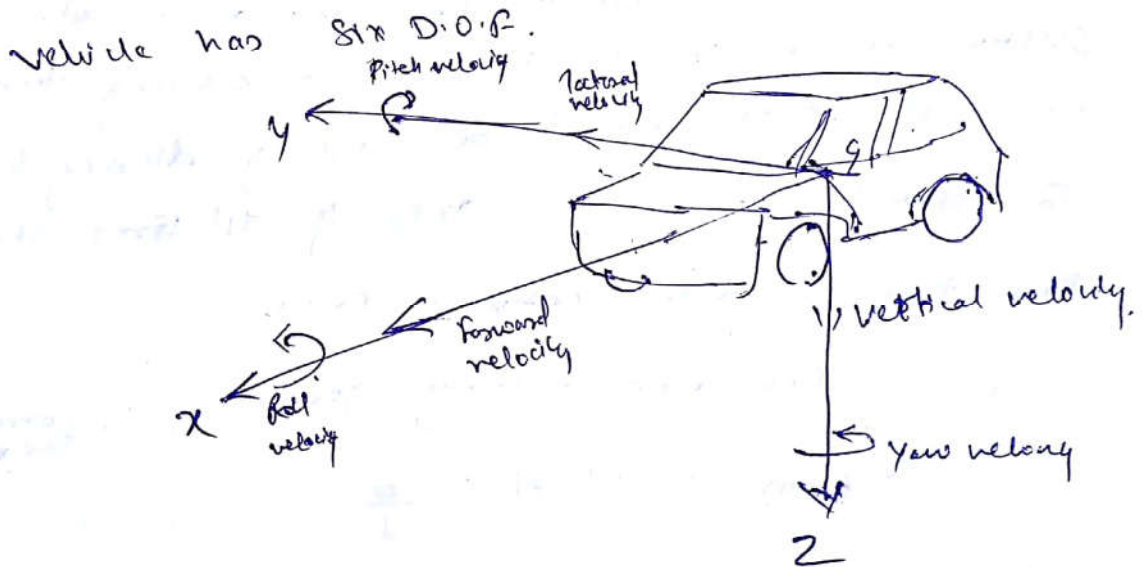
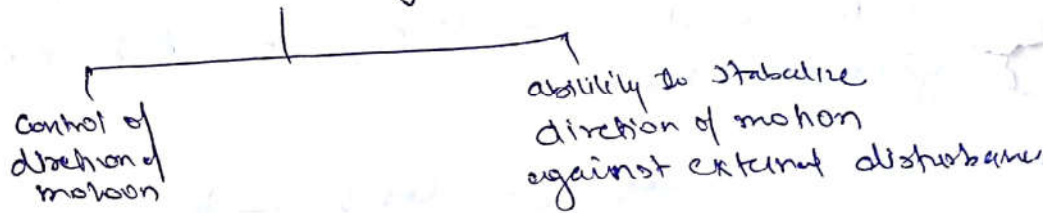


Handling Characteristics of Road Vehicles

Handling characteristics of a road vehicle refers to its response to steering commands & environmental inputs such as wind gust & road disturbances, that affect the direction of motion.

vehicle handling issues.



- In practice, during turning ~~maneuver~~ maneuver vehicle body rolls.
- This roll motion causes vehicle to steer, thus affecting the handling behaviour of vehicle.
- Similarly bounce & pitch motion also affect steering response of vehicle.

The response of the vehicle to steering input and its directional stability associated with a fixed steering wheel, which are usually referred to as fixed control characteristics will be analysed.

### \* Steering Geometry

Let us consider a case of cornering of vehicle neglecting centrifugal forces. Let us consider front wheel steering vehicle.

at low speed. we know by ~~Ackerman Steering geometry that~~

$$\cot \delta_o - \cot \delta_i = \frac{b}{l}$$

The prime important in designing steering system is minimum tire scrub during turning i.e. all tires should be rolling during turning. To satisfy above the axes of all tires should pass through same common point.

