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THEORY OF MACHINES

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

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DETAILED EXPLANATIONS

1. (b)

$$\text{Mass, } m = 10 \text{ kg}$$

$$\text{Damping coefficient, } c = 100 \text{ kg/s}$$

$$\text{Spring constant, } k_1 = 4000 \text{ N/m}$$

$$k_2 = 200 \text{ N/m}$$

$$k_3 = 1000 \text{ N/m}$$

$$\text{Equivalent spring constant, } k_e = k_1 + \frac{k_2 k_3}{k_2 + k_3} = 4000 + \frac{200 \times 1000}{1200} = 4166.67 \text{ N/m}$$

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k_e}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{4166.67}{10}} = 20.412 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$\text{Damping factor, } \xi = \frac{c}{2m\omega_n} = \frac{100}{2 \times 10 \times 20.412} = 0.245$$

$\xi < 1$, so our vibration system is underdamped.

2. (c)

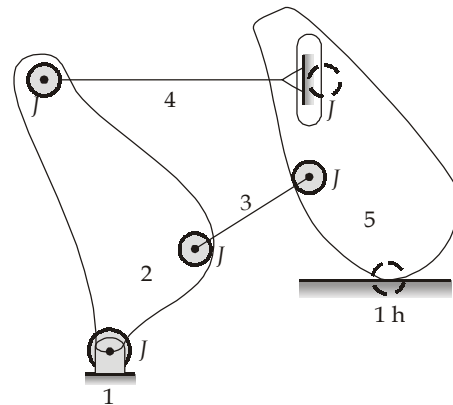
As per given information

$$\text{Number of links, } L = 5$$

$$\text{Number of lower pair, } J = 5$$

$$\text{Number of higher pair, } h = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Degree of freedom} &= 3(L - 1) - 2J - h \\ &= 3(5 - 1) - 2 \times 5 - 1 \\ &= 12 - 10 - 1 = 1 \end{aligned}$$



3. (d)

$$\omega_{AB} = 1 \text{ rad/s, } L_{CD} = 1.8 L_{AB}$$

$$\frac{L_{CD}}{L_{AB}} = 1.8$$

$$V_C = V_C \text{ (Link BC in pure translation)}$$

$$\omega_{AB} L_{AB} = \omega_{CD} L_{CD}$$

$$\frac{\omega_{AB}}{\omega_{CD}} = \frac{L_{CD}}{L_{AB}}$$

$$\omega_{CD} = \omega_{AB} \times \frac{L_{AB}}{L_{CD}} = 1 \times \frac{1}{1.8} = 0.555 \text{ rad/s}$$

4. (a)

Restoring torque $ka^2(\theta)$

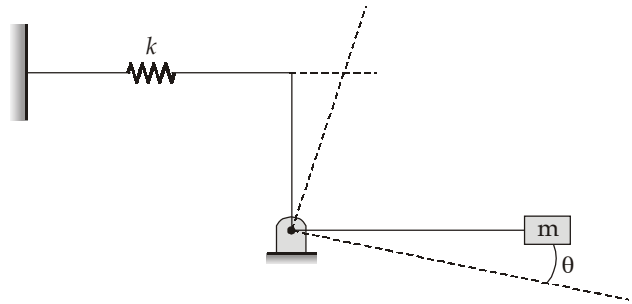
From D - alenbert's principle,

$$I\ddot{\theta} + ka^2\theta = 0$$

$$mb^2\ddot{\theta} + ka^2\theta = 0$$

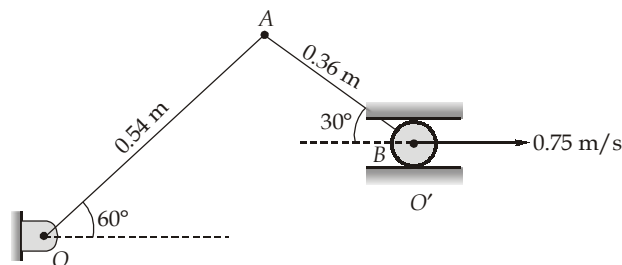
$$\ddot{\theta} + \left(\frac{ka^2}{mb^2} \right) \theta = 0$$

$$\omega_n = \frac{a}{b} \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

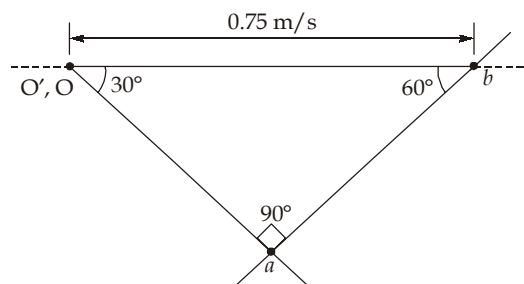


5. (b)

