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MECH 221

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Suggested Time: 75 minutes

Allowed Time: 110 minutes

Materials admitted: Pencil, eraser, straightedge, MECH 2 Approved Calculator (Sharp EL-510), one 3x5 inch index card or sheet of paper for hand-written notes.

There are 5 Short Answer Questions and 2 Long Answer Problems on this test. All questions must be answered.

Provide **all** work and solutions **on this test**. Additional marks of up to 5% of the test value is available for orderly presentation of work throughout the test. **Illegible work, or answers that do not include supporting calculations and explanations will NOT BE MARKED.**

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Question	Mark Received	Maximum Mark
SA 1		5
SA 2		5
SA 3		5
SA 4		5
SA 5		5
Prob 1		25
Prob 2		25
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SA1 [5 marks]. Classify (but do not solve) each equation as undamped, overdamped, underdamped, or critically damped, and find the corresponding plot of the solution.

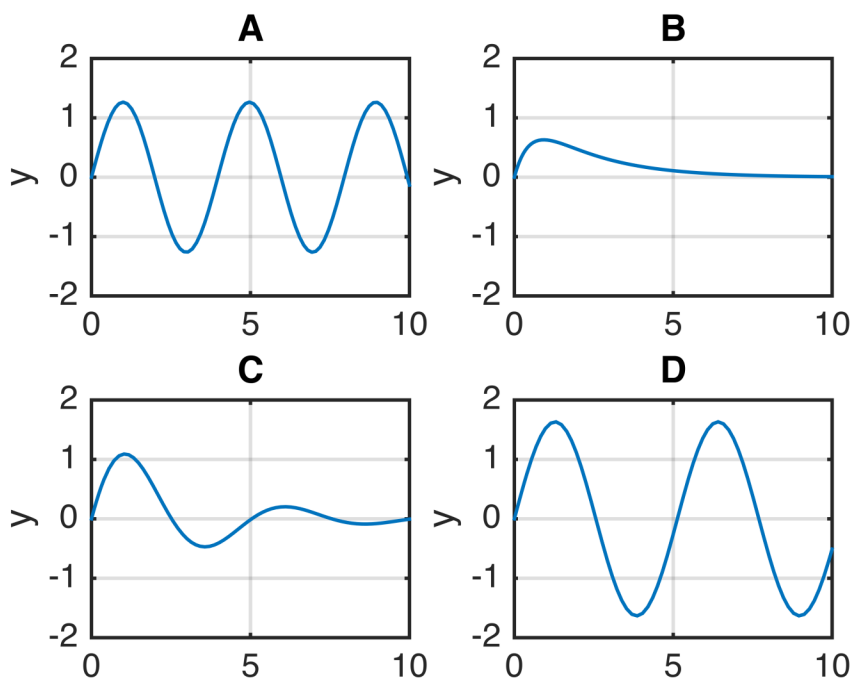
A system $my'' + cy' + ky = 0$ is undamped if $c = 0$, otherwise the classification only depends on the discriminant of the characteristic polynomial: $c^2 - 4mk$.

i. $3y'' + 2y' + 5y = 0, y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 2$

ii. $2y'' + 5y = 0, y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 2$

iii. $2y'' + 3y = 0, y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 2$

iv. $2y'' + 5y' + 2y = 0, y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 2$



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SA2 [5 marks]. Find the general solution of the equation

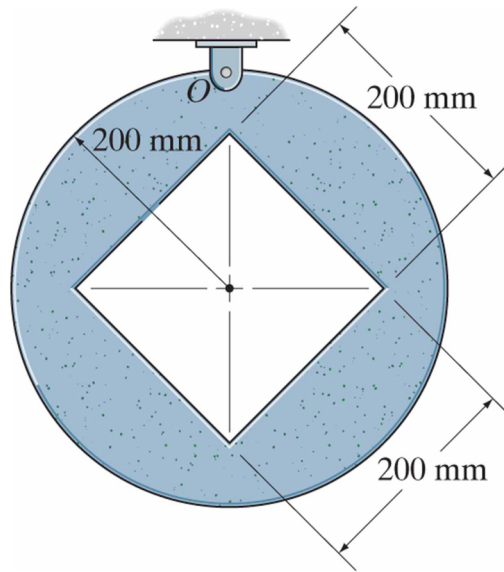
$$2y'' + 4y' + 5y = 1 - e^{-2t}.$$

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SA 3 [5 Marks]. Determine the mass moment of inertia of the thin plate about an axis perpendicular to the page and passing through point O . The material has a mass per unit area of 20 kg/m^2 .

