DYNAMICS (VIBRATION)

SHEET 2 : MULTI-DEGREE-OF-FREEDOM SYSTEMS

1 Derive the equations of motion for each of the following systems. Assume that all displacements and angles are small.





$$(a) \qquad \begin{bmatrix} m_{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m_{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & m_{3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{x}_{1} \\ \ddot{x}_{2} \\ \ddot{x}_{3} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} k_{1} & -k_{1} & 0 \\ -k_{1} & k_{1} + k_{2} & -k_{2} \\ 0 & -k_{2} & k_{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{1} \\ x_{2} \\ x_{3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{cases} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(b) \qquad \begin{bmatrix} m_{1} & 0 \\ 0 & m_{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{x}_{1} \\ \ddot{x}_{2} \end{bmatrix} + k \begin{bmatrix} \frac{11}{3} & \frac{-2}{3} \\ \frac{-2}{3} & \frac{22}{15} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{1} \\ x_{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{cases} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(c) \qquad \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{\theta} \\ \ddot{x} \end{bmatrix} + k \begin{bmatrix} a^{2} & a \\ a & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \theta \\ x \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(d) \qquad \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{\theta} \\ \ddot{x} \end{bmatrix} + k \begin{bmatrix} K + k r^{2} & -k r \\ -k r & k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \theta \\ x \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(e) \qquad \begin{bmatrix} m_{1} & 0 \\ m_{2} & m_{2}L \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{x} \\ \ddot{\theta} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} k & -m_{2}g \\ 0 & m_{2}g \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- A single-axle caravan has the following data: body mass 350 kg; unsprung mass 70 kg; two suspension springs, each of stiffness 20 kN/m; two tyres, each of stiffness 200 kN/m.
 - (a) By assuming that the tyres are rigid in comparison with the suspension springs, use a single degree-of-freedom dynamic model and estimate the lowest natural frequency of the caravan.
 - (b) Find the natural frequencies and the corresponding mode shapes for a twodegree-of-freedom model.

1.70 Hz;	Mode 1	1.62 Hz,	X_{AXLE} : $X_{\text{BODY}} = 0.0924$: 1
	Mode 2	12.6 Hz,	$X_{\text{AXLE}} : X_{\text{BODY}} = -54.1 : 1$

3. Find the natural frequencies and the corresponding mode shapes for the system in Q.1 (a) when $k_1 = 10$ kN/m, $k_2 = 30$ kN/m, $m_1 = m_2 = 5$ kg and $m_3 = 10$ kg.

Mode	Frequency (Hz)	Mode shape		
		<i>X</i> ₁	X ₂	X3
1	0.00	1.0	1.0	1.0
2	7.54	-8.77	1.0	3.89
3	16.5	-0.228	1.0	-0.386

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