

# VIB : Equivalent SDOF system

Number of participants: 30



## 1. In order to compute an equivalent stiffness, one needs to

**17 correct answers**  
out of 20 respondents

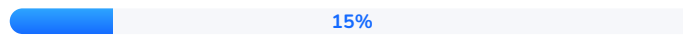


Apply a static force at the location where the mass is attached and in the direction of the motion of the mass



17 votes

Apply an harmonic force at the location where the mass is attached and in the direction of the motion of the mass



3 votes

Compute the first 5 modes shapes of the flexible element



0 votes



## 2. The equivalent stiffness is then given by

**22 correct answers**  
out of 22 respondents



$k=F/x$  where  $x$  is the displacement in the direction of motion at the location of the applied force



22 votes

$k=F/x$  where  $x$  is the average displacement computed on the flexible element



0 votes

$k= F*x$  where  $x$  is the displacement in the direction of motion at the location of the applied force



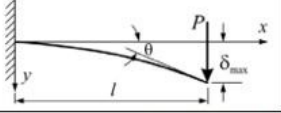
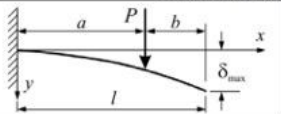
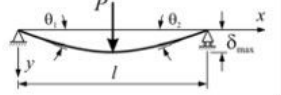
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**3. For a bar in traction with section A, young's modulus E and length L, the equivalent stiffness is given by** **6 correct answers**  
out of 8 respondents

- $k = E A L$  0% 0 votes
- $k = EA/L$  75% 6 votes
- $k = E/(A*L)$  13% 1 vote
- $k = 1/(EAL)$  13% 1 vote

**4. Consider a cantilever beam with a mass attached at the tip. If the length of the beam is doubled, the first natural frequency is** **11 correct answers**  
out of 15 respondents

BEAM DEFLECTION FORMULAE

BEAM TYPE	SLOPE AT FREE END	DEFLECTION AT ANY SECTION IN TERMS OF $x$	MAXIMUM DEFLECTION
1. Cantilever Beam – Concentrated load $P$ at the free end			
	$\theta = \frac{Pl^2}{2EI}$	$y = \frac{Px^2}{6EI}(3l-x)$	$\delta_{max} = \frac{Pl^3}{3EI}$
2. Cantilever Beam – Concentrated load $P$ at any point			
	$\theta = \frac{Pa^2}{2EI}$	$y = \frac{Px^2}{6EI}(3a-x)$ for $0 < x < a$ $y = \frac{Pa^2}{6EI}(3x-a)$ for $a < x < l$	$\delta_{max} = \frac{Pa^2}{6EI}(3l-a)$
6. Beam Simply Supported at Ends – Concentrated load $P$ at the center			
	$\theta_1 = \theta_2 = \frac{Pl^2}{16EI}$	$y = \frac{Px}{12EI}\left(\frac{3l^2}{4} - x^2\right)$ for $0 < x < \frac{l}{2}$	$\delta_{max} = \frac{Pl^3}{48EI}$

- multiplied by 2 0% 0 votes
- divided by 2 13% 2 votes
- divided by 2 sqrt(2) 73% 11 votes
- divided by 4 13% 2 votes



## 5. To compute the equivalent mass of a flexible element simplified by a spring element, one needs to

**11 correct answers**  
out of 12 respondents

use the principle of d'Alembert

0%

0 votes

compute the total mass of the flexible element and divided it by 3

8%

1 vote



equate the kinetic energy of the flexible element with the one of the additional mass located at the tip of the spring

92%

11 votes



## 6. When replacing a flexible element by a spring, the approximation is

**18 correct answers**  
out of 21 respondents

always valid

5%

1 vote

valid only above the first natural frequency of the flexible element

10%

2 votes



valid in a limited frequency band where the element's natural frequencies are not excited

86%

18 votes



## 7. A complex structure can be represented by an equivalent mass-spring model using

**1 correct answer**  
out of 17 respondents



the principles of equivalent mass and spring if the structure is made of a large mass attached to a flexible element



7 votes



a single mode approximation if the eigenfrequencies are well separated



3 votes

A division of the structure using single finite elements



12 votes



## 8. When using single mode approximation, the equivalent mass and stiffness of the SDOF system depend on

**3 correct answers**  
out of 16 respondents

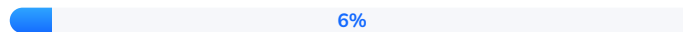


The value of the eigenfrequency of the mode



7 votes

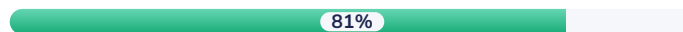
The average value of the modeshape considered



1 vote



The value of the modeshape considered at the position and in the direction of the applied force



13 votes



**Consider the wing of an aircraft, which method is most suited to reduce it to an equivalent SDOF system ?**

**1 correct answer**  
out of 20 respondents

The equivalent mass and stiffness approach using static computation and equivalence of kinetic energy



9 votes

The single mode approximation



10 votes



It depends on the type of aircraft considered



1 vote

**10. What are the necessary assumptions to model a car as a SDOF mass-spring-damper system ?**

13 respondents

No slip

Negligible Vertical Motion of the Wheels

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Consider concentrated mass

M = weight of the car

Tiers damping, spring and mass with car mass, spring and damping

Motion is in one direction only

Suspension has constant stiffness

No aerodynamic resistance

The wheel does not have mass

One direction of oscillation

Depends on the car

Mass uniform distributed

**11. What type of model would you use to model the dynamic response of a wind turbine ?**

0 respondent

No answers in this question