

**Assignment 4: Response of SDF systems to an arbitrary dynamic force**

**Question 1:**

Consider the following SDF system with  $m = 2000 \text{ Kg}$ ,  $k = 800,000 \text{ N/m}$  and  $\xi = 0.027$  subjected to a dynamic loading  $p(t)$  as shown in Figure 1 (b).

The loading function  $p(t)$  is a half sine pulse as shown below.

$$p(t) = \begin{cases} p_o \sin(\pi t/t_d) & \text{for } t < t_d \\ 0 & \text{for } t \geq t_d \end{cases}$$

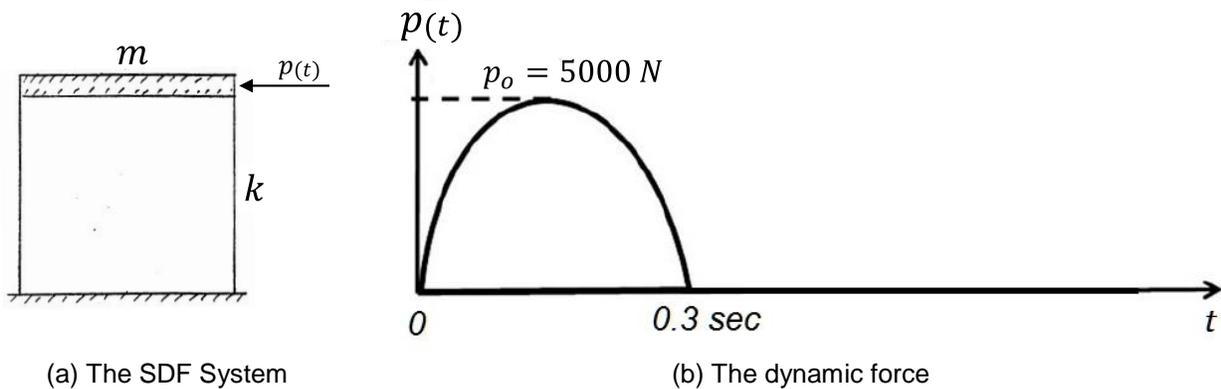


Figure 1: An SDF system subjected to a half sine pulse force

Consider the at-rest initial conditions.

$$t_d = 0.3 \text{ sec and } p_o = 5000 \text{ N}$$

**Task 1:** Construct a computer model of this simple structure using ETABS or SAP 2000. Subject the model to a the dynamic force shown in Figure 1. Analyze the model and determine the forced vibration response of system under this force.

Plot the displacement response for  $0 \leq t \leq 2 \text{ sec}$  and also determine the maximum response.

**Task 2:** Determine the displacement response of the given system using any one of the following two options.

Option 1 (Analytical Approach):

Consider this loading as an impulse loading.

Divide the response into two phases. Determine the particular solution for phase 1 (i.e. loading phase) and determine the homogeneous solution as free vibration response. Plot the response together in both phases. The maximum displacement response can be in any phase (phase 1 or phase 2).

Option 2 (Numerical Approach):

In this approach, you again have two choices, i.e. (a) use “Duhamel’s integral” (with numerical integration solution) or, (b) use the “Step-by-step Direct Integration” method.

Determine the displacement response using any of the above approach and compare the results with those obtained from computer software.