From given information



By applying velocity polygon analysis,

From ΔOab

$$V_{ba} = ob \sin 30^\circ$$

$$V_{BA} = 0.75 \sin 30^\circ \text{ m/s}$$

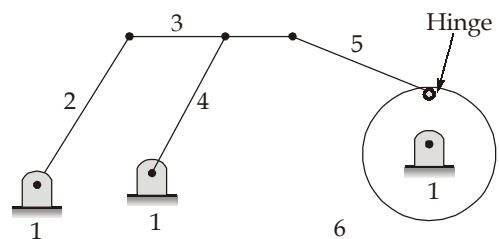
$$= 0.375 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\omega_{AB} = \frac{V_{BA}}{AB} = \frac{0.375 \text{ m/s}}{0.36 \text{ m}} = 1.0416 \text{ rad/s}$$

6. (b)

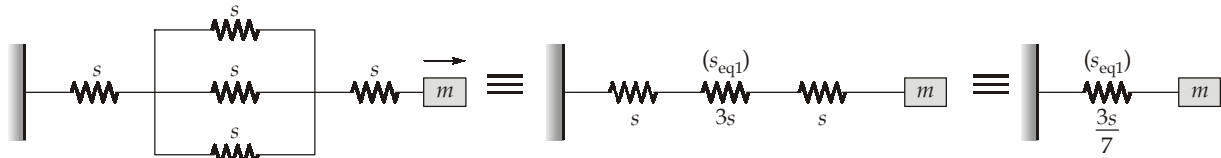
Number of links, $n = 6$ Number of lower pair, $j = 7$ Number of higher pair, $h = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Degree of freedom, } F &= 3(n - 1) - 2j - h \\ &= 3(6 - 1) - 2 \times 7 - 0 \\ &= 15 - 14 = 1 \end{aligned}$$



7. (a)

For parallel, $s_{eq} = s_1 + s_2 + s_3$ and for series $\frac{1}{s_{eq}} = \frac{1}{s_1} + \frac{1}{s_2} + \frac{1}{s_3}$



$$s_{eq1} = s + s + s = 3s$$

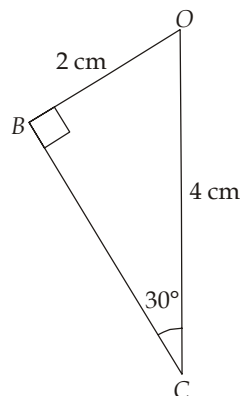
$$\frac{1}{s_{eq2}} = \frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{3s} + \frac{1}{s} = \frac{1}{s} \left[2 + \frac{1}{3} \right] = \frac{1}{s} \times \frac{7}{3}$$

$$s_{eq2} = \frac{3s}{7}$$

$$\text{Natural frequency, } \omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{s_{eq2}}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{3s}{7m}} = \sqrt{\frac{3 \times 7}{7 \times 3}} = 1 \quad \left[\text{Given: } \frac{s}{m} = \frac{7}{3} \right]$$

8. (a)

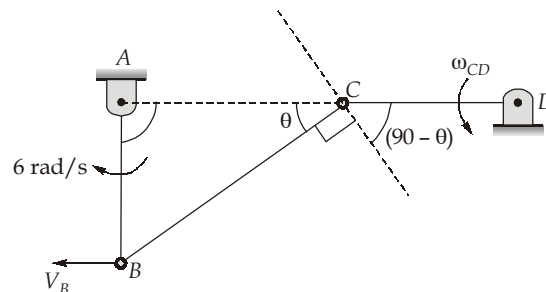
Drawing configuration at $\theta = 30^\circ$



At this position $\angle OBC$ will be 90° , velocity of B perpendicular to CD will be zero hence $\omega_{CD} = 0$. So, Coriolis acceleration will be zero.

