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Earthquake project
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3.1. BUILDING MODEL FOR AN EARTHQUAKE.

Refer to the textbook of Edwards-Penney, section 7.4, page 437.
Consider a building with 7 floors.

Let the mass in slugs of each story be $m=1000.0$ and let the spring constant be $k=10000.0$ (lbs/foot). Define the 7 by 7 mass matrix M and Hooke's matrix K for this system and convert $Mx''=Kx$ into the system $x''=Ax$ where A is defined by textbook equation (1) , page 437.

PROBLEM 3.1

Find the eigenvalues of the matrix A to six digits, using the Maple command "eigenvals(A)." Answer check: All seven eigenvalues should be negative.

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# Sample Maple code for a model with 4 floors.
# Use maple help to learn about evalf and eigenvals.
with(linalg):
A := matrix([ [-20,10,0,0], [10,-20,10,0], [0,10,-20,10],
[0,0,10,-10]]);
evalf(eigenvals(A),6);
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> # Problem 3.1
> with(linalg):
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3.2. TABLE OF NATURAL FREQUENCIES AND PERIODS.

Refer to figure 7.4.17, page 437.

PROBLEM 3.2.

Find the natural angular frequencies $\omega=\sqrt{-\lambda}$ for the seven story building and also the corresponding periods $2\pi/\omega$, accurate to six digits. Display the answers in a simple handwritten table or a computer-generated table as in the example below. The answers appear in Figure 7.4.17, page 437, although in a slightly different order than what would be computed in MAPLE.

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# Sample code for a 4x3 table.
# Use maple help to learn about nops and printf.
ev:=[-10,-1.206147582,-35.32088886,-23.47296354]:
n:=nops(ev):
Omega:=lambda -> sqrt(-lambda):
format:="%10.6f %10.6f %10.6f\n":
printf("%s %s %s\n","Eigenvalue", "Freq", "Period");
seq(printf(format,ev[i],Omega(ev[i]),2*evalf(Pi)/Omega(ev[i])),i=1..n
);

> # Problem 3.2

> with(linalg):
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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  $b$ . See the textbook, page 433.

PROBLEM 3.3.
Define  $b:=0.25*w*w*\text{vector}([1,1,1,1,1,1,1])$ : 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  $-w^2 c = Ac + b$ ; see page
433. Don't print  $c$ , as it does not fit on one page; instead, print  $c[1]$ 
as an illustration. You should get  $-0.09304656278$  when  $c[1]$  is
evaluated at  $w=1$ .

# 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.
w:='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):
'c[1]':=evalf(c[1],2);
subs(w=1,evalf(c[1],2));

> # PROBLEM 3.3
> with(linalg):
> # subs(w=1,evalf(c[1],2));
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3.4 PRACTICAL RESONANCE.

Consider the forced equation $x'=Ax+\cos(wt)b$ of 3.3 above with
 $b:=0.25*w*w*\text{vector}([1,1,1,1,1,1,1])$. 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 $\text{Max}(c)$ denote the maximum modulus of the components of vector c . Plot $g(T)=\text{Max}(c(w))$ with $w=(2\pi)/T$ for periods $T=0$ to $T=4$, ordinates $\text{Max}=0$ to $\text{Max}=10$, the vector $c(w)$ being the answer produced in 3.3 above. Compare your figure to the textbook Figure 7.4.18, page 438. Your figure is expected to show 6 spikes.

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# Sample maple code to define the function Max(c), 4-floor building.
# Use maple help to learn about norm, vector, subs and linsolve.
with(linalg):
w:='w': Max:= c -> norm(c,infinity); u:=w*w:
b:=0.25*w*w*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:=ww -> subs(w=ww,linsolve(Au,-b)):
plot(Max(C(2*Pi/r)),r=0..4,0..10,numpoints=400);
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> # PROBLEM 3.4. WARNING: Save your file often!!!
> with(linalg):
> # plot(Max(C(2*Pi/r)),r=0..4,0..10,numpoints=400);
>
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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.

- Replot the amplitudes in 3.4 for graph window $x=0.95$ to 3.5 and $y=5$ to 10 . There will be six spikes.
- Create one zoom-in plot near $T=3$, choosing a T -interval that shows the full spike.
- Determine from the zoom-in plot (near $T=3$) one approximate T -interval such that some floor in the building will undergo excursions from equilibrium in excess of 5 feet.

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# Example: Zoom-in on a spike for amplitudes 5 feet to 10 feet,
# periods 1.96 to 2.01.
with(linalg): w:='w': Max:= c -> norm(c,infinity); u:=w*w:
Au:=matrix([ [-20+u,10,0,0], [10,-20+u,10,0], [0,10,-20+u,10],
[0,0,10,-10+u]]);
b:=0.25*w*w*vector([1,1,1,1]):
C:=ww -> subs(w=ww,linsolve(Au,-b)):
plot(Max(C(2*Pi/r)),r=1.96..2.01,5..10,numpoints=400);
printf("Period T from 1.96 to 2.01");
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> # PROBLEM 3.5. WARNING: Save your file often!!
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> #(a) Plot six spikes on one graph
> #(b) Plot one zoom-in graph near T=3.
> #(c) Report one approximate T-interval near T=3.
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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 $k=10$ tons/foot. Assume that ground vibrations from the earthquake are modeled by $(1/4)\cos(\omega t)$ with period $T=2\pi/\omega$ (same as the 7-floor model above).

PROBLEM 3.6.

Model the 6-floor problem in Maple. Plot the maximum amplitudes in graph window $x=1$ to 4 and $y=4$ to 10. Determine from the graphic one period range near $T=3.5$ which causes the amplitude plot to spike above 4 feet.

Sanity checks: Recall that a ton equals 2000 pounds, and that a pound of force equals mass (in slugs) times the acceleration of gravity, 32 ft/sec/sec. From this you can work out how to convert tons to slugs. Use (5) and (6) page 425 to find the matrices M and K (on paper) and then write down A as the inverse of M times K . Check your reasoning on the original model: your logic should reproduce the text before equation (1) page 437. There are five spikes. To see them, follow the examples above, especially, use the plot option `numpoints=400` or larger.

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> # PROBLEM 3.6. WARNING: Save your file often!!
> # Define k, m and the 6x6 matrix A.
> # Amplitude plot for T=1..4, C=4..10
> # Plot one zoom-in graphic near T=3.5.
> # Print the T-range near T=3.5 for the zoom-in plot above.
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