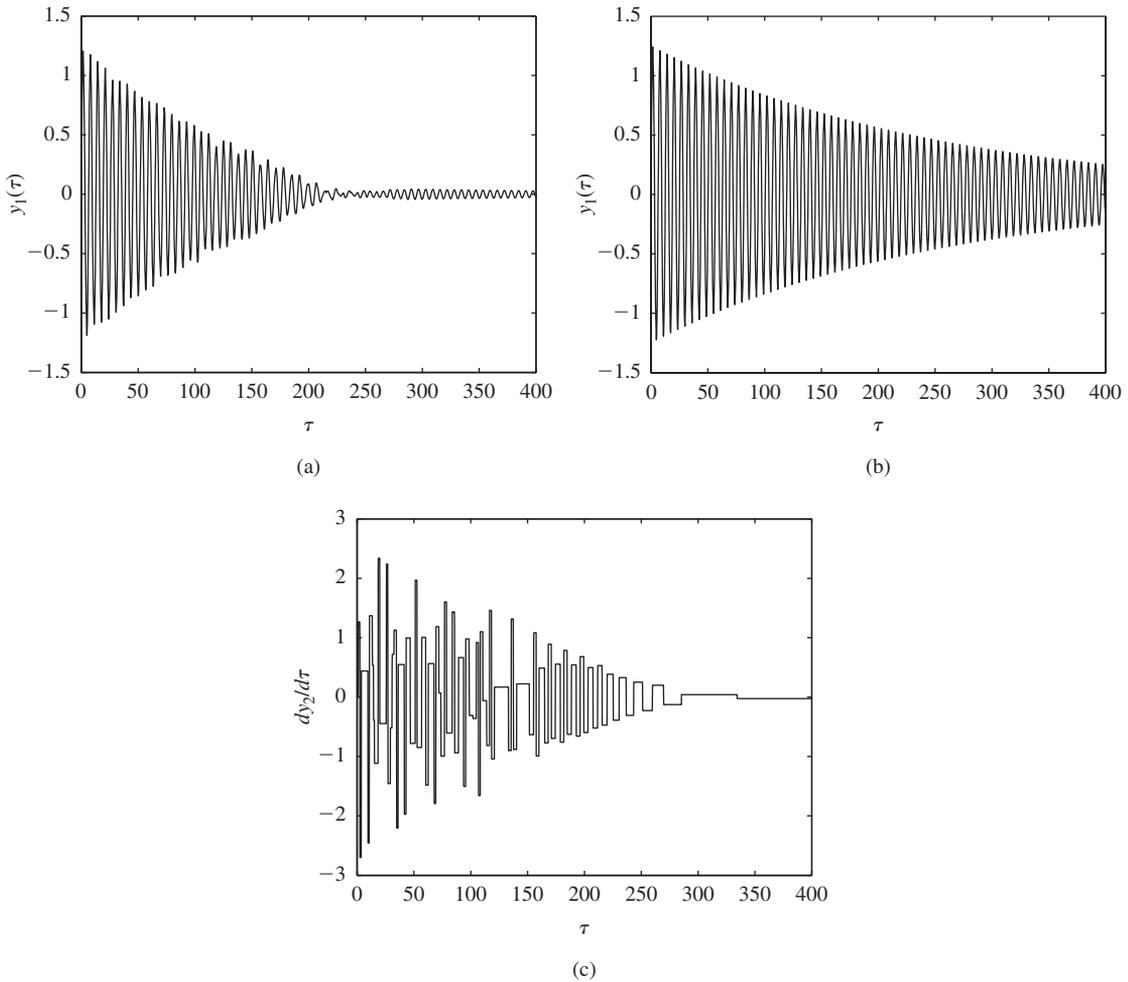
and  $\dot{y}_j = dy_j/d\tau$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ .

We now examine several different scenarios by using Eqs. (8.157) and (8.158). In all cases, we assume that the initial conditions are zero; that is,  $y_1(0) = 0$ ,  $\dot{y}_1(0) = 0$ ,  $y_2(0) = 0$ , and  $\dot{y}_2(0) = 0$ .

### Pulse Response with and without Particle Damper: Time-Domain Results

We first obtain the system's response to a rectangular pulse of duration  $\Delta\tau = 0.025$ ; that is, to a forcing  $p(\tau) = [u(\tau) - u(\tau - 0.025)]$ . The numerically obtained results<sup>39</sup> are shown in Figure 8.32. It is seen that with a suitable combination of parameters, the particle damper can dramatically decrease the system's settling time. This is equivalent to increasing the damping coefficient  $c_1$ . From the velocity response of the particle shown in Figure 8.32c, we see that the velocity response has features similar to those shown for the impact response of a car bumper in Figure 4.6; that is, when the particle is no longer in contact with the spring, it travels with a constant speed until the next contact is made.

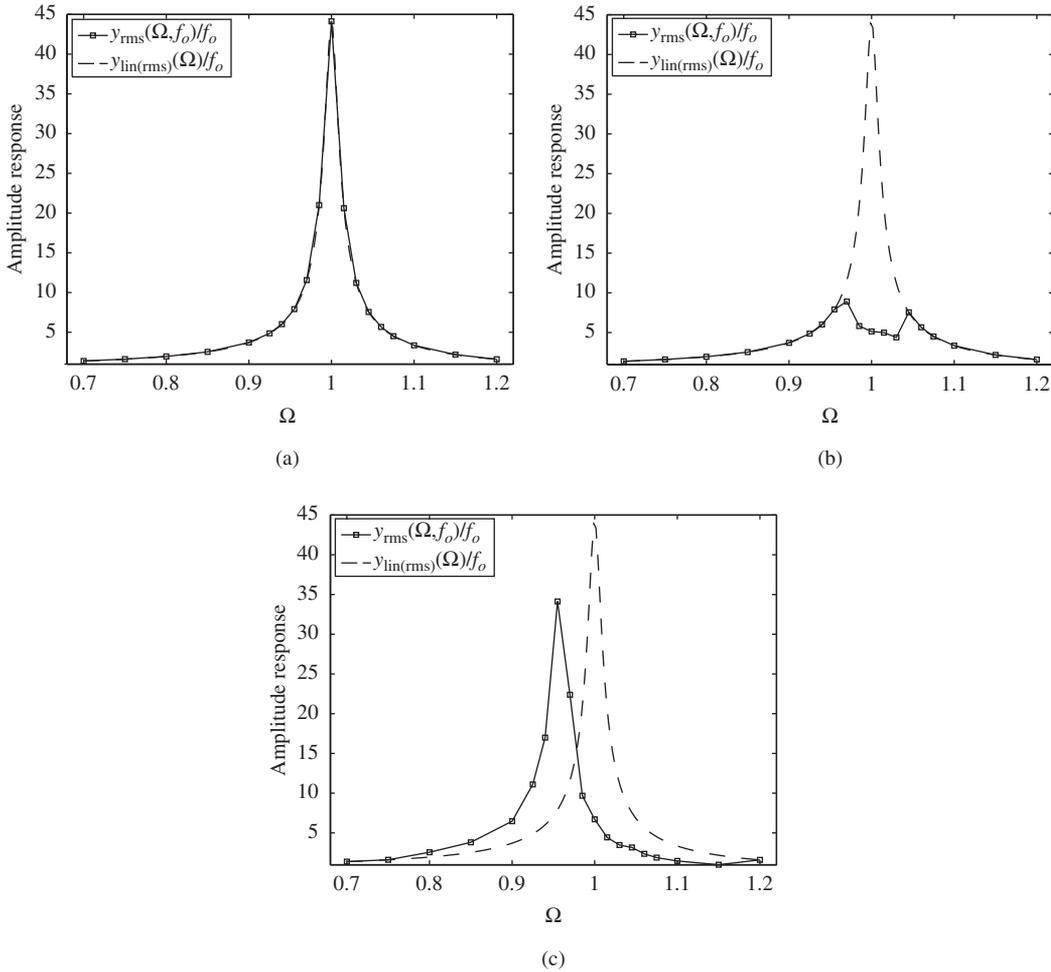
<sup>39</sup>The MATLAB function `ode45` was used.



**FIGURE 8.32** Pulse response of a particle damper for  $\zeta = 0.004$ ,  $m_{21} = 0.05$ ,  $k_{21} = 100$ ,  $c_{21} = 20$ , and  $f_o = 50$ : (a) displacement response of  $m_1$  with particle damper; (b) displacement response of  $m_1$  without particle damper; and (c) velocity response of  $m_2$ .

**Response to Harmonic Forcing with and without Particle Damper: Frequency-Domain Results**

Next, we shift our attention to the response of the particle-damped system to a harmonic forcing. We let  $p(\tau) = \cos(\Omega\tau)$  in Eqs. (8.157) and study the response in the following manner. For different values of the forcing amplitude  $f_o$ , we numerically obtain a solution of Eqs. (8.157) over a range of excitation frequency  $\Omega$  and obtain the solution for  $0 \leq \tau \leq \tau_{\max}$ , where  $\tau_{\max}$  is the chosen time range. This numerically obtained solution is denoted as  $y_1(\Omega, \tau, f_o)$ . The transient portion of the solution, which in all of the cases considered occurs over the interval  $\tau \leq 0.25 \tau_{\max}$ , is ignored. The remaining portion of the



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**FIGURE 8.33**

Amplitude response of a particle damper for  $\zeta = 0.008$ ,  $m_{21} = 0.08$ ,  $k_{21} = 100$ , and  $c_{21} = 20$ : (a)  $f_0 = 0.01$ ; (b)  $f_0 = 0.05$ ; and (c)  $f_0 = 0.2$ . For comparison, the values of  $y_{\text{lin(rms)}}(\Omega)$  also are given.

solution is considered to be the steady-state solution. By using this steady-state solution, we obtain the root-mean-square (rms) value from the relation

$$y_{\text{rms}}(\Omega, f_0) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{0.75\tau_{\text{max}}} \int_{0.25\tau_{\text{max}}}^{\tau_{\text{max}}} y_1^2(\Omega, \tau, f_0) d\tau} \quad (8.159)$$

Then, for a given value of  $f_0$ , we plot  $y_{\text{rms}}(\Omega, f_0)$  as a function of  $\Omega$  to obtain the results shown in Figure 8.33. To generate the results, we have selected a value of  $\tau_{\text{max}} = 2000$ , which gives about 315 periods of oscillations when  $\Omega = 1$  over the range  $0 \leq \tau \leq \tau_{\text{max}}$ .

For comparison purposes, we also have plotted in Figure 8.33 the rms value of the system without the particle damper (i.e.,  $h = g = 0$  in Eq. (8.157)), which is given by

$$y_{\text{lin(rms)}}(\Omega) = f_o H(\Omega) / \sqrt{2}$$

where

$$H(\Omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1 - \Omega^2)^2 + (2\zeta\Omega)^2}} \quad (8.160)$$

Without taking recourse to nonlinear analysis, we shall try to understand these results on the basis of the understanding gained for a harmonically forced single degree-of-freedom system considered in Chapter 5.

### Insights Based on Steady-State Response of Harmonically Forced System without Damper

We first consider the linear case where  $h = g = 0$ ; that is, the case where the host system is not damped by the particle damper. Then, the solution to Eq. (8.157) is given by Eq. (5.17) with the sine forcing replaced by the cosine forcing. The magnitude of the steady-state displacement amplitude of  $m_1$  is given by

$$|y_1(\Omega)| = f_o H(\Omega) \quad (8.161)$$

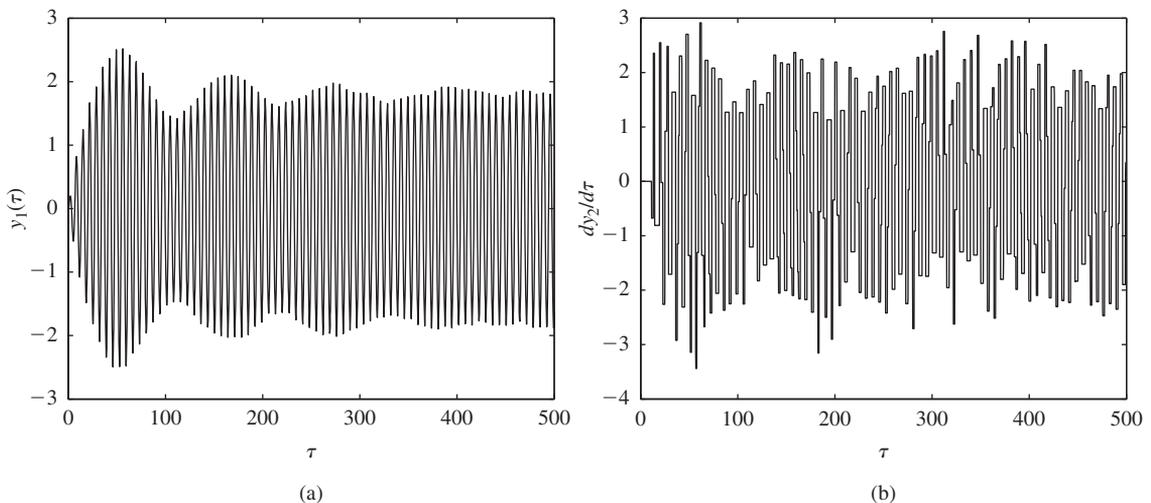
From Figure 8.30, we see that  $m_1$  must move at least an amount  $|x_1| = d$  (or equivalently, an amount such that  $|y_1(\Omega)| = 1$ ) for  $m_2$  to come in contact with the spring  $k_2$ . In nondimensional terms, this means that  $f_o$  must have a magnitude such that  $f_o H(\Omega) > 1$ . In addition,  $H(\Omega) > 1$  for  $\Omega \leq \sqrt{2 - 4\zeta^2}$  provided that  $0 < \zeta < 0.7071$ . Hence, in this frequency region, the particle damper is not effective until  $f_o H(\Omega) > 1$ , and one can expect the response of the host system to be close to that of the system without the damper when  $f_o H(\Omega) < 1$ . Noting that the maximum value of  $H(\Omega)$  is about  $1/2\zeta$ , it can be stated that the particle damper is not activated when  $f_o/(2\zeta) < 1$  for all  $\Omega$ . In addition, it is always activated when  $f_o \geq 1$  for  $\Omega \leq \sqrt{2 - 4\zeta^2}$  and for  $0 < \zeta < 0.7071$ . Noting that the total mass of the system with the particle damper is  $m_1 + m_2$ , the nondimensional (linear) natural frequency of this combined system is  $\Omega = 1/\sqrt{1 + m_{21}}$ , which is lower than that the natural frequency of the system without the particle damper. Hence, when the nonlinear effects of the particle damper are activated and the nonlinear effects are not pronounced, the system's maximum response occurs at a frequency location lower than the natural frequency of the single degree-of-freedom system.

For the system corresponding to Figure 8.33a,  $f_o H(\Omega) < 1$  for all values of  $\Omega$ , and, therefore, the particle damper is not activated and the response of the host system without the damper matches that of the system with the damper. The two amplitude response functions are virtually identical. For the system corresponding to Figure 8.33c, we have the opposite situation; that is,  $f_o H(\Omega) > 1$  for almost all  $\Omega$ . In this case, the nondimensional natural frequency of the system is shifted lower to a value of  $\Omega = 1/\sqrt{1 + m_{21}} = 1/\sqrt{1 + 0.08} = 0.962$ . For the system corresponding to Figure 8.33c, the

particle damper is activated, and we find that the maximum magnitude of the amplitude response function is decreased by about 22%. However, the response of the system with the damper exceeds the response of the system without the damper in the low-frequency region. For the system corresponding to Figure 8.33b, we see that the particle damper is activated only in the range  $0.96 \leq \Omega < 1.04$ . When  $\Omega$  is outside this region, the responses of the system with and without the particle damper are virtually identical.

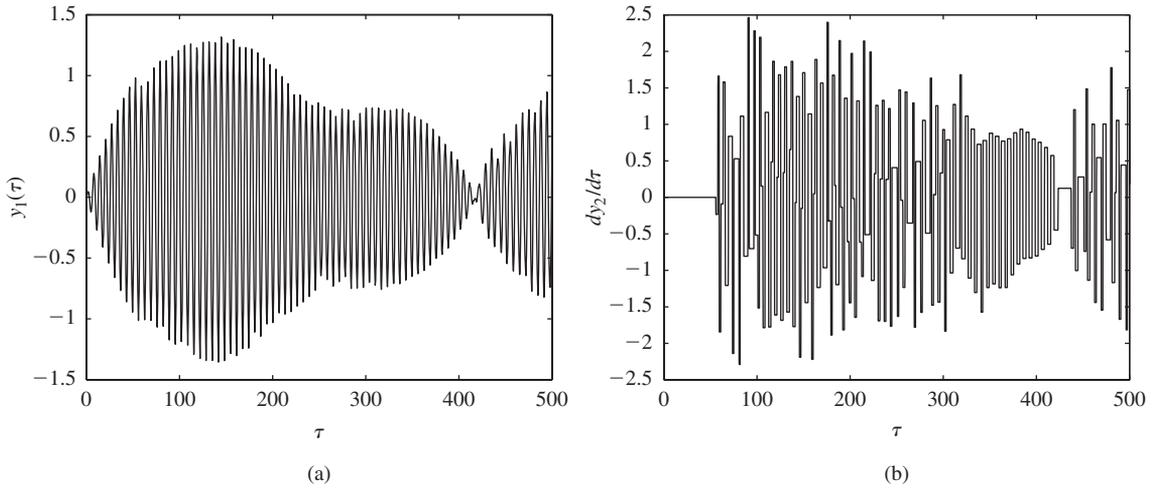
### Insights Based on Transient Response of Harmonically Forced System without the Particle Damper

The results shown in Figures 8.33b and 8.33c cannot be explained entirely by the magnitude of  $f_o H(\Omega)$ , which corresponds to the steady-state response. One also needs to consider the transient response of the system. In order to look into this, we return again to the linear case. The solution to Eq. (8.157) for the linear case with  $p(\tau) = \cos(\Omega\tau)$  is given by Eqs. (5.14) and (5.15) and plotted in Figures 5.3 and 5.4. From these results, we see that it takes a finite period of time for the transient portion of the response to decay, after which the steady-state response is attained. It was found from Figures 5.3 and 5.4 that for certain combinations of system parameters the peak amplitudes of the transient portion of the response exceeded the steady-state amplitude. A similar effect occurs in the nonlinear case, except that the consequences are very different. We first examine the responses in the time domain of the system to a forcing with frequency  $\Omega = 0.9$  and amplitude  $f_o = 0.2$ ; the corresponding results are shown in Figure 8.34. These time-domain results correspond to one data point in Figure 8.33c. According to the results shown in Figure 8.33c and our earlier discussion, the particle damper should not have been activated, since  $f_o H(\Omega) = 0.2H(0.9) < 1$ . However, from Figure 8.34a, we find that the earliest time  $\tau_1$



**FIGURE 8.34**

Response of the system with particle damper for  $\zeta = 0.008$ ,  $m_{21} = 0.08$ ,  $k_{21} = 100$ ,  $c_{21} = 20$ ,  $\Omega = 0.9$ , and  $f_o = 0.2$ : (a) displacement of mass  $m_1$  and (b) velocity of mass  $m_2$ .



**FIGURE 8.35** Response of the system with particle damper for  $\zeta = 0.008$ ,  $m_{21} = 0.08$ ,  $k_{21} = 100$ ,  $c_{21} = 20$ ,  $\Omega = 0.97$ , and  $f_o = 0.05$ : (a) displacement of mass  $m_1$  and (b) velocity of mass  $m_2$ .

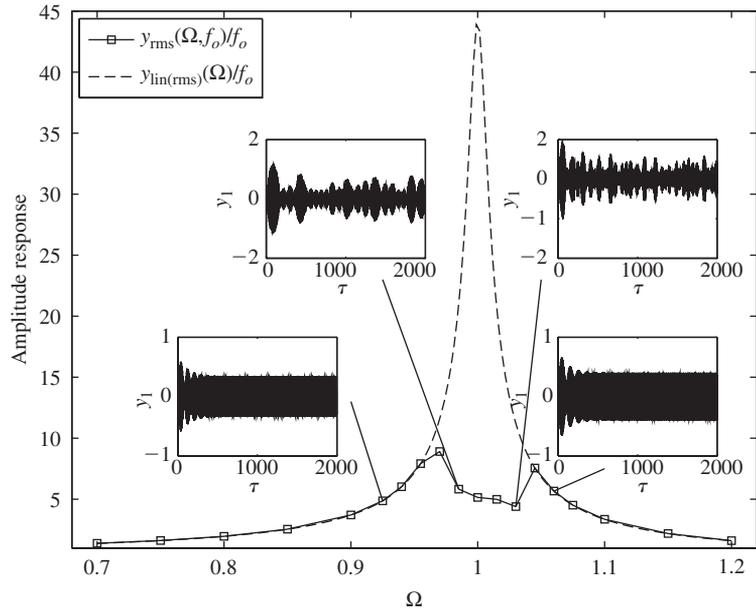
that the peak amplitude of  $|y_1(\tau)|$  exceeds unity is at  $\tau_1 = 11.198$ , where  $y_1(\tau_1) = -1.000$ ; therefore, the particle damper is activated as indicated by the sudden jump in velocity  $\dot{y}_2(\tau)$  at  $\tau = \tau_1 = 11.198$  and remains activated for all time thereafter. The same activation mechanism applies when  $\Omega = 0.97$  and  $f_o = 0.05$ , which corresponds to one data point in Figure 8.33b. Again, for this combination of parameters,  $f_o H(\Omega) = 0.05H(0.97) < 1$  and the particle damper should not have been activated. These results are shown in Figure 8.35, where we find that the earliest time that the peak amplitude of  $|y_1(\tau)|$  exceeds unity is at  $\tau_1 = 55.708$ , where  $y_1(\tau_1) = -1.000$ . It is seen that the time response is entirely different than that obtained for the previous case. In this case, no steady-state condition is reached; the results suggest aperiodic motions.

In both of these cases, the overshoot from the transient response of the system is the reason why the system response exceeds unity. Since the system acts as a single degree-of-freedom system until  $\tau = \tau_1$  is reached, one can use Eqs. (5.14) and (5.15) to determine the time at which the magnitude of the response exceeds one; that is, the earliest time  $\tau_1$  when

$$f_o H(\Omega) \left| \cos(\Omega\tau_1 - \theta(\Omega)) + \frac{e^{-\zeta\tau_1}}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \cos(\tau_1 \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} - \theta_{ct}(\Omega)) \right| - 1 = 0$$

**Need for Nonlinear Analysis**

In Figure 8.36, we show the time-domain results superimposed at different frequency locations for the system corresponding to Figure 8.33b. The motions corresponding to  $\Omega = 0.925$  and  $\Omega = 1.06$  are periodic as in the case without the damper. In both of these cases, the particle damper is not

**FIGURE 8.36**

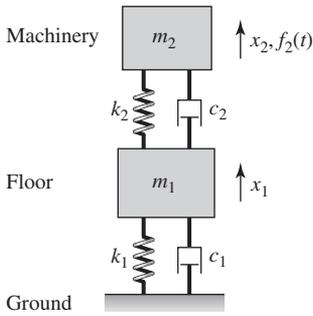
Amplitude response of a particle damper for  $\zeta = 0.008$ ,  $m_{21} = 0.08$ ,  $k_{21} = 100$ ,  $c_{21} = 20$ , and  $f_o = 0.05$  along with time-domain responses at different excitation frequencies.

effective in attenuating the motions of the host system. However, at  $\Omega = 0.985$  and  $\Omega = 1.03$ , where the particle damper is effective in damping the host system, the motions are aperiodic. The aperiodic motions, which probably occur due to aperiodic impacts between the particle damper and the host system, could be a key reason for the effectiveness of the particle damper. To understand the characteristics of these motions as well as to determine when and how they will occur, one would need to consider stability of motions.<sup>40</sup> It is possible that the system may have more than one response for a chosen set of excitation parameter values, and each response may have associated sets of initial conditions that take one to it.

## 8.7 VIBRATION ISOLATION: TRANSMISSIBILITY RATIO

In many machinery-mounting situations, the single degree-of-freedom model given in Section 5.7 is inadequate because the formulation does not take into account the stiffness of the flooring. To have a more realistic model, let us suppose that  $m_1$  is the mass of the flooring and  $m_2$  is the mass of the machinery as shown in Figure 8.37. In some instances, the machinery is connected to a seismic mass, which in turn is connected via springs to the structure, usually the ground.

<sup>40</sup>See, for example, Nayfeh and Balachandran, 1995, *ibid.*

**FIGURE 8.37**

Representative two degree-of-freedom system for vibration transmission model.

The objective is to determine the various parameters of the system so that the force transmitted to the ground or the structure that is supporting the flooring<sup>41</sup> is as small as practical. To do this, we need to examine the ratio of the magnitude of the force transmitted to the ground  $f_{\text{base}}(t)$  to the magnitude of the force applied to the machinery  $f_2(t)$ . If motions about the static-equilibrium position are considered, then the equations governing the system shown in Figure 8.37 are represented by Eqs. (8.60) when we set the spring constant  $k_3$ , the damping coefficient  $c_3$ , and the force  $f_1(t)$  to zero. Then, the force transmitted to the ground is given by Eq. (8.89b).

The required transfer function is  $F_{\text{base}}(s)/F_2(s)$ . To obtain this transfer function, we set all initial conditions to zero and assume that the force applied to  $m_2$  is an impulse; that is,  $f_2(\tau) = F_o\delta(\tau)$ . Then, using Eqs. (8.90), (8.71), and (8.75), we obtain

$$T_R(s) = \frac{F_{\text{base}}(s)}{F_2(s)} = \frac{F_{\text{base}}(s)}{F_o} = \frac{k_1(2\zeta_1s + 1)X_1(s)}{F_o} = \frac{(2\zeta_1s + 1)B(s)}{m_r D_2(s)} \quad (8.162)$$

where  $D_2(s)$  is given by Eq. (8.74). The transmissibility ratio is defined as

$$TR = |T_R(j\Omega)| \quad (8.163)$$

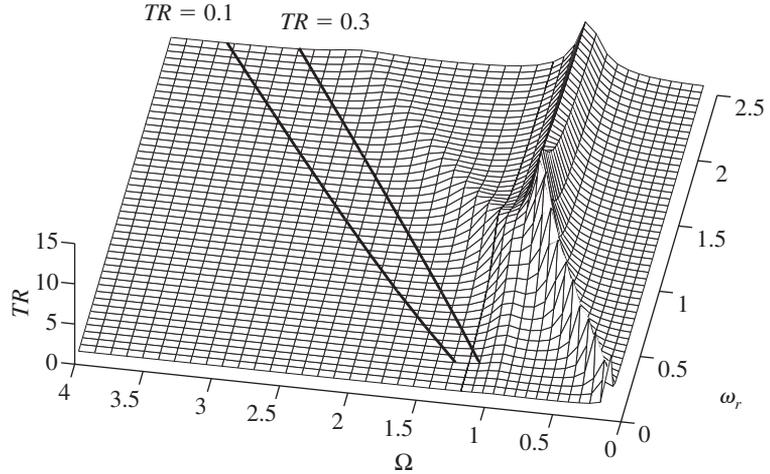
To obtain this ratio  $TR$ , we set  $s = j\Omega$  in Eq. (8.162) and substitute the result into Eq. (8.163) to obtain

$$TR = \left| \frac{(2\zeta_1j\Omega + 1)B(j\Omega)}{m_r D_2(j\Omega)} \right| \quad (8.164)$$

where  $D_2(j\Omega)$  and  $B(j\Omega)$  are given by Eqs. (8.102).

The results obtained from Eq. (8.164) are plotted in Figure 8.38 for the case where  $\zeta_1 = \zeta_2 = 0.08$  and the mass ratio  $m_r = 0.1$ . The transmissibility ratio  $TR$  is shown as a function of the frequency ratio  $\omega_r$  and the nondimensional excitation frequency ratio  $\Omega$ . A point on this graph is interpreted as the magnitude of the transmissibility ratio for flooring represented by the  $m_1$ - $k_1$ - $c_1$  system in Figure 8.37 and harmonic excitation acting on the mass  $m_2$  at the nondimensional frequency  $\Omega$ . The transmissibility ratio then provides the magnitude of the harmonic force transmitted to the ground. In addition, solid lines have been drawn to delineate the regions where  $TR$  is less than or equal to a certain fraction of the force applied to  $m_2$  that reaches the ground or flooring supports. Consider the case where  $TR = 0.1$ . Comparing these results with the  $TR$  value of a single degree-of-freedom system given in Figure 5.34 we see that to get a  $TR$  of 10% we need to have  $\Omega > 3.32$  in a single degree-of-freedom system. On the other hand, in the case of a two degree-of-freedom system, we see that for  $\Omega > 1.5$  and  $\omega_r < 0.5$  we will attain the same levels. In other words, the natural frequency of  $m_2$  by itself has to be less than half of the support/flooring. We also note from Figure 8.38 that for a given  $TR$ , the operating frequency of the machinery is almost linearly proportional to  $\omega_r$ .

<sup>41</sup>J. A. Macinante, *Seismic Mountings for Vibration Isolation*, John Wiley & Sons, NY, Chapter 8 (1984).

**FIGURE 8.38**

Transmissibility ratio for two degree-of-freedom system with  $m_r = 0.1$  and  $\zeta_1 = \zeta_2 = 0.08$ . [Solid lines represent constant values of  $TR$ .]

**Design Guideline:** For the transmissibility of a dynamic force through a flexible flooring system, which is modeled as a two degree-of-freedom system with  $m_r = 0.1$ , to be less than 10%, the nondimensional excitation frequency of the disturbing force should be greater than  $1.2 + \omega_r$ , where  $\omega_r$  is the ratio of the system uncoupled natural frequencies.

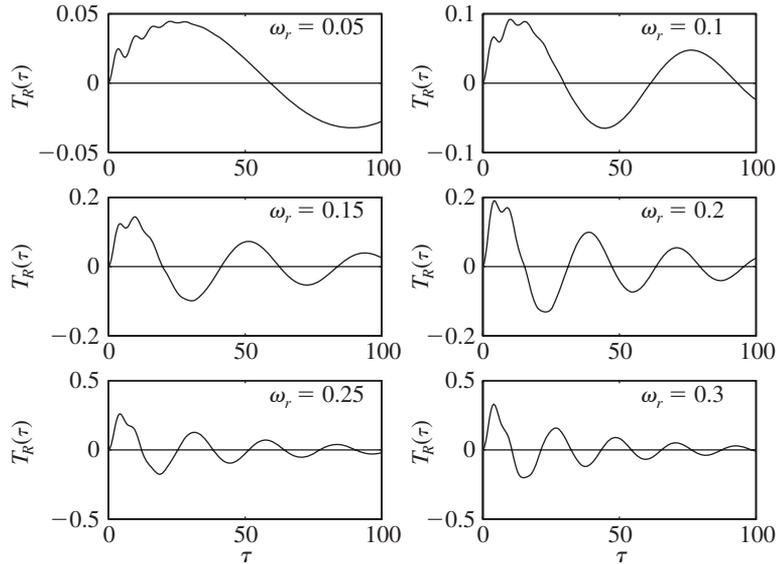
We now examine how the system parameters can be selected to attenuate the peak magnitude of the force transmitted to the ground when an impulsive force is applied to the mass  $m_2$ . This situation arises, for example, in factories where it is necessary to isolate forges and punch presses. To determine this, we take the inverse Laplace transform of Eq. (8.162). Before doing so, however, we rewrite Eq. (8.162) using Eq. (8.64) as follows:

$$T_R(s) = \frac{\omega_r(2\zeta_1s + 1)(2\zeta_2s + \omega_r)}{D_2(s)} \quad (8.165)$$

We see from Eq. (8.165) and an examination of  $D_2(s)$  that when  $m_r < 1$ ,  $m_r$  has a very small effect on  $T_R$ . Again using available numerical procedures,<sup>42</sup> representative numerically obtained results for the inverse of Eq. (8.165) are given in Figure 8.39. For small values of the frequency ratio  $\omega_r$ , it is seen that the transient oscillations have a high-frequency component, which appears to “ride” on top of a low-frequency oscillation. However, as  $\omega_r$  increases, this characteristic diminishes. In addition, we see that the nondimensional peak

<sup>42</sup>The MATLAB function `ilaplace` from the Symbolic Math Toolbox was used.

**FIGURE 8.39**  
 Magnitude of an impulse force transmitted to the base of a two degree-of-freedom system:  
 $\zeta_1 = \zeta_2 = 0.1$ .



amplitude is nearly equal to  $\omega_r$ . Furthermore, we see that the introduction of the seismic mass  $m_1$  can provide a much larger attenuation of the peak magnitude of the force applied to  $m_2$ , when compared to that of a single degree-of-freedom system. Recall from Section 6.2 that for a single degree-of-freedom system, the most attenuation that we could attain was about 18% for  $\zeta = 0.25$ .

**Design Guideline:** The peak transmissibility of a shock loading through a lightly damped flooring system to the ground is approximately equal to the ratio  $\omega_r$ . Therefore, the ratio should be as small as possible, which is equivalent to having the uncoupled natural frequency of the system attached to the flooring be much greater than the natural frequency of the flooring by itself.

**EXAMPLE 8.18** Design of machinery mounting to meet transmissibility ratio requirement

A 150 kg machine is to be operated at 500 rpm on a platform that is modeled as a single degree-of-freedom system with the following mass, stiffness, and damper values:  $m_1 = 3000$  kg,  $k_1 = 2 \times 10^6$  N/m, and  $c_1 = 7500$  N/(m/s). The machinery mounting is to be determined so that the transmissibility ratio does not exceed 0.1.

From the given values, we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
 m_r &= \frac{m_2}{m_1} = \frac{150 \text{ kg}}{3000 \text{ kg}} = 0.05 \\
 \omega_{n1} &= \sqrt{\frac{k_1}{m_1}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 10^6 \text{ N/m}}{3000 \text{ kg}}} = 25.82 \text{ rad/s} \\
 \zeta_1 &= \frac{c_1}{2m_1\omega_{n1}} = \frac{7500 \text{ N/(m/s)}}{2 \times 3000 \text{ kg} \times 25.82 \text{ rad/s}} = 0.048 \\
 \Omega &= \frac{\omega}{\omega_{n1}} = \frac{(500 \text{ rev/min})((2\pi \text{ rad/rev})/(60 \text{ s/min}))}{25.82 \text{ rad/s}} = 2.03 \quad (\text{a})
 \end{aligned}$$

We pick a mounting with negligible damping factor; that is, one for which

$$\zeta_2 \approx 0 \quad (\text{b})$$

We now use Eq. (8.164) to determine the value of  $\omega_r$  that provides a transmissibility ratio that is less than 0.1 at  $\Omega = 2.03$ . For the choice of mounting with negligible damping factor, we find from Eqs. (8.102) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 B(j\Omega) &= 2\zeta_2 m_r \omega_r j\Omega + m_r \omega_r^2 \\
 &\approx m_r \omega_r^2 \\
 D_2(j\Omega) &= \Omega^4 - j[2\zeta_1 + 2\zeta_2 \omega_r m_r + 2\zeta_2 \omega_r] \Omega^3 \\
 &\quad - [1 + m_r \omega_r^2 + \omega_r^2 + 4\zeta_1 \zeta_2 \omega_r] \Omega^2 + j[2\zeta_2 \omega_r + 2\zeta_1 \omega_r] \Omega + \omega_r^2 \\
 &\approx \Omega^4 - j2\zeta_1 \Omega^3 - [1 + m_r \omega_r^2 + \omega_r^2] \Omega^2 + j2\zeta_1 \omega_r^2 \Omega + \omega_r^2 \quad (\text{c})
 \end{aligned}$$

On substituting Eqs. (c) into Eq. (8.164), we arrive at

$$TR = \left| \frac{(2\zeta_1 j\Omega + 1)m_r \omega_r^2}{m_r(\Omega^4 - j2\zeta_1 \Omega^3 - [1 + m_r \omega_r^2 + \omega_r^2] \Omega^2 + j2\zeta_1 \omega_r^2 \Omega + \omega_r^2)} \right| \quad (\text{d})$$

Making use of Eqs. (a) by substituting the values for  $\Omega$ ,  $\zeta_1$ , and  $m_r$  into Eq. (d), we arrive at

$$TR = \left| \frac{(0.05 + 0.00982j)\omega_r^2}{0.64 - 0.0404j + (-0.166 + 0.00982j)\omega_r^2} \right| \quad (\text{e})$$

Equation (e) is solved numerically<sup>43</sup> for the value of  $\omega_r$  that gives a value of  $TR = 0.1$ ; this value is  $\omega_r = 0.9741$ . Thus, since

$$\omega_{n2} = \omega_r \omega_{n1} \quad (\text{f})$$

the largest value of  $k_2$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
 k_2 &= m_2 \omega_{n2}^2 = m_2 (\omega_r \omega_{n1})^2 = (150 \text{ kg}) \times (0.9741 \times 25.82 \text{ rad/s})^2 \\
 &= 94.9 \times 10^3 \text{ N/m} \quad (\text{g})
 \end{aligned}$$

<sup>43</sup>The MATLAB function `fzero` was used.

## 8.8 SYSTEMS WITH MOVING BASE

Another way to determine the efficacy of a two degree-of-freedom isolation system is to compare the magnitude of the peak (maximum) displacement of  $m_2$  to the magnitude of the peak displacement of the ground.<sup>44</sup> To analyze this type of situation, we consider the base supporting the two degree-of-freedom system to be a moving base as shown in Figure 8.40. In analyses of such systems, one usually assumes that the masses are initially at rest and that there are no applied forces directly on the inertial elements, and  $x_3(t)$  is given. We return to Eqs. (8.60) and modify them to account for the moving base. Thus, Eqs. (8.60) become

$$m_1 \frac{d^2 x_1}{dt^2} + (c_1 + c_2) \frac{dx_1}{dt} + (k_1 + k_2)x_1 - c_2 \frac{dx_2}{dt} - k_2 x_2 - c_1 \frac{dx_3}{dt} - k_1 x_3 = 0$$

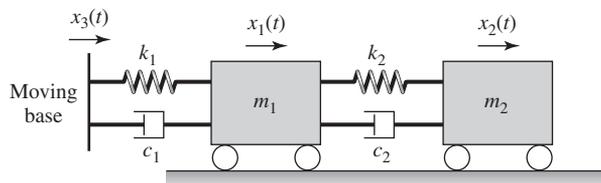
$$m_2 \frac{d^2 x_2}{dt^2} + c_2 \frac{dx_2}{dt} + k_2 x_2 - c_2 \frac{dx_1}{dt} - k_2 x_1 = 0 \quad (8.166)$$

After using the nondimensional quantities of Eqs. (7.41) and (8.61), Eqs. (8.166) are rewritten as

$$\frac{d^2 x_1}{d\tau^2} + (2\zeta_1 + 2\zeta_2 m_r \omega_r) \frac{dx_1}{d\tau} + (1 + m_r \omega_r^2)x_1 - 2\zeta_2 m_r \omega_r \frac{dx_2}{d\tau} - m_r \omega_r^2 x_2 - 2\zeta_1 \frac{dx_3}{d\tau} - x_3 = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2 x_2}{d\tau^2} + 2\zeta_2 \omega_r \frac{dx_2}{d\tau} + \omega_r^2 x_2 - 2\zeta_2 \omega_r \frac{dx_1}{d\tau} - \omega_r^2 x_1 = 0 \quad (8.167)$$

Then, taking the Laplace transform of Eqs. (8.167) and solving for  $X_1(s)$  and  $X_2(s)$ , which are the transforms of  $x_1(\tau)$  and  $x_2(\tau)$ , respectively, we find that



**FIGURE 8.40**

Two degree-of-freedom system with moving base.

<sup>44</sup>This analysis also has application in determining the dynamic response of seated humans. See for example, X. Wu, S. Rakheja, and P.-E. Boileau, "Analysis of Relationships between Biodynamic Response Functions," *J. Sound Vibration*, Vol. 226, No. 3, pp. 585–606, 1999.

$$\begin{aligned} X_1(s) &= \frac{K_3(s)E_2(s)}{D_2(s)} \\ X_2(s) &= \frac{K_3(s)C(s)}{D_2(s)} \end{aligned} \quad (8.168)$$

where  $D_2(s)$  is given by Eq. (8.74),  $C(s)$  is given by Eqs. (8.64),  $E_2(s)$  is given by Eq. (8.82), and

$$K_3(s) = (2\zeta_1 s + 1)X_3(s) - 2\zeta_1 x_3(0) \quad (8.169)$$

Comparing Eqs. (8.169) and (8.90), we see that  $k_1 K_3(s)$  is the Laplace transform of the total force generated by the moving base.

To compare the responses of the single degree-of-freedom system with a moving base to that of a two degree-of-freedom system with a moving base, we assume that the displacement of the base is a half-sine wave as shown in Figure 6.25 and given by Eq. (b) of Example 6.8; that is,

$$x_3(\tau) = X_o \sin(\Omega_o \tau) [u(\tau) - u(\tau - \tau_o)] \quad (8.170)$$

where  $\Omega_o = \omega_o/\omega_{n1}$ ,  $\tau_o = \omega_{n1} t_o$ , and  $t_o = \pi/\omega_o$ . We shall determine the response of  $m_2$ . Assuming that  $x_3(0) = 0$  for convenience, and using transform pair 10 in Table A of Appendix A to obtain the Laplace transform of Eq. (8.170), it is found that

$$X_3(s) = \frac{X_o \Omega_o (1 + e^{-\pi s/\Omega_o})}{s^2 + \Omega_o^2} \quad (8.171)$$

Then  $K_3(s)$ , which is given by Eq. (8.169), becomes

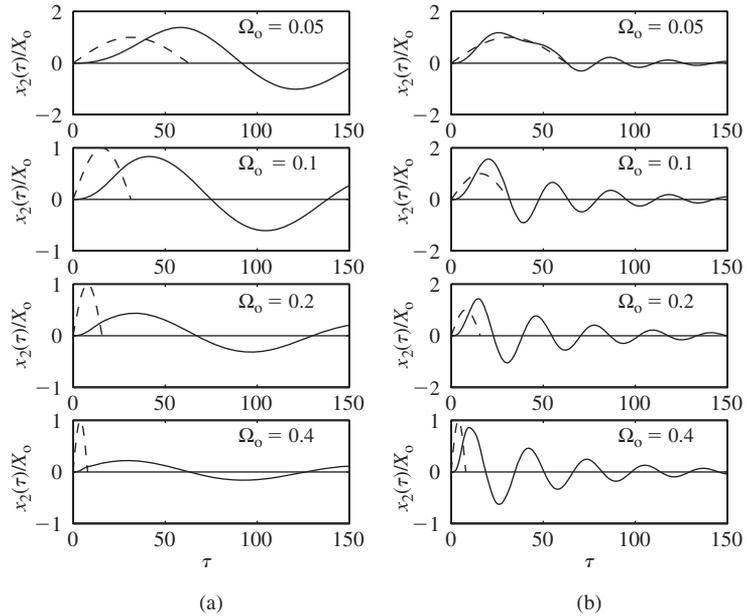
$$K_3(s) = \frac{X_o \Omega_o (2\zeta_1 s + 1)(1 + e^{-\pi s/\Omega_o})}{s^2 + \Omega_o^2} \quad (8.172)$$

After substituting Eq. (8.172) in Eq. (8.168), the response of the mass  $m_2$  is

$$X_2(s) = \frac{\Omega_o X_o C(s)(2\zeta_1 s + 1)(1 + e^{-\pi s/\Omega_o})}{(s^2 + \Omega_o^2)D_2(s)} \quad (8.173)$$

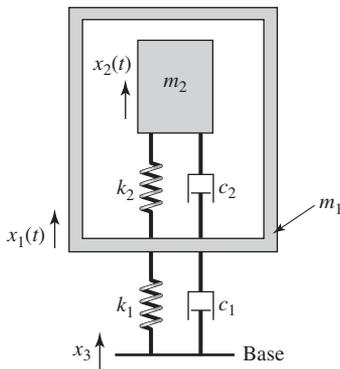
The numerically obtained inverse Laplace transform<sup>45</sup> of Eq. (8.173) is shown in Figure 8.41. We see that as the duration of the half-sine wave pulse decreases, the amplitude of  $m_2$  decreases. This behavior is opposite to what takes place during the base excitation of a single degree-of-freedom system, where as the pulse duration decreased the peak displacement of the mass increased. (Recall Figure 6.22.) We see, then, that the interposition of  $m_1$  and its spring and damper act as a mechanical filter, decreasing the amount of relatively high frequency energy generated by the half-sine wave pulse from being transferred to  $m_2$ . Thus, a two degree-of-freedom system with appropriately chosen parameters can be an effective isolator of ground vibrations compared to a single degree-of-freedom system.

<sup>45</sup>The MATLAB function `ilaplace` from the Symbolic Math Toolbox was used.



**FIGURE 8.41** Displacement response of  $m_2$  when a half-sine wave displacement is applied to the system base for  $m_r = 0.1$  and  $\zeta_1 = \zeta_2 = 0.1$ : (a)  $\omega_r = 0.05$  and (b)  $\omega_r = 0.2$ .

**EXAMPLE 8.19** Isolation of an electronic assembly



**FIGURE 8.42** Model of an electronic system contained in a package that is subjected to a base disturbance.

We shall now consider the isolation of electronic components.<sup>46</sup> In this two degree-of-freedom system,  $m_1$  is the outer casing of an electronic assembly as shown in Figure 8.42. Inside the casing, there is a flexibly supported electronic component modeled as a system with a mass  $m_2$ , stiffness  $k_2$ , and viscous damping  $c_2$ . The outer casing is elastically mounted as shown in Figure 8.42, usually to a base that is a relatively stiff structural member. The movement of the structural member subjects the entire system to a displacement. Typically, the mass ratio  $m_r$  is much less than one and the uncoupled natural frequencies of the systems are such that  $\omega_r > 3$ .

Let the relative displacement between masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  be defined by

$$z_2(\tau) = x_2(\tau) - x_1(\tau) \tag{a}$$

Then, for a given value  $d$  that specifies the maximum amplitude ratio,

<sup>46</sup>A. M. Veprík and V. I. Babitsky, “Vibration Protection of Sensitive Electronic Equipment from Harsh Harmonic Vibration,” *J. Sound Vibration*, Vol. 238, No. 1, pp. 19–30 (2000).

$$d = |X_{13}(\Omega)| = \left| \frac{X_1(j\Omega)}{X_3(j\Omega)} \right| \quad (b)$$

we shall find the value of the damping factor  $\zeta_1$  so that the ratio

$$|Z_{23}(\Omega)| = \left| \frac{Z_2(j\Omega)}{X_3(j\Omega)} \right| \quad (c)$$

is a minimum. We assume that  $\omega_r$ ,  $m_r$ , and  $\zeta_2$  are given. In practical cases,  $\zeta_2 \ll 1$ . Then, from Eqs. (8.168) and (8.169) we have that

$$\begin{aligned} X_{13}(s) &= \frac{X_1(s)}{X_3(s)} = \frac{(2\zeta_1 s + 1)E_2(s)}{D_2(s)} \\ Z_{23}(s) &= \frac{X_2(s)}{X_3(s)} - \frac{X_1(s)}{X_3(s)} = \frac{(2\zeta_1 s + 1)}{D_2(s)} (C(s) - E_2(s)) \end{aligned} \quad (d)$$

The respective amplitude-response functions are obtained by setting  $s = j\Omega$  in Eq. (d) and then taking the absolute values. Thus, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |X_{13}(\Omega)| &= d = \left| \frac{(2\zeta_1 \Omega j + 1)E_2(j\Omega)}{D_2(j\Omega)} \right| \\ |Z_{23}(\Omega)| &= \left| \frac{(2\zeta_1 \Omega j + 1)}{D_2(j\Omega)} (C(j\Omega) - E_2(j\Omega)) \right| \end{aligned} \quad (e)$$

We shall again use the optimization approach mentioned in Section 8.6. If the maximum value of the  $X_{13}$  occurs at  $\Omega_1$  and that of  $Z_{23}$  at  $\Omega_2$ , then the objective is to find the value of  $\zeta_1$  that makes the maximum value  $Z_{23}(\Omega_2)$  a minimum value subject to the requirement that  $X_{13}(\Omega_1) = d$ , when the values of  $d$ ,  $\zeta_2$ ,  $\omega_r$ , and  $m_r$  are given. This is stated as follows:

$$\min_{\zeta_1} \max_{Z_{23}(\Omega)} \{Z_{23}(\Omega)\}$$

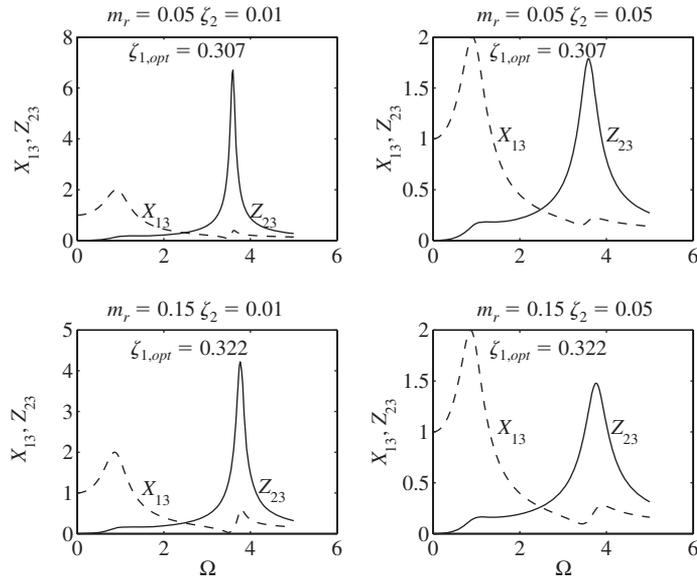
Subject to:  $\zeta_1 \geq 0$

$$X_{13}(\Omega_1) = d \quad (f)$$

The results for several combinations of  $d$ ,  $\zeta_2$ ,  $\omega_r$ , and  $m_r$  are shown in Figs. 8.43 and 8.44. We see that we get large attenuation of the maximum relative amplitude when we compare these results to those obtained for a single degree-of-system given by Eq. (5.82) for the same damping ratio  $\zeta_2$ . For the small values of  $\zeta_2$  used in these numerical examples, 0.05 and 0.01, we see that the maximum values are approximately proportional to  $1/(2\zeta_2)$ . Therefore, the maximum amplitudes would be 10 and 50, respectively. Also, the values of  $\zeta_1$  that are required to obtain these reductions are attainable in practice.

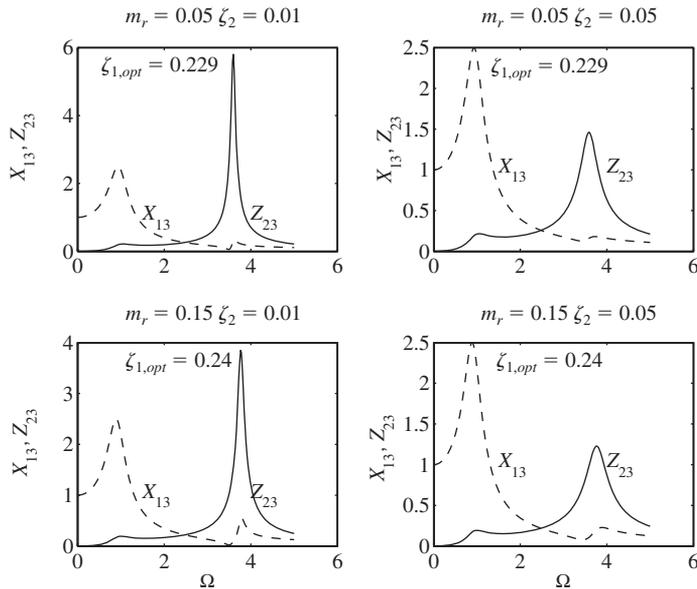
**FIGURE 8.43**

Optimum value of  $\zeta_1$  for several combinations of  $m_r$  and  $\zeta_2$  when  $\omega_r = 3.5$  and  $|X_{13}(\Omega_1)| = d = 2.0$ .



**FIGURE 8.44**

Optimum value of  $\zeta_1$  for several combinations of  $m_r$  and  $\zeta_2$  when  $\omega_r = 3.5$  and  $|X_{13}(\Omega_1)| = d = 2.5$ .



**8.9 SUMMARY**

In this chapter, we illustrated how the responses of linear multiple degree-of-freedom systems could be determined by using the normal-mode approach, Laplace transforms, and the state-space formulation. For the nonlinear multiple degree-of-freedom systems treated in this chapter, the solutions were numerically determined. The responses of multiple degree-of-freedom systems to harmonic, step, and impulse excitations were also examined. The notions

of resonance, frequency-response functions, and transfer functions introduced in the earlier chapters for single degree-of-freedom systems were revisited and discussed for multiple degree-of-freedom systems. For linear vibratory systems, it was shown how the frequency-response functions can be used to design vibration absorbers, mechanical filters, and address issues such as base isolation and transmission ratio. A brief introduction to the design of vibration absorbers based on nonlinear-system behavior was also presented.

## EXERCISES

### Section 8.2.1

**8.1** Consider the two degree-of-freedom system shown in Figure E8.1, where a forcing  $f_2$  is imposed on the mass  $m_2$ . For  $m_1 = m_2 = 1$  kg,  $k_1 = 2$  N/m,  $k_2 = 1$  N/m, and  $f_2 = F_2 \sin \omega t$  N, use the normal-mode approach to determine the solution of the system. Assume that all of the initial conditions are zero.

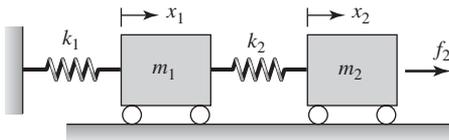


FIGURE E8.1

**8.2** Consider the two degree-of-freedom system shown in Figure E8.2, where  $m_1 = m_2 = 1$  kg,  $k_1 = 2$  N/m,  $k_2 = 1$  N/m,  $c_1 = 0.4$  N/m/s,  $c_2 = 0.2$  N/m/s, and  $f_2 = f_2(t)$ . Starting with Eq. (7.1b), uncouple these equations by using the modal matrix and present the uncoupled system of equations.

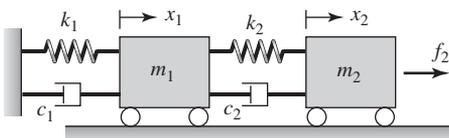


FIGURE E8.2

**8.3** Use the normal-mode approach to determine a solution for the response of system discussed in Exercise 8.2 when an harmonic forcing  $f_2 = 10 \sin(20t)$  N is imposed on mass  $m_2$ . Assume that all of the initial

conditions are zero and ignore the transient portion of the response.

**8.4** Use the normal-mode approach to determine a solution for the response of the three degree-of-freedom system shown in Figure 8.4 when an impulse  $f_2 = F_2 \delta(t)$  is imposed on mass  $m_2$ . Assume that all of the initial conditions are zero and that  $m_1 = m_2 = m_3 = m$  and that  $k_1 = k_2 = k_3 = k$ .

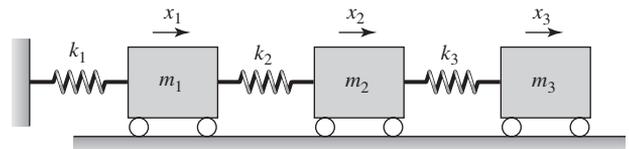


FIGURE E8.4

**8.5** Repeat Exercise 8.4 with an impulse  $f_1 = F_1 \delta(t)$  imposed on mass  $m_1$  instead of mass  $m_2$ .

### Section 8.2.2

**8.6** Consider the three degree-of-freedom system shown in Figure E8.6. The different system parameter values are as follows:  $J_{o1} = 1$  kg · m<sup>2</sup>,  $J_{o2} = 4$  kg · m<sup>2</sup>,  $J_{o3} = 1$  kg · m<sup>2</sup>,  $k_{t1} = k_{t2} = 10$  N · m/rad, and  $k_{t3} = 5$  N · m/rad. Assume that the damping matrix is proportional to the inertia matrix; that is,

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_{t1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{t2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c_{t3} \end{bmatrix} = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} J_{o1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & J_{o2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & J_{o3} \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $\alpha = 0.5$ . When the external moment  $M_o(t)$  is absent, determine the response of this system by using the normal-mode approach for each of the following

sets of initial conditions and discuss the participation of different modes in each case.

- a)  $\phi_1(0) = \phi_2(0) = \phi_3(0) = 1$  rad  
 $\dot{\phi}_1(0) = \dot{\phi}_2(0) = \dot{\phi}_3(0) = 0$  rad/s,
- b)  $\phi_1(0) = \phi_3(0) = 1$  rad,  $\phi_2(0) = -0.5$  rad  
 $\dot{\phi}_1(0) = \dot{\phi}_2(0) = \dot{\phi}_3(0) = 0$  rad/s.

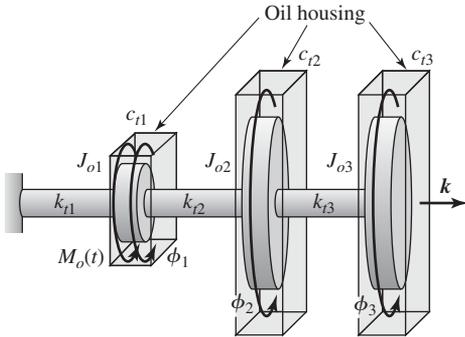


FIGURE E8.6

**8.7** Consider the damped system of Exercise 8.2 and set the forcing amplitude to zero. Examine the free oscillations of this system by using the normal mode for the following sets of initial conditions and discuss the participation of different modes in each case:

- a)  $x_1(0) = x_2(0) = 0.2$  m,  $\dot{x}_1(0) = \dot{x}_2(0) = 0$  m/s
- b)  $x_1(0) = -0.2$  m,  $x_2(0) = 0.2$  m, and  
 $\dot{x}_1(0) = \dot{x}_2(0) = 0$  m/s.

**Section 8.2.3**

**8.8** Consider the two degree-of-freedom system shown in Figure E8.2 where  $m_1 = m_2 = 1$  kg,  $k_1 = 2$  N/m,  $k_2 = 1$  N/m,  $c_1 = 0.4$  Ns/m, and  $c_2 = 0.2$  Ns/m. To determine the response of this damped system to a harmonic excitation, one can assume the excitation to be of the form

$$f_2(t) = F_2 e^{j\omega t}$$

which is referred to as a *complex-valued excitation* because of the  $e^{j\omega t}$  term. To determine the steady-state solution for the response of this system, assume a solution of the form

$$\begin{Bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} X_1(j\omega) \\ X_2(j\omega) \end{Bmatrix} e^{j\omega t}$$

and then solve for the response amplitudes  $X_1(j\omega)$  and  $X_2(j\omega)$  from the governing equations of motion.

**8.9** Consider the system of flywheels shown in Figure E8.9. For an applied moment  $M_o(t) = M_1 \cos\omega t$ , determine a solution for the response of the system by using the direct approach presented in Section 8.2.3.

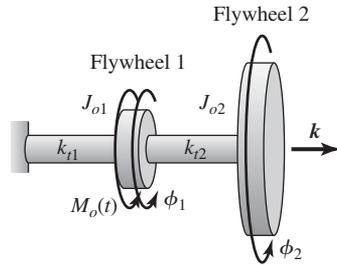


FIGURE E8.9

**8.10** Consider the system shown in Figure E8.10 in which the three masses  $m_1$ ,  $m_2$ , and  $m_3$  are located on a uniform cantilever beam with flexural rigidity  $EI$ . The inverse of the stiffness matrix for this system  $[K]$ , which is called the flexibility matrix, is given by

$$[K]^{-1} = \frac{L^3}{3EI} \begin{bmatrix} 27 & 14 & 4 \\ 14 & 8 & 2.5 \\ 4 & 2.5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

If the masses of the system are all identical; that is,  $m_1 = m_2 = m_3 = m$ , then determine the response of this system when it is forced sinusoidally at the location of mass  $m_2$  with a forcing amplitude  $F_2$  and an excitation frequency  $\omega$ .

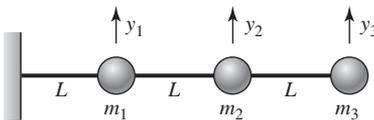


FIGURE E8.10

**8.11** Consider the three degree-of-freedom system shown in Figure E8.4. Assume that a harmonic forcing  $f_2 = F_2 \cos\omega t$  is imposed on the mass  $m_2$ . Determine if the mass  $m_1$  can have a zero response at any of the excitation frequencies.

**8.12** For the system given in Exercise 8.1, carry out the following: (a) determine a solution for the response of this system by using the direct approach discussed in Section 8.2.3 and (b) construct the frequency-response functions  $H_{12}(\Omega)$  and  $H_{22}(\Omega)$  and plot these functions as a function of the nondimensional excitation frequency  $\Omega$ .

**8.13** For the system given in Exercise 8.2, carry out the following: (a) determine a solution for the response of this system by using the direct approach discussed in Section 8.2.3 and (b) construct the frequency-response functions  $H_{11}(\Omega)$  and  $H_{21}(\Omega)$  and plot these functions as a function of the nondimensional excitation frequency  $\Omega$ .

**8.14** Based on the response amplitudes determined in Exercise 8.8, construct the frequency-response functions

$$G_{12}(j\Omega) = X_1(j\Omega)/F_2$$

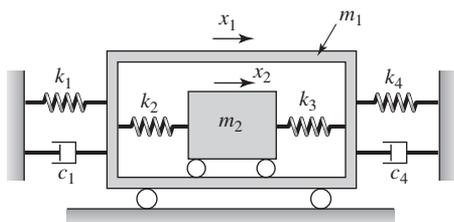
$$G_{22}(j\Omega) = X_2(j\Omega)/F_2$$

where  $\Omega$  is the nondimensional excitation frequency. Plot graphs of the amplitudes and phases of the each of these functions as a function of  $\Omega$ , compare them to the plots of frequency-response functions determined in Exercise 8.1, and discuss their differences and similarities.

**Section 8.3**

**8.15** Put the linearized system governing “small” amplitude motions of the pendulum-absorber system of Exercise 7.1 in state-space form.

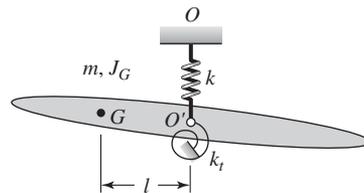
**8.16** Derive the governing equations of motion for the system shown in Figure E8.16 and present them in state-space form.



**FIGURE E8.16**

**8.17** Obtain a state-space form of the equations of motion governing “small” amplitude motions of the pendulum-absorber system shown in Figure E7.10. Assume that oscillations about the static-equilibrium position corresponding to the bottom position of the pendulum are of interest.

**8.18** Present the governing equations of motion for “small” oscillations of the airfoil system shown in Figure E8.18 in state-space form. In this system, the stiffness of the translation spring is  $k$ , the stiffness of the torsion spring is  $k_t$ ,  $G$  is the center of the mass of the airfoil located a distance  $l$  from the attachment point,  $m$  is the mass of the airfoil, and  $J_G$  is the mass moment of inertia of the airfoil about the center of mass. Use the generalized coordinates  $y$  and  $\theta$  to obtain the equations of motion, where  $y$  is the vertical translation of the point  $O'$  and  $\theta$  is the angular oscillation about an axis normal to the airfoil plane.



**FIGURE E8.18**

**8.19** The damping matrix given in Exercise 8.6 is altered so that the damping matrix now has the following structure

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c_{13} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2J_{O1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.6J_{O2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.2J_{O3} \end{bmatrix}$$

Determine the responses of the flywheels for the inertia and stiffness parameters given in Exercise 8.6 and the initial conditions in case (a) of Exercise 8.6.

**8.20** Consider the two degree-of-freedom system with two different damping models treated in Example 8.9 and obtain the state matrix for this system. Study the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of this state matrix for the systems with constant modal damping and arbitrary damping models. Also, compare these

eigenvalues and eigenvectors with those for the undamped system and discuss them.

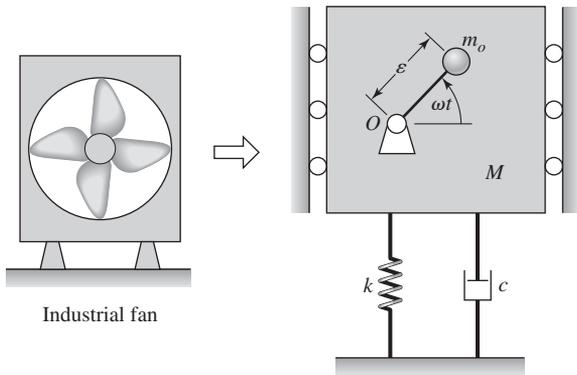
**Section 8.5**

**8.21** Study the micromechanical filter of Example 8.13 and graph the amplitude response of the micromechanical filter similar to that shown in Figure 8.16 for  $k_{21} = 0.1$  and  $\zeta_1 = 0.0015$ .

**8.22** For the system of Exercise 8.12, verify that the frequency-response functions determined by using the unit impulse excitation  $f_2(\tau) = \delta(\tau)$  agree with those determined in that problem.