9. (c)

AB = 100 mm = 0.1 m, BC = 220 mm = 0.220 m, CD = 150 mm = 0.150 m



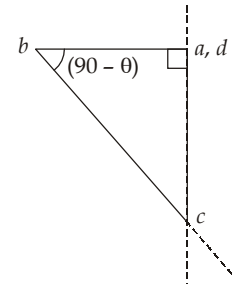
$$\sin \theta = \frac{AB}{BC} = \frac{100}{220}$$

$$\theta = \sin^{-1} (0.4545) = 27.035^\circ$$

$$V_B = (AB) \times \omega_{AB} = 0.1 \times 6 = 0.6 \text{ m/s}$$

Making velocity triangle for above configuration.

$$\begin{aligned}\tan(90 - \theta) &= \frac{dc}{ab} \\ dc &= \tan(90 - 27.035)^\circ \times 0.6 \\ &= \tan(67.96)^\circ \times 0.6 = 1.175 \\ \therefore V_C &= 1.175 \text{ m/s} \\ &= \omega_{CD} \times (CD) \\ \omega_{CD} &= \frac{1.175}{0.150} = 7.83 \text{ rad/s}\end{aligned}$$



10. (c)

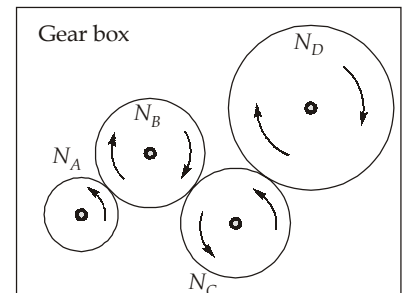
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{T_{\text{input}}}{T_{\text{output}}} &= \frac{\omega_{\text{output}}}{\omega_{\text{input}}} \\ T_{\text{output}} &= T_A \times \frac{N_A}{N_D} = \frac{80 \times 100}{20} = 400 \text{ Nm}\end{aligned}$$

Assuming,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{CCW} &= +\text{ve} \\ T_A &= +80 \text{ N-m} \\ T_D &= -400 \text{ N-m}\end{aligned}$$

Now, $\Sigma T = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}T_A + T_D + T_{GB} &= 0 \\ 80 - 400 + T_{GB} &= 0 \\ T_{GB} &= 320 \text{ Nm}\end{aligned}$$



11. (d)

As per given configuration,

There are two forces acting on the system.

By taking the moments about point 'O',

$$\Sigma M_o = 0$$

$$I\ddot{\theta} + mg(L\sin\theta) + kL\sin\theta \times L\cos\theta = 0$$

For small θ , $\sin\theta = \theta$; $\cos\theta = 1$

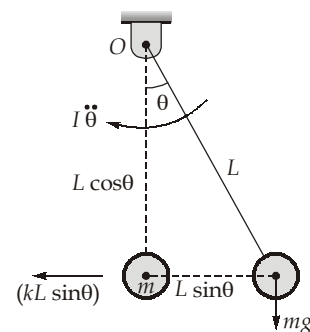
$$I\ddot{\theta} + mg(L\theta) + kL^2\theta = 0$$

$$\ddot{\theta} + \frac{mgL + kL^2}{mL^2}\theta = 0 \quad \dots (i)$$

$$\ddot{\theta} + \omega_n^2\theta = 0 \quad \dots (ii) \text{ By comparing}$$

Equation (i) and (ii)

$$\text{Natural frequency, } \omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{(mgL + kL^2)}{mL^2}}$$



12. (a)

As per given data,

Teeth of right hand helical pinion, $t_p = 36$ teeth

Helix angle of pinion, $\psi_P = 20^\circ$

Teeth of right hand helical gear, $T_G = 48$ teeth

Helix angle of gear, $\psi_G = ?$

As per given, both gear are of same hand,

$$\psi_P + \psi_G = 45^\circ$$

$$\psi_G = 45^\circ - \psi_P$$

$$= 45^\circ - 20^\circ = 25^\circ$$

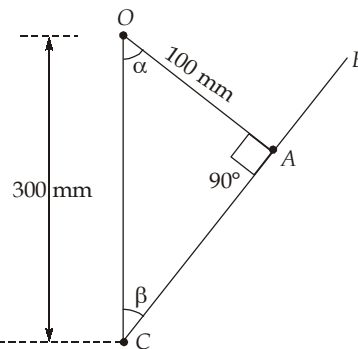
As we know, $(m_n)_G = m \cos \psi_G$

Module in the normal plane,

$$m = \frac{(m_n)_G}{\cos \psi_G} = \frac{2.5}{\cos 25^\circ} = 2.758 \text{ mm}$$

