

Chapter 2 Modeling of SDOF Systems

2.1 Introduction

Key components in a SDOF system:

Inertia element that has mass and stores kinetic energy;

Stiffness element that stores and releases potential energy;

Damping element that dissipates energy.

And source of work or energy (i.e., the excitation)

The chapter cover the principles behind the determination of the key components in a SDOF system, with the objective of modeling a SDOF system with equivalent mass, equivalent stiffness, equivalent damping, and equivalent excitation.

Principles reviewed in Ch. 1: Newton's laws; Work & energy; and Impulse & Momentum.

Topics covered:

2.2-2.4: stiffness

2.5-2.6: damping

2.7: inertia/mass

2.8: external sources

2.9: FBD method (or Newton's 2nd law)

2.12: equivalent system method

2.14: further examples

Additional topics:

2.10: static deflection & gravity

2.13: benchmark example

2.15: chapter summary

2.2 Springs

2.2.1 Introduction

1. translational springs

$F = f(x)$: spring force



Where x is the stretch or compression from the natural length.

For spring materials having the same properties in tension and under compression, $f(x)$ is an odd function.

Or: $f(-x) = -f(x)$

Taylor expansion of $f(x)$ about $x = 0$, then

$$F = f(x) \approx k_1x + k_3x^3 + k_5x^5 + \dots \quad (2.3)$$

re. Eq. (2.3):

- i) All springs are inherently nonlinear; and
- ii) Linear springs result from the assumption of small x

For linear springs,

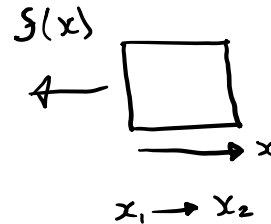
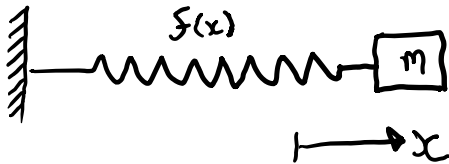
$$F = f(x) \approx k_1 x \quad (2.4)$$

2. work and energy for translational springs

A particle is attached to a spring. The work done by the spring force, on the particle, when the particle moves from x_1 to x_2 (for the particle) is:

$$U_{1 \rightarrow 2} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) k x_2^2 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) k x_1^2 \quad (2.5)$$

Consider:



$$U_{1 \rightarrow 2} = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} -f(x) dx$$

If $f(x) = k_1 x + k_3 x^3$

If $f(x) = kx$, then $U_{1 \rightarrow 2}$ is by Eq. (2.5)

The potential function V (for the spring) is:

$$V(x) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) k x^2 \quad (2.6)$$

Eqs. (2.5) and (2.6): for linear translational springs only.

3. torsional springs

Eqs. (2.7) and (2.8): for linear torsional springs only.



$$M = k_t \theta \quad (2.7)$$

$$V = \frac{1}{2} k_t \theta^2 \quad (2.8)$$

2.2.2 Helical coil springs

Eq. (2.11) relates spring constant k to coil spring material and dimensions.

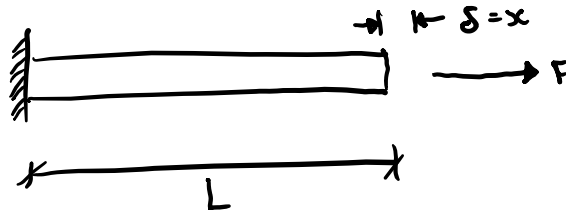
$$k = \frac{GD^4}{64Nr^3} \quad (2.11)$$

It is a formula commonly seen in machine design texts.

2.2.3 Elastic elements as springs

This sub-section deals with spring constant (or stiffness) when the spring is, for example, an axially loaded rod, a straight member in torsion, a simply supported beam, and so on.

Stiffness of axially loaded members: Figure 2.3:

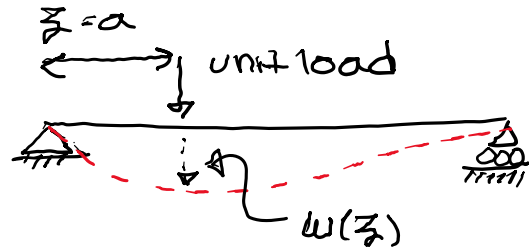


$$\delta = \frac{FL}{EA} = x$$

$$k = \frac{F}{x} = \frac{EA}{L} \quad (2.16)$$

Stiffness of beams and frames:

