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ABSTRACT

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INTRODUCTION

The response of circular plates to noncentral forces has not been studied extensively in the past. The deformation of circular plates statically loaded off center has been discussed, for example, in Refs. 1-11. The response of a circular plate when transiently loaded off center has been addressed in Ref. 12. The response of circular plates to noncentral vibratory forces has been considered in Refs. 13-17, which represent a relatively small number of articles as compared to those concerned with the vibration response of centrally driven circular plates.

I. SOLUTION TO THE THIN-PLATE EQUATION

The solution to the thin-plate equation yields the following equation for the transverse deflection $\ddot{\xi}_k$ of the plate in its $k$th mode of vibration:

$$\ddot{\xi}_k = \sum_{k=0,1,2,...} \left( A_k \cos k\theta + B_k \sin k\theta \right) \left[ P_k^* J_k(n^r) + Q_k^* Y_k(n^r) + R_k^* I_k(n^r) + S_k^* K_k(n^r) \right] e^{j\omega t},$$

and, when the origin of the polar coordinates is taken as the radial line passing through the point of excitation of the noncentral force (because a solution is required that is symmetrical with respect to this radial line) it is possible to write

$$\ddot{\xi}_k = \sum_{k=0,1,2,...} \cos k\theta \left[ P_k^* J_k(n^r) + Q_k^* Y_k(n^r) + R_k^* I_k(n^r) + S_k^* K_k(n^r) \right] e^{j\omega t}.$$
Here, \( t \) is time and \( \omega \) is angular frequency, hereafter known simply as frequency. Symbols with superior tildes denote sinusoidally varying quantities, symbols with a star superscript denote complex quantities. The ordinary and modified Bessel functions of the first and second kinds have the complex argument \((n^*r)\) where \( r \) is the radius of the arbitrary point to which the noncentral force is applied (Fig. 1), and \( n^* \) is the plate wavenumber given by the equation

\[
\frac{1}{n^*} = [1 - (\nu^*)^2]/(1 - \nu^2)(1 + j\delta_{E\omega})^{1/4},
\]

where

\[
n^4 = \omega^2 \rho(1 - \nu^2)/(\rho E^*/\omega^2 G^*)
\]

and

\[
[1 - (\nu^*)^2] = (E^*/G^*) [1 - (E^*/4G^*)]
\]

In Eq. (1), \( A_k \) and \( B_k \) are arbitrary real constants, and \( P_k^*, Q_k^*, R_k^*, \) and \( S_k^* \) are arbitrary complex constants, where \( Q_k^* \) and \( S_k^* \) are zero for a plate that is complete to the center because \( Y_k \) and \( K_k \) exhibit singularities as \( (n^*r) \to 0 \). In Eqs. (3) - (5), \( \rho \) is the density of the plate, \( a \) is its radius, \( r_g \) is the radius of gyration of its cross section, and \( \nu^* \) is its complex Poisson's ratio; \( E^*_\omega \) and \( G^*_\omega \) are the complex Young's and shear moduli of the plate material.

If their associated damping factors are equal, as can realistically be assumed,\(^{18,19}\) then \( \nu^* = \nu \), a real quantity. Further, if it is assumed that the frequency dependence of \( E^*_\omega \) and \( G^*_\omega \) and their associated damping factors is negligible (damping of the solid type or hysteretic damping\(^ {18}\)), then

\[
(n^*a) = (na)/(1 + j\delta_E)^{1/4} = (p + jq)
\]

where
\[ p, q = \pm (na) \left[ \frac{1}{2 \sqrt{D_E}} + \frac{(1 + D_E)^{1/2}}{2 \sqrt{2} D_E} \right] \]

in this equation,

\[ D_E = (1 + \delta_E^2)^{1/2} \]

where \( \delta_E \) is the Young's modulus damping factor.

For the mode of order \( k \) it is possible to write the following:

\textbf{Plate Slope}

\[ \frac{\partial \tilde{t}_k}{\partial r} = - n^* \cos k \phi \left\{ p_k^* \left( J_{(k+1)} - T^* J_k \right) + Q_k^* \left( Y_{(k+1)} - T^* Y_k \right) - R_k^* \left[ I_{(k+1)} + T^* I_k \right]_k \right\} \]

\[ + \frac{s_{k}}{k^* \kappa^* (n r)} \left( T^* K_k \right) e^{j \omega t} \]

where the argument of the Bessel functions is \((n r)\), and

\[ T^* = k/(n r) \]

\textbf{Bending Moment/Unit Arc Length}

\[ B_k(r) = - D \left( n^* \right)^2 \cos k \phi \left\{ p_k^* \left[ J_{r(k+1)} - \alpha^* J_k \right] + Q_k^* \left[ Y_{r(k+1)} - \alpha^* Y_k \right] - R_k^* \left[ I_{r(k+1)} - \varepsilon^* I_k \right] \right\} \]

\[ + \frac{s_{k}}{R \left[ J_{r(k+1)} + \varepsilon^* K_k \right] (n r)} e^{j \omega t} \]

where

\[ \alpha^* = (1 - \Gamma^*) \]
\[ \epsilon^* = (1 + r^*) , \]  
(13)

\[ \phi_r^* = (1 - v)/(n^* r) , \]  
(14)

and

\[ \Gamma^* = k(k-1) \phi_r^*/(n^* r) . \]  
(15)

