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## DEFINITIONS

A system has one *degree of freedom* if its configuration can be completely specified by means of one variable; two degrees of freedom if it requires values of two variables; and so on.

A force is *conservative* if the work done against it is fully recoverable and is independent of the path taken. A conservative force field can be expressed as the gradient of a *potential function*.

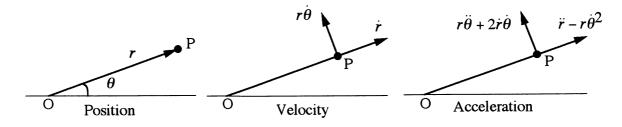
A *rigid body* is one in which the relative positions of the constituent particles remain constant during any motion of the body as a whole.

When two bodies are in contact at a point they are said to be *sliding* if the velocities of the two material particles at the contact point are different, and *rolling* if they are equal. If there is relative rotation about the common normal, the bodies are said to be *spinning*. *Friction* is the tangential component of force at the contact region. If the surfaces are *rough* the contact force may include friction, while if the surfaces are described as *smooth* the contact force is assumed to be normal to both surfaces. When slipping occurs, the ratio of friction force to normal reaction is the *coefficient of friction*.

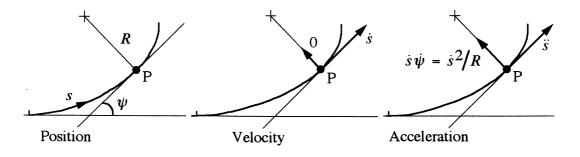
A *frame of reference* is a coordinate system, for example a set of Cartesian axes around a given origin position. It may or may not be fixed in a physical body. A frame of reference within which Newton's law of motion  $\mathbf{F} = m\mathbf{a}$  applies is called *inertial*. Any two inertial frames are related to one another by uniform motion in a straight line, without acceleration or angular velocity.

# **1 KINEMATICS**

#### **1.1:** Velocity and acceleration in polar coordinates



#### **1.2:** Velocity and acceleration in intrinsic coordinates



#### **1.3:** Rotating reference frames

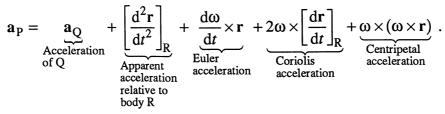
#### 1.3.1 Relative velocity and acceleration

A body R moves and rotates with respect to a frame of reference F. A point Q is fixed on the body, and another point P moves relative to the body. The position (displacement) vector of P relative to Q is  $\mathbf{r}(t)$ . The velocity of P relative to F is

$$\mathbf{v}_{P} = \underbrace{\mathbf{v}_{Q}}_{\substack{\text{Velocity}\\\text{of }Q\text{ in}\\\text{frame }F}} + \left[\frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt}\right]_{F} = \mathbf{v}_{Q} + \underbrace{\left[\frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt}\right]_{R}}_{\substack{\text{Apparent}\\\text{motion of }P\\\text{relative to}\\\text{body }R}} + \underbrace{\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}}_{\substack{\text{Contribution}\\\text{due to}\\\text{rotation of}\\\text{body }R}}$$

where the angular velocity of the body is  $\boldsymbol{\omega}$ .

The acceleration of P relative to F is



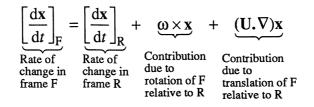
This is the acceleration which must be used in Newton's law to describe the motion of P under given forces, provided F is an inertial frame.

#### 1.3.2 Rate of change of a general vector

A frame of reference R rotates with angular velocity  $\omega$  relative to another frame of reference F. For any vector x:

$\left[\frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{x}}{\mathrm{d}t}\right]_{\mathrm{F}} =$	$=\left[\frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{x}}{\mathrm{d}t}\right]_{\mathrm{R}}$	+ $\underbrace{\omega \times x}$
Rate of change in frame F	Rate of change in frame R	Contribution due to rotation of R relative to F

If the vector  $\mathbf{x}$  is a field vector and the origin of the frame R is also moving at velocity U relative to frame F then



## **2 GEOMETRY**

#### 2.1: Radius of curvature

In Cartesian coordinates  $R = \frac{\left\{1 + (dy/dx)^2\right\}^{3/2}}{d^2 y/dx^2}$ 

If x and y are functions of t

$$R = \frac{\left\{ (dx/dt)^2 + (dy/dt)^2 \right\}^{3/2}}{dx/dt (d^2y/dt^2) - dy/dt (d^2x/dt^2)}$$

In polar coordinates

$$R = \frac{\left\{r^{2} + (dr/d\theta)^{2}\right\}^{3/2}}{r^{2} + 2(dr/d\theta)^{2} - r(d^{2}r/d\theta^{2})}$$

In intrinsic coordinates

 $R = ds/d\psi$ 

#### 2.2: Ellipse

2.2.1 Basic geometry

Equation in Cartesian coordinates  $x^2/a^2 + y^2/b^2 = 1$ (origin at centre)

2a is the major axis, 2b is the minor axis.