So by Ackerman steering geometry, (i.e. correct steering condition)

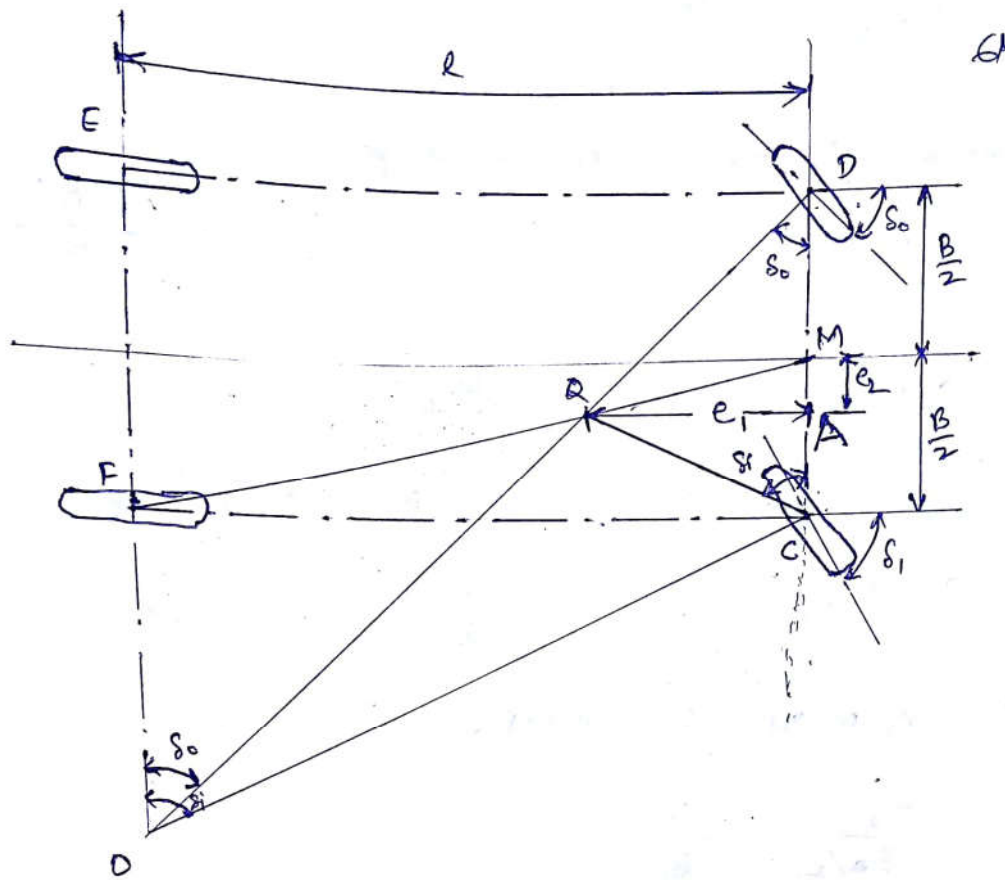
$$\cot \delta_o - \cot \delta_i = \frac{b}{l}$$

$b =$  track

$l =$  wheel base

$\delta_o =$  steer angle of outer wheel.

$\delta_i =$  inner



Steps

- ① First draw Ackerman's steering diagram
- ② draw midline intersecting front axle at M
- ③ From M ~~connect~~ <sup>connect</sup> F.
- ④ FM will intersect OD at Q.
- ⑤ Connect QC & QD
- ⑥ Then  $\angle QCM = \delta_1$  and  $\angle QDM = \delta_0$

This can be proved by,

~~in  $\triangle DQA$~~

In  $\triangle DQA$ ,

$$\cot \delta_0 = \frac{DA}{QA}$$

$$\cot \delta_0 = \frac{\left(\frac{B}{2} + e_2\right)}{e_1}$$

Similarly in  $\triangle QCA$ .

