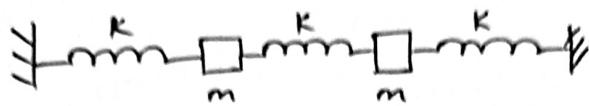


Q1) Consider two masses of 'm' connected by three spring of spring constant 'k' as shown in figure. Find normal modes?



where x_1 & x_2 are the displacement of masses 'm' from the equilibrium position.

The Lagrangian & equation of motion of system is given by,

$$L = \frac{m\dot{x}_1^2}{2} + \frac{m\dot{x}_2^2}{2} - \frac{kx_1^2}{2} - \frac{kx_2^2}{2} - \frac{k(x_2 - x_1)^2}{2}$$

$$m\ddot{x}_1 + k(2x_1 - x_2) = 0$$

$$m\ddot{x}_2 + k(2x_2 - x_1) = 0$$

Sol. $T = \frac{m}{2}(\dot{x}_1^2 + \dot{x}_2^2)$: $V = \frac{k}{2}(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + (x_2 - x_1)^2)$

$$T = m \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} : V = \begin{bmatrix} 2k & -k \\ -k & 2k \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|V - \omega^2 T| = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2k - \omega^2 m & -k \\ -k & 2k - \omega^2 m \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow (2k - \omega^2 m)^2 - k^2 = 0$$

$$(2k - \omega^2 m - k)(2k - \omega^2 m + k) = 0$$

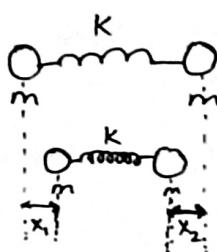
$$(k - \omega^2 m)(3k - \omega^2 m) = 0$$

$\omega_1 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$
$\omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{3k}{m}}$

Q2) The Lagrangian of a diatomic molecule is given by

$$L = \frac{m}{2}(\dot{x}_1^2 + \dot{x}_2^2) - \frac{k}{2}(x_1 x_2)$$

where m is the mass of each atom and x_1 & x_2 are the displacement of atoms measured from the equilibrium position and $k > 0$ (k is spring constant.). Find the normal modes frequencies?



Sol.

$$L = \frac{m}{2}(\dot{x}_1^2 + \dot{x}_2^2) - \frac{k}{2}(x_1 x_2) : (\text{given})$$

$$T = \frac{m}{2}(\dot{x}_1^2 + \dot{x}_2^2)$$

$$V = \frac{k}{2}(x_1 x_2)$$

$$T = \frac{m}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} ; V = \frac{k}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|V - \omega^2 T| = 0 : \text{secular eqn.}$$

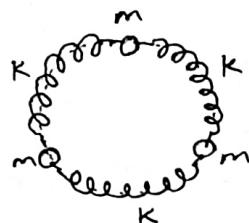
$$\left| \frac{k}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - \omega^2 \frac{m}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right| = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} -\omega^2 m & \frac{k}{2} \\ \frac{k}{2} & -\omega^2 m \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \omega^4 m^2 - \frac{k^2}{4} = 0$$

$$\boxed{\omega = \pm \sqrt{\frac{k}{2m}}}$$

(Q3) Three masses 'm', initially located equidistant from one another on a horizontal circle of radius 'R'. They are connected in pairs by three spring of force constant 'K' each and of unstretched length ' $\frac{2\pi R}{3}$ '.

The spring threads the circular tract so that the mass is constrained to move on the circle.



The lagrangian & equation of motion of system is given by,

$$L = \frac{mR^2}{2}(\dot{\theta}_1^2 + \dot{\theta}_2^2 + \dot{\theta}_3^2) - \frac{KR^2}{2}[(\theta_1 - \theta_2)^2 + (\theta_2 - \theta_3)^2 + (\theta_3 - \theta_1)^2]$$

$$mR^2\ddot{\theta}_1 + KR^2[(\theta_1 - \theta_2) - (\theta_3 - \theta_1)] = 0$$

$$mR^2\ddot{\theta}_2 + KR^2[(\theta_2 - \theta_3) - (\theta_1 - \theta_2)] = 0$$

$$mR^2\ddot{\theta}_3 + KR^2[(\theta_3 - \theta_1) - (\theta_2 - \theta_3)] = 0$$

Find the normal mode frequency.

