

1. (a)  $x = vt \Rightarrow v(t) = u(vt) \Rightarrow E[v(t)u(t+\tau)] = E[u(vt)u(vt+v\tau)]$   
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 wheel displacement  $= R_{uu}(v\tau)$

$R_{vv}(\tau) = Ae^{-\alpha v|\tau|}$

$S_{vv}(\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-i\omega\tau} Ae^{-\alpha v|\tau|} d\tau$

$= \frac{A}{2\pi} \left\{ \int_0^{\infty} e^{-i\omega\tau - \alpha v\tau} d\tau + \int_{-\infty}^0 e^{-i\omega\tau + \alpha v\tau} d\tau \right\}$

$= \frac{A}{2\pi} \left\{ \frac{1}{i\omega + \alpha v} - \frac{1}{i\omega - \alpha v} \right\} = \frac{A}{\pi} \left\{ \frac{\alpha v}{\omega^2 + \alpha^2 v^2} \right\}$  [25%]

(b) By inspection  $M\ddot{y} + c(\dot{y} - \dot{v}) + k(y - v) = 0$

Put  $r = y - v$ , relative displacement

$\Rightarrow M\ddot{r} + c\dot{r} + kr = M\ddot{v}$

Assume  $r = r(\omega)e^{i\omega t}$  and  $v = v(\omega)e^{i\omega t}$  to give

$r(\omega) = \left( \frac{-M\omega^2}{-M\omega^2 + ci\omega + k} \right) v(\omega) = H(\omega)v(\omega)$

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frequency response function

$\Rightarrow S_{rr}(\omega) = |H(\omega)|^2 S_{vv}(\omega)$

Spring force  $F = kr \Rightarrow$   $S_{FF}(\omega) = k^2 |H(\omega)|^2 S_{vv}(\omega)$  [30%]

$$(c) \quad M\ddot{r} + c\dot{r} + kr = M\ddot{u}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\text{Spectrum} = M^2 \omega^4 S_{rr}(\omega) = \frac{A}{\pi} \left\{ \frac{M^2 \omega^4 \alpha V}{\omega^2 + \alpha^2 V^2} \right\}$$

Assume broad banded  $\Rightarrow$  Replace with white noise at the resonant frequency

$$S_0 = \frac{A}{\pi} \left\{ \frac{M^2 \omega_n^4 \alpha V}{\omega_n^2 + \alpha^2 V^2} \right\}$$

From data sheet  $\sigma_r^2 = \frac{\pi S_0}{ck}$   $\sigma_F^2 = k^2 \sigma_r^2 = \pi k S_0 / c$

Noting that  $M^2 \omega_n^4 = k^2$ , then

$$\sigma_F^2 = \frac{A}{c} \left\{ \frac{k^3 \alpha V}{\omega_n^2 + \alpha^2 V^2} \right\} \quad [25\%]$$

(d) From part (b), if  $M \rightarrow \infty$  then  $H(\omega) \rightarrow 1$  and  $S_{FF}(\omega) \rightarrow k^2 S_{rr}(\omega)$

This makes sense, because the mass will not move as  $M \rightarrow \infty$  and we

will have  $r(t) = u(t)$ . In this case  $\sigma_F^2 = k^2 \sigma_U^2 = \underline{k^2 A}$

White noise approximation breaks down because  $H(\omega) = 1$  is very broad and

the input spectrum cannot be broader than this!

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2.(a)

$$d \int \frac{\uparrow y(t)}{\uparrow x(t)} \quad \text{Put } r = x(t) - y(t)$$

Impact will occur if  $r \geq d \Rightarrow$  level crossing problem

$$r^2 = x^2 - 2xy + y^2 \Rightarrow \sigma_r^2 = \sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2 = 0.6^2 + 0.8^2 = 1$$

$$\dot{r}^2 = \dot{x}^2 - 2\dot{x}\dot{y} + \dot{y}^2 \Rightarrow \sigma_{\dot{r}}^2 = \sigma_{\dot{x}}^2 + \sigma_{\dot{y}}^2 = 12^2 + 27^2 = 89960$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_r = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_{\dot{r}} = 299.9$$