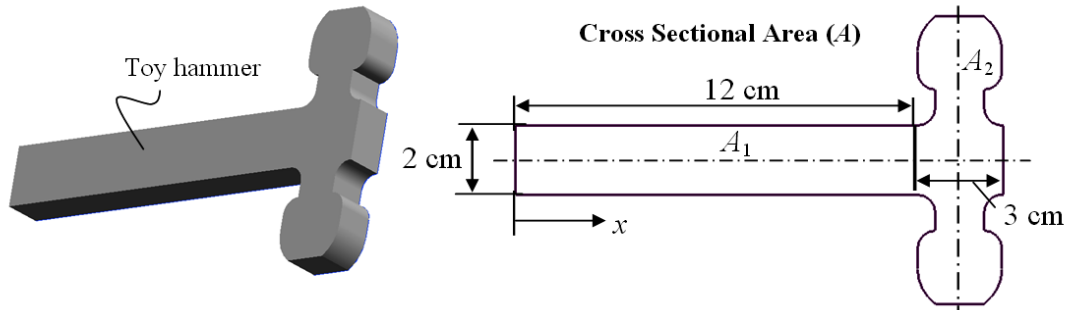


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SA 4 [5 Marks]. A curious young woman wants to find the cross sectional area (A) of her toy hammer shown below. All she has are a pencil, a plain sheet of paper and a ruler. You are called to help her solve the problem by applying your MECH 221 Dynamics knowledge.



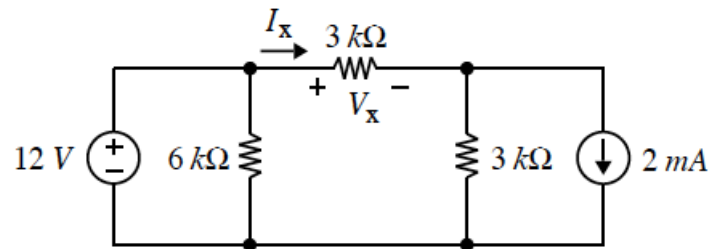
- a) [2 marks]. Explain in **ONE** or **TWO** sentence (s) how you would find the location of the centre of mass (\bar{x}) of the hammer using **ONLY** the girl's pencil (and the hammer).
- b) [3 marks]. You find that \bar{x} is located at $x = 9$ cm. You also obtain the dimensions shown on the figure using the ruler. Assuming that the density and thickness of the hammer are **uniform** throughout the cross section, calculate the area $A = A_1 + A_2$.

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SA 5 [5 Marks]. Consider the following circuit.



a) [2 marks]. Sketch the two independent equivalent circuits that could be used to solve for V_x by *superposition*.

b) [3 marks]. Use superposition to determine V_x and use the result to compute I_x .

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Prob 1 [25 Marks]. Consider the two circuits shown below.

