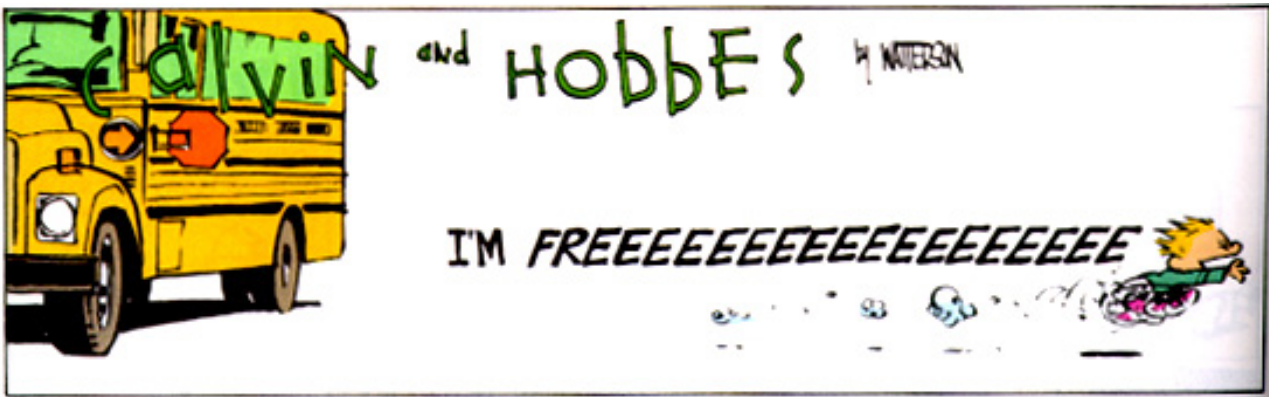


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**Final.1 (2 pts.)** Class participation. Fill in the blanks.

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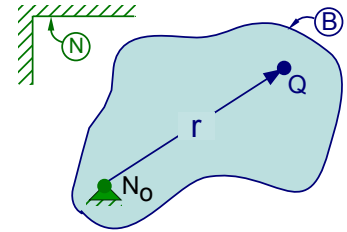
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**Final.2 (13 pts.) Miscellaneous**

(a) **(3 pts.)** The equation  $\mathbf{M} = I\boldsymbol{\alpha}$  is useful for analyzing three-dimensional rotational motions of a rigid body. **True/False**

(b) **(4 pts.)**

Points  $N_o$  and  $Q$  are fixed on rigid body  $B$ . Point  $N_o$  is also fixed in reference frame  $N$ . Show that  ${}^N\mathbf{v}^Q$  (the velocity of  $Q$  in  $N$ ) can be written in terms of  ${}^N\boldsymbol{\omega}^B$  (the angular velocity of  $B$  in  $N$ ) and  $\mathbf{r}$  (the position vector from  $N_o$  to  $Q$ ). Explain each step in your mathematical proof with a brief phrase.

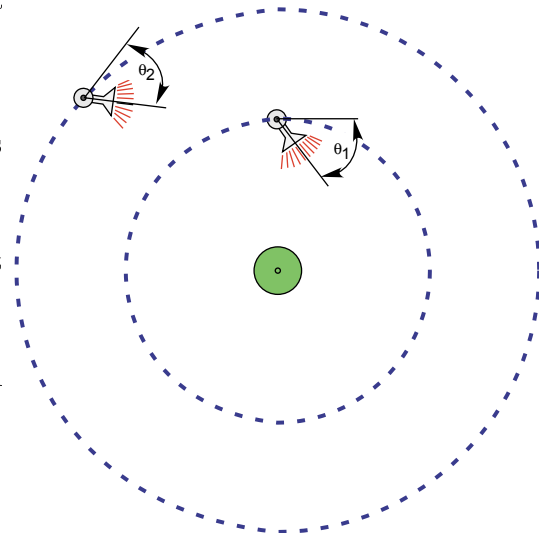


Mathematical statement	Reasoning
${}^N\mathbf{v}^Q \triangleq$	Definition of velocity of $Q$ in $N$

(c) **(4 pts.) Minimum fuel-use orbit transfer**

To thrust a satellite from low circular orbit about Earth to a higher circular orbit, an impulse is provided at two instants. The first impulse can be directed radially outward, tangent to the satellite's circular orbit, or directed at some angle  $\theta_1$  from the satellite's orbital tangent. The second impulse is applied at apogee (when the satellite is furthest from Earth) and is directed at an angle  $\theta_2$  from the orbital tangent.

The first impulse puts the satellite into an elliptical orbit and the second changes the orbit from elliptical to circular. Using your engineering insights, provide values for  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  that minimize the amount of fuel required for this orbital transfer. Explain your reason for choosing these values.