$$v_d^+ = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left( \frac{\sigma_{\dot{r}}}{\sigma_r} \right) e^{-\frac{1}{2}(d/\sigma_r)^2} = \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \right) \left( \frac{299.9}{1} \right) e^{-\frac{1}{2}(5/1)^2} = 1.779 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$\text{Probability of impact} = 1 - e^{-v_d^+ T} = 1 - e^{-1.779 \times 10^{-6} \times 3 \times 60} = \underline{0.0315}$$

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(b) Excitation broadband  $\Rightarrow$  response similar to the response of an oscillator to white noise

$$\text{From the data sheet } \sigma_x^2 = \frac{\pi S_0}{ck}, \quad \sigma_{\dot{x}}^2 = \frac{\pi S_0}{cm} \Rightarrow \text{m.s. response} \propto \left( \frac{1}{c} \right)$$

$$\text{Double damping} \Rightarrow \sigma_r \rightarrow 1/\sqrt{2}$$

$$\sigma_{\dot{r}} \rightarrow 299.9/\sqrt{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow v_d^+ = \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \right) \left( \frac{299.9}{1} \right) e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{2} \times 5)^2} = 6.63 \times 10^{-10}$$

$$p = 1 - e^{-v_d^+ T} = 1 - e^{-6.63 \times 10^{-10} \times 3 \times 60} = \underline{1.19 \times 10^{-7}} \quad [35\%]$$

This is a reasonable probability of failure

(C) From the data sheet  $D = V_d^* T E[1/N(s)]$  ;  $N(s) = 4000 s^{-1}$

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$$\int_0^\infty \frac{1}{N(s)} p(b) db$$

$$\downarrow$$

peak distribution =  $\frac{b}{\sigma_r^2} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(b/\sigma_r)^2}$

From data sheet

$$\text{So } D = V_d^* T \left( \frac{0.3}{4000 \sigma_r^2} \right) \int_0^\infty b^2 e^{-\frac{1}{2}(b/\sigma_r)^2} db$$

$$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\frac{1}{2} \times \sqrt{2\pi} \times \sigma_r^3}$$

$$\text{So } D = \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \right) \left( \frac{\sigma_r}{\sigma_r} \right) T \left( \frac{0.3}{4000} \right) \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sigma_r$$

$$= \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \right) \left( \frac{122}{0.6} \right) 3 \times 60 \left( \frac{0.3}{4000} \right) \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \times 0.6 = \underline{0.3285}$$

[35%]

Many students used a Gaussian distribution here by mistake. The peaks are Rayleigh

This is too high because a Factor of safety of between 4 and 5 must be applied.

$$3.(a) \quad \ddot{a} - \varepsilon \ddot{a} (3 - 8a^2) + a = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} \dot{a} \\ a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{a} \\ 3\varepsilon \ddot{a} - a + 8\varepsilon \ddot{a} a^2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{equilibrium point at } (0, 0)$$

Consider stability by looking at motion around  $(0, 0)$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} \dot{a} \\ a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 3\varepsilon \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \dot{a} \\ a \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Assume dependency } e^{\lambda t} \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ -1 & 3\varepsilon - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -\lambda(3\varepsilon - \lambda) + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda^2 - 3\varepsilon\lambda + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ 3\varepsilon \pm \sqrt{9\varepsilon^2 - 4} \right\} \Rightarrow \text{conjugate pair with positive real part}$$

$\uparrow$  positive                       $\uparrow$  complex

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\text{unstable focus}}$$

$$(b) \quad \ddot{x} + x = \varepsilon \ddot{x} (3 - 8x^2)$$

$$\text{Zero order solution } \ddot{x}_0 + x_0 = 0 \Rightarrow x_0 = A \cos t$$

$$\text{1st order solution } \ddot{x}_1 + x_1 = -A\varepsilon \sin t (3 - 8A^2 \cos^2 t)$$