Shearing Force/Unit Arc Length

\[ F_k(r) = - D^* (n^*)^3 \cos k\theta \left\{ P_k^*[J_{k+1} - T_r^* J_k] + Q_k^*[Y_{k+1} - T_r^* Y_k] + R_k^*[I_{k+1} - T_r^* I_k] \right\} \]

\[ - S_k^*[T_{k+1} - T_r^* T_k] \} \quad (n^* r) \quad e^{i\omega t} . \]  
(16)

Shearing Force/Unit Arc Length at the Plate Boundary

\[ [F_k(r) - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial F_k(r)}{\partial r} (r, \theta)] = - D^* (n^*)^3 \cos k\theta \left\{ P_k^*[J_{k+1} - T_r^* J_k] + Q_k^*[Y_{k+1} - T_r^* Y_k] \right\} \]

\[ + Q_k^*[Y_{k+1} - T_r^* Y_k] \quad (n^* r) \quad e^{i\omega t} , \]  
(17)

where, in Eqs. (11), (16), and (17),

\[ D^* = dE \frac{r^2}{(1 - v^2)} \]  
(18)

in which \( d \) is the plate thickness and the radius of gyration \( r_g = d/2 \sqrt{3} \).
Finally, the impressed force/unit arc length at the radius \( r = b = \mu a \) and angular location \( \theta \) is conveniently represented by the following Fourier series:

\[
\tilde{F}(\theta) = \frac{F_0}{2\pi b} \left[ 1 + 2 \sum_{k=1,2,3,...}^{\infty} \cos k\theta \right],
\]

where \( F_0 \) is the concentrated (discrete) impressed force.

II. Force Transmissibility to the Plate Boundary

By considering the plate as two plates--a central plate plus a surrounding annular plate--that are joined together with continuity of displacement, slope, and bending moment at the same radius \( r = b = \mu a \) as that to which the force is applied, and by considering the sum of the shearing force/unit arc length around the outer perimeter of the inner circular plate, and the shearing force/unit arc length around the inner perimeter of the outer annular plate, to be equal to the force specified by Eq. (19), by equating the displacement and slope of the plate to zero where it is clamped around its outer boundary, and by writing down the force that is transmitted to the outer plate boundary where \( r = a \), then it is possible to write down six equations for the six complex constants for the entire plate (two for the inner circular plate and four for the outer annular plate). When these equations are solved for, it is possible to write down the following expression for the force transmissibility to the plate boundary:

\[
T = \frac{1}{\mu} \left| \frac{(\text{NUM.})}{(\text{DEN.})} \right|,
\]

(20)
where

\[
(NUM.) = \left\{ \begin{array}{c}
((J_{\mu} - T_{\mu}) I_{\mu o} (\phi_{\mu} I_{1,\mu} - \varepsilon I_{\mu o})) - (\phi_{\mu} J_{\mu} - \alpha J_{\mu o}) (I_{1,\mu} + T_{\mu} I_{\mu o}) \right\} [J_{1} Y_{o} (I_{o,1} + K_{o} I_{1}) - J_{1} Y_{o} (I_{o,1} + J_{1} K_{o}) + I_{1} J_{o} (Y_{o,1} - Y_{1,0}) - I_{1} J_{o} (Y_{o,1} + J_{1} K_{o})]

+ I_{1} K_{o} (Y_{o,1} - J_{1} Y_{o}) + \frac{1}{2} I_{1} J_{o} (Y_{o,1} - T_{1} Y_{o}) + K_{o} Y_{o} (I_{o,1} + J_{1} I_{o}) - I_{1} Y_{o} (I_{o,1} + T_{1} K_{o})]

+ [Y_{o} (T_{1} Y_{o}) (\phi_{\mu} I_{1,\mu} + \varepsilon I_{\mu o}) - (\phi_{\mu} Y_{1,\mu} + \alpha Y_{\mu o}) (I_{1,\mu} + T_{1} I_{\mu o})] [-J_{1} I_{o} Y_{o} (K_{1} - T_{1} K_{o}) - J_{1} K_{o} J_{1} I_{o} (I_{1} + T_{1} I_{o})]

+ [I_{o} (J_{1} - T_{1} J_{o}) - K_{1} I_{o} (I_{1} + T_{1} I_{o}) - J_{1} K_{1} J_{1} I_{o} (I_{1} + T_{1} K_{o})]

+ \left\{ [\phi_{\mu} I_{1,\mu} + \varepsilon I_{\mu o} (I_{1,\mu} + T_{1} I_{\mu o}) - (K_{1,\mu} - T_{1} K_{o}) (\phi_{\mu} I_{1,\mu} - \varepsilon I_{\mu o})] [-J_{1} I_{o} Y_{o} (I_{o,1} + J_{1} I_{o}) + I_{1} J_{o} (I_{o,1} + J_{1} I_{o})]

