

MECH 463: MECHANICAL VIBRATIONS MIDTERM EXAMINATION 2

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Time: 45 minutes

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Maximum Available Mark: 20

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Write your answers on this sheet (4 pages in total). Do not remove pages.

Q1. Consider a motorcycle shown in Fig.(1). The total mass, including the rider, is 250 kg and the stiffness of the suspension is 70 kN/m. The motorcycle travels over a terrain with constant velocity v , approximately sinusoidal with a distance between peaks of 10 m and the distance from peak to valley is 10 cm.

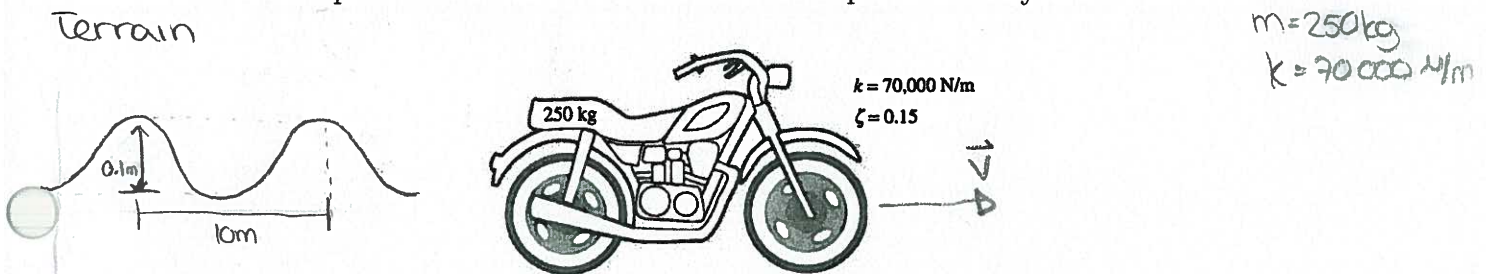
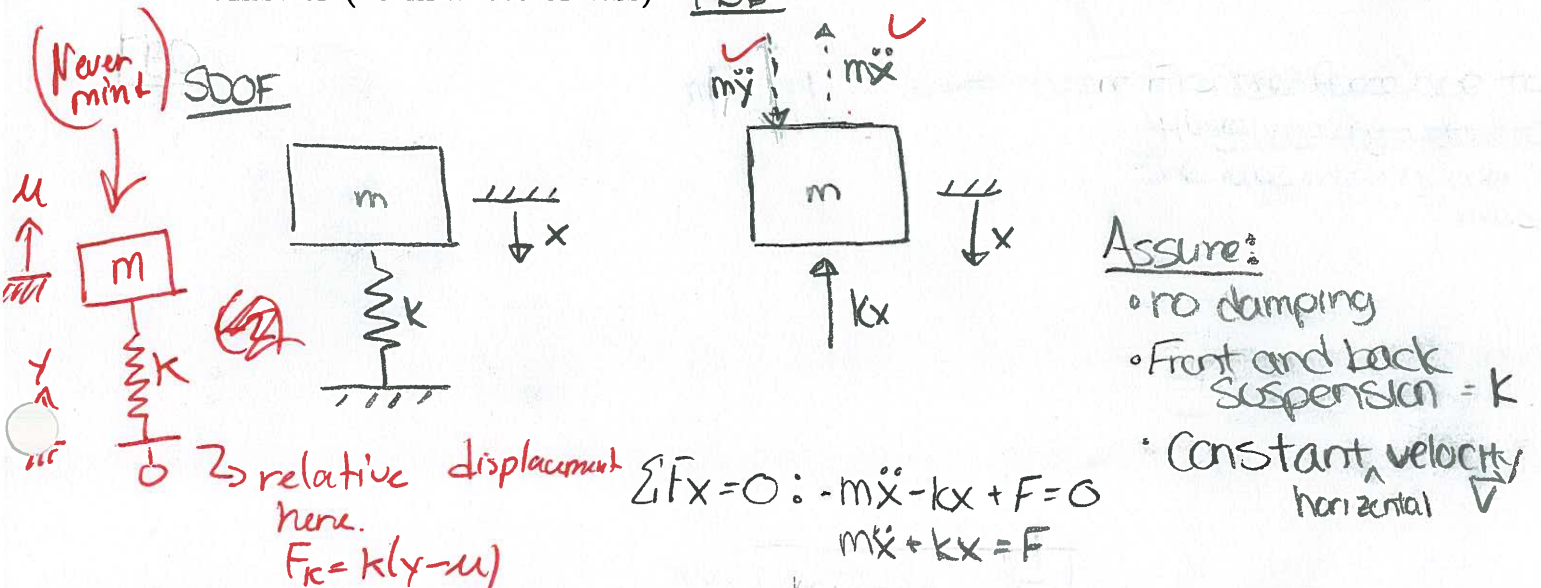
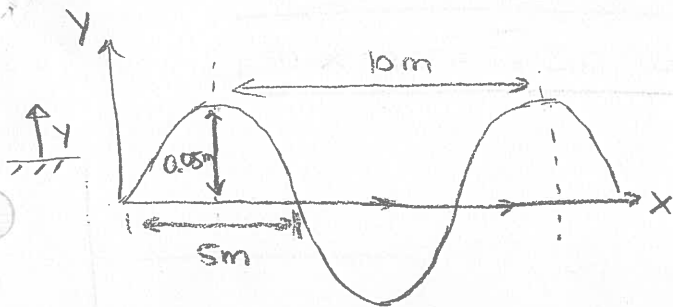