**Section 8.6.1**

**8.23** An industrial-fan system, a model of which is shown in Figure E8.23, is found to experience undesirable vibrations when operated at 600 rpm. It is assessed that these undesirable vibrations are due to a mass unbalance in the fan, and it is estimated the mass unbalance  $m_o = 2$  kg is located at a distance  $\varepsilon = 0.5$  m from the point  $O$  shown in Figure E8.23. Design a vibration absorber for this industrial-fan system with the restriction that the mass of the absorber cannot exceed 75 kg.



**FIGURE E8.23**

**8.24** For the industrial-fan system of Exercise 8.23, if the original restriction on the absorber mass is removed, design the absorber with the following new restrictions: (a) the natural frequencies of the system with the absorber should lie outside the range of

575 rpm to 625 rpm and (b) the response amplitude of the absorber mass should not exceed 25 mm.

**8.25** A machine has a mass of 150 kg and a natural frequency of 150 rad/s. An absorber mass of 30 kg and a spring-damper combination is to be attached to this machine, so that the machine can be operated in as wide a frequency range as possible around the machine's natural frequency. Determine the optimal parameters for the absorber.

**8.26** In order to attenuate oscillations of telecommunication towers, tuned vibration absorbers are typically used. The second natural frequency of a representative telecommunication tower is 0.6 Hz and the third natural frequency of this tower is 1.5 Hz. Design two optimal absorbers; one to be effective in a frequency range that includes 0.6 Hz and another to be effective in a frequency range that includes 1.5 Hz. The mass ratio for each absorber can be picked to lie in the range 0.02 to 0.05.

**8.27** An optical platform is found to be experience undesirable vibrations at a frequency of 100 Hz. The associated magnitude of the disturbance acting on the platform is estimated to be 100 N. Design a spring-mass system as an absorber for this system with the constraint that the absorber response amplitude cannot exceed 5 mm.

**Section 8.6.2**

**8.28** A rotary engine experiences disturbances at the sixth harmonic of the rotating speed of the system. Determine the pendulum length of a centrifugal absorber for this system.

**Section 8.6.3**

**8.29** Determine the free responses of the bar-slider system described by Eqs. (8.144) for the following parameter values:  $m = 0.5$ ,  $\zeta = 0.20$ , and  $\omega_c = 0.5, 1.5, 2,$  and  $2.5$ . Assume that in each case, the motions are initiated from  $\theta(0) = 0.5$  rad with all of the other initial conditions being zero. Graph the time histories for the radial displacements of the slider and the angular motions of the bar. Discuss the effectiveness of the nonlinear vibration absorber in suppressing the angular motions of the bar.

### Section 8.6.4

**8.30** Determine the free responses of the pendulum-absorber system described by Eqs. (8.153) for the following parameter values:  $\Omega = 1$ ,  $\omega_r = 0.5$ ,  $\zeta = 0.10$ ,  $\zeta_t = 0.05$ ,  $m_r = 0.10$  and  $f_o = 0.4$ . Assume that in each case, the motions are initiated from  $\varphi(0) = 0.2$  rad with all of the other initial conditions being zero. Graph the time histories for the vertical motions of the system and the angular motions of the pendulum. Discuss the effectiveness of the nonlinear vibration absorber in suppressing the vertical translations.

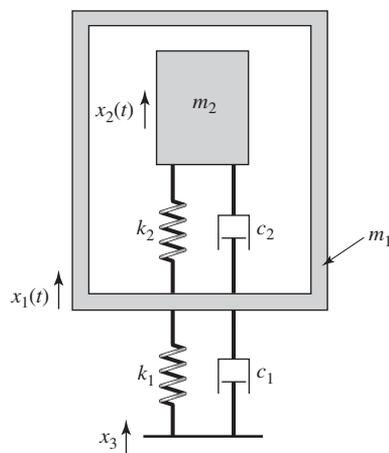
### Section 8.7

**8.31** A 200 kg machine is to be operated at 500 rpm on a flexible platform that can be modeled as a single degree-of-freedom system with the following mass, stiffness, and damper values:  $m_1 = 3000$  kg,  $k_1 = 2 \times 10^6$  N/m, and  $c_1 = 7500$  N/(m/s). Determine the properties of the machinery mounting so that the transmissibility ratio does not exceed 0.1.

**8.32** Construct the transmissibility ratio plot of Figure 8.32 for the following parameters of a two degree-of-freedom system:  $m_r = 0.2$  and  $\zeta_1 = \zeta_2 = 0.1$ .

### Section 8.8

**8.33** A model of an electronic system  $m_2$  contained in a package  $m_1$  is shown Figure E8.33. Determine the transfer function  $X_2(s)/X_3(s)$  and show that it has the following form

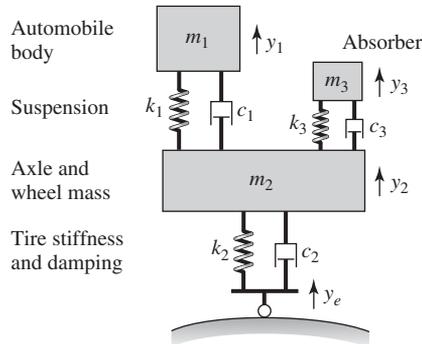


**FIGURE E8.33**

$$\frac{X_2(s)}{X_3(s)} = \frac{(2\zeta_1 s + 1)C(s)}{D_2(s)}$$

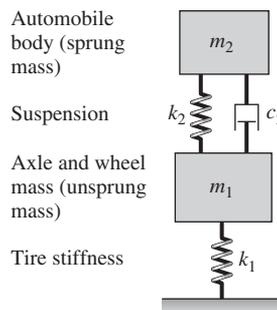
where the polynomials  $C(s)$  and  $D_2(s)$  are given by Eqs. (8.64) and (8.74), respectively.

**8.34** Obtain the transfer function between the absorber response and the base excitation for the vehicle system shown in Figure E8.34.



**FIGURE E8.34**

**8.35** The vertical motions of an automobile are described by using the quarter-car model shown in Figure E8.35. The different system parameters in this two degree-of-freedom model are as follows:  $m_1 = 80$  kg,  $m_2 = 1100$  kg,  $k_2 = 30$  kN/m,  $k_1 = 300$  kN/m, and  $c_2 = 5000$  N/(m/s). When this vehicle is traveling with a constant speed on a flat road, it hits a bump, which produces a base displacement of the form  $x_3(t) = 0.2[u(t) - u(t - 0.5)]$  m. Determine the ensuing response of this system.



**FIGURE E8.35**



Many types of elastic structures can be modeled as thin elastic beams. Towers, drills, and baseball bats are examples of such systems. (Source: Kristiina Paul; © Jeffwilliams87 / Dreamstime.com)

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## Vibrations of Beams

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### 9.1 INTRODUCTION

In Chapters 3 through 8, vibrations of systems with finite degrees of freedom were treated. As mentioned in Section 2.5, elements with distributed inertia and stiffness properties, such as beams, are used to model many physical systems such as the ski of Section 2.5.4, the work-piece-tool system of Section 2.5.5, and the MEMS accelerometer of Section 2.5.2. As noted previously, *distributed-parameter systems*, which are also referred to as *spatially continuous systems*, have an infinite number of degrees of freedom. Apart from beams, distributed systems that one could use in vibratory models include strings, cables, bars undergoing axial vibrations, shafts undergoing torsional vibrations,

membranes, plates, and shells. Except for the last three systems mentioned, the descriptions of all of the other systems require one spatial coordinate. The equations of motion, which govern vibratory systems with finite degrees of freedom, are ordinary differential equations, and these equations are in the form of an initial-value problem. By contrast, the equations of motion governing distributed-parameter systems are in the form of partial differential equations, with boundary condition and initial conditions, and the determination of the solution for the vibratory response of a distributed-parameter system requires the use of additional mathematical techniques. However, notions such as natural frequencies, mode shapes, orthogonality of modes, and normal-mode solution procedures used in the context of finite degree-of-freedom systems apply equally well to infinite degree-of-freedom systems. An infinite degree-of-freedom system has an infinite number of natural frequencies and a mode shape associated with the free oscillations at each one of these frequencies.

In this chapter, the free and forced vibrations of beams are considered at length. The oscillations of bars, shafts, and strings are treated in Appendix G. As illustrated by the diverse examples of Section 2.5, vibratory models of many physical systems require the use of beam elements. In addition to these examples, other examples where beam elements are used to model physical systems include models of rotating machinery, ship hulls, aircraft wings, and vehicular and railroad bridges. Propeller blades in a turbine and the rotor blades of a helicopter are modeled by using beam elements. Since the vibratory behavior of beams is of practical importance for these different systems, the focus of this chapter will be on beam vibrations.

In each of the applications cited above, and in many others, the beams are acted upon by dynamically varying forces. Depending on the frequency content of these forces, the forces have the potential to excite the beam at one or more of its natural frequencies. One of the frequent requirements of a design engineer is to create an elastic structure that responds minimally to the imposed dynamic loading, so that large displacement amplitudes, high stresses and structural fatigue are minimized, and wear and radiated noise are decreased.

The governing equations of motion for beams are obtained by using the mechanics of elastic beams and Hamilton's principle. Free oscillations of unforced and undamped beams are treated and various factors that influence the natural frequencies and modes are examined. This examination includes the treatment of inertial elements and springs attached at an intermediate location and beam geometry variation. The limitations of the models used in the previous chapters are also pointed out in the context of systems where a flexible structure supports systems with one or two degrees of freedom. The use of the normal-mode approach to determine the forced response of a beam is also presented.

In this chapter, we shall show how to:

- Determine the natural frequencies and mode shapes of Bernoulli-Euler beams of constant cross-section for a wide range of boundary conditions.
- Determine the conditions under which the mode shapes are orthogonal for the given mass and stiffness distributions.

- Determine the natural frequencies and mode shapes of Bernoulli-Euler beams with attached local stiffness and inertia elements.
- Determine the natural frequencies and mode shapes of Bernoulli-Euler beams of variable cross-section.
- Determine the responses of Bernoulli-Euler beams to initial displacements, initial velocities, and external forcing.

## 9.2 GOVERNING EQUATIONS OF MOTION

In this section, we illustrate how the governing equations of an elastic beam undergoing small transverse vibrations are obtained for arbitrary loading conditions and boundary conditions. A beam element in a deformed configuration is shown in Figure 9.1. The  $x$ -axis runs along the span of the beam, and the  $y$ -axis and  $z$ -axis run along transverse directions to the  $x$ -axis. End moments of magnitude  $M$  are shown acting along the  $j$  direction, and it is assumed that the beam displacement is confined to the  $x$ - $z$  plane. The displacement  $w(x,t)$  denotes the transverse displacement at a location along the beam.

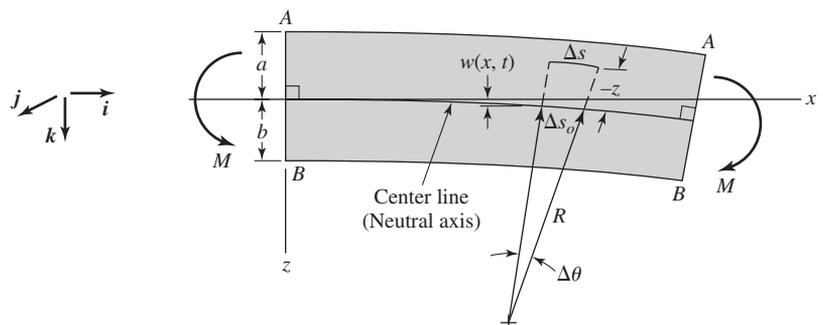
The derivation of the governing equations of motion is based on the *extended Hamilton's principle*. To use this principle, one first needs to determine the system potential energy, the system kinetic energy, and the work done on the system. For determining the system kinetic energy, each element of length  $\Delta x$  is treated like a rigid body and for determining the system potential energy, stress-strain relationships in the beam material are used. To this end, preliminaries from solid mechanics are presented in Section 9.2.1, and then the expressions for the kinetic energy, potential energy, and work are obtained in Section 9.2.2.

### 9.2.1 Preliminaries from Solid Mechanics

In Figure 9.1, it is seen that the face of the beam located toward the center of curvature will be contracted while that on the opposite face will be extended; that is, face  $AA$  will be extended, while the face  $BB$  will be contracted. The line passing through the centroids of the cross-section of the beam is called

**FIGURE 9.1**

Deformation of a beam subjected to end moments.



the *central line*. Here, a fiber along the central line is assumed to experience zero axial strain. Hence, this central line is the *neutral axis*. The deformation of the beam is assumed to be described by Bernoulli-Euler beam theory,<sup>1</sup> which is applicable to thin elastic beams whose length to radius of gyration ratio is greater than 10. In keeping with this theory, it is assumed that the neutral axis remains unaltered, that the plane sections of the beam normal to the neutral axis remain plane and normal to the deformed central line, and that the transverse normals such as  $BA$  experience zero strain along the normal direction. For a fiber located at a distance  $z$  from the neutral axis, as shown in Figure 9.1, the strain experienced along the length of the beam is given by

$$\epsilon = \frac{\Delta s - \Delta s_o}{\Delta s_o} = -\frac{z}{R} \quad (9.1)$$

where  $R$  is the *radius of curvature*,  $\Delta s_o$  is the length of a fiber along the neutral axis,  $\Delta s$  is the length of a fiber that is located at a distance  $z$  from the neutral axis, and we have used geometry to write

$$\Delta s = (R - z)\Delta\theta \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta s_o = R\Delta\theta \quad (9.2)$$

From Hooke's law, the corresponding axial stress  $\sigma$  acting on the fiber is

$$\sigma = E\epsilon = -\frac{Ez}{R} \quad (9.3)$$

where  $E$  is the Young's modulus of the material. According to the convention shown in Figure 9.1, a positive displacement  $w$  is in the direction of the unit vector  $\mathbf{k}$ . Therefore, the fibers above the neutral axis experience a positive  $\sigma$ , which denotes tension, and the fibers below the neutral axis experience a negative  $\sigma$ , which denotes compression.

At an internal section of the beam, a moment balance about the  $y$ -axis leads to

$$M = -\int_{y_1}^{y_2} \int_{-a}^b \sigma z dz dy = \frac{EI}{R} \quad (9.4)$$

where  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are the spatial limits corresponding to integration along the  $y$  direction, we have used Eq. (9.3), and

$$I = \int_{y_1}^{y_2} \int_{-a}^b z^2 dz dy \quad (9.5)$$

The quantity  $I$  represents the area moment of inertia of the beam's cross-section about the  $y$ -axis, which is through the centroid. In general, the limits of the double integral in Eq. (9.5) do not have to be constants; that is,  $a = a(x)$ ,  $b = b(x)$ ,  $y_1 = y_1(x)$ , and  $y_2 = y_2(x)$ . In this case, the area moment of inertia

<sup>1</sup>E. P. Popov, *Engineering Mechanics of Solids*, Prentice Hall, Upper Saddle River, NJ, Chapter 6 (1990).

varies along the length, and therefore, in general,  $I = I(x)$ . The *curvature*  $\kappa = 1/R$ , which is assumed to be positive for concave curvature downwards, is

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{R} = \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right)^2 \right]^{-3/2} \quad (9.6)$$

If it is assumed that the slope is small—that is,  $|\partial w/\partial x| \ll 1$ , where  $\partial w/\partial x$  is the slope of the neutral axis at location  $x$ —then Eq. (9.6) simplifies to

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{R} \cong \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \quad (9.7)$$

Upon substituting Eq. (9.7) into Eqs. (9.1) and (9.4), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon &= -z \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \\ M &= EI \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \end{aligned} \quad (9.8)$$

Thus, the magnitude of the strain and bending moment are proportional to the second spatial derivative of the beam displacement. The statement that the bending moment is linearly proportional to the second spatial derivative of the beam displacement is the *Bernoulli-Euler law*, which is the underlying basis for the theory of linear elastic thin beams.

Equation (9.8) was obtained by considering only the effects of moments on the ends of the beam. If, in addition, there is a transverse load  $f(x,t)$ , then there are vertical shear forces within the beam that resist this force. In Figure 9.2, if the sum of the moments about point  $o$  is taken along the  $j$  direction, and if the rotary inertia of the beam element is neglected, the result is

$$M + (V + \Delta V)\Delta x = M + \Delta M$$

which leads to

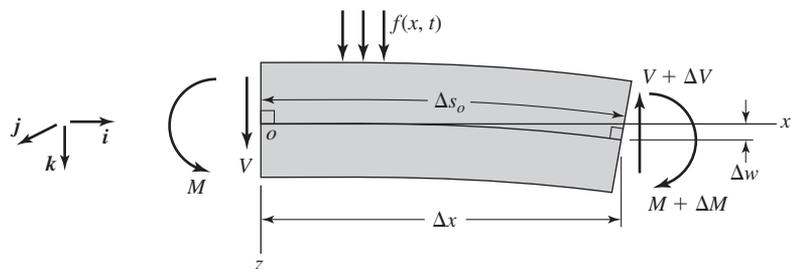
$$\frac{\Delta M}{\Delta x} = V + \Delta V$$

In the limit  $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$ , the shear force increment  $\Delta V \rightarrow 0$ , and we have

$$\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta M}{\Delta x} = \frac{\partial M}{\partial x} = V \quad (9.9a)$$

**FIGURE 9.2**

Deformation of an element of a beam subjected to a transverse load.



which, after making use of Eq. (9.8), results in

$$V = \frac{\partial M}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( EI \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \right) \quad (9.9b)$$

Thus, the shear force is equal to the change of the bending moment along the  $x$ -axis. Consequently, if  $M(x)$  is constant along  $x$ , then  $V = 0$ .

## 9.2.2 Potential Energy, Kinetic Energy, and Work

We construct the system potential energy, the system kinetic energy, and determine the work done by external forces for further use in Section 9.2.4.

### Potential Energy

The potential energy of a deformed beam has contributions from different sources, including the strain energy. For a beam undergoing axial strains due to bending, if the strain energy is the only contribution to the system potential energy, the beam's potential energy is written as<sup>2</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} U(t) &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L \int_{-a}^b \int_{y_1}^{y_2} \sigma \epsilon \, dy \, dz \, dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L \int_{-a}^b \int_{y_1}^{y_2} \frac{Ez^2}{R^2} \, dy \, dz \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L EI \left( \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \right)^2 dx \end{aligned} \quad (9.10)$$

where we have used Eqs. (9.1), (9.3), and (9.7).<sup>3</sup>

### Kinetic Energy

Assuming that the translation kinetic energy of the beam is the only contribution to the system kinetic energy, one can write it as

$$T(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L \int_{-a}^b \int_{y_1}^{y_2} \rho \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} \right)^2 \, dy \, dz \, dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L \rho A \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} \right)^2 dx \quad (9.11)$$

where  $A = A(x)$  is the cross-sectional area of the beam and  $\rho = \rho(x)$  is the mass density of the beam's material. If the rotary inertia of the beam element is also taken into account, an additional term corresponding to the rotational kinetic energy will have to be included in Eq. (9.11), as described by Eq. (1.23).

<sup>2</sup>See, for example, I. S. Sokolonikoff, *Mathematical Theory of Elasticity*, McGraw Hill, NY, Chapters 1–3 (1956).

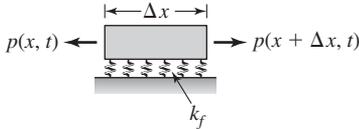
<sup>3</sup>Since the symbol  $V$  is used for the shear force, the symbol  $U$  is used for the potential energy, which differs from the notation used in the earlier chapters.

### Work

The work done by the applied transverse conservative load per unit length  $f_c(x,t)$  is given by

$$W_f(t) = \int_0^L f_c(x,t)w(x,t)dx \quad (9.12a)$$

If gravity is the only distributed conservative load acting on the beam, then



$$f_c(x,t) = \rho(x)A(x)g \quad (9.12b)$$

**FIGURE 9.3**

Beam element under axial tensile load and on an elastic foundation.

If the beam is also under the action of an axial tensile force<sup>4</sup>  $p(x,t)$ , as shown in Figure 9.3, then the length of the central line no longer remains constant, but extends to a new length. If we assume that the deformation is small in magnitude and does not affect the loading  $p(x,t)$ , then the change in length of an element of the beam is  $(\Delta s - \Delta x)$  where<sup>5</sup>

$$\Delta s \approx \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\Delta w}{\Delta x} \right)^2 \right] \Delta x \quad (9.13)$$

Therefore, the external work of the axial force is given by<sup>6</sup>

$$W_p = -\frac{1}{2} \int_0^L p(x,t) \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right)^2 dx \quad (9.14)$$

where we have used Eq. (9.13). Since the tensile force acts to oppose the beam transverse displacement  $w$ , the work done has a minus sign. If the axial force is compressive, then  $p(x,t)$  is replaced by  $-p(x,t)$ .

<sup>4</sup>Axial loads are common in rotating blades, pipes with flow, and structural columns.

<sup>5</sup>Note that from geometry, we have

$$\Delta s^2 = \Delta w^2 + \Delta x^2$$

which leads to

$$\frac{\Delta s}{\Delta x} = \sqrt{1 + \left( \frac{\Delta w}{\Delta x} \right)^2}$$

For small slope—that is,  $|\Delta w/\Delta x| \ll 1$ —this leads to

$$\frac{\Delta s}{\Delta x} \approx 1 + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\Delta w}{\Delta x} \right)^2$$

or equivalently,

$$\Delta s - \Delta x \approx \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\Delta w}{\Delta x} \right)^2 \Delta x$$

<sup>6</sup>To construct this integral, it is noted that the work done on a segment is  $-p(x,t)(\Delta s - \Delta x)$ , the limit  $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$  is considered, and in this limit,  $\Delta x$  is replaced by  $dx$ .

Finally, we consider the linear elastic foundation<sup>7</sup> on which the beam is resting, as shown in Figure 9.3. The transverse displacement of the beam creates a force in the foundation with the magnitude  $f_f(x,t) = k_f w(x,t)$ , where  $k_f$  is the spring constant per unit length of the foundation. This spring force opposes the motion of the beam. The external work done by the elastic foundation is

$$W_k(t) = -\frac{1}{2} \int_0^L k_f w^2(x,t) dx \quad (9.15)$$

where, again, we have introduced a minus sign to account for the fact that the foundation force acting on the beam opposes the beam displacement.

### System Lagrangian

With the objective of constructing the system Lagrangian  $L_T$ , we construct the function  $G_B(x,t,w,\dot{w}, w', \dot{w}', w'')$  from the expression

$$\int_0^L G_B(x,t,w,\dot{w}, w', \dot{w}', w'') dx = T(t) - U(t) + W_c(t) \quad (9.16)$$

where

$$W_c(t) = W_f(t) + W_p(t) + W_k(t) \quad (9.17)$$

and we have introduced the compact notation

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{w} &= \frac{\partial w}{\partial t}, & w' &= \frac{\partial w}{\partial x}, \\ \dot{w}' &= \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x \partial t}, & w'' &= \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \end{aligned} \quad (9.18)$$

In Eqs. (9.18),  $\dot{w}$ ,  $w'$ ,  $\dot{w}'$ , and  $w''$  represent the beam velocity, beam slope, beam angular velocity, and beam curvature, respectively. In Eq. (9.17),  $W_c(t)$  is the work done by conservative forces and it has been constructed assuming that the work  $W_f(t)$  done by the external loading  $f_c(x,t)$  is conservative and that the work  $W_p(t)$  done by the axial loading  $p(x,t)$  is conservative.<sup>8</sup>

After collecting the spatial integrals given by Eqs. (9.10), (9.11), (9.12a), (9.14), and (9.15) for  $U(t)$ ,  $T(t)$ ,  $W_f(t)$ ,  $W_p(t)$ , and  $W_k(t)$ , respectively, we find from Eq. (9.16) that

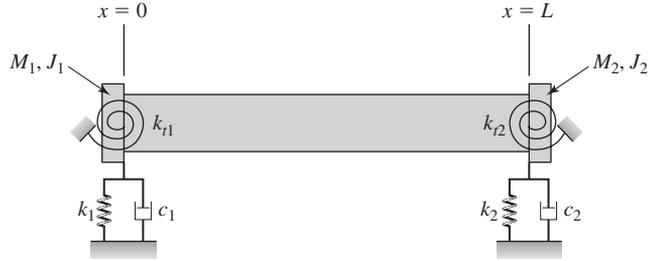
$$G_B(x,t,w,\dot{w}, w', \dot{w}', w'') = \frac{1}{2} [\rho A \dot{w}^2 - EI w''^2 - p w'^2 - k_f w^2] + f_c w \quad (9.19)$$

<sup>7</sup>This type of elastic foundation is frequently used to model structures on soil and it is often referred to as a *Pasternak foundation*.

<sup>8</sup>Conservative forces were first mentioned in Section 2.3, where it was noted that forces expressed in terms of a potential function, such as a spring force or a gravity loading, are conservative. On the other hand, dissipative loads such as those due to dampers and time-dependent loads such as harmonic excitations are nonconservative.

**FIGURE 9.4**

Beam with discrete elements at the boundaries.



In Eq. (9.19), there is no  $\dot{w}'$  term, since we have neglected the rotary inertia of the beam cross-section in the development.

On the boundaries of the beam at  $x = 0$  and  $x = L$ , one can have discrete external elements that contribute to the total kinetic energy and the total potential energy of the system. Consider, for example, the beam shown in Figure 9.4. At the left boundary ( $x = 0$ ), there is a linear translation spring with stiffness  $k_1$  and a linear torsion spring with stiffness  $k_{t1}$ . Similarly, at the right boundary ( $x = L$ ), there is a linear translation spring with stiffness  $k_2$  and a linear torsion spring with stiffness  $k_{t2}$ . There is also an inertia element with mass  $M_1$  and rotary inertia  $J_1$  at the left boundary and an inertia element with mass  $M_2$  and rotary inertia  $J_2$  at the right boundary. There are also linear viscous dampers with damping coefficients  $c_1$  at  $x = 0$  and  $c_2$  at  $x = L$ . Taking the difference between the kinetic energy of the inertia element at the left boundary and the potential energy of the stiffness elements at the left boundary in Figure 9.4, we obtain the discrete Lagrangian function

$$G_0(t, w_0, \dot{w}_0, w'_0, \dot{w}'_0) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} M_1 \dot{w}_0^2}_{\text{Translational kinetic energy of rigid body}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} J_1 \dot{w}'_0^2}_{\text{Rotational kinetic energy of rigid body}} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} k_1 w_0^2}_{\text{Potential energy of translation spring}} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} k_{t1} w'_0{}^2}_{\text{Potential energy of torsion spring}} \quad (9.20)$$

where the subscript 0 has been used to denote that the quantity is evaluated at  $x = 0$ ; that is,  $w_0 = w(0, t)$  indicates the displacement at the boundary  $x = 0$ ,  $w'_0 = \partial w(0, t) / \partial x$  indicates the slope at the boundary  $x = 0$ , and so on. Also, the translational velocity of the center of mass of the rigid body is denoted as  $\dot{w}_0$ , the angular displacement of the torsion spring is denoted as  $w'_0$ , and the angular velocity of the rigid body is denoted as  $\dot{w}'_0$ . Similarly, the discrete Lagrangian function corresponding to the right boundary  $x = L$  is given by

$$G_L(t, w_L, \dot{w}_L, w'_L, \dot{w}'_L) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} M_2 \dot{w}_L^2}_{\text{Translational kinetic energy of rigid body}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} J_2 \dot{w}'_L^2}_{\text{Rotational kinetic energy of rigid body}} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} k_2 w_L^2}_{\text{Potential energy of translation spring}} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} k_{t2} w'_L{}^2}_{\text{Potential energy of torsion spring}} \quad (9.21)$$

where the subscript  $L$  has been used to denote that the quantity is evaluated at  $x = L$ ; that is,  $w_L = w(L, t)$  indicates the displacement at the boundary  $x = L$ ,

$w'_L = \partial w(L,t)/\partial x$  indicates the slope at the boundary  $x = L$ , and so on. Also, the translational velocity of the center of mass of the rigid body is denoted as  $\dot{w}_L$ , the angular rotation of the torsion spring is denoted as  $w'_L$ , and the angular velocity of the rigid body is denoted as  $\dot{w}'_L$ .

Recalling that the Lagrangian  $L_T$  is the difference between the system kinetic energy and system potential energy, for the beam system it is given by<sup>9</sup>

$$L_T = \int_0^L G_B(x,t,w,\dot{w},w',\dot{w}',w'')dx + G_0 + G_L \quad (9.22a)$$

where  $G_B$  is given by Eq. (9.19),  $G_0$  is given by Eq. (9.20), and  $G_L$  is given by Eq. (9.21). These last two terms on the right-hand side of Eq. (9.22a) are included in the spatial integral by using the delta function introduced in Chapter 6. This leads to

$$\begin{aligned} L_T &= \int_0^L [G_B(x,t,w,\dot{w},w',\dot{w}',w'') + G_0\delta(x) + G_L\delta(x-L)]dx \\ &= \int_0^L G(x,t,w,\dot{w},w',\dot{w}',w'')dx \end{aligned} \quad (9.22b)$$

where

$$G(x,t,w,\dot{w},w',\dot{w}',w'') = G_B + G_0\delta(x) + G_L\delta(x-L) \quad (9.23)$$

In Eqs. (9.22b) and (9.23), the delta function is used to represent contributions from the discrete attachments at the spatial locations  $x = 0$  and  $x = L$ . Specifically,  $\delta(x)$  assumes a zero value when  $x$  is different from zero, and  $\delta(x-L)$  assumes a zero value when  $x$  is different from  $L$ . The use of these functions enables us to include the discrete contributions in an expression involving the whole domain.

The damper elements at the boundaries introduce the following discrete nonconservative forces at the boundaries:

$$f_{nc0}(t) = -c_1\dot{w}_0 \quad \text{and} \quad f_{ncL}(t) = -c_2\dot{w}_L \quad (9.24)$$

### 9.2.3 Extended Hamilton's Principle and Derivation of Equations of Motion

To derive the governing equations of motion of the beam, we employ the *extended Hamilton's principle*. A general formulation applicable to spatially one-dimensional continua is first presented, and the beam equation is obtained as one application of this formulation. First, conservative systems—that is,

<sup>9</sup>Since the system is conservative, the work done by conservative forces in Eq. (9.16) is replaced by the equivalent potential energy.

systems without losses due to damping and other dissipation sources—are considered and then nonconservative systems are considered.

### Conservative Systems

The statement of the extended Hamilton's principle<sup>10</sup> for holonomic and conservative systems is as follows. Of all possible paths of motion to be taken between two instants of time  $t_1$  and  $t_2$ , the actual path to be taken by the system corresponds to a stationary value of the integral  $I_H$ ; that is,

$$\delta I_H = 0 \quad (9.25)$$

where  $\delta$  is the variation operator<sup>11</sup> and

$$\begin{aligned} I_H &= \int_{t_1}^{t_2} L_T dt \\ &= \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \left[ \int_0^L G_B(x,t,w,\dot{w},w',\dot{w}',w'') dx + G_0 + G_L \right] dt \end{aligned} \quad (9.26)$$

In arriving at Eq. (9.26), we have made use of Eqs. (9.22) for the Lagrangian of the system.

The first term inside the integral on the right-hand side of Eq. (9.26) represents the contributions to the system kinetic energy, the system potential energy, and the work done in the continuum (beam) interior  $0 < x < L$ . The

<sup>10</sup>The extended Hamilton's principle is expressed as

$$\int_{t_1}^{t_2} (\delta T + \delta W) dt = 0$$

where  $\delta$  is the variation operator, the times  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  are the initial time and the final time, respectively,  $T$  is the total system kinetic energy, and  $\delta W$  includes work done by both conservative and nonconservative forces. In the absence of nonconservative forces,  $\delta W = -\delta V$ , where  $V$  is the total system potential energy. Hence, for conservative systems, the extended Hamilton's principle is written as

$$\int_{t_1}^{t_2} (\delta T - \delta V) dt = 0$$

or, equivalently as

$$\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \delta L_T dt = 0$$

where  $L_T = T - V$  is the Lagrangian of the system.

<sup>11</sup>The symbol  $\delta$  is used everywhere else in the book to mean the delta function; this is the only exception.

second and third terms on the right-hand side of Eq. (9.26) represent contributions from the discrete elements attached at the boundaries  $x = 0$  and  $x = L$ , respectively. The damper elements at the boundaries, which are shown in Figure 9.4, are not considered in the conservative case.

By using calculus of variations, it can be shown<sup>12</sup> that Eq. (9.26) has a stationary value when the following conditions are satisfied in the interior  $0 < x < L$  and at the boundaries  $x = 0$  and  $x = L$ .

**Continuum interior ( $0 < x < L$ )**

$$\frac{\partial G_B}{\partial w} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial G_B}{\partial w'} \right) + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \left( \frac{\partial G_B}{\partial w''} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial G_B}{\partial \dot{w}} \right) + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial t} \left( \frac{\partial G_B}{\partial \dot{w}'} \right) = 0 \quad (9.27)$$

**Boundary conditions at  $x = 0$**

$$w(0, t) = 0 \quad (9.28a)$$

or

$$\frac{\partial G_0}{\partial w_0} - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial G_0}{\partial \dot{w}_0} \right) - \left[ \frac{\partial G_B}{\partial w'} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial G_B}{\partial w''} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial G_B}{\partial \dot{w}'} \right) \right]_{x=0} = 0 \quad (9.28b)$$

and

$$w'(0, t) = 0 \quad (9.29a)$$

or

$$\frac{\partial G_0}{\partial w'_0} - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial G_0}{\partial \dot{w}'_0} \right) - \left( \frac{\partial G_B}{\partial w''} \right)_{x=0} = 0 \quad (9.29b)$$

**Boundary conditions at  $x = L$**

$$w(L, t) = 0 \quad (9.30a)$$

or

$$\frac{\partial G_L}{\partial w_L} - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial G_L}{\partial \dot{w}_L} \right) + \left[ \frac{\partial G_B}{\partial w'} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial G_B}{\partial w''} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial G_B}{\partial \dot{w}'} \right) \right]_{x=L} = 0 \quad (9.30b)$$

and

$$w'(L, t) = 0 \quad (9.31a)$$

or

$$\frac{\partial G_L}{\partial w'_L} - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial G_L}{\partial \dot{w}'_L} \right) + \left( \frac{\partial G_B}{\partial w''} \right)_{x=L} = 0 \quad (9.31b)$$

<sup>12</sup>E. B. Magrab, *Vibrations of Elastic Structural Members*, Sijthoff & Noordhoff International Publishing Co., The Netherlands, pp. 5–12 (1979).

Equations (9.27) to (9.31) represent the general form of the equations of motion for beams subjected to conservative forces.

### Nonconservative Systems

In the nonconservative case, the work done by the nonconservative force per unit length  $f_{nc}(x,t)$  acting on the system in the continuum interior and the nonconservative forces  $f_{nc0}(t) = f_{nc}(0,t)$  and  $f_{ncL}(t) = f_{nc}(L,t)$  acting at the boundaries  $x = 0$  and  $x = L$ , respectively, also need to be taken into account. In this case, Eqs. (9.27) to (9.31) are modified to the following.

#### *Continuum interior ( $0 < x < L$ )*

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial G_B}{\partial w} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial G_B}{\partial w'} \right) + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \left( \frac{\partial G_B}{\partial w''} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial G_B}{\partial \dot{w}} \right) \\ + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial t} \left( \frac{\partial G_B}{\partial \dot{w}'} \right) + f_{nc} = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (9.32)$$

Equation (9.32) is referred to as the *Lagrange differential equation* of motion for spatially one-dimensional continuous systems.

#### *Boundary conditions at $x = 0$*

$$w(0,t) = 0 \quad (9.33a)$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial G_0}{\partial w_0} - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial G_0}{\partial \dot{w}_0} \right) - \left[ \frac{\partial G_B}{\partial w'} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial G_B}{\partial w''} \right) \right. \\ \left. - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial G_B}{\partial \dot{w}'} \right) \right]_{x=0} + f_{nc0} = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (9.33b)$$

and

$$w'(0,t) = 0 \quad (9.34a)$$

or

$$\frac{\partial G_0}{\partial w'_0} - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial G_0}{\partial \dot{w}'_0} \right) - \left( \frac{\partial G_B}{\partial w''} \right)_{x=0} = 0 \quad (9.34b)$$

#### *Boundary conditions at $x = L$*

$$w(L,t) = 0 \quad (9.35a)$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial G_L}{\partial w_L} - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial G_L}{\partial \dot{w}_L} \right) + \left[ \frac{\partial G_B}{\partial w'} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial G_B}{\partial w''} \right) \right. \\ \left. - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial G_B}{\partial \dot{w}'} \right) \right]_{x=L} + f_{ncL} = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (9.35b)$$

and

$$w'(L,t) = 0 \quad (9.36a)$$

or

$$\frac{\partial G_L}{\partial w'_L} - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial G_L}{\partial \dot{w}'_L} \right) + \left( \frac{\partial G_B}{\partial w''} \right)_{x=L} = 0 \quad (9.36b)$$

## 9.2.4 Beam Equation for a General Case

We now derive the governing equation for the beam considered in Section 9.2.1 and shown in Figure 9.5. This system consists of an external transverse load  $f(x,t)$ , which for purposes of generality is assumed to be composed of a conservative load and a nonconservative load. It is expressed as

$$f(x,t) = f_c(x,t) + f_{nc}(x,t) \quad (9.37)$$

where the conservative part is due to gravitational loading, as in Eq. (9.12b). The load due to the spring foundation with stiffness  $k_f$  per unit length is a conservative load, and, for convenience, the load due to the axial load  $p(x,t)$  is assumed to be a conservative load. At the left boundary, there is a linear translation spring with stiffness  $k_1$  and a linear torsion spring with stiffness  $k_{t1}$ . Similarly, at the right boundary, there is a linear translation spring with stiffness  $k_2$  and a linear torsion spring with stiffness  $k_{t2}$ . There is also an inertia element with mass  $M_1$  and rotary inertia  $J_1$  at the left boundary and an inertia element with mass  $M_2$  and rotary inertia  $J_2$  at the right boundary. There are also linear viscous dampers with damping coefficients  $c_1$  at  $x = 0$  and  $c_2$  at  $x = L$ , respectively. Since the system is nonconservative, we will make use of Eqs. (9.32) through (9.36) to derive the equations of motion and the boundary conditions.

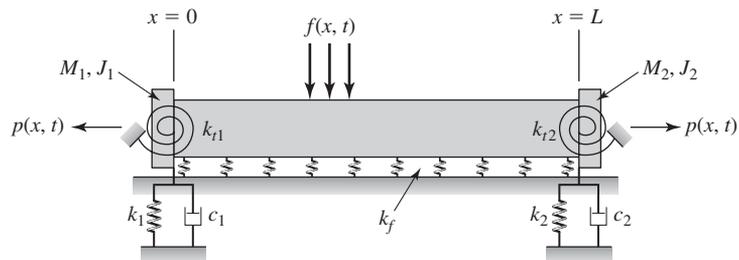
The functions  $G_B$ ,  $G_0$ , and  $G_L$  are given by Eqs. (9.19), (9.20), and (9.21), respectively. Since we have viscous dampers at the boundaries, there are nonconservative forces that are given by Eqs. (9.24); they are reproduced below.

$$f_{nc0}(t) = -c_1 \dot{w}_0 \quad \text{and} \quad f_{ncL}(t) = -c_2 \dot{w}_L \quad (9.38)$$

On using Eq. (9.19) to evaluate the individual terms in Eq. (9.32), we arrive at

**FIGURE 9.5**

Beam on an elastic foundation, under axial and transverse loads, and with discrete elements at the boundaries.



$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial G_B}{\partial w} &= -k_f w(x,t) + f_c \\
\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial G_B}{\partial w'} \right) &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( p(x,t) \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right) \\
\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \left( \frac{\partial G_B}{\partial w''} \right) &= -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \left( EI(x) \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \right) \\
\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial G_B}{\partial \dot{w}} \right) &= \rho A(x) \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} \\
\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial t} \left( \frac{\partial G_B}{\partial \dot{w}'} \right) &= 0
\end{aligned} \tag{9.39}$$

After substituting Eqs. (9.39) into Eq. (9.32) and taking into account Eq. (9.37), we obtain the governing equation of motion for the beam in  $0 < x < L$ :

$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \left( EI(x) \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \right)}_{\text{Force per unit length due to beam flexural stiffness } EI(x)} - \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( p(x,t) \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right)}_{\text{Force per unit length due to tensile axial force } p(x,t)} + \underbrace{k_f w(x,t)}_{\text{Force per unit length due to elastic foundation with stiffness per unit area } k_f} + \underbrace{\rho A(x) \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2}}_{\text{Force per unit length due to beam mass per unit length } \rho A(x)} = \underbrace{f(x,t)}_{\text{External transverse loading per unit length}} \tag{9.40}$$

where

$$\underbrace{f(x,t)}_{\text{External transverse loading per unit length}} = \underbrace{f_c(x,t)}_{\text{Conservative part of external transverse loading per unit length}} + \underbrace{f_{nc}(x,t)}_{\text{Nonconservative part of external transverse loading per unit length}} \tag{9.41a}$$

If the gravitational loading is the only conservative loading acting on the system, then making use of Eqs. (9.12b) and (9.37), the transverse loading  $f(x,t)$  is written as

$$f(x,t) = \rho(x)A(x)g + f_{nc}(x,t) \tag{9.41b}$$

Furthermore, the conservative load due to gravity is a static load; that is, a time-independent load. If distributed damping is present, where the associated damping coefficient is  $c$ , then one possible form of this nonconservative force is

$$f_{nc}(x,t) = -c \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} \tag{9.41c}$$

where the units of this term are force/length. The minus sign in Eq. (9.41c) indicates that this loading opposes the motion. In Example 9.8, consideration of such a term is illustrated.

The four boundary conditions are obtained as follows. The two boundary conditions at  $x = 0$  are obtained by using Eqs. (9.19) and (9.20) in Eqs. (9.33)

and (9.34), and the two boundary conditions at  $x = L$  are obtained by using Eqs. (9.19) and (9.21) in Eqs. (9.35) and (9.36). Performing the indicated operations, we obtain:

$x = 0$

$$w(0,t) = 0 \quad (9.42a)$$

or

$$\left[ k_1 w + c_1 \dot{w} + M_1 \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( EI(x) \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \right) - p \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right]_{x=0} = 0 \quad (9.42b)$$

and

$$w'(0,t) = 0 \quad (9.43a)$$

or

$$\left[ -k_{t1} \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} - J_1 \frac{\partial^3 w}{\partial x \partial t^2} + EI(x) \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \right]_{x=0} = 0 \quad (9.43b)$$

$x = L$

$$w(L,t) = 0 \quad (9.44a)$$

or

$$\left[ k_2 w + c_2 \dot{w} + M_2 \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( EI(x) \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \right) + p \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right]_{x=L} = 0 \quad (9.44b)$$

and

$$w'(L,t) = 0 \quad (9.45a)$$

or

$$\left[ k_{t2} \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + J_2 \frac{\partial^3 w}{\partial x \partial t^2} + EI(x) \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \right]_{x=L} = 0 \quad (9.45b)$$

Referring to Figure 9.2, it is recalled that the quantity  $w'$  is the slope of the beam with respect to the  $x$ -axis or the rotation of the neutral axis of the beam about the  $y$  axis. The shear force  $V$  and the bending moment  $M$  are present in the boundary conditions as noted from Eqs. (9.8) and (9.9); that is,

$$\begin{aligned} M &= EI \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \\ V &= \frac{\partial M}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( EI \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (9.46)$$

Thus, each of Eqs. (9.42b) and (9.44b) represents a force balance at an end of the beam and each of Eqs. (9.43b) and (9.45b) represents a moment balance at an end of the beam. From the boundary conditions given by Eqs. (9.42) to (9.45), we see that if the magnitudes of the stiffness and inertia elements are different from zero, then the displacement and the slope cannot be zero at either end of the beam. Hence, in the general case, the four boundary conditions for the system shown in Figure 9.5 are given by

$$x = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ k_1 w + c_1 \dot{w} + M_1 \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( EI(x) \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \right) - p \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right]_{x=0} = 0 \\ & \left[ -k_{t1} \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} - J_1 \frac{\partial^3 w}{\partial x \partial t^2} + EI(x) \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \right]_{x=0} = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (9.47a)$$

$$x = L$$

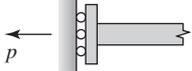
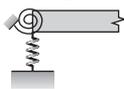
$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ k_2 w + c_2 \dot{w} + M_2 \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( EI(x) \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \right) + p \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right]_{x=L} = 0 \\ & \left[ k_{t2} \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + J_2 \frac{\partial^3 w}{\partial x \partial t^2} + EI(x) \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \right]_{x=L} = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (9.47b)$$

From Eqs. (9.42) to (9.45), it is clear that the boundary conditions are, in general, specified in terms of either displacement and/or force and either slope and/or moment. Boundary conditions expressed only in terms of displacement or slope are referred to as *geometric boundary conditions*, and boundary conditions expressed in terms of shear force or bending moment are referred to as *dynamic boundary conditions*. Therefore, boundary conditions obtained through force balance and moment balance are dynamic boundary conditions. The different boundary conditions, which are obtained from Eqs. (9.47), are summarized in Table 9.1. In presenting these boundary conditions, we have omitted the subscript convention employed so far to denote a specific boundary. This convention should be included as appropriate, depending on the boundary being considered.

To illustrate how the different boundary conditions in Table 9.1 are obtained, consider the first entry, which specifies the boundary conditions at a clamped end. One can write these boundary conditions directly from geometry; that is, at a clamped end, the displacement and the slope are zero. Alternatively, we consider Eqs. (9.47a) and divide the first of Eqs. (9.47a) by the translation stiffness  $k_1$  and the second of Eqs. (9.47a) by the torsion stiffness  $k_{t1}$ . The result is

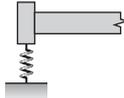
$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ w + \frac{c_1}{k_1} \dot{w} + \frac{M_1}{k_1} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} + \frac{1}{k_1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( EI(x) \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \right) - \frac{p}{k_1} \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right]_{x=0} = 0 \\ & \left[ -\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} - \frac{J_1}{k_{t1}} \frac{\partial^3 w}{\partial x \partial t^2} + \frac{EI(x)}{k_{t1}} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \right]_{x=0} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

**TABLE 9.1**  
Boundary Conditions  
for Beams

Case	Description	Boundary Conditions	Remarks
1	Clamped 	$w = 0$ $\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} = 0$	
2	Pinned (hinged, simply supported) 	$w = 0$ $\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} = 0$	
3	Free, with axial force 	$\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} = 0$ $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( EI \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \right) - p \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} = 0$	$p$ is tensile. Replace $p$ with $-p$ for a compressive force. For no axial force, $p = 0$ . Valid at either end of the beam.
4	Free, with massless rigid constraint and axial force 	$\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} = 0$ $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( EI \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \right) - p \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} = 0$	Rigid constraint does not permit rotation, but can move unimpeded vertically. $p$ is tensile. Replace $p$ with $-p$ for a compressive force. For no axial force, $p = 0$ . Valid at either end of the beam.
5	Free, with a translation spring 	$\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} = 0$ $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( EI \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \right) = s_o k w$	$k$ : spring constant (no resistance to torsion) $s_o = -1$ at $x = 0$ $s_o = +1$ at $x = L$ $k \rightarrow \infty$ ; that is, $w = 0$ , Case 2 $k = 0$ ; that is, $(EIw'')' = 0$ , Case 3 if $p = 0$
6	Free, with a torsion spring 	$EI \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} = s_o k_t \frac{\partial w}{\partial x}$ $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( EI \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \right) = 0$	$k_t$ : spring constant (no resistance to vertical motion) $s_o = +1$ at $x = 0$ $s_o = -1$ at $x = L$ $k_t \rightarrow \infty$ ; that is, $w' = 0$ , Case 4 if $p = 0$ $k_t = 0$ ; that is, $w'' = 0$ , Case 3 if $p = 0$
7	Pinned, with a torsion spring 	$w = 0$ $EI \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} = s_o k_t \frac{\partial w}{\partial x}$	$k_t$ : spring constant (no resistance to vertical motion) $s_o = +1$ at $x = 0$ ; $s_o = -1$ at $x = L$ $k_t \rightarrow \infty$ ; that is, $w' = 0$ , Case 1 $k_t = 0$ ; that is, $w'' = 0$ , Case 2
8	Free, with torsion and translation springs 	$EI \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} = s_o' k_t \frac{\partial w}{\partial x}$ $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( EI \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \right) = s_o k w$	$k$ : spring constant (no resistance to torsion) $k_t$ : spring constant (no resistance to vertical motion) $s_o = -1$ at $x = 0$ ; $s_o = +1$ at $x = L$

(continued)

**TABLE 9.1**  
(continued)

Case	Description	Boundary Conditions	Remarks
8	(continued)		$s'_o = +1$ at $x = 0$ ; $s'_o = -1$ at $x = L$ $k \rightarrow \infty$ ; Case 7; $k = 0$ , Case 6 $k_t = 0$ ; Case 5; $k \rightarrow \infty$ and $k_t \rightarrow \infty$ , Case 1 $k_t \rightarrow \infty$ and $k = 0$ , Case 4 if $p = 0$
9	Free, with mass attached 	$EI \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} = s_o J_o \frac{\partial^3 w}{\partial x \partial t^2}$ $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( EI \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \right) = s'_o M_o \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2}$	$M_o$ : attached mass $J_o$ : mass moment of inertia of $M_o$ $s_o = +1$ at $x = 0$ $s_o = -1$ at $x = L$ $s'_o = -1$ at $x = 0$ $s'_o = +1$ at $x = L$ $M_o = 0$ and $J_o = 0$ , Case 3 if $p = 0$
10	Free, with mass and translation spring attached 	$EI \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} = s_o J_o \frac{\partial^3 w}{\partial x \partial t^2}$ $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( EI \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \right) = s'_o M_o \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} + s'_o k w$	$M_o$ : attached mass $J_o$ : mass moment of inertia of $M_o$ $k$ : spring constant (no resistance to torsion) $s_o = +1$ at $x = 0$ ; $s_o = -1$ at $x = L$ $s'_o = -1$ at $x = 0$ $s'_o = +1$ at $x = L$

Upon taking the limits  $k_1 \rightarrow \infty$  and  $k_{t1} \rightarrow \infty$ , these equations lead to the boundary conditions given by Eqs. (9.42a) and (9.43a), respectively; that is, the displacement is zero and the slope is zero. Similarly, if one were to use Eqs. (9.47b) and considers the limits the translation stiffness  $k_2 \rightarrow \infty$  and the torsion stiffness  $k_{t2} \rightarrow \infty$ , then we arrive at the boundary conditions given by Eqs. (9.44a) and (9.45a). Thus, we can think of a clamped end as a boundary with infinite translation stiffness and infinite rotation stiffness.

If we consider the boundary conditions for a pinned end, which is the second entry of Table 9.1, this boundary is thought of as having infinite translation stiffness and zero torsion stiffness and zero rotary inertia. In the case of the free end without an axial force—that is, a special case of the third entry of Table 9.1—we see that this boundary condition is thought of as having zero translation stiffness, zero torsion stiffness, zero translation inertia, and zero rotary inertia. In practice, most boundary conditions lie between the two limiting cases; that is, between a free end and a fixed end.

In Section 9.3, we examine the free oscillations of beams. Before doing so, we make several simplifying assumptions to reduce the algebra in the development. First, we assume that the beam is homogeneous and that it has a uniform cross-section along its length; that is,

$$EI(x) = EI, \quad \rho(x) = \rho, \quad \text{and} \quad A(x) = A \quad (9.48)$$

In addition, in Sections 9.3.1 and 9.3.2, we assume that the axial load is absent and that the elastic foundation is not present; that is,

$$p(x,t) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad k_f = 0 \quad (9.49)$$

The boundary conditions simplify accordingly.

The effect of axial load and elastic foundation on the free oscillations of beams is considered in Section 9.3.3, and beams with varying cross-sections are considered in Section 9.3.5. In light of the assumptions given by Eqs. (9.48) and (9.49), Eq. (9.40) reduces to

$$EI \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^4} + \rho A \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} = f(x,t) \quad (9.50)$$

Equation (9.50), along with the appropriate boundary conditions given by Eqs. (9.47) or chosen from Table 9.1, represent the governing equations of a damped beam<sup>13</sup> subjected to transverse loading. We study the free response of the undamped system first, and then use this as a basis to determine the response of the damped system subjected to dynamic forcing in Section 9.4.

Before proceeding to the next section, a few comments about Eq. (9.50) are in order. This equation is a partial differential equation with a fourth-order spatial derivative and a second-order time derivative. Since the highest spatial derivative is fourth order, four boundary conditions are needed. Similarly, since the highest time derivative is second order, two initial conditions are needed. In the rest of this chapter, it is assumed that appropriate information is available to completely define the response determined as a solution of Eq. (9.50).

### EXAMPLE 9.1 Boundary conditions for a cantilever beam with an extended mass<sup>14</sup>

Consider a uniform cantilever beam that has an extended rigid mass  $M_2$  attached to its free end as shown in Figure 9.6. Comparing this system to the system shown in Case 9 in Table 9.1, we note the mass center is located away from  $x = L$  and the discrete springs are attached away from  $x = L$ . The mass has a mass moment of inertia  $J_2$  about its center of mass. In addition, a linear spring with stiffness  $k_2$  is attached to the free end of the mass and a torsion spring with stiffness  $k_{t2}$  is attached to the center of the mass. In

<sup>13</sup>Although the beam interior is undamped, due to the presence of damping elements at the boundaries, the beam system is considered a damped system.

<sup>14</sup>D. Zhou, "The vibrations of a cantilever beam carrying a heavy tip mass with elastic supports," *J. Sound Vibration*, Vol. 206, No. 2, pp. 275–279 (1997); H. Seidel and L. Csepregi, "Design optimization for cantilever-type accelerometers," *Sensors and Actuators*, Vol. 6, pp. 81–92 (1984); C. L. Kirk and S. M. Wiedemann, "Natural Frequencies and Mode Shapes of a Free-Free Beam with Large End Mass," *J. Sound Vibration*, Vol. 254, No. 5, pp. 939–949, 2002.

**FIGURE 9.6**

(a) Cantilever beam with an extended mass attached to its free end and (b) displacement at several locations on the extended mass.

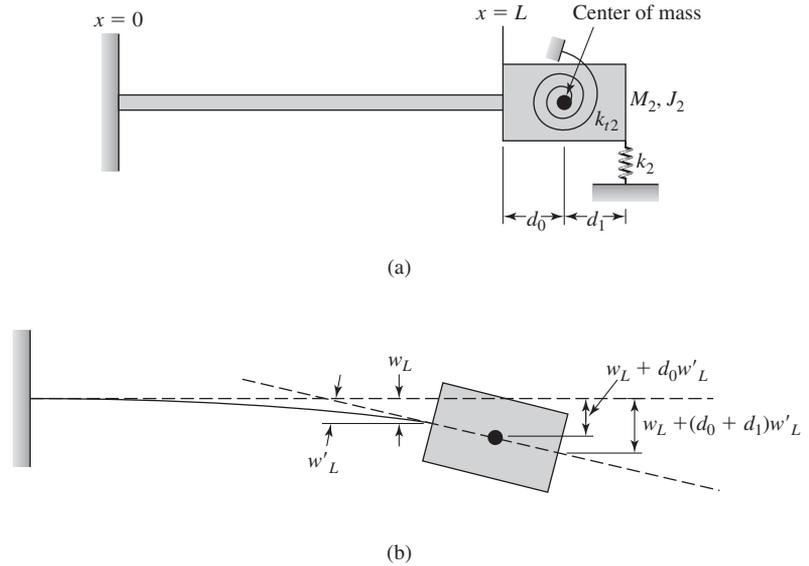


Figure 9.6b, the transverse displacements are shown at several locations on the extended mass. With this information, we shall obtain an expression for the discrete Lagrangian  $G_L$  at the right end of the beam. Using Eq. (9.21) as a guide, we obtain the following expression for  $G_L$  at  $x = L$

$$G_L(t, w_L, \dot{w}_L, w'_L, \dot{w}'_L) = \frac{1}{2} M_2 (\dot{w}_L + d_0 \dot{w}'_L)^2 + \frac{1}{2} J_2 \dot{w}'_L^2 - \frac{1}{2} k_2 (w_L + [d_0 + d_1] w'_L)^2 - \frac{1}{2} k_{t2} w_L^2 \quad (\text{a})$$

where the prime denotes the derivative with respect to  $x$  and the overdot denotes the derivative with respect to time. For the system of Figure 9.6, the function  $G_B$  is obtained from Eq. (9.19) by setting  $k_f = p = f_c = 0$ ; that is,

$$G_B(x, t, w, \dot{w}, w', \dot{w}', w'', \dot{w}'') = \frac{1}{2} [\rho A \dot{w}^2 - EI w''^2] \quad (\text{b})$$

Upon substituting Eqs. (a) and (b) into Eqs. (9.30b) and (9.31b) and performing the indicated operations, we obtain, respectively,

$$EI \frac{\partial^3 w}{\partial x^3} \Big|_{x=L} = \left[ k_2 w + M_2 \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} + (d_0 + d_1) k_2 \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + M_2 d_0 \frac{\partial^3 w}{\partial x \partial t^2} \right]_{x=L}$$

$$EI \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \Big|_{x=L} = - \left[ k_2 (d_0 + d_1) w + M_2 d_0 \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} + (k_{t2} + k_2 (d_0 + d_1)^2) \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + (J_2 + M_2 d_0^2) \frac{\partial^3 w}{\partial x \partial t^2} \right]_{x=L} \quad (\text{c})$$

When  $d_1 = d_0 = 0$ , Eqs. (c) reduce to those given by Eqs. (9.47b) with  $p = c_2 = 0$ . The other two boundary conditions are given by the first entry of Table 9.1.

## 9.3

## FREE OSCILLATIONS: NATURAL FREQUENCIES AND MODE SHAPES

## 9.3.1 Introduction

In this section, free oscillations of undamped, homogeneous and uniform beams are examined in detail. To this end, we use Eqs. (9.50) and (9.41b) and set the external nonconservative loading  $f_{nc}(x,t)$  to zero and obtain the following governing equation of the beam for  $0 < x < L$ :

$$EI \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^4} + \rho A \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} = \rho A g \quad (9.51)$$

In order to keep the discussion general in terms of boundary conditions, we consider the system shown in Figure 9.7. We place a translation spring with constant  $k_1$  and a torsion spring with constant  $k_{t1}$  at  $x = 0$  and place a translation spring with constant  $k_2$  and a torsion spring with constant  $k_{t2}$  at  $x = L$ . In addition, at  $x = L$  there is a rigid body with a mass  $M_o$  that has a mass moment of inertia  $J_o$ . Then, from Eqs. (9.47a) with  $p = c_1 = M_1 = J_1 = 0$ , the boundary conditions at  $x = 0$  are

$$\begin{aligned} EIw''(0,t) &= k_{t1}w'(0,t) \\ EIw'''(0,t) &= -k_1w(0,t) \end{aligned} \quad (9.52a)$$

From Eqs. (9.47a) with  $p = c_2 = 0$ ,  $M_2 = M_o$ ,  $J_2 = J_o$ , the boundary conditions at  $x = L$  are

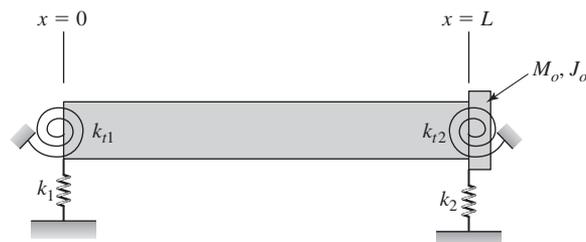
$$\begin{aligned} EIw''(L,t) &= -k_{t2}w'(L,t) - J_o\ddot{w}'(L,t) \\ EIw'''(L,t) &= k_2w(L,t) + M_o\ddot{w}(L,t) \end{aligned} \quad (9.52b)$$

In writing Eqs. (9.52), we have employed the compact notation that

$$w|_{x=0} = w(0,t), \quad \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=0} = w'(0,t), \quad \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \Big|_{x=0} = w''(0,t),$$

**FIGURE 9.7**

Beam with spring elements at left and right boundaries and an inertia element at the right boundary.



$$\left. \frac{\partial^3 w}{\partial x \partial t^2} \right|_{x=0} = \dot{w}'(0,t)$$

and so on. In addition, we have used the fact that  $EI$  is constant.

For a given set of initial conditions, the response of the beam governed by Eqs. (9.51) and (9.52) is expressed as

$$w(x,t) = w_{st}(x) + w_{dyn}(x,t) \quad (9.53)$$

where  $w_{st}(x)$  is the static response or the static-equilibrium position and  $w_{dyn}(x,t)$  is the displacement measured from the static-equilibrium position. The static-equilibrium position satisfies the *static-equilibrium equation*

$$EI \frac{d^4 w_{st}}{dx^4} = \rho A g \quad (9.54)$$

and the following boundary conditions at  $x = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} EI w_{st}''(0) &= k_{t1} w_{st}'(0) \\ EI w_{st}'''(0) &= -k_1 w_{st}(0) \end{aligned} \quad (9.55a)$$

and the following boundary conditions at  $x = L$

$$\begin{aligned} EI w_{st}''(L) &= -k_{t2} w_{st}'(L) \\ EI w_{st}'''(L) &= k_2 w_{st}(L) \end{aligned} \quad (9.55b)$$

Although the solution of Eq. (9.54) subject to the boundary conditions Eqs. (9.55) can be found, this is not explicitly carried out here. Nevertheless, the droop of a beam due to its own weight is given by  $w_{st}(x)$ . Any constant loading acting on a distributed-parameter system will influence the static-equilibrium position of that system. For most commonly used structural materials and geometries, the static deformation  $w_{st}(x)$  due to gravity and other static loading is assumed to be small in magnitude and this deformation is often ignored in the analysis. However, there are cases such as an aircraft wing, where the static deformation is pronounced and cannot be ignored. In MEMS, residual stresses due to the fabrication process can lead to a static deformation.<sup>15</sup>

In Sections 3.2 and 7.2, it was shown the static-equilibrium position of a single degree-of-freedom system is determined by solving an algebraic equation and the static-equilibrium position of a multi-degree-of-freedom system is determined by solving a system of algebraic equations, respectively. Here, by contrast, we find that the static-equilibrium position of a beam is determined by solving a differential equation.

<sup>15</sup>Y. Yee, M. Park, and K. Chun, "A sticking model of suspended polysilicon microstructure including residual stress gradient and post release temperature," *J. Microelectromechanical Systems*, Vol. 7, No. 3, pp. 339–344 (1998).

On substituting Eq. (9.53) into Eqs. (9.51) and (9.52) and making use of Eqs. (9.54) and (9.55), we find that the oscillations about the static-equilibrium position are described by

$$EI \frac{\partial^4 w_{dyn}}{\partial x^4} + \rho A \frac{\partial^2 w_{dyn}}{\partial t^2} = 0 \quad (9.56)$$

subject to the following boundary conditions at  $x = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} EI w_{dyn}''(0,t) &= k_{t1} w_{dyn}'(0,t) \\ EI w_{dyn}'''(0,t) &= -k_1 w_{dyn}(0,t) \end{aligned} \quad (9.57a)$$

and the following boundary conditions at  $x = L$

$$\begin{aligned} EI w_{dyn}''(L,t) &= -k_{t2} w_{dyn}'(L,t) - J_o \dot{w}_{dyn}'(L,t) \\ EI w_{dyn}'''(L,t) &= k_2 w_{dyn}(L,t) + M_o \dot{w}_{dyn}(L,t) \end{aligned} \quad (9.57b)$$

Equation (9.56) is a linear, homogeneous partial-differential equation that is used to describe the free oscillations of the beam about the static-equilibrium position. As discussed in the context of finite degree-of-freedom systems, gravity loading does not appear in the equation governing the dynamic response  $w_{dyn}(x,t)$  of the beam. Based on the form of Eq. (9.56), we assume that there is a separable solution; that is,

$$w_{dyn}(x,t) = W(x)G(t) \quad (9.58)$$

where  $W(x)$  is a function that depends only on the spatial variable  $x$  and  $G(t)$  is a function that depends only on the temporal variable  $t$ . By assuming this form of solution, we are assuming that every point on the beam has the same time dependence. In other words, the ratio of displacements at two different points on a beam is independent of time.