+ J_{o} I_{1} (J_{1} Y_{o} - J_{1} Y_{o})]

+ \left\{ [I_{1} I_{o} (I_{1} + T_{1} I_{o}) - \frac{1}{2} I_{1} J_{o} (I_{1} + T_{1} I_{o}) - K_{1} I_{o} (I_{1} + T_{1} I_{o})] [-J_{1} I_{o} Y_{o} (I_{o,1} + J_{1} I_{o}) + I_{1} J_{o} (I_{o,1} + J_{1} I_{o})]

+ I_{1} I_{o} (J_{1} + T_{1} J_{o}) + \frac{1}{2} I_{1} J_{o} (I_{1} + T_{1} I_{o}) - K_{1} I_{o} (I_{1} + T_{1} I_{o})]

+ \left\{ [\phi_{\mu} I_{1,\mu} + \varepsilon K_{1,\mu} I_{1,\mu}] (\phi_{\mu} I_{1,\mu} - \varepsilon I_{\mu o}) (J_{1,\mu} + T_{1} J_{\mu})] \right\} [J_{1} I_{o} Y_{o} (I_{o,1} + J_{1} I_{o}) - Y_{1} I_{o} (J_{o,1} + J_{1} I_{o})]

- I_{1} I_{o} (J_{1} Y_{o} - J_{1} Y_{o})] \right\} (n + a)

and

\[
(DEN.) = \Delta_{o}^* = (Y_{o} + T_{1} Y_{o}) (I_{o,1} + T_{1} I_{o}) (K_{o} [I_{1,\mu} + T_{1} I_{\mu o}] (\phi_{\mu} I_{1,\mu} - \varepsilon I_{\mu o}) - (I_{1,\mu} + T_{1} I_{\mu o}) (\phi_{\mu} I_{1,\mu} - J_{o})]

+ J_{o} \left\{ [\phi_{\mu} I_{1,\mu} + \varepsilon K_{1,\mu} I_{1,\mu}] (I_{1,\mu} + T_{1} I_{\mu o}) - (K_{1,\mu} - T_{1} K_{o}) (\phi_{\mu} I_{1,\mu} - \varepsilon I_{\mu o})] \right\}

+ I_{o} \left\{ [\phi_{\mu} I_{1,\mu} + \varepsilon K_{1,\mu} I_{1,\mu}] (J_{1,\mu} - T_{1} J_{\mu}) - (K_{1,\mu} - T_{1} K_{o}) (\phi_{\mu} I_{1,\mu} - \alpha J_{\mu})] \right\}

\]
In these equations, such terms as $J_{1\mu}$, $I_{1\mu}$, $K_1$, and $Y_0$, etc., represent the Bessel functions $J_{(k+1)(\mu n)}$, $I_{k(\mu n)}$, $K_{(k+1)(n \alpha)}$, and $Y_k(n \alpha)$, etc.; in addition,

$$T = T^* = k/(n \alpha) \quad ,$$

$$T^\mu = T^{*\mu} = k/(\mu n \alpha) \quad ,$$

$$\alpha = \alpha^* \quad ,$$

$$\epsilon = \epsilon^* \quad ,$$

and
\[ \phi_\mu = \phi_\mu^* = (1 - \nu)/(\mu n^* a) \]  \hspace{1cm} (27)

A much more concise expression for transmissibility can be obtained by the principle of reciprocity as the magnitude of the displacement of the plate at the radius \( r = \mu a \) divided by the displacement of the plate boundary \( (r = a) \) when the boundary is vibrated sinusoidally. The simple expression that can be obtained is as follows:

\[
T = \frac{J_1(n^* a)I_0(\mu n^* a) + I_1(n^* a)J_0(\mu n^* a)}{(J_1I_0 + I_1J_0)(n^* a)} \]  \hspace{1cm} (28)

Representative calculations of transmissibility \( T \) are plotted in Figs. 2-6 for values of \( \mu = 0.2, 0.5, 0.75, 0.2548 \) and 0.379; \( \nu = 1/3 \), and \( \delta_E = \delta_G = 0.01, 0.1, \) and 1.0. In these figures, the horizontal axis is \( (na) \)--a real dimensionless quantity that is proportional to the square root of frequency. Only the symmetrical plate modes \( (k = 0) \) contribute to transmissibility. Whereas it is true that all other plate modes are excited by the noncentral force, the net upward and downward transmitted forces that they generate at the clamped plate boundary cancel one another exactly.

