FINAL EXAMINATION FOR MECH 463 MECHANICAL VIBRATIONS

13TH DECEMBER 2013

Time: 2 hrs. 30 mts. Max. Available Mark: 60

READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

- 1. Please write your name and student number on the answer booklet(s).
- 2. This exam booklet has 5 pages including this page.
- 3. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.
- 4. Your mark in this exam must be AT LEAST 30 OUT OF 60 to pass.
- 5. One letter-sized formula sheet, written/typed on both sides, is allowed.
- $6.\,$ ONLY non-programmable calculators are allowed.
- 7. Your answer sheets will be evaluated both for the CORRECTNESS of the procedure and the numerical ACCURACY. See the SOLUTION KEY ON CONNECT FOR MARKING SCHEME.

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Question 1 Concepts tested: FBD, Forced Vibration, Isolation System Design

Consider a motorcycle shown in Figure.(1). The total mass, including the rider, is 250 kg. The motorcycle travels with constant horizontal velocity v over a terrain, approximately sinusoidal with a distance between peaks of 10 m and the distance from peak to valley is 10 cm.



Figure 1: Figure for question 1.

(a) Write the equations of motion governing the displacement of the rider using a clearly labelled free body diagram. If the vibration experienced by the rider is to be minimized, which of the two transmissibilities: force or displacement is appropriate to be used in design?

(b) Design the isolation system (spring k and viscous damping coefficient c of the suspension) such that the maximum transmissibility is restricted to 4 and the transmissibility in the velocity range $40 \text{ km/hr} \le v \le 100 \text{ km/hr}$ does not exceed 0.8.

(6 marks)

(c) Is the value of k you found in part (b) acceptable with regard to the static deflection? Which operating speed would you choose to reduce the static settlement while meeting the isolation requirements in part (b)? An index of ride comfort is the rate of change of acceleration or jerk, that is, jerk = $\frac{d^3x}{dt^3}$, where x is displacement and t is time. What is the relation between jerk amplitude and displacement amplitude in the steady state?

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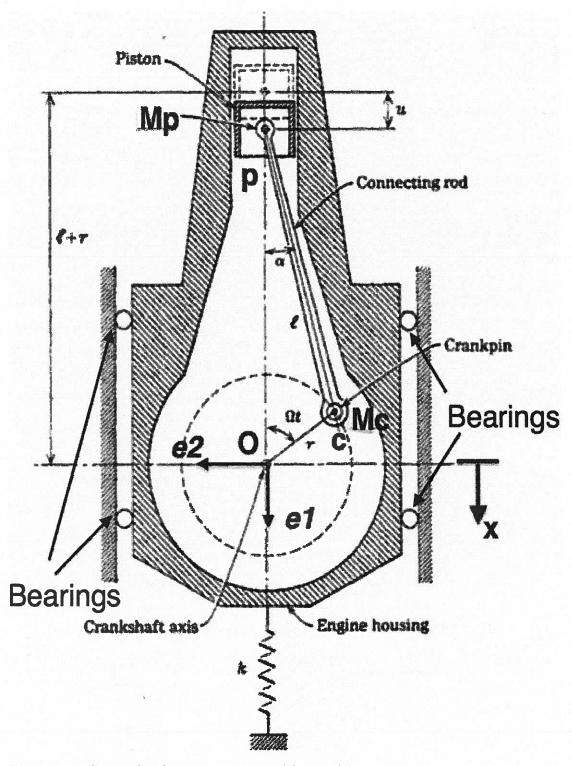


Figure 2: Figure for Question 2, parts (a) and (b). Note the distances: OC = r, CP = l. All links are rigid and Ω is constant.

