



# Analysis

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## Analysis of real life systems



- Real-life structures are complex multi-component systems with distributed mass and stiffness properties
- Key questions in analysis:
  - What is the goal of the analysis?
  - What essential features do we need to include?



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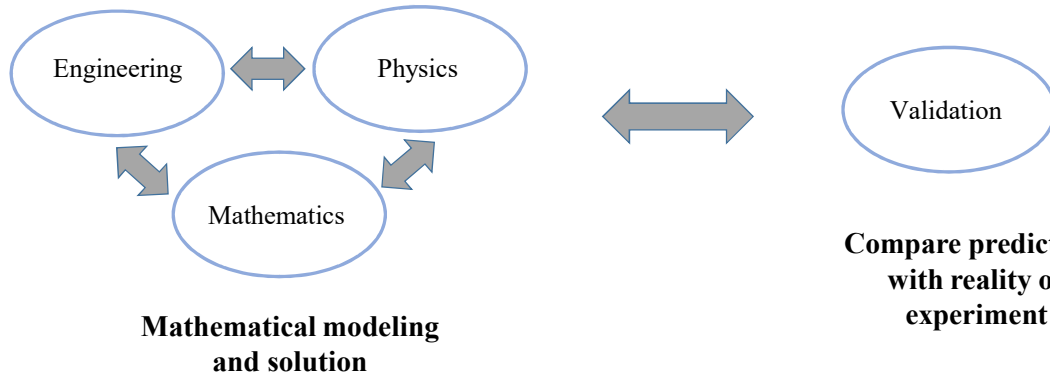
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## What does analysis entail ?