Equation in polar coordinates  $l/r = 1 + e \cos \theta$ (origin at one focus)

where  $l = b^2/a$ ,  $e^2 = 1 - (b/a)^2$ 

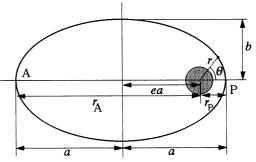
and e is called the *eccentricity*: The curve is a circle if e = 0, an ellipse if 0 < e < 1, a parabola if e = 1 and a hyperbola if e > 1.

#### 2.2.2 Satellite orbits

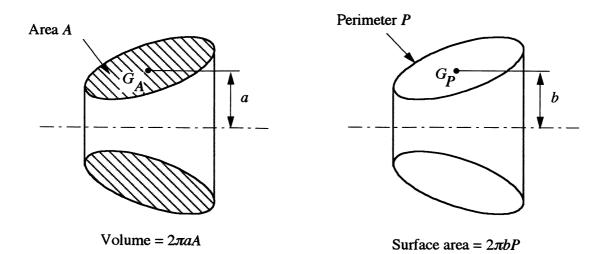
An earth satellite follows, approximately, an elliptical orbit with the centre of the earth at one focus. The polar equation for the orbit is as in 2.2.1, with

$$\frac{1}{l} = \frac{GM}{h^2}$$

where G is the gravitational constant, M is the mass of the earth, and h is the moment of momentum per unit mass of the satellite. Point P is the *perigee* at  $\theta = 0$  and  $r_{\rm P} = (1-e)a$ . Point A is the *apogee* at  $\theta = \pi$  and  $r_{\rm A} = (1+e)a$ .



## 2.3: Solids of revolution (Pappus's theorems)



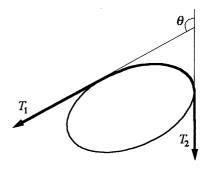
# **3 MECHANICS OF MACHINES**

# 3.1: Friction of a rope or belt

For  $T_1 > T_2$ , slipping starts when

$$\frac{T_1}{T_2} = e^{\mu\theta}$$

where  $\mu$  is the coefficient of friction.

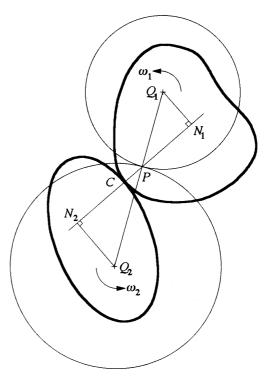


#### 3.2: Kinematics of cams or gears

Equivalent rolling circles are shown as fine lines.

$$\frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1} = -\frac{Q_1 N_1}{Q_2 N_2} = -\frac{Q_1 P}{Q_2 P} \; .$$

Sliding speed at C =  $(\omega_1 - \omega_2)PC$ .



#### **4 LINEAR SYSTEMS, VIBRATION AND STABILITY**

#### 4.1: Vibration of a conservative system with one degree of freedom

Potential energy = V(q)

Kinetic energy  $=\frac{1}{2}M(q)\dot{q}^2$ 

For equilibrium when  $q = q_0$ ,  $V'(q_0) = 0$ .

For stability of this equilibrium,  $V''(q_0) > 0$ ,

and then natural frequency is given by  $\omega_n^2 = \frac{V''(q_0)}{M(q_0)}$ 

#### 4.2: Response of a stable system to a general input

If input x(t) starts at time t = 0, the output is

$$y(t) = \int_{0}^{0} g(t-\tau)x(\tau)d\tau \qquad \text{for } t > 0$$

where g(t) is the impulse response of the system.

#### 4.3: Routh-Hurwitz stability criteria

 $\left( a_2 \frac{d^2}{dt^2} + a_1 \frac{d}{dt} + a_0 \right) y = x(t)$  Stable if all  $a_i > 0$   $\left( a_3 \frac{d^3}{dt^3} + a_2 \frac{d^2}{dt^2} + a_1 \frac{d}{dt} + a_0 \right) y = x(t)$  Stable if (i) all  $a_i > 0$ and also (ii)  $a_1 a_2 > a_0 a_3$   $\left( a_4 \frac{d^4}{dt^4} + a_3 \frac{d^3}{dt^3} + a_2 \frac{d^2}{dt^2} + a_1 \frac{d}{dt} + a_0 \right) y = x(t)$  Stable if (i)  $a_i > 0$ and also (ii)  $a_1 a_2 a_3 > a_0 a_3^2 + a_4 a_1^2$ 