- (a) A single cylinder engine with unbalanced masses lumped at the crank pin (M_c) and piston head (M_p) is shown in Figure.(2). Using kinematics show that the absolute inertial acceleration of M_p is $a_p \approx \ddot{x}e_1 + \Omega^2 r \left[\cos\Omega t + \frac{r}{l}\cos2\Omega t\right]e_1$ and that of M_c is $a_c = \ddot{x}e_1 + r\Omega^2\cos\Omega te_1 + r\Omega^2\sin\Omega te_2$, Ω is constant and +ve in clockwise direction. The unit vectors e_1 and e_2 are as shown in Figure.(2). You may find the identity $\sqrt{1-x} \approx 1 \frac{1}{2}x$ useful in approximating the acceleration a_P . You may also find the trigonometric identity $2\sin\theta\cos\theta = \sin2\theta$ useful.
- (b) Using the accelerations from part (a) construct the Free Body Diagram (FBD) for the engine housing (of mass M_e) and show that the governing equation of motion for vertical vibrations is $M\ddot{x} + kx = -(M_p + M_c)r\Omega^2\cos\Omega t M_p\frac{r^2}{l}\Omega^2\cos2\Omega t$ where $M = M_e + M_c + M_p$. Compute the steady state displacement of the forced vibration response, **ignoring the homogeneous part** for the parameters: $r = 0.2 \text{ m}, \ l = 0.6 \text{ m}, \ \Omega = 600 \text{ rpm}, \ M_p = 3.2 \text{ kg}, \ M_c = 0.9 \text{ kg}, \ M = 227 \text{ kg}$ and $k = 2 \times 10^6 \text{ N/m}$. What is the influence of the ratio $\frac{r}{l}$ on the forces exerted by the unbalanced masses?
- (c) Having seen the vibrations due to mass unbalance, what is the purpose of the added weight in the cut away of a reciprocating hand saw shown in Figure.(3)?

 How does it improve the performance of the saw? What is the source of unbalance?

 Be specific in your answers.

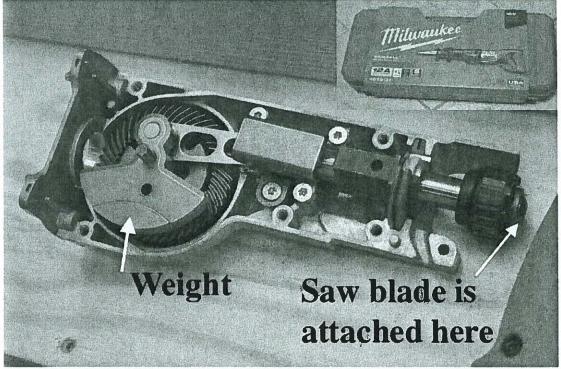
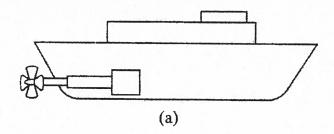


Figure 3: Figure for Question 2 part (c). See the inset for the complete hand tool.

(15 marks)

The propeller of a ship, of weight 10^5N and polar mass moment of inertia 10,000 kg-m², is connected to the engine through a hollow stepped steel propeller shaft, as shown below. Assuming that water provides viscous damping ratio of $\zeta = 0.1$, determine the torsional vibratory response of the propeller when the engine induces a harmonic angular displacement of $0.05 \sin 314.16t$ rad at the base (point A) of the propeller shaft. You may find the formula $k_{\theta} = C_{p} = C$



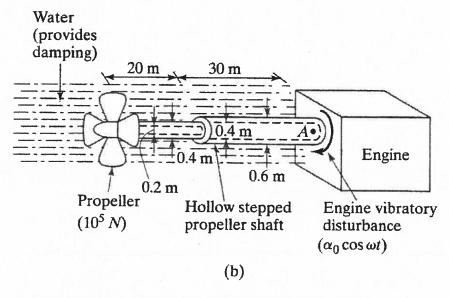


Figure 4: Figure for Question 3.

(b) Explain how the principle of superposition is used to arrive at the convolution (5 marks) integral $x_p(t) = \int_{t=0^+}^t h(t-\tau)f(\tau)d\tau$ to find the response due to arbitrary force f(t). You can sketch the diagrams as appropriate to aid your explanation.