$$\cot \delta_1 = \frac{AC}{QA}$$



$$\cot \delta_i = \frac{\left(\frac{B}{2} - e_2\right)}{e_1}$$

~~and by Ackerman relationship~~

$$\cot \delta_o - \cot \delta_i = \frac{1}{e_1} \left[ \frac{B}{2} + e_2 - \frac{B}{2} + e_2 \right]$$

$$\cot \delta_o - \cot \delta_i = \frac{2e_2}{e_1}$$

Comparing with Ackerman relationship

$$\cot \delta_o - \cot \delta_i = \frac{b}{l}$$

$\therefore \triangle MGA \cong \triangle MFC$

$$\text{So, } \frac{e_2}{B/2} = \frac{e_1}{l}$$

$$\frac{e_2}{e_1} = \frac{B/2}{l}$$

$$\text{So, } \boxed{\frac{2e_2}{e_1} = \frac{B}{l}}$$

$$\text{So, } \boxed{\cot \delta_o - \cot \delta_i = \frac{B}{l}}$$

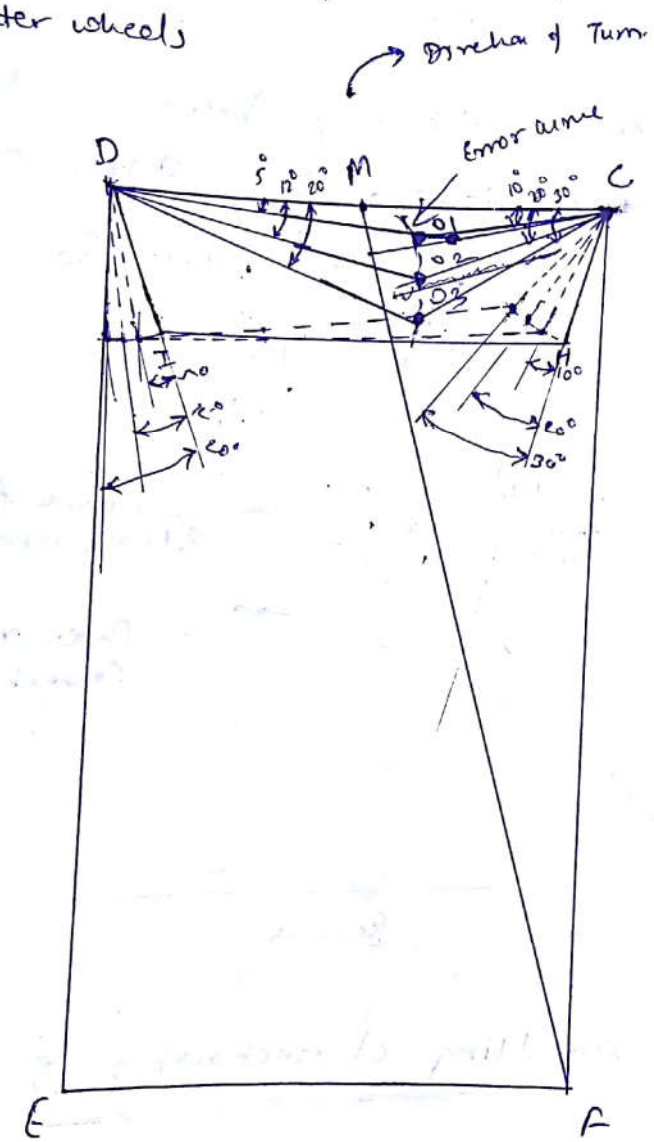
Hence proved.

This indicates that if the steer angle of the front wheels i.e.  $\delta_i$  and  $\delta_o$  satisfy correct steering condition then by laying out the steer angle  $\delta_i$  and  $\delta_o$  from front axle, the intersection of the non-common sides of  $\delta_i$  and  $\delta_o$  will lie on the straight line connecting the midpoint of front axle and the centre of inside rear wheel.



To evaluate the characteristics of a particular steering linkage with Ackerman steering geometry a graphical method is used. (2)