Sol-

$$T = \frac{mR^2}{2}(\dot{\theta}_1^2 + \dot{\theta}_2^2 + \dot{\theta}_3^2) ; V = \frac{KR^2}{2}[(\theta_1 - \theta_2)^2 + (\theta_2 - \theta_3)^2 + (\theta_3 - \theta_1)^2]$$

$$T = mR^2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} ; V = KR^2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

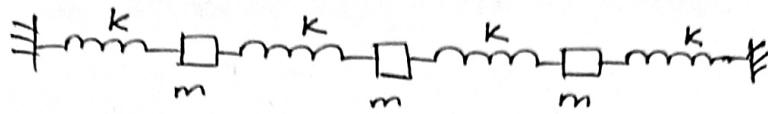
$$|V - \omega^2 T| = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2KR^2 - mR^2 & -KR^2 & -KR^2 \\ -KR^2 & 2KR^2 - mR^2 & -KR^2 \\ -KR^2 & -KR^2 & 2KR^2 - mR^2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

On solving the determinant, we get

$$\omega_1 = 0 ; \omega_2 = \omega_3 = \sqrt{\frac{3K}{m}}$$

(Q1) Find the normal modes for following system.



The Kinetic & Potential energy of the system along with the equation of motion is given by,

$$T = \frac{m}{2} (\dot{x}_1^2 + \dot{x}_2^2 + \dot{x}_3^2) ; V = \frac{k}{2} [(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (x_3 - x_2)^2 + x_1^2 + x_3^2]$$

$$m\ddot{x}_1 + k(2x_1 - x_2) = 0$$

$$m\ddot{x}_2 + k(2x_2 - x_1 - x_3) = 0$$

$$m\ddot{x}_3 + k(2x_3 - x_2) = 0$$

Find the normal mode frequencies?

Sol.

$$T = m \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} ; V = \begin{bmatrix} 2k & -k & 0 \\ -k & 2k & -k \\ 0 & -k & 2k \end{bmatrix}$$

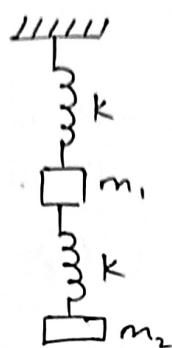
$$|V - \omega^2 T| = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2k - \omega^2 m & -k & 0 \\ -k & 2k - \omega^2 m & -k \\ 0 & -k & 2k - \omega^2 m \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

On solving the determinant, we get

$$\omega_1 = \sqrt{\frac{2k}{m}} ; \omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{(2+\sqrt{2})k}{m}} ; \omega_3 = \sqrt{\frac{(2-\sqrt{2})k}{m}}$$

(Q5) Find the normal modes for the given mass-spring system.



The kinetic & Potential energy of the system along with the eqn of motion is given by,

$$T = \frac{m_1 \dot{x}_1^2}{2} + \frac{m_2 \dot{x}_2^2}{2}$$

$$V = \frac{kx_2^2}{2} + \frac{k(x_1 - x_2)^2}{2}$$

$$m_1 \ddot{x}_1 + k(x_1 - x_2) = 0$$

$$m_2 \ddot{x}_2 + k(2x_2 - x_1) = 0$$

Sol.

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} m_1 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2 \end{bmatrix}; V = \begin{bmatrix} k & -k \\ -k & 2k \end{bmatrix}$$

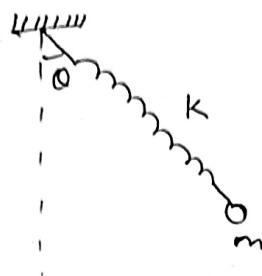
$$(V - \omega^2 T) = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} k - \omega^2 m_1 & -k \\ -k & 2k - \omega^2 m_2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\omega^4(m_1 m_2) - \omega^2(2km_1 + km_2) + k^2 = 0$$

$$\omega^2 = \frac{2km_1 + km_2 \pm k\sqrt{4m_1^2 + m_2^2}}{2m_1 m_2}$$

Q7) Find the normal mode frequency of the spring simple pendulum, as shown in figure.



b: unextended length of spring

r: extended length of spring

The kinetic & Potential energy of the system along with the eqn of motion is given by,

$$T = \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{r}^2 + r^2 \dot{\theta}^2)$$

$$V = \frac{1}{2} k(r-b)^2 - mg r \cos \theta$$

$$m\ddot{r} - mr\dot{\theta}^2 - mg \cos \theta + kr - kb = 0$$

$$\cancel{mr^2 \ddot{\theta}} + 2mr\dot{r}\dot{\theta} + mgr \sin \theta = 0$$

Sol.