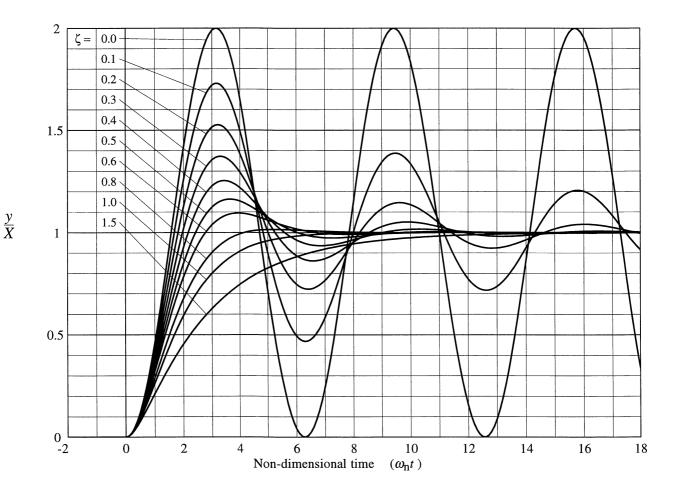
# 4.4: Step response of a linear second-order system initally at rest

$$\ddot{y}/\omega_n^2 + 2\zeta \, \dot{y}/\omega_n + y = x \qquad \text{where} \quad x = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } t < 0 \\ X & \text{for } t \ge 0 \end{cases}$$
$$y/X = 1 - (1 + \omega_n t)e^{-\omega_n t} \qquad \text{for } \zeta = 1 \qquad (\text{critical damping})$$
$$y/X = 1 - e^{-\zeta \omega_n t} \cos(\omega_d t - \psi)/\cos \psi \quad \text{for } \zeta < 1$$
$$\text{with damped natural frequency} \quad \omega_d = \omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} \text{ and } \sin \psi = \zeta$$
$$y/X \approx 1 - e^{-\zeta \omega_n t} \cos \omega_n t \qquad \text{for } \zeta < 1$$

The decay rate may be measured by the logarithmic decrement

$$\ln\left(\frac{y_1}{y_2}\right) = \frac{2\pi\zeta}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}} \approx 2\pi\zeta \quad \text{if } \zeta << 1$$

where  $y_1$ ,  $y_2$  are the heights of two successive maxima (see also Section 4.7).



#### 4.5: Impulse response of a linear second-order system initially at rest

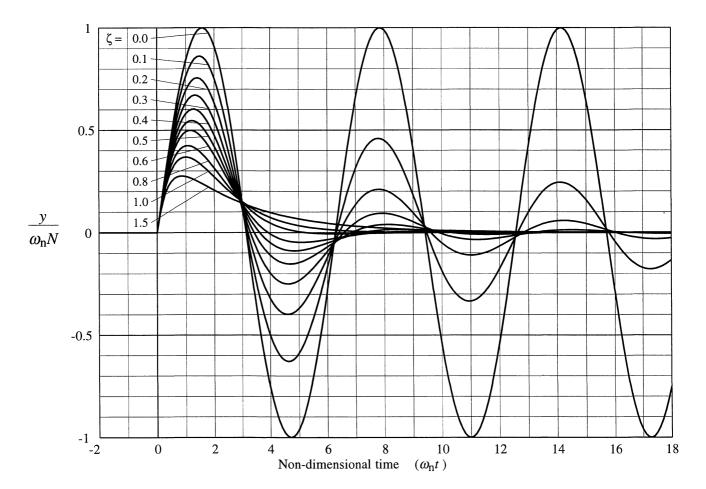
$$\begin{split} \ddot{y}/\omega_n^2 + 2\zeta \, \dot{y}/\omega_n + y &= x & \text{where } x = N\delta(t) \\ (\text{note: } \delta(t) \text{ has units of s}^{-1}) \\ y/(\omega_n N) &= \omega_n t e^{-\omega_n t} & \text{for } \zeta = 1 & (\text{critical damping}) \\ y/(\omega_n N) &= e^{-\zeta \omega_n t} \sin(\omega_d t) / \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} & \text{for } \zeta < 1 \\ \text{with damped natural frequency } \omega_d &= \omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} \end{split}$$

$$y/(\omega_n N) \approx e^{-\zeta \omega_n t} \sin \omega_n t$$
 for  $\zeta << 1$ 

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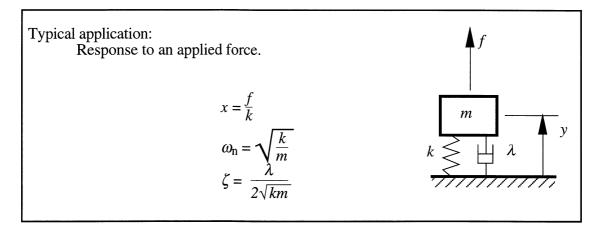
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where  $y_1, y_2$  are the heights of two successive maxima (see also Section 4.7).