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$$\frac{1}{2} (1 + \cos 2t)^2$$

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$$\frac{1}{2} (1 + 2\cos 2t + \cos^2 2t)$$

$$\downarrow$$

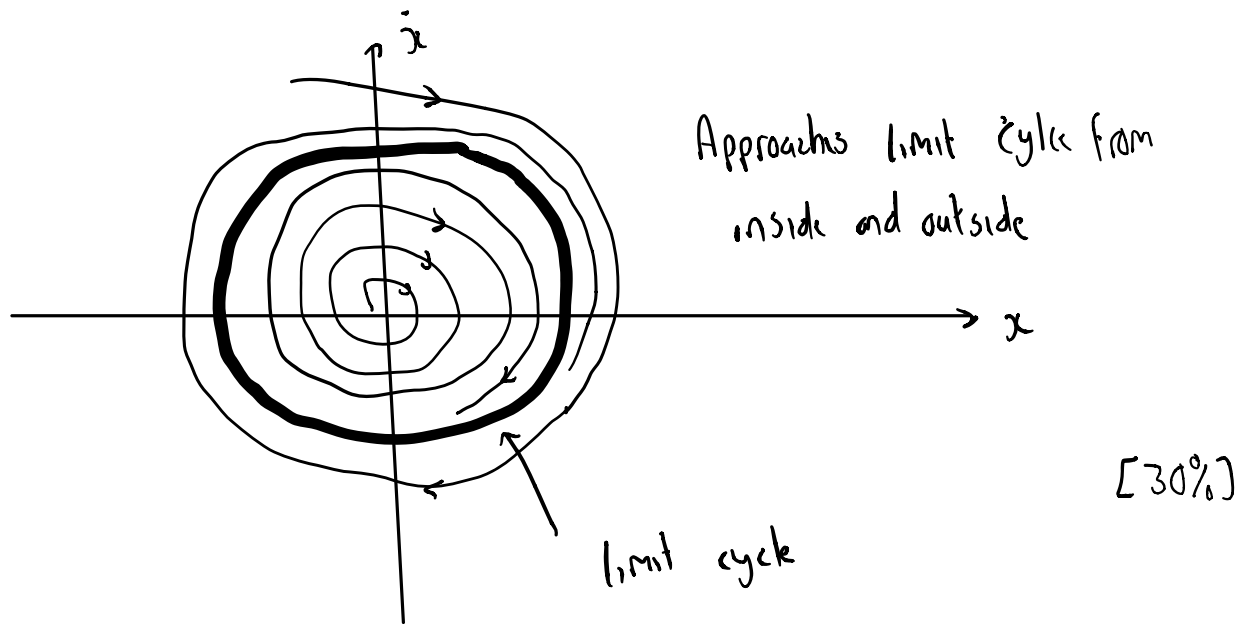
$$\frac{3}{8} + \frac{1}{2} \cos 2t + \frac{1}{8} \cos 4t \quad \leftarrow \quad \frac{1}{2} (1 + 2\cos 2t + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cos 4t)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \ddot{x}_1 + \alpha_1 &= -3A\varepsilon \sin t + 8\varepsilon A^5 \left[ \frac{3}{8} \sin t + \frac{1}{2} \cos 2t \sin t + \frac{1}{8} \cos 4t \sin t \right] \\
 &= (-3A\varepsilon + 3\varepsilon A^5) \sin t + 8\varepsilon A^5 \left[ \frac{1}{4} \sin 3t - \frac{1}{4} \sin t \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{16} \sin 5t - \frac{1}{16} \sin 3t \right] \\
 &= \underbrace{(-3A\varepsilon + \varepsilon A^5)}_{\text{To avoid resonance need } A^4 = 3} \sin t + 8\varepsilon A^5 \left[ \frac{3}{16} \sin 3t + \frac{1}{16} \sin 5t \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\ddot{x}_1 + \alpha_1 = \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon A^5 [3 \sin 3t + \sin 5t]$

