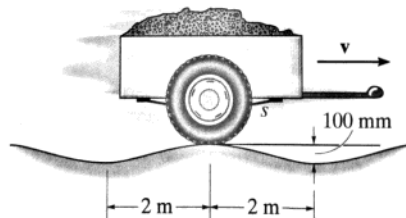


## MECH 221 Test 5 2017W Dynamics solutions

### SA 1. [5 marks]



A 250-kg trailer is pulled with constant speed over the surface of a bumpy road, which may be approximated as a cosine curve with an amplitude of 50 mm and wavelength of 4 m. Two springs,  $s$ , with stiffness 800 N/m each, support the trailer. Neglect the mass of the wheels. Assume  $v = 10$  km/h.

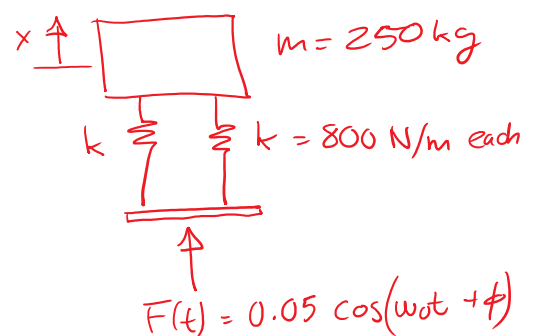
a) Find  $\omega_n$

Parallel springs:

$$k_{eq} = k + k = 1600 \text{ N/m}$$

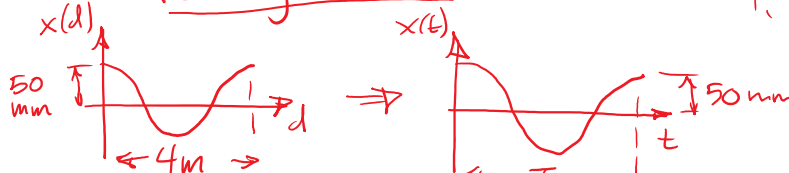
$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k_{eq}}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{1600 \text{ N/m}}{250 \text{ kg}}} = 2.53 \text{ rad/s}$$

analogous to:



b) Find  $\omega_0$

Forcing function:



in terms of distance along road

in terms of time

$$\tau = \frac{\lambda}{v} = \frac{4 \text{ m}}{2.78 \text{ m/s}} = 1.44 \text{ s}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum F_x: 2F_s &= m\ddot{x} \\ -2kx &= m\ddot{x} \\ m\ddot{x} + 2kx &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

\* The relationship between distance version + time version is velocity.  $v = 10 \text{ km/hr} = 2.78 \text{ m/s}$

( $\lambda$  = wave length)

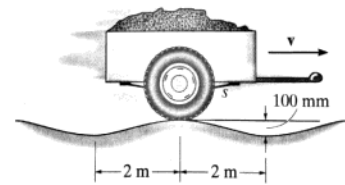
$$\omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{\tau} = \frac{2\pi}{1.44} = 4.36 \text{ rad/s}$$

c) Find the magnification factor (MF)

$$MF = \frac{1}{1 - \left(\frac{\omega_0}{\omega_n}\right)^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - \left(\frac{4.36 \text{ rad/s}}{2.53 \text{ rad/s}}\right)^2}$$

$$MF = -0.51 \quad (\text{unitless})$$



This means  $x_c$  and  $x_p$  (free and forced components) move in opposition, and therefore you see an amplitude of about  $1/2 F_0/k$ . (i.e. half static displacement)

d) At what velocity will the trailer experience resonance?

resonance occurs at  $\omega_0 = \omega_n$

$$\omega_0 = \omega_n = \frac{2\pi}{\tau} \quad \text{and} \quad \tau = \frac{\lambda}{v}$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega_n = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \cdot v$$

$$\Rightarrow v = \frac{\omega_n \lambda}{2\pi} = \frac{2.53 \text{ rad/s} (4\text{m})}{2\pi}$$

$$v_{\text{resonance}} = 1.61 \text{ m/s} = 5.80 \text{ km/hr}$$

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(we need to pass through this velocity to get to 10 km/hr - why doesn't the trailer shake apart?)