On substituting Eq. (9.58) into (9.56) and rearranging the terms, we obtain

$$\frac{1}{G} \frac{d^2 G}{dt^2} = - \frac{EI}{\rho A W} \frac{d^4 W}{dx^4} \quad (9.59)$$

Since the left-hand side consists only of terms that are functions of time and the right-hand side consists only of terms that are functions of the spatial variable  $x$ , the ratio on each side must be a constant; that is,

$$\frac{1}{G} \frac{d^2 G}{dt^2} = - \frac{EI}{\rho A W} \frac{d^4 W}{dx^4} = \lambda \quad (9.60)$$

where  $\lambda$  is a constant. Based on the experience gained with free oscillations of undamped finite degree-of-freedom systems in Sections 4.2 and 7.4, it is known that the free oscillations of vibratory systems are described by sine or cosine harmonic functions.<sup>16</sup> Noting that the beam is undamped, and

<sup>16</sup>As discussed in Chapter 4, this will not be true of an unstable vibratory system. In general, for an undamped linear vibratory system in the absence of rotation, it can be said that unbounded oscillations do not occur and that the bounded oscillations that do occur are harmonic in form.

assuming that there is no damping in the boundary conditions, we set the constant  $\lambda$  as

$$\lambda = -\omega^2 \quad (9.61)$$

Upon making use of Eqs. (9.60) and (9.61), we obtain the *temporal eigenvalue equation*

$$\frac{d^2G}{dt^2} + \omega^2G = 0 \quad (9.62)$$

which has a solution of the form

$$G(t) = G_{os} \sin \omega t + G_{oc} \cos \omega t \quad (9.63)$$

In the harmonic solution given by Eq. (9.63),  $G_{os}$  and  $G_{oc}$  are arbitrary constants that will be determined by the initial conditions and  $\omega$  is an unknown quantity to be determined. The quantity  $\omega$ , which describes the frequency of oscillation of the beam in its free state, is called the *natural frequency*. As we will see later in this section, there is an infinite number of natural frequencies for the beam. On substituting Eq. (9.58) into Eq. (9.56) and making use of Eq. (9.62), we arrive at

$$\left( EI \frac{d^4W}{dx^4} - \rho A \omega^2 W \right) G(t) = 0 \quad (9.64a)$$

Since Eq. (9.64a) has to be satisfied for all time and for arbitrary  $G(t)$  not necessarily zero, the only way this is possible is if we have

$$EI \frac{d^4W}{dx^4} - \rho A \omega^2 W = 0 \quad (9.64b)$$

Similarly, substituting Eq. (9.58) into Eq. (9.57) and making use of Eq. (9.62), we arrive at the following boundary conditions at  $x = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} EIW''(0) &= k_{t1}W'(0) \\ EIW'''(0) &= -k_1W(0) \end{aligned} \quad (9.65a)$$

and the following boundary conditions at  $x = L$

$$\begin{aligned} EIW''(L) &= -k_{t2}W'(L) + \omega^2 J_o W'(L) = (-k_{t2} + \omega^2 J_o)W'(L) \\ EIW'''(L) &= k_2W(L) - \omega^2 M_o W(L) = (k_2 - \omega^2 M_o)W(L) \end{aligned} \quad (9.65b)$$

Equations (9.64b) and (9.65) represent the *spatial eigenvalue problem*. As in the eigenvalue problems encountered in Chapters 4 and 7, the trivial solution  $W(x) = 0$  is a solution of Eqs. (9.64b) and (9.65). However, we are not interested in this trivial solution, but in determining the special values of  $\omega$ , called the *eigenvalues*, for which  $W(x)$  will be nontrivial. In the terminology of spatial eigenvalue problems, these nontrivial functions are called the *eigenfunctions*. In the case of the beam, the eigenvalues provide us the natural frequencies and the eigenfunctions provide us the mode shapes. The natural frequencies and mode shapes depend on the boundary conditions and the geometry of the beam. This dependence will be explored in the following sections.

### 9.3.2 Natural Frequencies, Mode Shapes, and Orthogonality of Modes

We shall now determine the natural frequencies and mode shapes for a general set of boundary conditions and discuss an important property of mode shapes, the *orthogonality property*. To elaborate on this property and to determine the conditions that go with this property, it is not necessary to determine explicitly the natural frequencies and mode shapes. Therefore, we first present a discussion on this property, and then we illustrate how Laplace transforms with respect to the spatial variable can be used to determine the natural frequencies and mode shapes for uniform beams subjected to arbitrary boundary conditions.

#### Orthogonal Functions

An orthogonal function is defined as follows. If a sequence of real functions  $\{\varphi_n(x)\}$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , has the property that over some interval

$$\int_a^b \left[ p_1(x)\varphi_n(x)\varphi_m(x) + p_2(x) \frac{d\varphi_n(x)}{dx} \frac{d\varphi_m(x)}{dx} \right] dx = \delta_{nm} N_n \quad (9.66)$$

where  $\delta_{nm}$  is the Kronecker delta function,<sup>17</sup> then the functions are said to form an *orthogonal set* with respect to the weighting functions  $p_1(x)$  and  $p_2(x)$  on that interval. The quantity  $\sqrt{N_n}$  is called the *norm* of the function  $\varphi_n(x)$ . Hence, if  $m$  and  $n$  are different from each other—that is, we have two different orthogonal functions—the integral given by Eq. (9.66) evaluates to zero. This property is analogous to the orthogonality property associated with vectors; that is, the scalar dot product of two identical vectors is the square of the vector's magnitude, while the scalar dot product of two orthogonal vectors is zero.

In the present context, the mode shapes  $W_n(x)$  will take the place of  $\varphi_n(x)$  in Eq. (9.66) and the weighting function will be determined by the stiffness and inertia properties of the system. The material presented here parallels that presented in Section 7.3.2 for systems with multiple degrees of freedom.

#### Spatial Eigenvalue Problem in Terms of Nondimensional Quantities

Before proceeding further, we introduce the following notations:

$$\begin{aligned} \eta &= x/L, & \Omega^4 &= \omega^2 \frac{\rho AL^4}{EI} = \frac{\omega^2 L^4}{c_b^2 r^2} = \omega^2 t_o^2 \\ c_b^2 &= E/\rho, & r^2 &= I/A, & t_o &= \frac{L^2}{c_b r} \\ K_j &= \frac{k_j L^3}{EI}, & B_j &= \frac{k_{ij} L}{EI} & j &= 1, 2 \\ m_o &= \rho AL, & j_o &= m_o L^2 \end{aligned} \quad (9.67)$$

<sup>17</sup> $\delta_{nm} = 1$ ,  $n = m$ ,  $\delta_{nm} = 0$ , otherwise.

In Eq. (9.67),  $\eta$  is a nondimensional spatial variable,  $\Omega$  is a nondimensional frequency coefficient,  $c_b$  is the longitudinal (or bar) speed along the  $x$ -axis of the beam,  $r$  is the radius of gyration of the beam's cross-section about the neutral axis,  $m_o$  is the mass of the beam,  $t_o$  is a characteristic time of the beam, and  $K_j$  and  $B_j$  are nondimensional translation and torsion spring constants, respectively. On substituting the appropriate expressions from Eqs. (9.67) into Eqs. (9.64b) and (9.65), the result is

$$\frac{d^4 W}{d\eta^4} - \Omega^4 W = 0 \quad (9.68)$$

with the following boundary conditions at  $\eta = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} W''(0) &= B_1 W'(0) \\ W'''(0) &= -K_1 W(0) \end{aligned} \quad (9.69a)$$

and the following boundary conditions at  $\eta = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} W''(1) &= \left( -B_2 + \frac{J_o \Omega^4}{j_o} \right) W'(1) \\ W'''(1) &= \left( K_2 - \frac{M_o \Omega^4}{m_o} \right) W(1) \end{aligned} \quad (9.69b)$$

where the prime (') will be used from this point on to denote the derivative with respect to  $\eta$ . It is noted that in Eqs. (9.68) and (9.69),  $W(\eta)$  has the units of displacement.

### Orthogonality Property of Mode Shapes

We assume that  $\Omega_n$  is an eigenvalue and  $W_n(\eta)$  is the associated eigensolution or mode shape of the system given by Eqs. (9.68) and (9.69); that is,

$$\frac{d^4 W_n}{d\eta^4} - \Omega_n^4 W_n = 0 \quad (9.70)$$

and at  $\eta = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} W_n''(0) &= B_1 W_n'(0) \\ W_n'''(0) &= -K_1 W_n(0) \end{aligned} \quad (9.71a)$$

and at  $\eta = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} W_n''(1) &= \left( -B_2 + \frac{J_o \Omega_n^4}{j_o} \right) W_n'(1) \\ W_n'''(1) &= \left( K_2 - \frac{M_o \Omega_n^4}{m_o} \right) W_n(1) \end{aligned} \quad (9.71b)$$

Let  $W_m(\eta)$  be another solution of Eqs. (9.68) and (9.69), which corresponds to the  $m$ th natural frequency coefficient  $\Omega_m$ , where  $\Omega_m \neq \Omega_n$ . We now

multiply Eq. (9.70) by  $W_m(\eta)$ , integrate over the interval  $0 \leq \eta \leq 1$ , and use integration by parts to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 W_m W_n^{IV} d\eta - \Omega_n^4 \int_0^1 W_m W_n d\eta &= W_m W_n''' \Big|_0^1 - W_m' W_n'' \Big|_0^1 \\ &+ \int_0^1 W_m'' W_n'' d\eta - \Omega_n^4 \int_0^1 W_m W_n d\eta = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (9.72)$$

Performing the same set of operations, but reversing the order of  $m$  and  $n$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 W_n W_m^{IV} d\eta - \Omega_m^4 \int_0^1 W_n W_m d\eta &= W_n W_m''' \Big|_0^1 - W_n' W_m'' \Big|_0^1 \\ &+ \int_0^1 W_n'' W_m'' d\eta - \Omega_m^4 \int_0^1 W_n W_m d\eta = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (9.73)$$

After subtracting Eq. (9.73) from Eq. (9.72), the resulting expression is

$$(\Omega_m^4 - \Omega_n^4) \int_0^1 W_m W_n d\eta + W_m W_n''' \Big|_0^1 - W_n W_m''' \Big|_0^1 + W_n' W_m'' \Big|_0^1 - W_m' W_n'' \Big|_0^1 = 0$$

which is written in expanded form as

$$\begin{aligned} (\Omega_m^4 - \Omega_n^4) \int_0^1 W_m W_n d\eta &+ W_m(1)W_n'''(1) - W_m(0)W_n'''(0) - W_n(1)W_m'''(1) \\ &+ W_n(0)W_m'''(0) + W_n'(1)W_m''(1) - W_n'(0)W_m''(0) - W_m'(1)W_n''(1) \\ &+ W_m'(0)W_n''(0) = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (9.74)$$

Upon substituting the boundary conditions given by Eqs. (9.71) into Eq. (9.74), we arrive at

$$(\Omega_m^4 - \Omega_n^4) \left[ \int_0^1 W_m W_n d\eta + \frac{M_o}{m_o} W_m(1)W_n(1) + \frac{J_o}{j_o} W_m'(1)W_n'(1) \right] = 0 \quad (9.75)$$

Since  $\Omega_n \neq \Omega_m$ , the expression inside the brackets must equal zero. This leads to

$$\int_0^1 W_m W_n d\eta + \frac{M_o}{m_o} W_m(1)W_n(1) + \frac{J_o}{j_o} W_m'(1)W_n'(1) = \delta_{nm} N_n \quad (9.76a)$$

where  $\delta_{nm}$  is the Kronecker delta and

$$N_n = \int_0^1 W_n^2(\eta) d\eta + \frac{M_o}{m_o} W_n^2(1) + \frac{J_o}{j_o} W_n'^2(1) \quad (9.76b)$$

Equation (9.76a) is written as

$$\int_0^1 \left[ 1 + \frac{M_o}{m_o} \delta(\eta - 1) \right] W_m(\eta) W_n(\eta) d\eta + \frac{J_o}{j_o} \int_0^1 W_m'(\eta) W_n'(\eta) \delta(\eta - 1) d\eta = \delta_{nm} N_n \quad (9.77)$$

where  $\delta(\eta - 1)$  is the delta function. Equation (9.77) is a special case of Eq. (9.66) if we identify  $x$  with  $\eta$ ,  $p_1(x)$  with  $1 + (M_o/m_o)\delta(\eta - 1)$ ,  $p_2(x)$  with  $(J_o/j_o)\delta(\eta - 1)$ ,  $W_n(\eta)$  with  $\varphi_n(x)$ , and  $W_n'(\eta)$  with  $d\varphi_n(x)/dx$ .

Equation (9.76a) represents the *orthogonality condition* for the beam and the boundary conditions, and the functions  $W_m(\eta)$  that satisfy this condition are called *orthogonal functions*. They can be shown to form a complete set of orthogonal functions.<sup>18</sup> It is also pointed out that the form of the expression on the left-hand side of Eq. (9.77) is symmetric in the spatial functions  $W_n(\eta)$  and  $W_m(\eta)$ ; that is, the form of the equation does not change if the functions  $W_n(\eta)$  and  $W_m(\eta)$  are interchanged. This type of symmetry is characteristic of self-adjoint systems whose eigenfunctions are known to be orthogonal functions.<sup>19</sup>

Based on Eqs. (9.76) and (9.77), it should be clear that for all of the boundary conditions shown in Table 9.1, the mode shapes are orthogonal functions. The orthogonality property of the modes was established for beams with uniform and homogeneous properties; that is, beams with constant flexural rigidity  $EI$ , constant mass density  $\rho$ , and constant area of cross-section  $A$ . It can be shown that an orthogonality condition similar in form to Eqs. (9.76) also applies to beams with nonuniform and inhomogeneous properties.

### Solutions for Natural Frequencies and Mode Shapes

We shall now determine the specific form of  $W_n(\eta)$  by solving Eqs. (9.68) and (9.69). In order to find this specific form, we first need to solve for the eigenvalue  $\Omega_n$ . To determine this eigenvalue, we need to determine the characteristic equation whose roots will provide us the eigenvalues of the system. The eigenvalue  $\Omega_n$  and the associated eigenfunction  $W_n(\eta)$  are determined by solving the boundary-value problem using Laplace transforms. Instead of

<sup>18</sup>E. B. Magrab, *ibid*, Chapter 1.

<sup>19</sup>L. Meirovitch, *Principles and Techniques of Vibrations*, Prentice Hall, Upper Saddle River, NJ, Chapter 7 (1997).

solving for the different boundary conditions shown in Table 9.1 on a case-by-case basis, a solution is obtained for a general set of boundary conditions. Then, in Section 9.3.3, this general solution is appropriately modified for various special cases of the general boundary conditions.

In order to determine the solution by using the Laplace transform it is recognized that Eq. (9.68) is a special case of Eq. (A.7) of Appendix A, with the function  $W$  taking the place of  $y$ , the nondimensional spatial variable  $\eta$  taking the place of the independent variable  $x$  and  $\beta = k = f(x) = 0$  in Eq. (A.7). Denoting the Laplace transform of  $W(\eta)$  by  $\tilde{W}(s)$ —that is,

$$\tilde{W}(s) = \int_0^{\infty} W(\eta)e^{-s\eta}d\eta$$

—and making use of Eqs. (A.8) and (A.9), we find that the Laplace transform of Eq. (9.68) results in

$$\tilde{W}(s) = \frac{1}{(s^4 - \Omega^4)} [W(0)s^3 + W'(0)s^2 + W''(0)s + W'''(0)] \quad (9.78)$$

where  $W(0)$ ,  $W'(0)$ ,  $W''(0)$ , and  $W'''(0)$  are the displacement, slope, second derivative of  $W(\eta)$ , and third derivative of  $W(\eta)$ , respectively, at  $\eta = 0$ . These four quantities and the nondimensional frequency coefficient  $\Omega$  represent the five unknown quantities that need to be determined. Noting that we have the four boundary conditions given by Eqs. (9.69), one can at best solve for four of these quantities, one of which will be the nondimensional frequency coefficient. This means that the resulting solution for the mode shape will have an arbitrary constant. This situation is similar to what we encountered in Chapter 7, where we found that an eigenvector is arbitrary with respect to a scaling constant.

We see from the boundary conditions given by Eqs. (9.69a) that  $W''(0)$  and  $W'''(0)$  are expressed in terms of  $W'(0)$  and  $W(0)$ , respectively. Thus, one of the advantages of the Laplace transform solution method is that two of the four unknowns are directly specified by the boundary conditions at  $\eta = 0$ , thereby leaving only three unknown quantities to be determined; in this case,  $W'(0)$ ,  $W(0)$ , and  $\Omega$ . Making use of Laplace transform pairs 23 through 26 in Table A of Appendix A, or alternatively, directly making use of Eqs. (A.16) and (A.17) of Appendix A with  $\delta = \varepsilon = \Omega$ , leads to the following inverse Laplace transform of Eq. (9.78)

$$W(\eta) = W(0)Q(\Omega\eta) + W'(0)R(\Omega\eta)/\Omega + W''(0)S(\Omega\eta)/\Omega^2 + W'''(0)T(\Omega\eta)/\Omega^3 \quad (9.79)$$

where the nondimensional spatial functions are given by

$$\begin{aligned} Q(\xi) &= 0.5[\cosh(\xi) + \cos(\xi)] \\ R(\xi) &= 0.5[\sinh(\xi) + \sin(\xi)] \\ S(\xi) &= 0.5[\cosh(\xi) - \cos(\xi)] \\ T(\xi) &= 0.5[\sinh(\xi) - \sin(\xi)] \end{aligned} \quad (9.80)$$

If one were to consider, for example, a cantilever beam without a rigid mass at the free end, then Eq. (9.79) will reduce to

$$W(\eta) = W''(0)S(\Omega\eta)/\Omega^2 + W'''(0)T(\Omega\eta)/\Omega^3$$

because  $W(0) = W'(0) = 0$  at the fixed end. This simplification always applies to the case of a beam clamped at the end  $x = 0$ . Requiring that the mode shape satisfy the boundary conditions  $W''(1) = W'''(1) = 0$  at the free end, two equations are obtained in terms of  $W''(0)$  and  $W'''(0)$ . Setting the determinant of the coefficients of  $W''(0)$  and  $W'''(0)$  to zero, the characteristic equation for the cantilever beam is determined. Instead of solving for each set of boundary conditions on a case-by-case basis, we shall find a general form of the characteristic equation based on the boundary conditions given by Eqs. (9.69).

Upon substituting the boundary conditions at  $\eta = 0$  given by Eq. (9.69a) into Eq. (9.79), we obtain

$$W(\eta) = [Q(\Omega\eta) - K_1T(\Omega\eta)/\Omega^3]W(0) + [R(\Omega\eta)/\Omega + B_1S(\Omega\eta)/\Omega^2]W'(0) \quad (9.81)$$

On substituting Eq. (9.81) into the boundary conditions at  $\eta = 1$ , which are given by Eq. (9.69b), the following two equations are obtained in terms of the three unknown quantities<sup>20</sup>  $W(0)$ ,  $W'(0)$ , and  $\Omega$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & [(1 + a_1b_2)S(\Omega) - a_1R(\Omega) - b_2T(\Omega)]\Omega W(0) \\ & + [T(\Omega) + (b_1 - b_2)Q(\Omega) - b_1b_2R(\Omega)]W'(0) = 0 \\ & [R(\Omega) - (a_1 + a_2)Q(\Omega) + a_1a_2T(\Omega)]\Omega W(0) \\ & + [(1 - a_2b_1)S(\Omega) + b_1T(\Omega) - a_2R(\Omega)]W'(0) = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (9.82)$$

In Eq. (9.82), the nondimensional quantities  $a_j$  and  $b_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2$  are given by

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= \frac{K_1}{\Omega^3}, & a_2 &= \frac{1}{\Omega^3} \left( K_2 - \frac{M_o\Omega^4}{m_o} \right), \\ b_1 &= \frac{B_1}{\Omega}, & b_2 &= \frac{1}{\Omega} \left( -B_2 + \frac{J_o\Omega^4}{j_o} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (9.83)$$

In obtaining Eq. (9.82), we made use of the relations

$$\begin{aligned} Q'(\Omega\eta) &= \Omega T(\Omega\eta) \\ T'(\Omega\eta) &= \Omega S(\Omega\eta) \\ R'(\Omega\eta) &= \Omega Q(\Omega\eta) \\ S'(\Omega\eta) &= \Omega R(\Omega\eta) \end{aligned} \quad (9.84)$$

<sup>20</sup>Equations (9.82) represent a set of two algebraic equations in three unknowns, namely,  $W(0)$ ,  $W'(0)$ , and  $\Omega$ . This is an algebraic eigenvalue problem whose solution will provide us  $\Omega$  and a ratio of the other two unknowns.

where the prime denotes the derivative with respect to  $\eta$ . To obtain higher derivatives, Eqs. (9.84) are used as follows. For example,

$$\frac{d^2 Q(\Omega\eta)}{d\eta^2} = \frac{d}{d\eta} \left( \frac{dQ(\Omega\eta)}{d\eta} \right) = \Omega \frac{dT(\Omega\eta)}{d\eta} = \Omega^2 S(\Omega\eta)$$

The natural frequency coefficient  $\Omega_n$  is obtained by setting the determinant of coefficients of Eqs. (9.82) to zero, which results in the following *characteristic equation*:

$$\begin{aligned} & z_1 [\cos \Omega_n \sinh \Omega_n + \sin \Omega_n \cosh \Omega_n] \\ & + z_2 [\cos \Omega_n \sinh \Omega_n - \sin \Omega_n \cosh \Omega_n] \\ & - 2z_3 \sin \Omega_n \sinh \Omega_n + z_4 (\cos \Omega_n \cosh \Omega_n - 1) \\ & + z_5 (\cos \Omega_n \cosh \Omega_n + 1) + 2z_6 \cos \Omega_n \cosh \Omega_n = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (9.85)$$

In Eqs. (9.85), the coefficients  $z_i$  are given by

$$\begin{aligned} z_1 &= [b_{1n} b_{2n} (a_{1n} + a_{2n}) + (b_{1n} - b_{2n})] \\ z_2 &= [a_{1n} a_{2n} (b_{1n} - b_{2n}) - (a_{1n} + a_{2n})] \\ z_3 &= (a_{1n} a_{2n} + b_{1n} b_{2n}) \\ z_4 &= (1 - a_{1n} a_{2n} b_{1n} b_{2n}) \\ z_5 &= (a_{2n} b_{2n} - a_{1n} b_{1n}) \\ z_6 &= (a_{1n} b_{2n} - a_{2n} b_{1n}) \end{aligned} \quad (9.86)$$

and the nondimensional coefficients  $a_{1n}$ ,  $a_{2n}$ ,  $b_{1n}$ , and  $b_{2n}$  are given by

$$\begin{aligned} a_{1n} &= \frac{K_1}{\Omega_n^3}, & a_{2n} &= \frac{1}{\Omega_n^3} \left( K_2 - \frac{M_o \Omega_n^4}{m_o} \right), \\ b_{1n} &= \frac{B_1}{\Omega_n}, & b_{2n} &= \frac{1}{\Omega_n} \left( -B_2 + \frac{J_o \Omega_n^4}{j_o} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (9.87)$$

The transcendental equation given by Eq. (9.85) has an infinite number of roots. Thus, a continuous system has an infinite number of natural frequencies and associated mode shapes.

The mode shapes are obtained as follows. In Eq. (9.81), we let  $\Omega = \Omega_n$  and rewrite it as

$$W_n(\eta) = \frac{W'(0)}{\Omega_n} \left\{ [Q(\Omega_n \eta) - a_{1n} T(\Omega_n \eta)] \frac{\Omega_n W(0)}{W'(0)} + R(\Omega_n \eta) + b_{1n} S(\Omega_n \eta) \right\} \quad (9.88)$$

We note that the natural frequency coefficients determined from Eq. (9.85) are a function of  $a_{jn}$  and  $b_{jn}$ ,  $j = 1, 2$  and  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , and that these quantities can vary between the limits of 0 and  $\infty$ . For instance, for a beam with a free end at  $\eta = 0$ ,  $a_{1n}$  is 0 while for a beam with a fixed end at  $\eta = 0$ ,  $a_{1n}$  is  $\infty$ . Similarly, in the presence of a free end at  $\eta = 1$ ,  $a_{2n}$  is 0, and so forth. Due to the wide range of the parameters' values, the form of the mode shape must be specialized for the limiting cases. Therefore, we determine the expression for  $\Omega W(0)/W'(0)$  from the second of Eqs. (9.82) after setting

$\Omega = \Omega_n$ . Furthermore, since the magnitude of  $W'(0)$  is indeterminate, for convenience we set  $W'(0)/\Omega_n = 1$  in Eq. (9.88). Equivalently, if the left-hand side and the right-hand side are scaled by  $W'(0)/\Omega_n$ , the resulting equation is nondimensional; that is,  $W(\eta)/(W'(0)/\Omega_n)$ , is nondimensional. Therefore, we shall consider that  $W(\eta)$  is divided by  $W'(0)/\Omega_n$  and that  $W'(0)/\Omega_n$  is set equal to 1. The mode shape is given by one of the following expressions, depending on the upper limit of  $b_{1n}$ . The different cases to be studied in Section 9.3.3 are grouped under one of the two cases shown below.

**Case 1:**  $0 \leq a_{jn} \leq \infty, 0 \leq b_{2n} \leq \infty, 0 \leq b_{1n} < \infty$

The mode shape given by Eq. (9.88) is rewritten as

$$W_n(\eta) = C_n [Q(\Omega_n \eta) - a_{1n} T(\Omega_n \eta) + R(\Omega_n \eta) + b_{1n} S(\Omega_n \eta)] \quad (9.89)$$

where the nondimensional coefficient  $C_n$  is given by

$$C_n = \frac{a_{2n} R(\Omega_n) + (a_2 b_{1n} - 1) S(\Omega_n) - b_{1n} T(\Omega_n)}{R(\Omega_n) - (a_{1n} + a_{2n}) Q(\Omega_n) + a_{1n} a_{2n} T(\Omega_n)} \quad (9.90)$$

**Case 2:**  $0 \leq a_{jn} \leq \infty, 0 \leq b_{2n} \leq \infty$ , and  $b_{1n} \rightarrow \infty$   
(infinite torsion stiffness at  $\eta = 0$ )

The mode shape given by Eq. (9.88) is rewritten as

$$W_n(\eta) = C_n [Q(\Omega_n \eta) - a_{1n} T(\Omega_n \eta)] + S(\Omega_n \eta) \quad (9.91)$$

where the nondimensional coefficient  $C_n$  is given by

$$C_n = \frac{a_{2n} S(\Omega_n) - T(\Omega_n)}{R(\Omega_n) - (a_{1n} + a_{2n}) Q(\Omega_n) + a_{1n} a_{2n} T(\Omega_n)} \quad (9.92)$$

Note that  $W_n(\eta)$  is a nondimensional quantity.

It is seen that Eqs. (9.90) and (9.92) are independent of  $b_{2n}$ ; however,  $b_{2n}$  does appear in the characteristic equation, Eq. (9.85), and it does affect the numerical value of the natural frequency coefficient  $\Omega_n$ . As seen subsequently, these results provide us with a single solution from which we will be able to examine a very large combination of different boundary conditions by simply letting the  $a_{jn}$  and  $b_{jn}$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ , take on any value from 0 and infinity.

The boundary conditions given by Eqs. (9.71) are restated by using the notation introduced in Eqs. (9.87). In this notation,  $W_n(\eta)$  satisfies the following boundary conditions at  $\eta = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} W_n''(0) &= b_{1n} \Omega_n W_n'(0) \\ W_n'''(0) &= -a_{1n} \Omega_n^3 W_n(0) \end{aligned} \quad (9.93a)$$

and the following boundary conditions at  $\eta = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} W_n''(1) &= b_{2n} \Omega_n W_n'(1) \\ W_n'''(1) &= a_{2n} \Omega_n^3 W_n(1) \end{aligned} \quad (9.93b)$$

Several special cases of Eqs. (9.85) and (9.89) or (9.91) are given in the next section. However, since these results will be presented in terms of the

frequency coefficient  $\Omega_n$ , some clarifying remarks are in order. The natural frequency coefficient is related to the physical frequency  $f_n$ , in Hertz as given by Eqs. (9.67), which upon rearrangement yields

$$f_n = \frac{\omega_n}{2\pi} = \frac{c_b r \Omega_n^2}{2\pi L^2} \text{ Hz} \quad (9.94)$$

where  $\omega_n$  is the natural frequency with units of rad/s. Since the physical frequency is related to the square of the frequency coefficient, seemingly small differences in the natural frequency coefficient can result in significant differences in  $f_n$ . As we shall see, the boundary conditions can greatly affect  $\Omega_n$ . Based on Eq. (9.94), one can formulate the following design guideline.

**Design Guideline:** The different parameters that affect the natural frequencies of a beam system are the longitudinal speed  $c_b$ , the radius of gyration  $r$ , and the length of the beam  $L$ . The geometric parameter that influences  $f_n$  the most is the beam's length,  $L$ . On the other hand, changing from one common structural material to another has a much smaller influence on the natural frequency coefficient. This change in material is captured by the longitudinal speed  $c_b$ , which is approximately 5000 m/s for both steel and aluminum. The natural frequency is directly proportional to the radius of gyration, which for a beam of rectangular cross-section is  $r = h/\sqrt{12}$ , and  $h$  is the depth of the beam. For a beam with a solid circular cross-section of radius  $r_o$ , the radius of gyration is  $r = r_o/\sqrt{2}$ .

The results presented in this chapter are valid only for thin beams; that is, beams whose ratio of its radius of gyration to its length is such that  $r/L < 0.1$ . When this ratio is exceeded, one should consider using the Timoshenko beam theory.<sup>21</sup>

### 9.3.3 Effects of Boundary Conditions

In this section, we consider ten different sets of boundary conditions based on the boundary conditions provided in Table 9.1 and obtain expressions for the natural frequencies and mode shapes associated with each of those cases. Based on these expressions, the dependence of free-oscillation characteristics on the boundary conditions is discussed. All these expressions are special cases of Eqs. (9.85) through (9.92) and they have been tabulated in Table 9.2.

<sup>21</sup>See, for example, E. B. Magrab, *ibid*, Chapter 5; and S. M. Han, H. Benaroya, and T. Wei, "Dynamics of Transversely Vibrating Beams Using Four Engineering Theories," *J. Sound Vibration*, Vol. 225, No. 5, pp. 935–988 (1999).

**TABLE 9.2**

Special Cases of Eqs. (9.85) and Eq. (9.89) or Eq. (9.91).

Case	Boundary Conditions		Limits	Characteristic Equation and Mode Shape	
1	Clamped	$\eta = 0$	$a_{1n} \rightarrow \infty$ $b_{1n} \rightarrow \infty$	$\cos \Omega_n \cosh \Omega_n - 1 = 0$	(1a)
	Clamped	$\eta = 1$	$a_{2n} \rightarrow \infty$ $b_{2n} \rightarrow \infty$	$W_n(\eta) = -\frac{S(\Omega_n)}{T(\Omega_n)} T(\Omega_n \eta) + S(\Omega_n \eta)$	(1b)
2	Hinged	$\eta = 0$	$a_{1n} \rightarrow \infty$ $b_{1n} \rightarrow 0$	$\sin(\Omega_n) = 0$	(2a)
	Hinged	$\eta = 1$	$a_{2n} \rightarrow \infty$ $b_{2n} \rightarrow 0$	$W_n(\eta) = \sin(\Omega_n \eta)$	(2b)
3	Clamped	$\eta = 0$	$a_{1n} \rightarrow \infty$ $b_{1n} \rightarrow \infty$	$\cos(\Omega_n) \sinh(\Omega_n) - \sin(\Omega_n) \cosh(\Omega_n) = 0$	(3a)
	Hinged	$\eta = 1$	$a_{2n} \rightarrow \infty$ $b_{2n} \rightarrow 0$	$W_n(\eta) = -\frac{S(\Omega_n)}{T(\Omega_n)} T(\Omega_n \eta) + S(\Omega_n \eta)$	(3b)
4	Clamped	$\eta = 0$	$a_{1n} \rightarrow \infty$ $b_{1n} \rightarrow \infty$	$\cos(\Omega_n) \cosh(\Omega_n) + 1 = 0$	(4a)
	Free	$\eta = 1$	$a_{2n} \rightarrow 0$ $b_{2n} \rightarrow 0$	$W_n(\eta) = -\frac{T(\Omega_n)}{Q(\Omega_n)} T(\Omega_n \eta) + S(\Omega_n \eta)$	(4b)
5	Free	$\eta = 0$	$a_{1n} \rightarrow 0$ $b_{1n} \rightarrow 0$	$\cos(\Omega_n) \cosh(\Omega_n) - 1 = 0$	(5a)
	Free	$\eta = 1$	$a_{2n} \rightarrow 0$ $b_{2n} \rightarrow 0$	$W_n(\eta) = -\frac{S(\Omega_n)}{R(\Omega_n)} Q(\Omega_n \eta) + R(\Omega_n \eta)$	(5b)
6	Clamped	$\eta = 0$	$a_{1n} \rightarrow \infty$ $b_{1n} \rightarrow \infty$	$\frac{M_o \Omega_n}{m_o} [\cos(\Omega_n) \sinh(\Omega_n) - \sin(\Omega_n) \cosh(\Omega_n)]$ $+ \cos(\Omega_n) \cosh(\Omega_n) + 1 = 0$	(6a)
	Free with mass	$\eta = 1$	$a_{2n} = -\frac{\Omega_n M_o}{m_o}$ $b_{2n} \rightarrow 0$	$W_n(\eta) = -\frac{T(\Omega_n) + (M_o/m_o) \Omega_n S(\Omega_n)}{(M_o/m_o) \Omega_n T(\Omega_n) + Q(\Omega_n)} T(\Omega_n \eta)$ $+ S(\Omega_n \eta)$	(6b)
7	Clamped	$\eta = 0$	$a_{1n} \rightarrow \infty$ $b_{1n} \rightarrow \infty$	$-(K_2/\Omega_n^3) [\cos(\Omega_n) \sinh(\Omega_n) - \sin(\Omega_n) \cosh(\Omega_n)]$ $+ \cos(\Omega_n) \cosh(\Omega_n) + 1 = 0$	(7a)
	Free with translation spring	$\eta = 1$	$a_{2n} = \frac{K_2}{\Omega_n^3}$ $b_{2n} \rightarrow 0$	$W_n(\eta) = \frac{T(\Omega_n) - K_2 S(\Omega_n)/\Omega_n^3}{K_2 T(\Omega_n)/\Omega_n^3 - Q(\Omega_n)} T(\Omega_n \eta) + S(\Omega_n \eta)$	(7b)
8	Free with translation spring	$\eta = 0$	$a_{2n} = \frac{K_1}{\Omega_n^3}$ $b_{2n} \rightarrow 0$	$(a_{1n} + a_{2n}) [\cos(\Omega_n) \sinh(\Omega_n) - \sin(\Omega_n) \cosh(\Omega_n)]$ $+ 2a_{1n} a_{2n} \sin(\Omega_n) \sinh(\Omega_n) + 1 - \cos(\Omega_n) \cosh(\Omega_n) = 0$	(8a)
	Free with translation spring	$\eta = 1$	$a_{2n} = \frac{K_2}{\Omega_n^3}$ $b_{2n} \rightarrow 0$	$W_n(\eta) = \frac{a_{2n} R(\Omega_n) - S(\Omega_n)}{R(\Omega_n) - (a_{1n} + a_{2n}) Q(\Omega_n) + a_{1n} a_{2n} T(\Omega_n)} \times$ $[Q(\Omega_n \eta) - a_{1n} T(\Omega_n \eta)] + R(\Omega_n \eta)$	(8b)

(continued)

TABLE 9.2

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9	Hinged with torsion spring	$\eta = 0$	$a_{1n} \rightarrow \infty$ $b_{1n} = \frac{B_1}{\Omega_n}$	$(B_1 + B_2)[\cos(\Omega_n)\sinh(\Omega_n) - \sin(\Omega_n)\cosh(\Omega_n)]/\Omega_n$ $- 2\sin(\Omega_n)\sinh(\Omega_n)$ $- B_1B_2[1 - \cos(\Omega_n)\cosh(\Omega_n)]/\Omega_n^2 = 0$	(9a)
	Hinged with torsion spring	$\eta = 1$	$a_{1n} \rightarrow \infty$ $b_{1n} = \frac{B_2}{\Omega_n}$	$W_n(\eta) = -\frac{R(\Omega_n) + B_1S(\Omega_n)/\Omega_n}{T(\Omega_n)}T(\Omega_n\eta) + R(\Omega_n\eta)$ $+ B_1S(\Omega_n\eta)/\Omega_n$	(9b)
10	Clamped	$\eta = 0$	$a_{1n} \rightarrow \infty$ $b_{1n} \rightarrow \infty$	$-\left(\frac{K_2}{\Omega_n^3} - \frac{\Omega_n M_0}{m_0}\right)[\cos(\Omega_n)\sinh(\Omega_n)$ $- \sin(\Omega_n)\cosh(\Omega_n)] + \cos(\Omega_n)\cosh(\Omega_n) + 1 = 0$	(10a)
	Free with mass and translation spring	$\eta = 1$	$a_{2n} = \frac{K_2}{\Omega_n^3} - \frac{\Omega_n M_0}{m_0}$ $b_{2n} \rightarrow 0$	$W_n(\eta) = \frac{T(\Omega_n) - (K_2/\Omega_n^3 - \Omega_n M_0/m_0)S(\Omega_n)}{(K_2/\Omega_n^3 - \Omega_n M_0/m_0)T(\Omega_n) - Q(\Omega_n)}T(\Omega_n\eta)$ $+ S(\Omega_n\eta)$	(10b)

**Beam clamped at both ends** We shall provide the details for reducing the general results given by Eqs. (9.85) through (9.92) for the case of a beam clamped at both ends. The subsequent cases are treated in a similar manner. The procedure involves first examining the boundary conditions at each end of the beam and then determining which values of  $a_{jn}$  and  $b_{jn}$  go to zero and which ones go to  $\infty$ . This is carried out with the help of Table 9.1. In the present case, the boundary conditions at  $\eta = 0$  are

$$\begin{aligned} W_n(0) &= 0 \\ W'_n(0) &= (0) \end{aligned} \quad (9.95)$$

and the boundary conditions at  $\eta = 1$  are

$$\begin{aligned} W_n(1) &= 0 \\ W'_n(1) &= (0) \end{aligned} \quad (9.96)$$

Since a clamped end corresponds to a boundary with infinite translation stiffness and infinite rotation stiffness, from Eqs. (9.87) one can obtain the clamped-end boundary conditions by considering the following limits

$$\begin{aligned} \eta = 0: a_{1n} &\rightarrow \infty \quad \text{and} \quad b_{1n} \rightarrow \infty \\ \eta = 1: a_{2n} &\rightarrow \infty \quad \text{and} \quad b_{2n} \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned} \quad (9.97)$$

The next step is to make use of Eqs. (9.97) in Eqs. (9.85) and (9.86) to obtain the characteristic equation. In order to realize this, we divide Eq. (9.85) by the product of all those  $a_{jn}$  and  $b_{jn}$  that tend to  $\infty$ , which is the same as dividing each  $z_j, j = 1, 2, \dots, 6$  given in Eq. (9.86) by each of these quantities.

After dividing by the appropriate quantities, the limit is taken. In the present case, all four of the parameters go to  $\infty$ . Therefore, we divide all the  $z_j$  by  $a_{1n}a_{2n}b_{1n}b_{2n}$  and take the limit. We notice that in the limit all the  $z_j/(a_{1n}a_{2n}b_{1n}b_{2n}) \rightarrow 0$  except  $z_4/(a_{1n}a_{2n}b_{1n}b_{2n})$ , which equals  $-1$ . Thus, Eq. (9.85), the characteristic equation, simplifies to

$$\cos \Omega_n \cosh \Omega_n - 1 = 0 \quad (9.98)$$

The positive non-zero roots<sup>22</sup> of Eq. (9.98) provide the natural frequency coefficients  $\Omega_n$  from which the natural frequencies  $f_n$  are obtained by using Eq. (9.94). When  $\Omega_n = 0$  is a solution to the characteristic equation, as it is in Eq. (9.98), it is considered a trivial solution since the corresponding mode shape is trivial and this solution is ignored. The exception is the case of a beam that is free at both ends, where a zero natural frequency corresponds to a nontrivial mode shape.

The mode shape is given by Eqs. (9.91) and (9.92), since  $b_{1n} \rightarrow \infty$ . The procedure to determine the mode shape is similar to that used to obtain the characteristic equation. We divide the numerator and denominator of  $C_n$  by any  $a_{jn}$  that  $\rightarrow \infty$ . Notice that  $a_{1n}$  appears in the term in the brackets that multiplies  $C_n$ . Therefore, for this case, we divide the numerator and denominator by  $a_{1n}a_{2n}$ . Thus, combining Eqs. (9.91) and (9.92), we obtain

$$W_n(\eta) = \frac{S(\Omega_n) - T(\Omega_n)/a_{2n}}{R(\Omega_n)/a_{1n}a_{2n} - (1/a_{1n} + 1/a_{2n})Q(\Omega_n) + T(\Omega_n)} [Q(\Omega_n\eta)/a_{1n} - T(\Omega_n\eta)] + S(\Omega_n\eta) \quad (9.99)$$

Taking the limits as  $a_{1n} \rightarrow \infty$  and  $a_{2n} \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain

$$W_n(\eta) = -\frac{S(\Omega_n)}{T(\Omega_n)} T(\Omega_n\eta) + S(\Omega_n\eta) \quad (9.100)$$

Equations (9.98) and (9.100) appear as Eqs. (1a) and (1b), respectively, of Table 9.2. The numerical evaluations of the two equations for the lowest four natural frequencies are given in the first row of Table 9.3. Each of the mode shapes is normalized by the maximum absolute value of  $W_n(\eta)$ .

The numerically determined natural frequency coefficients and corresponding mode shapes for Cases 1 to 5 of Table 9.2 are shown in Table 9.3. Next, we discuss these results.

**Node point** A *node point* is a point on the beam excluding the beam boundaries where the mode shape has a zero value. For a beam clamped at each end, the mode shape corresponding to the nondimensional frequency coefficient  $\Omega_n$  has  $(n - 1)$  node points in the interior of the beam. The locations of the node points for each mode shape are also listed in Table 9.3. We see from the

<sup>22</sup>The roots of this and all subsequent transcendental equations are obtained using the MATLAB function `fzero`.

**TABLE 9.3**  
Natural Frequency Coefficients, Mode Shapes, and Node Points for Cases 1 through 5 in Table 9.2.

Boundary Conditions	$n = 1$	$n = 2$	$n = 3$	$n = 4$	
Case 1 Clamped-clamped	$\Omega_n/\pi^{\ddagger}$	1.5056	2.4998	3.5 $(n + 0.5, n \geq 4)$	
	Mode shapes				
	Node points*	None	0.5	0.3585, 0.642	0.279, 0.5, 0.721
Case 2 Hinged-hinged	$\Omega_n/\pi^{\ddagger}$	1	2	3	4 $(n, n \geq 4)$
	Mode shapes				
	Node points*	None	0.5	0.333, 0.667	0.25, 0.5, 0.75
Case 3 Clamped-hinged	$\Omega_n/\pi^{\ddagger}$	1.25	2.25	3.25	4.25 $(n + 0.25, n \geq 4)$
	Mode shapes				
	Node points*	None	0.5575	0.386, 0.692	0.295, 0.529, 0.768
Case 4 Clamped-free	$\Omega_n/\pi^{\ddagger}$	0.5969	1.4942	2.5002	3.500 $(n - 0.5, n \geq 4)$
	Mode shapes				
	Node points*	None	0.783	0.504, 0.868	0.358, 0.644, 0.906
Case 5 Free-free	$\Omega_n/\pi^{\ddagger}$	1.5056	2.4998	3.500	4.500 $(n + 0.5, n \geq 4)$
	Mode shapes				
	Node points*	0.224, 0.776	0.132, 0.5, 0.868	0.094, 0.356, 0.644, 0.906	0.0735, 0.277, 0.5, 0.723, 0.927

<sup>‡</sup>The natural frequency  $f_n$  in Hertz as a function of  $\Omega_n$  is given by Eq. (9.94).  
\* Values of  $\eta$  not including the boundaries.

locations of these node points that for  $n = 1, 3, \dots$  the mode shapes are *symmetric*; that is, for the *odd numbered modes*

$$W(\eta) = W(1 - \eta) \quad 0 \leq \eta \leq 0.5$$

In other words, when the beam is “folded” about  $\eta = 0.5$  (the beam’s midpoint) the mode shape from both halves overlap. For  $n = 2, 4, \dots$ , the node shapes are *asymmetric*; that is, for the *even numbered modes*

$$W(\eta) = -W(1 - \eta) \quad 0 \leq \eta \leq 0.5$$

The symmetry and asymmetry of the mode shapes are due to the symmetry in the boundary conditions; that is, they are the same at each end of the beam. In general, mode shapes do not exhibit these symmetric and asymmetric properties. In Table 9.2, these are Cases 3, 4, and 6 through 10. However, Cases 8 and 9 of Table 9.2 will have symmetric mode shapes if the values of the spring stiffness at their respective ends are equal.

Nodes of the different beam modes are important for determining the locations of sensors and actuators on a beam. If one wishes to actuate a certain mode, then one should locate the actuation source away from the nodes of a mode. Alternatively, if one wishes to sense a certain mode by using a sensor, then one should avoid placing the sensor at the nodes of the mode of interest. Hence, if one would like to use a displacement sensor to sense the first three modes of a beam clamped at each end, it is clear from Case 1 of Table 9.3 that the sensor should be located away from  $\eta = 0, 0.358, 0.5, 0.642,$  and  $1.0$ .

**Strain-mode shapes** Thus far, we have discussed displacement-mode shapes. One can also plot a *strain-mode shape*, which shows how the axial strain of a mode due to bending vibrations changes along the length of the beam. Based on Eq. (9.8), we note that the axial strain is proportional to the second derivative of the displacement. Hence, the strain-mode shape associated with the  $n$ th nondimensional frequency coefficient  $\Omega_n$  is determined from Eq. (9.100) as

$$\frac{d^2 W_n(\eta)}{d\eta^2} = -\frac{S(\Omega_n)}{T(\Omega_n)} \frac{d^2 T_n(\Omega_n \eta)}{d\eta^2} + \frac{d^2 S_n(\Omega_n \eta)}{d\eta^2} \quad (9.101a)$$

where the different derivatives on the right-hand side are evaluated using Eqs. (9.84), to obtain

$$\frac{d^2 W_n(\eta)}{d\eta^2} = -\Omega_n^2 \left[ \frac{S(\Omega_n)}{T(\Omega_n)} R_n(\Omega_n \eta) + Q_n(\Omega_n \eta) \right] \quad (9.101b)$$

To determine the appropriate locations of strain sensors, one first uses Eq. (9.101b) to determine the node points and then chooses locations away from these node points. From a numerical evaluation of Eq. (9.101b) for the first mode, the strain node points are at  $\eta = 0.224$  and  $\eta = 0.776$ ; for the second mode, they are at  $\eta = 0.132, \eta = 0.500,$  and  $\eta = 0.868$ . On comparing these node points of the strain mode shapes with those of the displacement mode shapes provided in Table 9.3, it is seen that they mostly occur at different locations.

On the other hand, if the beam is hinged at both ends, then from Eq. (2b) of Table 9.2 we see that  $W_n(\eta) = \sin(\Omega_n \eta)$  and, therefore,

$$\frac{d^2 W_n(\eta)}{d\eta^2} = -\Omega_n^2 W_n(\Omega_n \eta)$$

Thus, the node points for the strain mode shapes are identical to the node points of the displacement mode shapes given for Case 2 in Table 9.3.

While displacement-mode shapes are important for determining locations of displacement sensors, velocity sensors, and accelerometer sensors, strain-mode shapes are important for determining the locations of strain sensors. For design purposes, the information about locations of sensors and actuators with reference to nodes of a mode is put forth in the form of the following guidelines.

**Design Guidelines:** For a system modeled as a beam, if a sensor needs to be located so as to sense the vibrations in a certain mode, then this sensor should be located away from the nodes of this mode. Similarly, in order to actuate or excite a certain vibration mode, the actuator should be away from the node of this mode. Alternatively, if a sensor should not sense a certain vibration mode or an actuator should not excite a certain vibration mode, then they should be located at a node of that mode.

*Natural frequency comparisons for different boundary conditions* We now examine the percentage differences  $\Delta$  in the lowest natural frequency in beams with different boundary conditions, namely, clamped at both ends, hinged at both ends, clamped at one end and hinged at the other, and clamped at one end and free at the other. We assume that the beam material and geometry are the same in each case and that only the boundary conditions are different from one case to another. The natural frequencies of the beam clamped at both ends are used as reference values for the calculations. Then, from Table 9.3, we determine the following

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_{c-h} &= 100 \left( \frac{f_{1n,c-h}}{f_{1n,c-c}} - 1 \right) = 100 \left( \frac{\Omega_{1,c-h}^2}{\Omega_{1,c-c}^2} - 1 \right) = 100 \left( \frac{(1.25\pi)^2}{(1.5056\pi)^2} - 1 \right) = -31.1\% \\ \Delta_{h-h} &= 100 \left( \frac{\Omega_{1,h-h}^2}{\Omega_{1,c-c}^2} - 1 \right) = 100 \left( \frac{(\pi)^2}{(1.5056\pi)^2} - 1 \right) = -55.9\% \\ \Delta_{c-f} &= 100 \left( \frac{\Omega_{1,c-f}^2}{\Omega_{1,c-c}^2} - 1 \right) = 100 \left( \frac{(0.5969\pi)^2}{(1.5056\pi)^2} - 1 \right) = -84.3\%\end{aligned}$$

where  $\Delta_{c-h}$  is the measure of how much the first natural frequency  $f_{1,c-h}$  of a clamped-hinged beam is below the first natural frequency  $f_{1,c-c}$  of the clamped-clamped beam,  $\Delta_{h-h}$  is the measure of how much the first natural frequency  $f_{1,h-h}$  of a hinged-hinged beam is below the first natural frequency  $f_{1,c-c}$  of the clamped-clamped beam, and  $\Delta_{c-f}$  is the measure of how much the first natural frequency  $f_{1,c-f}$  of a cantilever beam is below the first natural frequency  $f_{1,c-c}$  of the clamped-clamped beam. Thus, the clamped-pinned beam's natural frequency is 31% lower than that of a beam clamped at each end and the cantilever beam's natural frequency is 84% lower than that of a beam clamped at each end. These observations lend themselves to the following design guideline.

**Design Guideline:** For uniform beams having the same material and same geometry, the beam clamped at both ends has the highest fundamental natural frequency.

We note from Table 9.3 that as the frequency mode number  $n$  becomes large, the natural frequency coefficients for different boundary conditions tend towards the same value:  $n\pi$ . Thus, for natural frequencies higher than the tenth ( $n > 10$ ), the beam can be approximated as if it were hinged at both ends; in this region the error in the natural frequencies will be less than 5%.

**Beam free at both ends** We now consider a beam that is free at both ends, which is given by Case 5 of Tables 9.2 and 9.3. It is seen in Table 9.3 that the natural frequency coefficients are the same as those for a beam clamped at both ends. However, the mode shapes are different. The mode shape corresponding to the  $n$ th nondimensional frequency coefficient  $\Omega_n$  has  $(n + 1)$  node points; that is, there are two node points in the first mode, and so forth. Correspondingly, for the beam clamped at both ends, there are  $(n - 1)$  node points in the interior of the beam. Examples of practical applications that use models of beams free at both ends are the study of the vibrations of launch vehicles<sup>23</sup> and ships.

In addition to the mode shapes shown in Table 9.3, a beam free at both ends also has *rigid-body modes* whose form is given by

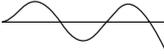
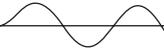
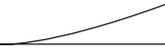
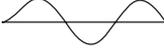
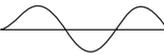
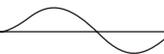
$$W_n(\eta) = C_0 \quad \text{and} \quad W_n(\eta) = D_0 + E_0\eta \quad (9.102)$$

Both modes given in Eq. (9.102) are associated with  $\Omega_n = 0$ ; that is, the natural frequency in each case is zero; thus, the zero eigenvalue corresponds to a nontrivial mode shape in this case. The first of the expressions in Eqs. (9.102) represents a case where every point on the beam experiences the same translation, and the second of these expressions represents a case where every point on the beam experiences a combination of translation and rotation. Unlike the flexural modes of vibration given in Case 5 of Table 9.2, for the rigid-body modes given by Eq. (9.102),  $d^2W_n/d\eta^2$  is zero everywhere on the beam and hence, the strain associated with vibrations in a rigid-body mode is zero everywhere on the beam.

**Cantilever beam with a mass at the free end** The natural-frequency coefficients and corresponding mode shapes for a cantilever beam with a mass at the free end are given Table 9.4 and the variations of the lowest three natural frequency-coefficients as a function  $M_o/m_o$  are given in Figure 9.8. From Eq. (6a) of Table 9.2, we see that when the ratio of the attached mass to the mass of the beam  $M_o/m_o$  becomes very large, the characteristic equation and mode shapes approach the characteristic equation and mode shapes of a beam

<sup>23</sup>A. Joshi, "Prediction of Free-Free Modes from Single Point Support Ground Vibration Test of Launch Vehicles," *J. Sound Vibration*, Vol. 216, No. 4, pp. 739–747 (1998).

**TABLE 9.4**  
 Natural-Frequency Coefficients, Mode Shapes and Interior Node Points for a Cantilever Beam with Mass at Free End:  
 Case 6 of Table 9.2.

$M_o/m_o$		$n = 1$	$n = 2$	$n = 3$	$n = 4$
0.0	$\Omega_n/\pi^\ddagger$	0.5969	1.4942	2.5002	3.5000 ( $n - 0.5, n \geq 4$ )
	Mode shapes				
	Node points*	None	0.783	0.504, 0.868	0.358, 0.644, 0.906
0.1	$\Omega_n/\pi^\ddagger$	0.5484	1.4004	2.3717	3.3492
	Mode shapes				
	Node points*	None	0.841	0.530, 0.921	0.375, 0.673, 0.953
1.0	$\Omega_n/\pi^\ddagger$	0.3972	1.2832	2.2709	3.2648
	Mode shapes				
	Node points*	None	0.953	0.55, 0.983	0.384, 0.689, 0.991
5.0	$\Omega_n/\pi^\ddagger$	0.2769	1.2573 <sup>†</sup>	2.2544 <sup>†</sup>	3.2531 <sup>†</sup>
	Mode shapes				
	Node points*	None	0.988	0.55, 0.996	0.386, 0.692, 0.998
10.0	$\Omega_n/\pi^\ddagger$	0.2342	1.2537 <sup>†</sup>	2.2522 <sup>†</sup>	3.2516 <sup>†</sup>
	Mode shapes				
	Node points*	None	0.994	0.557, 0.998	0.386, 0.692, 0.999

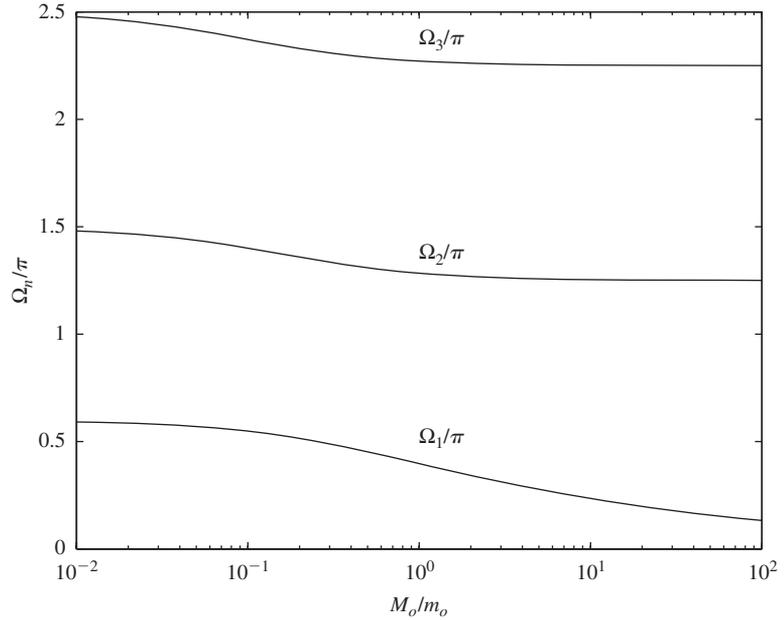
<sup>‡</sup> The natural frequency  $f_n$  in Hertz as a function of  $\Omega_n$  is given by Eq. (9.94).  
<sup>\*</sup> Values of  $\eta$  not including the boundaries.  
<sup>†</sup> Approaches  $(n - 1)$ th natural frequency and mode shape for the clamped-hinged boundary conditions.

clamped at one end and hinged at the other, which are given by Eqs. (3a) and (3b) of Table 9.2. When  $M_o/m_o$  becomes very small, the characteristic equation and mode shapes approach the characteristic equation and mode shapes of a beam clamped at one end and free at the other, which are given by Eqs. (4a) and (4b), respectively, of Table 9.2. The nondimensional natural-frequency coefficient  $\Omega_1$  approaches zero as  $M_o/m_o$  approaches infinity. Thus, in the limit, the  $n$ th mode of a cantilever beam with a mass at the free end becomes the  $(n - 1)$ th mode of a beam clamped at one end and hinged at the other. An example of a system that is modeled as a cantilever beam with a mass on its free end is a water tower.

In many instances where a beam carries an end mass, the inertia of the beam is neglected and the system is represented by an equivalent single

**FIGURE 9.8**

First three natural-frequency coefficients for a cantilever beam carrying a mass at its free end as a function of  $M_o/m_o$ .



degree-of-freedom system. This situation is revisited to point out when it is reasonable to neglect the beam inertia and when it is not. For a beam with an end mass, the natural frequency of the equivalent single degree-of-freedom system is determined by making use of the stiffness expressions listed in Table 2.3. For a cantilever beam with an end mass, we make use of Case 4 of Table 2.3 and find that the natural frequency is

$$\omega_n^2 = \frac{k}{M_o} = \frac{3}{M_o} \left( \frac{EI}{L^3} \right) \quad (9.103)$$

Equation (9.103) is the result obtained by approximating the first natural frequency of a cantilever beam with an end mass as the natural frequency of a single degree-of-freedom system where only the beam stiffness is taken into account and the beam inertia is neglected. However, when the beam inertia is not neglected, the first natural frequency  $\omega_1$  is obtained from Eq. (9.67) as

$$\omega_1^2 = \frac{EI\Omega_1^4}{\rho AL^4} = \left( \frac{EI}{L^3} \right) \frac{\Omega_1^4}{m_o} \quad (9.104)$$

where  $\Omega_1$  is the lowest natural-frequency coefficient obtained by solving Eq. (6a) in Table 9.2. On comparing Eqs. (9.103) and (9.104), the percentage error one incurs in using Eq. (9.103) is

$$\varepsilon = 100 \left( \frac{\omega_n}{\omega_1} - 1 \right) = 100 \left( \frac{1}{\Omega_1^2} \sqrt{\frac{3m_o}{M_o}} - 1 \right) \% \quad (9.105)$$

Determining  $\Omega_1$  from Eq. (6a) in Table 9.2 for a given  $M_o/m_o$ , we find from Eq. (9.104) that we have an error  $\varepsilon < 5\%$  when the mass ratio  $M_o/m_o > 2.3$  and that we have an error  $\varepsilon < 1\%$  when the mass ratio  $M_o/m_o > 11.7$ . For  $M_o/m_o = 1$ , the error is 11.2%. This leads to the following design guideline.

**Design Guideline:** When a cantilever beam of mass  $m_o$  and an end mass  $M_o$  is approximated by a single degree-of-freedom system where the beam stiffness is taken into account and the beam inertia is neglected, the approximation for the first natural frequency obtained by using the single degree-of-freedom model is reasonable to use only when the ratio of the end mass to the beam mass  $M_o/m_o$  is greater than 2.3.

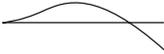
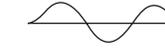
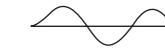
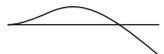
**Cantilever beam restrained by a translation spring at the free end** The natural-frequency coefficients and corresponding mode shapes for a cantilever beam with a translation spring of nondimensional stiffness  $K_2$  at its free end are given Table 9.5 and the variations of the lowest three natural-frequency coefficients as a function  $K_2$  are given in Figure 9.9. From Eqs. (7a) and (7b) in Table 9.2, we see that as  $K_2$  becomes very large, the characteristic equation and mode shapes approach the characteristic equation and mode shapes of a beam clamped at one end and hinged at the other, which are given by Eqs. (3a) and (3b), respectively, in Table 9.2. On the other hand, as  $K_2$  becomes very small, the characteristic equation and mode shapes approach those of a beam clamped at one end and free at the other, which are given by Eqs. (4a) and (4b), respectively, in Table 9.2. Comparing these limiting cases to the case of a cantilever carrying a mass at its free end, we see that although the beams have very different physical constraints, they have identical limiting cases. However, there is one very important difference: when the stiffness of the end spring increases, the natural frequencies increase whereas for a cantilever beam with a mass, as the magnitude of the mass increases the natural frequencies decrease. A cantilever beam with a translational spring at its free end has been used to model the vibration characteristics of atomic-force microscope cantilevers.<sup>24</sup>

**Beam restrained by translation springs at both ends** From Eqs. (8a) and (8b) in Table 9.2, we see that when  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  become very large, the characteristic equation and mode shapes approach the characteristic equation and mode shapes of a beam pinned at each end, which are given by Eqs. (2a) and (2b), respectively, in Table 9.2. At the other extreme, as both  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  become very small in magnitude, the characteristic equation and mode shapes approach the characteristic equation and mode shapes of a beam free at both ends, which are given by Eqs. (5a) and (5b), respectively, in Table 9.2.

<sup>24</sup>U. Rabe, K. Janser, and W. Arnold, "Vibrations of Free and Surface-Coupled Atomic Force Microscope Cantilevers: Theory and Experiment," *Review Scientific Instruments*, Vol. 67, No. 9, pp. 3281–3293 (1996).

**TABLE 9.5**

Natural-Frequency Coefficients, Mode Shapes and Interior Node Points for a Cantilever Beam with Spring at Free End:  
Case 7 in Table 9.2.

$K_2$		$n = 1$	$n = 2$	$n = 3$	$n = 4$
0	$\Omega_n/\pi^{\ddagger}$	0.5969	1.4942	2.5002	3.5000 ( $n - 0.5, n \geq 4$ )
	Mode shapes				
	Node points*	None	0.783	0.504, 0.868	0.358, 0.644, 0.906
3	$\Omega_n/\pi^{\ddagger}$	0.7046	1.5035	2.5022	3.5007
	Mode shapes				
	Node points*	None	0.779	0.503, 0.867	0.358, 0.644, 0.905
30	$\Omega_n/\pi^{\ddagger}$	1.0083	1.5919	2.5207	3.5073
	Mode shapes				
	Node points*	None	0.739	0.499, 0.861	0.358, 0.643, 0.904
100	$\Omega_n/\pi^{\ddagger}$	1.1588	1.7876	2.5732	3.5252
	Mode shapes				
	Node points*	None	0.673	0.489, 0.844	0.356, 0.639, 0.899
3000	$\Omega_n/\pi^{\ddagger\ddagger}$	1.2468 <sup>†</sup>	2.2306 <sup>†</sup>	3.1869	4.0906
	Mode shapes				
	Node points*	None	0.562	0.394, 0.705	0.307, 0.550, 0.792

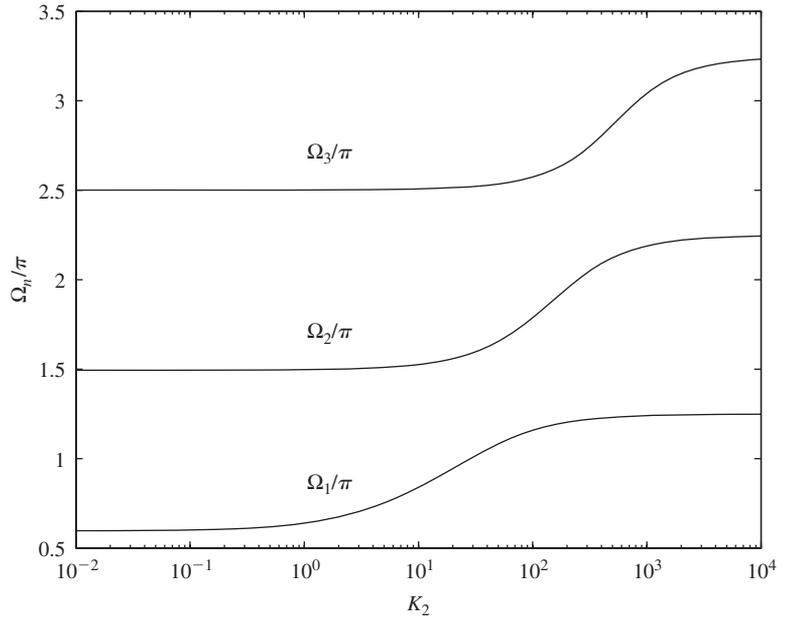
<sup>‡</sup> The natural frequency  $f_n$  in Hertz as a function of  $\Omega_n$  is given by Eq. (9.94).

\* Values of  $\eta$  not including the boundaries.