# 4.6: Harmonic response of a linear second-order system

4.6.1: Case (a) 
$$\ddot{y}/\omega_n^2 + 2\zeta \dot{y}/\omega_n + y = x$$



(i) Complex form: if  $x = \operatorname{Re}\{Xe^{i\omega t}\}\$  and  $y = \operatorname{Re}\{Ye^{i\omega t}\}\$ 

$$\frac{Y}{X} = \frac{1}{-(\omega / \omega_n)^2 + 2i\zeta\omega / \omega_n + 1}$$

(ii) Real form: if  $x = X \cos \omega t$  and  $y = |Y| \cos(\omega t + \phi)$ 

$$\left|\frac{Y}{X}\right| = \frac{1}{\left\{\left[1 - \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_n}\right)^2\right]^2 + \left(2\zeta \omega/\omega_n\right)^2\right\}^{1/2}}$$

$$\tan \phi = \frac{-2\zeta \omega / \omega_n}{1 - (\omega / \omega_n)^2}$$

Maximum response (for  $\zeta < 1/\sqrt{2}$ )

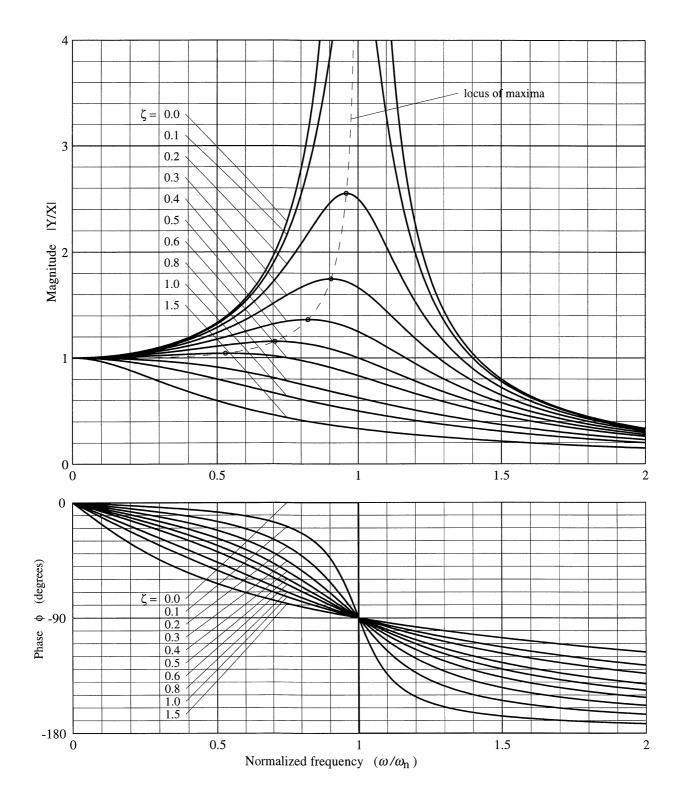
$$|Y_{\text{max}}| = \frac{X}{2\zeta\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}}$$
 when  $\omega/\omega_n = \sqrt{1-2\zeta^2}$  (resonance frequency)

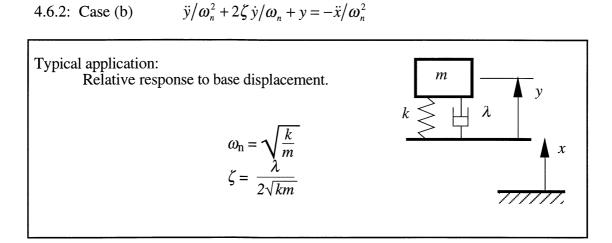
Half-power bandwidth (for  $\zeta \ll 1$ )

$$|Y| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |Y_{\text{max}}|$$
 at  $\omega_1, \omega_2$  where  $(\omega_1 - \omega_2) / \omega_n \approx 2\zeta$ 

Graphs of response opposite.