**Result:**

$$\theta_1 = \quad^\circ \qquad \theta_2 = \quad^\circ$$

**Reason:**

(d) **(2 pts.)** Put the following functions into amplitude/phase form by filling in the phase.<sup>40</sup>

$$-\sin(2t) = \sin(2t + \quad)$$

$$-\cos(2t) = \sin(2t + \quad)$$

<sup>40</sup>In amplitude/phase form, the amplitude is non-negative.

**Final.3 (17 pts.) Finding mass, damping, and spring constants to meet design specifications**

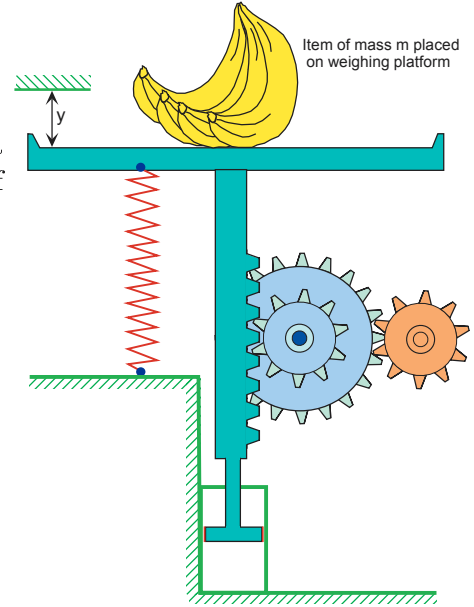
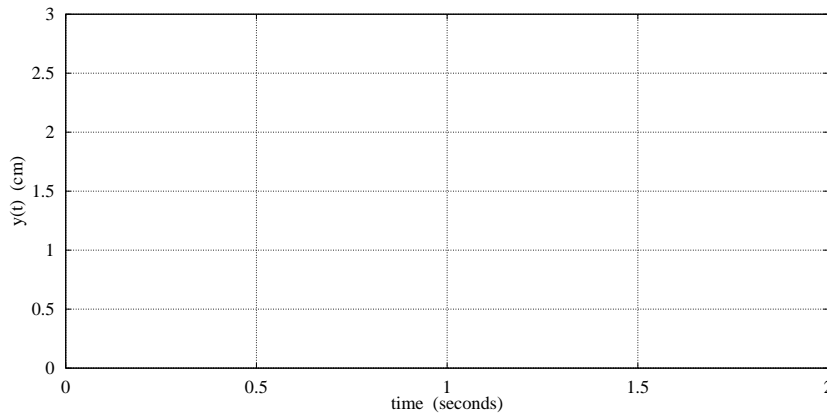
One task an engineer performs is sizing springs, dampers, etc., to meet design specifications. Knowing that the equation governing the deflection  $y(t)$  for the spring scale shown to the right is

$$(m+m_e)\ddot{y} + b_e\dot{y} + k_e y = 9.8 m$$

determine numerical values for  $m_e$ ,  $b_e$ , and  $k_e$  so that

- the scale deflects  $y=2$  cm when  $m=10$  kg
- the scale settles to 1% of its final value within 2 seconds
- the maximum overshoot of  $y(t)$  from its final value is 50%

To ensure you understand the design specifications, first make a *rough* sketch of  $y(t)$  for  $0 \leq t \leq 2$  sec and clearly identify each of the design specifications on the graph. Assume  $y(0)=0$  and  $\dot{y}(0)=0$ . (5 pts.)

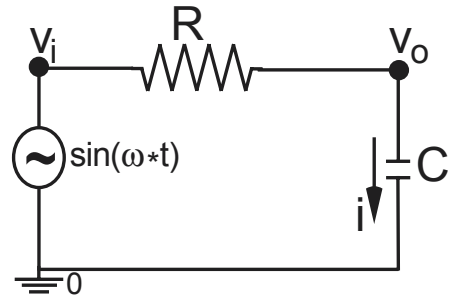


(12 pts.) **Result:**

$m_e$	$b_e$	$k_e$
kg	$\frac{n \cdot \text{sec}}{m}$	$\frac{n}{m}$

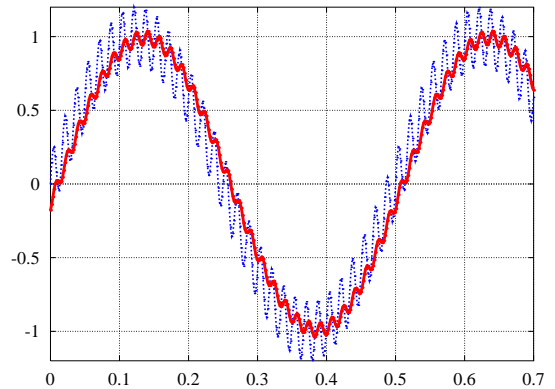
**Final.4 (10 pts.) Design of a low-pass filter**

The electrical circuit to the right is an RC (resistor-capacitor) circuit that acts as a filter. The input voltage signal  $v_i$  is a known (specified) function of time  $t$ , and the output quantity of interest is  $v_o(t)$ , the voltage across the capacitor.