The steer angle are plotted for ~~input~~ inner & outer wheels

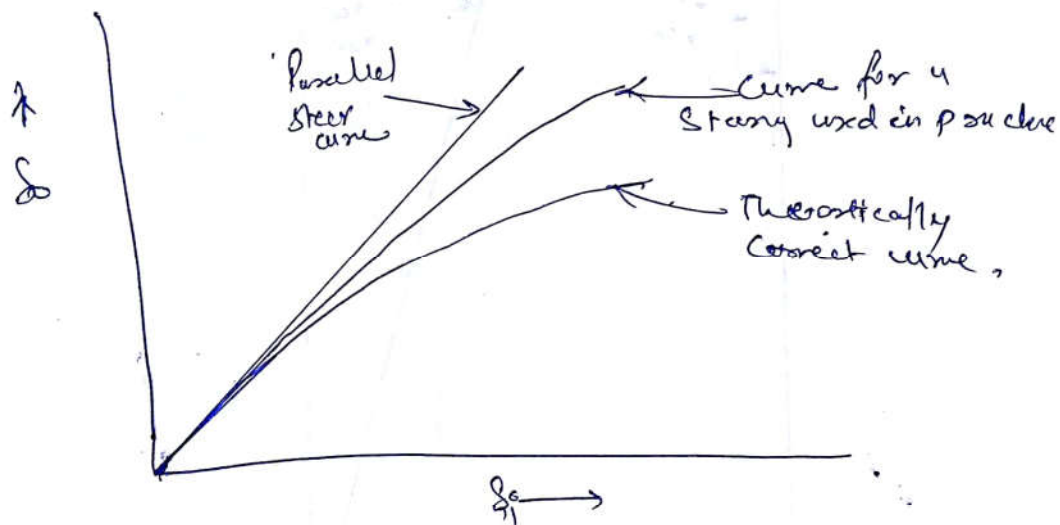


If the steering geometry satisfies correct condition the intersections on non-common sides of  $S_i$  &  $S_o$  will lie on straight line MP.

The deviation curve  $O_1, O_2$  &  $O_3$  from line MP is therefore an indication of error in steering geometry with Ackerman criteria.

Steering geometry with an error curve that deviate excessively from line MF will exhibit considerable tire scrub during cornering. This results in excessive tire wear and increased steering effort.

Fig shows the relationship between  $\delta_o$  &  $\delta_i$  for a vehicle with  ~~$\frac{b}{l} = 0.58$~~   $\frac{b}{l} = 0.58$ , as compared to a parallel steer curve ( $\delta_o = \delta_i$ ) and a typical steering geometry.



\* Steady state handling characteristics of a two-axle vehicle :-

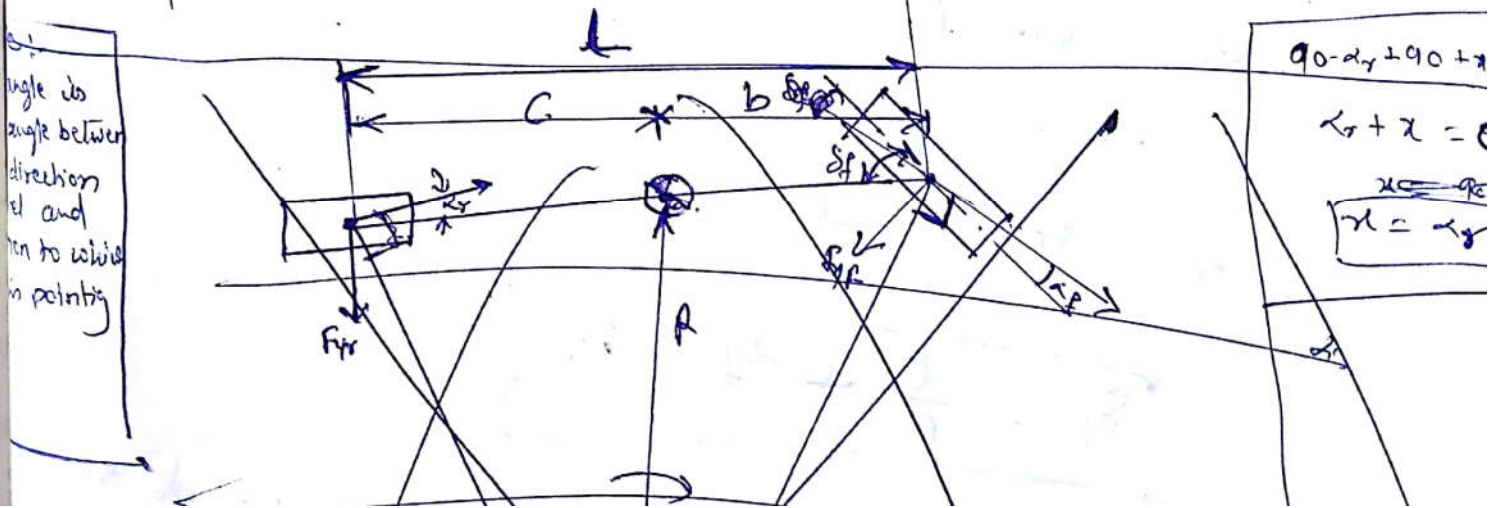
Steady-state handling performance is concerned with the directional behaviour of a vehicle during a turn under non-time-varying conditions.