The transmissibility curves of Figs. 2-4 \( (\mu = 0.2, 0.5, 0.75) \) exhibit peak values at the symmetrical plate resonances--the extent of the amplification depending on the plate damping, the largest value of which is considered as a hypothetical case since the dynamic Young's and shear moduli associated with such high damping would not be constant, as assumed here, but would increase with frequency. \(^{18}\) In all cases, transmissibility is equal to unity at low frequencies, as should be expected. Also as expected, the appearance of the transmissibility curves when \( \mu = 0.2 \) (Fig. 2) resembles those obtained previously for a centrally driven clamped plate. \(^{20}\) In Fig. 5, where \( \mu = 0.379, \)
the second plate resonance is not excited because the impressed force then
lies on a nodal circle of the mode; rather, in its place a broad region of
attenuation where \( T < 1.0 \) is introduced between bounds that differ in fre-
quency by an approximate factor of 4.5. Again, in Fig. 6, when \( \mu = 0.2548 \),
the third plate resonance is not excited because the impressed force coincides
with a nodal circle of the mode; rather, in its place is a broad region of
attenuation that extends between bounds that differ in frequency by an
approximate factor of 2.7.

Should the plate be driven by two vibratory forces of like magnitude
and phase at two arbitrary points, radii \( \mu_1 a \) and \( \mu_2 a \), then the resultant
force transmissibility is obtained by writing the transmissibility for a
single force in the form

\[
T = \left| (a + jb)_{\mu} \right| ;
\]

so that, for the dual-force excitation, transmissibility is given simply by
the equation

\[
T_{1,2} = \frac{1}{2} \left| (a + jb)_{\mu_1} + (a + jb)_{\mu_2} \right| .
\]

Representative calculations of transmissibility \( T_{1,2} \) for dual-force ex-
citation with the point forces applied at the pairs of radii 0.2944a, 0.490a,
and 0.2547a, 0.583a, are shown in Figs. 7 and 8, respectively. These locations
were chosen judiciously to eliminate evidence of the second and third plate
resonances. Rather, in their place, regions of attenuation have been introduced
between bounds that differ in frequency by the approximate factors of 5.0
(Fig. 7) and 4.0—or, discounting the single peak where \( na = 6.3 \) (Fig. 8) by
a factor of 10.5. In these, and in all subsequent calculations, values of \( k \)
in the range of at least 1-15 were considered.
III. DRIVING-POINT IMPEDANCE AT ARBITRARY LOCATION ON PLATE

The driving-point impedance $Z_\mu$ of the plate at the arbitrary radius $r = \mu a$, when normalized by division by the impedance of a lumped mass equal to the plate mass $M_p$, can be written as

$$
\frac{Z_\mu}{j\omega M_p} = -\frac{1}{\text{DEN.}},
$$

where

$$
\text{DEN.} = \left[ \frac{a^2}{2M_p} \right] \left\{ \frac{2}{\delta_0^*} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\delta_k^*}{\delta_0^*} \right\}.
$$

In Eq. (32), $\delta_k^*$ is given by the equation

$$
\delta_k^* = \{ (Y_{1\mu} - T Y_{1\mu}) (\phi J_{1\mu} - \alpha J_{1\mu}) - (\phi Y_{1\mu} - \alpha Y_{1\mu}) (J_{1\mu} - T J_{1\mu}) \} \left[ \frac{K_{1\mu}}{\mu} + \frac{1}{\mu} \right] - \{ J_{1\mu} (J_{1\mu} + I_{1\mu}) + \frac{1}{\mu} \left( (K_{1\mu} - K_{1\mu}) - J_{1\mu} (1 + K_{1\mu}) \right) \}
$$

$$
+ \{ (\phi K_{1\mu} + eK_{1\mu}) (I_{1\mu} + T I_{1\mu}) \} \left[ \frac{K_{1\mu}}{\mu} + \frac{1}{\mu} \right] - \{ J_{1\mu} (J_{1\mu} + I_{1\mu}) + \frac{1}{\mu} \left( (K_{1\mu} - K_{1\mu}) - J_{1\mu} (1 + K_{1\mu}) \right) \}
$$

$$
+ \{ (\phi Y_{1\mu} - \alpha Y_{1\mu}) (I_{1\mu} + T I_{1\mu}) \} \left[ \frac{K_{1\mu}}{\mu} + \frac{1}{\mu} \right] - \{ J_{1\mu} (J_{1\mu} + I_{1\mu}) + \frac{1}{\mu} \left( (K_{1\mu} - K_{1\mu}) - J_{1\mu} (1 + K_{1\mu}) \right) \}
$$

$$
+ \{ (\phi J_{1\mu} - \alpha J_{1\mu}) (I_{1\mu} + T I_{1\mu}) \} \left[ \frac{K_{1\mu}}{\mu} + \frac{1}{\mu} \right] - \{ J_{1\mu} (J_{1\mu} + I_{1\mu}) + \frac{1}{\mu} \left( (K_{1\mu} - K_{1\mu}) - J_{1\mu} (1 + K_{1\mu}) \right) \}
$$

$$
+ \{ (\phi J_{1\mu} - \alpha J_{1\mu}) (K_{1\mu} - T K_{1\mu}) \} \left[ \frac{K_{1\mu}}{\mu} + \frac{1}{\mu} \right] - \{ J_{1\mu} (J_{1\mu} + I_{1\mu}) + \frac{1}{\mu} \left( (K_{1\mu} - K_{1\mu}) - J_{1\mu} (1 + K_{1\mu}) \right) \}
$$