The input signal  $v_i$  comes from a sensor that is “noisy” because it transmits ambient 60 Hz frequencies which need to be filtered out. In other words, the sensor transmits a signal such as the thin dotted-line shown to the right.

Knowing that  $C=1$ milliFarad, find a value for  $R$  so that the filter’s bandwidth is 15 Hz and the output signal  $v_o(t)$  looks like the thick solid-line shown to the right

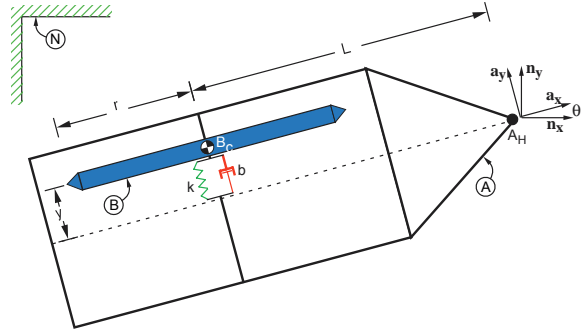


**Result:**

$R =$  Ohms

**Final.5 (22 pts.) Linearization, state-space, and stability of a single-wheel trailer**

Although it is well known that single-wheel trailers sometimes behave poorly, it is not always clear why they do so. One possibility is that tire flexibility and loose wheel mounting give rise to unstable behavior. To explore this concept, the following identifiers are useful.



Quantity	Identifier	Type
Distance from $A_H$ (hitch point) to the wheel's axle	$L$	constant
Wheel radius	$r$	constant
Linear spring constant modeling tire flexibility	$k$	constant
Linear damping constant modeling tire flexibility	$b$	constant
Mass of $B$	$m$	constant
Moment of inertia of $A$ about $A_H$ for $\mathbf{a}_z$	$I^A$	constant
Moment of inertia of $B$ about $B_c$ for $\mathbf{a}_y$	$I^B$	constant
Moment of inertia of $B$ about $B_c$ for <i>any</i> line perpendicular to $\mathbf{a}_y$	$J^B$	constant
$\mathbf{n}_x$ measure of the velocity of $A_H$ in $N$	$v$	constant
Angle between $\mathbf{n}_x$ and $\mathbf{a}_x$	$\theta$	dependent variable
Distance between $B_c$ and the line parallel to $\mathbf{a}_x$ that passes through $A_H$	$y$	dependent variable
Time	$t$	independent variable

The equations governing this system's motion can be written in terms of  $z_1 \triangleq m + \frac{I^B}{r^2}$  as

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{y} - v \sin(\theta) - L \dot{\theta} &= 0 \\ (I^A + J^B + z_1 y^2) \ddot{\theta} + L z_1 y \dot{\theta}^2 + [b L^2 + 2 V z_1 y \sin(\theta)] \dot{\theta} + L [k y + b V \sin(\theta)] &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

- (a) **(4 pts.)** Assuming  $y$ ,  $\theta$ , and  $\dot{\theta}$  are small, linearize the nonlinear differential equations.  
**Result:**

$$\begin{aligned} &= 0 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) **(3 pts.)** After solving the last equation for  $\ddot{\theta}$ , cast the previous set of equations into the state-space form  $\dot{Y} = AY$  where  $Y \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} y \\ \theta \\ \dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix}$ , and find each element of  $A$ .

**Result:**

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{y} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \ddot{\theta} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y \\ \theta \\ \dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix}$$

- (c) **(12 pts.)** The solution to the previous set of equations has the form  $Y(t)=U * e^{\lambda t}$  where  $\lambda$  is a constant and  $U$  is a *non-zero*  $3 \times 1$  matrix of constants. Find the polynomial equation which governs the value of  $\lambda$ .

**Result:**

$$\lambda^3 + \underline{\hspace{2cm}} * \lambda^2 + \underline{\hspace{2cm}} * \lambda + \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = 0$$

- (d) **(3 pts.)** For a certain trailer, the polynomial equation governing  $\lambda$  is

$$\lambda^3 + 5.06 \lambda^2 + (50.6 + 3.4 * v) \lambda + 33.7 * v = 0$$

How does one determine the values of  $v$  which result in an unstable trailer motion?

**Result:**