<sup>†</sup> Approaches natural frequency and mode shape for the clamped-hinged boundary conditions.

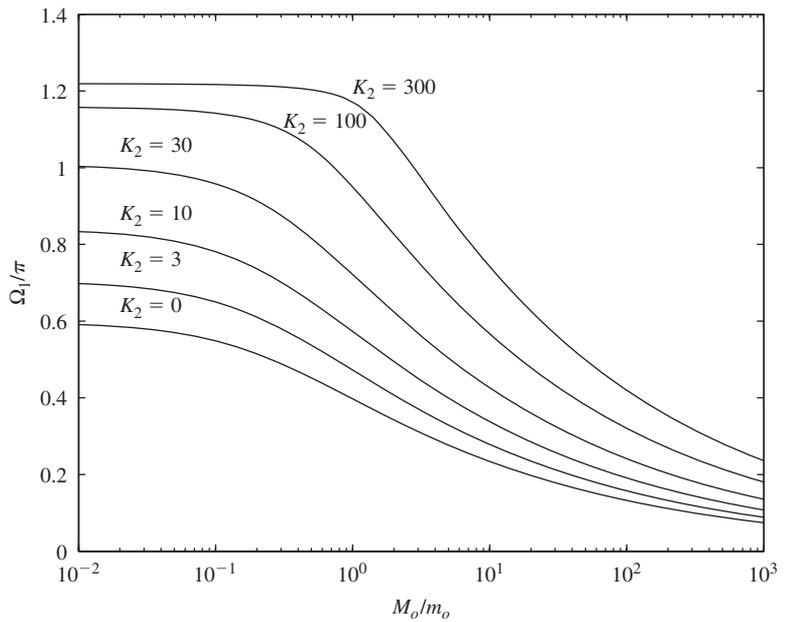
**Beam restrained by torsion springs at both ends** From Eqs. (9a) and (9b) in Table 9.2, it is seen that as both  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  become very large, the characteristic equation and mode shapes approach those of a beam clamped at each end, as given by Eqs. (1a) and (1b), respectively, in Table 9.2. When both  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  become very small, the characteristic equation and mode shapes approach those of a beam pinned at both ends, as given by Eqs. (2a) and (2b), respectively, in Table 9.2.

**Cantilever beam with mass and translation spring at the free end** To determine the effects of both a mass and spring attached at the free end of a cantilever beam, a plot of the first natural-frequency coefficient of Case 10 of Table 9.2 is given in Figure 9.10. It is seen that as  $K_2$  increases the first natural coefficient increases regardless of the magnitude of the mass ratio  $M_o/m_o$ .



**FIGURE 9.9**

First three natural-frequency coefficients for a cantilever beam with a translation spring at the free end as a function of the spring stiffness  $K_2$ .



**FIGURE 9.10**

Lowest natural-frequency coefficient for a cantilever beam with a mass and spring attached to the free end as a function of  $M_o/m_o$  for several values of  $K_2$ .

**EXAMPLE 9.2** Beams with attachments: maintaining a constant first natural frequency

Consider a cantilever beam whose lowest natural frequency is  $\omega_1$ . A mass  $M_o$  is placed on the free end of the beam, with the requirement that the lowest natural frequency of this new system be equal to  $\omega_1$ . There are two ways in which this can be done: (1) by changing the cross-sectional properties of the beam and (2) by adding a translation spring to the mass. To employ the first method, we use Eq. (9.94) and note that

$$\begin{aligned}\omega_1 &= c_o r \Omega_1^2 \\ \omega_{M1} &= c_o r_M \Omega_{M1}^2\end{aligned}\quad (\text{a})$$

where  $c_o = \sqrt{E/\rho}/L^2$  is a constant,  $r$  is the radius of gyration of the beam without the mass,  $r_M$  is the radius of gyration of the beam with the mass,  $\omega_{M1}$  is the natural frequency of the system with the mass,  $\Omega_1$  is the natural-frequency coefficient as determined from Eq. (4a) in Table 9.2, and  $\Omega_{M1}$  is the corresponding natural-frequency coefficient as determined from Eq. (6a) in Table 9.2. Since the requirement is that  $\omega_1 = \omega_{M1}$ , and the material and length of both beam configurations are the same, from Eq. (a) we find that

$$r_M = r \frac{\Omega_1^2}{\Omega_{M1}^2}\quad (\text{b})$$

Thus, we must increase (since  $\Omega_{M1} < \Omega_1$ ) the radius of gyration of the beam with the mass by the ratio  $(\Omega_1/\Omega_{M1})^2$ . For example, if the ratio  $M_o/m_o = 1$ , then from Table 9.4 we have that  $\Omega_{M1} = 0.3972\pi$  and  $\Omega_1 = 0.5969\pi$ . Therefore,  $(\Omega_1/\Omega_{M1})^2 = (0.5969/0.3972)^2 = 2.26$  and  $r$  has to be increased by a factor of 2.26.

The second way to keep the natural frequency constant is to add a translation spring  $k_2$  to the mass and adjust the stiffness  $k_2$  so that natural frequency remains the same. Since we are implicitly requiring that the beam properties and geometry be constant for both systems, the task is to find for a given value of  $M_o$  the value of  $k_2$  that ensures the first natural-frequency coefficient is constant; that is,

$$\Omega_1 = \Omega_{KM1}\quad (\text{c})$$

where  $\Omega_{KM1}$  is the natural-frequency coefficient of the system with the mass and translation spring. The value of  $k_2$  (as determined from its non dimensional counterpart  $K_2$ ) is obtained by using Eq. (10a) in Table 2; that is,

$$-\left(\frac{K_2}{\Omega_1^3} - \frac{\Omega_1 M_o}{m_o}\right) [\cos(\Omega_1) \sinh(\Omega_1) - \sin(\Omega_1) \cosh(\Omega_1)] + \cos(\Omega_1) \cosh(\Omega_1) + 1 = 0 \quad (\text{d})$$

where  $M_o/m_o$  is given and  $\Omega_1 = 0.5969\pi$  is the lowest root of

$$\cos(\Omega_1) \cosh(\Omega_1) + 1 = 0 \quad (\text{e})$$

which is obtained from Eq. (4a) in Table 9.2. Consequently, Eq. (d) simplifies to

$$-\left(\frac{K_2}{\Omega_1^3} - \frac{\Omega_1 M_0}{m_0}\right) [\cos(\Omega_1) \sinh(\Omega_1) - \sin(\Omega_1) \cosh(\Omega_1)] = 0 \quad (f)$$

Since the quantity inside the right-hand brackets does not equal zero, we see that Eq. (f) is satisfied when

$$K_2 = \frac{\Omega_1^4 M_0}{m_0} \quad (g)$$

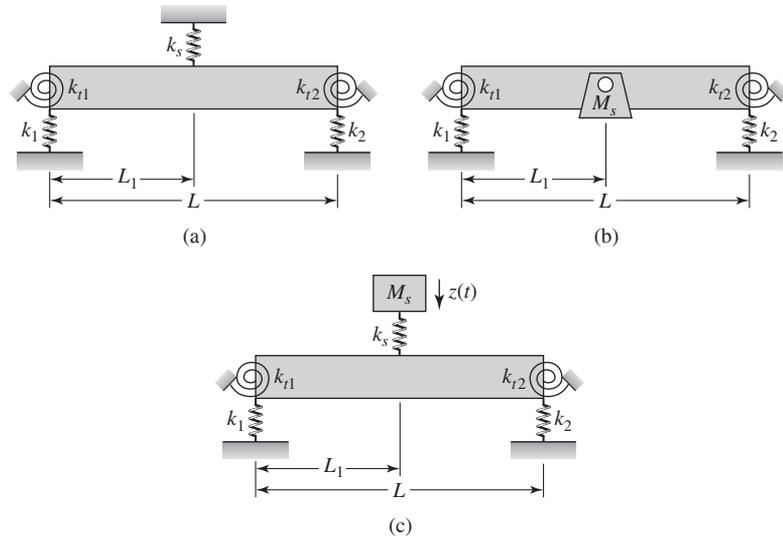
Thus, by choosing a value of  $K_2$  as indicated in Eq. (g), the system with the attached mass and translation spring will have the same first natural frequency as the system without the mass and spring. For example, if we again select the ratio  $M_0/m_0 = 1$ , and since  $\Omega_1 = 0.5969\pi$ , Eq. (g) leads to  $K_2 = (0.5969\pi)^4 = 12.37$ . From Table 2.3, we find that the stiffness of a cantilever beam with a load at its free end is  $k_c = 3EI/L^3$ . Therefore, from the definition of  $K_2$  in Eq. (9.67), we obtain that  $K_2 = 3k_2/k_c$ . Thus,  $k_2 = K_2 k_c/3 = (12.37/3)k_c = 4.12k_c$ . In other words, the stiffness of the spring attached at the free end has to have a stiffness that is about four times that of the stiffness of the beam itself when loaded at its free end.

### 9.3.4 Effects of Stiffness and Inertial Elements Attached at an Interior Location<sup>25</sup>

In the previous sections, we considered free vibrations of beams that had springs and inertia elements attached at the boundaries. In this section, we shall extend these results and examine the free vibrations of beams that have springs and inertia elements attached to an interior point of the beam. In particular, we shall determine the natural frequency coefficients and modes shapes for the three configurations shown in Figure 9.11: (1) a beam with an attached translation spring, (2) a beam with an attached mass, and (3) a beam with an attached undamped single degree-of-freedom system. In all three cases, it is assumed that the beam has a uniform cross-section. We shall first give the governing equation for each of these systems and then determine the complete solution only for the case of a beam with an attached single degree-of-freedom system. It will be shown that special cases of this system are the beam with an attached mass and the beam with an attached spring. The case of a beam with a single degree-of-freedom system attached at an interior point is in effect a beam with a vibration absorber,<sup>26</sup> which was discussed in the context of two degree-of-freedom systems in Section 8.6.

<sup>25</sup>This type of analysis has been extended to include two degree-of-freedom systems. See, for example, M. U. Jen and E. B. Magrab, "Natural Frequencies and Modes Shapes of Beams Carrying a Two Degree-of-Freedom Spring-Mass System," *J. Vibrations Acoustics*, Vol. 115, pp. 202–209 (April 1993) and H. Ashrafioun, "Optimal Design of Vibration Absorber Systems Supported by Elastic Base," *J. Vibrations Acoustics*, Vol. 114, pp. 280–283 (April 1992).

<sup>26</sup>For the attachment of absorbers to more complex systems, see E. O. Ayorinde and G. B. Warburton, *op cit.*, 1980.

**FIGURE 9.11**

Uniform and homogeneous beam with discrete elements at the boundaries and the following: (a) a spring attached at  $x = L_1$ ; (b) a mass attached at  $x = L_1$ ; and (c) an undamped single degree-of-freedom system attached at  $x = L_1$ .

For each of the beams shown in Figure 9.11, at the left boundary  $x = 0$ , there is a linear translation spring with stiffness  $k_1$  and a linear torsion spring with stiffness  $k_{t1}$ . At the right boundary  $x = L$ , there are a linear translation spring with stiffness  $k_2$  and a linear torsion spring with stiffness  $k_{t2}$ . In addition, as shown Figure 9.11a, a linear translation spring with stiffness  $k_s$  is attached at  $x = L_1$ ,  $0 < L_1 < L$ . In Figure 9.11b, a mass  $M_s$  is attached at  $x = L_1$ ,  $0 < L_1 < L$ . Finally, in Figure 9.11c, an undamped single degree-of-freedom system of mass  $M_s$  and stiffness  $k_s$  is attached to the beam<sup>27</sup> at  $x = L_1$ ,  $0 < L_1 < L$ .

The discussion is limited to cases where the axial load  $p(x,t) = 0$  and the externally applied transverse load  $f(x,t) = 0$ . Furthermore, the oscillations are assumed to be about the equilibrium position in each case. A primary feature of the equations in each case is the representation of the discrete element as an equivalent distributed element by using the delta function  $\delta(x)$ .

#### Linear Spring Attached to an Interior Point $x = L_1$

The governing equation of motion for the system shown in Figure 9.11a is obtained from Eq. (9.40) by representing the discrete spring  $k_s$  as a

<sup>27</sup>It is mentioned that these limits on  $L_1$  can be removed in certain cases. Consider a cantilever beam with a mass attached to its free end. One could formulate this situation by considering the beam to be uniform and to include the mass as part of the boundary condition. On the other hand, one could assume that the moment and shear are zero at the free end of the beam and that the attached mass on the interior of the beam is moved to  $L_1 = L$ .

distributed elastic spring. This is done by replacing the elastic foundation term  $k_f w(x,t)$  by

$$k_f w(x,t) \rightarrow \frac{k_s}{L} w(x,t) \delta(x - L_1) \quad (9.106)$$

where  $\delta(x - L_1)$  is the delta function. Taking into account that the beam is uniform and homogeneous, Eq. (9.40) is written as

$$EI \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^4} + \frac{k_s}{L} w(x,t) \delta(x - L_1) + \rho A \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} = 0 \quad (9.107)$$

#### Mass Attached to an Interior Point $x = L_1$

The governing equation of motion for the system shown in Figure 9.11b is obtained from Eq. (9.40) by representing the discrete mass  $M_s$  as a distributed mass. This is done by replacing the mass density of the beam by

$$\rho \rightarrow \rho + \frac{M_s}{AL} \delta(x - L_1) \quad (9.108)$$

Then Eq. (9.40) is reduced to

$$EI \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^4} + \left[ A\rho + \frac{M_s}{L} \delta(x - L_1) \right] \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} = 0 \quad (9.109)$$

#### Undamped Single Degree-of-Freedom System Attached to an Interior Point $x = L_1$

The governing equation of motion for the system shown in Figure 9.11c is obtained from Eq. (9.40). If  $z(t)$  is the displacement of the mass  $M_s$  about its equilibrium position, then the term that represents the force per unit length of the elastic foundation  $k_f w(x,t)$  is replaced by

$$k_f w(x,t) \rightarrow \frac{k_s}{L} [w(x,t) - z(t)] \delta(x - L_1) \quad (9.110)$$

and Eq. (9.40) leads to

$$EI \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^4} + \frac{k_s}{L} [w(x,t) - z(t)] \delta(x - L_1) + \rho A \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} = 0 \quad (9.111a)$$

The equation describing the motion of the single degree-of-freedom system is obtained from Eq. (3.27), which is the equation of motion for a damped single degree-of-freedom system subjected to a base excitation. Here, the beam vibrations act as base excitation for the spring-mass system shown in Figure 9.11c. Setting  $c = 0$  in Eq. (3.27) because damping is absent and recognizing that in the present context  $x(t) = z(t)$  and  $y(t) = w(L_1,t)$ , Eq. (3.27) becomes

$$M_s \frac{d^2 z(t)}{dt^2} + k_s z(t) = k_s w(L_1,t) \quad (9.111b)$$

Equations (9.111), together with the boundary conditions, represent the governing equations of motion for the system shown in Figure 9.11c.

We now proceed to obtain the solution of Eqs. (9.111) for the boundary conditions shown in Figure 9.11c. It will then be shown that limiting cases of this solution also describe the responses of the systems shown in Figures 9.11a and 9.11b. Since we are considering free oscillations, we follow the procedure used in Section 9.3.2 and let

$$\begin{aligned} w(x,t) &= W(x)G(t) \\ z(t) &= Z_o G(t) \end{aligned} \quad (9.112)$$

where  $G(t)$  is a harmonic function of the form given by Eq. (9.63). Upon substituting Eqs. (9.112) into Eqs. (9.111) and using the notation of Eqs. (9.67), the spatial eigenvalue problem takes the form

$$\frac{d^4 W(\eta)}{d\eta^4} + K_s [W(\eta) - Z_o] \delta(\eta - \eta_1) - \Omega^4 W(\eta) = 0 \quad (9.113)$$

$$\left(1 - \frac{M_{so}}{K_s} \Omega^4\right) Z_o = W(\eta_1) \quad (9.114)$$

where  $\eta = x/L$ ,  $\eta_1 = L_1/L$ ,

$$K_s = \frac{k_s L^3}{EI}, \quad M_{so} = \frac{M_s}{m_o}, \quad \text{and} \quad \Omega^4 = \frac{\rho A \omega^2 L^4}{EI} = \omega^2 t_o^2 \quad (9.115)$$

and  $m_o = \rho AL$  is the mass of the beam. It is noted that  $K_s$  is the nondimensional spring constant and  $M_{so}$  is the ratio of the mass of the single degree-of-freedom system to the mass of the beam.

The natural frequency of the single degree-of-freedom system by itself is

$$\omega_s = \sqrt{\frac{k_s}{M_s}}$$

which we can express in terms of a frequency coefficient  $\Omega_s$  as

$$\Omega_s^4 = \omega_s^2 t_o^2 = \frac{K_s}{M_{so}} \quad (9.116)$$

We now determine the characteristic equation from which the natural frequency coefficient  $\Omega_n$  is obtained by making use of Eqs. (9.113) and (9.114) and the associated boundary conditions.

Upon substituting for  $Z_o$  from Eq. (9.114) into Eq. (9.113), we obtain

$$\frac{d^4 W(\eta)}{d\eta^4} - B(\Omega) W(\eta) \delta(\eta - \eta_1) - \Omega^4 W(\eta) = 0 \quad (9.117)$$

where

$$B(\Omega) = \frac{M_{so} \Omega^4}{1 - M_{so} \Omega^4 / K_s} \quad (9.118)$$

When the mass of the single degree-of-freedom system  $M_s = 0$ , then  $M_{so} = 0$  in Eq. (9.118) and, therefore,  $B(\Omega) = 0$ . In this case, Eq. (9.117) reduces to Eq. (9.68), which describes a beam without the attached single degree-of-freedom system.

Equation (9.117) has two limiting cases that are of interest. In order to determine these two cases, we first rewrite Eq. (9.118) as

$$B(\Omega) = \Omega^4 \left[ \frac{1}{M_{so}} - \frac{\Omega^4}{K_s} \right]^{-1} \quad (9.119)$$

**Beam carrying a mass at  $\eta = \eta_1$**  When the translation spring stiffness  $k_s \rightarrow \infty$ , we have the case of a mass attached directly to the beam at  $\eta = \eta_1$ , as shown in Figure 9.11b. Then, since  $K_s \rightarrow \infty$ , Eq. (9.119) reduces to

$$B(\Omega) = M_{so}\Omega^4 \quad (9.120)$$

Upon substituting Eq. (9.120) into Eq. (9.117), we obtain

$$\frac{d^4W(\eta)}{d\eta^4} - \Omega^4 \left[ 1 + \frac{M_s}{m_o} \delta(\eta - \eta_1) \right] W(\eta) = 0 \quad (9.121)$$

which is what we would have obtained if we had used Eqs. (9.67), the first of Eqs. (9.112), and Eq. (9.109).

**Beam with a spring attached at  $\eta = \eta_1$**  When the mass  $M_s \rightarrow \infty$ , we have the case where one end of a spring is attached directly to the beam at  $\eta = \eta_1$  and the other end of the spring is fixed, as shown in Figure 9.11a. In this case, since  $M_{so} \rightarrow \infty$ , Eq. (9.119) reduces to

$$B(\Omega) = -K_s \quad (9.122)$$

Upon substituting Eq. (9.122) into Eq. (9.117), we obtain

$$\frac{d^4W(\eta)}{d\eta^4} + K_s W(\eta) \delta(\eta - \eta_1) - \Omega^4 W(\eta) = 0 \quad (9.123)$$

which could have been obtained directly from Eq. (9.107) by using Eqs. (9.67) and the first of Eqs. (9.112).

### Solutions for Natural Frequencies and Mode Shapes

To solve Eq. (9.117), we take the Laplace transform of each term in Eq. (9.117) and obtain<sup>28</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{W}(s) = \frac{1}{(s^4 - \Omega^4)} [ & W(0)s^3 + W'(0)s^2 + W''(0) \\ & + W'''(0) + B(\Omega)W(\eta_1)e^{-s\eta_1} ] \end{aligned} \quad (9.124)$$

<sup>28</sup>For extensions of this solution and different solution methods see: M. Gürgöze, "On the eigenfrequencies of a cantilever with attached tip mass and spring-mass system," *J. Sound Vibration*, Vol. 190, No. 2, pp. 149–162 (1996); J.-S. Wu and H.-M. Chou, "Free vibration analysis of a cantilever beam carrying any number of elastically mounted point masses with the analytical-and-numerical-combined method," *J. Sound Vibration*, Vol. 213, No. 2, pp. 317–332 (1998); and M. Gürgöze, "On the alternative formulations of the frequency equation of a Bernoulli-Euler beam to which several spring-mass systems are attached in-span," *J. Sound Vibration*, Vol. 217,

where  $\tilde{W}(s)$  is the Laplace transform of  $W(\eta)$ . In arriving at Eq. (9.124), we have made use of Eqs. (A.7) and (A.8) of Appendix A in the same manner as we did in arriving at Eq. (9.78). In comparing Eq. (9.124) with Eq. (9.78), the additional term in Eq. (9.124) that is due to the attachment of the spring-mass system at  $\eta = \eta_1$  was obtained by making use of transform pair 5 from Table A in Appendix A.

The terms  $W(0)$ ,  $W(\eta_1)$ ,  $W'(0)$ ,  $W''(0)$ , and  $W'''(0)$  are the displacement at  $\eta = 0$ , the displacement at  $\eta = \eta_1$ , the slope at  $\eta = 0$ , the second derivative of  $W(\eta)$  evaluated at  $\eta = 0$ , and third derivative of  $W(\eta)$  evaluated at  $\eta = 0$ , respectively. These five quantities and the nondimensional frequency coefficient  $\Omega$  represent the unknown quantities that need to be determined.

The inverse transform of the first four terms of the right-hand side of Eq. (9.124) were previously determined in obtaining Eq. (9.79), and the inverse of the last term is determined from transform pairs 3 and 23 in Table A of Appendix A. Thus, we arrive at

$$W(\eta) = W(0)Q(\Omega\eta) + W'(0)R(\Omega\eta)/\Omega + W''(0)S(\Omega\eta)/\Omega^2 + W'''(0)T(\Omega\eta)/\Omega^3 + B(\Omega)W(\eta_1)T(\Omega[\eta - \eta_1])u(\eta - \eta_1)/\Omega^3 \quad (9.125)$$

where  $u(\eta)$  is the unit step function and the spatial functions  $Q(\Omega\eta)$ ,  $R(\Omega\eta)$ ,  $S(\Omega\eta)$ , and  $T(\Omega\eta)$  are given by Eqs. (9.80). To determine the six unknown quantities, we make use of the boundary conditions and the fact that Eq. (9.125) is valid at  $\eta = \eta_1$ . Making use of these five equations, we can at best solve for  $\Omega$  and four of the other five unknown quantities.

### Characteristic Equation and Mode Shapes

The boundary conditions for the beam systems shown in Figure 9.11 follow from Eqs. (9.69) if we set  $J_o = M_o = 0$ . Thus, the boundary conditions at  $\eta = 0$  are

$$\begin{aligned} W''(0) &= B_1 W'(0) \\ W'''(0) &= -K_1 W(0) \end{aligned} \quad (9.126a)$$

and those at  $\eta = 1$  are

$$\begin{aligned} W''(1) &= -B_2 W'(1) \\ W'''(1) &= K_2 W(1) \end{aligned} \quad (9.126b)$$

where the prime (') denotes the derivative with respect to  $\eta$  and the non-dimensional quantities  $B_j$  and  $K_j$  are given by Eqs. (9.67). Upon substituting Eqs. (9.126a) into Eq. (9.125), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} W(\eta) &= [Q(\Omega\eta) - K_1 T(\Omega\eta)/\Omega^3]W(0) \\ &\quad + [R(\Omega\eta)/\Omega + B_1 S(\Omega\eta)/\Omega^2]W'(0) \\ &\quad + B(\Omega)W(\eta_1)T(\Omega[\eta - \eta_1])u(\eta - \eta_1)/\Omega^3 \end{aligned} \quad (9.127)$$

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We now substitute Eq. (9.127) into the boundary conditions at  $\eta = 1$ , which are given by Eq. (9.126b), and perform the indicated operations to obtain the following two equations in the unknowns  $W'(0)$  and  $W(0)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} A_{11}(\Omega)\Omega W(0) + A_{12}(\Omega)W'(0) &= -B(\Omega)W(\eta_1)E_1(\Omega[1 - \eta_1])/\Omega^2 \\ A_{21}(\Omega)\Omega W(0) + A_{22}(\Omega)W'(0) &= B(\Omega)W(\eta_1)E_2(\Omega[1 - \eta_1])/\Omega^2 \end{aligned} \quad (9.128)$$

In Eqs. (9.128),

$$\begin{aligned} A_{11}(\Omega) &= (1 - a_1b_2)S(\Omega) - a_1R(\Omega) + b_2T(\Omega) \\ A_{12}(\Omega) &= T(\Omega) + (b_1 + b_2)Q(\Omega) + b_1b_2R(\Omega) \\ A_{21}(\Omega) &= R(\Omega) - (a_1 + a_2)Q(\Omega) + a_1a_2T(\Omega) \\ A_{22}(\Omega) &= (1 - a_2b_1)S(\Omega) + b_1T(\Omega) - a_2R(\Omega) \\ E_1(\Omega) &= R(\Omega[1 - \eta_1]) + b_2S(\Omega[1 - \eta_1]) \\ E_2(\Omega) &= a_2T(\Omega[1 - \eta_1]) - Q(\Omega[1 - \eta_1]) \end{aligned} \quad (9.129a)$$

and

$$a_j = \frac{K_j}{\Omega^3} \quad \text{and} \quad b_j = \frac{B_j}{\Omega} \quad j = 1, 2 \quad (9.129b)$$

Solving Eq. (9.128) for  $W(0)$  and  $W'(0)$  yields

$$\begin{aligned} W(0) &= \frac{-B(\Omega)W(\eta_1)}{D_o(\Omega)\Omega^3} h_1(\Omega) \\ W'(0) &= \frac{B(\Omega)W(\eta_1)}{D_o(\Omega)\Omega^2} h_2(\Omega) \end{aligned} \quad (9.130)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} h_1(\Omega) &= A_{22}(\Omega)E_1(\Omega) + A_{12}(\Omega)E_2(\Omega) \\ h_2(\Omega) &= A_{11}(\Omega)E_2(\Omega) + A_{21}(\Omega)E_1(\Omega) \\ D_o(\Omega) &= A_{11}(\Omega)A_{22}(\Omega) - A_{12}(\Omega)A_{21}(\Omega) \end{aligned} \quad (9.131)$$

Upon substituting Eq. (9.130) into Eq. (9.127), we arrive at

$$W(\eta) = \frac{B(\Omega)W(\eta_1)}{\Omega^3} (H_1(\eta, \Omega) + T(\Omega[\eta - \eta_1])u(\eta - \eta_1)) \quad (9.132)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} H_1(\eta, \Omega) &= -[Q(\Omega\eta) - a_1T(\Omega\eta)]h_1(\Omega)/D_o(\Omega) \\ &\quad + [R(\Omega\eta) + b_1S(\Omega\eta)]h_2(\Omega)/D_o(\Omega) \end{aligned} \quad (9.133)$$

Equation (9.132) must be valid at  $\eta = \eta_1$ . Therefore, setting  $\eta = \eta_1$  in Eq. (9.132), noting that  $T(0) = 0$  from Eqs. (9.80), we obtain the characteristic equation for a uniform beam carrying an undamped single degree-of-freedom system for the boundary conditions given by Eqs. (9.126):

$$B(\Omega)H_1(\eta_1, \Omega) - \Omega^3 = 0 \quad (9.134)$$

where  $H_1(\eta, \Omega)$  is given by Eq. (9.133). The values of  $\Omega$  that satisfy Eq. (9.134) are the natural-frequency coefficients  $\Omega_n$ . As mentioned previously, when  $M_s = 0$ ,  $B(\Omega) = 0$ . Therefore, after substituting for  $H_1(\eta_1, \Omega)$  from Eq. (9.133), multiplying Eq. (9.134) by  $D_o(\Omega)$ , and setting  $B(\Omega) = 0$ , we obtain

$$D_o(\Omega_n) = 0 \quad (9.135)$$

which, upon expansion, is identical to the characteristic equation given by Eq. (9.85) with  $M_o = J_o = 0$ .

For the system shown in Figure 9.11c, the mode shape associated with the nondimensional frequency coefficient  $\Omega_n$  is given by

$$W_n(\eta) = H_1(\eta, \Omega_n) + T(\Omega_n[\eta - \eta_j])u(\eta - \eta_j) \quad (9.136)$$

where, for convenience, we have normalized the mode shape to remove the arbitrary constant  $W(\eta_1)$ ; that is,

$$W_n(\eta) = \frac{W(\eta)}{B(\Omega_n)W(\eta_1)/\Omega_n^3}$$

From Eq. (9.137), the modal displacement of the mass  $M_s$  is

$$Z_{on} = W_n(\eta_1) \left(1 - \frac{M_{so}}{K_s} \Omega_n^4\right)^{-1} \quad (9.137)$$

### Orthogonality of the Modes

We now determine if the mode shape given by Eq. (9.136) is an orthogonal function in the sense of Eq. (9.66). We start with Eq. (9.117) and replace  $W(\eta)$  with  $W_n(\eta)$  and  $\Omega$  with  $\Omega_n$ . Then, following the procedure used to obtain Eq. (9.72) through Eq. (9.77), we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} & (\Omega_m^4 - \Omega_n^4) \int_0^1 W_m(\eta) W_n(\eta) d\eta \\ & + (B(\Omega_m) - B(\Omega_n)) W_m(\eta_1) W_n(\eta_1) = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (9.138)$$

Since Eq. (9.138) is not symmetric in  $W_m(\eta)$  and  $W_n(\eta)$  as in Eq. (9.76), it cannot be put in the form of Eq. (9.66). Hence,  $W_n(\eta)$  is not an orthogonal function and, therefore, for a beam system with a spring-mass system attached at an interior point, the modes do not form an orthogonal set.

When  $M_s \rightarrow \infty$ —that is, we have a system with a spring directly attached to the beam at  $\eta = \eta_1$  as shown in Figure 9.11a—we find from Eq. (9.122) that  $B(\Omega_n) = B(\Omega_m) = -K_s$  and Eq. (9.138) reduces to

$$(\Omega_m^4 - \Omega_n^4) \int_0^1 W_m(\eta) W_n(\eta) d\eta = 0 \quad (9.139)$$

which leads to

$$\int_0^1 W_m(\eta) W_n(\eta) d\eta = \delta_{nm} N_n \quad (9.140a)$$

where  $\delta_{nm}$  is the Kronecker delta and

$$N_n = \int_0^1 W_n^2(\eta) d\eta \quad (9.140b)$$

Since  $W_n(\eta)$  and  $\eta$  are nondimensional quantities,  $N_n$  is a nondimensional quantity. Thus, the mode shapes for a system where a translation spring is directly attached to a beam form an orthogonal set.

When  $K_s \rightarrow \infty$ ; that is, we have a system with a mass directly attached to the beam at  $\eta = \eta_1$  as shown in Figure 9.11a, we find from Eq. (9.120) that  $B(\Omega_n) = M_{so} \Omega_n^4$  and Eq. (9.138) reduces to

$$(\Omega_m^4 - \Omega_n^4) \left[ \int_0^1 W_m(\eta) W_n(\eta) d\eta + M_{so} W_m(\eta_1) W_n(\eta_1) \right] = 0 \quad (9.141)$$

which leads to

$$\int_0^1 W_m(\eta) W_n(\eta) d\eta + M_{so} W_m(\eta_1) W_n(\eta_1) = \delta_{nm} N_n \quad (9.142a)$$

where

$$N_n = \int_0^1 W_n^2(\eta) d\eta + M_{so} W_n^2(\eta_1) \quad (9.142b)$$

Thus, the mode shapes for a mass directly attached to a beam are orthogonal functions.

We now examine Eq. (9.134) for three different types of boundary conditions: (1) beam pinned at each boundary; (2) beam clamped at each boundary; and (3) beam clamped at one end and free at the other end (cantilever). Each of these sets of results is valid for the case of a beam with an attached single degree-of-freedom system at  $\eta = \eta_1$ , a spring  $\eta = \eta_1$ , or a mass at  $\eta = \eta_1$ . For the three cases shown in Figure 9.11c, Figure 9.11b, and Figure 9.11a, the expression for  $B(\Omega)$  is given by Eq. (9.118), Eq. (9.120), and Eq. (9.122), respectively. To specialize the general results for each set of boundary conditions, we follow the procedure given in Section 9.3.3 by taking the limit as  $a_{jn}$  and  $b_{jn}$  go to either zero or infinity.

**Beam pinned at each boundary** For this case, the boundary conditions correspond to

$$\begin{aligned}\eta = 0: a_{1n} &\rightarrow \infty & \text{and} & & b_{1n} &= 0 \\ \eta = 1: a_{2n} &\rightarrow \infty & \text{and} & & b_{2n} &= 0\end{aligned}\quad (9.143)$$

Then Eq. (9.134), the characteristic equation in the general case, reduces to

$$B(\Omega_n)[C_{1n}T(\Omega_n\eta_1) + C_{2n}R(\Omega_n\eta_1) - \Omega_n^3] = 0 \quad (9.144)$$

where  $\Omega_n$  is a root of the characteristic equation and

$$\begin{aligned}C_{1n} &= \frac{T(\Omega_n)T(\Omega_n[1 - \eta_1]) - R(\Omega_n)R(\Omega_n[1 - \eta_1])}{R^2(\Omega_n) - T^2(\Omega_n)} \\ C_{2n} &= \frac{T(\Omega_n)R(\Omega_n[1 - \eta_1]) - R(\Omega_n)T(\Omega_n[1 - \eta_1])}{R^2(\Omega_n) - T^2(\Omega_n)}\end{aligned}\quad (9.145)$$

From Eq. (9.136), the corresponding mode shape of the beam is given by

$$W_n(\eta) = C_{1n}T(\Omega_n\eta) + C_{2n}R(\Omega_n\eta) + T(\Omega_n[\eta - \eta_1])u(\eta - \eta_1) \quad (9.146)$$

**Beam clamped at each boundary** For this case, the boundary conditions are obtained by setting

$$\begin{aligned}\eta = 0: a_{1n} &\rightarrow \infty & \text{and} & & b_{1n} &\rightarrow \infty \\ \eta = 1: a_{2n} &\rightarrow \infty & \text{and} & & b_{2n} &\rightarrow \infty\end{aligned}\quad (9.147)$$

Then Eq. (9.134), the characteristic equation in the general case, reduces to

$$B(\Omega_n)[C_{3n}T(\Omega_n\eta_1) + C_{3n}S(\Omega_n\eta_1)] - \Omega_n^3 = 0 \quad (9.148)$$

where  $\Omega_n$  is a root of the characteristic equation and

$$\begin{aligned}C_{3n} &= \frac{R(\Omega_n)T(\Omega_n[1 - \eta_1]) - S(\Omega_n)S(\Omega_n[1 - \eta_1])}{S^2(\Omega_n) - R(\Omega_n)T(\Omega_n)} \\ C_{4n} &= \frac{T(\Omega_n)S(\Omega_n[1 - \eta_1]) - S(\Omega_n)T(\Omega_n[1 - \eta_1])}{S^2(\Omega_n) - R(\Omega_n)T(\Omega_n)}\end{aligned}\quad (9.149)$$

From Eq. (9.136), the corresponding mode shape is given by

$$W_n(\eta) = C_{3n}T(\Omega_n\eta) + C_{4n}S(\Omega_n\eta) + T(\Omega_n[\eta - \eta_1])u(\eta - \eta_1) \quad (9.150)$$

**Beam clamped at one end and free at the other end (cantilever)** For this case, the boundary conditions are obtained by setting

$$\begin{aligned}\eta = 0: a_{1n} &\rightarrow \infty & \text{and} & & b_{1n} &\rightarrow \infty \\ \eta = 1: a_{2n} &= 0 & \text{and} & & b_{2n} &= 0\end{aligned}\quad (9.151)$$

Then Eq. (9.134), the characteristic equation in the general case, reduces to

$$B(\Omega_n)[C_{5n}T(\Omega_n\eta_1) + C_{6n}S(\Omega_n\eta_1)] - \Omega_n^3 = 0 \quad (9.152)$$

where  $\Omega_n$  is a root of the characteristic equation and

$$C_{5n} = \frac{T(\Omega_n)R(\Omega_n[1 - \eta_1]) - Q(\Omega_n)Q(\Omega_n[1 - \eta_1])}{Q^2(\Omega_n) - R(\Omega_n)T(\Omega_n)}$$

$$C_{6n} = \frac{R(\Omega_n)Q(\Omega_n[1 - \eta_1]) - Q(\Omega_n)R(\Omega_n[1 - \eta_1])}{Q^2(\Omega_n) - R(\Omega_n)T(\Omega_n)} \tag{9.153}$$

From Eq. (9.136), the corresponding mode shape is

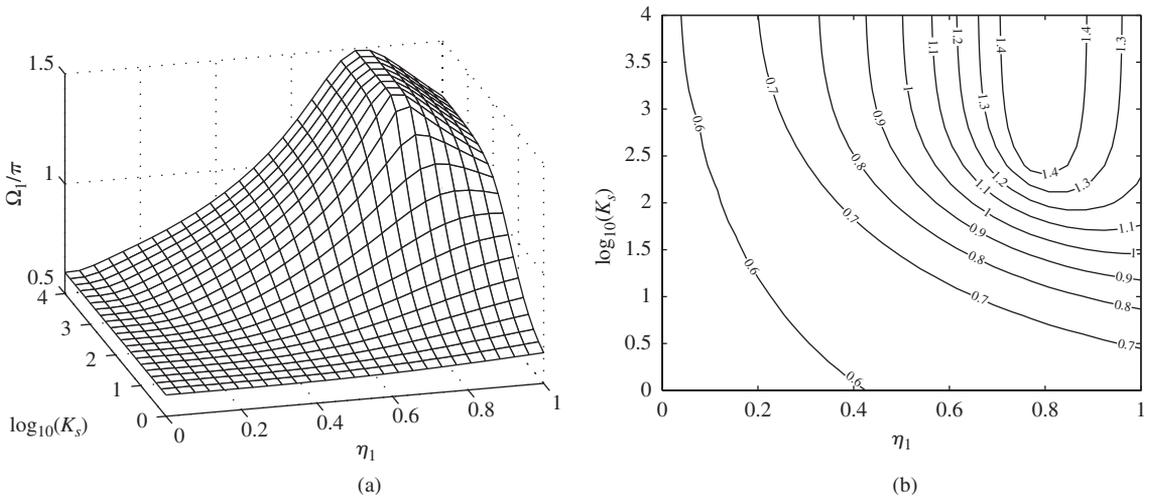
$$W_n(\eta) = C_{5n}T(\Omega_n\eta) + C_{6n}S(\Omega_n\eta) + T(\Omega_n[\eta - \eta_1])u(\eta - \eta_1) \tag{9.154}$$

Equation (9.152) is also valid at  $\eta = 1$ ; that is, when the single degree-of-freedom system is attached to the free end of the beam. In this case, since  $R(0) = 0$  and  $Q(0) = 1$ , Eq. (9.152) reduces to

$$B(\Omega_n)[S(\Omega_n)R(\Omega_n) - T(\Omega_n)Q(\Omega_n)] - \Omega_n^3[Q^2(\Omega_n) - R(\Omega_n)T(\Omega_n)] = 0 \tag{9.155}$$

We now present some numerical results for several types of in-span attachments and three sets of boundary conditions: cantilever, hinged at both ends, and clamped at both ends.

**Beams with in-span spring  $K_s$**  For the cantilever beam, we substitute Eq. (9.122) into Eq. (9.152) and use the resulting expression to obtain the surface shown in Figure 9.12. In Figure 9.12a, we see that the lowest natural-frequency coefficient reaches a peak value of  $\Omega_1/\pi \cong 1.49$  when  $K_s > 100$  (i.e., when  $\log_{10}(K_s) > 2$ ) and  $\eta_1$  is around 0.8. From Case 4 of Table 9.3, we see that a cantilever beam without attachments has a second natural frequency of  $\Omega_1/\pi = 1.494$  with a node point at  $\eta = 0.783$ . Therefore, by placing a relative stiff spring at or near the node point of this second natural frequency, one



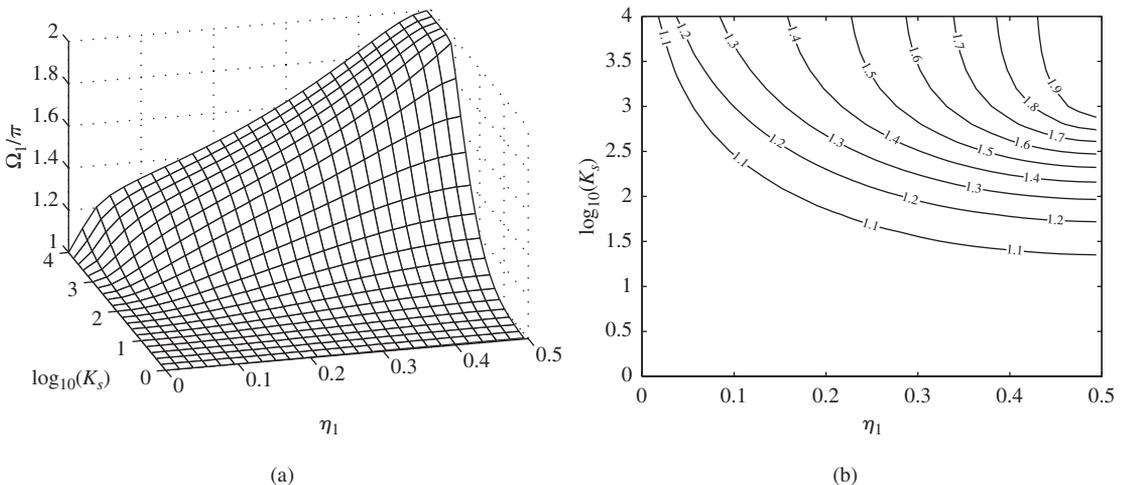
**FIGURE 9.12**

(a) Variation of the lowest natural-frequency coefficient of a cantilever beam restrained by a spring  $K_s$  attached at  $\eta_1$  and (b) contour curves of constant values of the lowest natural-frequency coefficient of surface in (a).

effectively creates a system whose lowest natural frequency is now equal to that of the second natural frequency of a cantilever beam without attachments. This is accomplished because the beam is forced to assume the mode shape associated with the second natural frequency of the beam without attachments. However, when  $K_s < 40$  (i.e., when  $\log_{10}(K_s) < 1.6$ ), the maximum natural frequency is obtained by placing the spring at the free end of the beam.

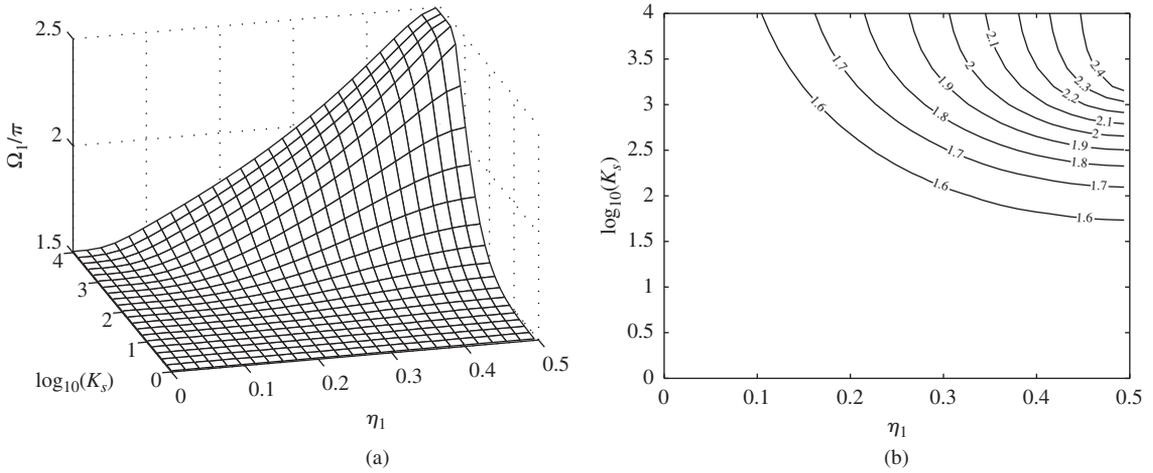
From the contour curves shown in Figure 9.12b, we see that certain natural frequencies can be obtained from a range of combinations of the values of  $K_s$  and  $\eta_1$ . For example, a value of  $\Omega_1/\pi \cong 0.7$  can be attained for  $K_s$  and  $\eta_1$  having the range of values:  $10^{0.5} \leq K_s \leq 10^4$  and  $0.3 < \eta_1 \leq 1$ . We also note that as the spring is placed closer to the free end of the beam, the magnitude of  $K_s$  that is required to maintain a constant frequency decreases. However, when  $\eta > 0.8$  and  $K_s > 10^{1.7} = 50$ , this is no longer true.

Next, we consider a beam hinged at both ends. For this case, we substitute Eq. (9.122) in Eq. (9.144) and use the resulting expression to obtain the surface shown in Figure 9.13. In Figure 9.13a, we see that the lowest natural-frequency coefficient reaches a peak of  $\Omega_1/\pi \cong 2$  when the  $K_s > 10^3$  (i.e., when  $\log_{10}(K_s) > 3$ ) and  $\eta_1 = 0.5$ . From Case 2 of Table 9.3, we see that a hinged-hinged beam without attachments has a second natural frequency of  $\Omega_1/\pi \cong 2.00$  with a node point at  $\eta = 0.500$ . Therefore, by placing a stiff spring at or near the node point of this second natural frequency, one effectively creates a system whose lowest natural frequency is equal to that of the second natural frequency of a beam without attachments. This is accomplished because the beam is forced to assume the mode shape of second natural frequency of the beam without attachments.



**FIGURE 9.13**

(a) Variation of the lowest natural-frequency coefficient of a hinged-hinged beam restrained by a spring  $K_s$  attached at  $\eta_1$  and (b) contour curves of constant values of the lowest natural-frequency coefficient of surface in (a). *Note:* Because the boundary conditions are symmetric, we only need to consider the region  $0 \leq \eta_1 \leq 0.5$ .



**FIGURE 9.14**

(a) Variation of the lowest natural-frequency coefficient of a clamped-clamped beam restrained by a spring  $K_s$  attached at  $\eta_1$ , and (b) contour curves of constant values of the lowest natural-frequency coefficient of surface in (a). *Note:* Since the boundary conditions are symmetric, we only need to consider the region  $0 \leq \eta_1 \leq 0.5$ .

From the contour curves shown in Figure 9.13b, we see that, as in the case of a cantilever beam, certain natural frequencies can be obtained from a range of combinations of the values of  $K_s$  and  $\eta_1$ . We also note that as the spring is placed closer to the center of the beam, the magnitude of  $K_s$  that is required to maintain a constant frequency decreases.

For the last case, we consider a beam clamped at both ends. For this case, we substitute Eq. (9.122) into Eq. (9.148) and use the resulting expression to obtain the surface shown in Figure 9.14. In Figure 9.14a, we see that the lowest natural-frequency coefficient reaches a peak of  $\Omega_1/\pi \cong 2.5$  when  $K_s > 2500$  (i.e., when  $\log_{10}(K_s) > 3.4$ ) and  $\eta_1 = 0.5$ . From Case 1 of Table 9.3, we see that a clamped-clamped beam without attachments has a second natural frequency of  $\Omega_1/\pi = 2.4998$  with a node point at  $\eta = 0.500$ . Therefore, by placing a stiff spring at or near the node point of this second natural frequency, one effectively creates a system whose lowest natural frequency is now equal to that of the second natural frequency of a beam without attachments. This is accomplished because the beam is forced to assume the mode shape associated with the second natural frequency of the beam without attachments.

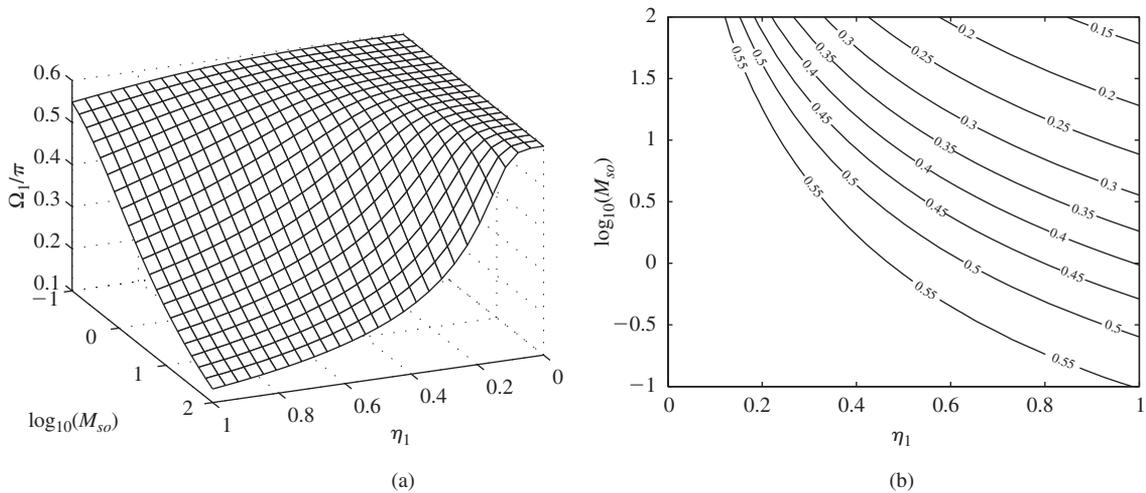
From the contour curves shown in Figure 9.14b, we see that, as in the case for a cantilever beam, certain natural frequencies can be obtained from a range of combinations of the values of  $K_s$  and  $\eta_1$ . We also note that as the spring is placed closer to the center of the beam, the magnitude of  $K_s$  that is required to maintain a constant frequency decreases.

Figures 9.12 to 9.14 clearly show the trends of the natural-frequency coefficients. However, since numerical values are somewhat difficult to obtain from these figures, we have also presented in Table 9.6 the lowest natural-frequency coefficients for many different combinations of boundary conditions and in-span locations.

**TABLE 9.6**

Lowest Natural-Frequency Coefficients for a Beam with an In-Span Spring for Many Different Combinations of Boundary Conditions and In-Span Locations.

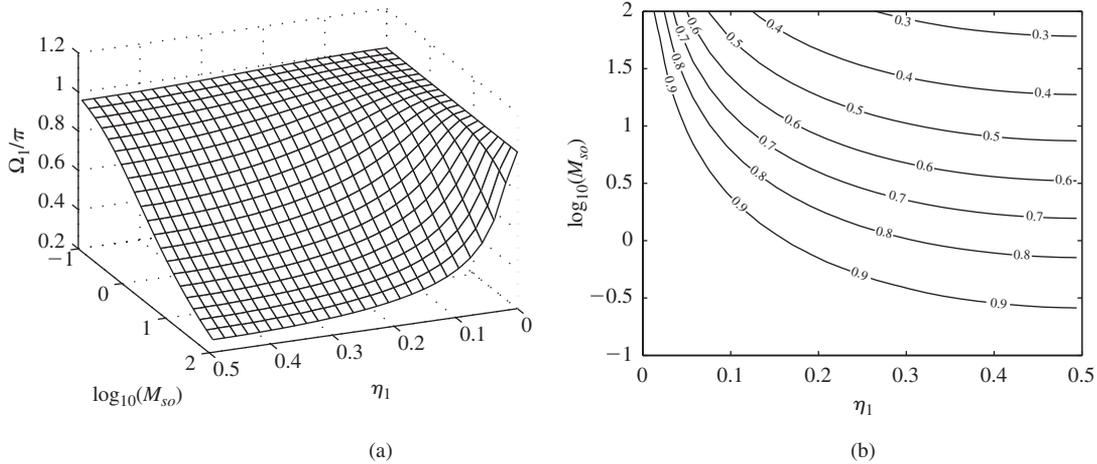
$K_s \downarrow \eta_1 \rightarrow$	$\Omega_1/\pi$								
	Hinged-Hinged			Clamped-Clamped			Clamped-Free		
	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.75	1.0
0	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.5056	1.5056	1.5056	0.5969	0.5969	0.5969
10	1.0316	1.0432	1.0477	1.5145	1.5212	1.5242	0.6442	0.7422	0.8400
50	1.1296	1.1737	1.1908	1.5473	1.5782	1.5919	0.7515	0.9964	1.0825
100	1.2143	1.2856	1.3151	1.5830	1.6393	1.6649	0.8177	1.1552	1.1588
500	1.4645	1.6374	1.7687	1.7519	1.9247	2.0298	0.9423	1.4560	1.2315
1000	1.5411	1.7440	1.9960	1.8412	2.0724	2.2736	0.9691	1.4699	1.2407

**FIGURE 9.15**

(a) Variation of the lowest natural-frequency coefficient of a cantilever beam with a mass  $M_s$  attached at  $\eta_1$  and  
 (b) contour curves of constant values of the lowest natural-frequency coefficient of surface in (a).

**Beams with in-span mass  $M_s$**  We start with a cantilever beam. For this case, we substitute Eq. (9.120) into Eq. (9.152) and use the resulting expression to obtain the surface shown in Figure 9.15. In Figure 9.15a, we see that the effect of the mass is to lower the first natural frequency, which reaches its minimum value at  $\eta_1 = 1.0$ , the free end of the beam, irrespective of the value of  $M_s$ . From the contour curves shown in Figure 9.15b, we see that as with the beam restrained with an in-span spring, certain natural frequencies can be obtained from a range of combinations of the values of  $M_s$  and  $\eta_1$ .

We now consider a beam hinged at both ends. For this case, we substitute Eq. (9.120) in Eq. (9.144) and use the resulting expression to obtain the



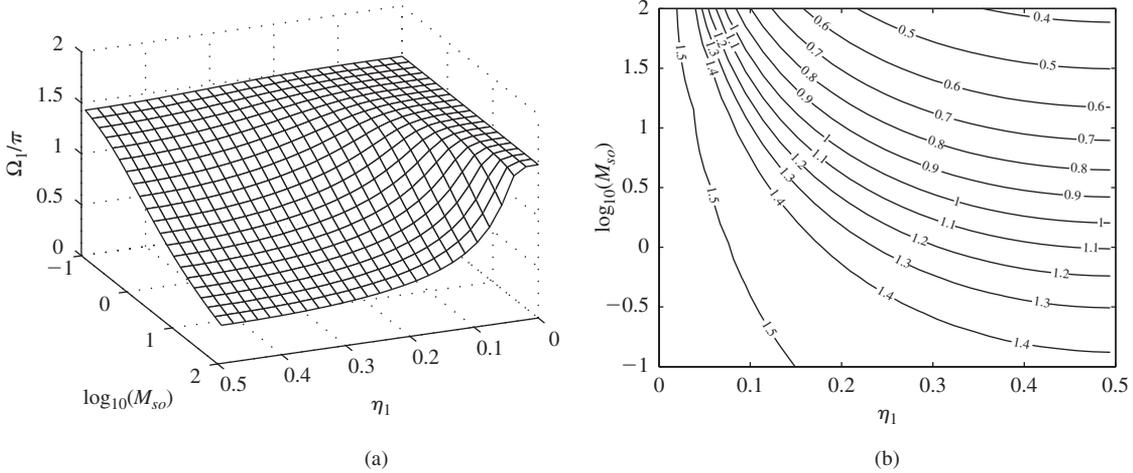
**FIGURE 9.16** (a) Variation of the lowest natural-frequency coefficient of a hinged-hinged beam with a mass  $M_s$  attached at  $\eta_1$  and (b) contour curves of constant values of the lowest natural-frequency coefficient of surface in (a). *Note:* Since the boundary conditions are symmetric, we only need to consider the region  $0 \leq \eta_1 \leq 0.5$ .

surface shown in Figure 9.16. In Figure 9.16a, we again see that the effect of the mass is to lower the first natural frequency, which reaches its minimum value at  $\eta_1 = 0.500$ , the center of the beam for all values of  $M_s$ . From the contour curves shown in Figure 9.16b, we see that as with the beam restrained with an in-span spring, certain natural frequencies can be obtained from a range of combinations of the values of  $M_s$  and  $\eta_1$ .

For the last case, we consider a beam clamped at both ends. For this case, we substitute Eq. (9.120) into Eq. (9.148) and use the resulting expression to obtain the surface shown in Figure 9.17. The variations of the first natural coefficient for this system are similar to those obtained for the cantilever beam and the beam hinged at both ends.

Figures 9.15 to 9.17 clearly show the trends of the natural-frequency coefficients. However, since numerical values are somewhat difficult to obtain from these figures we have also presented in Table 9.7 the lowest natural-frequency coefficients for many different combinations of the boundary conditions and in-span locations.

**Beams with an in-span single degree-of-freedom system** When a single degree-of-freedom system is attached to a beam, its interactions with the beam are far more complex than when just a mass or just a spring is attached. It will be shown that the single degree-of-freedom system introduces an additional natural frequency and greatly influences one of the beam’s modes depending on what the natural frequency of the single degree-of-freedom system is prior to its attachment; that is, depending on the value of  $\Omega_s$ . We shall illustrate what these complex interactions are by considering a cantilever beam with a single degree-of-freedom system attached at its free end  $\eta = 1$ .



**FIGURE 9.17**

(a) Variation of the lowest natural-frequency coefficient of a clamped-clamped beam with a mass  $M_s$  attached at  $\eta_1$  and (b) contour curves of constant values of the lowest natural-frequency coefficient of surface in (a). *Note:* Since the boundary conditions are symmetric, we only need to consider the region  $0 \leq \eta_1 \leq 0.5$ .

**TABLE 9.7**

Lowest Natural-Frequency Coefficients for a Beam with a Mass for Many Different Combinations of Boundary Conditions and In-Span Locations.

$M_{so} \downarrow \eta_1 \rightarrow$	$\Omega_1/\pi$								
	Hinged-Hinged			Clamped-Clamped			Clamped-Free		
	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.75	1.0
0.0	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.5056	1.5056	1.5056	0.5969	0.5969	0.5969
0.1	0.9694	0.9591	0.9553	1.4621	1.4339	1.4228	0.5901	0.5735	0.5484
0.5	0.8783	0.8496	0.8401	1.3234	1.2490	1.2246	0.5661	0.5106	0.4520
1.0	0.8049	0.7697	0.7586	1.2080	1.1211	1.0943	0.5412	0.4641	0.3972
5.0	0.5930	0.5579	0.5474	0.8806	0.8013	0.7783	0.4364	0.3383	0.2769
10	0.5061	0.4748	0.4656	0.7497	0.6803	0.6603	0.3804	0.2883	0.2342

We shall hold the mass  $M_s$  constant and vary  $k_s$  in order to change the value of  $\Omega_s$ . In this manner, we can compare the various systems with the case of a beam carrying a mass  $M_s$  at its free end. In addition, we also shall show that in order to properly interpret the results, one must use Eq. (9.137) to obtain the value of  $Z_o/W_n(\eta_1)$  for each  $\Omega_n$ . To this end, we substitute Eq. (9.118) in Eq. (9.120), select  $M_{so} = 0.1$ , and set  $\eta_1 = 1$  to obtain the results presented in Table 9.8.

In Table 9.8, we have examined four different cases with the following values of  $K_s$ : 0.5, 5, 50, and 500. A fifth case, in which  $K_s = \infty$ , is the

**TABLE 9.8**

Natural-Frequency Coefficients, Mode Shapes and Node Points for a Cantilever Beam with a Single Degree-of-Freedom System Attached at  $\eta_1 = 1$  with  $M_{s0} = 0.1$ .

$K_s$	$\Omega_s/\pi$		$n = 1$	$n = 2$	$n = 3$	$n = 4$
$\infty$	—	$\Omega_n\pi$	0.5484	1.4004	2.3717	3.3492
		Mode shapes				
		Node points*	None	0.841	0.530, 0.921	0.375, 0.673, 0.953
0.5	0.4760	$\Omega_n\pi$	0.4507	0.6297	1.4957	2.5006
		Mode shapes				
		Node points*	None	None	0.783	0.503, 0.868
		$Z_o/W_n(\eta_1)$	5.089	-0.485	-0.010	-0.0013
5	0.8464	$\Omega_n\pi$	0.54071	0.9218	1.5116	2.5036
		Mode shapes				
		Node points*	None	None	0.775	0.503, 0.867
		$Z_o/W_n(\eta_1)$	1.200	-2.459	-0.109	-0.013
50	1.5052	$\Omega_n\pi$	0.54766	1.3405	1.7884	2.5403
		Mode shapes				
		Node points*	None	0.890	0.673	0.496, 0.854
		$Z_o/W_n(\eta_1)$	1.018	2.696	-1.007	-0.1406
500	2.6767	$\Omega_n\pi$	0.5483	1.3959	2.3219	3.0735
		Mode shapes				
		Node points*	None	0.844	0.541, 0.948	0.408, 0.728
		$Z_o/W_n(\eta_1)$	1.002	1.080	2.305	3.0735

\*Values of  $\eta$  not including the boundaries.

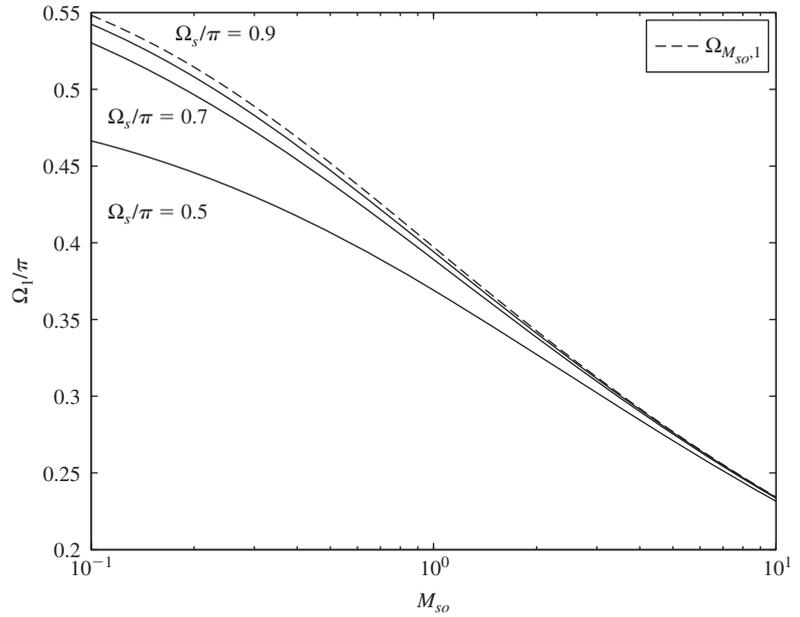
case of a cantilever beam with a mass attached at its free end [see Eq. (9.120)], and this case is used as the reference case. We denote the natural-frequency coefficients of this system by  $\Omega_{n,\text{ref}}$ . In order to identify the natural-frequency coefficient and mode shape associated with the single degree-of-freedom system, we need two pieces of information: the value of  $Z_o/W_n(\eta_1)$  and the value of  $\Omega_s$ . We use this information as follows. The largest value of  $|Z_o/W_n(\eta_1)|$  for a

given  $K_s$  and  $\Omega_s$  indicates that this is the frequency and mode shape that is associated with the single degree-of-freedom system. We denote this frequency coefficient  $\Omega_{n,\text{s dof}}$ . It is seen from the results in the table that the single degree-of-freedom system always affects the mode that is associated with the smallest value of  $\Omega_{n,\text{ref}}$  that is greater than  $\Omega_s$  such that the resulting natural-frequency values are ordered as  $\Omega_{n,\text{s dof}} < \Omega_{n,\text{ref}} < \Omega_{n+1}$  where  $\Omega_{n+1}$  is the natural-frequency coefficient for the system with the single degree-of-freedom system attached. For example, when  $K_s = 5.0$ ,  $\Omega_s/\pi = 0.8464$ , which is less than  $\Omega_{2,\text{ref}}/\pi = 1.4004$ . We see that  $Z_o/W_n(\eta_1) = 2.495$  is the maximum value, which occurs at  $n = 2$ ; thus,  $(\Omega_2/\pi = 0.9218) < (\Omega_{2,\text{ref}} = 1.4004) < (\Omega_3/\pi = 0.1.5116)$ . Thus, we see that the effect of the single degree-of-freedom system is to “split” the affected  $\Omega_{n,\text{ref}}$  into two modes, one whose natural frequency is less than  $\Omega_{n,\text{ref}}$  and one that is greater than  $\Omega_{n,\text{ref}}$ .

We now discuss further the type of information that is contained in the mode shape ratio  $Z_o/W_n(\eta_1)$ . A positive value of  $Z_o/W_n(\eta_1)$  indicates that the single degree-of-freedom mass  $M_s$  is in phase with the beam displacement at the point of attachment and a negative value of  $Z_o/W_n(\eta_1)$  indicates that the single degree-of-freedom mass  $M_s$  is out of phase. This type of in phase and out of phase motion is similar to that obtained for a two degree-of-freedom system. However, when  $Z_o/W_n(\eta_1) \approx 1$  the mass  $M_s$  and the beam displacement at  $\eta_1$  are almost equal and the beam is behaving as if the mass were attached directly to the beam. We see from the column labeled  $n = 1$  in Table 9.8 that the natural-frequency coefficient is very closely equal to that of a beam carrying a mass only. This also is seen in the column labeled  $n = 2$  for the case when  $K_s = 500$ .