# Graphs of response for case (a).





(i) Complex form: if  $x = \operatorname{Re}\{Xe^{i\omega t}\}\$  and  $y = \operatorname{Re}\{Ye^{i\omega t}\}\$ 

$$\frac{Y}{X} = \frac{\left(\omega / \omega_n\right)^2}{-\left(\omega / \omega_n\right)^2 + 2i\zeta\omega / \omega_n + 1}$$

(ii) Real form: if  $x = X \cos \omega t$  and  $y = |Y| \cos(\omega t + \phi)$ 

$$\left|\frac{Y}{X}\right| = \frac{\left(\omega/\omega_n\right)^2}{\left\{\left[1 - \left(\omega/\omega_n\right)^2\right]^2 + \left(2\zeta\omega/\omega_n\right)^2\right\}^{1/2}}$$
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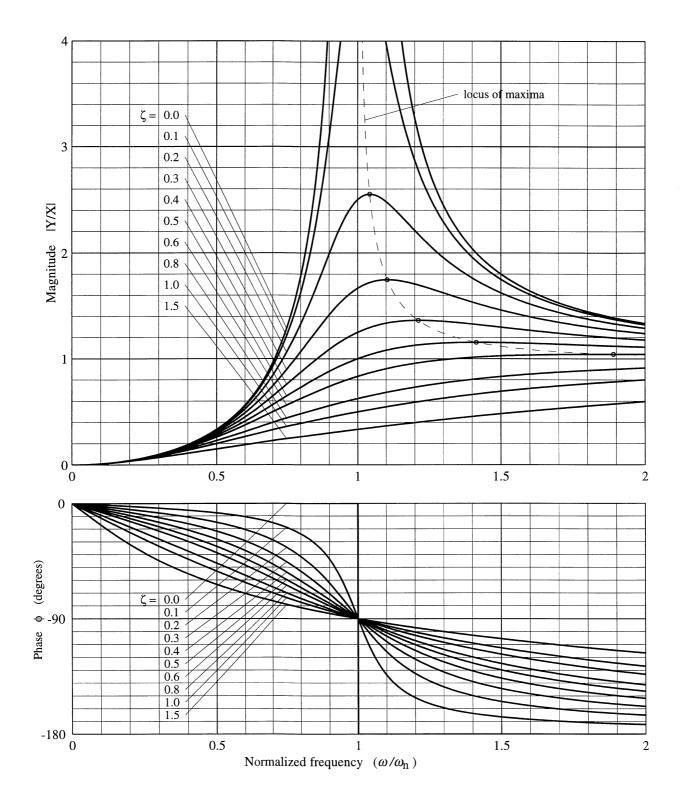
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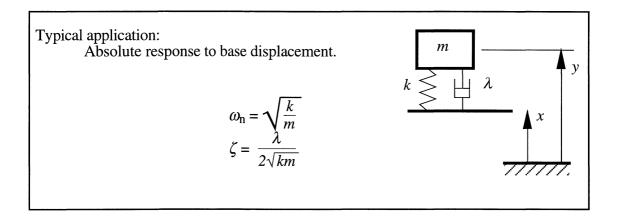
Graphs of response opposite.

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# Graphs of response for case (b).



4.6.3: Case (c) 
$$\ddot{y}/\omega_n^2 + 2\zeta \dot{y}/\omega_n + y = 2\zeta \dot{x}/\omega_n + x$$



(i) Complex form: if  $x = \operatorname{Re}\{Xe^{i\omega t}\}\$  and  $y = \operatorname{Re}\{Ye^{i\omega t}\}\$ 

$$\frac{Y}{X} = \frac{2i\zeta\omega / \omega_n + 1}{-(\omega / \omega_n)^2 + 2i\zeta\omega / \omega_n + 1}$$

(ii) Real form: if  $x = X \cos \omega t$  and  $y = |Y| \cos(\omega t + \phi)$ 

$$\left|\frac{Y}{X}\right| = \frac{\left\{1 + \left(2\zeta\omega/\omega_n\right)^2\right\}^{1/2}}{\left\{\left[1 - \left(\omega/\omega_n\right)^2\right]^2 + \left(2\zeta\omega/\omega_n\right)^2\right\}^{1/2}}$$
$$\tan\phi = \frac{-2\zeta(\omega/\omega_n)^3}{1 - \left(1 - 4\zeta^2\right)\cdot\left(\omega/\omega_n\right)^2}$$

Maximum response (for  $\zeta \ll 1$ )