**Engineering sense and  
decision making**

**Insight and  
understanding**



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## Key steps in analysis

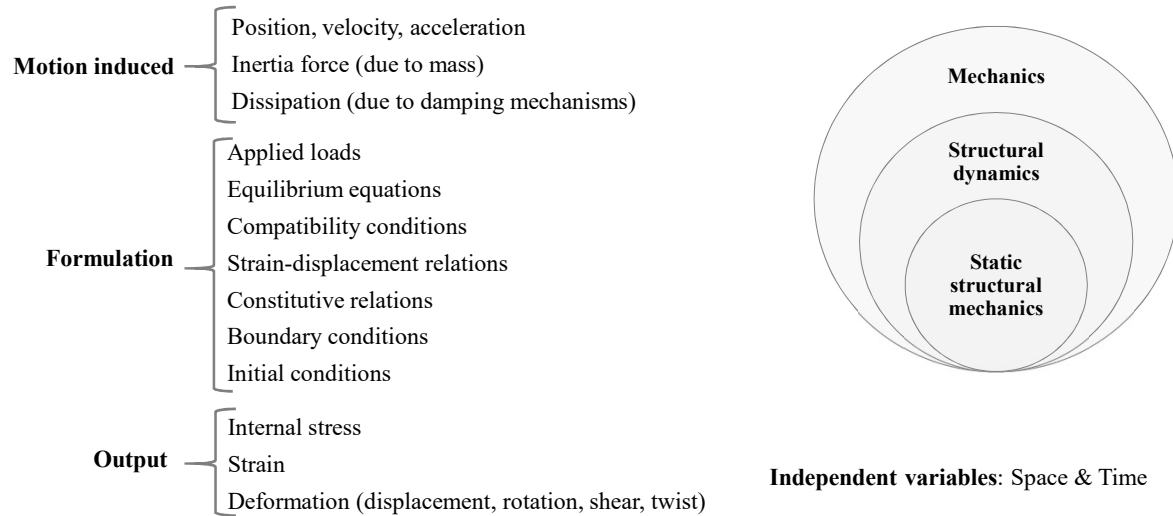


- 1) Identify the physical system of interest as an object of analysis or design. Physical system may be a complete system, sub-system, or component. (**Engineering judgement and decision making**)
- 2) Conceive and sketch an idealized representation of the real life system. This is version of the real life system we use for all subsequent purposes. (**Abstraction**)
- 3) Apply mathematical reasoning to convert the idealized representation to a mathematical model. (**Mathematical modeling**)
  - a) Formulation of governing equations,
  - b) Identification of boundary and initial conditions
  - c) Application of selected solution procedures
- 4) Compare with physical observations from a laboratory model or actual system. (**Validation**)
- 5) Interpret comparisons physically in context of the original object of the analysis of design (**Insight & understanding**)
- 6) Return to step 1 or step 2 based on nature of discrepancy or improvement sought. (**Iteration / Improvement**)

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## Engineering quantities that we are likely to encounter in the analysis



## Design of vibratory systems



- Identifying and / or anticipating the predominant features of motion and motion-induced quantities over the entire operational envelope is the most important challenge.
- Simple models that capture the predominant features of motion and motion-induced quantities with reasonable accuracy are extremely useful.
- Relevant concepts:
  - (a) Concepts of force, momentum, and energy
  - (b) Kinematics and degrees of freedom
  - (c) Discretization
  - (d) Abstraction
  - (e) Formulation and solution



## Kinematics, coordinates and degrees of Freedom

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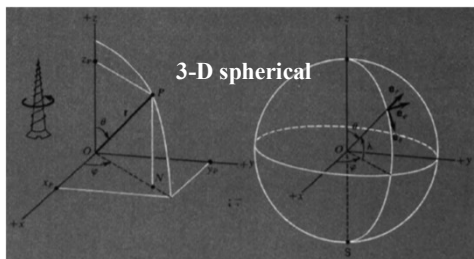
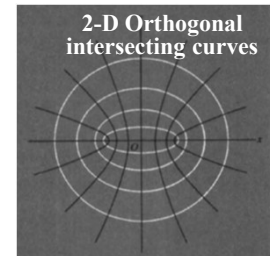
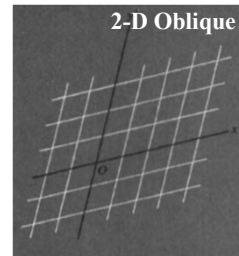
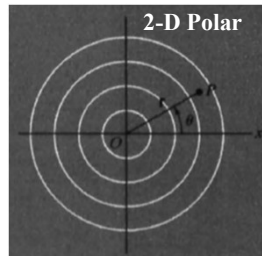
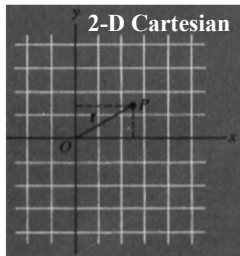
### What are kinematics?

- Kinematics is the branch of mechanics that deals with the geometry of motion.
- Kinematics includes a complete description of the motion, i.e., the positions, velocities, and accelerations, of all points within a system at all times.
- The description of motion is intimately dependent on the reference coordinate system in which the motion is observed.
- Coordinate system can be inertial (fixed or moving with constant velocity) or non-inertial (accelerating).
- It is advantageous to choose a reference coordinate system in which the description of kinematics is the simplest.
- However, one may describe the kinematics uniquely and effectively in several types of coordinate systems.

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## How to choose a reference coordinate system?



**Oblique:** Non-orthogonal intersecting linear axes.

**Orthogonal intersecting curves:** Confocal ellipses and hyperbolas

**3-D spherical:**

- $R - \theta - \phi$  for solid
- $\theta - \lambda$  (latitude-longitude) for shell