- $k = F/\Delta$: Δ must be the deflection in the same direction of F , and at the point of application of F ;
- Generalized interpretation of $k = F/\Delta$: F can be replaced by moment M ; Δ represents the angular deflection at the point of application of M and in the same sense of M ;
- Eqs. (2.19) and (2.20): both involve $w(z)$ which is the deflection due to a unit load at z ; and
- Table D. 2.: list of $w(z)$, given as $y(z)$ on Table D.2



where
 $x = F \cdot w(z)$

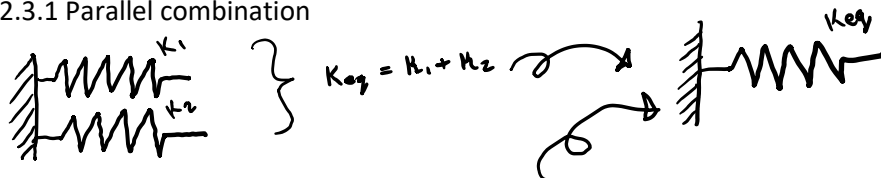
Stiffness of circular shafts:

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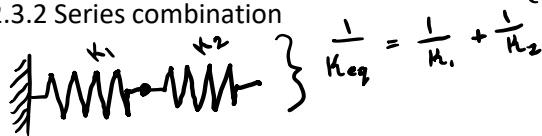
2.2.4 Static deflection

p. 61 Figure 2.5, Eq. (2.23)

2.3.1 Parallel combination



2.3.2 Series combination



Notes on Table D.2

Table D.2 (uniform beam, unit concentrated load at $z = a$)

$$y(z) = \frac{1}{EI} \left[\frac{1}{6} (z-a)^3 u(z-a) + \frac{1}{6} \sum_{i=1}^n R_i (z-z_i)^3 u(z-z_i) + C_1 \frac{z^3}{6} + C_2 \frac{z^2}{2} + C_3 z + C_4 \right]$$

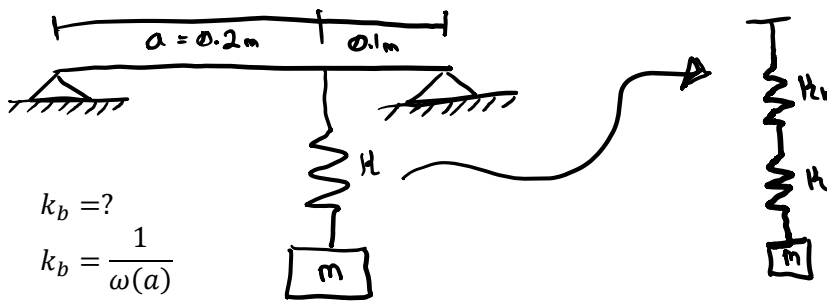
Referring to Figure D.1

z_i is the z -coordinate of the i -th support (excluding the first of the left support)

$u(z-a)$ is the unit step; i.e.

$$u(z-a) = \begin{cases} 1 & z > a \\ 0 & z \leq a \end{cases}$$

Example 2.4



$$k_b = ?$$

$$k_b = \frac{1}{\omega(a)}$$

$$E = 210 \text{ GPa}$$

$$I = 5 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ m}^4$$

Using Table D.2

Case 6:

$$a = 2$$

$$z_1 = 3$$

And:

$$R_1 = -\frac{2}{3}$$

$$C_1 = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$C_2 = C_4 = 0$$

$$C_3 = -\left(1 - \frac{a}{z_1}\right) \frac{z_1^2}{6} \left[\left(1 - \frac{a}{z_1}\right)^2 \cdot u(z_1 - a) - 1 \right]$$

$$\therefore u(3 - 2) = u(1) = 1$$

$$\therefore C_3 = \left(\frac{4}{9}\right)$$

$$\therefore y(z) = \frac{1}{EI} \left[\frac{1}{6} (z - 2)^3 u(z - 2) + \frac{1}{6} \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right) (z - 3)^2 u(z - 3) + \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) \frac{z^3}{6} + 0 + \left(\frac{4}{9}\right) z + 0 \right]$$

Now $z = a = 2$ (terms highlighted turn to zero)

$$\therefore y(z) = \frac{1}{EI} \left[\frac{1}{6} (0)^3 u(0) + \frac{1}{6} \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right) (-1)^2 u(-1) + \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) \frac{(2)^3}{6} + 0 + \left(\frac{4}{9}\right) (2) + 0 \right]$$

$$\therefore \omega(z) = y(z) = \frac{1}{EI} \left[0 + 0 - \frac{4}{9} + 0 + \frac{8}{9} + 0 \right]$$

$$\therefore \frac{4}{9EI}$$

$$k_b = \frac{1}{\omega(2)} = \frac{9EI}{4} = 2.3625 \cdot 10^8 \left(\frac{N}{m} \right)$$

Choose

$$k = 1 \cdot 10^8 \left(\frac{N}{m} \right)$$

Then

$$k_{eq} = \left(\frac{1}{k_b} + \frac{1}{k} \right)^{-1} = 0.7026 \cdot 10^8 \text{ (N/m)}$$