$\Rightarrow \underline{x_1 = \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon A^5 \left[ -\frac{3}{8} \sin 3t - \frac{1}{24} \sin 5t \right]}$  [50%]

(c)



$$4. a) \quad \ddot{x} + b^2 x + \mu x^3 = k \cos \omega t$$

For describing function  $\int_0^T \mu x^3 x \, dt = \int_0^T 0 x x \, dt$  with  $x = A \cos \omega t$

$$\Rightarrow \mu A^4 \int_0^T \cos^4 \omega t \, dt = D A^2 \int_0^T \cos^2 \omega t \, dt$$

$$\mu A^4 \int_0^T \left[ \frac{1}{2} (1 + \cos 2\omega t) \right]^2 dt = \frac{1}{2} D A^2 T$$

$$\mu A^4 \int_0^T \left[ \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \cos 2\omega t + \frac{1}{4} \cos^2 2\omega t \right] dt = \frac{1}{2} D A^2 T$$

$$\Rightarrow T \mu A^4 \left[ \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} \right] = \frac{1}{2} D A^2 T \quad \Rightarrow \quad \underline{D = \frac{3}{4} \mu A^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{(-\omega^2 + b^2 + \frac{3}{4} \mu A^2) A = k}$$

[30%]

$$b) \quad \ddot{x} + b^2 x + \mu x^3 = k \cos \omega t$$

$$\ddot{x}_0 + \ddot{u} + b^2 x_0 + b^2 u + \mu (\underbrace{x_0^3 + 3x_0^2 u + 3x_0 u^2 + u^3}_{\text{small}}) = k \cos \omega t$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\ddot{u} + (b^2 + 3\mu x_0^2) u = 0}$$

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$$c) \quad x_0 = A \cos \omega t \Rightarrow \ddot{u} + (b^2 + 3\mu A^2 \cos^2 \omega t) u = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \ddot{u} + (b^2 + \frac{3}{2} \mu A^2 + \frac{3}{2} \mu A^2 \cos 2\omega t) u = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\ddot{u} + (p^2 + \varepsilon \cos \Omega t) u = 0} \quad \leftarrow \text{Mathieu equation}$$

$$p^2 = b^2 + \frac{3}{2} \mu A^2 \quad \varepsilon = \frac{3}{2} \mu A^2 \quad \Omega = 2\omega$$

First order approximation  $\ddot{u} + p^2 u = 0 \Rightarrow u_0 = A \cos Pt$

Second order approximation  $\ddot{u}_1 + p^2 u_1 = -\varepsilon A \cos \Omega t \cos Pt$   
 $= -\frac{\varepsilon A}{2} [\cos(\Omega+P)t + \cos(\Omega-P)t]$

Resonance when  $P = \Omega + P \rightarrow$  not a physical solution

or  $P = \Omega - P \Rightarrow \underline{\Omega = 2P}$

In the present case  $2\omega = 2\sqrt{p^2 + \frac{3}{2}NA^2}$

$\Rightarrow \underline{\omega = \sqrt{p^2 + \frac{3}{2}NA^2}}$

[50%]



#### **4C7: Examiner's comments:**

##### **Q1 Spectral analysis of vehicle dynamics**

No major conceptual difficulties were evident, and the question was generally answered well.

##### **Q2 Circuit board impact and fatigue**

Parts (a) and (b), concerning crossing-rates and the probability of impact, were well done. In Part (c), concerning fatigue damage, only one of the 17 students who attempted the question obtained the correct numerical answer. A common error was to use a Gaussian distribution for the stress peaks, instead of a Rayleigh distribution.

##### **Q3 Limit cycle oscillations**

Part (a) was very well done, but the detailed algebra (trigonometry) in section (b) defeated many students. Most students made a reasonable attempt at the phase plane portrait in Part (c), even if Part (b) had not been completed.

##### **Q4 Mathieu equation**

This was the least popular question (8 attempts), although the average mark was reasonably good (60%). Part (b) was not well done, which was surprising given that the target formula was given on the exam paper and the question involved a straight forward substitution followed by the neglect of small terms.