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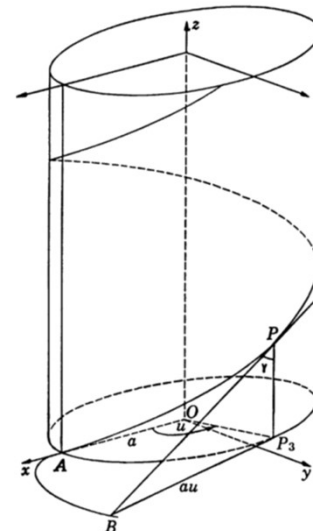
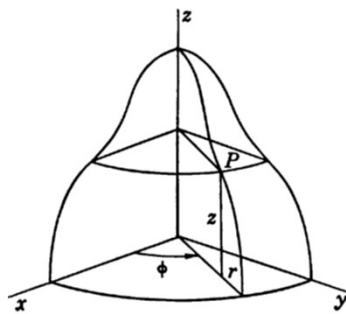
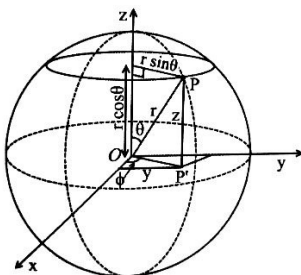
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## What are coordinates?



**Coordinates provide a unique and complete measure of the position of a particle along each of the selected coordinate axes.**

- Coordinates are mutually-independent functions of time.
- Coordinates and their temporal derivatives are intimately tied to the specific coordinate frame.
- More than one physical coordinate system can be used to describe any given motion.



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## What are degrees of freedom ?



- Consider a mechanical system of  $N$  free particles. Here, 'free' implies that they are not restricted in any manner.
- In a rectangular Cartesian coordinate system, we require a minimum of  $3N$  coordinates ( $x, y, z$  values for each particle) to uniquely and completely describe the motion of each particle at any given time.
- Note that require a minimum of  $3N$  coordinates are required even if any other coordinate system was used to describe the motion.
- Thus,  $n = 3N$  is a characteristic constant of the system, irrespective of the coordinate system used.
- This characteristic constant identifies the number of degrees of freedom or simply the degrees of freedom (DOF) of the system.

## What happens when some directions of motion are constrained ?



- Now what happens if we impose  $m$  independent kinematic constraints on the particles?
- In this case, the total number of 'free' or 'unrestricted' coordinates is reduced to  $(3N - m)$ .
- Thus, in this case  $n = (3N - m)$  is the characteristic constant, or the DOFs, of the system.
- Note that the DOFs of a given system are fixed (or constant) whether we are able to identify a set of  $n$  generalized coordinates or not.

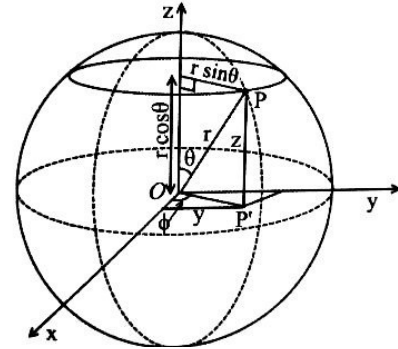
## Example: Unconstrained and constrained motion



### Consider a particle moving inside a sphere

We may use  $(x, y, z)$  or  $(r, \theta, \phi)$  coordinates to describe the motion. In this case, the relations are

$$x = r \sin \theta \cos \phi \quad y = r \sin \theta \sin \phi \quad \text{and} \quad z = r \cos \theta$$



### Consider a particle moving on a sphere

Now suppose we confine the particle to move only along the surface of the sphere, or the spherical shell. Then,  $r = R = \text{constant}$ .

We still require  $(x, y, z)$  to fully describe the motion. We have to introduce a constraint that  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = R^2$  along with the description.

Handling the constraint is very straightforward if  $(r, \theta, \phi)$  coordinates are used to describe the motion.