Figure 1: Figure for midterm question. Ignore damping and free vibration response.

- a) Write a SDOF model for this problem along with the equation of motion. 4 (10 marks) marks are for FBD and 2 marks for co-ordinate. Accuracy of FBD is marked not just the equation of motion.

Answer (15 minutes or less): FBD





$$y = b \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{c}\right)$$

$$y = 0.05 \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{5}\right)$$

$$b = 0.05 \text{ m}$$

$$c = 5 \text{ m}$$

$$V = \frac{x}{t} \Rightarrow x = Vt$$

$$y = 0.05 \sin\left(\frac{\pi Vt}{5}\right)$$

$$\dot{y} = (0.05) \frac{\pi V}{5} \cos\left(\frac{\pi Vt}{5}\right)$$

$$\ddot{y} = -(0.05) \left(\frac{\pi V}{5}\right)^2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi Vt}{5}\right)$$

$$\ddot{y} = -0.002(\pi V)^2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi Vt}{5}\right)$$

The acceleration due to the car moving over the hills causes a force. This is in the y coordinate frame. The x coordinate frame is the displacement from static equilibrium.

$$m\ddot{x} + kx = m\ddot{y}$$

$$m\ddot{x} + kx = -m 0.002(\pi V)^2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi Vt}{5}\right)$$

- b) Deduce the expression for the maximum acceleration felt by the rider due to the forced vibration from the rough terrain. Ignore free vibration (homogeneous solution). Hence find the maximum acceleration experienced by the rider while travelling at $v = 30 \text{ m/s}$, $v = 60 \text{ m/s}$ and $v = 120 \text{ m/s}$. (6 marks)