13. (d)

As per configuration,

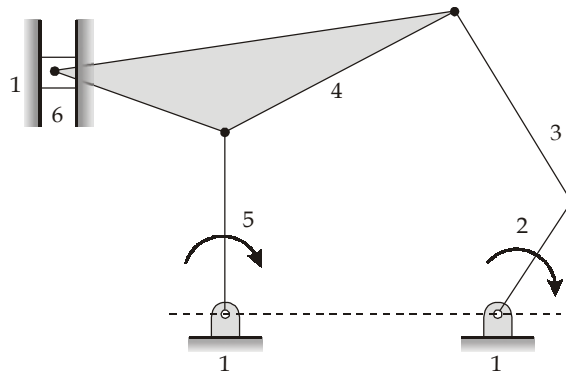


$$\cos \alpha = \frac{OA}{OC} = \frac{100}{300}$$

$$\alpha = 70.528^\circ$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Quick return ratio} &= \frac{\text{Angle turned by crank during forward stroke}}{\text{Angle turned by crank during return stroke}} \\ &= \frac{360^\circ - 2\alpha}{2\alpha} = \frac{360^\circ - 2 \times 70.528^\circ}{2 \times 70.528^\circ} = 1.55 \end{aligned}$$

14. (a)



Given:

$$l = 6, j = 7, h = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{DOF} &= 3(l - 1) - 2j - h - Fr \\ &= 3(6 - 1) - 2 \times 7 - 0 - 0 = 15 - 14 \\ \text{DOF} &= 1\end{aligned}$$

15. (b)

As per given information

$$\text{Arc of contact} = \frac{\text{Path of contact}}{\cos \phi}$$

$$\text{Path of contact} = \text{Arc of contact} \times \cos \phi$$

$$2 \left(\sqrt{(R_a)^2 - (R \cos \phi)^2} - R \sin \phi \right) = 2 \times 2.54 \times \cos 20^\circ \quad \dots (i)$$

$$\text{Circular pitch} = 2.54 = \frac{\pi \times D}{T} = \frac{\pi \times 2R}{30}$$

$$R = 12.127 \text{ cm}$$

From equation (i)

$$(R_a)^2 - (12.127 \cos 20^\circ)^2 = (2.54 \cos 20^\circ + 12.127 \sin 20^\circ)^2$$

$$R_a^2 = (12.127 \cos 20^\circ)^2 + 42.702$$

$$R + \text{Addendum} = 13.136 \text{ cm}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Addendum} &= (13.136 - 12.127) \text{ cm} \\ &= 1.009 \text{ cm}\end{aligned}$$

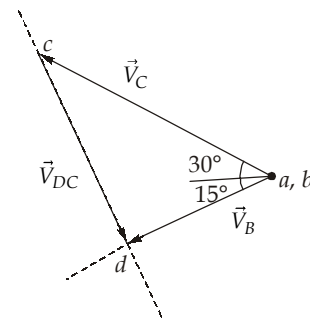
16. (b)

Drawing velocity diagram,

From geometry, $\angle dca = \angle cad = 45^\circ$

$$\begin{aligned}|\vec{V}_C| &= \omega_2 AC = 4 \times 15 \text{ cm/s} \\ &= 60 \text{ cm/s} = 0.6 \text{ m/s}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Velocity of slider wrt link 4} &= |\vec{V}_{CD}| = |\vec{V}_{DC}| = |\vec{V}_C| \sin 45^\circ \\ &= \frac{0.6}{\sqrt{2}} = 0.424 \text{ m/s}\end{aligned}$$



17. (a)

Using Energy Method:

The liquid column is displaced from equilibrium position by a distance x . if ρ and A are the density of liquid and cross-section area respectively, then the mass of the liquid column is $\rho A l$,

$$\text{KE} = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}^2 = \frac{1}{2} (\rho A l) \dot{x}^2$$

