DYNAMICS AND EARTHQUAKE ANALYSIS OF STRUCTURES

Example Sheet No. 3

(For steel take E=200 GN/m² and for concrete E=14 GN/m²)

- 1- The two-storey building shown is supported by four square concrete columns of dimensions 0.35 x 0.35 m². The total masses of the bottom and top floors are 150,000 kg and 100,000 kg respectively.
 - (a) Determine the natural modes and frequencies of vibration in the horizontal direction shown.
 - (b) Determine the frequency of vibration that would be obtained making the assumption that the fundamental mode of vibration increases linearly with height.
- 2- The two-story building of exercise 1 is hit by a helicopter with a mass of 10,000 kg travelling at 20 m/s.
 - (a) Determine the resulting vibration and maximum displacement at the top of the building using both modes of vibration.
 - (b) Determine the resulting vibration and the maximum displacement at the top on the assumption that the linearly increasing mode absorbs the total momentum.
- 3- A three-storey building has the mass and stiffness distribution shown.
 - (a) Approximate the first period of vibration using a linearly increasing mode.
 - (b) Using a linearly increasing mode together with a second Ritz vector increasing quadratically with height, approximate the first two modes and frequencies of vibration.
- 4- The building of exercise 3 is subject to the Eurocode 8 elastic design earthquake with the response spectrum shown. Obtain the total base shear, overturning moment, maximum floor displacements and storey forces using (a) a single mode linear with height and (b) a complete combination of the three modes of vibration.