Example :- Steady state turn is a vehicle negotiating a curve with constant radius at a constant forward speed.

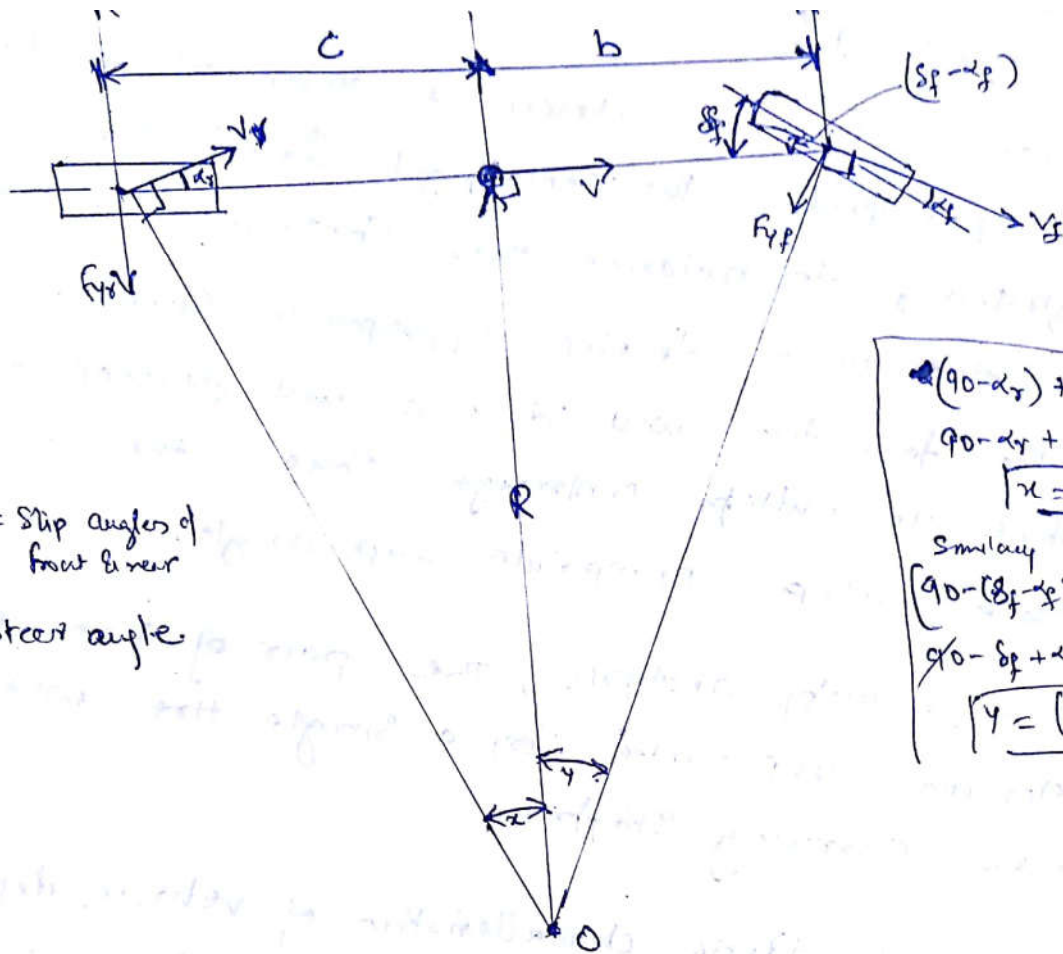
In this analysis, inertia properties of vehicle are not considered.

