# **Basic Concepts of Vibration**

# What is Vibration?

**Vibration** is the study of the repetitive motion of objects relative to a stationary frame of reference or nominal position.



# **Physical Explanation**



# A component that stores and release potential energy is required.

### Elementary parts of vibrating systems (1)

#### 1. Elastic components

Elastic components store or release potential (strain) energy as displacements increase or decrease.

e.g., helical spring, elastic bar & beam.



Restoring force  $f_k = -F = -kx$ 

Potential energy

$$V = \int_{0}^{x} kx dx = \frac{1}{2} kx^2$$

### Elementary parts of vibrating systems (2)

#### Combination of springs

#### Parallel

$$\begin{array}{c} k_{1} \\ k_{2} \\ k_{2} \\ k_{3} \\$$

$$k_{eq} = k_1 + k_2 + k_3$$
  
$$k_{eq} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} k_i \quad n \text{ springs}$$

**Series**  $k_1$ \_\_∧∧∧∧  $= \left(\frac{1}{k_1} + \frac{1}{k_2}\right)^{-1}$ l k<sub>eq</sub>  $k_{eq} = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{k_i}\right)^{-1} n \text{ springs}$ 

### Elementary parts of vibrating systems (3)

Elastic elements as springs

1. Thin rod



2. Torsional bar



 $k_{eq} = \frac{M}{A} = \frac{GJ_b}{1}$ 

### Elementary parts of vibrating systems (4)

Elastic elements as springs

3. Cantilever beam



 $k_{eq} = \frac{F}{\delta} = \frac{3EI}{l^3}$ 

### Elementary parts of vibrating systems (5)

#### 2. Inertia (mass) components

Inertia components store or release kinetic energy as velocities increase or decrease.

e.g., mass (translation), mass moment of inertia (rotation)

$$\begin{array}{c|c} m & \longrightarrow F \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Kinetic energy (translation)

$$T = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}^2$$



Kinetic energy (rotation)

$$T = \frac{1}{2}J\dot{\theta}^2$$

### Elementary parts of vibrating systems (6)

#### Vibration of the spring-mass system



#### Real system



Oscillating systems eventually die out and reduce to zero motion.



There is a component that dissipates energy.

### Elementary parts of vibrating systems (7)

#### 3. Viscous damper

Viscous damper or dashpot dissipates energy. Energy is converted to heat or sound.



k, m, c for rotational motion





# Combination of springs (Example)

Find the equivalent single stiffness representation of the fivespring system shown in the figure.