$$
- \left( \frac{1}{\mu} \right) \left( \frac{1}{\mu} \right) (n^* a) \cos k_0 \theta.
$$
The parameter $\Delta_0^*$ is given by Eq. (22), $E_0^*$ is given by Eq. (33) in which such terms as $Y_{1\mu}$ and $Y_{0\mu}$ representing $Y_{(k+1)(n^*a)}$ and $Y_{k}(n^*a)$ are replaced by $Y_{1}(n^*a)$ and $Y_{0}(n^*a)$, and such terms as $J_{1}$, $I_{1}$ representing $J_{k}(n^*a)$, $I_{(k+1)}(n^*a)$ are replaced by $J_{0}(n^*a)$, $I_{1}(n^*a)$. Again, $\Delta_k^*$ is given by Eq. (22) in which such terms as $Y_{1\mu}$ and $Y_{0\mu}$ now become $Y_{(k+1)(n^*a)}$ and $Y_{k}(n^*a)$ so that, for example, the first term of Eq. (22) should read as follows:

\[
(Y_{(k+1)\mu} - T_{\mu}Y_{k\mu})(n^*a)(I_{(k+1)} + I_{k}J_{(k+1)})(n^*a)
\]

\[
\{K_{k\mu}[(J_{(k+1)\mu} + T_{\mu}J_{k\mu})(\phi_{\mu}I_{(k+1)\mu} - \epsilon I_{k\mu}) - (I_{(k+1)\mu} + T_{\mu}I_{k\mu})(\phi_{\mu}J_{(k+1)\mu} - \alpha J_{k\mu})]
\]

\[
+ J_{k\mu}[(\phi_{\mu}K_{k\mu} + \epsilon K_{k\mu})(I_{(k+1)\mu} + T_{\mu}I_{k\mu}) - (I_{(k+1)\mu} + T_{\mu}I_{k\mu})(\phi_{\mu}I_{(k+1)\mu} - \epsilon I_{k\mu})]
\]

\[
+ I_{k\mu}[(\phi_{\mu}K_{k\mu} + \epsilon K_{k\mu})(J_{(k+1)\mu} + T_{\mu}J_{k\mu}) - (K_{(k+1)\mu} + T_{\mu}I_{k\mu})(\phi_{\mu}J_{(k+1)\mu} - \alpha J_{k\mu})]
\}

(34)

Here, as before, the terms $T_{\mu}$, $\phi_{\mu}$, $\alpha$, and $\epsilon$ are given by Eqs. (24)-(27).

Representative calculations of $|Z_{\mu}/j\omega F|_p$ are plotted in Figs. 9-11 for values of $\mu = 0.2, 0.5, \text{and} 0.75$, $\nu = 1/3$, and $\delta_E = \delta_G = 0.01, 0.1, \text{and} 1.0$. Evidence is now seen of every mode of plate vibration—both symmetrical and nonsymmetrical. At low frequencies, the plate impedance is very large and springlike—so that the normalized impedance diminishes inversely in proportion to $\omega^2$. The impedance alternately exhibits minima (plate resonances) and maxima (plate antiresonances) that lie almost symmetrically about the heavily damped impedance curve for which $\delta_E = \delta_G = 1.0$. 
IV. VIBRATION OF THE MASS-LOADED PLATE

The driving-point impedance $Z_{\mu m}$ and the force transmissibility $T_{\mu m}$ of the plate of Fig. 1 when it is loaded by a mass $M$ at the point of application of the noncentral force follow directly from the foregoing results. Thus, since there must be continuity of motion between $M$ and the plate, it follows that, if the loading mass is $\gamma$ times greater than the plate mass $M_p$,

$$Z_{\mu m} = j\omega M + Z_{\mu}$$

(35)

or

$$\frac{Z_{\mu m}}{j\omega M_p} = \gamma + \frac{Z_{\mu}}{j\omega M_p}$$

(36)

and

$$T_{\mu m} = T_{\mu} \left\{ \frac{(Z_{\mu m}/j\omega M_p)}{\gamma + (Z_{\mu m}/j\omega M_p)} \right\}$$

(37)

Calculations of $T_{\mu m}$ for a value of $\gamma = 1.0$, $\nu = 1/3$, and $\mu = 0.2$, 0.5 and 0.75, are plotted in Figs. 12-14 for values of $\delta_E = \delta_G = 0.01$, 0.1, and 1.0. Now, because the nonsymmetric plate modes are excited due to the presence of the noncentral mass loading, essentially twice the number of resonances are excited than before (Figs. 2-4).

Companion plots of the normalized driving-point impedance $|Z_{\mu m}/j\omega M_p|$ are presented in Figs. 15-17. Again, essentially twice the number of resonances (minima of impedance, maxima of transmissibility) are observed. Notice how, in all these figures (Figs. 12-17), the plate resonances are shifted to lower frequencies by the mass loading (such a shift is always observed when a structure is mass loaded$^{18,20}$); and how, at low frequencies, the plate impedance
remains springlike in character. Also notice that the normalized impedances of the plate at higher frequencies exhibit only limited fluctuations about the value unity; this is to say, the impressed force is primarily presented with the impedance of the loading mass—the impedance of the plate being negligible by comparison.