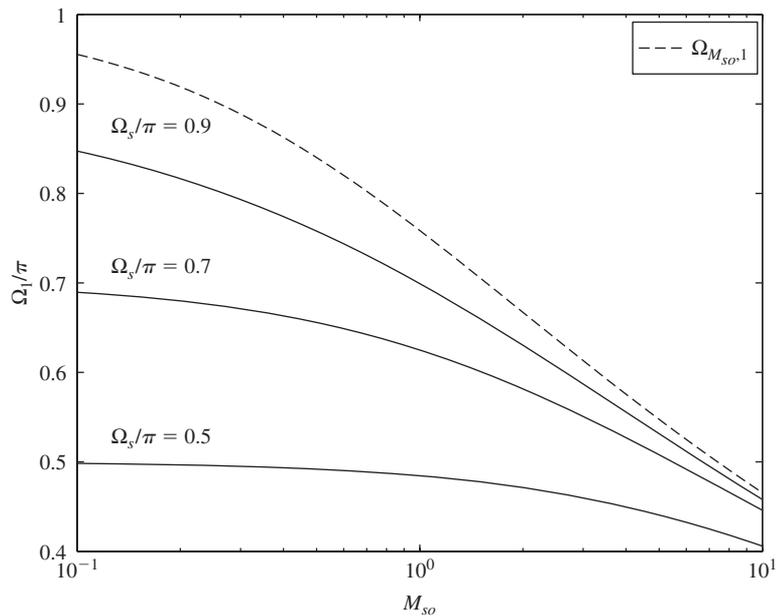
The variations of the lowest natural frequency of a beam with a single degree-of-freedom system with respect to  $M_{so}$  for many different values of  $\Omega_s$  are given in Figure 9.18 for the hinged-hinged beam for  $\eta_1 = 0.5$ , in Figure 9.19 for clamped-clamped beam for  $\eta_1 = 0.5$ , and in Figure 9.20 for the clamped-free beam for  $\eta_1 = 1.0$ . In each of these figures, we have plotted for reference the variation of the lowest natural frequency of a beam with only a mass  $M_{so}$  attached. This natural-frequency coefficient is denoted  $\Omega_{M_{so},1}$ . These reference curves are the same as those presented in Figures 9.15 to 9.17 at the appropriate value of  $\eta_1$ .

**Comparison with two springs in series approximation** As discussed in Chapter 2, in many situations where an inertia element is attached to a beam, the beam stiffness is taken into account to establish an equivalent single-degree-of-freedom system. This situation is revisited in the context of the beam system shown in Figure 9.11c to point out when it is reasonable to neglect the beam inertia and when it is not. First, we consider the determination of the natural frequency of an equivalent single degree-of-freedom system. This is done by using the static stiffness values given for Cases 4, 5, and 6 of Table 2.3 for the cantilever, pinned pinned and clamped-clamped beams, respectively. In each case, the approximation obtained for the first natural frequency of the system shown in Table 2.3 is compared to the natural frequency obtained when the inertia of the beam is taken into account. We note from the



**FIGURE 9.18**

Lowest natural-frequency coefficient for a cantilever beam carrying a single degree-of-freedom system at its free end  $\eta_1 = 1$  as a function of  $M_{so}$  for several values of  $\Omega_s$ .

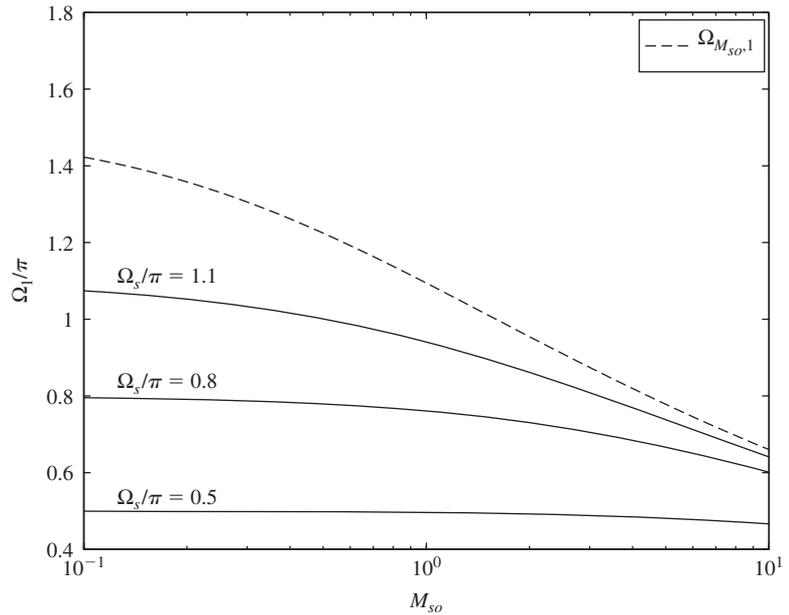


**FIGURE 9.19**

Lowest natural-frequency coefficient for a hinged-hinged beam carrying a single degree-of-freedom system at its midpoint  $\eta_1 = 0.5$  as a function of  $M_{so}$  for several values of  $\Omega_s$ .

**FIGURE 9.20**

Lowest natural-frequency coefficient for a clamped-clamped beam carrying a single degree-of-freedom system at its midpoint  $\eta_1 = 0.5$  as a function of  $M_{so}$  for several values of  $\Omega_s$ .



discussion on spring combinations in series shown in Figure 2.8a and from Eq. (a) of Example 2.3 that the equivalent spring constant  $k_e$  for a spring  $k_s$  attached to a beam of spring constant  $k_{\text{beam}}$  is

$$k_e = \left( \frac{1}{k_s} + \frac{1}{k_{\text{beam}}} \right)^{-1} = \frac{k_s}{1 + k_s/k_{\text{beam}}} \quad (9.156)$$

From Table 2.3, we find that

$$k_{\text{beam}} = \frac{\alpha EI}{L^3} \quad (9.157)$$

where  $\alpha$  is a function of the boundary conditions and is given as follows:

**Clamped-clamped**

$$\alpha = \frac{3}{\eta_1^3 (1 - \eta_1)^3} \quad (9.158a)$$

**Hinged-hinged**

$$\alpha = \frac{3}{\eta_1^2 (1 - \eta_1)^2} \quad (9.158b)$$

**Clamped-free**

$$\alpha = \frac{3}{\eta_1^3} \quad (9.158c)$$

Then, from Eq. (9.156), we have

$$k_e = \frac{k_s}{1 + k_s L^3 / \alpha EI} = \frac{k_s}{1 + K_s / \alpha} \quad (9.159)$$

Thus, the natural frequency of the equivalent single degree-of-freedom system obtained from the equivalent spring constant is given by

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k_e}{M_s}} = \sqrt{\frac{k_s}{M_s} \left( \frac{1}{1 + K_s / \alpha} \right)} \quad (9.160)$$

To determine the first natural frequency when the beam's inertia is taken into account, we use Eq. (9.115) and find that the first natural frequency is given by

$$\omega_e = \Omega_1^2 \sqrt{\frac{EI}{m_o L^3}} \quad (9.161)$$

where  $\Omega_1$  is the first nondimensional frequency coefficient obtained by solving the appropriate characteristic equation. The percentage error  $\varepsilon$  between the natural frequency for a single degree-of-freedom system and the first natural frequency of the beam system in Figure 9.11c is<sup>29</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon &= 100 \left( \frac{\omega_n}{\omega_e} - 1 \right) = 100 \left( \frac{1}{\Omega_1^2} \sqrt{\frac{m_o k_s L^3}{EI M_s} \left( \frac{1}{1 + K_s / \alpha} \right)} - 1 \right) \\ &= 100 \left( \frac{1}{\Omega_1^2} \sqrt{\frac{K_s}{M_{so}} \left( \frac{1}{1 + K_s / \alpha} \right)} - 1 \right) \% \end{aligned} \quad (9.162)$$

When  $K_s$  is very large, that is, when the mass is directly attached to the beam, Eq. (9.162) simplifies to

$$\varepsilon = 100 \left( \frac{1}{\Omega_1^2} \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{M_{so}}} - 1 \right) \% \quad (9.163)$$

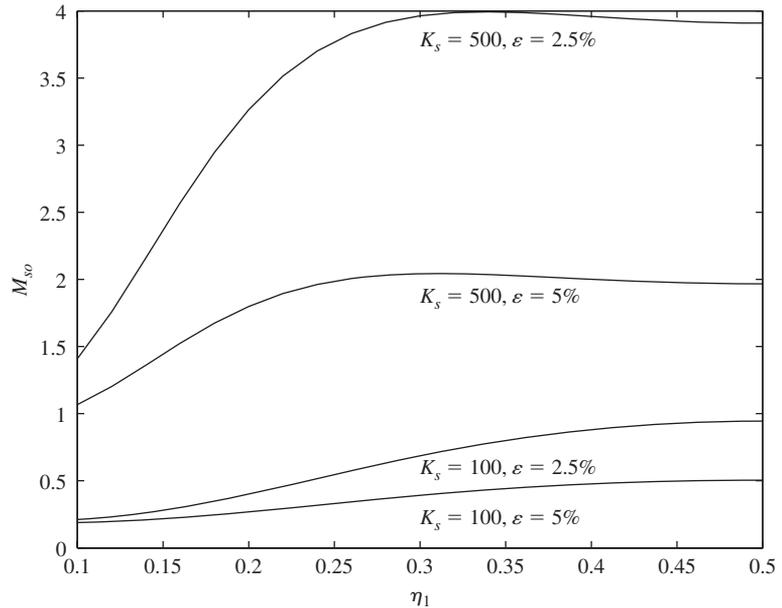
Since  $\alpha$  is a function of the beam boundary conditions and the location  $\eta_1$  of where the single degree-of-freedom system is attached, the percentage error is also a function of these quantities in addition to  $K_s$  and  $M_{so}$ .

We have numerically evaluated Eqs. (9.162) and (9.163) to determine the values of the mass  $M_o$  and its location  $\eta_1$  that are required for the error to be equal to or less than a specific value for each of the following boundary conditions: (i) clamped-clamped, (ii) hinged-hinged, and (iii) clamped-free. The results obtained from Eq. (9.162) are shown in Figures 9.21 to 9.23 for  $\varepsilon = 2.5\%$  and for  $\varepsilon = 5\%$ . It is seen from these figures that the single degree-of-freedom system interacts with the beam in a complex way and that in order to approximate the system with two springs in series and stay within these error

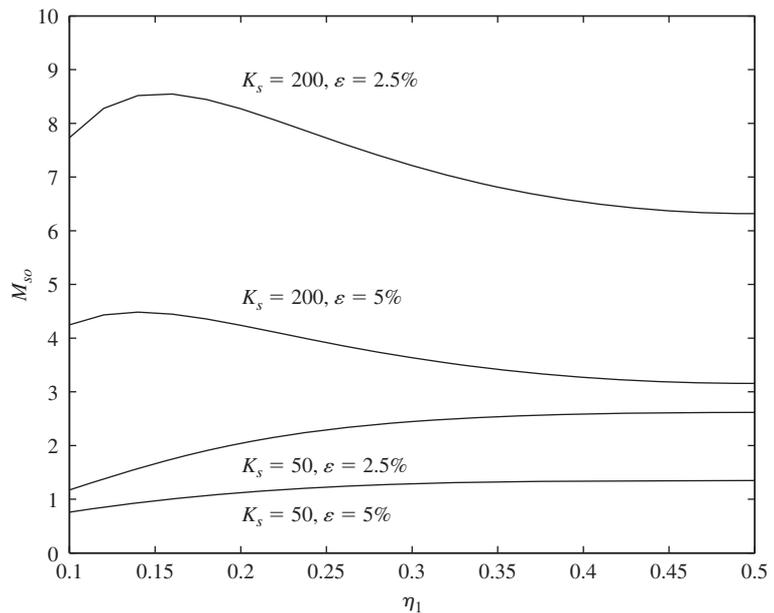
<sup>29</sup>For another approach to this topic see: M. Gürgöze, "On the Representation of a Cantilever Beam Carrying a Tip Mass by an Equivalent Spring-Mass System," *J. Sound Vibration*, Vol. 282, pp. 538–542 (2005).

**FIGURE 9.21**

Values of  $M_{s0}$  for a beam clamped at each end and carrying a single degree-of-freedom system at  $\eta_1$  for which the error is less than 5% and less than 2.5% for two values of  $K_s$ . *Note:* Because the boundary conditions are symmetric, we only need to consider the region  $0 \leq \eta_1 \leq 0.5$ .

**FIGURE 9.22**

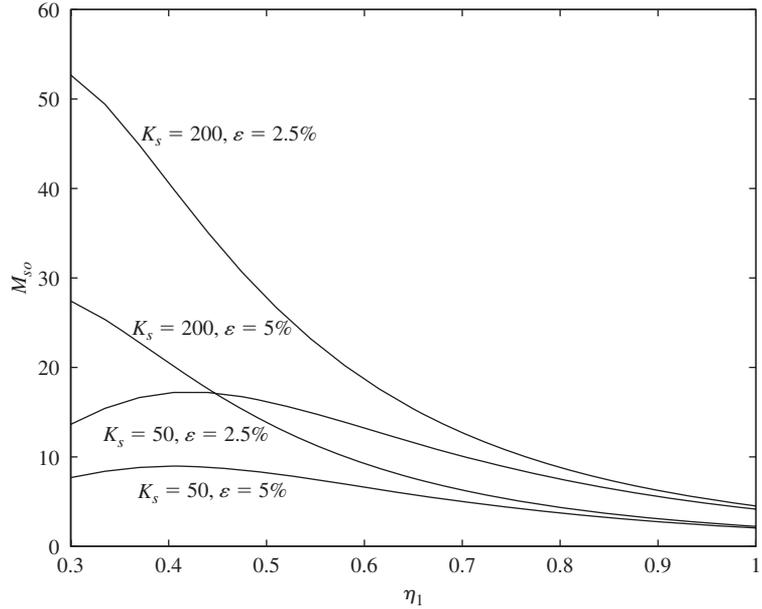
Values of  $M_{s0}$  for a beam hinged at each end and carrying a single degree-of-freedom system at  $\eta_1$  for which the error is less than 5% and less than 2.5% for two values of  $K_s$ . *Note:* Because the boundary conditions are symmetric, we only need to consider the region  $0 \leq \eta_1 \leq 0.5$ .



bounds, one must take into account both the location of the single degree-of-freedom system on the beam and the beam's boundary conditions. From these figures, it is seen that for a given set of boundary conditions, single degree-of-freedom system location and non dimensional stiffness, a larger mass ratio will have less error.

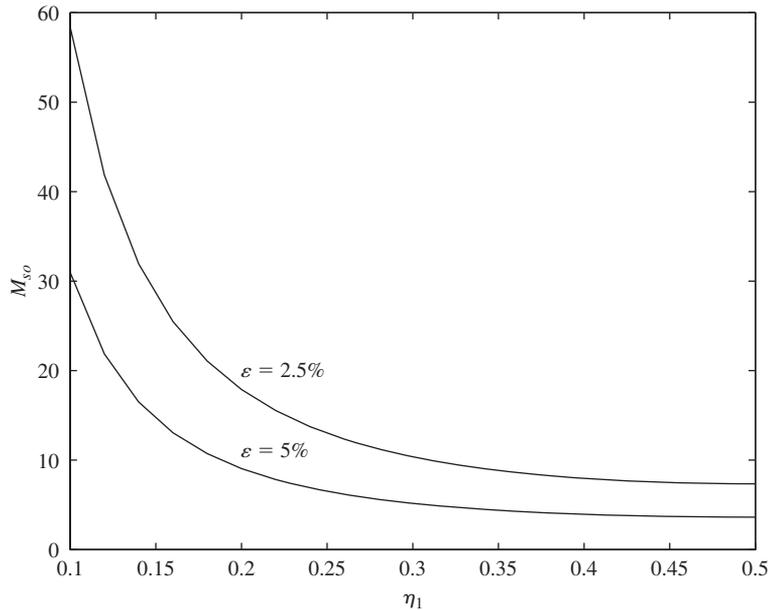
**FIGURE 9.23**

Values of  $M_{s0}$  for a cantilever beam carrying a single degree-of-freedom system at  $\eta_1$  for which the error is less than 5% and less than 2.5% for two values of  $K_s$ .



**FIGURE 9.24**

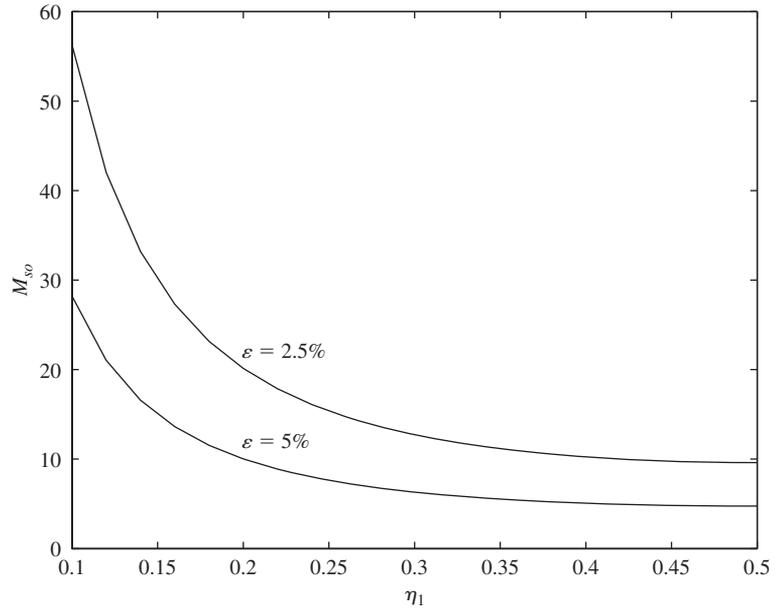
Values of  $M_{s0}$  for a beam clamped at each end and carrying a mass at  $\eta_1$  for which the error is less than 5% and less than 2.5%.



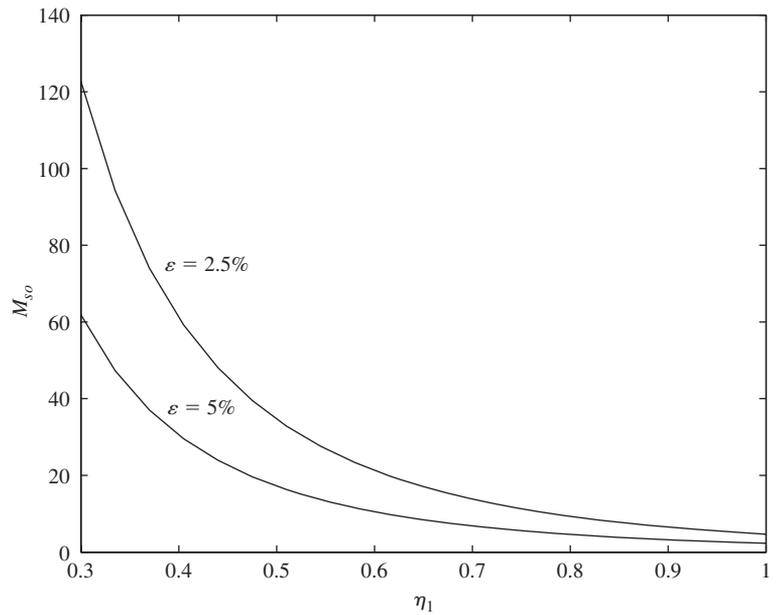
The results obtained from Eq. (9.163), which is for the case of a mass directly attached to the beam, are shown in Figures 9.24 to 9.26 for  $\epsilon = 2.5\%$  and for  $\epsilon = 5\%$ . It is seen that in order to keep the error below 5% one must use a mass ratio of 2.5 when the mass is located at the free end of a cantilever beam. When the mass is placed at the midpoint of a clamped-clamped beam,

**FIGURE 9.25**

Values of  $M_{s0}$  for a beam hinged at each end and carrying a mass at  $\eta_1$  for which the error is less than 5% and less than 2.5%.

**FIGURE 9.26**

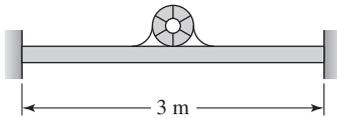
Values of  $M_{s0}$  for a cantilever beam carrying a mass at  $\eta_1$  for which the error is less than 5% and less than 2.5%.



the mass ratio should be greater than 3.5 and for a hinged-hinged beam the mass ratio should be greater than 5. These mass ratio values must be increased as the mass is located away from these respective locations, which are the locations where the beams have their minimum stiffness.

When the error is to be less than or equal to 2.5%, the mass ratios are on the order of twice those needed to maintain 5%.

### EXAMPLE 9.3 Determination of the properties of a beam supporting rotating machinery



**FIGURE 9.27**

Beam clamped at each boundary and excited by a rotating machine mounted at its midpoint.

An engineer has to mount to the center of a steel beam a piece of rotating machinery that weighs 50 kg and will spin at 1800 rpm. The beam is 3 m long, weighs 100 kg, and is clamped at both ends. Refer to the system shown in Figure 9.27. In order to ensure that the beam is not excited at its fundamental natural frequency, the engineer would like the beam's first natural frequency to be three times that of the excitation frequency. We shall determine the minimum radius gyration of the beam's cross-section so that these requirements are met. The beam's Young's modulus is  $E = 1.9625 \times 10^{11}$  N/m<sup>2</sup>, and its density is  $\rho = 7850$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>; therefore,

$$c_b = \sqrt{E/\rho} = 5,000 \text{ m/s}$$

The excitation frequency  $f_e$  due to the rotating machinery is

$$f_e = \frac{1800 \text{ rev/min}}{60 \text{ s/min}} = 30 \text{ Hz} \quad (\text{a})$$

Therefore, we need to determine the beam geometry so that the first natural frequency

$$f_1 \geq 3f_e = 90 \text{ Hz} \quad (\text{b})$$

From Eq. (9.94) and Eq. (b), we have that

$$f_1 = \frac{c_b r \Omega_1^2}{2\pi L^2} \geq 3f_e \quad (\text{c})$$

which, upon using Eq. (a), leads to

$$r \geq \frac{6\pi L^2 f_e}{c_b \Omega_1^2} = \frac{180\pi L^2}{c_b \Omega_1^2} \quad (\text{d})$$

From the given parameters, we find that  $\gamma_o = M_o/m_o = 50/100 = 0.5$  and, therefore, from Table 9.7 that  $\Omega_1 = 1.2246\pi$ . Since  $L = 3$  m and  $c_b = 5000$  m/s, we obtain from Eq. (d) that

$$\begin{aligned} r &\geq \frac{180 \times \pi \times 3^2}{5000 \times (1.2246\pi)^2} = 0.0688 \text{ m} \\ &\geq 6.88 \text{ cm} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{e})$$

If the cross-section of the beam were rectangular, with width  $b$  and depth  $h$ , then

$$r^2 = \frac{I}{A} = \frac{bh^3}{12bh} = \frac{h^2}{12} \quad (\text{f})$$

and the depth of the beam is determined from Eqs. (e) and (f) to be

$$h \geq 2r\sqrt{3} = 2 \times 6.88 \times \sqrt{3} = 23.83 \text{ cm} \quad (\text{g})$$

Notice that for a beam of rectangular cross-section, the width of the beam  $b$  does not affect the natural frequency. However, it does affect the static displacement of the beam. The equivalent stiffness of a beam clamped at each boundary is provided in Case 6 of Table 2.3. From this expression, it is seen that the displacement is proportional to  $I$ , which depends of the width  $b$ .

### 9.3.5 Beams with an Interior Mass, Spring, and Single Degree-of-Freedom System Attached Simultaneously<sup>30</sup>

We shall extend the results of Section 9.3.4 by considering a beam of length  $L$  that has simultaneously attached at in-span locations a mass  $M_o$  at  $x = L_1$ , a spring of stiffness  $k_2$  at  $x = L_2$ , and a single degree-of-freedom system with mass  $M_s$  and stiffness  $k_s$  at  $x = L_3$ . Upon using Eqs. (9.107), (9.109), (9.111a), (9.111b) and (9.115), we arrive at the following equation for the beam

$$EI \frac{\partial^4 w(x,t)}{\partial x^4} + \left[ \rho A + \frac{M_o}{m_o} \delta(x - L_1) \right] \frac{\partial^2 w(x,t)}{\partial t^2} + \frac{k_2}{L} \delta(x - L_2) w(x,t) + \frac{k_s}{L} [w(x,t) - z(t)] \delta(x - L_3) = 0 \quad (9.164)$$

and the following equation for the single degree-of-freedom system

$$M_s \frac{d^2 z(t)}{dt^2} + k_s z(t) = k_s w(L_3, t) \quad (9.165)$$

If we assume that the beam and the attached single degree-of-freedom system are undergoing harmonic oscillations of the form given by Eq. (9.112) and we introduce the definitions of Eqs. (9.67) and (9.115), then Eqs. (9.164) and (9.165) become, respectively,

$$\frac{d^4 W(\eta)}{d\eta^4} - \Omega^4 [1 + \gamma_o \delta(\eta - \eta_1)] W(\eta) + K_2 \delta(\eta - \eta_2) W(\eta) + K_s [W(\eta) - Z_o] \delta(\eta - \eta_3) = 0 \quad (9.166)$$

<sup>30</sup>A similar system has been analyzed using the Timoshenko beam theory; see, E. B. Magrab, "Natural Frequencies and Mode Shapes of Timoshenko Beams with Attachments," *Journal of Vibration and Control*, **13**, (7), 905–934 (2007).

and

$$\left(1 - \frac{\Omega^4}{\Omega_s^4}\right)Z_o = W(\eta_3) \quad (9.167)$$

where  $\Omega_s$  is given by Eq. (9.116) and

$$\eta_j = \frac{L_j}{L} \quad j = 1, 2, 3, \quad \gamma_o = \frac{M_o}{m_o}, \quad \text{and} \quad K_2 = \frac{k_2 L^3}{EI}$$

Substituting Eq. (9.167) into Eq. (9.166), we obtain

$$\frac{d^4 W(\eta)}{d\eta^4} - \Omega^4 W(\eta) - \sum_{j=1}^3 F_j \delta(\eta - \eta_j) W(\eta) = 0 \quad (9.168)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} F_1 &= \gamma_o \Omega^4 \\ F_2 &= -K_2 \\ F_3 &= B(\Omega) = \frac{M_{so} \Omega^4}{1 - \Omega^4 / \Omega_s^4} \end{aligned} \quad (9.169)$$

and we have used Eq. (9.118).

It should be realized from Eqs. (9.168) and (9.169) that it is not necessary to consider that we have three different types of attachments applied at three locations. If, for example, we want to consider three single degree-of-freedom systems attached at three different locations, then we can simply change the definition of each  $F_j$  accordingly. Conversely, we can have the spring, mass, and single degree-of-freedom system all attached at the same location; that is,  $\eta_1 = \eta_2 = \eta_3$ . Another way to look at Eqs. (9.168) and (9.169) is that the definitions of  $F_j$  can be arbitrarily switched and if desired, they can be made equivalent to each other. Consequently, Eq. (9.168) is a very general formulation.

### Boundary Conditions and Characteristic Equation

We assume that at  $\eta = 0$  the beam is restrained by a torsion spring of stiffness  $k_{tL}$  and a translation spring of stiffness  $k_L$ . Then, the boundary conditions at  $\eta = 0$  are

$$\begin{aligned} W''(0) &= K_{tL} W'(0) \\ W'''(0) &= -K_L W(0) \end{aligned} \quad (9.170)$$

where

$$K_L = \frac{k_L L^3}{EI}, \quad K_{tL} = \frac{k_{tL} L}{EI}$$

At the end  $\eta = 1$ , we assume that the beam is restrained by a torsion spring of stiffness  $k_{tR}$  and a translation spring of stiffness  $k_R$ . In addition, a mass  $M_R$  is attached. Then, the boundary conditions at  $\eta = 1$  are

$$\begin{aligned} W''(1) &= -K_{tR}W'(1) \\ W'''(1) &= (K_R - \gamma_R\Omega^4)W(1) \end{aligned} \quad (9.171)$$

where

$$K_R = \frac{k_R L^3}{EI}, \quad K_{tR} = \frac{k_{tR} L}{EI}$$

and

$$\gamma_R = \frac{M_R}{m_o} \quad (9.172)$$

Upon taking the Laplace transform of Eq. (9.168) and collecting terms, we arrive at

$$\hat{W}(s) = \frac{1}{s^4 - \Omega^4} \left[ W(0)s^3 + W'(0)s^2 + W''(0)s + W'''(0) + \sum_{j=1}^3 F_j e^{-s\eta_j} W(\eta_j) \right] \quad (9.173)$$

where  $\hat{W}(s)$  is the Laplace transform of  $W(\eta)$ . Following the procedure used to arrive at Eq. (9.125), we obtain for the inverse Laplace transform of Eq. (9.173) that

$$\begin{aligned} W(\eta) &= W(0)Q(\Omega\eta) + W'(0)R(\Omega\eta)/\Omega + W''(0)S(\Omega\eta)/\Omega^2 \\ &+ W'''(0)T(\Omega\eta)/\Omega^3 + \frac{1}{\Omega^3} \sum_{j=1}^3 F_j W(\eta_j) T(\Omega[\eta - \eta_j]) u(\eta - \eta_j) \end{aligned} \quad (9.174)$$

where  $Q(\xi)$ ,  $R(\xi)$ ,  $S(\xi)$ , and  $T(\xi)$  are defined in Eq. (9.80) and  $u(\xi)$  is the unit step function.

To satisfy the boundary conditions, we first substitute Eq. (9.170) into Eq. (9.174) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} W(\eta) &= [Q(\Omega\eta) - K_L T(\Omega\eta)/\Omega^3]W(0) + [R(\Omega\eta)/\Omega + K_{tL} S(\Omega\eta)/\Omega^2]W'(0) \\ &+ \frac{1}{\Omega^3} \sum_{j=1}^3 F_j W(\eta_j) T(\Omega[\eta - \eta_j]) u(\eta - \eta_j) \end{aligned} \quad (9.175)$$

To determine  $W(0)$  and  $W'(0)$ , we substitute Eq. (9.175) into the boundary conditions given by Eqs. (9.171) and use Eqs. (9.84) to arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} A_{11}(\Omega)\Omega W(0) + A_{12}(\Omega)W'(0) &= -\frac{1}{\Omega^2} \sum_{j=1}^3 F_j E_{1j}(\Omega)W(\eta_j) \\ A_{21}(\Omega)\Omega W(0) + A_{22}(\Omega)W'(0) &= \frac{1}{\Omega^2} \sum_{j=1}^3 F_j E_{2j}(\Omega)W(\eta_j) \end{aligned} \quad (9.176)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
A_{11}(\Omega) &= (1 - a_1 b_2)S(\Omega) + b_2 T(\Omega) - a_1 S(\Omega) \\
A_{12}(\Omega) &= (b_2 + b_1)Q(\Omega) + T(\Omega) + b_2 b_1 R(\Omega) \\
A_{21}(\Omega) &= R(\Omega) - (a_2 + a_1)Q(\Omega) + a_2 a_1 T(\Omega) \\
A_{22}(\Omega) &= (1 - a_2 b_1)S(\Omega) + b_1 T(\Omega) - a_2 R(\Omega) \\
E_{1j}(\Omega) &= R(\Omega[1 - \eta_j]) + b_2 S(\Omega[1 - \eta_j]) \\
E_{2j}(\Omega) &= a_2 T(\Omega[1 - \eta_j]) - Q(\Omega[1 - \eta_j])
\end{aligned} \tag{9.177}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
a_1 &= \frac{K_L}{\Omega^3}, \quad a_2 = \frac{1}{\Omega^3} (K_R - \gamma_R \Omega^4) \\
b_1 &= \frac{K_{tL}}{\Omega}, \quad b_2 = \frac{K_{tR}}{\Omega}
\end{aligned} \tag{9.178}$$

From Eq. (9.176), we obtain the following expressions for  $W(0)$  and  $W'(0)$

$$\begin{aligned}
W(0) &= -\frac{1}{\Omega^3 D_o(\Omega)} \sum_{j=1}^3 F_j h_{1,j}(\Omega) W(\eta_j) \\
W'(0) &= \frac{1}{\Omega^2 D_o(\Omega)} \sum_{j=1}^3 F_j h_{2,j}(\Omega) W(\eta_j)
\end{aligned} \tag{9.179}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
h_{1,j}(\Omega) &= A_{22}(\Omega) E_{1j}(\Omega) + A_{12}(\Omega) E_{2j}(\Omega) \\
h_{2,j}(\Omega) &= A_{11}(\Omega) E_{2j}(\Omega) + A_{21}(\Omega) E_{1j}(\Omega) \\
D_o(\Omega) &= A_{11}(\Omega) A_{22}(\Omega) - A_{12}(\Omega) A_{21}(\Omega)
\end{aligned} \tag{9.180}$$

If  $F_1 = F_2 = 0$ , then Eq. (9.179) reduces to Eq. (9.130) when  $M_R = 0$ .

Upon substituting Eq. (9.179) into Eq. (9.175), we obtain

$$W(\eta) = \frac{1}{\Omega^3} \sum_{j=1}^3 F_j W(\eta_j) [H_j(\eta, \Omega) + T(\Omega[\eta - \eta_j])u(\eta - \eta_j)] \tag{9.181}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
H_j(\eta, \Omega) &= -[Q(\Omega\eta) - a_1 T(\Omega\eta)]h_{1,j}(\Omega)/D_o(\Omega) \\
&\quad + [R(\Omega\eta) + b_1 S(\Omega\eta)]h_{2,j}(\Omega)/D_o(\Omega)
\end{aligned} \tag{9.182}$$

Equation (9.181) must be valid at each  $\eta_j$ . Therefore, upon setting  $\eta = \eta_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2, 3$ , in Eq. (9.181), we obtain the following system of equations

$$[C]\{W\} = 0 \tag{9.183}$$

where  $[C]$  is a  $(3 \times 3)$  matrix whose elements are

$$c_{ij}(\Omega) = F_j [H_j(\eta_i, \Omega) + T(\Omega[\eta_i - \eta_j])u(\eta_i - \eta_j)] - \Omega^3 \delta_{ij} \quad i, j = 1, 2, 3 \tag{9.184}$$

$\delta_{ij}$  is the *Kronecker delta*, and  $\{W\}$  is a  $(3 \times 1)$  vector with elements  $W(\eta_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . The natural-frequency coefficients  $\Omega_n$  are those values of  $\Omega$  that satisfy

$$\det |C| = 0 \quad (9.185)$$

The corresponding mode shape is

$$W_n(\eta) = \sum_{j=1}^3 F_{jn} M_{jn} [H_j(\eta, \Omega_n) + T(\Omega[\eta - \eta_j])u(\eta - \eta_j)] \quad (9.186)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} M_{1n} &= 1 \\ M_{2n} &= \frac{c_{13,n}c_{21,n} - c_{11,n}c_{23,n}}{c_{12,n}c_{23,n} - c_{22,n}c_{13,n}} \\ M_{3n} &= \frac{c_{11,n}c_{22,n} - c_{12,n}c_{21,n}}{c_{12,n}c_{23,n} - c_{22,n}c_{13,n}} \\ F_{1n} &= \gamma_o \Omega_n^4, \quad F_{2n} = -K_2, \quad F_{3n} = B(\Omega_n) \end{aligned} \quad (9.187)$$

$c_{ij,n} = c_{ij}(\Omega_n)$ , and we have introduced the normalization

$$W_n(\eta) = \frac{\Omega_n^3}{W_n(\eta_1)} W(\eta)$$

The modal displacement of the single degree-of-freedom system is

$$Z_{o,n} = W_n(\eta_3) \left(1 - \frac{\Omega_n^4}{\Omega_s^4}\right)^{-1} \quad (9.188)$$

When there are only two in-span attachments on the beam, say  $F_3 = 0$ , then the mode shape is given by

$$W_n(\eta) = \sum_{j=1}^2 F_{jn} M_{jn} [H_j(\eta, \Omega_n) + T(\Omega[\eta - \eta_j])u(\eta - \eta_j)] \quad (9.189)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} M_{1n} &= 1 \\ M_{2n} &= -\frac{c_{11,n}}{c_{12,n}} \end{aligned} \quad (9.190)$$

Equations (9.185) and (9.186) are for the boundary conditions given by Eqs. (9.170) and (9.171). They can be reduced to the various combinations of boundary conditions shown in Table 9.1 by using the procedure discussed in Section 9.3.3. It is noticed that the results presented by Eqs. (9.170) and (9.171) have, in effect, been uncoupled from the specific form of the boundary conditions. This is a direct consequence of the Laplace transform solution method, which reduced a system with four unknown constants to a system with two unknown constants, thereby making it algebraically practical to obtain the solution given above.

**Beam with mass, spring, and vibration absorber attached at the same location** We shall consider a beam with a mass  $M_o$ , a spring  $k_2$ , and a single degree-of-freedom system with mass  $M_s$  and stiffness  $k_s$  that are all attached at the same location; that is,  $\eta_1 = \eta_2 = \eta_3$ . Then, from Eqs. (9.177), (9.180) and (9.182), we find that

$$\begin{aligned} E_{1j}(\Omega) &= E_1(\Omega) \\ E_{2j}(\Omega) &= E_2(\Omega) \quad j = 1,2,3 \\ h_{1,j}(\Omega) &= h_1(\Omega) \\ h_{2,j}(\Omega) &= h_2(\Omega) \end{aligned} \tag{9.191}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} E_1(\Omega) &= R(\Omega[1 - \eta_1]) + b_2S(\Omega[1 - \eta_1]) \\ E_2(\Omega) &= a_2T(\Omega[1 - \eta_1]) - Q(\Omega[1 - \eta_1]) \\ h_1(\Omega) &= A_{22}(\Omega)E_1(\Omega) + A_{12}(\Omega)E_2(\Omega) \\ h_2(\Omega) &= A_{11}(\Omega)E_2(\Omega) + A_{21}(\Omega)E_1(\Omega) \end{aligned} \tag{9.192}$$

Therefore, from Eq. (9.182), we see that

$$H_1(\eta, \Omega) = H_2(\eta, \Omega) = H_3(\eta, \Omega) \tag{9.193}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} H_1(\eta, \Omega) &= -[Q(\Omega\eta) - a_1T(\Omega\eta)]h_1(\Omega)/D_o(\Omega) \\ &\quad + [R(\Omega\eta) + b_1S(\Omega\eta)]h_2(\Omega)/D_o(\Omega) \end{aligned} \tag{9.194}$$

It is noted that  $H_1(\eta, \Omega)$  is identical to Eq. (9.133) and that  $E_i$  and  $h_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , are the same as those given in Eqs. (9.129a). Using Eqs. (9.191) and (9.192) in Eq. (9.184), we obtain

$$c_{ij,n} = F_j H_1(\eta_1, \Omega_n) - \Omega_n^3 \delta_{ij} \quad i, j = 1, 2, 3 \tag{9.195}$$

and we have used the fact that  $T(0) = 0$ . Upon substituting Eq. (9.195) into Eq. (9.185), we arrive at

$$\Omega_n^3 - H(\eta_1, \Omega_n)(\gamma_o \Omega_n^4 - K_2 + B(\Omega_n)) = 0 \tag{9.196}$$

The corresponding mode shape becomes

$$W_n(\eta) = H_1(\eta, \Omega_n) + T(\Omega_n[\eta - \eta_1])u(\eta - \eta_1) \tag{9.197}$$

where, for convenience, we have set the scale factor

$$\sum_{j=1}^3 F_{jn} M_{jn} \equiv 1$$

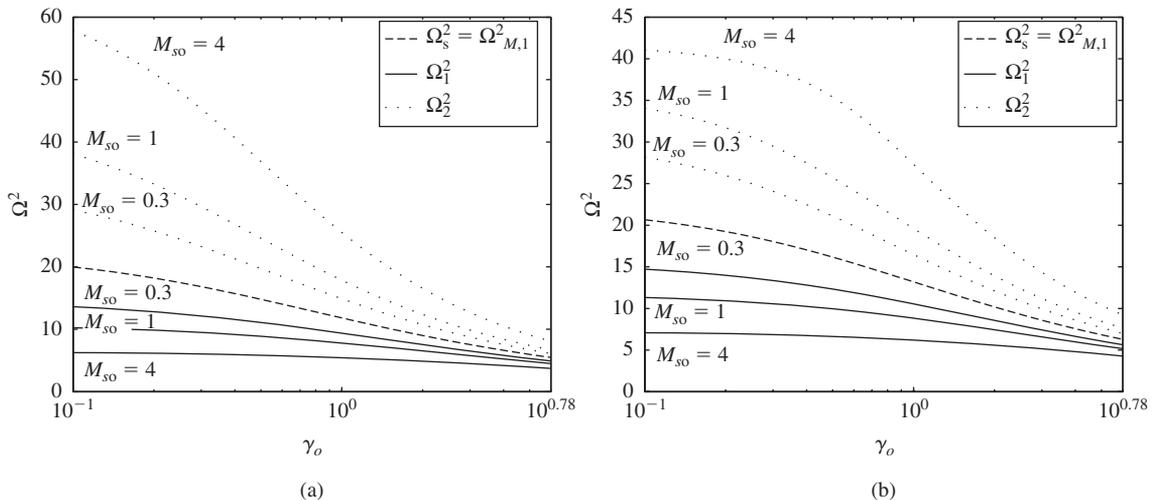
It is noted that Eq. (9.196) is the same as Eq. (9.134) if, in Eq. (9.134), we replace  $B(\Omega_n)$  with

$$B(\Omega_n) \rightarrow \gamma_o \Omega_n^4 - K_2 + B(\Omega_n) \quad (9.198)$$

and that Eq. (9.197) is the same as Eq. (9.136). Therefore, if we employ Eq. (9.198) in Eqs. (9.134) and (9.136), then we can use the relations given by Eqs. (9.143) through (9.155). The modal displacement of the single degree-of-freedom system is given by Eq. (9.137).

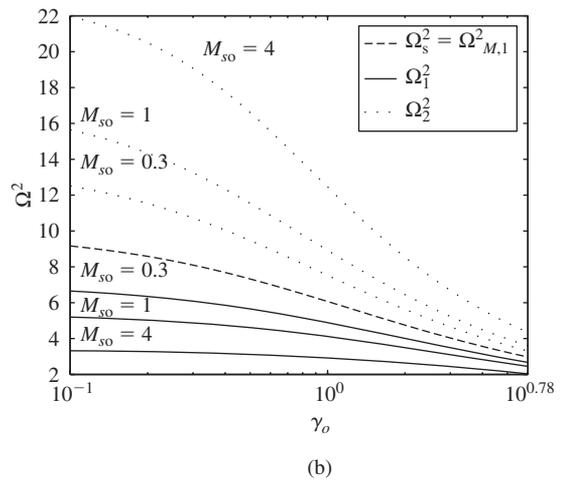
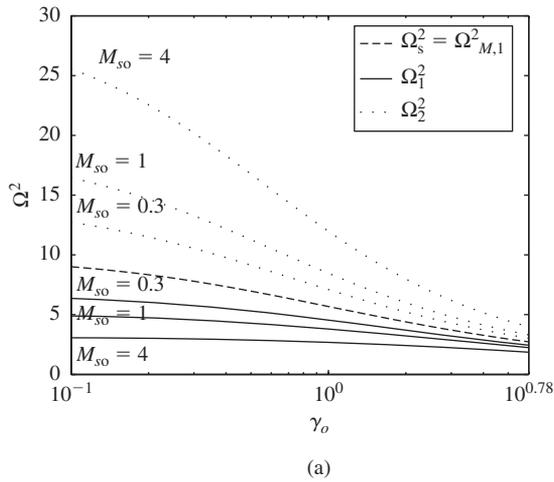
It was found in Section 8.6.1 that if one selected the natural frequency of the absorber to equal the natural frequency of the system without the absorber, then the frequency-response function was equal to zero at this frequency. Hence, we shall use the same reasoning and select  $\Omega_s = \Omega_{M,1}$ , where  $\Omega_{M,1}$  is the lowest natural-frequency coefficient for a beam that is only carrying the mass  $M_o$  at a location  $\eta_1$ . Using this assumption, we have plotted the lowest two natural-frequency coefficients  $\Omega_{1,2}^2$  in Figure 9.28 to Figure 9.30 as a function  $\gamma_o$  for  $M_{so}$  equal to 0.3, 1, and 4 and for  $\eta_1 = 0.5$  and  $\eta_1 = 0.35$  for a beam clamped at both ends, a beam hinged at both ends, and a cantilever beam, respectively. For reference, we have also plotted  $\Omega_{M,1}^2$  as a function of  $\gamma_o$ . In these figures, we have chosen to plot  $\Omega_{1,2}^2$  rather than  $\Omega_{1,2}$  because  $\Omega_{1,2}^2$  is proportional to the radian natural frequency  $\omega_{1,2}$ ; recall Eq. (9.67).

We now compare the results just obtained with those obtained from approximating this system as a two-degree-of-freedom system. This two-degree-of-freedom system is composed of the single degree-of-freedom system formed by the beam with stiffness  $k_{\text{beam}}$  and the mass  $M_o$ . The other single degree-of-freedom system is composed of the mass  $M_s$  and spring with



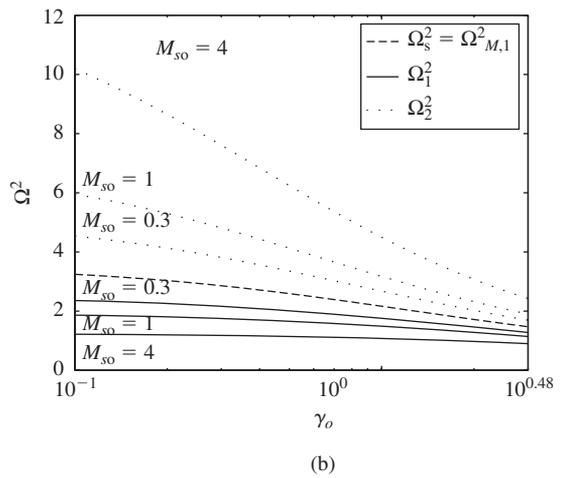
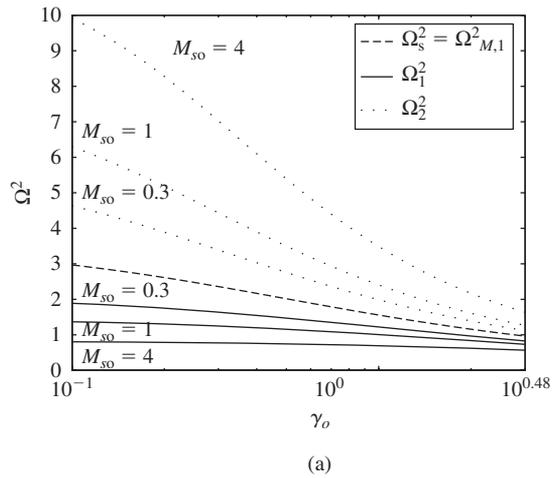
**FIGURE 9.28**

Lowest two natural-frequency coefficients for a clamped-clamped beam carrying a mass and a single degree-of-freedom system at the same location: (a)  $\eta_1 = 0.5$  and (b)  $\eta_1 = 0.35$ .



**FIGURE 9.29**

Lowest two natural-frequency coefficients for a hinged-hinged beam carrying a mass and a single degree-of-freedom system at the same location: (a)  $\eta_1 = 0.5$  and (b)  $\eta_1 = 0.35$ .



**FIGURE 9.30**

Lowest two natural-frequency coefficients for a cantilever beam carrying a mass and a single degree-of-freedom system at the same location: (a)  $\eta_1 = 1.0$  and (b)  $\eta_1 = 0.7$ .

stiffness  $k_s$ . Therefore, we can use Eq. (7.47) with  $k_{23} = 0$  to describe this two degree-of-freedom system. To place Eq. (7.47) in the present notation, we use Eqs. (7.41), (9.67) and (9.172) and obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\omega_{n1} &= \sqrt{\frac{k_{\text{beam}}}{M_o}} = \frac{1}{t_o} \sqrt{\frac{K_{\text{beam}}}{\gamma_o}} = \frac{\Omega_{\text{beam}}^2}{t_o} \\ \omega_{n2} &= \sqrt{\frac{k_s}{M_s}} = \frac{1}{t_o} \sqrt{\frac{K_s}{M_{so}}} = \frac{\Omega_s^2}{t_o} \\ \omega_r &= \frac{\omega_{n2}}{\omega_{n1}} = \frac{\Omega_s^2}{\Omega_{\text{beam}}^2} \\ m_r &= \frac{M_s}{M_o} = \frac{M_s/m_o}{M_o/m_o} = \frac{M_{so}}{\gamma_o}\end{aligned}\quad (9.199)$$

In Eq. (9.199),  $K_{\text{beam}} = k_{\text{beam}}L^3/(EI) = \alpha$ ; recall Eq. (9.157). If  $\omega_{1,2}$  are the natural frequencies of the two-degree-of-freedom system, then the natural frequencies given by Eq. (7.47) can be written as

$$\Omega_{2\text{dof},1,2}^2 = \Omega_{\text{beam}}^2 \sqrt{0.5(a_1 \mp \sqrt{a_1^2 - 4a_2})} \quad (9.200)$$

where

$$\Omega_{2\text{dof},1,2}^2 = \omega_{1,2}^2 t_o$$

and from Eq. (7.46)

$$\begin{aligned}a_1 &= 1 + \omega_r^2(1 + m_r) = 1 + \frac{\Omega_s^4}{\Omega_{\text{beam}}^4} \left(1 + \frac{M_{so}}{\gamma_o}\right) = 2 + \frac{M_{so}}{\gamma_o} \\ a_2 &= \omega_r^2 = \frac{\Omega_s^4}{\Omega_{\text{beam}}^4} = 1\end{aligned}\quad (9.201)$$

since we have chosen  $\Omega_s = \Omega_{\text{beam}}$ . Upon using Eq. (9.199) in Eq. (9.200), we obtain

$$\Omega_{2\text{dof},1,2}^2 = \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{2\gamma_o} \left(2 + \frac{M_{so}}{\gamma_o} \mp \sqrt{\frac{M_{so}}{\gamma_o} \left(4 + \frac{M_{so}}{\gamma_o}\right)}\right)} \quad (9.202)$$

Thus, the percentage error between the exact natural frequency  $\Omega_{1,2}^2$  obtained from Eq. (9.196) and those obtained from Eq. (9.202) is

$$\varepsilon_{1,2} = 100 \left( \frac{\Omega_{2\text{dof},1,2}^2}{\Omega_{1,2}^2} - 1 \right) \% \quad (9.203)$$

A numerical evaluation of Eq. (9.203) is used to determine the minimum value of  $\gamma_o$  for which  $\varepsilon_{1,2} \leq 5\%$  for three sets of boundary conditions and three values of  $M_{so}$ . The results are shown in Table 9.9. It is seen from the table that the values of  $\gamma_o$  needed to keep the error of the second natural frequency less than 5% are always much greater than those required to keep the first natural frequency less than 5%. It is mentioned that the errors increase rapidly for values that are less than the values given in the table.

**TABLE 9.9**

Values of  $M_{so}$  and  $\gamma_o$  for which  $\varepsilon_{1,2} \leq 5\%$ .

$M_{so}$	Clamped-Clamped ( $\eta_1 = 0.5$ )		Hinged-Hinged ( $\eta_1 = 0.5$ )		Clamped-Free ( $\eta_1 = 1.0$ )	
	$\Omega_{2\text{dof},1}^2$	$\Omega_{2\text{dof},2}^2$	$\Omega_{2\text{dof},1}^2$	$\Omega_{2\text{dof},2}^2$	$\Omega_{2\text{dof},1}^2$	$\Omega_{2\text{dof},2}^2$
0.3	$\gamma_o > 4.1$	$\gamma_o > 5.3$	$\gamma_o > 3.1$	$\gamma_o > 4.2$	$\gamma_o > 1.9$	$\gamma_o > 2.7$
1.0	$\gamma_o > 3.5$	$\gamma_o > 5.9$	$\gamma_o > 2.5$	$\gamma_o > 4.5$	$\gamma_o > 1.4$	$\gamma_o > 3.0$
4.0	$\gamma_o > 2.0$	$\gamma_o > 6.6$	$\gamma_o > 1.1$	$\gamma_o > 5.2$	$\gamma_o > 1.0$	$\gamma_o > 3.5$

**EXAMPLE 9.4** Natural frequencies of two cantilever beams connected by a spring: bimorph grippers

Consider the two identical beams shown in Figure 9.31, each with the same general boundary conditions. Each beam is carrying a mass  $M_o$  at  $x = L_1$ . Attached to each of these masses is a spring of stiffness  $k_o$ . We shall determine the natural frequencies of this coupled system. If we assume that the beams are undergoing harmonic vibrations, then the equations of motion for each of these beams can be obtained directly from Eqs. (9.166) as

$$\frac{d^4 W_1(\eta)}{d\eta^4} - \Omega^4 [1 + \gamma_o \delta(\eta - \eta_1)] W_1(\eta) + K_o [W_1(\eta) - W_2(\eta)] \delta(\eta - \eta_1) = 0$$

$$\frac{d^4 W_2(\eta)}{d\eta^4} - \Omega^4 [1 + \gamma_o \delta(\eta - \eta_1)] W_2(\eta) + K_o [W_2(\eta) - W_1(\eta)] \delta(\eta - \eta_1) = 0 \quad (a)$$

where

$$\eta_1 = \frac{L_1}{L}, \quad \gamma_o = \frac{M_o}{m_o}, \quad \text{and} \quad K_o = \frac{k_o L^3}{EI}$$

Upon taking the Laplace transform of Eqs. (a), we obtain

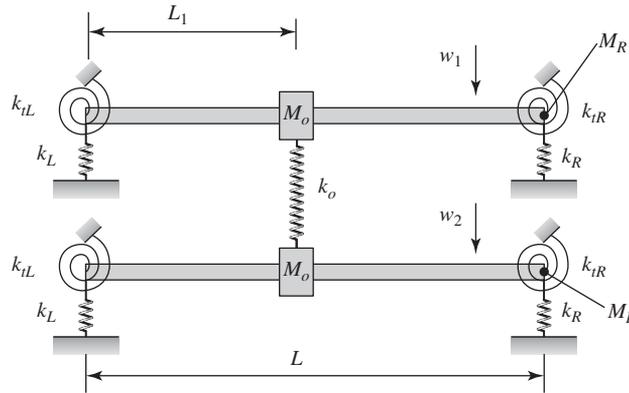
$$\hat{W}_1(s) = \frac{1}{s^4 - \Omega^4} [W_1(0)s^3 + W_1'(0)s^2 + W_1''(0)s + W_1'''(0) + P_{12}e^{-\eta_1 s}]$$

$$\hat{W}_2(s) = \frac{1}{s^4 - \Omega^4} [W_2(0)s^3 + W_2'(0)s^2 + W_2''(0)s + W_2'''(0) + P_{21}e^{-\eta_1 s}] \quad (b)$$

where  $\hat{W}_j(s)$  is the Laplace transform of  $W_j(\eta)$ ,  $j = 1, 2$  and

$$P_{12} = (\gamma_o \Omega^4 - K_o) W_1(\eta_1) + K_s W_2(\eta_1)$$

$$P_{21} = (\gamma_o \Omega^4 - K_o) W_2(\eta_1) + K_s W_1(\eta_1) \quad (c)$$

**FIGURE 9.31**

Two beams each beam carrying a mass that is interconnected by a translational spring.

We assume that at  $\eta = 0$  each beam is restrained by a torsion spring of stiffness  $k_{tL}$  and a translation spring of stiffness  $k_L$ . Then, the boundary conditions at  $\eta = 0$  are

$$\begin{aligned} W_j''(0) &= K_{tL} W_j'(0) \\ W_j'''(0) &= -K_L W_j(0) \quad j = 1, 2 \end{aligned} \quad (d)$$

At the end  $\eta = 1$ , we assume that each beam is restrained by a torsion spring of stiffness  $k_{tR}$  and a translation spring of stiffness  $k_R$ . In addition, a mass  $M_R$  is attached. Then, the boundary conditions at  $\eta = 1$  are

$$\begin{aligned} W_j''(1) &= -K_{tR} W_j'(1) \\ W_j'''(1) &= \left( K_R - \frac{M_R \Omega^4}{m_o} \right) W_j(1) \quad j = 1, 2 \end{aligned} \quad (e)$$

where the constants appearing in Eqs. (d) and (e) are given in Eqs. (9.67) and in the equations following Eqs. (9.170) and (9.171).

We note that each of Eqs. (b) is the same as Eq. (9.173) if, in Eq. (9.173), we let  $F_2 = F_3 = 0$  and set  $F_1 W(\eta_1) = P_{12}$ . Also, the boundary conditions on each beam are the same as those that were used to go from Eq. (9.173) to the solution given by Eq. (9.181). Therefore, we can write the solutions to Eqs. (a) subject to the general boundary conditions Eqs. (d) and (e) as

$$\begin{aligned} W_1(\eta) &= \frac{P_{12}}{\Omega^3} [H_1(\eta, \Omega) + T(\Omega[\eta - \eta_1])u(\eta - \eta_1)] \\ W_2(\eta) &= \frac{P_{21}}{\Omega^3} [H_1(\eta, \Omega) + T(\Omega[\eta - \eta_1])u(\eta - \eta_1)] \end{aligned} \quad (f)$$

where  $H_1(\eta, \Omega)$  is given by Eq. (9.182).

To obtain the frequency equation, we note that Eqs. (f) must be valid at  $\eta = \eta_1$ . Therefore, Eqs. (f) become

$$\begin{aligned} W_1(\eta_1) &= \frac{P_{12}}{\Omega^3} H_1(\eta_1, \Omega) \\ W_2(\eta_1) &= \frac{P_{21}}{\Omega^3} H_1(\eta_1, \Omega) \end{aligned} \quad (g)$$

since  $T(0) = 0$ . We now substitute Eqs. (c) into Eqs. (g) and collect terms to obtain

$$\begin{bmatrix} a + b & -b \\ -b & a + b \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} W_1(\eta_1) \\ W_2(\eta_1) \end{Bmatrix} = 0 \quad (h)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} a &= 1 - \gamma_o \Omega H_1(\eta_1, \Omega) \\ b &= \frac{H_1(\eta_1, \Omega)}{\Omega^3} K_o \end{aligned} \quad (i)$$

The frequency equation is obtained by setting the determinant of the coefficients of  $W_j(\eta_1)$  to zero. This leads to

$$a(a + 2b) = 0 \quad (j)$$

The values of  $\Omega = \Omega_n$  that satisfy Eq. (j) are the natural-frequency coefficients. We see from Eq. (j) that the  $\Omega_n$  are obtained from two independent equations:  $a = 0$  and  $a + 2b = 0$ . The former equation is identical to Eq. (9.134) when we set  $B(\Omega) = \gamma_o \Omega^4$  in Eq. (9.134). This equation gives the natural-frequency coefficients corresponding to the case where the beams' mode shapes are in-phase with the each other. This effectively has the interconnecting spring undergoing no net extension or compression. This type of motion is a direct consequence of the two beams having identical geometric and physical properties and having identical boundary conditions.

The solutions to the latter equation give the  $\Omega_n$  for coupled system; that is,

$$\Omega_n^3 - (\gamma_o \Omega_n^4 - 2K_o) H_1(\eta_1, \Omega_n) = 0 \quad (k)$$

The coupled motions correspond to the case where the beam's mode shapes are out-of-phase with each other. Equation (k) is the same as Eq. (9.196) when we set  $B(\Omega_n) = 0$  in Eq. (9.196) and let  $2K_o = K_2$ . The factor of two is due to the fact that the spring of stiffness  $k_o$  undergoes an extension or a compression at each of its ends whereas the spring  $k_2$  undergoes an extension or compression at only one end; its other end is fixed.

It should be noted that Eq. (k) is the solution for general boundary conditions. We shall now use these results to approximate the case of a bimorph

gripper.<sup>31</sup> We assume that the beam is a cantilever beam and the mass and the interconnecting spring are attached at the free end; that is, at  $\eta_1 = 1$ . To convert these general results to those for a cantilever beam, we use the limiting procedure discussed in Section 9.9.3 and find that

$$H_1(\eta, \Omega_n) = C_{5n}T(\Omega_n\eta) + C_{6n}S(\Omega_n\eta) \quad (l)$$

where  $C_{5n}$  and  $C_{6n}$  are given by Eq. (9.153). When  $\eta_1 = 1$ ,  $C_{5n}$  and  $C_{6n}$  become, respectively

$$\begin{aligned} C_{5n} &= \frac{-Q(\Omega_n)}{Q^2(\Omega_n) - R(\Omega_n)T(\Omega_n)} \\ C_{6n} &= \frac{R(\Omega_n)}{Q^2(\Omega_n) - R(\Omega_n)T(\Omega_n)} \end{aligned} \quad (m)$$

since  $Q(0) = 1$  and  $R(0) = 0$ . Therefore, the frequency equation is

$$\begin{aligned} (\gamma_o\Omega_n^4 - 2K_s)[R(\Omega_n)S(\Omega_n) - Q(\Omega_n)T(\Omega_n)] \\ - \Omega_n^3(Q^2(\Omega_n) - R(\Omega_n)T(\Omega_n)) = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (n)$$

Upon using Eqs. (9.80), we find that Eq. (n) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} (\gamma_o\Omega_n^4 - 2K_s)[\sin(\Omega_n)\cosh(\Omega_n) - \sinh(\Omega_n)\cos(\Omega_n)] \\ - \Omega_n^3(1 + \cosh(\Omega_n)\cos(\Omega_n)) = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (o)$$

If we replace  $2K_s$  with  $K_2$ , then Eq. (o) is identical to Eq. (10a) in Table 9.2.

The mode shapes are

$$W_{jn}(\eta) = H_1(\eta, \Omega) \quad j = 1, 2 \quad (p)$$

In Eq. (p), we have set the scale factor  $P_{12}/\Omega^3 \equiv 1$ .

### 9.3.6 Effects of an Axial Force and an Elastic Foundation on the Natural Frequency<sup>32</sup>

We shall determine the effects that an axial force  $p(x, t)$  and an elastic foundation  $k_f$  have on the natural frequency coefficient. Axial forces arise in beam models of many vibratory systems including rotating machinery, where the centrifugal

<sup>31</sup>S. Chonan, Z.W. Jaing, and M. Koseki, "Soft-Handling Gripper Driven by Piezoceramic Bimorph Strips", *Smart Materials Structures*, Vol. 5 (1996) pp. 407–414.

<sup>32</sup>For a more complete treatment of this topic, see the following: F. J. Shaker, "Effect of Axial Load on Mode Shapes and Frequencies of Beams," Lewis Research Center Report NASA TN D-8109 (December 1975); G. C. Nihous, "On the continuity of the boundary value problem for vibrating free-free straight beams under axial load," *J. Sound Vibration*, Vol. 200, No. 1, pp. 110–119 (1997); and M. A. De Rosa and M. J. Maurizi, "The influence of concentrated masses and Pasternak soil on the free vibrations of Euler beams—exact solution," *J. Sound Vibration*, Vol. 212, No. 4, pp. 573–581 (1998). For an example of an axial force in a MEMS application, see A. Singh, R. Mukherjee, K. Turner, and S. Shaw, "MEMS Implementation of Axial and Follower End Forces," *J. Sound Vibration*, Vol. 286, pp. 637–644 (2005).

forces are the source of the axial forces or in vertical structures such as water towers. If we assume that  $p(x,t) = p_o$  is a constant and that the beam has a uniform cross-section and uniform material along its length, then Eq. (9.40) is written as

$$EI \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^4} - p_o \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + k_f w(x,t) + \rho A \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} = f(x,t) \quad (9.204)$$

where  $p_o$  is a tensile force. Following the procedure used in Section 9.3.3, we assume that the externally applied transverse load is zero—that is,  $f(x,t) = 0$ —and that the displacement is of the form given by Eq. (9.58). Then, Eq. (9.204) leads to the spatial equation

$$\frac{d^4 W}{d\eta^4} - \hat{P} \frac{d^2 W}{d\eta^2} + (K_f - \Omega^4)W = 0 \quad (9.205)$$

where we have employed the notation of Eq. (9.67) and introduced the quantities

$$\hat{P} = \frac{p_o L^2}{EI} \quad \text{and} \quad K_f = \frac{k_f L^4}{EI} \quad (9.206)$$

#### Pinned-Pinned Beam

Rather than find a general solution to Eq. (9.205), we shall only obtain the solution to a beam that is pinned at each of its ends. This will be sufficient for us to illustrate the effects that  $p_o$  and  $k_f$  have on the natural frequency coefficient. From Eq. (2b) of Table 9.2 and Case 2 of Table 9.3, the spatial function that satisfies the boundary conditions for a beam hinged at both ends is

$$W(\eta) = \sin(n\pi\eta) \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \quad (9.207)$$

The substitution of Eq. (9.207) into Eq. (9.205) leads to the characteristic equation

$$(n\pi)^4 + \hat{P}(n\pi)^2 + K_f - \Omega^4 = 0 \quad (9.208a)$$

which yields

$$\Omega_n = \sqrt[4]{(n\pi)^4 + \hat{P}(n\pi)^2 + K_f} \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \quad (9.208b)$$

where  $\Omega_n$  is the  $n$ th natural frequency coefficient. Since  $K_f > 0$ , we see that the presence of the elastic foundation always increases the natural frequencies of the beam, and that a tensile axial force ( $\hat{P} > 0$ ) always increases the natural frequencies while a compressive axial force ( $\hat{P} < 0$ ) always decreases them. For compressive axial forces one must make sure that the buckling limits of the beam are not exceeded. The buckling limits are also a function of the boundary conditions.