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Answer (15 minutes or less):

$$m\ddot{x}_p + kx_p = -m(0.002)(\pi V)^2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi Vt}{5}\right)$$

$$\text{Where } x_p = X \sin\left(\frac{\pi Vt}{5}\right)$$

$$\dot{x}_p = X \frac{\pi V}{5} \cos\left(\frac{\pi Vt}{5}\right)$$

$$\ddot{x}_p = X \left(\frac{\pi^2 V^2}{25}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi Vt}{5}\right)$$

$$-\frac{m\pi^2 V^2}{25} X + kX = -\frac{m\pi^2 V^2}{500}$$

$$(25k - m\pi^2 V^2)X = -\frac{m\pi^2 V^2}{20}$$

$$X = \frac{-m\pi^2 V^2}{500k - 20m\pi^2 V^2}$$

$$\ddot{X}_p = \frac{-X \pi^2 V^2}{25} \sin\left(\frac{\pi V t}{5}\right) = \frac{-m \pi^2 V^2}{500k - 20m \pi^2 V^2} \underbrace{\left(\frac{-\pi^2 V^2}{25}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi V t}{5}\right)}_{\text{max when this} = 1}$$

$$\ddot{X}_{p \text{ max}} = \frac{m \pi^4 V^4}{12500k - 500m \pi^2 V^2}$$

$$\ddot{X}_{p \text{ max}} = \frac{(250 \text{ kg}) \pi^4 V^4}{(12500)(70000 \text{ N/m}) - 500(250 \text{ kg}) \pi^2 V^2}$$

$$\ddot{X}_{p \text{ max}} = \frac{250 \pi^4 V^4}{87500000 - 125000 \pi^2 V^2}$$

$$m = 250 \text{ kg}$$

$$K = 70000 \text{ N/m}$$

$$V = 30 \text{ m/s}, 60 \text{ m/s}, 120 \text{ m/s}$$

$$V = 30 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\ddot{X}_{p \text{ max}} = \frac{\pi^4 V^4}{3500000 - 50 \pi^2 V^2}$$

$$\ddot{X}_{p \text{ max}} = 25.8 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$V = 60 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\ddot{X}_{p \text{ max}} = -732.5 \text{ m/s}^2$$

Some of these are very large?

$$V = 120 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\ddot{X}_{p \text{ max}} = -5601.2 \text{ m/s}^2$$

equations look good,
but numerics don't
quite work...

(-)

(+) for neatness)

- c) Based on the form of the solution above, sketch the variation of the displacement (4 marks)
felt by the rider as a function of speed and indicate the critical (resonant) speed. 4/4

Answer (5 minutes or less):

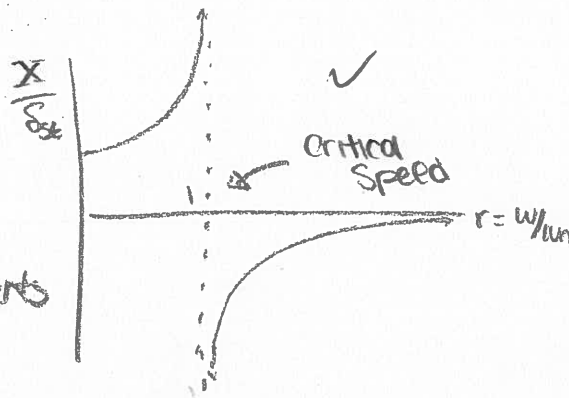
$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{70\,000 \text{ N/m}}{250 \text{ kg}}} = 16.7 \text{ rad/s} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\frac{\pi V}{5} = \omega_n \quad \checkmark$$

$$V = \frac{5}{\pi} \omega_n = \frac{5(16.7 \text{ rad/s})}{\pi} = 26.6 \text{ m/s} \quad \text{is the critical or resonant speed.}$$

$$X_p = X \sin\left(\frac{\pi V t}{5}\right) = \frac{-m\pi^2 V^2}{500k - 20m\pi^2 V^2} \sin\left(\frac{\pi V t}{5}\right) = \frac{-250\pi^2 V^2}{3500000 - 5000\pi^2 V^2} \sin\left(\frac{\pi V t}{5}\right)$$

$$X_p = \frac{-\pi^2 V^2}{14000 - 20\pi^2 V^2} \sin\left(\frac{\pi V t}{5}\right)$$



As the rider gets closer to resonant frequency the displacements get larger.

ALL THE BEST!