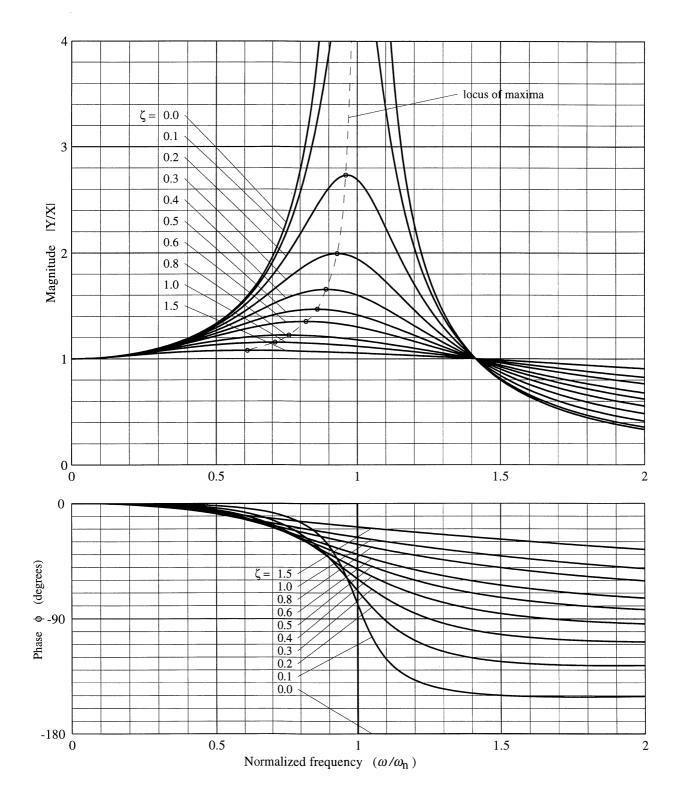
$$|Y_{\text{max}}| \approx \frac{X}{2\zeta} \left(1 + \frac{5}{2}\zeta^2\right)$$
 when  $\omega/\omega_n \approx 1 - \zeta^2$  (resonance frequency)

Half-power bandwidth (for  $\zeta \ll 1$ )

$$|Y| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |Y_{\text{max}}|$$
 at  $\omega_1, \omega_2$  where  $(\omega_1 - \omega_2) / \omega_n \approx 2\zeta$ 

Graphs of response opposite.

# Graphs of response for case (c).



# 4.7: Measures of damping

Name	Symbol	Value for $\zeta << 1$	
damping ratio	ζ		
quality factor	Q	$\frac{1}{2\zeta}$	
logarithmic decrement	Δ	2πζ	
half-power bandwidth	$\Delta \omega$	$2\zeta\omega_{\rm n}$	
loss factor	η	$2\zeta \frac{\omega}{\omega_{\rm n}}$ (see note 1)	
loss tangent	$ an \delta$	η	

Notes:

1. For practical vibrating systems viscous damping is often found to be an unrealistic model and the damping ratio  $\zeta$  varies with frequency. Loss factor  $\eta$  is commonly used because it is generally found to be constant over a wide frequency range. At resonance,  $\eta = 2\zeta$ .

2. The proportion of energy lost per cycle of vibration is  $2\pi\eta$ .

3. If an elastic element has stiffness k and if its damping is described by a loss factor  $\eta$  then the *complex stiffness* of the element is  $k^* = k (1+i\eta)$ .

#### 4.8: Modal analysis

If a discrete system has a natural frequency  $\omega_n$  and corresponding mode shape  $\underline{u}^{(n)}$ , they satisfy

 $[K]\underline{u}^{(n)} = \omega_n^2 [M]\underline{u}^{(n)}$ 

where M is the mass matrix and K the stiffness matrix.

(i) Orthogonality and normalisation:

$$\underline{u}^{(n)^{t}}M\underline{u}^{(m)} = \begin{cases} 0, & n \neq m \\ 1, & n = m \end{cases}$$
$$\underline{u}^{(n)^{t}}K\underline{u}^{(m)} = \begin{cases} 0, & n \neq m \\ \omega_{n}^{2}, & n = m \end{cases}$$

#### (ii) Free Vibration:

Free vibration of the system is described by the modal summation

$$\underline{y}(t) = \begin{cases} \sum_{n} Q^{(n)} \underline{u}^{(n)} e^{i\omega_{n}t} & \text{(no damping)} \\ \sum_{n} Q^{(n)} \underline{u}^{(n)} e^{(i\omega_{n} - \zeta_{n}\omega_{n})t} & \text{(with small damping)} \end{cases}$$

where  $Q^{(n)}$  are complex numbers defined by initial contitions.

#### (iii) Transfer functions:

For force F at frequency  $\omega$ , applied at point (or generalised coordinate) j, and response q measured at point (or generalised coordinate) k the transfer function is

$$G(j,k,\omega) = \frac{q}{F} = \begin{cases} \sum_{n} \frac{u_{j}^{(n)} u_{k}^{(n)}}{\omega_{n}^{2} - \omega^{2}} & \text{(no damping)} \\ \sum_{n} \frac{u_{j}^{(n)} u_{k}^{(n)}}{\omega_{n}^{2} + 2i\omega\omega_{n}\zeta_{n} - \omega^{2}} & \text{(with small damping)} \end{cases}$$

where the damping factor  $\zeta_n$  is as in sections 4.4–4.6 for one-degree-of-freedom systems. The mode vectors must be mass-normalised according to the result above.