$$\text{PE} = mgx = \rho A g x^2 = \rho A g x^2$$

Total energy of system is constant,

$$\frac{1}{2} \rho A l \dot{x}^2 + \rho A g x^2 = C$$

Differentiating w.r.t. time,

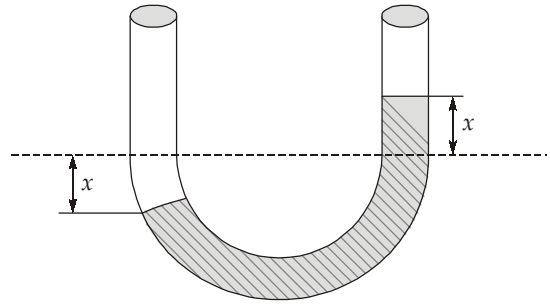
$$\rho A l \dot{x} \ddot{x} + 2\rho A g x \dot{x} = 0$$

$$l \ddot{x} + 2gx = 0$$

So,

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{2g}{l}} \text{ rad/s}$$

$$f_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 10}{0.16}} = 1.779 \text{ Hz}$$



18. (c)

ψ = Helix angle

λ = Lead angle

$$\lambda + \psi = 90^\circ$$

Lead angle, $\lambda = 20^\circ$

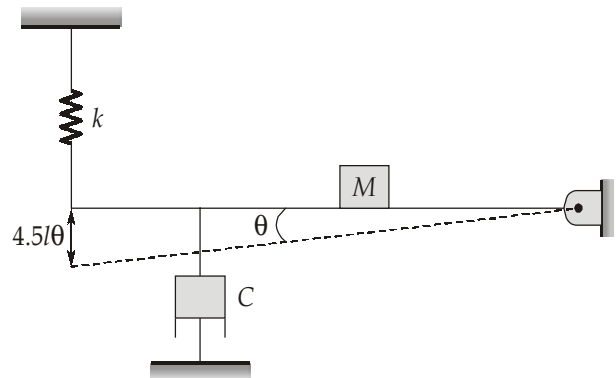
$$\text{Gear ratio} = \frac{T_G}{T_W} = \frac{15}{1} = \frac{\text{Number of teeth on worm gear}}{\text{Number of start thread on worm}}$$

$$T_W = \text{Triple start thread worm} = 3$$

$$T_G = 15 \times T_W = 15 \times 3 = 45$$

19. (a)

For very small deflection



$$\text{Spring torque} = k(4.5l)^2 \theta = 20.25 k \theta l^2$$

$$\text{dashpot torque} = c(3.5l)^2 \dot{\theta} = 12.25 c \dot{\theta} l^2$$

$$\text{Inertia torque} = m(2l)^2 \ddot{\theta} = 4m \ddot{\theta} l^2$$

from De Alembert's principle,

$$4m \ddot{\theta} l^2 + 12.25 c \dot{\theta} l^2 + 20.25 k \theta l^2 = 0$$

$$m \ddot{\theta} + 3.0625 c \dot{\theta} + 5.0625 k \theta = 0$$

20. (b)

From the torque equation about 'O'

$$I\ddot{\theta} + k_t\theta - W \cdot a \sin\theta = 0$$

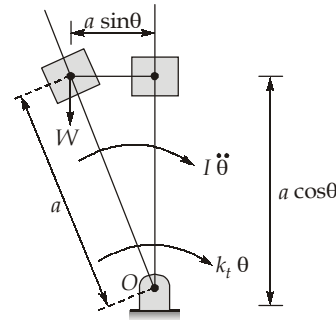
For small displacement

$$I\ddot{\theta} + k_t\theta - W \cdot a\theta = 0$$

$$\frac{W}{g} a^2 \ddot{\theta} + (k_t - W \cdot a)\theta = 0$$

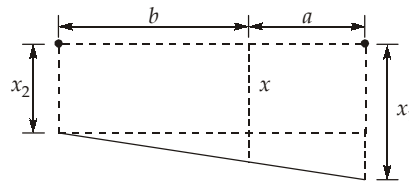
$$\ddot{\theta} + \frac{(k_t - W \cdot a)\theta}{\frac{W}{g} a^2} = 0$$

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{g}{a^2 \cdot W} (k_t - W \cdot a)} = \sqrt{\frac{g}{a} \left[\frac{k_t}{W \cdot a} - 1 \right]}$$



21. (a)

As per given configuration,

After application of force, spring '2' deflect 'x₂' and spring '1' deflect 'x₁'.