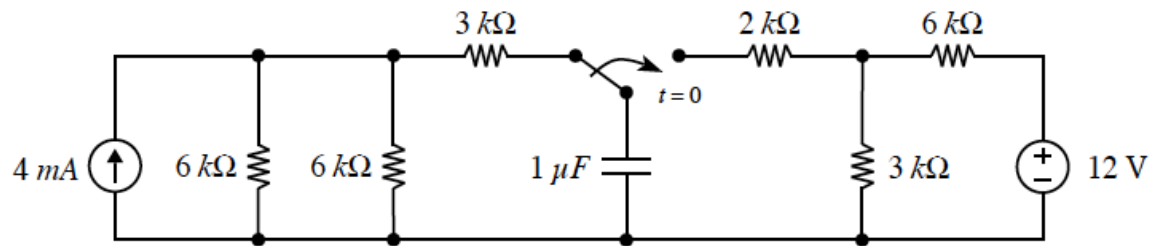


Figure 1

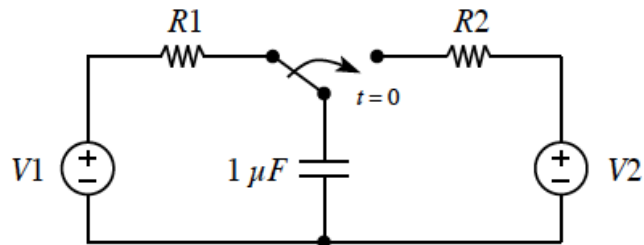


Figure 2

- a) [6 marks]. Apply *Thévenin's* and/or *Norton's* theorems to determine values for $V1$, $R1$, $R2$ and $V2$ in the circuit in Figure 2 such that it is equivalent to the circuit in Figure 1, as seen by the capacitor.

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Prob 1, Cont'd.

- b) [3 marks]. Assume the circuit has reached a steady state prior to $t = 0$. Derive a differential equation based on the circuit of Fig. 2 that describes the capacitor voltage, for $t > 0$. (*i.e.*, after the switch is changed).

- c) [5 marks]. Assume a solution of the form $v_C(t) = v_C(\infty) + [v_C(0+) - v_C(\infty)]e^{-t/\tau}$. Determine the parameters and write the final solution.

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- d) [3 marks]. Suppose the capacitor is replaced by a single inductor of 1 H . Derive a differential equation based on the circuit of Fig. 2 that describes the inductor current, for $t > 0$. (*i.e.*, after the switch is changed).

- e) [5 marks]. Assume a solution of the form $i_L(t) = i_L(\infty) + [i_L(0+) - i_L(\infty)]e^{-t/\tau}$. Determine the parameters and write the final solution.

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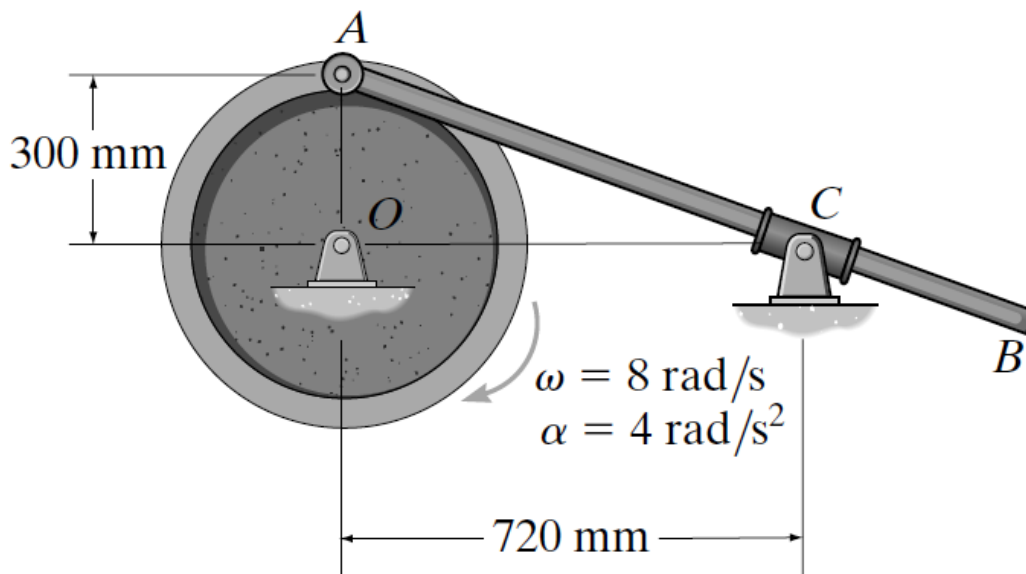
Prob 1, Cont'd.

- f) [3 marks]. What is the initial value of the voltage across the inductor at time $t = 0+$ (*i.e.*, the instant after the switch is changed)?

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Prob 2 [25 marks]. The wheel below is rotating about point O with the angular velocity and angular acceleration shown. The rod slides freely through the smooth collar.

- [5 marks]. First, determine the absolute velocity (\mathbf{v}_A) and acceleration (\mathbf{a}_A) of point A .
- [5 marks]. Determine the angular velocity of the rod (ω_{AB}).
- [15 marks]. Determine the angular acceleration of the rod (α_{AB}).



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