V. VIBRATION OF A PLATE DRIVEN OFF CENTER AT A POINT TO WHICH A DYNAMIC VIBRATION ABSORBER IS ATTACHED

In this situation, the force transmissibility $T_a$ to the plate boundary can be written as

$$T_a = T_{\mu} \frac{(Z_{\mu}/j\omega M_p)}{[\Psi^* + (Z_{\mu}/j\omega M_p)]}$$

(38)

where $T_{\mu}$ and $(Z_{\mu}/j\omega M_p)$ are the force transmissibility and the normalized driving-point impedance of the plate at the driving point located at the arbitrary distance $\mu a$ from the plate center. The complex parameter $\Psi^*$ is given by the relatively simple equation

$$\Psi^* = \frac{\gamma_a [1 + 2j(\omega_m/\omega_a)\Omega a_m R_m]}{[1 - (\omega_m/\omega_a)^2\Omega^2 + 2j(\omega_m/\omega_a)\Omega a_m R_m]}$$

(39)

where

$$\gamma_a = \frac{M_a}{M_p}$$

(40)

and
Here, \( M_a \) is the absorber mass and \( \omega_{11} \) is the fundamental plate frequency to which, in this instance, but not necessarily, the absorber is tuned. [For example, if the absorber is tuned to the second or third plate resonance, Eq. (41) would remain relevant but the number (3.1962) would be replaced by the numbers (6.3064) or (9.4395).] The quantities \( (\omega_m/\omega_a)^{-1} \) and \( \delta_R \) are design parameters of the dynamic absorber and they must be chosen carefully if the full potential of the absorber is to be realized. For example, if \( \mu \) is small and if the mass ratio \( \gamma_a = 0.1 \) or 0.25, then \( (\omega_m/\omega_a) = 0.698 \), \( \delta_R = 0.408 \), or \( (\omega_m/\omega_a) = 0.465 \), \( \delta_R = 0.549 \), respectively.21 These values yield near-optimum conditions for which the two maxima in the transmissibility curve take essentially equal values a little to each side of the fundamental plate resonance. They assume that the plate damping factors \( \delta_E = \delta_G = 0.01 \), a value that is adopted for the remainder of this section.

Representative calculations of the transmissibility \( T_a \) are plotted in Figs. 18 and 19 for a value of \( \mu = 0.2 \) and for pairs of values of \( (\omega_m/\omega_a) \) and \( \delta_R \) that differ slightly from those previously specified; namely, \( (\omega_m/\omega_a) = 0.698 \), \( \delta_R = 0.462 \), and \( (\omega_m/\omega_a) = 0.493 \), \( \delta_R = 0.549 \), respectively. The absorbers of Figs. 18 and 19 are seen to be most effective in suppressing the plate resonance to which they are tuned; they also suppress, to some extent, the higher plate resonances—particularly the heavier absorber, which has the larger damping ratio. Thus, at frequencies above the absorber resonance, the absorber mass becomes an almost stationary point from which the absorber dashpot is able to restrain the resonant plate motion, and the force transmissibility across the plate, at higher frequencies. Companion curves for the dynamic absorbers (mass ratios \( \gamma_a = 0.1 \) and 0.25) located at
the radial distance 0.75a from the plate center, for which the plate impedance is approximately 30 times greater than at the radial distance 0.2a, are plotted in Figs. 20 and 21, respectively. Because of the larger value of the plate impedance, to attain equal peak heights near the fundamental plate resonance proved more difficult than usual. Other values of the optimum tuning and damping ratios and the companion values of maximum transmissibility at the fundamental plate resonance are plotted in Fig. 22 as a function of the parameter μ.

Should the plate be mass loaded at the point of attachment of the dynamic absorber, then the force transmissibility $T_{ma}$ to the plate boundary can readily be stated from inspection of Eq. (38) as

$$T_{ma} = T_{1m} \left| \frac{Z_{1m} / jωM_p}{(Z_{1m} / jωM_p) + (Ψ^*)} \right|,$$

where $(Z_{1m} / jωM_p)$ and $T_{1m}$ are the normalized driving-point impedance and force transmissibility of the mass-loaded plate [Eqs. (36) and (37)] at the arbitrary driving point distance μa from the plate center. In this situation, the parameter $\gamma$ (factor by which the loading mass exceeds the plate mass) is equated to 1.0; the same values of $(ω_a / ω_m)$ and $δ_R$ (parameters that appear in $Ψ^*$) as before are initially chosen, and then changes are made in their values to equalize the two transmissibility maxima because, to begin with, these maxima will only be approximately equal.