$$\ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2 + \frac{k}{m}(r-b) - g \cos \theta = 0$$

$$\ddot{\theta} + \frac{2}{r}\dot{r}\dot{\theta} + \frac{g}{r} \sin \theta = 0$$

if $\theta = \text{constant} = l$

$$\dot{\theta} = 0$$

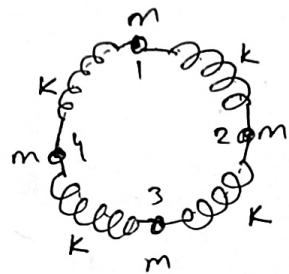
$$\Rightarrow \ddot{\theta} + \frac{g}{l} \sin \theta = 0$$

$$\ddot{\theta} + \frac{g}{l} \theta = 0 \quad (\sin \theta \approx \theta)$$

$$\ddot{\theta} + \omega^2 \theta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\omega^2 = \sqrt{\frac{g}{l}}}$$

(Q8) Find the normal mode frequency for the given spring-mass system arranged in a circle of radius 'R'. Each spring mass is coupled to its two neighbouring points by a spring constant 'k'.



The kinetic & Potential energy of a system along with the eqn of motion is given by ,

$$T = \frac{m}{2} (\dot{x}_1^2 + \dot{x}_2^2 + \dot{x}_3^2 + \dot{x}_4^2)$$

$$V = \frac{k}{2} (x_1 x_2 + x_2 x_3 + x_3 x_4 + x_4 x_1)$$

$$m\ddot{x}_1 + \frac{k}{2}(x_2 + x_4) = 0$$

$$m\ddot{x}_2 + \frac{k}{2}(x_1 + x_3) = 0$$

$$m\ddot{x}_3 + \frac{k}{2}(x_2 + x_4) = 0$$

$$m\ddot{x}_4 + \frac{k}{2}(x_3 + x_1) = 0$$

Sol

$$T = m \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}; V = \begin{bmatrix} 2k & -k & 0 & 0 \\ -k & 2k & -k & 0 \\ 0 & -k & 2k & -k \\ 0 & 0 & -k & 2k \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|V - \omega^2 T| = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2k - \omega^2 m & -k & 0 & 0 \\ -k & 2k - \omega^2 m & -k & 0 \\ 0 & -k & 2k - \omega^2 m & -k \\ 0 & 0 & -k & 2k - \omega^2 m \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

On solving the determinant, we get

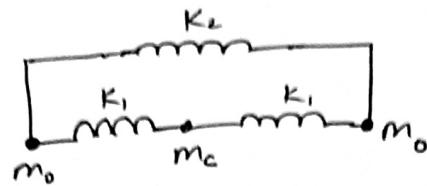
$$\omega_1 = 0$$

$$\omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{2k}{m}}$$

$$\omega_3 = \sqrt{\frac{2k}{m}}$$

$$\omega_4 = \sqrt{\frac{4k}{m}}$$

(Q9) Find the normal modes and normal frequencies for linear vibrations of the CO_2 molecules as shown in figure.



The Kinetic & Potential energy of the system along with equation of motion is given by,

$$T = \frac{1}{2} (m_o \dot{x}_1^2 + m_c \dot{x}_2^2 + m_o \dot{x}_3^2)$$

$$V = \frac{1}{2} K_1 [(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (x_3 - x_2)^2] + \frac{1}{2} K_2 (x_3 - x_1)^2$$

$$m_o \ddot{x}_1 + K_1 (x_2 - x_1) + K_2 (x_3 - x_1) = 0$$

$$m_c \ddot{x}_2 + K_1 (x_2 - x_1) + (x_3 - x_2) = 0$$

$$m_o \ddot{x}_3 - K_1 (x_3 - x_2) + K_2 (x_3 - x_1) = 0$$

Sol.