### 9.3.7 Tapered Beams<sup>33</sup>

We shall now remove the assumption that the beam has a constant cross-section and consider beams whose cross-section varies with the position along the length of the beam, as shown in Figure 9.32. This permits us to model such systems as fly fishing rods,<sup>34</sup> baseball bats, and chimneys.<sup>35</sup> We assume that  $p = k_f = f(x,t) = 0$  in Eq. (9.40) and that the solution is of the form given by Eq. (9.58). In addition, we assume that

$$\begin{aligned} A &= A_o a(\eta) \\ I &= I_o i(\eta) \end{aligned} \quad (9.209)$$

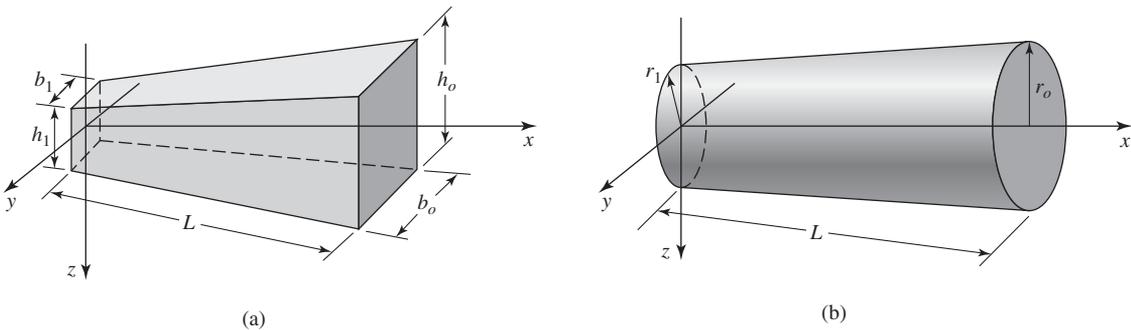
where  $A_o$  and  $I_o$  are constants, and  $a(\eta)$  and  $i(\eta)$  are nondimensional functions of  $\eta$ . Then, Eq. (9.40) and Eqs. (9.209) lead to the spatial equation

$$\frac{d^2}{d\eta^2} \left[ i(\eta) \frac{d^2 W}{d\eta^2} \right] - \Omega_0^4 a(\eta) W = 0 \quad (9.210)$$

where we have used the notation of Eqs. (9.67) and introduced the quantity

$$\Omega_0^4 = \frac{\rho A_o \omega^2 L^4}{EI_o} \quad (9.211)$$

Consider the double-tapered beam with rectangular cross-section shown in Figure 9.32a; that is, a beam that tapers in both the  $xz$ -plane and the  $xy$ -plane. Let us assume that the taper ratios  $\alpha = h_1/h_o < 1$  in the  $xz$ -plane and  $\beta = b_1/b_o < 1$  in the  $xy$ -planes are equal, that is,  $\alpha = \beta$ , where  $h_1$ ,  $h_o$ ,  $b_1$ , and



**FIGURE 9.32**

Geometry of a tapered beam: (a) rectangular cross-section and (b) circular cross-section.

<sup>33</sup>For a general treatment of tapered beams see E. B. Magrab, *ibid.*, pp. 153–168.

<sup>34</sup>J. A. Hoffmann and M. R. Hooper, “Fly Rod Response,” *J. Sound Vibration*, Vol. 209, No. 3, pp. 537–541 (1998).

<sup>35</sup>K. Güler, “Free Vibrations and Modes of Chimneys on an Elastic Foundation,” *J. Sound Vibration*, Vol. 218, No. 3, pp. 541–547 (1998).

$b_o$ , are as defined in Figure 9.32a. For this beam, the functions  $a(\eta)$  and  $i(\eta)$  are, respectively,

$$\begin{aligned} a(\eta) &= [\alpha + (1 - \alpha)\eta][\beta + (1 - \beta)\eta] = [\alpha + (1 - \alpha)\eta]^2 \\ i(\eta) &= [\alpha + (1 - \alpha)\eta]^3[\beta + (1 - \beta)\eta] = [\alpha + (1 - \alpha)\eta]^4 \end{aligned} \quad (9.212)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} I_o &= \frac{b_o h_o^3}{12} \\ A_o &= b_o h_o \end{aligned} \quad (9.213)$$

On substituting Eqs. (9.212) into (9.210), we obtain

$$\frac{d^2}{d\eta^2} \left[ [\alpha + (1 - \alpha)\eta]^4 \frac{d^2 W}{d\eta^2} \right] - \Omega_o^4 [\alpha + (1 - \alpha)\eta]^2 W = 0 \quad (9.214)$$

To solve Eq. (9.214), we introduce the transformation from the spatial variable  $\eta$  to another spatial variable  $\varphi$

$$\varphi = \alpha + (1 - \alpha)\eta \quad (9.215)$$

and note that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{d\eta} &= (1 - \alpha) \frac{d}{d\varphi} \\ \frac{d^2}{d\eta^2} &= (1 - \alpha)^2 \frac{d^2}{d\varphi^2} \end{aligned} \quad (9.216)$$

After substituting Eq. (9.215) into Eq. (9.214) and making use of Eqs. (9.216), we arrive at

$$\frac{d^2}{d\varphi^2} \left[ \varphi^4 \frac{d^2 W}{d\varphi^2} \right] - \lambda^4 \varphi^2 W = 0 \quad (9.217)$$

where

$$\lambda = \frac{\Omega_o}{(1 - \alpha)}$$

The general solution to Eq. (9.214) is<sup>36</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} W(\varphi) &= \varphi^{-1} [A_1 J_2(2\lambda\sqrt{\varphi}) + A_2 Y_2(2\lambda\sqrt{\varphi}) \\ &\quad + A_3 I_2(2\lambda\sqrt{\varphi}) + A_4 K_2(2\lambda\sqrt{\varphi})] \end{aligned} \quad (9.218)$$

where  $J_2(z)$  and  $Y_2(z)$  are the Bessel functions of the first and second kind, respectively, and  $I_2(z)$  and  $K_2(z)$  are the modified Bessel functions of the first and second kind, respectively.

<sup>36</sup>E. B. Magrab, *ibid.*, p. 26.

The boundary conditions for a tapered beam is chosen from those given in Table 9.1, except that we rewrite them in terms of the independent variable  $\varphi$  using Eqs. (9.209), (9.212), and (9.215). We now illustrate these results with two examples.

### EXAMPLE 9.5 Natural frequencies of a tapered cantilever beam

We shall determine the characteristic equation for a tapered cantilever beam clamped  $\eta = 1$ . In terms of the spatial variable  $\varphi$ , the boundary conditions at  $\eta = 1$  correspond to  $\varphi = 1$ . Thus, the boundary conditions at  $\eta = 1$  are

$$W(1) = 0$$

$$\left. \frac{dW}{d\eta} \right|_{\eta=1} = 0 \rightarrow (1 - \alpha) \left. \frac{dW}{d\varphi} \right|_{\varphi=1} = 0 \rightarrow \frac{dW(1)}{d\varphi} = 0 \quad (a)$$

At the free end,  $\eta = 0$ , which corresponds to  $\varphi = \alpha$ , we have

$$\frac{d^2W}{d\eta^2} = 0 \rightarrow (1 - \alpha)^2 \frac{d^2W(\alpha)}{d\varphi^2} = 0 \rightarrow \frac{d^2W(\alpha)}{d\varphi^2} = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{d\eta} \left( EI \frac{d^2W}{d\eta^2} \right) = 0 \rightarrow (1 - \alpha)^3 EI_o \frac{d}{d\varphi} \left( \varphi^4 \frac{d^2W}{d\varphi^2} \right) = 0$$

$$\rightarrow 4\varphi^3 \frac{d^2W(\alpha)}{d\varphi^2} + \varphi^4 \frac{d^3W(\alpha)}{d\varphi^3} = 0 \rightarrow \frac{d^3W(\alpha)}{d\varphi^3} = 0 \quad (b)$$

where we have used the first boundary condition of Eqs. (b) to simplify the second boundary condition.

On substituting Eq. (9.218) into the boundary conditions given by Eqs. (a) and (b) and setting the determinant of the coefficients  $A_j$  to zero, we obtain the following equation:

$$\begin{vmatrix} J_5(2\lambda\sqrt{\alpha}) & Y_5(2\lambda\sqrt{\alpha}) & -I_5(2\lambda\sqrt{\alpha}) & K_5(2\lambda\sqrt{\alpha}) \\ J_4(2\lambda\sqrt{\alpha}) & Y_4(2\lambda\sqrt{\alpha}) & I_4(2\lambda\sqrt{\alpha}) & K_4(2\lambda\sqrt{\alpha}) \\ J_2(2\lambda) & Y_2(2\lambda) & I_2(2\lambda) & K_2(2\lambda) \\ J_3(2\lambda) & Y_3(2\lambda) & -I_3(2\lambda) & K_3(2\lambda) \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (c)$$

In arriving at Eq. (c), we used the following relations:

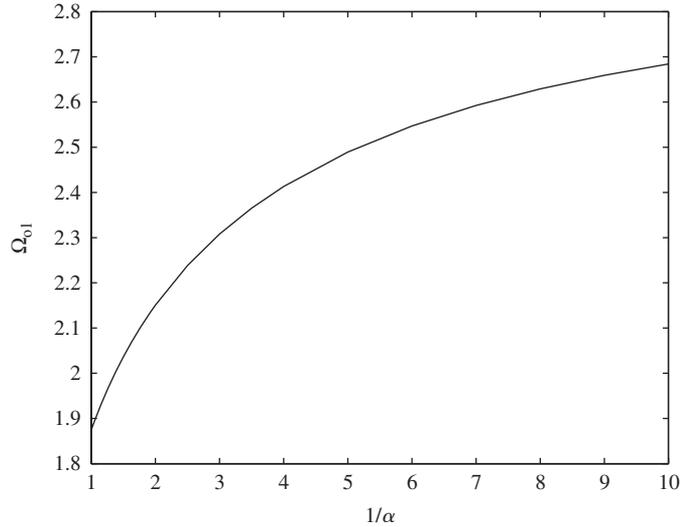
$$\frac{d}{d\varphi} [\varphi^{-n/2} J_n(2\lambda\sqrt{\varphi})] = -\lambda\varphi^{-(n+1)/2} J_{n+1}(2\lambda\sqrt{\varphi})$$

$$\frac{d}{d\varphi} [\varphi^{-n/2} Y_n(2\lambda\sqrt{\varphi})] = -\lambda\varphi^{-(n+1)/2} Y_{n+1}(2\lambda\sqrt{\varphi})$$

$$\frac{d}{d\varphi} [\varphi^{-n/2} I_n(2\lambda\sqrt{\varphi})] = \lambda\varphi^{-(n+1)/2} I_{n+1}(2\lambda\sqrt{\varphi})$$

$$\frac{d}{d\varphi} [\varphi^{-n/2} K_n(2\lambda\sqrt{\varphi})] = -\lambda\varphi^{-(n+1)/2} K_{n+1}(2\lambda\sqrt{\varphi})$$

**FIGURE 9.33**  
 First natural frequency coefficient  
 for a double tapered cantilever  
 beam with  $\alpha = \beta$ .



The first natural frequency coefficient determined from Eq. (c) is shown in Figure 9.33 as a function of  $\alpha$ , where

$$\Omega_{o1} = \lambda_1(1 - \alpha)$$

and  $\lambda_1$  is the lowest root of Eq. (c). Upon using Eq. (9.211) and Figure 9.33, we see that a cantilever beam with a taper of  $\alpha = 0.667$  ( $1/\alpha = 1.5$ ) increases the first natural frequency coefficient by 8.8% compared to that for a uniform cantilever beam, whose first natural frequency coefficient is 1.875. (See Case 4 in Table 9.3.) From Eq. (9.94), we see that this increases the natural frequency by 18.4%.

**EXAMPLE 9.6** Mode shape of a baseball bat

Let us consider a baseball bat-like beam, which shall be modeled as a tapered beam that is free at each end. We shall determine the mode shape of this beam, compare it to the mode shape of a uniform beam that is free at each end, and then based on the results for the tapered beam make some judgments as to where one should strike the ball. For the conical beam shown in Figure 9.32b, we have that  $\alpha = \beta = r_1/r_o < 1$ , where  $r_o$  is the radius of the beam cross-section at  $\eta = 1$  and  $r_1$  is the radius of the beam cross-section at  $\eta = 0$ . The taper functions  $a(\eta)$  and  $i(\eta)$  given by Eqs. (9.212) are still applicable. In this case, Eqs. (9.213) become

$$I_o = \frac{\pi r_o^4}{2}$$

$$A_o = \pi r_o^2 \tag{a}$$

At the end  $\eta = 1$ , which corresponds to  $\varphi = 1$  from Eq. (9.215), we have the boundary conditions

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^2W(1)}{d\varphi^2} &= 0 \\ \frac{d^3W(1)}{d\varphi^3} &= 0\end{aligned}\quad (\text{b})$$

At the end  $\eta = 0$ , which corresponds to  $\varphi = \alpha$ , we have the boundary condition

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^2W(\alpha)}{d\varphi^2} &= 0 \\ \frac{d^3W(\alpha)}{d\varphi^3} &= 0\end{aligned}\quad (\text{c})$$

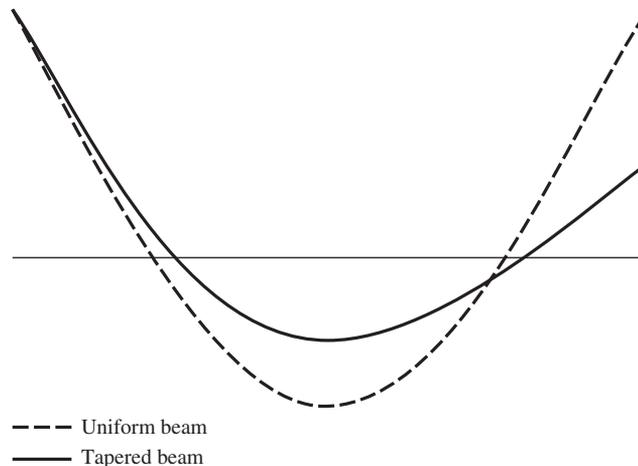
On substituting Eq. (9.218) into the boundary conditions given by Eqs. (b) and (c) and setting the determinant of the coefficients  $A_j$  to zero, we obtain the following equation

$$\begin{vmatrix} J_5(2\lambda\sqrt{\alpha}) & Y_5(2\lambda\sqrt{\alpha}) & -I_5(2\lambda\sqrt{\alpha}) & K_5(2\lambda\sqrt{\alpha}) \\ J_4(2\lambda\sqrt{\alpha}) & Y_4(2\lambda\sqrt{\alpha}) & I_4(2\lambda\sqrt{\alpha}) & K_4(2\lambda\sqrt{\alpha}) \\ J_5(2\lambda) & Y_5(2\lambda) & -I_5(2\lambda) & K_5(2\lambda) \\ J_4(2\lambda) & Y_4(2\lambda) & -I_4(2\lambda) & K_4(2\lambda) \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (\text{d})$$

The evaluation of Eq. (d) for a taper ratio of  $\alpha = 1/2.2 = 0.4545$  leads to the frequency ratio  $\Omega_{o1} = 4.081$ . This is lower than the value of  $\Omega_1 = 4.730$  for a uniform beam free at each end obtained from Case 5 of Table 9.3. The corresponding mode shape is shown in Figure 9.34 along with the mode shape for the uniform beam. In the figure, the right-hand end of the beam is the fatter end. It is seen that at the fatter end of the tapered beam, as the taper ratio is increased the node point “moves” toward the end of the beam whereas, at

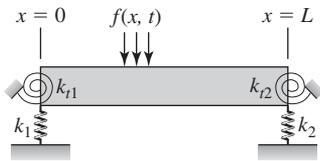
**FIGURE 9.34**

Comparison of the first mode shape of a tapered beam with circular cross-section with  $\alpha = 1/2.2$  and a uniform beam. The fatter end of the tapered beam is at the right end.



the thinner end, it moves toward the interior of the beam. In order for the beam to act as a rigid member, at least as far as exciting the first mode shape, one should strike the ball at the beam's (bat's) node point. That is, if the bat were to strike the ball close to a node point of the first mode, then the first mode of the bat will not be excited and there will be no energy transferred due to the vibrations of the first mode of the bat. Usually, the so-called sweet spot of a baseball bat is at the node of the first mode located near the fat end of the bat. This tends to impart the maximum force to the ball, and frequently, the result is that we hear it as the "crack" of the bat.<sup>37</sup>

## 9.4 FORCED OSCILLATIONS



**FIGURE 9.35**  
Forced oscillations of a beam.

In Section 9.3, we studied the responses of different beam systems during free oscillations. In this section, we shall study the response of beams to externally applied dynamic transverse loading as shown in Figure 9.35. To solve for the response, we shall use the normal mode approach and the technique of separation of variables. To simplify matters, we shall assume that the boundary conditions are independent of time; that is, boundary conditions 9 and 10 in Table 9.1 will not be considered. We assume that the damping force is proportional to the transverse velocity of the beam; that is, from Eq. (9.41c) we have

$$f_{nc}(t) = -c \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} \quad (9.219a)$$

where  $c$  has the units of  $\text{Ns/m}^2$ .

Expressing the external loading  $f(x,t)$  as

$$f(x,t) = f_{nc}(t) + f_d(x,t) \quad (9.219b)$$

the equation of motion for the damped vibrations of the beam is obtained from Eqs. (9.40) and (9.41c). Thus,

$$EI \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^4} + c \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + \rho A \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} = f_d(x,t) \quad (9.220)$$

### Governing Equations in Terms of Nondimensional Quantities

Employing the notation of Eqs. (9.67), Eq. (9.220) is rewritten as

$$\frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial \eta^4} + 2\zeta \frac{\partial w}{\partial \tau} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial \tau^2} = g(\eta, \tau) \quad (9.221)$$

where the nondimensional spatial variable  $\eta = x/L$ , the nondimensional time variable  $\tau = t/t_o$ ,

$$2\zeta = \frac{ct_o L}{m_o}, \quad g(\eta, \tau) = \frac{L^4}{EI} f_d(\eta, \tau) \quad (9.222)$$

<sup>37</sup>R. K. Adair, "The crack-of-the-bat: the acoustics of a bat hitting the ball," Paper No. 5pAA1, 141st Acoustical Society of America Meeting, Chicago, IL, June 2001.

and  $\zeta$  is the nondimensional damping factor,  $t_o$  has the units of time, and  $g(\eta, \tau)$  has the same units as  $w(\eta, \tau)$ .

For the system shown in Figure 9.35, and making use of Eqs. (9.47), the boundary conditions at  $\eta = 0$  are

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial^2 w(0, \tau)}{\partial \eta^2} &= B_1 \frac{\partial w(0, \tau)}{\partial \eta} \\ \frac{\partial^3 w(0, \tau)}{\partial \eta^3} &= -K_1 w(0, \tau)\end{aligned}\quad (9.223)$$

and the boundary conditions at  $\eta = 1$  are

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial^2 w(1, \tau)}{\partial \eta^2} &= -B_2 \frac{\partial w(1, \tau)}{\partial \eta} \\ \frac{\partial^3 w(1, \tau)}{\partial \eta^3} &= K_2 w(1, \tau)\end{aligned}\quad (9.224)$$

where  $B_j$  and  $K_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ , are defined in Eq. (9.67). We recall that the form of the boundary conditions given by Eqs. (9.223) and (9.224) have been chosen so that we can examine a wide range of boundary conditions by independently varying the values of  $B_j$  and  $K_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ , from zero to infinity.

#### Solution for Response

To determine the response of the forced system described by Eqs. (9.221), (9.223), and (9.224) and the specified initial conditions  $w = w(\eta, 0)$  and  $\dot{w} = \dot{w}(\eta, 0)$ , we make use of the mode shapes obtained from the free oscillation problem. For the boundary conditions given by Eqs. (9.223) and (9.224), it is known from the material of Section 9.3 that the mode shapes  $W_n(\eta)$  are orthogonal functions, the general form of which is given by Eqs. (9.89) or (9.91). In the present case,  $W_n(\eta)$  is a solution of the undamped system given by Eq. (9.70); that is,

$$\frac{d^4 W_n}{d\eta^4} - \Omega_n^4 W_n = 0 \quad (9.225)$$

with the boundary conditions at  $\eta = 0$  being

$$\begin{aligned}W_n''(0) &= B_1 W_n'(0) \\ W_n'''(0) &= -K_1 W_n(0)\end{aligned}\quad (9.226)$$

and those at  $\eta = 1$  being

$$\begin{aligned}W_n''(1) &= -B_2 W_n'(1) \\ W_n'''(1) &= K_2 W_n(1)\end{aligned}\quad (9.227)$$

The solution for the forced response of the system is assumed to be of the form

$$w(\eta, \tau) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Psi_n(\tau) W_n(\eta) \quad (9.228)$$

where  $W_n(\eta)$  are determined from the spatial eigenvalue problem associated with the undamped free oscillations of the system; that is, Eqs. (9.225) to (9.227) and the summation are taken over the infinite number of modes. Since  $W_n(\eta)$  is a nondimensional quantity,  $\Psi_n(\tau)$  has the same units as  $w(\eta, \tau)$ . The time-dependent functions  $\Psi_n(\tau)$ , also referred to as *modal amplitudes*, are unknown quantities that remain to be determined.

We substitute Eq. (9.228) into Eq. (9.221) to obtain

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{d^4 W_n}{d\eta^4} \Psi_n + 2\zeta W_n \frac{d\Psi_n}{d\tau} + W_n \frac{d^2 \Psi_n}{d\tau^2} \right] = g(\eta, \tau) \quad (9.229)$$

where it is noted that due to the choice of the nondimensional variables each term in Eq. (9.229) has displacement units. Upon substituting Eq. (9.225) into Eq. (9.229) for the first term on the left-hand side, we obtain

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \Omega_n^4 \Psi_n + 2\zeta \frac{d\Psi_n}{d\tau} + \frac{d^2 \Psi_n}{d\tau^2} \right] W_n = g(\eta, \tau) \quad (9.230)$$

We now multiply Eq. (9.230) by  $W_m(\eta)$ , integrate over the interval  $0 \leq \eta \leq 1$ , and use the orthogonality property expressed by Eq. (9.77) with  $M_o = J_o = 0$  to obtain

$$\frac{d^2 \Psi_n}{d\tau^2} + 2\zeta \frac{d\Psi_n}{d\tau} + \Omega_n^4 \Psi_n = G_n(\tau) \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \quad (9.231)$$

where

$$G_n(\tau) = \frac{1}{N_n} \int_0^1 W_n(\eta) g(\eta, \tau) d\eta$$

$$N_n = \int_0^1 W_n^2(\eta) d\eta \quad (9.232)$$

and  $G_n(\tau)$  has displacement units and  $N_n$  is a nondimensional quantity.

Equation (9.231), which governs the variation of the modal amplitude  $\Psi_n(\tau)$ , is similar to the equation governing a single degree-of-freedom system discussed in Chapters 3 to 6. Therefore, the problem of determining the forced response of the system has been reduced to the problem of solving for the modal amplitudes  $\Psi_n(\tau)$ , each of whose governing equation is similar to the equation governing a single degree-of-freedom system. The orthogonality of the mode shapes is crucial to realizing this step.

### Cases When a Mode Is Not Excited

On examining Eq. (9.231), it is clear that if  $G_n(\tau) = 0$ , then that particular mode corresponding to  $\Omega_n$  does not get excited by the forcing. This is possible in the following two cases. In the first case, we assume that the forcing is acting at a point such that

$$g(\eta, \tau) = F(\tau)\delta(\eta - \eta_1) \quad (9.233a)$$

Then, we obtain from Eqs. (9.232) that

$$G_n(\tau) = \frac{1}{N_n} \int_0^1 W_n(\eta) F(\tau) \delta(\eta - \eta_1) d\eta = \frac{F(\tau)}{N_n} W_n(\eta_1) \quad (9.233b)$$

If  $\eta_1$  is a node point, then  $W_n(\eta_1) = 0$  and  $G_n(\tau) = 0$ . To show this, we consider a beam simply supported at each end. The mode shape is given by Eq. (2b) of Table 9.2 and Case 2 of Table 9.3, and from Eq. (9.233b),  $G_n(\tau)$  becomes

$$G_n(\tau) = \frac{F(\tau)}{N_n} \sin(n\pi\eta_1)$$

which is zero at  $\eta_1 = 1/n$ ,  $n = 2, 3, \dots$ . Conversely,  $G_n(\tau)$  is also zero, for example, when  $\eta_1 = 0.5$  and  $n = 2, 4, \dots$ .

In the second case, we assume that the spatial distribution of the forcing is such that

$$\int_0^1 W_n(\eta) g(\eta, \tau) d\eta = 0 \quad (9.234a)$$

Equation (9.234a) is satisfied when the forcing function is orthogonal to the mode shape; that is, let

$$g(\eta, \tau) = F(\tau) W_m(\eta) \quad (9.234b)$$

where  $W_m(\eta)$  is one of the orthogonal functions. In this case, we obtain from Eqs. (9.232) that

$$G_n(\tau) = \frac{1}{N_n} \int_0^1 W_n(\eta) F(\tau) W_m(\eta) d\eta = F(\tau) \delta_{nm} \quad (9.234c)$$

and, therefore, all the modal amplitudes are zero except for  $n = m$ .

#### Solution for Response (*continued*)

The solution to Eq. (9.231) is obtained by using the Laplace transform, and we follow the procedure used to obtain Eq. (D.11a) of Appendix D. In order to make use of Eq. (D.11a), we rewrite Eq. (9.231) as

$$\frac{d^2 \Psi_n}{d\tau^2} + 2\zeta_n \Omega_n^2 \frac{d\Psi_n}{d\tau} + \Omega_n^4 \Psi_n = G_n(\tau) \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \quad (9.235)$$

where

$$\zeta_n = \frac{\zeta}{\Omega_n^2} \quad (9.236)$$

The Laplace transform of Eq. (9.235) is given by Eq. (D.2) of Appendix D if we identify  $\Psi_n(\tau)$  with  $x(t)$ ,  $\zeta$  with  $\zeta_n$ ,  $\omega_n$  with  $\Omega_n^2$ , and we set  $F(s)/m = \hat{G}_n(s)$ . Thus, if the Laplace transform of  $\Psi_n(\tau)$  is  $\hat{\Psi}_n(s)$ , then in the Laplace domain we have

$$\hat{\Psi}_n(s) = \frac{\hat{G}_n(s) + (s + 2\zeta_n\Omega_n^2)\Psi_n(0) + \dot{\Psi}_n(0)}{s^2 + 2\zeta_n\Omega_n^2s + \Omega_n^4} \quad (9.237)$$

where the overdot indicates the derivative with respect to  $\tau$  and the modal initial conditions are given by  $\Psi_n(0)$  and  $\dot{\Psi}_n(0)$ . Making use of Eq. (9.228), these initial conditions are determined from

$$\begin{aligned} w(\eta, 0) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Psi_n(0) W_n(\eta) \\ \dot{w}(\eta, 0) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \dot{\Psi}_n(0) W_n(\eta) \end{aligned} \quad (9.238)$$

where

$$\dot{w}(\eta, 0) = \frac{1}{t_o} \frac{dw(\eta, 0)}{d\tau}$$

If we multiply each of Eqs. (9.238) by  $W_m(\eta)$ , integrate over the interval  $0 \leq \eta \leq 1$ , and make use of Eq. (9.77) with  $M_o = J_o = 0$ , we obtain the modal initial conditions

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_n(0) &= \frac{1}{N_n} \int_0^1 W_n(\eta) w(\eta, 0) d\eta \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \\ \dot{\Psi}_n(0) &= \frac{1}{N_n} \int_0^1 W_n(\eta) \dot{w}(\eta, 0) d\eta \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned} \quad (9.239)$$

Assuming that  $0 < \zeta_n < 1$ , the inverse transform of Eq. (9.237) is obtained from Eq. (D.11a) as

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_n(\tau) &= \Psi(0)e^{-\zeta\tau} \cos(\Omega_{nd}^2\tau) + \frac{\dot{\Psi}(0) + \zeta\Psi(0)}{\Omega_{nd}^2} e^{-\zeta\tau} \sin(\Omega_{nd}^2\tau) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\Omega_{nd}^2} \int_0^{\tau} e^{-\zeta\tau'} \sin(\Omega_{nd}^2\tau') G_n(\tau - \tau') d\tau' \end{aligned} \quad (9.240)$$

where  $\Psi_n(\tau)$  is the  $n$ th modal amplitude and

$$\Omega_{nd}^2 = \Omega_n^2 \sqrt{1 - \zeta_n^2} \quad (9.241)$$

is the damped natural frequency coefficient associated with the  $n$ th mode.

### Forced Response in the Damped Case

Upon using Eqs. (9.228), (9.232), and (9.240), the displacement of the beam is

$$\begin{aligned}
 w(\eta, \tau) = & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{W_n(\eta)}{N_n} \left[ \frac{1}{\Omega_{nd}^2} \int_0^{\tau} \left\{ \int_0^1 e^{-\zeta \tau'} \sin(\Omega_{nd}^2 \tau') g(\eta, \tau - \tau') W_n(\eta) d\eta \right\} d\tau' \right. \\
 & + e^{-\zeta \tau} \cos(\Omega_{nd}^2 \tau) \int_0^1 W_n(\eta) w(\eta, 0) d\eta \\
 & \left. + \frac{e^{-\zeta \tau} \sin(\Omega_{nd}^2 \tau)}{\Omega_{nd}^2} \int_0^1 W_n(\eta) \{ \dot{w}(\eta, 0) + \zeta w(\eta, 0) \} d\eta \right] \quad (9.242a)
 \end{aligned}$$

The first term inside the brackets is the forced response in the  $n$ th mode and the second and third terms are the responses of the  $n$ th mode to the initial conditions. Making use of Eqs. (9.67) and (9.222), we can rewrite Eq. (9.242a) in terms of the dimensional quantities as

$$\begin{aligned}
 w(x, \tau) = & \sum_n \frac{W_n(x/L)}{LN_n} \left[ \frac{L^4}{\omega_{dn} t_o^2 EI} \int_0^t \left\{ \int_0^L e^{-\zeta' t'} \sin(\omega_{dn} t') f_d(x, t - t') W_n(x/L) dx \right\} dt' \right. \\
 & + e^{-\zeta' t} \cos(\omega_{dn} t) \int_0^L W_n(x/L) w(x, 0) dx \\
 & \left. + \frac{e^{-\zeta' t} \sin(\omega_{dn} t)}{\omega_{dn}} \int_0^L W_n(x/L) \left\{ \frac{\partial w(x, 0)}{\partial t} + \zeta' w(x, 0) \right\} dx \right] \quad (9.242b)
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\omega_{dn} = \omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta_n^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \zeta' = \zeta/t_o$$

### Forced Response in the Undamped Case

When the damping is absent, Eq. (9.242a) simplifies to

$$\begin{aligned}
 w(\eta, \tau) = & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{W_n(\eta)}{N_n} \left[ \frac{1}{\Omega_n^2} \int_0^{\tau} \left[ \int_0^1 g(\eta, \tau - \tau') W_n(\eta) \sin(\Omega_n^2 \tau') d\eta \right] d\tau' \right. \\
 & \left. + \cos(\Omega_n^2 \tau) \int_0^1 W_n(\eta) w(\eta, 0) d\eta + \frac{\sin(\Omega_n^2 \tau)}{\Omega_n^2} \int_0^1 W_n(\eta) \dot{w}(\eta, 0) d\eta \right] \quad (9.243a)
 \end{aligned}$$

In terms of the dimensional quantities, we rewrite Eq. (9.219b) as

$$w(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{W_n(x/L)}{LN_n} \left[ \frac{L^4}{\omega_n^2 EI} \int_0^t \left\{ \int_0^L \sin(\omega_n t') f_d(x,t-t') W_n(x/L) dx \right\} dt' \right. \\ \left. + \cos(\omega_n t) \int_0^L W_n(x/L) w(x,0) dx + \frac{\sin(\omega_n t)}{\omega_n} \int_0^L W_n(x/L) \frac{\partial w(x,0)}{\partial t} dx \right] \quad (9.243b)$$

Equation (9.242a) describes the forced response of the system governed by Eqs. (9.221) to (9.224) and the specified initial conditions, and they have been expressed as a sum of the responses of the individual modes. In practice, the infinite sum shown in Eq. (9.242a) is replaced by a finite number of terms, with this number depending on the frequency content of the excitation.

### EXAMPLE 9.7 Impulse response of a cantilever beam

We shall determine the displacement response of an undamped cantilever beam that is initially at rest and subjected to an impulse force at  $\eta = \xi = x_1/L$ .

In this case,  $c = 0$  in Eq. (9.220) and  $\zeta = 0$  in Eq. (9.221). Since the beam is initially at rest, the initial conditions are

$$w(\eta,0) = \dot{w}(\eta,0) = 0 \quad (a)$$

and the forcing is expressed as

$$g(\eta,\tau) = g_o \delta(\eta - \xi) \delta(\tau) \quad (b)$$

Upon substituting Eqs. (a) and (b) into Eq. (9.243a), and carrying out the integration, we find that

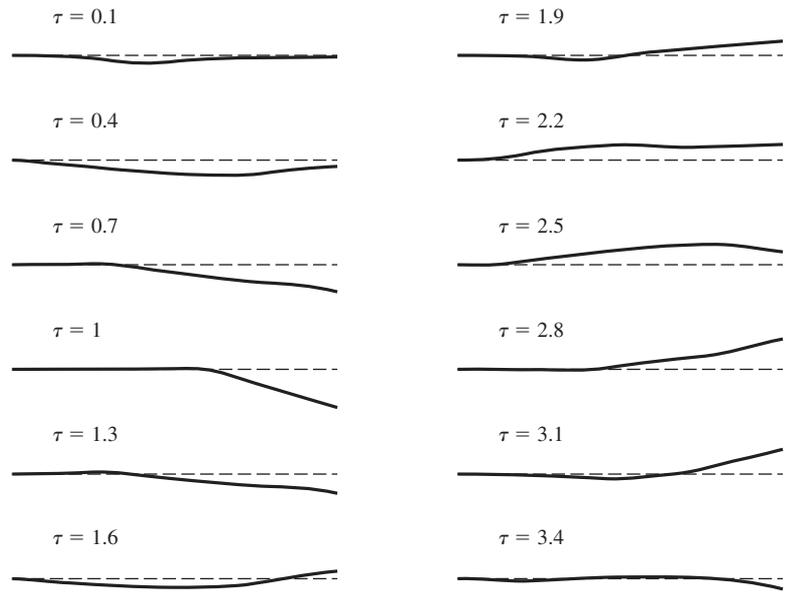
$$w(\eta,\tau) = g_o \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{W_n(\eta) W_n(\xi)}{N_n \Omega_n^2} \sin(\Omega_n^2 \tau) \quad (c)$$

Upon using Eqs. (9.243b), we rewrite Eq. (c) in terms of the dimensional quantities as

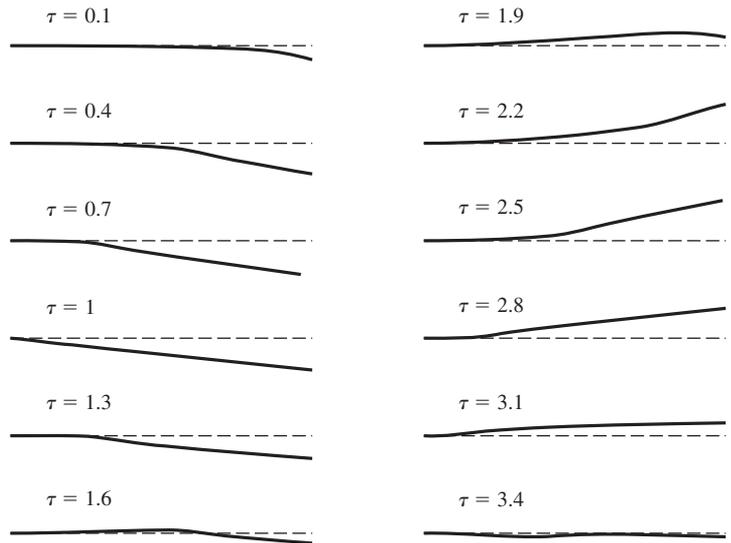
$$w(x,t) = \frac{f_o L^3}{I_o^2 EI} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{W_n(x/L) W_n(x_1/L)}{N_n \omega_n} \sin(\omega_n t) \quad (d)$$

where  $f_o$  is the magnitude of the impulse at  $x = x_1$  in N · s.

The values of  $\Omega_n$  are given in Case 4 of Table 9.3. The modes  $W_n(\eta)$  are given by Eq. (4b) of Table 9.2. The beam displacement given by Eq. (c) is plotted in Figure 9.36 for impulses applied at  $\eta_1 = 0.4$  and  $\eta_1 = 1$ . In each case, the displacement pattern is shown at different instances of the nondimensional time  $\tau$ . Each beam displacement was obtained after truncating the summation to 11 modes in Eq. (c).



(a)



(b)

**FIGURE 9.36**

Normalized response of a cantilever beam subjected to an impulse force:

(a)  $\eta_1 = 0.4$  and (b)  $\eta_1 = 1$ .

**EXAMPLE 9.8** Air-damped micro-cantilever beam

Consider a silicon cantilever beam that is undergoing forced harmonic oscillations at a frequency  $\omega$ . In addition, it is assumed that the length  $L$  of the beam can vary between  $10 \mu\text{m} < L < 1 \text{ mm}$  and that the width  $b = L/10$  and the height  $h = L/100$ . Under certain assumptions, it has been shown<sup>38</sup> that, for these ranges of  $L$ ,  $b$ , and  $h$ , the air damping is the dominant form of damping and it is reasonable to assume that the damping force is proportional to the transverse velocity of the beam; that is, from Eq. (9.41c)

$$f_{nc} = -c \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} \quad (\text{a})$$

where

$$c = 1.5\mu + 0.375\pi b \sqrt{2\rho_a \mu \omega} \quad (\text{b})$$

and  $w = w(x,t)$  is the displacement of the beam,  $\rho_a$  is the density of air ( $1.3 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ), and  $\mu$  is the viscosity of air ( $1.8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ Pa} \cdot \text{s}$ ). For  $|w| < L/1000$  and for  $\omega < 100,000 \text{ rad/s}$ , the Reynolds number for the airflow at the free end of the beam is less than 1 and the given damping model is applicable. We shall determine the form of the forced response in this case when a harmonic forcing is applied at  $\eta = \xi$ . We assume that the initial conditions are zero; that is,

$$w(\eta,0) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{w}(\eta,0) = 0 \quad (\text{c})$$

To determine the form of the response, we make use of Eq. (9.242). For the given damping coefficient  $c$ , the quantity  $\zeta$  is evaluated from Eq. (b) and Eqs. (9.222) to be

$$\zeta = \frac{(1.5\mu + 0.375\pi b \sqrt{2\rho_a \mu \omega})L^3}{2c_b r m_o} \quad (\text{d})$$

For harmonic forcing at  $\eta = \xi$ , the forcing function  $g(\eta,\tau)$  is given by

$$g(\eta,\tau) = g_o \delta(\eta - \xi) \sin(\Omega^2 \tau) \quad (\text{e})$$

Substituting Eq. (e) into Eq. (9.242a), using the modes given by Eq. (4b) of Table 9.3, and making use of Eq. (c) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} w(\eta,\tau) &= g_o \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{W_n(\eta)}{N_n \Omega_{nd}^2} \int_0^{\tau} e^{-\zeta \tau'} \sin(\Omega_{nd}^2 \tau') \sin[\Omega^2(\tau - \tau')] \left\{ \int_0^1 \delta(\eta - \xi) W_n(\eta) d\eta \right\} d\tau' \\ &= g_o \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{W_n(\eta) W_n(\xi)}{N_n \Omega_{nd}^2} \int_0^{\tau} e^{-\zeta \tau'} \sin(\Omega_{nd}^2 \tau') \sin[\Omega^2(\tau - \tau')] d\tau' \quad (\text{f}) \end{aligned}$$

<sup>38</sup>H. Hosaka and K. Itao, "Theoretical and Experimental Study on Airflow Damping of Vibrating Microcantilevers," *J. Vibration Acoustics*, Vol. 121, pp. 64–69 (1999).

Making use of Eqs. (5.6) to (5.8) and recognizing that the sinusoidal excitation is present for all time—that is, we can ignore the transient portion of the solution in Eq. (5.7)—we find that

$$w(\eta, \tau) = g_o \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{W_n(\eta)W_n(\xi)}{N_n \Omega_n^4} H_n(\Omega) \sin(\Omega^2 \tau - \theta_n(\Omega)) \quad (g)$$

where we have used Eq. (9.241) and

$$H_n(\Omega) = \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{\Omega^4}{\Omega_n^4} \right)^2 + \left( 2\zeta_n \frac{\Omega^2}{\Omega_n^2} \right)^2 \right]^{-1/2}$$

$$\theta_n(\Omega) = \tan^{-1} \frac{2\zeta_n \Omega^2 / \Omega_n^2}{1 - \Omega^4 / \Omega_n^4}$$

### EXAMPLE 9.9 Frequency-response functions of a beam

Consider the arrangement shown in Figure 9.37 in which a cantilever beam is excited by using a shaker at location  $x = x_1$  on a beam. We assume that the beam is initially at rest, that the force imparted to the beam is measured by using a force transducer, and that the beam response is measured at location  $x = x_2$  by using an accelerometer. We shall construct a frequency-response function based on the accelerometer measurement and the input force measurement.

The measured force applied at  $x = x_1$  is represented by

$$f_d(x, t) = f(t)\delta(x - x_1) \quad (a)$$

and the acceleration measured at  $x = x_2$  is represented by

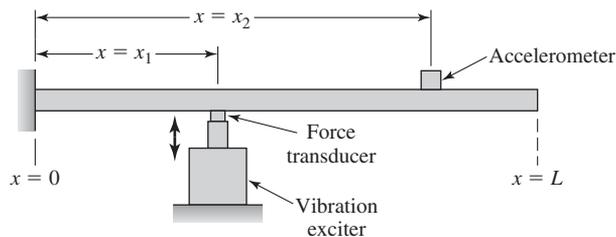
$$a(t) = \frac{\partial^2 w(x_2, t)}{\partial t^2} \quad (b)$$

In terms of the nondimensional variables  $\tau = t/t_0$ , and  $\eta = x/L$ , Eqs. (a) and (b) are written as, respectively,

$$\begin{aligned} f_d(\eta, \tau) &= f(\tau)\delta(\eta - \eta_1) \\ a(\tau) &= \frac{1}{t_0^2} \frac{\partial^2 w(\eta_2, \tau)}{\partial \tau^2} \end{aligned} \quad (c)$$

**FIGURE 9.37**

Cantilever beam excited by a shaker at  $x = x_1$  and the resulting acceleration measured at  $x = x_2$ .



Let  $A(s)$  and  $F(s)$  represent the Laplace transforms of  $a(\tau)$  and  $f(\tau)$ , respectively. Then, the transfer function  $G_{21}(s)$  is constructed as

$$G_{21}(s) = \frac{A(s)}{F(s)} \quad (\text{d})$$

The required frequency-response function is obtained from Eq. (d) by setting  $s = j\Omega^2$ ; that is,

$$G_{21}(j\Omega^2) = \frac{A(j\Omega^2)}{F(j\Omega^2)} \quad (\text{e})$$

To construct  $G_{21}(j\Omega^2)$ , we start by taking the Laplace transform of the second of Eqs. (c) to obtain

$$A(s) = \frac{s^2}{I_0^2} \hat{W}(\eta_2, s) \quad (\text{f})$$

We now take the Laplace transform of Eq. (9.228) and obtain

$$\hat{W}(\eta, s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \hat{\Psi}_n(s) W_n(\eta) \quad (\text{g})$$

Upon substituting Eq. (g) into Eq. (f), we arrive at

$$A(s) = \frac{s^2}{I_0^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \hat{\Psi}_n(s) W_n(\eta_2) \quad (\text{h})$$

To obtain an expression for  $\hat{\Psi}(s)$ , we use Eq. (9.222) to obtain

$$g(\eta, \tau) = \frac{L^4}{EI} f_d(\eta, \tau) = \frac{L^4}{EI} f(\tau) \delta(\eta - \eta_1) \quad (\text{i})$$

Upon substituting Eq. (i) into Eq. (9.232), we find that

$$\begin{aligned} G_n(\tau) &= \frac{1}{N_n} \int_0^1 W_n(\eta) g(\eta, \tau) d\eta \\ &= \frac{L^4 f(\tau)}{N_n EI} \int_0^1 W_n(\eta) \delta(\eta - \eta_1) d\eta \\ &= \frac{L^4}{N_n EI} f(\tau) W_n(\eta_1) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{j})$$

Upon taking the Laplace transform of Eq. (j), we obtain

$$\hat{G}_n(s) = \frac{L^4}{N_n EI} F(s) W_n(\eta_1) \quad (\text{k})$$

We now substitute Eq. (k) into Eq. (9.237) with the initial conditions set to zero, and arrive at

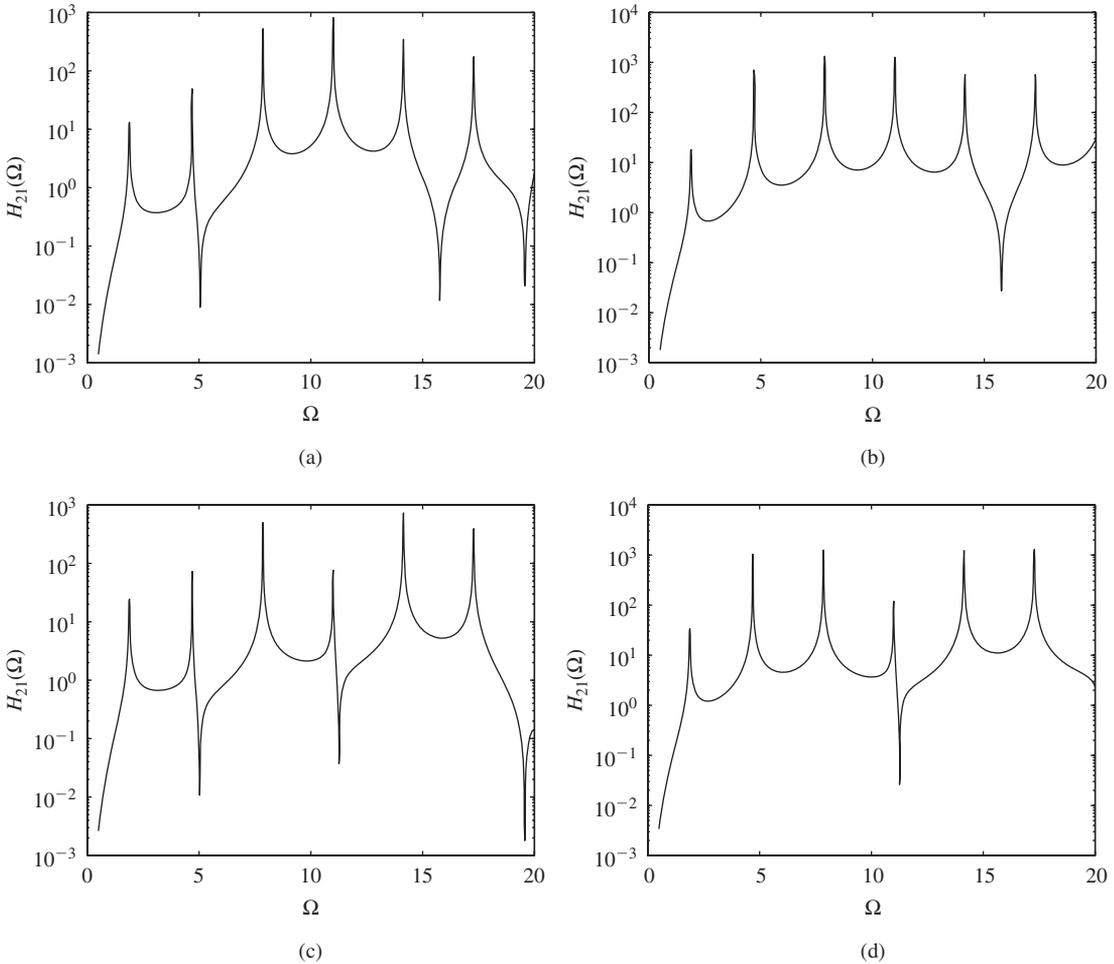
$$\hat{\Psi}_n(s) = \frac{L^4}{N_n EI} \frac{F(s) W_n(\eta_1)}{s^2 + 2\zeta_n \Omega_n^2 s + \Omega_n^4} \tag{1}$$

Upon substituting Eq. (1) into Eq. (h) and using Eq. (d), we obtain

$$G_{21}(s) = \frac{A(s)}{F(s)} = \frac{L^4}{t_o^2 EI} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{W_n(\eta_1) W_n(\eta_2)}{N_n} \right] \left[ \frac{s^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta_n \Omega_n^2 s + \Omega_n^4} \right] \tag{m}$$

Then, the frequency-response function given by Eq. (e) is

$$\begin{aligned} G_{21}(j\Omega^2) &= \frac{A(j\Omega^2)}{F(j\Omega^2)} \\ &= \frac{c_b^2 r^2}{EI} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{W_n(\eta_1) W_n(\eta_2)}{N_n} \right] \left[ \frac{-\Omega^4}{\Omega_n^4 - \Omega^4 + 2j\zeta_n \Omega_n^2 \Omega^2} \right] \end{aligned} \tag{n}$$



**FIGURE 9.38**

Magnitude of the transfer function of the acceleration to the driving force at different locations on a cantilever beam: (a)  $\eta_1 = 0.25$  and  $\eta_2 = 0.8$ ; (b)  $\eta_1 = 0.25$  and  $\eta_2 = 1.0$ ; (c)  $\eta_1 = 0.35$  and  $\eta_2 = 0.8$ ; and (d)  $\eta_1 = 0.35$  and  $\eta_2 = 1.0$ .

We see from Eq. (m) that if we were to reverse the drive location, which was at  $\eta = \eta_1$ , with the measurement location, which was at  $\eta = \eta_2$ , the frequency response function would still be the same. This is an important property of linear systems and is referred to as the *reciprocity property*.

The normalized magnitude of Eq. (n) is

$$H_{21}(\Omega) = \frac{EI}{c_b^2 r^2} |G_{21}(j\Omega^2)|$$

This quantity is plotted in Figure 9.38 for  $\eta_1 = 0.25$  and  $0.35$  and for  $\eta_2 = 0.8$  and  $1.0$ . We see that one obtains markedly different transfer functions depending on the driving location and the measuring location. However, the locations of the peaks, which correspond to the  $\Omega_n$ , do not change. We have used 20 modes to obtain these results.

### EXAMPLE 9.10 Use of a second impact to suppress transient response

We shall extend Example 6.5 to a beam by minimizing the magnitude of the root-mean-square(rms) response of a point on the beam when the beam is subjected to two impulses, each of magnitude  $F_o$  but applied at different locations and at different times. Then the force applied to the beam can be expressed as

$$g(\eta, \tau) = g_o \delta(\eta - \eta_1) \delta(\tau) + g_o \delta(\eta - \eta_2) \delta(\tau - \tau_2) \quad (a)$$

where  $g_o = (F_o L^4)/(EI)$ . Assuming that the initial conditions are zero and substituting Eq. (a) into Eq. (9.242a), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} w(\eta, \tau) &= g_o \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{W_n(\eta)}{N_n \Omega_{nd}^2} \left[ \int_0^{\tau} e^{-\zeta \tau'} \sin(\Omega_{nd}^2 \tau') \delta(\tau - \tau') d\tau' \int_0^1 \delta(\eta - \eta_1) W_n(\eta) d\eta \right. \\ &\quad \left. + u(\tau - \tau_2) \int_0^{\tau} e^{-\zeta \tau'} \sin(\Omega_{nd}^2 \tau') \delta(\tau - \tau' - \tau_2) d\tau' \int_0^1 \delta(\eta - \eta_2) W_n(\eta) d\eta \right] \\ &= g_o \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{W_n(\eta)}{N_n \Omega_{nd}^2} [G(\eta_1, \tau, \zeta) + G(\eta_2, \tau - \tau_2, \zeta)] \quad (b) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$G(\eta, \tau, \zeta) = e^{-\zeta \tau} \sin(\Omega_{nd}^2 \tau) W_n(\eta) u(\tau) \quad (c)$$

and  $u(\tau)$  is the unit step function.

The quantity that is to be minimized is the rms value of the displacement at a point  $\eta$ , which is given by

$$w_{\text{rms}}(\eta, \tau_2) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\tau_e - \tau_2} \int_{\tau_2}^{\tau_e} w^2(\eta, \tau) d\tau} \quad (d)$$

In Eq. (d),  $\tau_e$  is a time that is selected to provide a sufficient interval over which one can obtain a meaningful sample of the response after the application of the second impulse at  $\eta_2$  and at time  $\tau_2$ . The objective, then, is to determine the time  $\tau_2$  and location  $\eta_2$  that makes  $w_{\text{rms}}$  a minimum.

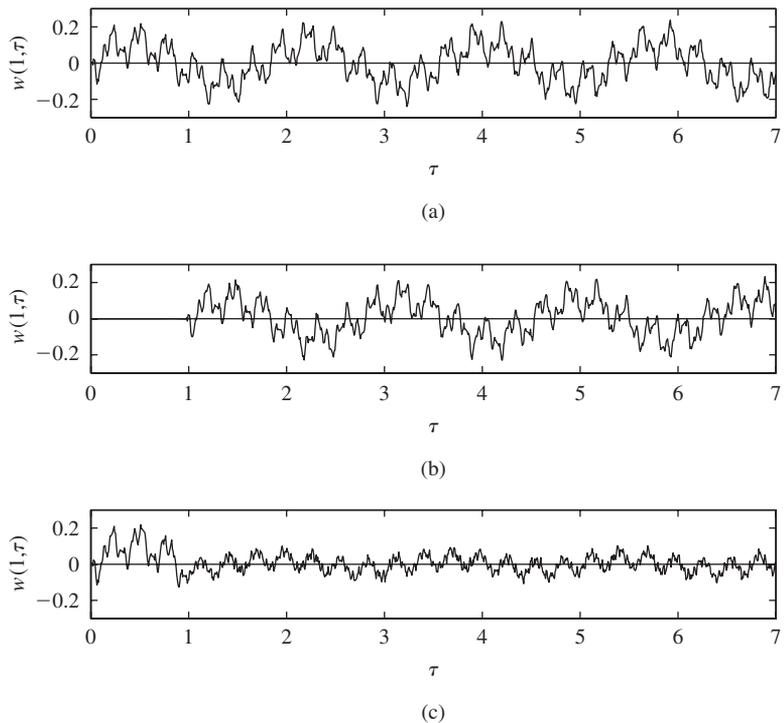
We shall illustrate these results for a cantilever beam. From Eq. (4b) of Table 9.2, we have that the mode shape is

$$W_n(\eta) = -\frac{T(\Omega_n)}{Q(\Omega_n)}T(\Omega_n\eta) + S(\Omega_n\eta) \quad (e)$$

where  $\Omega_n$  are given in Case 4 of Table 9.3. We assume that there is no damping (i.e.,  $\zeta = 0$ ), the first impulse is applied at  $\eta_1 = 0.25$ , and we use 21 terms in Eq. (b). We are interested in minimizing the response at  $\eta = 1$ . The numerical results<sup>39</sup> are shown in Figure 9.39. It is found that  $\eta_2 = 0.241$  at  $\tau_2 = 0.969$ . It is noted that the nondimensional period of the first natural frequency is  $\tau_p = 2\pi/\Omega_1^2 = 2\pi/(0.5969\pi)^2 = 1.787$ . Thus, the second impulse is applied at approximately  $\tau_2/2$  at virtually the same location that the first impulse was applied. For the response shown in Figure 9.39b,  $w_{\text{rms}} = 0.0976$  and for response shown in Figure 9.39c starting at  $\tau_2 = 0.969$ , we find that  $w_{\text{rms}} = 0.0429$ , which is a little more than half of what it was without the second impulse. It also was found that the peak value of the response shown in Figure 9.39b is 0.2404, while that in the region  $\tau > \tau_2$  in Figure 9.39c is 0.108, attaining a reduction by a factor of approximately 2.4.

**FIGURE 9.39**

Response of the free end of an undamped cantilever beam that is subjected to an impulse at  $\eta_1 = 0.25$  at  $\tau = 0$  and another impulse at  $\eta_2 = 0.241$  at  $\tau_2 = 0.969$ : (a) response to first impulse only; (b) response to second impulse only; and (c) response to both impulses.



<sup>39</sup>The MATLAB function `fminsearch` from the Optimization toolbox was used.

**EXAMPLE 9.11** Moving load on a beam

A load moving along a beam is often used to determine the response of a structure (such as a bridge) to a vehicle traveling on it. To illustrate how this response is obtained, we consider an undamped, uniform beam that is hinged at both ends as shown in Figure 9.40. The vehicle is represented as a point force of magnitude  $F_o$  moving with a constant speed  $V$ . This point load is assumed to start from the end of the beam at  $x = 0$  and travel to the end  $x = L$ . Then, the expression for the force on the beam is

$$f_d(x, t) = F_o \delta(x - Vt) \quad 0 \leq t \leq L/V$$

where we have used the delta function to locate the position of the load as it changes with time. In terms of the nondimensional quantities, the forcing takes the form

$$g(\eta, \tau) = g_1 \delta(\eta - \alpha\tau) \quad 0 \leq \tau \leq 1/\alpha$$

where  $\eta = x/L$  is the nondimensional spatial location,  $\tau = t/t_o$  is the nondimensional time,  $t_o$  is a characteristic time constant given by Eq. (9.67), and

$$g_1 = \frac{F_o L^4}{EI} \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha = \frac{V t_o}{L} = \frac{V}{v_o}$$

We see that  $v_o$  can be interpreted as the average speed at which a disturbance propagates along the length of the beam.

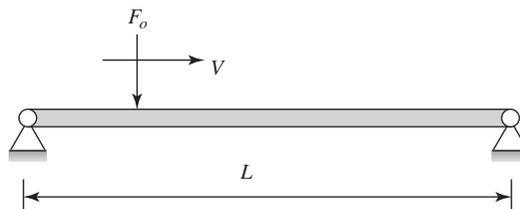
If we assume that the beam is initially at rest, then the initial conditions are zero; that is,  $w(\eta, 0) = 0$  and  $\dot{w}(\eta, 0) = 0$ . Then, it follows from Eq. (9.243a) that the beam response is given by

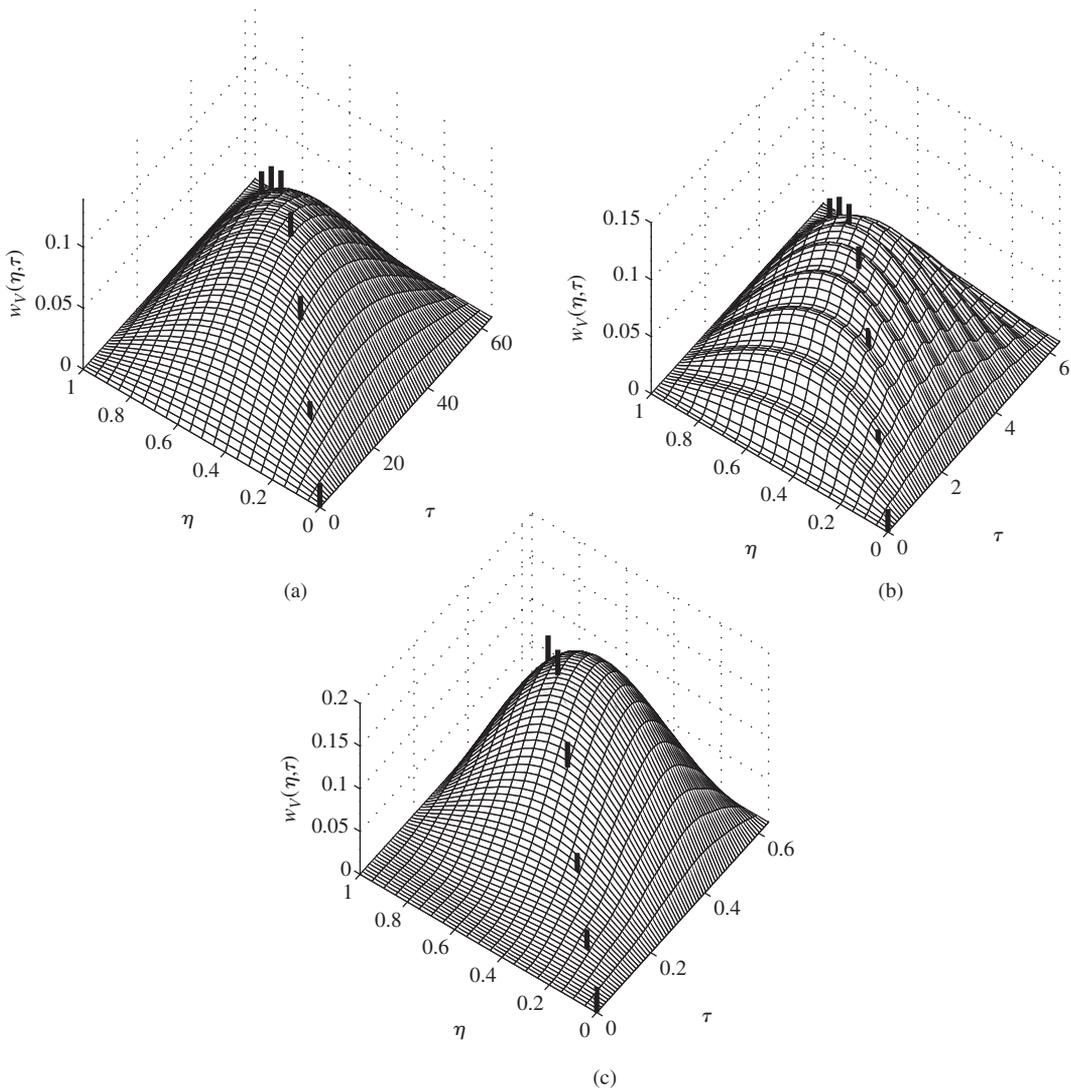
$$\begin{aligned} w(\eta, \tau) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{W_n(\eta)}{N_n} \frac{1}{\Omega_n^2} \int_0^{\tau} \left\{ \int_0^1 \sin(\Omega_n^2 \tau') g_1 \delta(\eta - \alpha(\tau - \tau')) W_n(\eta) d\eta \right\} d\tau' \quad 0 \leq \tau \leq 1/\alpha \\ &= g_1 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{W_n(\eta)}{N_n} \frac{1}{\Omega_n^2} \int_0^{\tau} \sin(\Omega_n^2 \tau') W_n(\alpha(\tau - \tau')) d\tau' \quad 0 \leq \tau \leq 1/\alpha \end{aligned} \quad (a)$$

For a beam hinged at both ends, the mode shape is given by Eq. (2b) of Table 9.2; that is

**FIGURE 9.40**

Point force traveling with a speed  $V$  along a hinged-hinged beam of length  $L$ .