#### 4.9 Lagrange's equations

For a holonomic system with generalised coordinates  $q_i$ 

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[ \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_{i}} \right] - \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_{i}} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial q_{i}} = Q_{i}$$

where T is the total kinetic energy, V is the total potential energy, and  $Q_i$  are the nonconservative generalised forces.

**4.10 Euler's dynamic equations** (governing the angular motion of a rigid body)

Body-fixed reference frame:

$$A \dot{\omega}_1 - (B - C) \omega_2 \omega_3 = Q_1$$
  

$$B \dot{\omega}_2 - (C - A) \omega_3 \omega_1 = Q_2$$
  

$$C \dot{\omega}_3 - (A - B) \omega_1 \omega_2 = Q_3$$

where *A*, *B* and *C* are the principal moments of inertia about P which is either at a fixed point or at the centre of mass. The angular velocity of the body is  $\boldsymbol{\omega} = [\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3]$  and the moment about P of external forces is  $\boldsymbol{Q} = [Q_1, Q_2, Q_3]$  using axes aligned with the principal axes of inertia of the body at P.

# 5 AREAS, VOLUMES, CENTRES OF GRAVITY AND MOMENTS OF INERTIA

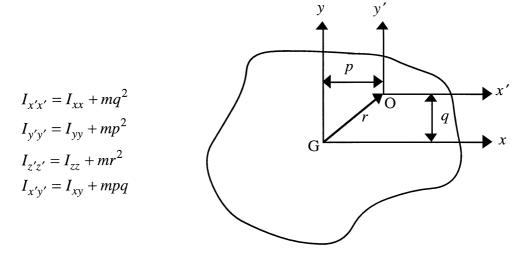
#### 5.1: Moments of inertia for a lamina

 $I_{xx} = \int y^2 dm = mk_x^2 : k_x \text{ is the radius of gyration about the x axis}$  $I_{yy} = \int x^2 dm = mk_y^2 : k_y \text{ is the radius of gyration about the y axis}$  $I_{zz} = \int (x^2 + y^2) dm = mk_z^2 : \text{ the polar moment of inertia, sometimes called } J$  $I_{xy} = \int x y dm : \text{ the product of inertia}$ 

[Second moments of area are closely related to moments of inertia, and are confusingly also denoted  $I_{xx}$ ,  $I_{yy}$ . They are defined by

$$I_{xx} = Ak_x^2, \quad I_{yy} = Ak_y^2 \quad ]$$

5.1.1: Parallel axis theorem



5.1.2: Perpendicular axis theorem (FOR A LAMINA ONLY)

$$I_{z'z'} = I_{x'x'} + I_{y'y'}$$

#### 5.2: Moments of inertia for a three-dimensional body

Moments of inertia:

The inertia matrix:

 $k_y^2$ 

 $\frac{1}{12}l^2$ 

$$I_{xx} = \int (y^{2} + z^{2}) dm = mk_{x}^{2}$$

$$I_{yy} = \int (x^{2} + z^{2}) dm = mk_{y}^{2}$$

$$I_{zz} = \int (x^{2} + y^{2}) dm = mk_{z}^{2}$$
Products of inertia:
$$I = \begin{bmatrix} I_{xx} & -I_{xy} & -I_{xz} \\ -I_{xy} & I_{yy} & -I_{yz} \\ -I_{xz} & -I_{yz} & I_{zz} \end{bmatrix}$$

Products of inertia:

$$I_{xy} = \int x \, y \, \mathrm{d}m; \quad I_{xz} = \int x \, z \, \mathrm{d}m; \quad I_{yz} = \int y \, z \, \mathrm{d}m$$

#### 5.2.1: Parallel axis theorem

Given a set of axes Gxyz at the centre of mass and a parallel set Ox'y'z' at a point O whose coordinates are (X, Y, Z) in the first axes:

$$I_{x'x'} = I_{xx} + m(Y^2 + Z^2)$$
$$I_{y'y'} = I_{yy} + m(X^2 + Z^2)$$
$$I_{z'z'} = I_{zz} + m(X^2 + Y^2)$$
$$I_{x'y'} = I_{xy} + mXY$$
$$I_{x'z'} = I_{xz} + mXZ$$
$$I_{y'z'} = I_{yz} + mYZ$$