## Another example: Constrained and generalized coordinates

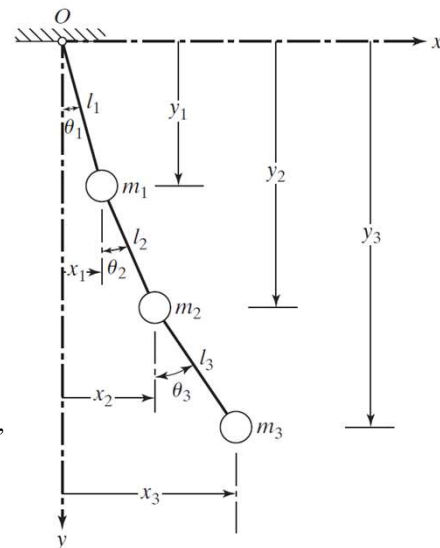


### Consider a triple pendulum

The positions of the pendulum bobs can be uniquely described using 6 constrained coordinates:  $(x_i, y_i)$ , where  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . The constraints are

$$\begin{aligned} x_1^2 + y_1^2 &= l_1^2 \\ (x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 &= l_2^2 \\ (x_3 - x_2)^2 + (y_3 - y_2)^2 &= l_3^2 \end{aligned}$$

Alternately, one may choose the angular positions of the bobs, for example with respect to the vertical -  $\theta_i$ , where  $i = 1, 2, 3$  - as coordinate. In this case, only 3 coordinates are adequate to fully describe the positions of the bob.





## Discretization

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### All matter as a collection of particles

- One can attempt to describe the motion of any object theoretically by describing the motion of each particle that is present in the system.
- Problem - we end up with a large number of particles when dealing with realistic structures !

**Example:**

The molar mass of iron is 55.845 grams per mole.

Each mole contains an Avagadro number of atoms, i.e.  $6.023 \times 10^{23}$  atoms.

We end up with  $6.023 \times 10^{23}$  descriptions !

Most practical structures composed of iron weigh in the order of kilograms or more.

- To avoid impractical scenarios, we rely on the assumption of continuum and produce ‘*continuous*’ structures that have distributed thermo-mechanical properties.

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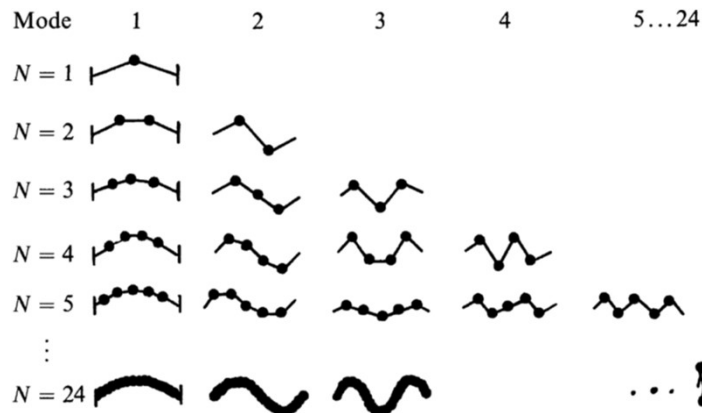
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## How do we visualize a continuous structure ?



**Example:** Transverse vibration of beads on a string.



- Each arrangement shown in the picture is independent and cannot be obtained as a weighted combination of the other arrangements.

**As the number of beads increases**

- Geometry approaches a continuous shape
- Number of basic arrangements approaches infinity

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## Can we analyze continuous structures ?



**The answer is 'No' except for very simple geometries.**

**Discretization is a necessity !**

### What is discretization?

It is a systematic procedure to convert an theoretically infinite DOF system to one that has finite DOFs.

### Why does it work ?

- Only a few degrees of freedom are prominent in any given situation.
- Adequate accuracy of representation can be achieved using only a limited number of DOFs.