**FIGURE 9.41**

Response of a beam to a point force traveling with a speed  $V$ : (a)  $\alpha = \pi/200$ , (b)  $\alpha = \pi/20$ , and (c)  $\alpha = \pi/2$ . The thick vertical lines correspond to the locations of the traveling force.

$$W_n(\eta) = \sin(\Omega_n \eta)$$

and, from Case 2 of Table 9.3, the natural frequency coefficients are  $\Omega_n = n\pi$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Therefore, from Eq. (9.232) we find that

$$N_n = \int_0^1 \sin^2(\Omega_n \eta) d\eta = 0.5$$

Then Eq. (a) can be written as

$$w(\eta, \tau) = \frac{2g_1}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(n\pi\eta)}{n^2} \int_0^{\tau} \sin(n^2\pi^2\tau') \sin(n\pi\alpha(\tau - \tau')) d\tau' \quad 0 \leq \tau \leq 1/\alpha \quad (b)$$

Upon carrying out the integration in Eq. (b), we obtain

$$w(\eta, \tau) = \frac{2g_1}{\pi^2} w_V(\eta, \tau) \quad 0 \leq \tau \leq 1/\alpha \quad (c)$$

where

$$w_V(\eta, \tau) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(n\pi\eta)}{n^2(n\pi - \alpha)(n\pi + \alpha)} \left[ \sin(n\pi\alpha\tau) - \frac{\alpha}{n\pi} \sin(n^2\pi^2\tau) \right] \quad (d)$$

When  $\alpha = n\pi$ , the  $n$ th term in Eq. (d) has the following limit

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow n\pi} \frac{\sin(n\pi\alpha\tau) - (\alpha/n\pi) \sin(n^2\pi^2\tau)}{n\pi - \alpha} = \frac{1}{n\pi} \sin(n^2\pi^2\tau) - n\pi\tau \cos(n^2\pi^2\tau) \quad 0 \leq \tau \leq 1/\alpha \quad (e)$$

From an examination of the terms in Eq. (d), it is seen that the magnitude of each contribution to the series given by Eq. (d) is proportional to  $1/n^4$ . Thus, only the first few terms of the series are numerically significant. If we take only the first term of the expansion, then to a close approximation, it is

$$w_V(\eta, \tau) = \frac{\sin(\pi\eta)}{(\pi - \alpha)(\pi + \alpha)} \left[ \sin(\pi\alpha\tau) - \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \sin(\pi^2\tau) \right] \quad 0 \leq \tau \leq 1/\alpha \text{ and } \alpha \neq \pi \quad (f)$$

Thus, the beam response has the form of the first mode shape with a time-varying amplitude. When  $\alpha \ll 1$ , the function in the brackets varies with time as the  $\sin(\pi\alpha\tau)$ . Equation (c) is plotted in Figure 9.41 for  $\alpha = \pi/200$ ,  $\alpha = \pi/20$ , and  $\alpha = \pi/2$ .

## 9.5 SUMMARY

In this chapter, free and forced oscillations of slender linear elastic beams were considered. It was illustrated how the governing equations of motion are obtained from the extended Hamilton's principle. This approach can also be used for determining the governing equations for other continua such as strings and bars. Free oscillations of beams were treated at length for different boundary conditions and varying beam properties. The effect of axial force and elastic foundations were also taken into account. The forced response of the beam was determined by using the orthogonality properties of the modes.

# Glossary

- Absorber**—a device that is attached to a system to attenuate its vibration amplitude; *see also* vibration absorber
- Acceleration**—a vector quantity that is the rate of change of velocity with respect to time
- Acceleration, absolute**—acceleration with respect to a fixed point in an inertial reference frame
- Accelerance**—the ratio of the Laplace transform of a vibratory system's acceleration output to the Laplace transform of the force input; the corresponding frequency-response function is obtained by substituting  $s = j\omega$
- Accelerometer**—a device whose output is proportional to acceleration
- Admittance**—the ratio of the Laplace transform of a vibratory system's output displacement to the Laplace transform of the force input; the corresponding frequency-response function is obtained by substituting  $s = j\omega$ ; used synonymously with receptance and compliance functions
- Amplitude response**—the nondimensional frequency-response function used to relate the output response of a linear vibratory system to the input
- Angular acceleration**—a vector quantity that is the rate of change of angular velocity with respect to time; acceleration associated with rotational motions
- Angular momentum**—a vector quantity that is the rotational momentum of a system; moment of linear momentum
- Angular speed**—magnitude of the angular velocity
- Angular velocity**—a vector quantity that is the rate of rotation around an axis
- Aperiodic excitation**—an excitation without periodicity; for linear systems, this typically means a waveform of finite duration or the sum of two or more sine and/or cosine functions whose individual frequencies are incommensurate (i.e., not related by a rational number)
- Band pass filter**—a system that allows frequency components in the input that are within the region defined by its lower and upper cutoff frequencies to pass relatively unattenuated while those frequency components outside this region are attenuated
- Bandwidth**—the frequency range for a system; for a band pass filter, this is the difference between the upper and lower cutoff frequencies; for a low pass filter it is the upper cutoff frequency; for a high pass filter it is the lower cutoff frequency
- Base excitation**—an input applied at the base of a system
- Bernoulli-Euler beam**—an elastic beam in which the bending moment about the cross section of the beam is linearly proportional to the second

derivative of the transverse displacement of the beam

**Boundary conditions**—the state of a spatially distributed system at its boundaries

**Characteristic equation**—an equation whose roots provide the eigenvalues or natural frequencies of a system

**Critically damped**—damping factor is equal to one

**Coulomb damping**—a damping model for dry friction in which the damping force has a constant magnitude and a direction opposite to that of the motion

**Cutoff frequency**—for a vibratory system, the frequency at which the magnitude of the displacement response has decreased to  $0.7071$  ( $1/\sqrt{2}$ ) of its maximum value; that is, the system has the half the power it has at the maximum value

**Damping-dominated response**—the excitation frequency range in which the system response is heavily influenced by the viscous damping of the system; in this range, the response is inversely proportional to the damping coefficient

**Damping factor**—a nondimensional quantity relating the amount of viscous dissipation in a system to the stiffness and mass of the system

**Degrees of freedom**—the minimum number of independent coordinates needed to describe the motion of a system

**Dissipation element**—a device that provides resistance to motion in the form of an irrecoverable loss of energy

**Displacement**—a vector quantity that is used to specify the position of a system

**Energy density spectrum**—the square of the magnitude of the frequency-response function

**Euler-Bernoulli beam**—*see* Bernoulli-Euler beam

**Free response**—motion of a system in the absence of an externally applied force; that is, a system subject only to initial conditions

**Frequency-response function**—the ratio of the output of a system to the input of the system as a function of frequency; can be obtained from the transfer function by substituting  $s = j\omega$

**Generalized coordinates**—the minimum number of independent coordinates needed to describe a system

**Half-power points**—excitation frequencies for which the displacement response has half the power that it has at its maximum value; the frequencies corresponding to the half-power points are used to define the cutoff frequencies

**Harmonic**—any frequency that is an integer multiple of a basic frequency

**Harmonic excitation**—in mechanical vibrations it refers to either a sine function of given amplitude and frequency, a cosine function of given amplitude and frequency, or the combination of a sine function of given amplitude and cosine function of given amplitude each with the same frequency

**High pass filter**—a system that allows frequency components in the input that are greater than its cutoff frequency to pass relatively unattenuated while those frequency components below it are attenuated

**Impact**—a forceful contact that occurs in a relatively short amount of time

**Impulse**—a mathematical representation of a very short-duration force; it is usually represented in the physical world by a pulse whose duration is very short, typically around one-hundredth of a system's natural period

**Impulse response**—time-varying response of a system to an impulse

**Impulse-response function**—displacement response of a system to an impulse of unit magnitude

**Inertia-dominated response**—the excitation frequency range in which the system response is heavily influenced by the inertia of the system; in this range, the response is inversely proportional to the system mass

**Inertia force**—the resistance force experienced by a mass due to a change in absolute velocity; this force has a magnitude equal to the product of the mass and the magnitude of absolute acceleration and is in a direction opposite to that of the motion; similar notion applies for rotational motions

**Inertial reference frame**—a fixed frame that does not share any of the motions of the system under consideration; usually taken as “ground” or fixed in space

**Initial conditions**—the state of a system at time equal to zero

- Kinetic energy**—energy associated with system motion; a scalar quantity determined by using the translational and rotational velocities of the system
- Lagrange's equations**—equations of motions derived from a formulation based on the system kinetic energy, potential energy, and work expressed in terms of generalized coordinates
- Linear momentum**—a vector quantity that is the translational momentum of a system; the product of the body's mass and velocity
- Logarithmic decrement**—the natural logarithm of the ratio of any two successive amplitudes of the response of a linear system that occur one period apart
- Low pass filter**—a system that allows frequency components in the input that are less than its cutoff frequency to pass relatively unattenuated while those frequency components above it are attenuated
- Mass**—a measure of the amount of material a body contains; its weight is the mass times the gravity force in a gravitational field; for translational motions, the ratio of force to acceleration
- Mass moment of inertia**—a measure of the resistance of a body to angular acceleration about a given axis; the ratio of moment to angular acceleration
- Mode shape**—provides a spatial description of motion during free oscillations of an undamped system; any of various stationary vibration patterns in which an oscillatory undamped system or an undamped elastic body oscillates at one of the natural frequencies of the system
- $N$  degree-of-freedom system**—a vibratory system whose motions are described by a set of  $N$  generalized coordinates
- Natural frequency**—the frequency at which an undamped system will vibrate in the absence of external forces
- Node point**—a point that remains stationary when a multi-degree-of-freedom or spatially continuous system is vibrating at one of its natural frequencies
- Normal-mode solution method**—a mathematical procedure that uses the orthogonal properties of mode shapes to decouple the equations of motion and obtain the solution for the response
- Orthogonality of mode shapes**—the special matrix or integral relations that mode shapes satisfy to ensure that each mode is independent of another mode
- Overdamped system**—damping factor is greater than one
- Percentage overshoot**—a measure of the magnification of the displacement response of a system to a step input
- Period of oscillation**—the reciprocal of a system's oscillation frequency given in Hertz
- Periodic excitation**—a time-varying excitation whose waveform repeats itself every constant time interval called the period; the simplest type of periodic excitation is a waveform that varies with time as a sine or cosine function
- Phase response**—the phase lead or lag of the amplitude response with respect to the input as a function of frequency
- Potential energy**—a scalar quantity that represents the energy that is associated with elastic forces and gravitational forces.
- Proportional damping**—damping in an  $N$  degree-of-freedom system that is proportional in a specific manner to the mass and/or stiffness properties of the system
- Resonance**—the condition at which the excitation frequency is equal to one of the natural frequencies of a system; also refers to the response of an undamped or lightly damped linear system at frequencies close to or at one of the system's natural frequencies; for a nonlinear system, resonances can occur at rational multiples of a natural frequency
- Rise time**—the time it takes for the displacement response of a system to a step input force to go from 10% of its steady-state value to 90% of its steady-state value
- Settling time**—the time it takes for the displacement response of a system to a step input to decay to within a specified percentage of its steady-state value
- Spring**—a device that recovers its original shape when released after being distorted

- Stable system**—a system whose response is finite for all time when all initial conditions and externally applied forces and moments have finite magnitudes
- Static-equilibrium position**—the position of a system at rest
- Step input**—an input force or displacement that goes from zero to its maximum magnitude virtually instantaneously and remains at this maximum magnitude thereafter
- Stiffness-dominated response**—the excitation frequency range in which the system response is heavily influenced by the stiffness of the system; in this range, the response is inversely proportional to the system stiffness
- Stiffness element**—a device that stores and releases potential energy
- Transfer function**—the ratio of the output of a system to the input of the system in the Laplace domain expressed as a function of the complex variable  $s$ ; the frequency-response function is obtained from the transfer function by setting  $s = j\omega$
- Transient response**—system response to initial conditions and/or to suddenly applied external forces or moments
- Transmissibility ratio**—a measure of the amount of the applied force to the mass that is transmitted to the ground or the amount of displacement applied to the base that is transmitted to the mass
- Undamped system**—a system without damping
- Underdamped system**—damping factor is greater than zero and less than one
- Unstable system**—a system whose response to inputs of finite magnitude grows in an unbounded manner with time
- Velocity**—a vector quantity that is the rate of change of position with respect to time
- Velocity, absolute**—velocity with respect to a point fixed in an inertial reference frame
- Vibration absorber**—a secondary vibratory system added to a vibrating primary system to cancel or attenuate the motion of the primary system at a specific frequency or frequency region; *see also* absorber
- Vibration isolation**—means used to reduce a system's transmissibility ratio
- Viscous damping**—a damping model in which the damping force has a magnitude linearly proportional to the system speed and a direction opposite to that of the motion

# Appendix A

## Laplace Transform Pairs

### DEFINITION OF LAPLACE TRANSFORM

The Laplace transform is defined as

$$L[g(t)] = G(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} g(t) dt \quad (\text{A.1})$$

where the variable  $s$  is a complex variable represented as  $s = \sigma + j\omega$ , where  $j = \sqrt{-1}$ . In writing this integral transform definition, it is assumed that the time-dependent function  $g(t)$  is defined for all values of time  $t > 0$  and that this function is such that this integral exists; that is,

$$\int_0^{\infty} |g(t)| e^{-at} dt < \infty \quad (\text{A.2})$$

where  $a$  is a positive real number. This restriction means that a function  $g(t)$  that satisfies Eq. (A.2) does not increase with time more rapidly than the exponential function  $e^{-at}$ . In addition, the function  $g(t)$  is required to be piecewise continuous. For the functions  $g(t)$  considered in this book, these conditions are satisfied.

If the time-dependent function is a displacement response  $x(t)$ , which has units of a meter (m), then the corresponding Laplace transform  $X(s)$  has units of meter-seconds (m·s) when  $t$  has the units of time. In this case, the variable  $s$  has units of 1/time so that the product  $st$  is nondimensional.

### EVALUATION OF LAPLACE TRANSFORMS

We shall illustrate the evaluation of the Laplace transform with two examples. First we consider the function

$$g(t) = \cos(\Omega t) \quad (\text{A.3})$$

which appears in Section 5.2. By using the definition (A.1), the Laplace transform of Eq. (A.3) is

$$\begin{aligned}
 L[g(t)] &= G(s) = \int_0^{\infty} \cos(\Omega t) e^{-st} dt \\
 &= \frac{e^{-st}}{s^2 + \Omega^2} [-s \cos(\Omega t) + \Omega \sin(\Omega t)] \Big|_0^{\infty} \\
 &= \frac{s}{s^2 + \Omega^2}
 \end{aligned} \tag{A.4}$$

which is tabulated as entry 18 of Table A. This integration can also be carried out symbolically by using MATLAB, MAPLE, or Mathematica.

Next, we consider the Laplace transform of the first and second time derivatives of the function  $h(t)$ , respectively; that is,

$$\frac{dh}{dt} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d^2h}{dt^2}$$

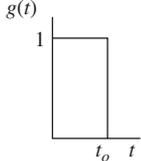
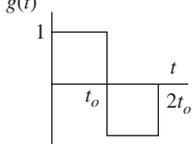
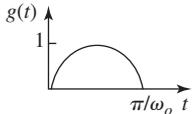
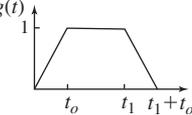
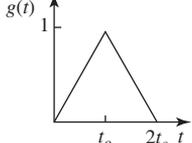
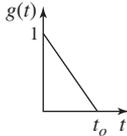
Then, from Eq. (A.1),

$$\begin{aligned}
 L\left[\frac{dh}{dt}\right] &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dh}{dt} e^{-st} dt \\
 &= e^{-st} h(t) \Big|_{\infty_0} + s \int_0^{\infty} h(t) e^{-st} dt \\
 &= e^{-st} h(t) \Big|_0^{\infty} + sH(s) \\
 &= -h(0) + sH(s)
 \end{aligned} \tag{A.5}$$

where integration by parts was used. For the second derivative of  $h(t)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 L\left[\frac{d^2h}{dt^2}\right] &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{d^2h}{dt^2} e^{-st} dt \\
 &= e^{-st} \frac{dh}{dt} \Big|_0^{\infty} + s \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dh}{dt} e^{-st} dt \\
 &= -\frac{dh}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} + s[sH(s) - h(0)] \\
 &= s^2H(s) - sh(0) - \dot{h}(0)
 \end{aligned} \tag{A.6}$$

**TABLE A**  
Laplace Transform Pairs

	$G(s)$	$g(t)$	Description
1	$G(s/a)$	$ag(at)$	Scaling of variable
2	$s^n G(s) - \sum_{k=1}^n s^{n-k} g^{(k-1)}(0)$	$g^{(n)}(t) = \frac{d^n g}{dt^n}$	$n$ th-order derivative, $n = 1, 2, \dots$
3	$e^{-t_0 s} G(s)$	$g(t - t_0) u(t - t_0)$	Time shifting
4	$G(s)H(s)$	$\int_0^t g(\eta)h(t - \eta)d\eta = \int_0^t g(t - \eta)h(\eta)d\eta$	Convolution
5	$e^{-st_0}$	$\delta(t - t_0)$	Delta function
6	$\frac{e^{-st_0}}{s}$	$u(t - t_0)$	Unit step function
7	$\frac{1}{s - a}$	$e^{at}$	Exponential
8	$\frac{1 - e^{-st_0}}{s}$	$u(t) - u(t - t_0)$	Rectangular pulse of duration $t_0$
			
9	$\frac{(1 - e^{-t_0 s})^2}{s}$	$u(t) - 2u(t - t_0) + u(t - 2t_0)$	
			
10	$\frac{\omega_o(1 + e^{-\pi s/\omega_o})}{s^2 + \omega_o^2}$	$\sin(\omega_o t)[u(t) - u(t - \pi/\omega_o)]$	Half sine wave of frequency $\omega_o$
			
11	$G(s) = \frac{1}{t_0 s^2}(1 - e^{-st_0}) \times (1 - e^{-st_1})$	$g(t) = (t/t_0)[u(t) - u(t - t_0)] + [u(t - t_0) - u(t - t_1)] + (-t/t_0 + 1 + t_1/t_0)[u(t - t_1) - u(t - t_1 - t_0)]$	
			
12	$G(s) = \frac{1}{t_0 s^2}(1 - e^{-st_0})^2$	$g(t) = (t/t_0)[u(t) - u(t - t_0)] + (-t/t_0 + 2)[u(t - t_0) - u(t - 2t_0)]$	
			
13	$\frac{e^{-t_0 s} + t_0 s - 1}{t_0 s^2}$	$(1 - t/t_0)[u(t) - u(t - t_0)]$	
			

(continued)

**TABLE A**  
(continued)

	$G(s)$	$g(t)$	Description
14	$\frac{1}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}$	$\frac{1}{\omega_d} e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \sin(\omega_d t)$	Impulse response of single degree-of-freedom system $\omega_d = \omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}$
15	$\frac{\omega_n^2}{s(s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2)}$	$1 - \frac{\omega_n}{\omega_d} e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \sin(\omega_d t + \varphi)$	$g(t)$ is step response of single degree-of-freedom system $\varphi = \cos^{-1} \zeta \quad \zeta < 1$
16	$\frac{s}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}$	$-\frac{\omega_n}{\omega_d} e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \sin(\omega_d t - \varphi)$	
17	$\frac{s + 2\zeta\omega_n}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}$	$\frac{\omega_n}{\omega_d} e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \sin(\omega_d t + \varphi)$	Response of single degree-of-freedom system to initial displacement
18	$\frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2}$	$\cos(\omega t)$	Special case of 16
19	$\frac{\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2}$	$\sin(\omega t)$	Special case of 14
20	$\frac{s}{s^2 - \omega^2}$	$\cosh(\omega t)$	
21	$\frac{\omega}{s^2 - \omega^2}$	$\sinh(\omega t)$	
22	$\frac{1}{s^n}$	$\frac{t^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}$	$n = 1, 2, \dots$
23	$\frac{2a^3}{s^4 - a^4}$	$\sinh(at) - \sin(at)$	Term in solution to Euler beam equation
24	$\frac{2a^2 s}{s^4 - a^4}$	$\cosh(at) - \cos(at)$	Term in solution to Euler beam equation
25	$\frac{2as^2}{s^4 - a^4}$	$\sinh(at) + \sin(at)$	Term in solution to Euler beam equation
26	$\frac{2s^3}{s^4 - a^4}$	$\cosh(at) + \cos(at)$	Term in solution to Euler beam equation
27	$\frac{1}{(s+a)(s+b)}$	$\frac{1}{(b-a)} [e^{-at} - e^{-bt}]$	Generalization of 14
28	$\frac{s}{(s+a)(s+b)}$	$\frac{1}{(b-a)} [be^{-bt} - ae^{-at}]$	Generalization of 16
29	$a_1 G_1(s) + a_2 G_2(s)$	$a_1 g_1(t) + a_2 g_2(t)$	Linearity theorem
30	$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} [sG(s)]$	$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} [g(t)]$	Initial value theorem assuming that $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} [sG(s)]$ exists

**TABLE A**  
(continued)

	$G(s)$	$g(t)$	Description
31	$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} [sG(s)]$	$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [g(t)]$	Final value theorem assuming that $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [g(t)]$ exists
32	$G(s - a)$	$g(t)e^{at}$	s-domain shifting

where integration by parts and Eq. (A.5) were used. The results given by Eqs. (A.5) and (A.6) are summarized along with higher-order derivatives in entry 2 of Table A. The evaluation of the inverse Laplace theorem is not straightforward, and for details of this, the reader is referred to Widder.<sup>1</sup>

## USE OF PARTIAL FRACTIONS

The method of partial fractions is frequently used to reduce higher order polynomials to lower order polynomials whose form corresponds to one of those appearing in Table A. To illustrate this method, consider the following equation that describes the motion of a thin elastic beam on an elastic foundation that is subjected to an axial load and a harmonically excited external force:<sup>2</sup>

$$\frac{d^4 y}{dx^4} + 2\beta \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + (k - \Omega^4)y = f(x) \quad (\text{A.7})$$

Using Eq. (A.6) and entry 2 of Table A, the Laplace transform of Eq. (A.7) is

$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{D(s)} [(s^3 + 2\beta s)y(0) + (s^2 + 2\beta)y'(0) + sy''(0) + y'''(0) + F(s)] \quad (\text{A.8})$$

where the prime denotes the derivative with respect to  $x$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} D(s) &= s^4 + 2\beta s^2 + k - \Omega^4 = (s^2 - \delta^2)(s^2 + \epsilon^2) \\ \delta^2 &= -\beta + \sqrt{\beta^2 + \Omega^4 - k} \\ \epsilon^2 &= \beta + \sqrt{\beta^2 + \Omega^4 - k} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.9})$$

and we assume that  $\beta^2 + \Omega^4 - k > 0$ . Note that  $2\beta = \epsilon^2 - \delta^2$ .

Consider a ratio of two polynomials  $N(s)/D(s, n)$ , where  $n$  is the order of the polynomial. The first step in the method of partial fractions is to factor  $D$  into the product of lower order polynomials  $D(s, n_1)D(s, n_2) \dots D(s, n_m)$  and then find an equivalent sum of polynomial ratios, such that

$$\frac{N}{D} = \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{A_k s^{n_k-1}}{D(s, n_k)} \quad (\text{A.10})$$

<sup>1</sup>David Widder, *The Laplace Transform*, Princeton University Press, Princeton, NJ (1941).

<sup>2</sup>See Section 9.3.6.

where  $A_k$  is determined by equating the coefficients of the like powers of  $s$  on both sides of Eq. (A.10). We illustrate this procedure for the first term on the right-hand side of Eq. (A.8), where we see that  $m = 2$  and  $n_1 = n_2 = 2$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{s^3 + 2\beta s}{(s^2 - \delta^2)(s^2 + \epsilon^2)} &= \left[ \frac{A_1 s}{(s^2 - \delta^2)} + \frac{A_2 s}{(s^2 + \epsilon^2)} \right] \\ &= \frac{A_1 s(s^2 + \epsilon^2) + A_2 s(s^2 - \delta^2)}{(s^2 - \delta^2)(s^2 + \epsilon^2)} \\ &= \frac{(A_1 + A_2)s^3 + s(A_1\epsilon^2 - A_2\delta^2)}{(s^2 - \delta^2)(s^2 + \epsilon^2)} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.11})$$

Upon equating the coefficients of the  $s^3$  term and the  $s$  term in Eq. (A.11), we find that

$$\begin{aligned} (A_1 + A_2) &= 1 \\ A_1\epsilon^2 - A_2\delta^2 &= 2\beta \end{aligned}$$

Solving for  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &= \frac{\epsilon^2}{\epsilon^2 + \delta^2} \\ A_2 &= \frac{\delta^2}{\epsilon^2 + \delta^2} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.12})$$

On substituting Eqs. (A.12) in Eq. (A.11), we arrive at

$$\frac{s^3 + 2\beta s}{(s^2 - \delta^2)(s^2 + \epsilon^2)} = \frac{1}{\epsilon^2 + \delta^2} \left[ \frac{s\epsilon^2}{(s^2 - \delta^2)} + \frac{s\delta^2}{(s^2 + \epsilon^2)} \right] \quad (\text{A.13})$$

Using entries 18 and 20 from Table A, the inverse Laplace transform of Eq. (A.13) is

$$\begin{aligned} L^{-1} \left[ \frac{s^3 + 2\beta s}{(s^2 - \delta^2)(s^2 + \epsilon^2)} \right] &= \frac{1}{\epsilon^2 + \delta^2} L^{-1} \left[ \frac{s\epsilon^2}{(s^2 - \delta^2)} + \frac{s\delta^2}{(s^2 + \epsilon^2)} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\epsilon^2 + \delta^2} [\delta^2 \cos \epsilon x + \epsilon^2 \cosh \delta x] \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.14})$$

When  $\beta = k = 0$ ,  $\epsilon = \delta = \Omega$ , and Eq. (A.13) simplifies to

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{s^3}{s^4 - \Omega^4} &= \frac{s^3}{(s^2 - \Omega^2)(s^2 + \Omega^2)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{s}{(s^2 - \Omega^2)} + \frac{s}{(s^2 + \Omega^2)} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.15})$$

The inverse Laplace transform of Eq. (A.15) is obtained using entries 18 and 20 from Table A to arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} L^{-1}\left[\frac{s^3}{(s^2 - \Omega^2)(s^2 + \Omega^2)}\right] &= \frac{1}{2}L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{(s^2 - \Omega^2)} + \frac{s}{(s^2 + \Omega^2)}\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2}[\cos \Omega x + \cosh \Omega x] \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have verified entry 26 of Table A. This result could have also been obtained directly from Eq. (A.14).

In a similar manner, the inverse Laplace transform of the remaining terms on the right-hand side Eq. (A.8) are obtained. The result is

$$\begin{aligned} y(x) &= y(0)U_o(x) + y'(0)R_o(x) \\ &\quad + y''(0)S_o(x) + y'''(0)T_o(x) + \int_0^x f(\eta)T_o(x - \mu)d\eta \quad (\text{A.16}) \end{aligned}$$

where we have used entry 4 in Table A and

$$\begin{aligned} U_o(x) &= \frac{1}{\delta^2 + \epsilon^2} [\delta^2 \cos(\epsilon x) + \epsilon^2 \cosh(\delta x)] \\ R_o(x) &= \frac{1}{\delta^2 + \epsilon^2} \left[ \frac{\delta^2}{\epsilon} \sin(\epsilon x) + \frac{\epsilon^2}{\delta} \sinh(\delta x) \right] \\ S_o(x) &= \frac{1}{\delta^2 + \epsilon^2} [-\cos(\epsilon x) + \cosh(\delta x)] \\ T_o(x) &= \frac{1}{\delta^2 + \epsilon^2} \left[ -\frac{1}{\epsilon} \sin(\epsilon x) + \frac{1}{\delta} \sinh(\delta x) \right] \quad (\text{A.17}) \end{aligned}$$

The method of partial fractions<sup>3</sup> is quite often needed for the design of control systems.

There is a one-to-one transformation from  $g(t)$  to  $G(s)$ , which enables us to establish a catalog of the different functions one is likely to use in Vibrations and Control. One such catalog is Table A. A large compendium of Laplace transforms and their inverse transforms has been collected by Roberts and Kaufman.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>3</sup>See, for example, R. V. Churchill, *Operational Mathematics*, McGraw-Hill, NY (1958).

<sup>4</sup>G. E. Roberts and H. Kaufman, *Table of Laplace Transforms*, W. B. Saunders Co, Philadelphia (1966).

# APPENDIX B

## Fourier Series

**TABLE B** Fourier Series  
Fourier Series<sup>1</sup>

	Fourier Series	Waveform
a)	Square wave $f(t) = \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{i=1,3,5,\dots} \frac{1}{i} \sin(2i\pi t/T)$	
b)	Sawtooth $f(t) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{i=1} \frac{1}{i} \sin(2i\pi t/T)$	
c)	Sawtooth $f(t) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{i=1} \frac{1}{i} \sin(2i\pi t/T)$	
d)	Triangular wave $f(t) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{4}{\pi^2} \sum_{i=1} \frac{1}{(2i-1)^2} \cos((2i-1)\pi t/T)$	
e)	Rectified sine wave $f(t) = \frac{2}{\pi} + \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{i=1} \frac{1}{1-4i^2} \cos(2i\pi t/T)$	
f)	Half sine wave $f(t) = \frac{1}{\pi} + \frac{1}{2} \sin(2\pi t/T) - \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{i=2,4,6,\dots} \frac{\cos(2i\pi t/T)}{i^2 - 1}$	
g)	Trapezoidal $f(t) = \frac{4}{\alpha} \sum_{i=1,3,5,\dots} \frac{\sin(i\pi\alpha)}{(\pi i)^2} \sin(2i\pi t/T)$	
h)	Pulse train (alpha = t_d/T) $f(t) = \alpha \left[ 1 + 2 \sum_{i=1} \frac{\sin(i\pi\alpha)}{(i\pi\alpha)} \cos(2i\pi t/T) \right]$	

<sup>1</sup>In the notation of Section 5.9,  $2i\pi t/T = i\Omega_0\tau$ ,  $T = 2\pi/\omega_0$ ,  $\Omega_0 = \omega_0/\omega_n$ ,  $\tau = \omega_n t$ , and  $\omega_n = \sqrt{k/m}$ . The amplitudes of all waveforms vary from either 0 to 1 or -1 to 1.

# APPENDIX C

## Decibel Scale

The decibel is a unit of measurement for vibrations (and other phenomena), and is it defined<sup>1</sup> as

$$L_P = 10 \log_{10} \frac{P}{P_{\text{ref}}} \text{ dB} \quad (\text{C.1})$$

or

$$L_A = 20 \log_{10} \frac{A}{A_{\text{ref}}} \text{ dB} \quad (\text{C.2})$$

where  $P$  is a power or a power-like quantity,  $P_{\text{ref}}$  is a reference quantity having the same engineering units as  $P$ ,  $A$  is an amplitude-like quantity and  $A_{\text{ref}}$  is a reference quantity having the same engineering units as  $A$ . Examples of  $P$  are electrical power in watts, system energy, acoustic intensity in watts/m<sup>2</sup>; examples of  $A$  are voltage, displacement, velocity, and acceleration. The designation dB does not pertain to a particular physical quantity and therefore, it is not a physical unit in the ordinary sense. It simply indicates the relative magnitudes of two like quantities as shown in Eqs. (C.1) and (C.2).

The main reason for the introduction and use of the decibel is to compress logarithmically very large and very small numbers into a more manageable scale and to provide a convenient manner in which to talk about them. From Eq. (C.2), we see that for amplitude-like quantities each factor of 10 increase with respect to the reference quantity corresponds to 20 dB, whereas a decrease by a factor of 10 corresponds to  $-20$  dB. Thus, 60 dB means that an amplitude-like quantity is 1000 times larger than the reference quantity and  $-60$  dB indicates that it is 1000 times smaller. Two ratios that are of special interest are  $A/A_{\text{ref}} = \sqrt{2}$  and  $A/A_{\text{ref}} = 1/\sqrt{2}$ , which correspond to 3 dB and  $-3$  dB, respectively. For power-like quantities,  $P/P_{\text{ref}} = 2$  and  $P/P_{\text{ref}} = 1/2$  also correspond to 3 dB and  $-3$  dB, respectively.

<sup>1</sup>“Acoustics—Expressions of Physical and Subjective Magnitudes of Sound or Noise in the Air,” ISO 131, International Standards Organization, Geneva, Switzerland (1979).

## EXPRESSING ERRORS IN DB

Frequently, errors are expressed in dB. Consider the usual definition of the percentage error  $\epsilon$  of an amplitude-like quantity  $A$  with respect to a reference quantity  $A_{\text{ref}}$ :

$$\epsilon = 100 \frac{A - A_{\text{ref}}}{A_{\text{ref}}} = 100 \left( \frac{A}{A_{\text{ref}}} - 1 \right) \% \tag{C.3}$$

or

$$\frac{A}{A_{\text{ref}}} = 1 + \frac{\epsilon}{100} \tag{C.4}$$

If the ratio  $A/A_{\text{ref}}$  is expressed as  $\Delta$  dB, then from Eq. (C.2)

$$\Delta = 20 \log_{10} \frac{A}{A_{\text{ref}}} \text{ dB} \tag{C.5}$$

or

$$\frac{A}{A_{\text{ref}}} = 10^{\Delta/20} \tag{C.6}$$

Therefore, from Eqs. (C.3) through (C.6), we obtain,

$$\epsilon = 100(10^{\Delta/20} - 1) \tag{C.7}$$

or

$$\Delta = 20 \log_{10} \left( 1 + \frac{\epsilon}{100} \right) \tag{C.8}$$

Typical equivalent values for  $\epsilon$  and  $\Delta$  are given in Table C. Note that  $\pm \Delta$  dB does not, in general, correspond to  $\pm \epsilon$  %, although for  $\Delta \leq 1$  dB, they are fairly close.

**TABLE C**  
Relationship Between an Error Expressed in dB to One Expressed as a Percentage

$\Delta$ (dB)	$\epsilon$ (%)
0.01	0.12
-0.01	-0.12
0.10	1.16
-0.10	-1.14
0.50	5.93
-0.50	-5.59
1.00	12.20
-1.00	-10.87
1.50	18.85
-1.50	-15.86
2.00	25.89
-2.00	-20.57
3.00	41.25
-3.00	-29.21

# APPENDIX D

## Solutions to Ordinary Differential Equations

There are many methods available for obtaining the solution to linear inhomogeneous ordinary differential equations. We shall present summaries of the following methods that can be used to obtain a general solution to an ordinary differential equation with constant coefficients and with prescribed initial conditions: (1) Laplace transforms; (2) variation of parameters; and (3) state-space method (reduction of order). The latter two methods can also be used to obtain solutions when the coefficients are a function of the independent variable. We also summarize several methods that can be used to obtain the solution to a second-order equation where the independent variable is time and the inhomogeneous term varies harmonically with respect to this independent variable.

### GENERAL SOLUTION METHODS

#### Laplace Transforms<sup>1</sup>

Consider Eq. (3.22), which is

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 2\zeta\omega_n \frac{dx}{dt} + \omega_n^2 x = \frac{f(t)}{m} \quad (\text{D.1})$$

where  $\omega_n$  is given by Eq. (3.14) [or Eq. (3.16)] and  $\zeta$  is given by Eq. (3.18) [or Eq. (3.21)]. The Laplace transform of Eq. (D.1) is obtained by using the Laplace transform pair 2 in Table A of Appendix A. This leads to

$$\underbrace{s^2X(s) - \dot{x}(0) - sx(0)}_{\text{Laplace transform of } \ddot{x}(t)} + 2\zeta\omega_n \underbrace{[sX(s) - x(0)]}_{\text{Laplace transform of } \dot{x}(t)} + \omega_n^2 \underbrace{X(s)}_{\text{Laplace transform of } x(t)} = \frac{1}{m} \underbrace{F(s)}_{\text{Laplace transform of } f(t)}$$

<sup>1</sup>See Appendix A.

which, upon rearrangement, becomes

$$X(s) = \frac{sx(0)}{D(s)} + \frac{2\zeta\omega_n x(0) + \dot{x}(0)}{D(s)} + \frac{F(s)}{mD(s)} \quad (\text{D.2})$$

In Eq. (D.2),  $x(0)$  is the value of  $x$  at  $t = 0$ ,  $\dot{x}(0)$  is the value of first derivative of  $x$  at  $t = 0$ ,  $F(s)$  indicates the Laplace transform of  $f(t)$ , and

$$D(s) = s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2 \quad (\text{D.3})$$

On writing  $D(s)$  as

$$D(s) = (s - s_1)(s - s_2)$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} s_{1,2} &= -\zeta\omega_n \pm \omega'_d \\ \omega'_d &= \omega_n \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D.4})$$

We now rewrite Eq. (D.2) as

$$X(s) = x(0)[G_1(s) + 2\zeta\omega_n G_2(s)] + \dot{x}(0)G_2(s) + \frac{1}{m}F(s)G_2(s) \quad (\text{D.5})$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} G_1(s) &= \frac{s}{(s - s_1)(s - s_2)} \\ G_2(s) &= \frac{1}{(s - s_1)(s - s_2)} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D.6})$$

Upon using pairs 27 and 28 of Table A in Appendix A, the inverse Laplace transform of Eqs. (D.6) is

$$\begin{aligned} g_1(t) &= \frac{e^{-\zeta\omega_n t}}{\omega'_d} [-\zeta\omega_n \sinh \omega'_d t + \omega'_d \cosh \omega'_d t] \\ g_2(t) &= \frac{e^{-\zeta\omega_n t}}{\omega'_d} \sinh \omega'_d t \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D.7})$$

The inverse transform of the product  $F(s)G_2(s)$  is obtained from pair 4 of Table A in Appendix A as

$$\int_0^t g_2(\eta) f(t - \eta) d\eta \quad (\text{D.8})$$

Then, using Eqs. (D.7) and (D.8) in Eq. (D.5), the inverse Laplace transform of Eq. (D.5) is given by

$$x(t) = X_o \frac{e^{-\zeta\omega_n t}}{\omega'_d} [\zeta\omega_n \sinh \omega'_d t + \omega'_d \cosh \omega'_d t] + V_o \frac{e^{-\zeta\omega_n t}}{\omega'_d} \sinh \omega'_d t + \frac{1}{m\omega'_d} \int_0^t e^{-\zeta\omega_n \eta} \sinh(\omega'_d \eta) f(t - \eta) d\eta \quad (\text{D.9})$$

and we have introduced the definitions  $x(0) = X_o$  and  $\dot{x}(0) = V_o$ .

Based on the magnitude of  $\zeta$ , Eq. (D.9) has four different forms that are given below.

**$0 < \zeta < 1$**  In this range, we rewrite Eq. (D.4) as

$$\omega'_d = j\omega_d$$

where

$$\omega_d = \omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} \quad (\text{D.10})$$

After substituting Eq. (D.10) into Eq. (D.9) and using the last of Eqs. (F.22) from Appendix F, we arrive at

$$x(t) = X_o e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \cos(\omega_d t) + \frac{V_o + \zeta\omega_n X_o}{\omega_d} e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \sin(\omega_d t) + \frac{1}{m\omega_d} \int_0^t e^{-\zeta\omega_n \eta} \sin(\omega_d \eta) f(t - \eta) d\eta \quad (\text{D.11a})$$

or

$$x(t) = X_o e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \cos(\omega_d t) + \frac{V_o + \zeta\omega_n X_o}{\omega_d} e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \sin(\omega_d t) + \frac{1}{m\omega_d} \int_0^t e^{-\zeta\omega_n(t-\eta)} \sin(\omega_d(t-\eta)) f(\eta) d\eta \quad (\text{D.11b})$$

and we have used the property that

$$\int_0^t h(t-\eta) f(\eta) d\eta = \int_0^t h(\eta) f(t-\eta) d\eta$$

This integral is called the *convolution integral*.

By using the identity

$$a \sin(\omega t) \pm b \cos(\omega t) = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \sin(\omega t \pm \psi) \quad (\text{D.12})$$

$$\psi = \tan^{-1} \frac{b}{a}$$

we can also write Eq. (D.11a) in the form

$$x(t) = A_o e^{-\zeta \omega_n t} \sin(\omega_d t + \varphi_d) + \frac{1}{m \omega_d} \int_0^t e^{-\zeta \omega_n \eta} \sin(\omega_d \eta) f(t - \eta) d\eta \quad (\text{D.13})$$

where  $A_o$  and  $\varphi_d$  are given by

$$A_o = \sqrt{X_o^2 + \left( \frac{V_o + \zeta \omega_n X_o}{\omega_d} \right)^2}$$

$$\varphi_d = \tan^{-1} \frac{\omega_d X_o}{V_o + \zeta \omega_n X_o} \quad (\text{D.14})$$

There are two special cases of Eqs. (D.11) and (D.13) that are of interest.

**Case 1:**  $X_o \neq 0$ ,  $V_o \neq 0$ , and  $f(t) = 0$

For this case, Eqs. (D.11) and (D.13) simplify to

$$x(t) = X_o e^{-\zeta \omega_n t} \cos(\omega_d t) + \frac{V_o + \zeta \omega_n X_o}{\omega_d} e^{-\zeta \omega_n t} \sin(\omega_d t) \quad (\text{D.15})$$

and

$$x(t) = A_o e^{-\zeta \omega_n t} \sin(\omega_d t + \varphi_d) \quad (\text{D.16})$$

respectively.

**Case 2:**  $X_o = 0$ ,  $V_o = 0$ , and  $f(t) \neq 0$

For this case, Eqs. (D.11a) and (D.13) both simplify to

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{m \omega_d} \int_0^t e^{-\zeta \omega_n \eta} \sin(\omega_d \eta) f(t - \eta) d\eta \quad (\text{D.17})$$

$\zeta = 1$  The solution for this value of  $\zeta$  can be obtained by taking the limit  $\zeta \rightarrow 1$  in Eq. (D.11a). Thus, noting that

$$\lim_{\zeta \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sin \omega_d t}{\omega_d} = t \lim_{\zeta \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sin \omega_n t \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}}{\omega_n t \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} = t$$

$$\lim_{\zeta \rightarrow 1} \cos \omega_d t = \lim_{\zeta \rightarrow 1} \cos \omega_n t \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} = 1$$

we arrive at

$$x(t) = X_o e^{-\omega_n t} + [V_o + \omega_n X_o] t e^{-\omega_n t} + \frac{1}{m} \int_0^t \eta e^{-\omega_n \eta} f(t - \eta) d\eta \quad (\text{D.18})$$

There are two special cases of Eqs. (D.18) that are of interest.

**Case 1:**  $X_o \neq 0$ ,  $V_o \neq 0$ , and  $f(t) = 0$

For this case, Eq. (D.18) simplifies to

$$x(t) = X_o e^{-\omega_n t} + [V_o + \omega_n X_o] t e^{-\omega_n t} \quad (\text{D.19})$$

**Case 2:**  $X_o = 0$ ,  $V_o = 0$ , and  $f(t) \neq 0$

For this case, Eq. (D.18) simplifies to

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{m} \int_0^t \eta e^{-\omega_n \eta} f(t - \eta) d\eta \quad (\text{D.20})$$

$\zeta > 1$  In this case, we use Eq. (D.9) directly.

$\zeta = 0$  In this case, the solution can be obtained by taking the limit as  $\zeta \rightarrow 0$  in Eqs. (D.11) and (D.13). Thus, noting from Eqs. (D.10) that,

$$\lim_{\zeta \rightarrow 0} \omega_d = \omega_n$$

we find that Eq. (D.11a) becomes

$$x(t) = X_o \cos(\omega_n t) + \frac{V_o}{\omega_n} \sin(\omega_n t) + \frac{1}{m\omega_n} \int_0^t \sin(\omega_n \eta) f(t - \eta) d\eta \quad (\text{D.21})$$

and Eq. (D.13) becomes

$$x(t) = A'_o \sin(\omega_n t + \varphi'_d) + \frac{1}{m\omega_n} \int_0^t \sin(\omega_n \eta) f(t - \eta) d\eta \quad (\text{D.22})$$

respectively, where the  $A'_o$  and  $\varphi'_d$  are, respectively, given by

$$\begin{aligned} A'_o &= \sqrt{X_o^2 + \left(\frac{V_o}{\omega_n}\right)^2} \\ \varphi'_d &= \tan^{-1} \frac{\omega_n X_o}{V_o} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D.23})$$

There are two special cases of Eqs. (D.21) and (D.22) that are of interest.

**Case 1:**  $X_o \neq 0$ ,  $V_o \neq 0$ , and  $f(t) = 0$

For this case, Eqs. (D.21) and (D.22) simplify to

$$x(t) = X_o \cos(\omega_n t) + \frac{V_o}{\omega_n} \sin(\omega_n t) \quad (\text{D.24})$$

and

$$x(t) = A'_o \sin(\omega_n t + \varphi'_d) \quad (\text{D.25})$$

respectively.

Case 2:  $X_o = 0$ ,  $V_o = 0$ , and  $f(t) \neq 0$

For this case, Eqs. (D.21) and (D.22) both simplify to

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{m\omega_n} \int_0^t \sin(\omega_n \eta) f(t - \eta) d\eta \quad (\text{D.26})$$

### Variation of Parameters

Again consider the second-order equation given by Eq. (D.1). Let the two linearly independent solutions to this equation when  $f(t) = 0$ , called the homogeneous equation, be denoted  $u_1(t)$  and  $u_2(t)$ . Then the solution<sup>2</sup> that satisfies Eq. (D.1) is

$$x(t) = C_1 u_1(t) + C_2 u_2(t) + \frac{1}{m} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{f(\xi) [u_1(\xi) u_2(t) - u_2(\xi) u_1(t)]}{W(u_1(\xi), u_2(\xi))} d\xi \quad (\text{D.27})$$

where  $W(u_1(\xi), u_2(\xi))$ , called the *Wronskian*, is given by

$$W(u_1(\xi), u_2(\xi)) = \det \begin{vmatrix} u_1(\xi) & u_2(\xi) \\ \frac{du_1(\xi)}{d\xi} & \frac{du_2(\xi)}{d\xi} \end{vmatrix} = u_1(\xi) \frac{du_2(\xi)}{d\xi} - u_2(\xi) \frac{du_1(\xi)}{d\xi} \quad (\text{D.28})$$

and  $\xi$  is the variable of integration.

The homogeneous form of Eq. (D.1) is

$$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + 2\zeta\omega_n \frac{dx}{dt} + \omega_n^2 x = 0 \quad (\text{D.29})$$

A solution to Eq. (D.29) is obtained by assuming a solution of the form

$$x(t) = e^{\lambda t} \quad (\text{D.30})$$

Upon substituting Eq. (D.30) into Eq. (D.29), we obtain

$$\lambda^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n \lambda + \omega_n^2 = 0 \quad (\text{D.31})$$

which has the two roots

$$\lambda_{1,2} = -\zeta\omega_n \pm j\omega_d \quad (\text{D.32})$$

where  $\omega_d$  is given by Eq. (D.10) and we have assumed that  $0 < \zeta < 1$ . Then, the two linearly independent solutions are

$$\begin{aligned} u_1(t) &= e^{(-\zeta\omega_n + j\omega_d)t} \\ u_2(t) &= e^{(-\zeta\omega_n - j\omega_d)t} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D.33})$$

<sup>2</sup>See for example, F. B. Hildebrand, *Advanced Calculus for Applications*, Prentice Hall, Saddle River, NY, p. 26, 1976.

To obtain the solution to the inhomogeneous equation for arbitrary  $f(t)$ , we use Eq. (D.33) in Eq. (D.27). First, we note that Eq. (D.28) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} W(u_1(\xi), u_2(\xi)) &= (-\zeta\omega_n - j\omega_d)e^{(-\zeta\omega_n + j\omega_d)\xi} e^{(-\zeta\omega_n - j\omega_d)\xi} \\ &\quad - (-\zeta\omega_n + j\omega_d)e^{(-\zeta\omega_n - j\omega_d)\xi} e^{(-\zeta\omega_n + j\omega_d)\xi} \\ &= -2j\omega_d e^{-2\zeta\omega_n\xi} \end{aligned} \quad (D.34)$$

and that

$$\begin{aligned} u_1(\xi)u_2(t) - u_2(\xi)u_1(t) &= e^{(-\zeta\omega_n + j\omega_d)\xi} e^{(-\zeta\omega_n - j\omega_d)t} - e^{(-\zeta\omega_n - j\omega_d)\xi} e^{(-\zeta\omega_n + j\omega_d)t} \\ &= e^{-\zeta\omega_n(\xi+t) + j\omega_d(\xi-t)} - e^{-\zeta\omega_n(\xi+t) - j\omega_d(\xi-t)} \\ &= e^{-\zeta\omega_n(\xi+t)} (e^{j\omega_d(\xi-t)} - e^{-j\omega_d(\xi-t)}) \\ &= 2je^{-\zeta\omega_n(\xi+t)} \sin[\omega_d(\xi - t)] \end{aligned} \quad (D.35)$$

Upon substituting Eqs. (D.33), (D.34), and (D.35) into Eq. (D.27), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= C_1 e^{(-\zeta\omega_n + j\omega_d)t} + C_2 e^{(-\zeta\omega_n - j\omega_d)t} + \frac{1}{m} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{2je^{-\zeta\omega_n(\xi+t)} \sin[\omega_d(\xi - t)] f(\xi)}{-2j\omega_d e^{-2\zeta\omega_n\xi}} d\xi \\ &= C_1 e^{(-\zeta\omega_n + j\omega_d)t} + C_2 e^{(-\zeta\omega_n - j\omega_d)t} + \frac{1}{m\omega_d} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} e^{\zeta\omega_n(\xi-t)} \sin[\omega_d(t - \xi)] f(\xi) d\xi \end{aligned} \quad (D.36)$$

It is customary to rearrange the homogeneous portion of the solution by defining two new arbitrary constants as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} C_1 e^{(-\zeta\omega_n + j\omega_d)t} + C_2 e^{(-\zeta\omega_n - j\omega_d)t} &= e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} (C_1 e^{j\omega_d t} + C_2 e^{-j\omega_d t}) \\ &= e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} ((C_1 + C_2) \cos \omega_d t + j(C_1 - C_2) \sin \omega_d t) \\ &= A_1 e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \cos \omega_d t + A_2 e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \sin \omega_d t \end{aligned} \quad (D.37)$$

Then, the final form of the solution is

$$x(t) = A_1 e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \cos \omega_d t + A_2 e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \sin \omega_d t + \frac{1}{m\omega_d} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} e^{\zeta\omega_n(\xi-t)} \sin[\omega_d(t - \xi)] f(\xi) d\xi \quad (D.38)$$

If we use Eq. (D.38) to solve the case where  $x(0) = X_o$  and  $\dot{x}(0) = V_o$ , then we find that

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &= X_o \\ A_2 &= \frac{V_o + \zeta\omega_n X_o}{\omega_d} \end{aligned} \quad (D.39)$$

and the solution is identical to that given by Eq. (D.11b).

## State-Space Form

Many numerical procedures used to solve ordinary differential equations require that the equations be written as a system of first-order differential

equations. We will illustrate this approach for Eq. (D.1). For a system of coupled second-order equations with constant coefficients, the method is illustrated in Section 8.3. For convenience, we repeat Eq. (D.1); that is,

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 2\zeta\omega_n \frac{dx}{dt} + \omega_n^2 x = \frac{f(t)}{m} \quad (\text{D.40})$$

Let us define two new variables  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  as

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= x \\ y_2 &= \frac{dx}{dt} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D.41})$$

Then, from Eqs. (D.41), we obtain the first-order equation

$$\frac{dy_1}{dt} = \frac{dx}{dt} = y_2 \quad (\text{D.42})$$

Upon substituting Eqs. (D.42) and Eqs. (D.41) into Eq. (D.40), we obtain the first-order equation

$$\frac{dy_2}{dt} + 2\zeta\omega_n y_2 + \omega_n^2 y_1 = \frac{f(t)}{m} \quad (\text{D.43})$$

Thus, from Eqs. (D.41) and (D.43), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy_1}{dt} &= y_2 \\ \frac{dy_2}{dt} &= -2\zeta\omega_n y_2 - \omega_n^2 y_1 + \frac{f(t)}{m} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D.44})$$

which can be expressed in matrix form as<sup>3</sup>

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \frac{dy_1}{dt} \\ \frac{dy_2}{dt} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\omega_n^2 & -2\zeta\omega_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{m} \end{Bmatrix} f(t) \quad (\text{D.45})$$

If we define

$$\{Y\} = \begin{Bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{Bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \{\dot{Y}\} = \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{y}_1 \\ \dot{y}_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} \frac{dy_1}{dt} \\ \frac{dy_2}{dt} \end{Bmatrix} \quad (\text{D.46})$$

then we can write Eq. (D.45) as

$$\{\dot{Y}\} = [A]\{Y\} + [B]f(t) \quad (\text{D.47})$$

<sup>3</sup>See Appendix E.

where

$$[A] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\omega_n^2 & -2\zeta\omega_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[B] = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \frac{1}{m} \end{Bmatrix} \quad (\text{D.48})$$

With the specification of the initial conditions and  $f(t)$ , Eq. (D.47) is in a form that is often required by numerical solvers.<sup>4</sup>

## DIFFERENT HARMONIC EXCITATION FORMS

### Sine Plus Cosine Excitation

Consider the case where

$$f(t) = A \cos \omega t + B \sin \omega t \quad (\text{D.49})$$

Then, Eq. (D.1) becomes

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 2\zeta\omega_n \frac{dx}{dt} + \omega_n^2 x = \frac{1}{m}(A \cos \omega t + B \sin \omega t) \quad (\text{D.50})$$

The solution to Eq. (D.50) can be assumed to be of the form

$$x(t) = C_1 \cos \omega t + C_2 \sin \omega t \quad (\text{D.51})$$

where  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are to be determined.

Upon substituting Eq. (D.51) into Eq. (D.50) and collecting terms, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & [C_1(\omega_n^2 - \omega^2) + 2\zeta\omega\omega_n C_2] \cos \omega t + [C_2(\omega_n^2 - \omega^2) - 2\zeta\omega\omega_n C_1] \sin \omega t \\ & = \frac{A}{m} \cos \omega t + \frac{B}{m} \sin \omega t \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D.52})$$

Since Eq. (D.52) has to be valid for all values of  $t$ , we equate the respective coefficients of  $\sin \omega t$  and  $\cos \omega t$  and obtain the following two equations

$$\begin{aligned} (\omega_n^2 - \omega^2)C_1 + 2\zeta\omega\omega_n C_2 &= \frac{A}{m} \\ -2\zeta\omega\omega_n C_1 + (\omega_n^2 - \omega^2)C_2 &= \frac{B}{m} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D.53})$$

<sup>4</sup>For example, the MATLAB function `ode45`.

Upon solving for  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  from Eqs. (D.53), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} C_1 &= \frac{1}{mD(\omega)} [(\omega_n^2 - \omega^2)A - 2\zeta\omega\omega_n B] \\ C_2 &= \frac{1}{mD(\omega)} [(\omega_n^2 - \omega^2)B + 2\zeta\omega\omega_n A] \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D.54})$$

where

$$D(\omega) = (\omega_n^2 - \omega^2)^2 + (2\zeta\omega\omega_n)^2 \quad (\text{D.55})$$

We now substitute Eqs. (D.54) into Eq. (D.51) to arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \frac{A}{mD(\omega)} [(\omega_n^2 - \omega^2) \cos \omega t + 2\zeta\omega\omega_n \sin \omega t] \\ &+ \frac{B}{mD(\omega)} [(\omega_n^2 - \omega^2) \sin \omega t - 2\zeta\omega\omega_n \cos \omega t] \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D.56})$$

Although Eq. (D.56) is the solution to Eq. (D.50), we can convert it to a more convenient form by defining the angle  $\theta$  as a function of  $\omega$  as

$$\tan \theta(\omega) = \frac{2\zeta\omega\omega_n}{\omega_n^2 - \omega^2} \quad (\text{D.57})$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \sin \theta(\omega) &= \frac{2\zeta\omega\omega_n}{\sqrt{D(\omega)}} \\ \cos \theta(\omega) &= \frac{\omega_n^2 - \omega^2}{\sqrt{D(\omega)}} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D.58})$$

Equation (D.56) can be written in the form

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \frac{A}{m\sqrt{D(\omega)}} \left[ \frac{\omega_n^2 - \omega^2}{\sqrt{D(\omega)}} \cos \omega t + \frac{2\zeta\omega\omega_n}{\sqrt{D(\omega)}} \sin \omega t \right] \\ &+ \frac{B}{m\sqrt{D(\omega)}} \left[ \frac{\omega_n^2 - \omega^2}{\sqrt{D(\omega)}} \sin \omega t - \frac{2\zeta\omega\omega_n}{\sqrt{D(\omega)}} \cos \omega t \right] \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D.59})$$

Then, upon substituting Eqs. (D.58) into Eq. (D.59), we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \frac{A}{m\sqrt{D(\omega)}} [\cos \theta(\omega) \cos \omega t + \sin \theta(\omega) \sin \omega t] \\ &+ \frac{B}{m\sqrt{D(\omega)}} [\cos \theta(\omega) \sin \omega t - \sin \theta(\omega) \cos \omega t] \\ &= \frac{A}{m\sqrt{D(\omega)}} \cos(\omega t - \theta(\omega)) + \frac{B}{m\sqrt{D(\omega)}} \sin(\omega t - \theta(\omega)) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D.60})$$

## Complex Form of Harmonic Excitation

Consider the case where  $f(t)$  is expressed as

$$f(t) = F_o e^{j\omega t} \quad (\text{D.61})$$

where  $j = \sqrt{-1}$ . Then, Eq. (D.1) becomes

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 2\zeta\omega_n \frac{dx}{dt} + \omega_n^2 x = \frac{F_o}{m} e^{j\omega t} \quad (\text{D.62})$$

The solution to Eq. (D.62) can be assumed to be of the form

$$x(t) = C_3 e^{j\omega t} \quad (\text{D.63})$$

where, in general,  $C_3$  is a complex quantity. Upon substituting Eq. (D.63) into Eq. (D.62), we obtain

$$-\omega^2 C_3 e^{j\omega t} + 2\zeta\omega\omega_n j C_3 e^{j\omega t} + C_3 \omega_n^2 e^{j\omega t} = \frac{F_o}{m} e^{j\omega t} \quad (\text{D.64})$$

which, upon solving for  $C_3$ , yields

$$C_3 = \frac{F_o}{m(\omega_n^2 - \omega^2 + j2\zeta\omega\omega_n)} \quad (\text{D.65})$$

Then, from Eqs. (D.65) and (D.63), we obtain

$$x(t) = \frac{F_o e^{j\omega t}}{m(\omega_n^2 - \omega^2 + j2\zeta\omega\omega_n)} \quad (\text{D.66})$$

Equation (D.66) can also be written as

$$x(t) = \frac{F_o e^{j(\omega t - \theta(\omega))}}{m\sqrt{D(\omega)}} \quad (\text{D.67})$$

where  $D(\omega)$  is given by Eq. (D.55) and  $\theta(\omega)$  is obtained from Eq. (D.57); that is,

$$\theta(\omega) = \tan^{-1} \frac{2\zeta\omega\omega_n}{\omega_n^2 - \omega^2}$$

## State-Space Solution for Complex Harmonic Excitation

We consider the state-space system given by Eq. (D.47). We assume that the inhomogeneous term to be given by Eq. (D.61). We assume the solution to be

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= Y_{o1} e^{j\omega t} \\ y_2 &= Y_{o2} e^{j\omega t} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D.68})$$

where  $Y_{o1}$  and  $Y_{o2}$  are complex quantities. Upon substituting Eqs. (D.61) and (D.68) into Eq. (D.47), we obtain

$$[j\omega[I] - [A]]\{Y_o\} = [B]F_o \quad (\text{D.69})$$

where  $[I]$  is the identity matrix,  $[A]$  and  $[B]$  are given by Eq. (D.48), and

$$\{Y_o\} = \begin{Bmatrix} Y_{o1} \\ Y_{o2} \end{Bmatrix} \quad (\text{D.70})$$

Solving for  $\{Y_o\}/F_o$ , and defining

$$\{G(j\omega)\} = \begin{Bmatrix} G_{o1}(j\omega) \\ G_{o2}(j\omega) \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} Y_{o1}/F_o \\ Y_{o2}/F_o \end{Bmatrix}$$

we find that

$$\{G(j\omega)\} = [j\omega[I] - [A]]^{-1}[B] \quad (\text{D.71})$$

where the superscript  $-1$  indicates the inverse of the matrix. Solving<sup>5</sup> Eq. (D.71) for  $G_{ok}(j\omega)$ , we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} G_{o1}(j\omega) &= \frac{1}{m(\omega_n^2 - \omega^2 + 2j\zeta\omega\omega_n)} \\ G_{o2}(j\omega) &= j\omega G_{o1}(j\omega) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D.72})$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} Y_{o1} &= F_o G_{o1}(j\omega) \\ Y_{o2} &= F_o G_{o2}(j\omega) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D.73})$$

Hence, from Eqs. (D.41) and (D.73), we have that

$$y_1 = x(t) = \frac{F_o e^{j\omega t}}{m(\omega_n^2 - \omega^2 + j2\zeta\omega\omega_n)} \quad (\text{D.74})$$

which is identical to Eq. (D.66).

<sup>5</sup>The MATLAB function `inv` from the Symbolic toolbox was used.

# APPENDIX E

## Matrices

### DEFINITIONS

A *matrix* is a rectangular array of numbers consisting of  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns. Such an array is called an  $(m \times n)$  matrix, and is denoted as

$$[A] = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & & & \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{E.1})$$

where the  $a_{ij}$  are called the elements of the array. The first subscript denotes the row and the second subscript denotes the column in which the element appears. When the number of rows equals the number of columns—that is, when  $m = n$ —the matrix is called a *square matrix* of order  $n$ .

The transpose of a matrix is obtained by interchanging the rows and columns and is denoted with a superscript  $T$ . Thus, the transpose of the  $(m \times n)$  matrix  $[A]$  is

$$[A]^T = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & & & \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & \cdots & a_{m1} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{m2} \\ \vdots & & & \\ a_{1n} & a_{2n} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{E.2})$$

where  $[A]^T$  is now an  $(n \times m)$  matrix. A *symmetric matrix* is a square matrix in which  $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$ . Thus, for a symmetric matrix

$$[A] = [A]^T \quad (\text{E.3a})$$

A *skew-symmetric matrix* is a square matrix in which  $a_{ij} = -a_{ji}$ . Thus,

$$[A] = -[A]^T \quad (\text{E.3b})$$

where we have used the fact that  $a_{ii} = 0$  since  $a_{ii} = -a_{ii}$  only if  $a_{ii} = 0$ .

A *column matrix* is a matrix with only one column; that is, an  $(m \times 1)$  matrix. We denote this matrix as

$$\{a\} = \begin{Bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{21} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_m \end{Bmatrix} \quad (\text{E.4})$$

A column matrix is frequently referred to as a *column vector*. A *row matrix* is a matrix with only one row; that is, a  $(1 \times m)$  matrix. We denote this matrix as

$$\{b\} = \{a\}^T = \{a_1 \quad a_2 \quad \cdots \quad a_m\} \quad (\text{E.5})$$

A diagonal matrix is a square matrix in which all the elements are zero except those on the principal diagonal; that is,

$$[A] = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & a_{22} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & & & \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_{mm} \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{E.6})$$

A special case of a diagonal matrix is the *identity matrix*, which is a diagonal matrix in which all the elements along the principal diagonal equal 1. This matrix is denoted as  $[I]$  and is given by

$$[I] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & & & \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{E.7})$$

The *null matrix* is a matrix whose every element is zero.

## EQUALITY OF MATRICES

Two matrices  $[A]$  and  $[B]$ , having the same order, are equal if and only if  $a_{ij} = b_{ij}$  for every  $i$  and  $j$ .

## ADDITION AND SUBTRACTION OF MATRICES

The sum or the difference of two matrices  $[A]$  and  $[B]$ , having the same order, is denoted by

$$[C] = [A] \pm [B] \quad (\text{E.8})$$

and is given by the sum or difference of each corresponding element; that is,  $c_{ij} = a_{ij} \pm b_{ij}$  for every  $i$  and  $j$ .

## MULTIPLICATION OF MATRICES

The multiplication of two matrices  $[A]$  and  $[B]$  is possible only if the number of columns of  $[A]$  is equal to the number of rows of  $[B]$ ; that is, if  $[A]$  is an  $(m \times k)$  matrix and  $[B]$  is a  $(k \times n)$  matrix. Such matrices are said to be *conformable*. Then the product

$$[C] = [A][B] \quad (\text{E.9})$$

is an  $(m \times n)$  matrix, where

$$c_{ij} = \sum_{p=1}^k a_{ip} b_{pj}$$

## PROPERTIES OF MATRIX PRODUCTS

It is mentioned that, in general, the product  $[A][B] \neq [B][A]$ . However, for conformable matrices, multiplication is associative; that is,

$$([C][A])[B] = [C]([A][B]) \quad (\text{E.10})$$

And it is distributive; that is,

$$([A] + [B])[C] = [A][C] + [B][C] \quad (\text{E.11})$$

From the definition of the transpose of a matrix, it follows that

$$([A][B])^T = [B]^T [A]^T \quad (\text{E.12})$$

Also, the following product plays an important role in Chapter 7. Let  $\{x\}$  be an  $(n \times 1)$  column vector and  $[A]$  be a square matrix of order  $n$ . Then the product

$$c = \{x\}^T [A] \{x\} \quad (\text{E.13})$$

is a scalar, since the product  $\{x\}^T [A]$  results in a  $(1 \times n)$  matrix and, therefore, the product  $\{x\}^T [A] \{x\}$  results in a  $(1 \times 1)$  matrix, or a scalar.