5.3: Rods

5.3.1 Straight rod

5.3.2 Curved rod

$$\frac{y}{G} = \frac{a}{\alpha} + x \qquad \frac{1}{2}a^2 \left(1 - \frac{\sin 2\alpha}{2\alpha}\right) \qquad \frac{1}{2}a^2 \left\{1 - 2\left(\frac{\sin \alpha}{\alpha}\right)^2 + \frac{\sin 2\alpha}{2\alpha}\right\}$$

 $k_x^2$ 

0

- 5.4: Laminae
- 5.4.1 Rectangular lamina

		y y	
b/2		G	
b/2			x
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 $\frac{1}{12}b^2$   $\frac{1}{12}a^2$ 

 $k_y^2$ 

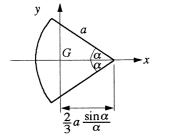
 $k_x^2$ 

A

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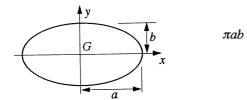
 $\alpha a^2$ 

5.4.2 Sectorial lamina



$$\frac{a^2}{4}\left(1-\frac{\sin 2\alpha}{2\alpha}\right) \qquad \qquad \frac{a^2}{4}\left\{1-\left(\frac{4\sin \alpha}{3\alpha}\right)^2+\frac{\sin 2\alpha}{2\alpha}\right\}$$

5.4.3 Elliptic lamina

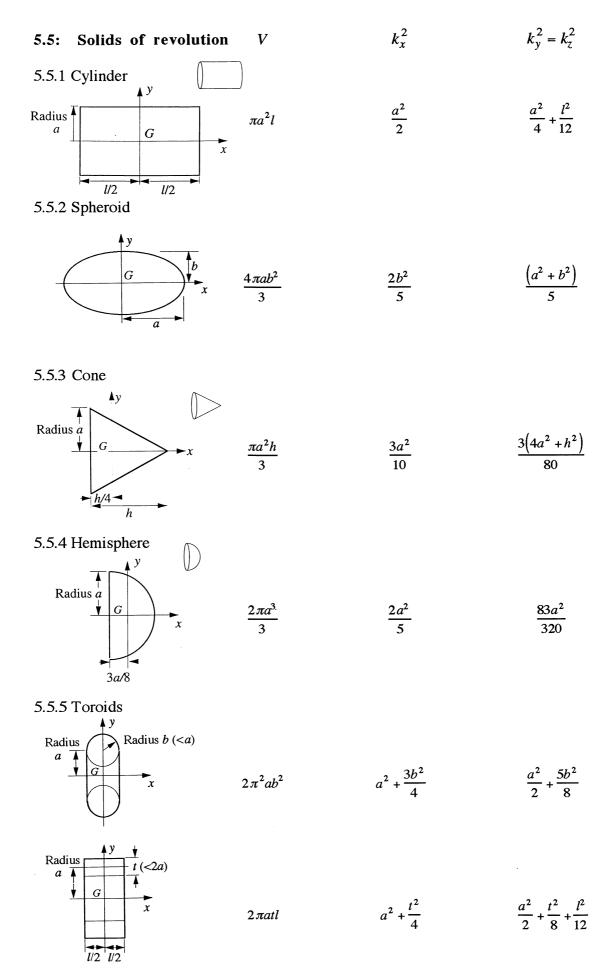


$$\frac{b^2}{4}$$
  $\frac{a^2}{4}$ 

# 5.4.4 Triangular lamina

5.4.5 Regular polygonal lamina with N sides (N > 2)

$$\int_{G} \frac{2\pi/N}{2\pi/N} x \qquad \pi a^2 \left(\frac{\sin\frac{2\pi}{N}}{\frac{2\pi}{N}}\right) \qquad \frac{a^2}{12} \left(2 + \cos\frac{2\pi}{N}\right) \qquad \frac{a^2}{12} \left(2 + \cos\frac{2\pi}{N}\right)$$



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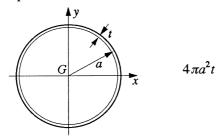
#### 5.6: Shells of revolution

(The following all assume  $t \ll a$ .) 5.6.1 Circular cylindrical shell

Radius 
$$a$$
  $b$   $y$   $t$   $2\pi alt$   $a^2$   $\frac{a^2}{2} + \frac{l^2}{12}$   
 $1/2$   $1/2$ 

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5.6.2 Spherical shell

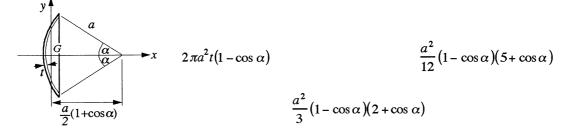


$$\frac{2a^2}{3} \qquad \qquad \frac{2a^2}{3}$$

 $k_x^2$ 

 $k_y^2 = k_z^2$ 

5.6.3 Spherical cap shell



5.6.4 Conical shell