Representative calculations of $T_{ma}$ are plotted in Figs. 23 and 24 for values of $\gamma = 1.0$, $\gamma_a = 0.1$; and, again, values of $\mu^* = 0.2$ and 0.75. Optimum values of $(ω_a / ω_m) = 0.356$, $δ_R = 0.119$, and of $(ω_a / ω_m) = 0.761$, $δ_R = 0.139$, respectively, are seen to provide equal suppression of the transmissibility peaks at the fundamental plate resonance; now, however, the loading mass
causes the force transmissibility to fall off quite rapidly at all higher frequencies. Again, other values of the optimum tuning and damping ratios, and the companion values of maximum transmissibility are plotted in Fig. 25.

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FIGURE LEGENDS

Fig. 1  An internally damped circular plate of radius $a$ that is clamped around its boundary and driven by a vibratory force at an arbitrary distance $\mu a$ from the plate center.

Fig. 2  Force transmissibility to the boundary of the plate of Fig. 1; plate damping factors $\delta_E = \delta_G = 0.01, 0.1, \text{ and } 1.0$; the parameter $\mu = 0.2$.

Fig. 3  Force transmissibility to the boundary of the plate of Fig. 1; plate damping factors $\delta_E = \delta_G = 0.01, 0.1, \text{ and } 1.0$; the parameter $\mu = 0.5$.

Fig. 4  Force transmissibility to the boundary of the plate of Fig. 1; plate damping factors $\delta_E = \delta_G = 0.01, 0.1, \text{ and } 1.0$; the parameter $\mu = 0.75$.

Fig. 5  Force transmissibility to the boundary of the plate of Fig. 1; plate damping factors $\delta_E = \delta_G = 0.01, 0.1, \text{ and } 1.0$; the parameter $\mu = 0.379$.

Fig. 6  Force transmissibility to the boundary of the plate of Fig. 1; plate damping factors $\delta_E = \delta_G = 0.01, 0.1, \text{ and } 1.0$; the parameter $\mu = 0.2548$.

Fig. 7  Force transmissibility to the boundary of the plate of Fig. 1 when the plate is driven simultaneously by dual vibratory forces of equal phase and magnitude; plate damping factors $\delta_E = \delta_G = 0.01, 0.1, \text{ and } 1.0$; the parameters $\mu_1 = 0.2944 a$ and $\mu_2 = 0.490 a$.

Fig. 8  Force transmissibility to the boundary of the plate of Fig. 1 when the plate is driven simultaneously by dual vibratory forces of
equal phase and magnitude; plate damping factors $\delta_E = \delta_G = 0.01$, 0.1, and 1.0; the parameters $\mu_1 = 0.2547a$ and $\mu_2 = 0.583a$.

Fig. 9 Normalized driving-point impedance of the plate of Fig. 1; plate damping factors $\delta_E = \delta_G = 0.01, 0.1, \text{and} 1.0$; the parameter $\mu = 0.2$.

Fig. 10 Normalized driving-point impedance of the plate of Fig. 1; plate damping factors $\delta_E = \delta_G = 0.01, 0.1, \text{and} 1.0$; the parameter $\mu = 0.5$.

Fig. 11 Normalized driving-point impedance of the plate of Fig. 1; plate damping factors $\delta_E = \delta_G = 0.01, 0.1, \text{and} 1.0$; the parameter $\mu = 0.75$.

Fig. 12 Force transmissibility to the boundary of the plate of Fig. 1 when the plate is loaded at the driving point by a lumped mass equal to the plate mass ($\gamma = 1.0$); plate damping factors $\delta_E = \delta_G = 0.01, 0.1, \text{and} 1.0$; the parameter $\mu = 0.2$.

Fig. 13 Force transmissibility to the boundary of the plate of Fig. 1 when the plate is loaded at the driving point by a lumped mass equal to the plate mass ($\gamma = 1.0$); plate damping factors $\delta_E = \delta_G = 0.01, 0.1, \text{and} 1.0$; the parameter $\mu = 0.5$.

Fig. 14 Force transmissibility to the boundary of the plate of Fig. 1 when the plate is loaded at the driving point by a lumped mass equal to the plate mass ($\gamma = 1.0$); plate damping factors $\delta_E = \delta_G = 0.01, 0.1, \text{and} 1.0$; the parameter $\mu = 0.75$.

Fig. 15 Normalized driving-point impedance of the plate of Fig. 1 when the plate is loaded at the driving point by a lumped mass equal to the plate mass ($\gamma = 1.0$); plate damping factors $\delta_E = \delta_G = 0.01, 0.1, \text{and} 1.0$; the parameter $\mu = 0.2$. 
Fig. 16 Normalized driving-point impedance of the plate of Fig. 1 when the plate is loaded at the driving point by a lumped mass equal to the plate mass ($\gamma = 1.0$); plate damping factors $\delta_E = \delta_G = 0.01, 0.1,$ and $1.0$; the parameter $\mu = 0.5$.

Fig. 17 Normalized driving-point impedance of the plate of Fig. 1 when the plate is loaded at the driving point by a lumped mass equal to the plate mass ($\gamma = 1.0$); plate damping factors $\delta_E = \delta_G = 0.01, 0.1,$ and $1.0$; the parameter $\mu = 0.75$.

