



**Department of
Naval Architecture, Ocean & Marine Engineering**

NM404 Ship Structural Dynamics

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TIME: 10:00

2 hours

Attempt ALL Questions

Calculators must not be used to store text and/or formulae nor be capable of communication. Invigilators may require calculators to be reset.

Question 1

(a) An impulsive force is applied to a spring-mass-damper system and initiates its free vibration with an initial velocity of 50 m/s , the displacement response of which is expressed as follows:

$$x(t) = A_0 \exp(-\xi \omega_n t) \cos(\sqrt{1 - \xi^2} \omega_n t + \varphi_0)$$

where ω_n is the natural frequency, ξ is the damping ratio, t is time, φ_0 is the phase angle and A_0 is the initial displacement amplitude. It is known that the system mass is $M = 10 \text{ kg}$, system stiffness is $K = 6.4 \times 10^{-2} \text{ kN/mm}$ and damping coefficient is $400 \text{ N/(ms}^{-1}\text{)}$. Also note that the critical damping coefficient is $C_{cr} = 2M\omega_n$. Please determine the followings:

- i. General expression of logarithmic decrement (δ) (8 marks)
- ii. Natural frequency of the system in question (2 mark)
- iii. Damping ratio of the system in question (2 mark)
- iv. Phase angle of the system displacement response assuming $\varphi_0 < \pi$. Hint: the initial displacement of the system is zero (2 mark)
- v. The time at which the system reaches maximum displacement (6 marks)

(20 marks)

(b) It is known that the magnification factor (M) of forced damped vibration is expressed as:

$$M = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left[1 - \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_n}\right)^2\right]^2 + \left[2\xi \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_n}\right)\right]^2}}$$

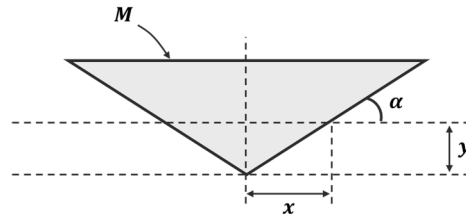
where ω is the driving force frequency. Please determine the maximum magnification factor for the system in Q1(a).

(12 marks)

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Question 2

(a) Suppose that you are the principal naval architect in a maritime consultancy company, a client approaches you regarding the design of a high-speed craft against slamming. The hull form design can be simplified as below wedge shape.

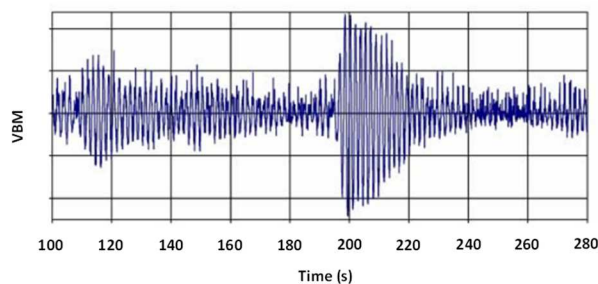


Applying von Karman momentum principle, please help your client to

- Derive the general expression of maximum pressure. Given that initial impact velocity $= V_0$ and the accelerated fluid inertia $= 0.5\rho\pi x^2$ where ρ is the fluid density (12 marks).
- Outline the design principles against significant slamming (4 marks)
- Establish operational measures against significant slamming. Please provide an outline (4 marks).

(20 marks)

(b) You are approached by another client who operates a fleet of container ships featured with large bow flares. All these vessels are equipped with on-board structural monitoring devices to monitor the springing and whipping responses. Below is a sample of the monitoring data in which the low frequency component has been filtered out.



Please help your client to

- Distinguish between springing and whipping for the sample monitoring data (during what time frame they occur) (7 marks)
- Outline the main characteristics of springing and whipping responses (8 marks)

(15 marks)

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Question 3

The governing equation of free vibration in vertical direction of a uniform beam can be expressed as follows:

$$EI \frac{\partial^4 w(x, t)}{\partial x^4} + m \frac{\partial^2 w(x, t)}{\partial t^2} = 0$$

where $w(x, t)$ is the beam deflection in vertical direction. E is the modulus of elasticity of material, I is the second moment of area of beam's cross section, m is the mass of the beam per unit length (assumed constant). The solution to above equation can be given as:

$$w(x, t) = P(x) \sin(\omega_n t)$$

where

$$P(x) = A \sin(\kappa x) + B \cos(\kappa x) + C \sinh(\kappa x) + D \cosh(\kappa x)$$

$$\kappa = \sqrt[4]{\frac{m \omega_n^2}{EI}}$$

(a) Please define the boundary conditions for above beam formulation in the context of ship vibration analysis. Hint: a ship should be considered as free-free beam (4 marks)

(b) Following above context, please prove $\cos(\kappa L) \times \cosh(\kappa L) = 1$ where L is the total length of the ship (6 marks).

(10 marks)

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Question 4

For a barge with uniform cross section, please determine the corrected deflection curve (φ_{3cor}) of three-node bending vibration using generalised iterative *Stodola method* with the information given below.

x/L	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.9
W (Per unit length)	49	28	30	28	49
φ_{2cor}	1.05	-0.34	-0.92	-0.35	0.98
$y_{3assumed}$	0.77	1.26	0.00	-1.26	-0.77

You may find the following formulae useful:

$${}^0\varphi_{3uncor} = \left[{}^0a_3 + ({}^0h_3 - {}^0a_3) \left(\frac{x}{L} \right) - {}^0y_3 \right]$$

$$SF = 0 = \underbrace{{}^0a_3 \int_0^L W dx}_{k_1} + \underbrace{({}^0h_3 - {}^0a_3) \int_0^L W \left(\frac{x}{L} \right) dx}_{k_2} - \underbrace{\int_0^L W {}^0y_3 dx}_{k_3}$$

$$BM = 0 = \underbrace{{}^0a_3 \int_0^L W \left(\frac{x}{L} \right) dx}_{k_2} + \underbrace{({}^0h_3 - {}^0a_3) \int_0^L W \left(\frac{x}{L} \right)^2 dx}_{k_4} - \underbrace{\int_0^L W \left(\frac{x}{L} \right) {}^0y_3 dx}_{k_5}$$

$${}^0\varphi_{3cor} = {}^0\varphi_{3uncor} - \alpha_{23}\varphi_{2cor}$$

where

$$\alpha_{23} = \frac{\int_0^L W {}^0\varphi_{3uncor} \varphi_{2cor} dx}{\int_0^L W \varphi_{2cor}^2 dx}$$

(15 marks)

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Question 5

Are the following statements true or false?

- 1) Two-node bending is the second-order mode shape of a beam (*1 marks*)
- 2) There are finite numbers of natural modes for a discrete system (*1 marks*)
- 3) Blade frequency is independent on the number of blades (*1 marks*)
- 4) Hydro-elasticity unifies seakeeping and structural vibration (*1 marks*)
- 5) Ship structural vibration will only negatively affect the structural integrity (*1 marks*)
- 6) The entrapped air during wave-body impact increases the impact force (*1 marks*)
- 7) A free damped system vibrates at natural frequency (*1 marks*)
- 8) Eigenvector defines the absolute response amplitudes (*1 marks*)

(8 marks)

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