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} m_o & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m_c & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & m_o \end{bmatrix} ; V = \begin{bmatrix} K_1 + K_2 & -K_1 & -K_2 \\ -K_1 & 2K_1 & -K_1 \\ -K_2 & -K_1 & K_1 + K_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

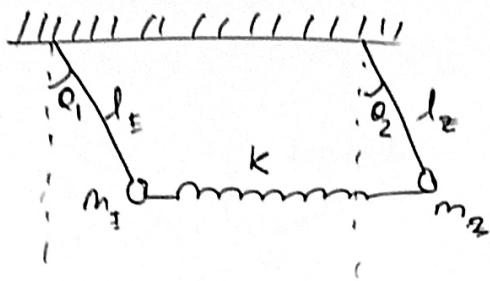
$$|V - \omega^2 T| = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} K_1 + K_2 - m_o \omega^2 & -K_1 & -K_2 \\ -K_1 & 2K_1 - m_c \omega^2 & -K_1 \\ -K_2 & -K_1 & K_1 + K_2 - m_o \omega^2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

On solving the determinant, we get

$$\omega_1 = 0 ; \omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{2K_1}{m_c} + \frac{K_1}{m_o}} ; \omega_3 = \sqrt{\frac{K_1}{m_o} + 2\frac{K_2}{m_o}}$$

(Q11)



Given, $T = \frac{1}{2}m(\dot{x}_1^2 + \dot{x}_2^2)$

$$V = \frac{mg}{2l} (x_1^2 + x_2^2) + \frac{k}{2} (x_2 - x_1)^2$$

$$m\ddot{x}_1 + \frac{mgx_1}{l} - k(x_2 - x_1) = 0$$

$$m\ddot{x}_2 + \frac{mgx_2}{l} + k(x_2 - x_1) = 0$$

Find the normal mode frequencies.

Sol.

$$\begin{vmatrix} m\omega^2 - \frac{mg}{l} - k & k \\ k & m\omega^2 - \frac{mg}{l} - k \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\left(m\omega^2 - \frac{mg}{l} - k \right)^2 - k^2 = 0$$

on solving we get,

$$\omega_1 = \sqrt{\frac{g}{l}} \quad \text{and} \quad \omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{g}{l} + \frac{2k}{m}}$$

(Q12)



$$\eta_1 = x_1 - x_{10} ; \eta_2 = x_2 - x_{20} ; \eta_3 = x_3 - x_{30}$$

$$T = \frac{1}{2}m(\dot{\eta}_1^2 + \dot{\eta}_3^2) + \frac{1}{2}M\dot{\eta}_2^2$$

$$V = \frac{k}{2}(\eta_2 - \eta_1)^2 + \frac{k}{2}(\eta_3 - \eta_2)^2$$

$$m\ddot{\eta}_1 + k(\eta_1 - \eta_2) = 0$$

$$M\ddot{\eta}_2 + k[(\eta_2 - \eta_1) + (\eta_2 - \eta_3)] = 0$$

$$m\ddot{\eta}_3 + k(\eta_3 - \eta_2) = 0$$

Find normal mode frequencies?

Sol.

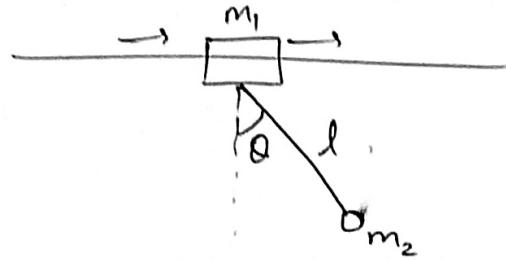
$$\begin{vmatrix} k - m\omega^2 & -k & 0 \\ -k & 2k - M\omega^2 & -k \\ 0 & -k & k - m\omega^2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

on solving the determinant, we get

$$(k - m\omega^2)\omega^2(Mm - Mk - 2mk) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega_1 = 0 ; \omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} ; \omega_3 = \sqrt{\frac{k(M+2m)}{mM}}$$

(Q13)



$$T = \frac{(m_1 + m_2)\dot{x}^2}{2} + l \cos\theta \dot{x}\dot{\theta} + \frac{1}{2}m_2l^2\dot{\theta}^2$$

$$V = -m_2 g l \cos\theta$$

$$(m_1 + m_2)\ddot{x} + m_2 l \ddot{\theta} \cos\theta - m_2 l \dot{\theta}^2 \sin\theta = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\ddot{x} \cos\theta + l \ddot{\theta} + g \sin\theta = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Find the normal mode frequencies?

Sol

$$\ddot{x} = -\frac{m_2 l}{m_1 + m_2} \ddot{\theta} \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \sin\theta \approx 0; \cos\theta \approx 1 \\ \text{in eqn (1)} \end{array} \right]$$

Put this value of \ddot{x} in another eqn (2),
we get,

$$\ddot{\theta} + \frac{g}{l} \left(\frac{m_1}{m_1 + m_2} \right) \theta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega = \pm \sqrt{\frac{g}{l} \left(\frac{m_1}{m_1 + m_2} \right)}$$