From similar triangle property,

$$x = \frac{bx_1}{(a+b)} + \frac{ax_2}{(a+b)} \quad \dots (i)$$

If F_1 is the force acting on spring '1' and F_2 is the force acting on spring '2',

$$F = F_1 + F_2$$

$$F_2 \times b = F_1 \times a$$

$$F_1 = \frac{bF}{a+b} \Rightarrow x_1 = \frac{F_1}{k_1} = \frac{bF}{k_1(a+b)} \quad \dots (ii)$$

$$F_2 = \frac{aF}{a+b} \Rightarrow x_2 = \frac{F_2}{k_2} = \frac{aF}{k_2(a+b)} \quad \dots (iii)$$

$$\text{From (i), (ii) and (iii)} \quad x = \frac{F}{(a+b)^2} \left[\frac{k_2 b^2 + k_1 a^2}{k_1 k_2} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad k_e = \frac{F}{x} = \frac{k_1 k_2 (a+b)^2}{k_2 b^2 + k_1 a^2}$$

22. (c)

As per given information

$$F_r = \frac{1}{3} F_n$$

As we know, $F_r = F_n \sin \phi$

$$\sin \phi = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\phi = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = 19.47^\circ$$

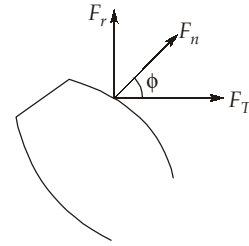
$$A \times m = 0.8m$$

$$A = 0.8$$

When pinion gears with rack, $A_R = 0.8$

$$t_{\min} = \frac{2A_R}{\sin^2 \phi} = \frac{2 \times 0.8}{(\sin 19.47^\circ)^2}$$

$$t_{\min} = 14.40 \approx 15$$



23. (a)

As per given information,

Longitudinal vibration,

$$\delta_{\text{static}} = \frac{MgL}{AE} = \frac{300 \times 9.81 \times 0.9}{\frac{\pi}{4}(0.1)^2 \times 200 \times 10^9} = 1.686 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}$$

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{g}{\delta_{\text{static}}}} = \sqrt{\frac{9.81}{1.686 \times 10^{-6}}} = 2412.004 \text{ rad/s}$$

For transverse vibration,

$$\delta_{\text{static}} = \frac{WL^3}{3EI} = \frac{300 \times 9.81 \times 0.9^3}{3 \times 200 \times 10^9 \times \frac{\pi}{64}(0.1)^4}$$

$$= 7.28 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}$$

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{g}{\delta_{\text{static}}}} = \sqrt{\frac{9.81}{7.28 \times 10^{-4}}} = 116.047 \text{ rad/s}$$

Therefore, (Frequency)_{longitudinal} > (Frequency)_{transverse} is correct.

24. (a)

Given data:

Mass of vehicle, $m = 300 \text{ kg}$

Velocity of vehicle, $V = 108 \text{ km/hr}$

$$= \frac{108 \times 1000}{3600} \text{ m/s} = 30 \text{ m/s}$$

Wavelength, $\lambda = 6.9 \text{ m}$

Time taken to cover one wavelength distance, $t = \frac{\lambda}{V}$

$$t = \frac{6.9}{30} = 0.23 \text{ s}$$

Frequency for one revolution, $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{t} = \frac{2\pi}{0.23} = 27.318 \text{ rad/s}$

We know that,

Natural frequency for spring mass system, $\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$.

For resonance to occur, $\omega = \omega_n$

$$27.318 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

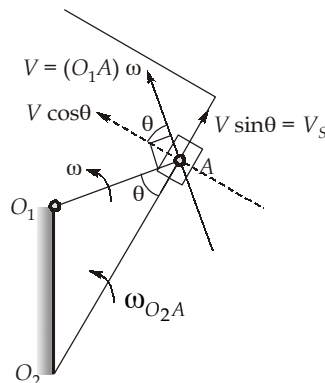
$$(27.318)^2 = \frac{k}{300}$$

$$k = 223885.166 \text{ N/m}$$

$$= 0.224 \text{ MN/m}$$

25. (b)

Given: $\omega = 1.85 \text{ rad/s}^2$, $O_1O_2 = 500 \text{ mm}$, $O_1A = 400 \text{ mm}$, $O_2A = 800 \text{ mm}$



