# Math 2250

# Earthquake project

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# 3.3. UNDETERMINED COEFFICIENTS STEADY-STATE PERIODIC SOLUTION.

Consider the forced equation  $x' = Ax + \cos(wt)b$  where b is a constant vector. The earthquake's ground vibration is accounted for by the extra term  $\cos(wt)b$ , which has period  $T = 2\pi/w$ . The solution x(t) is the 7-vector of excursions from equilibrium of the corresponding 7 floors. Sought here is not the general solution, which certainly contains transient terms, but rather the steady-state periodic solution, which is known from the theory to have the form  $x(t) = \cos(wt)c$  for some vector c that depends only on A and b.

### PROBLEM 3.3.

Define b:=0.25\*w\*w\*vector([1,1,1,1,1,1]): in Maple and find the vector c in the undetermined coefficients solution  $x(t) = \cos(wt)c$ . Vector c depends on w. As outlined in the textbook, vector c can be found by solving the linear algebra problem  $-w^2c = Ac + b$ ; see page 433. Don't print c, as it is too complex; instead, print c as an illustration.

# Sample code for defining b and A, then solving for c in the 4-floor case.

# See maple help to learn about vector and linsolve.

with(linalg):

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 \begin{array}{lll} w:=\mbox{'w': } u:=w*w: \ b:=0.25*u*vector([1,1,1,1]): \\ Au:=matrix([\ [-20+u,10,0,0],\ [10,-20+u,10,0],\ [0,10,-20+u,10],\ [0,0,10,-10+u]]); \\ c:=linsolve(Au,-b): \\ evalf(c[1],2); \end{array}
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> # PROBLEM 3.3

### 3.4 PRACTICAL RESONANCE.

Consider the forced equation  $x' = Ax + \cos(wt)b$  of 3.3 above. Practical resonance can occur if a component of x(t) has large amplitude compared to the vector norm of b. For example, an earthquake might cause a small 3-inch excursion on level ground, but the building's floors might have 50-inch excursions, enough to destroy the building.

#### PROBLEM 3.4.

Let Max(c) denote the maximum modulus of the components of vector c. Plot g(T) = Max(c(w)) with  $w = 2\pi/T$  for periods T = 0 to T = 6, ordinates Max = 0 to Max = 10, the vector c(w) being the answer produced in 3.3 above. Compare your figure to the textbook Figure 7.4.18, page 438. Adjust parameter numpoints in the plot command as needed.

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\overline{\#} Sample maple code to define the function Max(c), 4-floor building.
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# Use maple help to learn about norm, vector, subs and linsolve.

with(linalg):

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with(indig):  \begin{aligned} & \text{w:='w': Max:= c -> norm(c,infinity); u:=w*w:} \\ & \text{b:=0.25*w*w*vector([1,1,1,1]):} \\ & \text{Au:=matrix([ [-20+u,10,0,0], [10,-20+u,10,0], [0,10,-20+u,10], [0,0,10,-10+u]]);} \\ & \text{C:=ww -> subs(w=ww,linsolve(Au,-b)):} \\ & \text{plot(Max(C(2*Pi/r)),r=0..6,0..10,numpoints=150);} \\ & \text{> \# PROBLEM 3.4. WARNING: Save your file often!!!} \end{aligned}
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# 3.5. EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE.

The maximum amplitude plot of 3.4 can be used to detect the likelihood of earthquake damage for a given ground vibration of period T. A ground vibration  $(1/4)\cos(wt)$ ,  $T = 2\pi/w$ , will be assumed, as in 3.4.

# PROBLEM 3.5.

- (a) Replot the amplitudes in 3.4 for periods 1.14 to 4 and amplitudes 5 to 10. There will be four spikes.
- (b) Create four zoom-in plots, one for each spike, choosing a T-interval that shows the full spike.

(c) Determine from the four zoom-in plots approximate intervals for the period T such that some floor in the building will undergo excursions from equilibrium in excess of 5 feet. Adjust parameter [numpoints] in the plot command as needed.

# 3.6. SIX FLOORS.

Consider a building with six floors each weighing 50 tons. Assume each floor corresponds to a restoring Hooke's force with constant k = 5 tons/foot. Assume that ground vibrations from the earthquake are modeled by  $(1/4)\cos(wt)$  with period  $T = 2\pi/w$  (same as the 7-floor model above).

#### PROBLEM 3.6.

Model the 6-floor problem in Maple. Plot the maximum amplitudes against the period 0 to 6 and amplitude 4 to 10. Determine from the graphic the period ranges which cause the amplitude plot to spike above 4 feet. Sanity check: m=3125, and the 6x6 matrix contains fraction 16/5. There are five spikes.

- > # PROBLEM 3.6. WARING: Save your file often!!
- > # Define k, m and the 6x6 matrix A.
- > # Amplitude plot for T=0..6,C=4..10
- > # Plot five zoom-in graphs
- > # From the graphics, five T-ranges give amplitude # spikes above 4 feet. These are determined by left # mouse-clicks on the graph, so they are approximate values only.