Fig. 18 Force transmissibility to the boundary of the plate of Fig. 1 when a dynamic vibration absorber is attached to the plate at the arbitrary driving point. Mass ratio $\gamma_a = 0.1$; optimum tuning and damping ratios $(\omega_a/\omega_m) = 0.698$, $\delta_R = 0.462$; the parameter $\mu = 0.2$; the plate damping factors $\delta_E = \delta_G = 0.01$.

Fig. 19 Force transmissibility to the boundary of the plate of Fig. 1 when a dynamic vibration absorber is attached to the plate at the arbitrary driving point. Mass ratio $\gamma_a = 0.25$; optimum tuning and damping ratios $(\omega_a/\omega_m) = 0.493$, $\delta_R = 0.546$. The parameter $\mu = 0.2$; the plate damping factors $\delta_E = \delta_G = 0.01$.

Fig. 20 Force transmissibility to the boundary of the plate of Fig. 1 when a dynamic vibration absorber is attached to the plate at the arbitrary driving point. Mass ratio $\gamma_a = 0.1$; optimum tuning and damping ratios $(\omega_a/\omega_m) = 0.980$, $\delta_R = 0.089$. The parameter $\mu = 0.75$; the plate damping factors $\delta_E = \delta_G = 0.01$.

Fig. 21 Force transmissibility to the boundary of the plate of Fig. 1 when a dynamic vibration absorber is attached to the plate at the
arbitrary driving point. Mass ratio $\gamma_a = 0.25$; optimum tuning and damping ratios $(\omega_a/\omega_m) = 0.950$, $\delta_R = 0.182$. The parameter $\mu = 0.75$; the plate damping factors $\delta_E = \delta_G = 0.01$.

Fig. 22 Optimum values of the tuning and damping ratios $(\omega_a/\omega_m)$ and $\delta_R$, and the companion values of the maximum transmissibility $T_{\text{max}}$ at the fundamental plate resonance plotted as a function of the parameter $\mu$; the plate damping factors $\delta_E = \delta_G = 0.01$. For the dashed- and solid-line curves, the mass ratio $\gamma_a = 0.1$ and 0.25, respectively.

Fig. 23 Force transmissibility to the boundary of the plate of Fig. 1 when both a lumped mass and a dynamic vibration absorber are attached to the plate at the arbitrary driving point. Mass ratios $\gamma = 1.0$, $\gamma_a = 0.1$; optimum tuning and damping ratios $(\omega_a/\omega_m) = 0.556$, $\delta_R = 0.119$. The parameter $\mu = 0.2$; the plate damping factors $\delta_E = \delta_G = 0.01$.

Fig. 24 Force transmissibility to the boundary of the plate of Fig. 1 when both a lumped mass and a dynamic vibration absorber are attached to the plate at the arbitrary driving point. Mass ratios $\gamma = 1.0$, $\gamma_a = 0.1$; optimum tuning and damping ratios $(\omega_a/\omega_m) = 0.761$, $\delta_R = 0.139$. The parameter $\mu = 0.75$; the plate damping factors $\delta_E = \delta_G = 0.01$.

Fig. 25 Optimum values of the tuning and damping ratios $(\omega_a/\omega_m)$ and $\delta_R$, and the companion values of the maximum transmissibility $T_{\text{max}}$ at the fundamental plate resonance plotted as a function of the parameter $\mu$; the plate damping factors $\delta_E = \delta_G = 0.01$. For the dashed- and solid-line curves, the mass ratio $\gamma_a = 0.1$ and 0.25, respectively. For both curves, the mass ratio $\gamma = 1.0$. 
NORMALIZED DRIVING-POINT IMPEDANCE, $|Z_\mu|/\omega M_p$

$\delta_E = \delta_G = 1.0$

$\delta_E = \delta_G = 0.1$

$\delta_E = \delta_G = 0.01$

Fig. 9
\[ \left| \frac{d\frac{W}{m}}{\pi Z} \right| \]
NORMALIZED DRIVING-POINT IMPEDANCE, $|Z_{\mu m}/\mu m_p|$ 

\[ \delta_E = \delta_G = 0.01 \]
\[ \delta_E = \delta_G = 0.1 \]
\[ \delta_E = \delta_G = 1.0 \]

$na \alpha/\sqrt{\omega}$

FIG. 17
$\delta_R$ and $(T_{\text{max}}) \times 10^{-1}$

$0.7$  $0.6$  $0.5$  $0.4$  $0.3$  $0.2$  $0.1$

$0.9$  $0.8$  $0.7$  $0.6$  $0.5$  $0.4$  $0.3$  $0.2$  $0.1$

$1.1$  $1.0$  $0.9$  $0.8$  $0.7$  $0.6$  $0.5$  $0.4$  $0.3$  $0.2$  $0.1$

$(\omega_m / \omega_m)$
\[ \delta_R \text{ and } (T_{\max}) \times 10^{-1} \]

\[ (\omega_a/\omega_m) \]

\[ (\omega_a/\omega_m) \]

FIG. 25

\[ (\omega_m/\omega_m) \]

\[ (\omega_m/\omega_m) \]
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