By cosine rule,

$$\cos \theta = \frac{O_1A^2 + O_2A^2 - O_1O_2^2}{2O_1A \times O_2A} = \frac{400^2 + 800^2 - 500^2}{2 \times 400 \times 800} = 0.86$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}(0.86) = 30.75^\circ,$$

$$\theta = 30.75^\circ$$

$$\text{Velocity, } V = (O_1A)\omega = 0.400 \times 1.85 = 0.74 \text{ m/s}$$

Coriolis acceleration, $a_c = 2V_s \omega_{O_2A}$
 where, $V_s = \text{Velocity of slider along link } O_2A = V \sin \theta$

$$\omega_{O_2A} = \text{Angular velocity of link } O_2A = \frac{V \cos \theta}{O_2A}$$

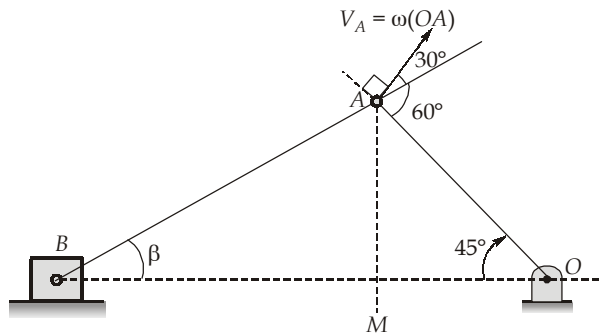
$$\therefore a_c = 2V_s \omega_{O_2A} = 2 \times V \sin \theta \times \frac{V \cos \theta}{O_2A}$$

$$= \frac{V^2 (2 \sin \theta \cos \theta)}{O_2 A} = \frac{V^2 \sin 2\theta}{O_2 A}$$

$$= \frac{0.74^2 \sin(2 \times 30.75)}{0.800} = 0.60155 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$\therefore a_c = 601.55 \text{ mm/s}^2$$

26. (d)



Given: $N = 60 \text{ rpm}, \quad OA = 8\sqrt{2} \text{ cm}, \quad AB = 30.9 \text{ cm}$

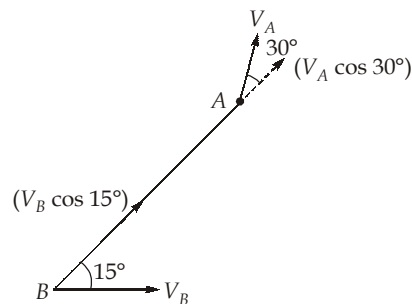
$$\omega = \frac{2\pi N}{60} = \frac{2 \times \pi \times 60}{60} = 2\pi \text{ rad/s}$$

Now, $AM = OA \sin 45^\circ = AB \sin \beta$

$$\frac{8\sqrt{2} \sin 45^\circ}{30.9} = \sin \beta$$

$$\beta = 15^\circ$$

Treating connecting rod as rigid link. So, there should not be any relative velocity along the link.



$$\therefore V_B \cos 15^\circ = V_A \cos 30^\circ$$

$$V_B = \frac{\omega(OA) \cos 30^\circ}{\cos 15^\circ} = \frac{2\pi \times 8\sqrt{2} \times \cos 30^\circ}{\cos 15^\circ}$$

$$V_B = 63.734 \text{ cm/s}$$

Alternate Method :

$$V_{\text{slider}} = \omega r \left(\sin \theta + \frac{\sin 2\theta}{2n} \right)$$

$$n = \frac{l}{r} = \frac{30.9}{8\sqrt{2}} = 2.73$$

$$V_{\text{slider}} = 2\pi \times 8\sqrt{2} \left(\sin 45^\circ + \frac{\sin(2 \times 45^\circ)}{2 \times 2.731} \right) = 63.28 \text{ cm/s}$$

27. (d)

Given $r = 60 \text{ mm}$, Module, $m = 5 \text{ mm}$

Fractional addendum = 0.8 module,

Addendum = $0.8 \times 5 = 4 \text{ mm}$

$$r_a = r + a = 60 + 4 = 64 \text{ mm}$$

$$a_r = 4 \text{ mm and } \phi = 20^\circ$$

$$\text{Path of contact for rack and pinion arrangement} = \left[\frac{a_r}{\sin \phi} + \sqrt{r_a^2 - r^2 \cos^2 \phi} - r \sin \phi \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Path of contact} &= \frac{4}{\sin 20^\circ} + \sqrt{64^2 - 60^2 \cos^2 20^\circ} - 60 \sin 20^\circ \\ &= 21.458 \text{ mm} \end{aligned}$$