## MATRIX INVERSE

The *inverse* of a square matrix  $[A]$ , which is denoted as  $[A]^{-1}$ , is defined as that matrix for which

$$[A]^{-1}[A] = [A][A]^{-1} = [I] \quad (\text{E.14})$$

The inverse of a matrix exists if

$$\det[A] \neq 0$$

where  $\det[A]$  denotes the determinant of  $[A]$ .

## EIGENVALUES OF A SQUARE MATRIX

The eigenvalues of a square matrix  $[A]$  are given by the solutions of

$$\det[[A] - \lambda[I]] = 0 \quad (\text{E.15})$$

A matrix of order  $n$  has  $n$  eigenvalues.

# APPENDIX F

## Complex Numbers and Variables

A complex number  $z$  has the form

$$z = a + jb \quad (\text{F.1})$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are real numbers,  $j = \sqrt{-1}$ , and  $j^2 = -1$ . The quantity  $a$  is called the *real part* of  $z$  and the quantity  $b$  is called the *imaginary part* of  $z$ . The notations  $\text{Re}[z]$  and  $\text{Im}[z]$  stand for the real and imaginary parts of  $z$ , respectively. For example,  $w = \text{Re}[z]$  means that  $w = a$  and  $w = \text{Im}[z]$  means that  $w = b$ . When  $b = 0$ ,  $z = a$  is real, and when  $a = 0$ ,  $z = jb$  is imaginary. For  $z = 0$ ,  $a = 0$  and  $b = 0$ .

The quantity

$$\bar{z} = a - jb \quad (\text{F.2})$$

is called the *complex conjugate* of  $z$ ; that is, the sign of the imaginary part of Eq. (F.1) is changed; from plus to minus. Consider the two complex numbers

$$\begin{aligned} z_1 &= a_1 + jb_1 \\ z_2 &= a_2 + jb_2 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{F.3})$$

The complex numbers are equal, if and only if their real parts are equal and their imaginary parts are equal. Thus, for  $z_1 = z_2$  in Eq. (F.3),

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= a_2 \\ b_1 &= b_2 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{F.4})$$

Next we consider basic operations with complex numbers and different characteristics of these numbers.

### Addition and Subtraction

$$\begin{aligned} z &= z_1 \pm z_2 = (a_1 + jb_1) \pm (a_2 + jb_2) \\ &= (a_1 \pm a_2) + j(b_1 \pm b_2) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{F.5})$$

Furthermore, from Eqs. (F.5) and (F.2),

$$\overline{z_1 \pm z_2} = \bar{z}_1 \pm \bar{z}_2 \quad (\text{F.6})$$

### Multiplication

$$\begin{aligned} z &= z_1 z_2 = (a_1 + jb_1)(a_2 + jb_2) \\ &= a_1 a_2 + j(b_1 a_2 + b_2 a_1) + j^2 b_1 b_2 \\ &= (a_1 a_2 - b_1 b_2) + j(b_1 a_2 + b_2 a_1) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{F.7})$$

where we have used the identity  $j^2 = -1$  in arriving at the final expression. We notice that the special case of multiplying a complex number by its complex conjugate results in

$$\begin{aligned} z &= z_1 \bar{z}_1 = (a_1 + jb_1)(a_1 - jb_1) \\ &= a_1^2 + b_1^2 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{F.8})$$

which is a real quantity. Furthermore, from Eqs. (F.2) and (F.7),

$$\overline{z_1 z_2} = \bar{z}_1 \bar{z}_2 \quad (\text{F.9})$$

### Division

$$\begin{aligned} z &= \frac{z_1}{z_2} = \frac{z_1 \bar{z}_2}{z_2 \bar{z}_2} = \frac{(a_1 + jb_1)(a_2 - jb_2)}{(a_2 + jb_2)(a_2 - jb_2)} \\ &= \frac{a_1 a_2 + b_1 b_2}{a_2^2 + b_2^2} + j \frac{b_1 a_2 - b_2 a_1}{a_2^2 + b_2^2} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{F.10})$$

provided that  $z_2 \neq 0$ .

### Absolute Value (Modulus)

$$|z_1| = \sqrt{a_1^2 + b_1^2} \quad (\text{F.11})$$

Then, from Eqs. (F.11) and (F.2), we see that

$$\begin{aligned} |z_1| &= |\bar{z}_1| \\ |z_1|^2 &= z_1 \bar{z}_1 \\ |z_1 z_2| &= |z_1| |z_2| \end{aligned} \quad (\text{F.12})$$

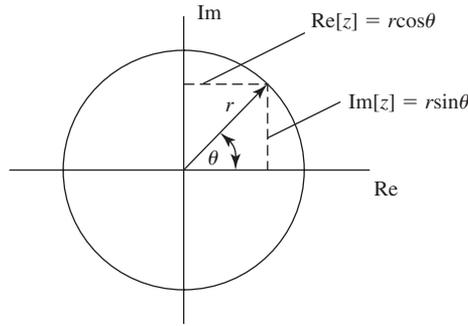
### Polar Form

The polar coordinates  $(r, \theta)$  corresponding to the complex variable  $z = x + jy$  can be determined from the equations

$$x = r \cos \theta, \quad y = r \sin \theta \quad (\text{F.13})$$

where

$$r = |z| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \quad (\text{F.14})$$

**FIGURE F.1**

Graphical representation of a complex variable and its polar coordinate representation. Such plots in the complex plane are also called *Argand diagrams*.

is called the *magnitude* (or *amplitude*) of  $z$  and

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x} \quad (\text{F.15})$$

is called the *argument* (or *phase*) of  $z$ . Thus, the polar form of  $z$  is

$$z = r(\cos \theta + j \sin \theta) \quad (\text{F.16})$$

Equation (F.16) can be given a graphical interpretation as shown in Figure F.1. From Eq. (F.16), we note that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dz}{d\theta} &= r(-\sin \theta + j \cos \theta) = r(j^2 \sin \theta + j \cos \theta) \\ &= jz \end{aligned} \quad (\text{F.17})$$

## Exponential function

If the complex variable  $z = x + jy$ , then

$$e^z = e^{x+jy} = e^x e^{jy} = e^x(\cos y + j \sin y) \quad (\text{F.18})$$

Comparing Eq. (F.18) with Eq. (F.16), we note that the argument of  $e^z$  is  $y$ . If  $x = 0$ , then Eq. (F.18) gives

$$e^{jy} = \cos y + j \sin y \quad (\text{F.19})$$

which is known as *Euler's formula*.

Equation (F.18) has the following properties:

- For all values of  $\text{Re}[z] > -\infty$ ,  $e^z \neq 0$ .
- $|e^z| = e^x$ , since  $|e^{jy}| = 1$  and  $e^x > 0$ .
- A necessary and sufficient condition for

$$e^z = 1$$

is that  $z = 2kj\pi$ , where  $k$  is an integer.

(d) A necessary and sufficient condition that

$$e^{z_1} = e^{z_2} \quad (\text{or } e^{z_1 - z_2} = 1)$$

is that  $z_1 - z_2 = 2kj\pi$ , where  $k$  is an integer.

### Trigonometric and Hyperbolic Functions

Noting from Eq. (F.19) that

$$\begin{aligned} e^{jy} &= \cos y + j \sin y \\ e^{-jy} &= \cos y - j \sin y \end{aligned} \quad (\text{F.20})$$

we obtain the following relations:

$$\begin{aligned} \cos y &= \frac{1}{2}(e^{jy} + e^{-jy}) \\ \sin y &= \frac{1}{2j}(e^{jy} - e^{-jy}) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{F.21})$$

These relations can be extended to any complex number  $z = x + jy$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \cos z &= \frac{1}{2}(e^{jz} + e^{-jz}) = \cos x \cosh y - j \sin x \sinh y \\ \sin z &= \frac{1}{2j}(e^{jz} - e^{-jz}) = \sin x \cosh y + j \cos x \sinh y \\ \sin jy &= \frac{1}{2j}(e^{-y} - e^y) = j \sinh y \\ \cos jy &= \frac{1}{2}(e^{-y} + e^y) = \cosh y \\ \sinh z &= \cos y \sinh x + j \sin y \cosh x \\ \cosh z &= \cos y \cosh x + j \sin y \sinh x \\ \sinh jz &= j \sin z \\ \cosh jz &= \cos z \end{aligned} \quad (\text{F.22})$$

Furthermore, from Eqs. (F.16) and (F.19), we find that

$$\begin{aligned} z^n &= r^n(\cos \theta + j \sin \theta)^n = r^n e^{jn\theta} \\ &= r^n(\cos n\theta + j \sin n\theta) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{F.23})$$

which is known as *De Moivre's theorem*.

# APPENDIX G

## Natural Frequencies and Mode Shapes of Bars, Shafts, and Strings

In this Appendix, we shall give the governing equations and boundary conditions for the longitudinal oscillations of uniform bars, the torsional oscillations of uniform circular shafts, and the transverse oscillations of strings under constant tension. For each of these systems, we shall provide the frequency equations from which the natural frequency coefficients and corresponding mode shapes for several combinations of boundary conditions can be obtained.

### GENERAL SOLUTION FOR THE VIBRATIONS OF BARS, SHAFTS, AND STRINGS

The equations governing the longitudinal vibrations of a uniform bar, a uniform circular shaft, and a string under constant tension are given in Table G.1. It is seen from these equations that the equations for all three systems are of the form

$$a \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial x^2} - b \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial t^2} = c(x,t) \quad (\text{G.1})$$

where, when a bar is being considered,  $\varphi = u(x,t)$ ,  $c = f(x,t)$ ,  $a = AE$ , and  $b = A\rho$ . When a shaft is being considered,  $\varphi = \theta(x,t)$ ,  $c = \tau(x,t)$ ,  $a = JG$  and  $b = J\rho$  and when a string is being considered,  $\varphi = y(x,t)$ ,  $c = p(x,t)$ ,  $a = T$  and  $b = A\rho$ . When the externally applied force is absent; that is,  $c(x,t) = 0$ , and the system is undergoing harmonic oscillations of the form  $\varphi(x,t) = \Phi(x)e^{j\omega t}$ , where  $\omega$  is the frequency of oscillation, Eq. (G.1) becomes

$$\frac{d^2 \Phi_\alpha(\eta)}{d\eta^2} + \Omega_\alpha^2 \Phi_\alpha(\eta) = 0 \quad (\text{G.2})$$

where we have introduced the nondimensional quantities given in Table G.1. When we are considering a bar, then  $\Phi_\alpha(\eta) = \Phi_{\text{bar}}(\eta) = U(\eta)$  and  $\Omega_\alpha^2 = \Omega_{\text{bar}}^2$ ;

**TABLE G.1**

Equations of Motion for Bars, Circular Shafts, and Strings and Definitions of Quantities used in Appendix G.

Longitudinal Motion of a Bar		Torsional Motion of a Circular Shaft		Transverse Motion of a String	
$AE \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - A\rho \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = f(x,t)$		$JG \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial x^2} - J\rho \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial t^2} = \tau(x,t)$		$T \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} - \rho A \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = p(x,t)$	
<i>Definitions: Dimensional Quantities</i>					
Symbol	Description	Symbol	Description	Symbol	Description
$u(x,t)$	Axial displacement (m)	$\theta(x,t)$	Rotation (rad)	$y(x,t)$	Transverse displacement (m)
$x$	Axial location (m)	$x$	Axial location (m)	$x$	Location (m)
$t$	Time (s)	$t$	Time (s)	$t$	Time (s)
$A$	Cross-section area (m <sup>2</sup> )	$J$	Polar inertia (m <sup>4</sup> )	$A$	Cross-section area (m <sup>2</sup> )
$E$	Young's modulus (N/m <sup>2</sup> )	$G$	Shear modulus (N/m <sup>2</sup> )	$T$	Tension (N)
$L$	Length of bar (m)	$L$	Length of shaft (m)	$L$	Length of string (m)
$U(x)$	Spatial component of $u(x,t) = U(x)e^{j\omega t}$	$\Theta(x)$	Spatial component of $\theta(x,t) = \Theta(x)e^{j\omega t}$	$Y(x)$	Spatial component of $y(x,t) = Y(x)e^{j\omega t}$
$M_o$	Attached mass (kg)	$J_o$	Attached mass (kg-m <sup>2</sup> )	$M_o$	Attached mass (kg)
$k_{\text{bar}}$	Attached translational spring (N/m)	$k_{\text{shaft}}$	Attached torsion spring (N/m)	$k_{\text{string}}$	Attached translational spring (N/m)
$m_{\text{bar}}$	$= \rho AL$ , Mass of bar (kg)	$J_{\text{shaft}}$	$= \rho JL$ (kg-m <sup>2</sup> )	$m_{\text{string}}$	$= \rho AL$ , Mass of string (kg)
$\partial u/\partial x$	Axial strain (m/m)	$\partial \theta/\partial x$	Shear strain (m/m)	$\partial y/\partial x$	Slope (rad)
$E \partial u/\partial x$	Axial stress (N/m <sup>2</sup> )	$Gr \partial \theta/\partial x$	Shear stress (N/m <sup>2</sup> )	$T \partial y/\partial x$	Transverse tension (N)
$\rho$	Density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	$\rho$	Density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	$\rho$	Density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )
$\omega$	Frequency (rad/s)	$\omega$	Frequency (rad/s)	$\omega$	Frequency (rad/s)
$f(x,t)$	Applied force (N/m)	$\tau(x,t)$	Applied torque (N-rad)	$p(x,t)$	Applied force (N/m)
		$r$	Shaft radius (m)		
<i>Definitions: Nondimensional Quantities</i>					
Symbol	Description	Symbol	Description	Symbol	Description
$\eta$	$= x/L$	$\eta$	$= x/L$	$\eta$	$= x/L$
$t_{\text{bar}}$	$= L/c_{\text{bar}}$	$t_{\text{shaft}}$	$= L/c_{\text{shaft}}$	$t_{\text{string}}$	$= L/c_{\text{string}}$
$c_{\text{bar}}$	$= \sqrt{E/\rho}$	$c_{\text{shaft}}$	$= \sqrt{G/\rho}$	$c_{\text{string}}$	$= \sqrt{T/(\rho A)}$
$\Omega_{\text{bar}}$	$= \omega t_{\text{bar}}$	$\Omega_{\text{shaft}}$	$= \omega t_{\text{shaft}}$	$\Omega_{\text{string}}$	$= \omega t_{\text{string}}$
$K_{\text{bar}}$	$= (k_{\text{bar}}L)/(AE)$	$K_{\text{shaft}}$	$= (k_{\text{shaft}}L)/(GJ)$	$K_{\text{string}}$	$= (k_{\text{string}}L)/T$
$\gamma_{\text{bar}}$	$= M_o/m_{\text{bar}}$	$\gamma_{\text{shaft}}$	$= J_o/J_{\text{shaft}}$	$\gamma_{\text{string}}$	$= M_o/m_{\text{string}}$

when we are considering a shaft, then  $\Phi_{\alpha}(\eta) = \Phi_{\text{shaft}}(\eta) = \Theta(\eta)$  and  $\Omega_{\alpha}^2 = \Omega_{\text{shaft}}^2$ ; and when we are considering a string,  $\Phi_{\alpha}(\eta) = \Phi_{\text{string}}(\eta) = Y(\eta)$  and  $\Omega_{\alpha}^2 = \Omega_{\text{string}}^2$ . In Table G.1, the quantity  $c_{\text{bar}}$  is the speed at which a disturbance travels longitudinally within the bar and  $t_{\text{bar}}$  is the time that it takes for a disturbance to travel the length of the bar. Similar interpretations are valid for the shaft and the string.

The solution to Eq. (G.2) is

$$\Phi_\alpha(\eta) = A \cos(\Omega_\alpha \eta) + B \sin(\Omega_\alpha \eta) \quad (\text{G.3})$$

The various boundary conditions that are appropriate to these systems are summarized in Table G.2. We shall consider the case where the system is undergoing harmonic oscillations, is clamped at  $\eta = 0$ , and at  $\eta = 1$ , is free with an attached mass that is constrained by a spring. Then, from Table G.2, we find that the boundary condition at  $\eta = 0$  is

$$\Phi_\alpha(0) = 0 \quad (\text{G.4a})$$

and that the boundary condition at  $\eta = 1$  is

$$\frac{d\Phi_\alpha(1)}{d\eta} = (\gamma_\alpha \Omega^2 - K_\alpha) \Phi_\alpha(1) \quad (\text{G.4b})$$

where, from Tables G.1 and G.2, we see that for a bar  $\gamma_\alpha = \gamma_{\text{bar}}$  and  $K_\alpha = K_{\text{bar}}$ ; for a shaft  $\gamma_\alpha = \gamma_{\text{shaft}}$  and  $K_\alpha = K_{\text{shaft}}$ ; and for a string  $\gamma_\alpha = \gamma_{\text{string}}$  and  $K_\alpha = K_{\text{string}}$ . It should be realized that Eq. (G.4b) can be reduced to the other four boundary conditions appearing in Table G.2 by considering the limit as  $\gamma_\alpha$  goes to zero or infinity and/or  $K_\alpha$  goes to zero or infinity as the case may be.

Upon substituting Eq. (G.3) into Eqs. (G.4), we obtain the frequency equation

$$\cot \Omega_{n,\alpha} - \gamma_\alpha \Omega_{n,\alpha} + \frac{K_\alpha}{\Omega_{n,\alpha}} = 0 \quad (\text{G.5})$$

and the corresponding mode shape as

$$\Phi_{n,\alpha}(\eta) = \sin(\Omega_{n,\alpha} \eta) \quad (\text{G.6})$$

where  $\Omega_{n,\alpha}$  is the natural frequency coefficient and  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , indicates the  $n$ th natural frequency coefficient. From Table G.1, we see that the natural frequency  $f_{n,\alpha}$  expressed in Hz is given by

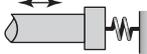
$$f_{n,\alpha} = \frac{\Omega_{n,\alpha}}{2\pi t_\alpha} \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \quad (\text{G.7})$$

In order to obtain the frequency equations for other boundary conditions, we use the limiting procedure introduced in Section 9.3.3. The results of this procedure are summarized<sup>1</sup> in Table G.3. In addition, we have given in Table G.3 some representative numerical values for  $\Omega_{n,\alpha}$  and their corresponding mode shapes. These values can then be used to obtain the values for the particular system of interest by substituting the appropriate values of  $t_\alpha$ ,  $\gamma_\alpha$ , and  $K_\alpha$  as defined in Table G.1.

<sup>1</sup>The special cases agree with those that can be found in the literature. See for example, R. Blevins, *Formulas for Natural Frequency and Modes Shape*, Van Nostrand Reinhold, New York, 1979, pp. 182ff.

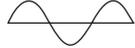
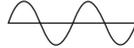
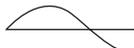
**TABLE G.2**

Boundary Conditions at  $\eta = 1$  for Bars, Shafts, and Strings.

<i>Bars</i>			
Boundary Condition		Dimensional Form	Nondimensional Form for $u(\eta, t) = U(\eta)e^{j\omega t}$
Clamped		$u = 0$	$U = 0$
Free		$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0$	$\frac{\partial U}{\partial \eta} = 0$
Free with mass		$EA \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = -M_o \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}$	$\frac{\partial U}{\partial \eta} = \gamma_{\text{bar}} \Omega^2 U$
Free with spring		$EA \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = -k_{\text{bar}} u$	$\frac{\partial U}{\partial \eta} = -K_{\text{bar}} U$
Free with mass and spring		$EA \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = -M_o \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - k_{\text{bar}} u$	$\frac{\partial U}{\partial \eta} = (\gamma_{\text{bar}} \Omega^2 - K_{\text{bar}}) U$
<i>Shafts</i>			
Boundary Condition		Dimensional Form	Nondimensional Form for $\theta(\eta, t) = \Theta(\eta)e^{j\omega t}$
Clamped		$\theta = 0$	$\Theta = 0$
Free		$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} = 0$	$\frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial \eta} = 0$
Free with mass		$GJ \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} = -J_o \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial t^2}$	$\frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial \eta} = \gamma_{\text{shaft}} \Omega^2 \Theta$
Free with spring		$GJ \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} = -k_{\text{shaft}} \theta$	$\frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial \eta} = -K_{\text{shaft}} \Theta$
Free with mass and spring		$GJ \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} = -J_o \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial t^2} - k_{\text{shaft}} \theta$	$\frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial \eta} = (\gamma_{\text{shaft}} \Omega^2 - K_{\text{shaft}}) \Theta$
<i>Strings</i>			
Boundary Condition		Dimensional Form	Nondimensional Form for $y(\eta, t) = Y(\eta)e^{j\omega t}$
Clamped		$y = 0$	$Y = 0$
Free		$\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = 0$	$\frac{\partial Y}{\partial \eta} = 0$
Free with mass		$T \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = -M_o \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2}$	$\frac{\partial Y}{\partial \eta} = \gamma_{\text{string}} \Omega^2 Y$
Free with spring		$T \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = -k_{\text{string}} y$	$\frac{\partial Y}{\partial \eta} = -K_{\text{string}} Y$
Free with mass and spring		$T \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = -M_o \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} - k_{\text{string}} y$	$\frac{\partial Y}{\partial \eta} = (\gamma_{\text{string}} \Omega^2 - K_{\text{string}}) Y$

**TABLE G.3**

Natural Frequency Equations, and Natural Frequency Coefficients and Mode Shapes for Various Combinations of boundary Conditions for the Three Systems given in Table G.1.

Boundary Conditions	Frequency Equation		$n = 1$	$n = 2$	$n = 3$	$n = 4$
Clamped-clamped	$\sin \Omega_{n,\alpha} = 0$	$\Omega_{n,\alpha}/\pi$	1	2	3	4
		Mode shapes				
		Node points <sup>†</sup>	None	0.5	0.333, 0.667	0.25, 0.5, 0.75
Clamped-free	$\cos \Omega_{n,\alpha} = 0$	$\Omega_{n,\alpha}/\pi$	0.5	1.5	2.5	3.5
		Mode shapes				
		Node points <sup>†</sup>	None	0.667	0.4, 0.8	0.286, 0.571, 0.857
Clamped-free with spring	$\cot \Omega_{n,\alpha} + \frac{K_\alpha}{\Omega_{n,\alpha}} = 0$	$\Omega_{n,\alpha}/\pi [K_\alpha = 5]$	0.8447	1.7362	2.671	3.6315
		Mode shapes				
		Node points <sup>†</sup>	None	0.576	0.374, 0.749	0.275, 0.551, 0.826
Clamped-free with mass	$\cot \Omega_{n,\alpha} - \gamma_\alpha \Omega_{n,\alpha} = 0$	$\Omega_{n,\alpha}/\pi [\gamma_\alpha = 1]$	0.2739	1.0904	2.0491	3.0333
		Mode shapes				
		Node points <sup>†</sup>	None	0.917	0.488, 0.976	0.330, 0.659, 0.989
Clamped-free with spring and mass	$\cot \Omega_{n,\alpha} - \gamma_\alpha \Omega_{n,\alpha} + \frac{K_\alpha}{\Omega_{n,\alpha}} = 0$	$\Omega_{n,\alpha}/\pi [K_\alpha = 5$ and $\gamma_\alpha = 1]$	0.64052	1.1373	2.0554	3.0352
		Mode shapes				
		Node points <sup>†</sup>	None	0.879	0.487, 0.973	0.329, 0.656, 0.988

<sup>†</sup>Interior node points only.

### Comparison to a Single Degree-of-Freedom System

The natural frequency of a single degree-of-freedom system composed of a mass  $M_o$  suspended from a bar whose spring constant is given by Case 1 in Table 2.3 is

$$\omega_{s dof} = \sqrt{\frac{AE}{LM_o}} \quad (\text{G.8})$$

The natural frequency of this same system when it is determined from Eq. (G.5) when  $K_{\text{bar}} = 0$  is

$$\omega_{1,\text{bar}} = \frac{\Omega_{1,\text{bar}}}{t_{\text{bar}}} = \frac{c_{\text{bar}}\Omega_{1,\text{bar}}}{L} = \frac{\Omega_{1,\text{bar}}}{L} \sqrt{\frac{E}{\rho}} \quad (\text{G.9})$$

where we have used the definitions appearing in Table G.1. The difference in their numerical values can be represented by the percentage error  $\varepsilon_{\text{bar}}$  as

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_{\text{bar}} &= 100 \left( \frac{\omega_{s dof}}{\omega_{1,\text{bar}}} - 1 \right) = 100 \left( \frac{L}{\Omega_{1,\text{bar}}} \sqrt{\frac{AE}{LM_o}} \sqrt{\frac{\rho}{E}} - 1 \right) \% \\ &= 100 \left( \frac{1}{\Omega_{1,\text{bar}} \sqrt{\gamma_{\text{bar}}}} - 1 \right) \% \end{aligned} \quad (\text{G.10})$$

A plot of Eq. (G.10) is given in Figure G.1, where it is seen that for the error to be less than 5%,  $\gamma_{\text{bar}} > 3.3$  and for the error to be less than 2%,  $\gamma_{\text{bar}} > 8.3$ .

We now consider the determination of the natural frequency for the torsional oscillations of a single degree-of-freedom system composed of a mass with polar mass moment of inertia  $J_o$  that is attached to a shaft whose spring constant is given by Case 3 in Table 2.3. In this case, we have that

$$\omega_{s dof} = \sqrt{\frac{GJ}{LJ_o}} \quad (\text{G.11})$$

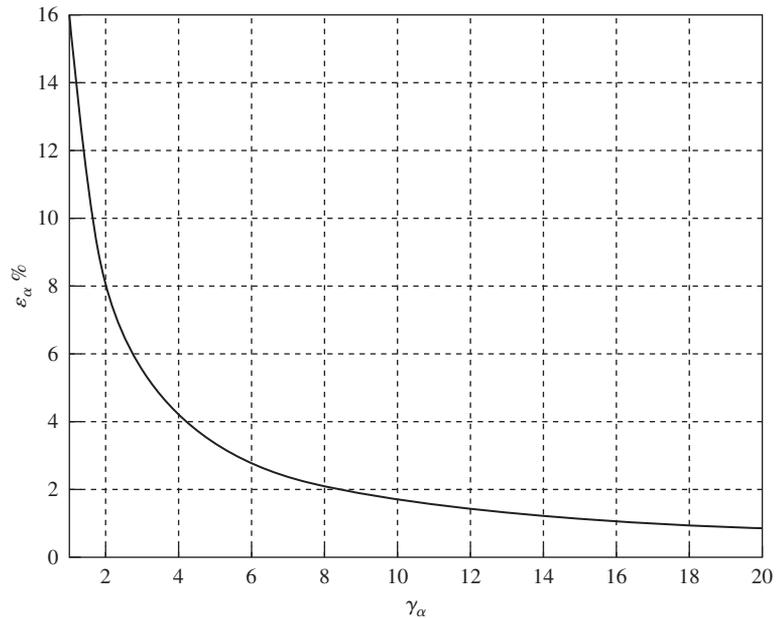
The natural frequency of this same system when it is determined from Eq. (G.5) when  $K_{\text{shaft}} = 0$  is

$$\omega_{1,\text{shaft}} = \frac{\Omega_{1,\text{shaft}}}{t_{\text{shaft}}} = \frac{c_{\text{shaft}}\Omega_{1,\text{shaft}}}{L} = \frac{\Omega_{1,\text{shaft}}}{L} \sqrt{\frac{G}{\rho}} \quad (\text{G.12})$$

where we have used the definitions appearing in Table G.1. The difference in their numerical values can be represented by the percentage error  $\varepsilon_{\text{shaft}}$  as

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_{\text{shaft}} &= 100 \left( \frac{\omega_{s dof}}{\omega_{1,\text{shaft}}} - 1 \right) = 100 \left( \frac{L}{\Omega_{1,\text{shaft}}} \sqrt{\frac{GJ}{LJ_o}} \sqrt{\frac{\rho}{G}} - 1 \right) \\ &= 100 \left( \frac{1}{\Omega_{1,\text{shaft}} \sqrt{\gamma_{\text{shaft}}}} - 1 \right) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{G.13})$$

A plot of Eq. (G.13) is the same as that given in Figure G.1, except that  $\gamma_{\text{bar}}$  is replaced by  $\gamma_{\text{shaft}}$ .


**FIGURE G.1**

The error between a single degree-of-freedom approximation where a bar ( $\alpha = \text{bar}$ ) or shaft ( $\alpha = \text{shaft}$ ) is considered as a massless spring and Eq. (G.5) (with  $K_\alpha = 0$ ) where the mass of the bar or shaft is included.

### Transverse Vibrations of Strings with In-Span Mass and Spring

The equation governing the transverse vibration of a uniform string of length  $L$  (m) that is stretched with a tension  $T$  (N) and is carrying a mass  $M_o$  (kg) at an interior location  $L_1$  (m) and restrained by a spring  $k_{\text{spring}}$  (N/m) at location  $L_2$  (m) is<sup>2</sup>

$$T \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} - \left[ \rho A + \frac{M_o}{L} \delta(x - L_1) \right] \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} - \frac{k_{\text{string}}}{L} \delta(x - L_2) y = p(x, t) \quad (\text{G.14})$$

where  $y = y(x, t)$  is the transverse displacement of the string,  $p(x, t)$  is the externally applied force per unit length,  $A$  is the area of the string cross section ( $\text{m}^2$ ) and  $\rho$  is its density ( $\text{kg}/\text{m}^3$ ). When the externally applied force is absent; that is,  $p(x, t) = 0$ , and the shaft is undergoing harmonic oscillations of the form  $y(x, t) = Y(x)e^{j\omega t}$ , where  $\omega$  is the frequency of oscillation, Eq. (G.14) becomes

$$\frac{d^2 Y(\eta)}{d\eta^2} + \Omega_{\text{string}}^2 [1 + \gamma_s \delta(\eta - \eta_1)] Y(\eta) - K_{\text{string}} \delta(\eta - \eta_2) Y(\eta) = 0 \quad (\text{G.15})$$

where  $\eta_j = L_j/L$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ , and the other quantities are defined in Table G.1.

<sup>2</sup>E. B. Magrab, *Vibrations of Elastic Structural Members*, Sijthoff & Noordhoff International Publishing Co., The Netherlands, 1979, pp. 66–72.

To solve Eq. (G.15), we employ the Laplace transform technique used in Section 9.3.2. Upon taking the Laplace transform of Eq. (G.15) and rearranging terms, we obtain

$$\bar{Y}(s) = \frac{sY(0)}{s^2 + \Omega_s^2} + \frac{Y'(0)}{s^2 + \Omega_s^2} - \frac{\Omega_s^2 \gamma_s e^{-s\eta_1}}{s^2 + \Omega_s^2} Y(\eta_1) + \frac{K_{\text{string}} e^{-s\eta_2}}{s^2 + \Omega_s^2} Y(\eta_2) \quad (\text{G.16})$$

where  $s$  is the Laplace transform parameter,  $Y(0)$  is the displacement at  $\eta = 0$ ,  $Y'(0)$  is the slope of the string at  $\eta = 0$ , the prime denotes the derivative with respect to  $\eta$ , and  $\bar{Y}(s)$  is the Laplace transform of  $Y(\eta)$ . Using transform pairs 3, 18, and 19 from Table A in Appendix A, the inverse transform of Eq. (G.16) is

$$Y(\eta) = Y(0) \cos \Omega_s \eta + \frac{\sin \Omega_s \eta}{\Omega_s} Y'(0) - A(\eta, \Omega_s) Y(\eta_1) + B(\eta, \Omega_s) Y(\eta_2) \quad (\text{G.17})$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A(\eta, \Omega_s) &= \gamma_s \Omega_s \sin[\Omega_s(\eta - \eta_1)] u(\eta - \eta_1) \\ B(\eta, \Omega_s) &= \frac{K_{\text{string}}}{\Omega_s} \sin[\Omega_s(\eta - \eta_2)] u(\eta - \eta_2) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{G.18})$$

and  $u(\eta)$  is the unit step function.

We shall consider only the case where the string is clamped at both ends; that is, when  $Y(0) = 0$  and  $Y(1) = 0$ . Then Eq. (G.17) simplifies to

$$Y(\eta) = \frac{\sin \Omega_s \eta}{\Omega_s} Y'(0) - A(\eta, \Omega_s) Y(\eta_1) + B(\eta, \Omega_s) Y(\eta_2) \quad (\text{G.19})$$

To determine  $Y'(0)$  in Eq. (G.19), we use the boundary condition  $Y(1) = 0$ . Then, from Eq. (G.19), we find that

$$Y'(0) = \frac{\Omega_s}{\sin \Omega_s} [A(1, \Omega_s) Y(\eta_1) - B(1, \Omega_s) Y(\eta_2)] \quad (\text{G.20})$$

Upon substituting Eq. (G.20) into Eq. (G.19) and collecting terms, we obtain

$$Y(\eta) = C_1(\eta, \Omega_s) Y(\eta_1) + C_2(\eta, \Omega_s) Y(\eta_2) \quad (\text{G.21})$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} C_1(\eta, \Omega_s) &= A(1, \Omega_s) \frac{\sin \Omega_s \eta}{\sin \Omega_s} - A(\eta, \Omega_s) \\ C_2(\eta, \Omega_s) &= B(\eta, \Omega_s) - B(1, \Omega_s) \frac{\sin \Omega_s \eta}{\sin \Omega_s} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{G.22})$$

To obtain the frequency equation, we note that Eq. (G.21) must be valid at  $\eta = \eta_1$  and at  $\eta = \eta_2$ . Thus, Eq. (G.21) yields

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 - C_1(\eta_1, \Omega_s) & -C_2(\eta_1, \Omega_s) \\ -C_1(\eta_2, \Omega_s) & 1 - C_2(\eta_2, \Omega_s) \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} Y(\eta_1) \\ Y(\eta_2) \end{Bmatrix} = 0 \quad (\text{G.23})$$

**TABLE G.4**

 Natural Frequency Equations and Natural Frequency Coefficients for a String Clamped at Each End with Various Combinations of In-Span Attachments:  $M_o$  at  $\eta = \eta_1$  and  $K_{\text{string}}$  at  $\eta = \eta_2$ .

Case	In-Span Attachments	Frequency Equation*	$\Omega_{n,s}/\pi$
1	None	$\sin \Omega_{n,s} = 0$	$n (n = 1, 2, \dots)$
2	Spring only ( $M_o = 0$ and $k_{\text{string}} \neq 0$ )	$\Omega_{n,s} \sin(\Omega_{n,s}) + K_{\text{string}} \sin(\Omega_{n,s} \eta_2) \sin(\Omega_{n,s} [1 - \eta_2]) = 0$	—
3	Mass only ( $M_o \neq 0$ and $k_{\text{string}} = 0$ )	$\sin(\Omega_{n,s}) - \Omega_{n,s} \gamma_{\text{string}} \sin(\Omega_{n,s} \eta_1) \sin(\Omega_{n,s} [1 - \eta_1]) = 0$	—
4	Mass and spring ( $M_o \neq 0$ , $k_{\text{string}} \neq 0$ , and $\eta_1 \neq \eta_2$ )	$\sin \Omega_s [1 + A(\eta_2, \Omega_s) B(\eta_1, \Omega_s)]$ $- A(1, \Omega_s) [\sin \Omega_s \eta_1 + B(\eta_1, \Omega_s) \sin \Omega_s \eta_2]$ $+ B(1, \Omega_s) [\sin \Omega_s \eta_2 + A(\eta_2, \Omega_s) \sin \Omega_s \eta_1] = 0$	—
5	Mass and spring ( $M_o \neq 0$ , $k_{\text{string}} \neq 0$ , and $\eta_1 = \eta_2$ )	$\left( \gamma_{\text{string}} \Omega_{n,s} - \frac{K_{\text{string}}}{\Omega_{n,s}} \right) \sin \Omega_{n,s} \eta_1 \sin [\Omega_{n,s} (1 - \eta_1)]$ $- \sin \Omega_{n,s} = 0$	—

\*In Case 4, see Eqs. (G.18) for the definitions of  $A(\eta, \Omega_s)$  and  $B(\eta, \Omega_s)$ .

The frequency equation is obtained by setting the determinant of the coefficients of Eq. (G.23) to zero, which gives

$$[1 - C_1(\eta_1, \Omega_{n,s})][1 - C_2(\eta_2, \Omega_{n,s})] - C_1(\eta_2, \Omega_{n,s})C_2(\eta_1, \Omega_{n,s}) = 0 \quad (\text{G.24})$$

where  $\Omega_{n,s}$   $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , are the natural frequency coefficients. Using Eqs. (G.22) and noting from Eqs. (G.18) that  $A(\eta_1, \Omega_{n,s}) = 0$  and  $B(\eta_2, \Omega_{n,s}) = 0$ , we can write Eq. (G.24) as

$$\begin{aligned} &\sin \Omega_{n,s} [1 + A(\eta_2, \Omega_{n,s}) B(\eta_1, \Omega_{n,s})] \\ &- A(1, \Omega_{n,s}) [\sin \Omega_{n,s} \eta_1 + B(\eta_1, \Omega_{n,s}) \sin \Omega_{n,s} \eta_2] \\ &+ B(1, \Omega_{n,s}) [\sin \Omega_{n,s} \eta_2 + A(\eta_2, \Omega_{n,s}) \sin \Omega_{n,s} \eta_1] = 0 \quad (\text{G.25}) \end{aligned}$$

When the spring and mass are attached at the same location; that is,  $\eta_1 = \eta_2$ , we find from Eq. (G.18) that  $A(\eta_2, \Omega_{n,s}) = 0$  and  $B(\eta_1, \Omega_{n,s}) = 0$ . Therefore, Eq. (G.25) reduces to

$$\sin \Omega_{n,s} - \left( \gamma_s \Omega_{n,s} - \frac{K_{\text{string}}}{\Omega_{n,s}} \right) \sin \Omega_{n,s} \eta_1 \sin [\Omega_{n,s} (1 - \eta_1)] = 0 \quad (\text{G.26})$$

The corresponding mode shapes are

$$Y_n(\eta) = \frac{C_2(\eta_1, \Omega_{n,s})}{1 - C_1(\eta_1, \Omega_{n,s})} C_1(\eta, \Omega_{n,s}) + C_2(\eta, \Omega_{n,s}) \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \quad (\text{G.27})$$

when  $M_o \neq 0$  and/or  $k_{\text{string}} \neq 0$ . When  $M_o = 0$  and  $k_{\text{string}} = 0$ , we use Eq. (G.19) to obtain

$$Y_n(\eta) = \sin(\Omega_{n,s} \eta) \quad (\text{G.28})$$

It is noted from Eqs. (G.18) that when  $M_o = 0$ ,  $A(\eta, \Omega_s) = 0$  and, therefore, from Eq. (G.22) we have that  $C_1(\eta, \Omega_s) = 0$  and that when  $k_{\text{string}} = 0$ ,  $B(\eta, \Omega_s) = 0$  and, therefore,  $C_2(\eta, \Omega_s) = 0$ .

We shall consider three special cases of these results: (1)  $M_o = 0$  and  $k_{\text{string}} = 0$ ; (2)  $M_o = 0$  and  $k_{\text{string}} \neq 0$ ; and (3)  $M_o \neq 0$  and  $k_{\text{string}} = 0$ , when  $\eta_1 \neq \eta_2$  and when  $\eta_1 = \eta_2$ . These special cases simplify the frequency equation, Eq. (G.25), to the expressions shown in the third column of Table G.4.

# Answers to Selected Exercises

## Chapter 1

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E1.2} \quad \mathbf{v}^{P/O} &= L\dot{\theta}\mathbf{e}_1 \\ \mathbf{a}^{P/O} &= L\ddot{\theta}\mathbf{e}_1 + L\dot{\theta}^2\mathbf{e}_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E1.5} \quad \mathbf{V}_m &= \dot{r}_1\mathbf{e}'_1 + r_1\dot{\theta}'\mathbf{e}'_2 \\ \mathbf{a}_m &= (\ddot{r}_1 - r_1\dot{\theta}'^2)\mathbf{e}'_1 + (r_1\ddot{\theta}' + 2\dot{r}_1\dot{\theta}')\mathbf{e}'_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{E1.10} \quad \mathbf{p} = M_r\dot{r}_1\mathbf{e}'_1 + (M_{bar}L_{bar} + M_r r_1)\dot{\theta}'\mathbf{e}'_2$$

$$\mathbf{E1.11} \quad \mathbf{H} = [J_O\dot{\theta} + R^2\dot{\theta} + r^2(\dot{\varphi} + \dot{\theta}) + rR(2\dot{\theta} + \dot{\varphi})\cos\varphi]\mathbf{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E1.17} \quad T_{\text{pendulum}} &= \frac{1}{2}J_O\dot{\theta}^2 \\ &+ \frac{1}{2}m(r^2(\dot{\varphi} + \dot{\theta})^2 + R^2\dot{\theta}^2 + 2rR\dot{\theta}(\dot{\varphi} + \dot{\theta})\cos\varphi) \end{aligned}$$

## Chapter 2

$$\mathbf{E2.2} \quad J_O = J_{m_l}(\beta) + J_{m_s} + J_{m_b} + J_{m_e}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} J_{m_e} &= \frac{1}{3}m_e e^2 & J_{m_s} &= m_s b^2 & J_{m_b} &= \frac{1}{3}m_b b^2 \\ J_{m_l}(\beta) &= m_l \left[ \frac{l^2}{12} + \left(\frac{l}{2}\right)^2 + a^2 - al \cos(\beta) \right] \\ \beta &= \pi - \varphi - \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{b - a \cos \varphi}{r(\varphi)}\right) \end{aligned}$$

## E2.6

$$k_e = k\left(\frac{4h}{a}\right)^2, \quad h = \sqrt{L^2 - (a/2)^2}$$

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**E2.10**

$$k_e = \left( \frac{1}{k_{213}} + \frac{1}{k_4} \right)^{-1}$$

where

$$k_{213} = k_2 + k_{13}, \quad k_{13} = \left( \frac{1}{k_1} + \frac{1}{k_3} \right)^{-1}, \quad k_1 = \frac{3E_1 I_1}{L^3}, \quad \text{and} \quad k_2 = \frac{3E_2 I_2}{L^3},$$

**E2.12**

$$k_e = k_{123} \cos^2 \theta_1 + k_4 \cos^2(\pi - \theta_2) + k_{56} \cos^2(\theta_3 - \pi)$$

where

$$k_{123} = \left( \frac{1}{k_1 + k_2} + \frac{1}{k_3} \right)^{-1} \quad \text{and} \quad k_{56} = \left( \frac{1}{k_5} + \frac{1}{k_6} \right)^{-1}$$

**E2.16**

a)  $k_e = (k_1 + k_2) + 3(k_1 + k_2)\alpha x_0^2$

b)  $x_0 = 0.01 \text{ m}$  and  $k_e = 100060 \text{ N/m}$ .

**E2.18** The dual tire relation is

$$F_{\text{dual-tire}} = 81.85 + 968.72\delta + 21.8\delta^2 \quad \text{N}$$

and that for the wide-base tire is

$$F_{\text{wide-base}} = 149.84 + 784.18\delta + 6.32\delta^2 \quad \text{N}$$

$$\mathbf{E2.19} \quad k_e = 2\rho g A_o + \frac{2nA_o P_o}{L_o}$$

**Chapter 3**

$$\mathbf{E3.2} \quad m\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + kx = 0$$

$$\mathbf{E3.3} \quad m\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} - 2kx = 0$$

$$\mathbf{E3.5} \quad \omega_n = \omega_o \sqrt{1 + (1 + r/L) \frac{\Omega^2}{\omega_o^2}}$$

where

$$\omega_o = \sqrt{\frac{k_b}{m}} \quad \text{and} \quad k_b = \frac{3EI}{L^3}$$

$$\mathbf{E3.10} \quad r_o^4 - r_i^4 > 7.272 \times 10^{-7} \quad \text{m}^4$$

$$\mathbf{E3.12} \quad \omega_n = \frac{d^2}{4} \sqrt{\frac{\pi G}{2J_G L}} \quad \text{rad/s}$$

$$\mathbf{E3.14} \quad \omega_n = 15.26 \text{ rad/s and } \zeta = 0.305$$

$$\mathbf{E3.19} \quad \begin{aligned} \text{a) For tap water: } \omega_{ntw} &= \sqrt{\frac{g}{s_w h}} \\ \text{b) For salt water: } \omega_{nsw} &= 1.095 \omega_{ntw} \end{aligned}$$

**E3.26**

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k_1 + k_{23}}{m}}, \quad k_{23} = \left( \frac{1}{k_2} + \frac{1}{k_3} \right)^{-1}$$

$$\zeta = \frac{c_1 + c_2 + c_3}{2m\omega_n}$$

$$\mathbf{E3.30} \quad \omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k_e}{m_e}}$$

where

$$k_e = k_{c1} r^2 + k_2 \left( \frac{L_2 r}{L_1} \right)^2 + k_3 \left( \frac{L_3 r}{L_1} \right)^2 + \frac{m_p g}{2} \left( \frac{r}{L_1} \right)^2 (L_2 - L_3 + a) - m_a g L_3 \left( \frac{r}{L_1} \right)^2$$

$$m_e = J_c + m_c r^2 + m_r r^2 + J_{sp} \left( \frac{r}{L_1} \right)^2 + J_{as} \left( \frac{r}{L_1} \right)^2$$

and

$$k_{c1} = \left( \frac{1}{k_c} + \frac{1}{k_1} \right)^{-1} \quad \text{and} \quad k_c = \frac{3EI}{r^3}$$

**E3.31**

$$\text{a) } (J_o + mL^2)\ddot{\theta} + ca^2\dot{\theta} + \frac{1}{4}\pi d^2 \rho g L^2 \theta = (m + m_b/2)gL$$

$$\text{b) } c = \frac{Ld}{a^2} \sqrt{(J_o + mL^2)(\rho\pi g)}$$

$$\mathbf{E3.34} \quad \omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{2k \cos^2 \gamma}{m}} \quad \text{rad/s}$$

**Chapter 4**

$$\mathbf{E4.3} \quad x(t) = 0.002 \sin(100.24t) \quad \text{m}$$

$$\mathbf{E4.8} \quad \theta(t) = 4.08te^{-1.25t} \quad \text{rad}$$

$$\mathbf{E4.9} \quad \delta = \frac{2\pi\zeta}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}}$$

$$\mathbf{E4.12} \quad \text{Mass } m_2 \text{ separates from mass } m_1 \text{ since } \frac{g}{X_o\omega_n^2} = 0.981 \leq 1$$

$$\mathbf{E4.14} \quad \zeta = 0.0367 \text{ and } \omega_d = 5.288 \text{ rad/s}$$

**E4.19** For uncracked concrete  $x_{\max} = 0.5429$  m and for cracked concrete  $x_{\max} = 0.5426$  m; therefore, the maximum displacement remains virtually unchanged.

$$\mathbf{E4.20} \quad x(t) = 1.67e^{-0.9048t} \sin(75.39t + 0.642) \text{ mm}$$

**E4.29** We notice that the envelope of peak amplitudes does not decay exponentially. In fact, the decay is linear and, therefore, the system is not viscously damped.

### Chapter 5

**E5.2** Steady-state amplitude is 1.9 mm and the phase is  $-0.882$  radians.

$$\mathbf{E5.5} \quad \omega_n = \sqrt{\omega_r^2 - \frac{(k_1 + k_2)L^2}{J_0}} \text{ rad/s}$$

$$\mathbf{E5.11} \quad \omega^2 < \frac{31.32^2 a_o}{0.028/(m + m_o) + a_o}$$

$$\mathbf{E5.12} \quad G(j\omega) = \frac{-3c\omega^2 + j\omega k}{k - m\omega^2 + 3cj\omega}$$

**E5.13**  $c = 61.52 \times 10^3$  Ns/m and the dynamic force transmitted to the base is 48 N

**E5.16** One possible value is  $k_2 = 288$  kN/m for  $\gamma = 1.8$  from Figure 5.36a, which gives a  $TR = 0.0229 < 0.08$ .

$$\mathbf{E5.17} \quad h_{\text{block}} = 1.965 \text{ m}$$

$$\mathbf{E5.19} \quad c_{\text{eq}} = 15.9 \text{ Ns/m}$$

### Chapter 6

$$\mathbf{E6.2} \quad x(t) = \frac{1}{1.73} [e^{-t} \sin(1.73t)u(t) + e^{-(t-5)} \sin(1.73[t-5])u(t-5)]$$

$$\mathbf{E6.7} \quad X(s) = \frac{G(s)(\gamma + 2\gamma_c\zeta s)}{2\gamma_c\zeta s^3 + (\gamma + 4\gamma_c\zeta^2)s^2 + (2\gamma_c\zeta(1 + \gamma) + 2\zeta\gamma)s + \gamma}$$

$$\text{where } G(s) = \frac{F_o}{sk} + (2\zeta + s)x(0) + \dot{x}(0)$$

**E6.8**

$$x(\tau) = 0.47(\tau - \sin\tau)u(\tau) - 0.16(\tau - \sin(\tau - 3.54) - 3.54\cos(\tau - 3.54))u(\tau - 3.54) \\ + 2.22(1 - \cos(\tau - 3.54))u(\tau - 3.54) \quad \text{m}$$

$$\text{where } \tau = \omega_n t.$$

$$\mathbf{E6.11} \quad x(t) = \frac{f_o}{k} [g(t)u(t) - g(t - t_o)u(t - t_o)]$$

where

$$g(t) = 1 - \frac{e^{-\zeta\omega_n t}}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \sin(\omega_d t + \varphi)$$

$$\text{and } \omega_d = 3.98 \text{ rad/s and } \varphi = 1.47 \text{ radians.}$$

**Chapter 7****E7.6**

$$\begin{bmatrix} m_1 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} k_1 + k_2 & -k_2 \\ -k_2 & k_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c_1 + c_2 & -c_2 \\ -c_2 & c_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} c_1\dot{x}_3 + k_1x_3 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

**E7.8**

$$\begin{bmatrix} M + m & 0 \\ 0 & ml^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{x} \\ \ddot{\phi} \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c & 0 \\ 0 & c_t \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{\phi} \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} k & 0 \\ 0 & mgl \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x \\ \phi \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} F_o \cos \omega t \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

**E7.9**

$$\begin{bmatrix} m_1 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} (c_1 + c_2) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} k_1 + k_4 + k_2 + k_3 & -k_2 - k_3 \\ -k_2 - k_3 & k_2 + k_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{E7.13} \quad m\ddot{x} - ml\ddot{\theta} \cos \theta + ml\dot{\theta}^2 \sin \theta + kx = -mg \\ (J_G + ml^2)\ddot{\theta} - ml\dot{x} \cos \theta + k_t\theta = mgl \cos \theta$$

**E7.16**

$$\begin{bmatrix} J_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \hat{J}_3 + J_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \hat{J}_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{\phi}_1 \\ \ddot{\phi}_2 \\ \ddot{\phi}_4 \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} k_{t1} & -k_{t1} & 0 \\ -k_{t1} & k_{t1} + \hat{k}_{t2} & -\hat{k}_{t2} \\ 0 & -\hat{k}_{t2} & \hat{k}_{t2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \\ \phi_4 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

**E7.19**

a)

$$m_1\ddot{x}_1 + k_2x_1 - k_2L_1\theta = 0$$

$$m_2\ddot{x}_2 + k_4x_2 + k_4L_2\theta = 0$$

$$J_O\ddot{\theta} + ((k_1 + k_2)L_1^2 + (k_3 + k_4)L_2^2)\theta - k_2L_1x_1 + k_4L_2x_2 = 0$$

b)

$$m_1\ddot{x}_1 + k_2x_1 - k_2L_1(a_1k_2L_1x_1 - a_1k_4L_2x_2) = 0$$

$$m_2\ddot{x}_2 + k_4x_2 + k_4L_2(a_1k_2L_1x_1 - a_1k_4L_2x_2) = 0$$

c)

$$m_1\ddot{x}_1 + \frac{k_1k_2}{k_1 + k_2}x_1 = 0$$

$$m_2\ddot{x}_2 + \frac{k_4k_3}{k_3 + k_4}x_2 = 0$$

**E7.26** The natural frequencies of the system are  $\omega_1 = 1.114\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$

and  $\omega_2 = 1.326\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$

and the corresponding modal matrix is  $\Phi = \begin{bmatrix} -0.991 & 0.131 \\ 0.131 & 0.991 \end{bmatrix}$

**E7.28**  $\omega_1 = 316.2$  rad/s,  $\omega_2 = 2024.8$  rad/s and

$$\{Y\}_1 = \begin{Bmatrix} 0.513 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \{Y\}_2 = \begin{Bmatrix} -22.27 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix}$$

**E7.29**  $\omega_1 = 1.246$  rad/s,  $\omega_2 = 2.557$  rad/s and

$$\{X\}_1 = \begin{Bmatrix} 0.694 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \{X\}_2 = \begin{Bmatrix} -0.288 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix}$$

**E7.37**  $\Omega_1 = 0.835$ ,  $\Omega_2 = 2.07$ , and the mode shape ratios are

$$\frac{X_{o1}}{L\Theta_{o1}} = 3.3 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{X_{o2}}{L\Theta_{o2}} = -0.303$$

**E7.51** The modal damping factors are  $\zeta_1 = 1.466$  and  $\zeta_2 = 1.689$  and the modal mass matrix and modal stiffness matrix are, respectively,

$$[M_D] = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad [K_D] = \begin{bmatrix} 1.712 & 0 \\ 0 & 6.828 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Chapter 8

**E8.3** The response of mass  $m_1$  is

$$x_1(t) = -8.8 \sin(20t - 3.1357) - 9.2 \sin(20t - 3.1072) \quad \text{mm}$$

and that of mass  $m_2$  is

$$x_2(t) = -21.2 \sin(20t - 3.1357) + 3.83 \sin(20t - 3.1072) \quad \text{mm}$$

**E8.8**

$$X_1(j\Omega) = \frac{(0.5 + 0.1414 j\Omega)F_2}{2(\Omega^4 - 0.5657 j\Omega^3 - 2.04\Omega^2 + 0.2828 j\Omega + 0.5000)}$$

$$X_2(j\Omega) = \frac{(1.5 - \Omega^2 + 0.4243 j\Omega)F_2}{2(\Omega^4 - 0.5657 j\Omega^3 - 2.04\Omega^2 + 0.2828 j\Omega + 0.5000)}$$

**E8.9**

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \phi_1(t) \\ \phi_2(t) \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} \frac{M_1(\omega_r^2 - \Omega^2)}{k_{r1}D_o} \\ \frac{\omega_r^2 M_1}{k_{r1}D_o} \end{Bmatrix} \cos \omega t$$

where

$$D_o = \Omega^4 - a_1\Omega^2 + a_2, \quad a_1 = 1 + \omega_r^2(1 + m_r), \quad a_2 = \omega_r^2$$

$$\omega_{n1} = \sqrt{\frac{k_{r1}}{J_1}}, \quad \omega_{n2} = \sqrt{\frac{k_{r2}}{J_2}}, \quad \omega_r = \frac{\omega_{n2}}{\omega_{n1}}, \quad m_r = \frac{J_2}{J_1}, \quad \Omega = \frac{\omega}{\omega_{n1}}$$

**E8.10**

$$\begin{Bmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \\ Y_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \frac{F_2}{m\omega_o^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 - 27\Omega^2 & -14\Omega^2 & -4\Omega^2 \\ -14\Omega^2 & 1 - 8\Omega^2 & -2.5\Omega^2 \\ -4\Omega^2 & -2.5\Omega^2 & 1 - \Omega^2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{Bmatrix} 14 \\ 8 \\ 2.5 \end{Bmatrix}$$

where

$$\Omega = \frac{\omega}{\omega_o} \quad \text{and} \quad \omega_o = \sqrt{\frac{3EI}{mL^3}}$$

**E8.22**

$$k_1 G_{12}(j\Omega) = \frac{\omega_r^2}{D_o}$$

$$k_1 G_{22}(j\Omega) = \frac{1 + m_r \omega_r^2 - \Omega^2}{m_r D_o}$$

where

$$D_o = \Omega^4 - [1 + m_r \omega_r^2 + \omega_r^2] \Omega^2 + \omega_r^2$$

**E8.23** For  $m_2 = 70$  kg,  $k_2 = 276.3$  kN/m

**E8.34**

$$\frac{Y_3(s)}{Y_e(s)} = \frac{1}{\det[S]} (m_1 s^2 + c_1 s + k_1)(k_2 + c_2 s)(k_3 + c_3 s)$$

where

$$[S] = \begin{bmatrix} m_1 s^2 + c_1 s + k_1 & & & & 0 \\ -k_1 - c_1 s & m_2 s^2 + (c_2 + c_1 + c_3)s + k_2 + k_1 + k_3 & & & -k_3 - c_3 s \\ 0 & & & & m_3 s^2 + c_3 s + k_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

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- Z**
- Zeros of the forced response, 450

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$a_i, b_i$	Fourier series coefficients
$a_{1n}, a_{2n}, b_{1n}, b_{2n}$	Boundary condition parameters for beam
$\mathbf{a}$	Acceleration vector
$\mathbf{a}_G$	Absolute acceleration of center of mass of a system
$a(t), a(\tau)$	Acceleration
$a_{ss}(t)$	Steady-state portion of $a(t)$
$c, c_j$	Damping coefficient—translation motion
$c_b$	Longitudinal velocity in beam
$c_c$	Critical damping coefficient
$c_d$	Fluid damping coefficient
$c_{eq}$	Equivalent viscous damping
$c_{jn}$	Damping coefficient
$c_r$	Pulse duration-bandwidth product
$c_i$	Damping coefficient—rotational motion
$c_{32}$	Ratio of damping coefficients— $c_3/c_2$
$c_i(\Omega_i)$	Coefficients in response of a single degree-of-freedom system to periodic forcing
$\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2$	Body-fixed unit vectors
$f(t), f(\tau)$	External forcing
$f(x, t), f(\eta, \tau)$	External forcing on beam
$f_n$	Natural frequency, Hz
$f_{nc}$	Nonconservative force per unit length on a beam
$g$	Gravitational constant
$h$	Elevation from ground or thickness of a beam
$\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}, \mathbf{k}$	Unit vectors fixed in inertial reference plane
$k, k_j, k_s$	Translation spring constant, spring stiffness
$k_e$	Equivalent spring constant
$k_f$	Stiffness of elastic foundation
$k_{jn}$	Stiffness coefficient
$k_t, k_{ij}$	Torsion spring constant
$k_{32}$	Stiffness ratio— $k_3/k_2$
$m, m_i, M_s$	Mass of a particle or a rigid body
$m_e$	Equivalent mass
$m_o$	Mass of a beam
$m_r$	Mass ratio— $m_2/m_1$
$p(x, t)$	Axial force on beam
$\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{p}_i$	Linear momentum vector
$q_j$	Generalized coordinate
$\dot{q}_j$	Generalized velocity
$r$	Radius of gyration of beam cross-section
$\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_i$	Position vector
$u(t)$	Unit step function
$s, s_j$	Laplace transform parameter, roots of a polynomial in the parameter $s$
$t$	Time
$t_o$	Initial time, time delineating a characteristic of a waveform, characteristic time of a beam
$t_r$	Rise time
$\mathbf{v}$	Velocity vector
$v(t), v(\tau)$	Velocity
$v_{ss}(t)$	Steady-state portion of $v(t)$
$w(x, t), w(\eta, \tau)$	Transverse displacement of beam
$x(0), \dot{x}(0), x_j(0), \dot{x}_j(0)$	Initial displacement, initial velocity

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$x(t), x(\tau), x_j(t)$	Displacement
$x_{\max}$	Magnitude of $x(\tau_m)$
$x_o$	Static equilibrium position
$x_{ss}(t)$	Steady-state portion of $x(t)$
$\dot{x}(t), \dot{x}(\tau), \dot{x}_j(t)$	Velocity
$\ddot{x}(t), \ddot{x}(\tau), \ddot{x}_j(t)$	Acceleration
$y(t)$	Displacement of base or nondimensional displacement
$\ddot{y}(t)$	Acceleration of base
$z(t)$	Relative displacement between mass and base
$A$	Cross-sectional area of beam
$A_o$	Magnitude of displacement due to initial conditions
$[A]$	State matrix
$B_j$	Nondimensional torsion stiffness
$B_w$	Bandwidth of a filter
$C_n$	Beam eigenfunction parameter
$[C]$	Damping matrix
$D$	Rayleigh dissipation function
$D(\Omega)$	Denominator of $H(\Omega)$
$E$	Young's modulus
$E_d, E_{diss}$	Dissipation energy
$E_T$	Total energy in a signal
$E(\omega)$	Signal energy as a function of frequency
$\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{F}_i$	Force vector
$\mathbf{F}_s$	Internal force vector
$F_T(t)$	Force transmitted to the base
$F_o$	Magnitude of $f(t)$
$F(x)$	Spring force
$F(s)$	Laplace transform of forcing $f(t)$ or $f(\tau)$
$G$	Shear modulus
$G_B$	Beam energy function
$G_o, G_L$	Beam energy function at boundaries
$G_{ij}(\Omega)$	Frequency-response function of inertial element $i$ to force applied to inertial element $j$
$G(\Omega)$	Frequency-response function
$H(\Omega)$	Amplitude response function—single-degree-of-freedom system
$H_{ij}(\Omega)$	Amplitude response function of inertial element $i$ to force applied to inertial element $j$
$H_{st}(\Omega)$	Amplitude response function—system with structural damping
$H_{mb}(\Omega)$	Amplitude response function—system with base excitation
$H_{ub}(\Omega)$	Amplitude response function—system with rotating unbalanced mass
$\mathbf{H}$	Angular momentum
$I$	Moment of inertia of beam cross-section about bending axis
$J$	Mass moment of inertia about axis of rotation
$J_G$	Mass moment of inertia about center of mass
$J_o$	Mass moment of inertia about point “o”
$[K]$	Stiffness matrix
$[M]$	Mass matrix
$\alpha$	Nonlinear spring stiffness coefficient; coefficient in proportional damping matrix
$\boldsymbol{\alpha}$	Angular acceleration vector
$\beta$	Structural damping constant; coefficient in proportional damping matrix
$\delta$	Logarithmic decrement

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$\delta_{nm}$	Kronecker delta
$\delta(t)$	Delta function
$\delta_{st}$	Static displacement of a spring
$\varepsilon$	Coefficient of restitution; percentage error
$\zeta$	Damping ratio
$\zeta_j$	Modal damping factor
$\eta$	Nondimensional beam coordinate— $x/L$
$\{\eta(t)\}, \{\dot{\eta}(t)\}, \{\ddot{\eta}(t)\}$	Modal amplitude or displacement, modal velocity, modal acceleration column matrices
$\theta, \dot{\theta}, \ddot{\theta}$	Angular displacement, angular velocity, angular acceleration
$\theta(\Omega)$	Phase angle response to harmonic excitation—steady state
$\theta_t(\Omega)$	Phase angle response to harmonic excitation—transient
$\theta_{st}(\Omega)$	Phase angle response to harmonic excitation—system with structural damping
$\kappa$	Curvature
$\lambda_j$	Roots of a polynomial in the parameter $\lambda$
$\mu$	Coefficient of friction, kinematic viscosity, overlap factor in turning
$\rho$	Mass density
$\sigma$	Bending stress in a beam
$\tau$	Nondimensional time— $\omega_n t$ or $\omega_{n1} t$
$\tau_d$	Nondimensional time it takes for a system to decay to a specified level
$\tau_m$	Nondimensional time at which $x(\tau)$ is a maximum
$\tau_r$	Nondimensional rise time
$\phi, \dot{\phi}, \ddot{\phi}$	Angular displacement, angular velocity, angular acceleration
$\varphi$	Phase angle associated with $\zeta$
$\varphi_d$	Phase angle associated with initial conditions
$\psi(\Omega)$	Phase response—system with harmonic base excitation
$\omega$	Excitation frequency, rad/s
$\omega_c$	Cutoff frequency, rad/s
$\omega_d$	Damped natural frequency, rad/s
$\omega_{dj}$	Damped natural frequency of $j$ th mode
$\omega_n$	Natural frequency of single degree-of-freedom system, rad/s
$\omega_{nj}$	Uncoupled natural frequency of $j$ th spring-mass system, rad/s
$\omega_r$	Frequency ratio— $\omega_{n2}/\omega_{n1}$
$\boldsymbol{\omega}$	Angular velocity vector
$[\Phi]$	Modal matrix
$\psi_n(\tau)$	Temporal separation of variables function
$\Omega, \Omega_i, \Omega_o$	Nondimensional frequency ratio— $\omega/\omega_n$ or $\omega/\omega_{n1}, \omega_i/\omega_n, \omega_o/\omega_n$
$\Omega$	Nondimensional frequency coefficient for a beam
$\Omega_c$	Center frequency ratio of a filter
$\Omega_{cl}$	Lower cutoff frequency ratio of a filter
$\Omega_{cu}$	Upper cutoff frequency ratio of a filter
$\Omega_{\max}$	Frequency at which $H(\Omega)$ is a maximum
$\Omega_n$	Nondimensional natural frequency coefficient for a beam at the $n$ th natural frequency