### Useful discretization procedures

- Distributed coordinates
- Lumping
- Weighted residuals

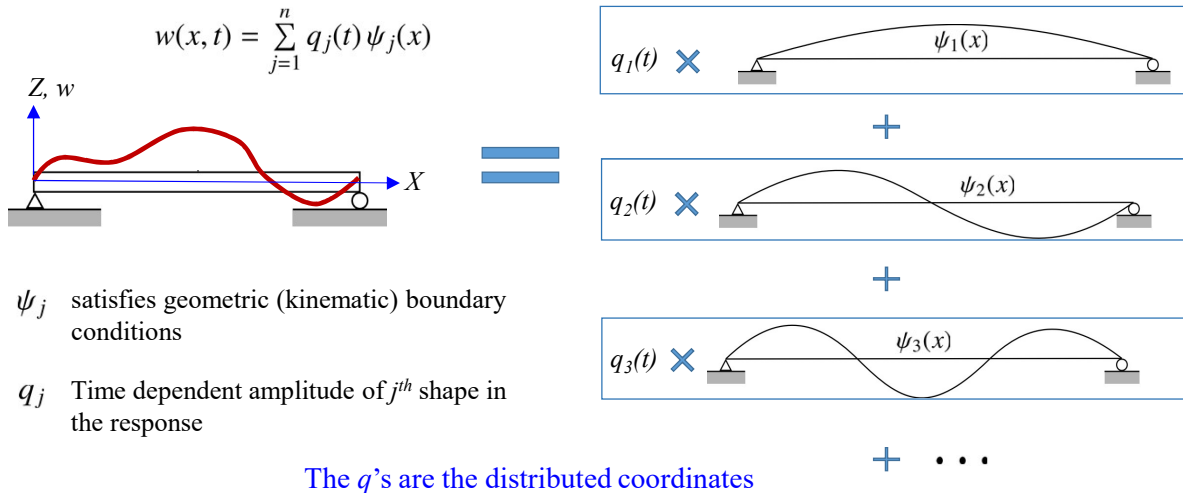
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## Distributed coordinates



Response variables are expressed as a weighted sum of predetermined shapes



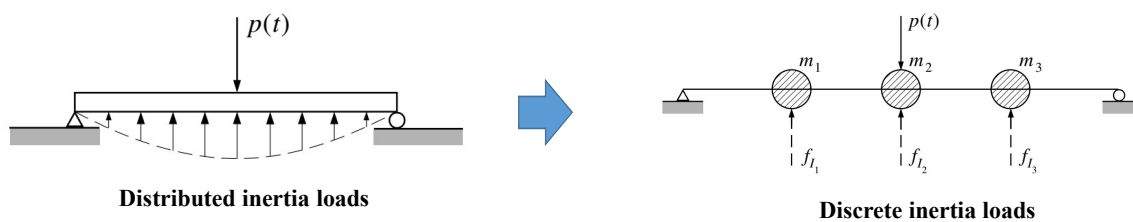
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## Lumping procedures



Mass / stiffness of a continuous system is assumed to be concentrated or *lumped* at specific locations.



- **Mass is lumped** by selecting points on the structure to represent inertia forces to desired level of accuracy.
- **Stiffness is lumped** using either stiffness or flexibility approach.

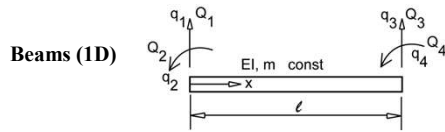
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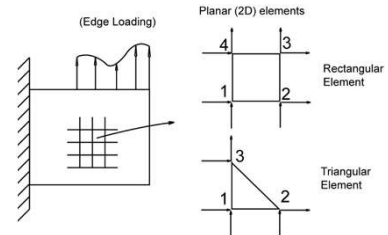
## Finite element procedures are based on weighted residual methods



**Model a continuum (fluid or solid) as an assembly of interconnected finite number of discrete elements**



**Plate or shell (2D)**



- Divide structure into a number of interconnected segments (called *elements*) whose ends are connected at '*nodes*'.
- Nodal displacements are the generalized coordinates.
- Deflection of the entire element is obtained by interpolating nodal displacements using user defined *shape functions*.
- Procedure involves formulation of the element (i.e., the repeating unit) and assembly based on connectivity.

**Solid (3D)**