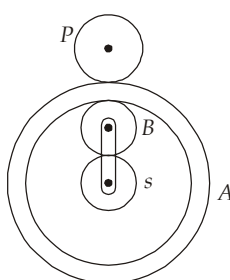
$$\text{Arc of contact} = \frac{\text{Path of contact}}{\cos \phi} = \frac{21.458}{\cos 20^\circ} = 22.835 \text{ mm}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Contact ratio} &= \frac{\text{Arc of contact}}{\text{Circular pitch}(P_c)} = \frac{22.835}{\pi m} \quad \left[P_c = \frac{\pi D}{t} = \pi m \right] \\ &= \frac{22.835}{\pi \times 5} = 1.453 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Contact ratio} = 1.45$$

28. (c)

$$\text{Given: } T_S = \frac{T_A}{4}, N_S = 400 \text{ rpm}, N_P = 600 \text{ rpm}, N_a = -40 \text{ rpm}$$



Action	arm 'a'	S	B	A	P
arm 'a' fixed + 1 rev to S	0	+1	$-\frac{T_S}{T_B}$	$-\frac{T_S}{T_B} \times \frac{T_B}{(T_{\text{int}})_A}$	$+\frac{T_S}{T_B} \times \frac{T_B}{(T_{\text{int}})_A} \times \frac{(T_{\text{ext}})_A}{T_P}$
arm 'a' fixed + x rev to S	0	x	$-\frac{T_S}{T_B} x$	$-\frac{T_S}{(T_{\text{int}})_A} x$	$+\frac{T_S}{T_P} \times \frac{(T_{\text{ext}})_A}{(T_{\text{int}})_A} x$
All given y rev	y	y + x	$y - \frac{T_S}{T_B} x$	$y - \frac{T_S}{(T_{\text{int}})_A} x$	$y + \frac{T_S}{T_P} \times \frac{(T_{\text{ext}})_A}{(T_{\text{int}})_A} x$

then,

$$N_S = y + x = 400 \text{ rpm,}$$

$$N_a = y = -40 \text{ rpm}$$

$$x = 440 \text{ rpm}$$

$$N_P = y + \frac{T_S}{T_P} \times x = 600 \text{ rpm} \quad [(T_{\text{ext}})_A = (T_{\text{int}})_A]$$

$$-40 + \frac{T_S}{T_P} \times 440 = 600$$

$$\frac{T_S}{T_P} = \frac{640}{440} = 1.45$$

29. (a)

$$e^2 + s_{\text{max}}^2 = OB^2$$

$$OB = \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2} = 5 \text{ cm}$$

$$OB = OA + AB = 5 \text{ cm}$$

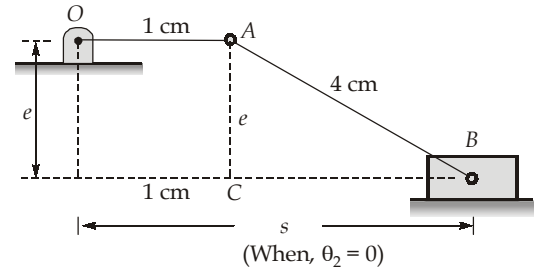
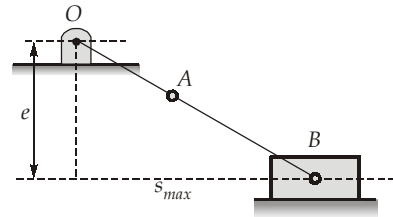
$$\therefore AB = 4 \text{ cm (Given } OA = 1 \text{ cm)}$$

$$\text{For, } \theta_2 = 0$$

$$AC^2 + BC^2 = AB^2$$

$$BC = \sqrt{4^2 - 3^2} = \sqrt{7}$$

$$(s)_{\theta_2=0} = 1 + \sqrt{7} = 3.64 \text{ cm}$$



30. (c)

For the given gear train speed ratio can be written as.

$$\text{Speed ratio} = \frac{\left(\text{Product of the number of teeth on driven} \right)}{\left(\text{Product of the number of teeth on driver} \right)}$$

$$\frac{\omega_2}{\omega_8} = \frac{T_3 \times T_5 \times T_6 \times T_8}{T_2 \times T_4 \times T_5 \times T_7}$$

$$S.R = \frac{T_3 \times T_6 \times T_8}{T_2 \times T_4 \times T_7}$$

Therefore, speed ratio is independent from gear, 5.

So idler gear is gear 5.

