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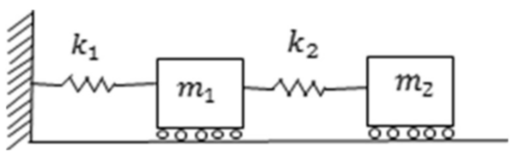
Q: A system with two degrees of freedom, as shown in the figure, has masses $m_1 = 200kg$ and $m_2 = 100kg$ and stiffness coefficients $k_1 = k_2 = 200N/m$. Then the lowest natural frequency of the system is ____________ rad/s (rounded off to one decimal place).



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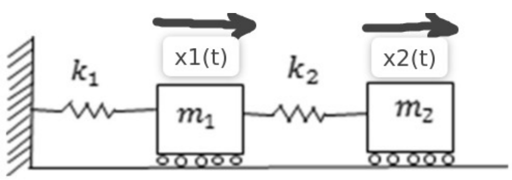
Solution:



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Variable	Description	Value
m_1	Mass of block 1	$200kg$
m_2	Mass of block 2	$100kg$
k_1	Stiffness coefficient of spring1	$200N/m$
k_2	Stiffness coefficient of spring2	$200N/m$
$x_i(t)$	Displacement of i^{th} block	$x_i(0) = 0$
$\dot{x}_i(t)$	Velocity of i^{th} block	$\dot{x}_i(0) = 0$
$\ddot{x}_i(t)$	Acceleration of i^{th} block	$\ddot{x}_i(0) = 0$

TABLE 0
INPUT PARAMETERS

$$m_2\ddot{x}_2(t) + k_2\left(x_2(t) - x_1(t)\right) = 0 \tag{1}$$
$$m_1\ddot{x}_1(t) - k_2\left(x_2(t) - x_1(t)\right) + k_1x_1(t) = 0 \tag{2}$$

Writing (1) and (2) in matrix form:

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

From above ;

$$x_1(0) = 0 \tag{3}$$
$$x_2(0) = 0 \tag{4}$$
$$\ddot{x}_1(0) = 0 \tag{5}$$
$$\ddot{x}_2(0) = 0 \tag{6}$$

$$x(t) \overset{\mathcal{L}}{\longleftrightarrow} X(s) \tag{7}$$

$$x''(t) \overset{\mathcal{L}}{\longleftrightarrow} s^2X(s) - sx(0) - x'(0) \tag{8}$$

From (3) and (5)

$$X_1(0) = 0 \tag{9}$$
$$s^2X_1(0) - sx_1(0) - x_1'(0) = 0 \tag{10}$$
$$\implies x_1'(0) = 0 \tag{11}$$

From (4) and (6)

$$X_2(0) = 0 \tag{12}$$
$$s^2X_2(0) - sx_2(0) - x_2'(0) = 0 \tag{13}$$
$$\implies x_2'(0) = 0 \tag{14}$$

Applying Laplace transform for (1) and (2)

$$m_1s^2X_1(s) - k_2\left(X_2(s) - X_1(s)\right) + k_1X_1(s) = 0 \tag{15}$$
$$m_2s^2X_2(s) + k_2\left(X_2(s) - X_1(s)\right) = 0 \tag{16}$$

Writing (15) and (16) in matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} m_1s^2 + (k_1+k_2) & -k_2 \\ -k_2 & m_2s^2 + k_2 \end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix} X_1(s) \\ X_2(s) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

For frequency put $s = j\omega$,

$$\begin{bmatrix} -m_1\omega^2 + (k_1+k_2) & -k_2 \\ -k_2 & -m_2\omega^2 + k_2 \end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix} X_1(j\omega) \\ X_2(j\omega) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

For free vibration

$$\det\begin{pmatrix} -m_1\omega^2 + (k_1+k_2) & -k_2 \\ -k_2 & -m_2\omega^2 + k_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\left(-m_1\omega^2 + (k_1 + k_2)\right)\left(-m_2\omega^2 + k_2\right) - (-k_2)(-k_2) = 0 \tag{17}$$

$$m_1 m_2 \omega^4 - \left[(k_1 + k_2) m_2 + k_2 m_1\right]\omega^2 + k_1 k_2 = 0 \tag{18}$$

$$\implies \omega^4 - \frac{\left[(k_1 + k_2) m_2 + k_2 m_1\right]}{m_1 m_2}\omega^2 + \frac{k_1 k_2}{m_1 m_2} = 0 \tag{19}$$

Substituting the values;

$$\implies \omega^4 - 4\omega^2 + 2 = 0 \tag{20}$$

$$\omega^2 = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 8}}{2} \tag{21}$$

$$= 2 \pm \sqrt{2} \tag{22}$$

$$\omega = \pm\sqrt{2 \pm \sqrt{2}} \tag{23}$$

$$\implies \omega_{least} = 0.765 rad/s \tag{24}$$