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- When vehicle is taking a turn at moderate or higher speeds, the centrifugal force cannot be neglected, to balance this centrifugal force the tires must develop appropriate cornering force.
- The four tires will develop will develop a force to nullify centrifugal force, this will in turn develop appropriate slip angles.
- To simplify analysis, the pair of tires on an axis are represented by a single tire with double cornering stiffness.
- The handling characteristics of vehicle depend, on relationship between the slip angles of front & rear tires,  $\alpha_f$  &  $\alpha_r$ .







$\alpha_r, \alpha_f$  = Slip angles of front & rear  
 $\delta_f$  = Steer angle

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (90 - \alpha_r) + 90 + x = 180 \\
 & 90 - \alpha_r + 90 + x = 180 \\
 & \boxed{x = \alpha_r} \\
 & \text{Similarly} \\
 & (90 - (\delta_f - \alpha_f)) + 90 + y = 180 \\
 & 90 - \delta_f + \alpha_f + 90 + y = 180 \\
 & \boxed{y = (\delta_f - \alpha_f)}
 \end{aligned}$$

So, we can say, that-

$$R(x + y) = l$$

$$(x + y) = \frac{l}{R}$$

$$\alpha_r + \delta_f - \alpha_f = \frac{l}{R}$$

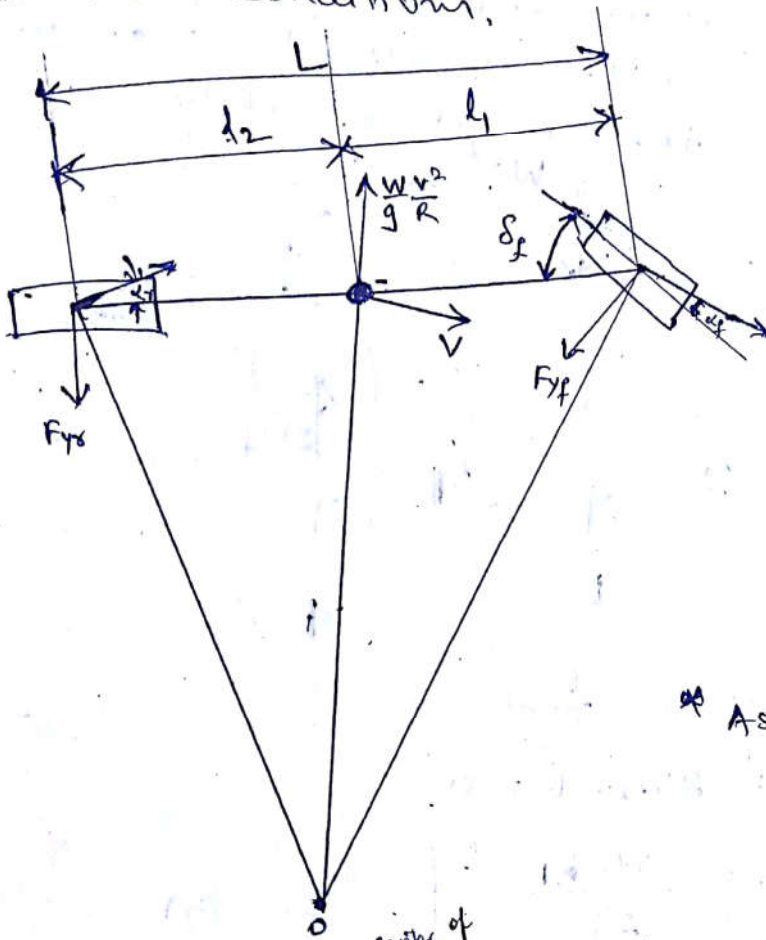
$$\boxed{\delta_f = \frac{l}{R} + \alpha_f - \alpha_r}$$

This is the required steer angle to negotiate the turn, given turn.

The steer angle is the function of slip angles and turning radius.

The ~~steer~~ slip angle are independent on side have acting on tire.

cornering forces can be determined by equilibrium conditions. (4)



Assuming  $\delta_f$  is very small.

Taking moment at centre of front wheel. (in vertical plane)

$$\left(\frac{W v^2}{g R}\right) \cdot l_1 - F_{yR} \cdot L = 0$$

$$F_{yR} = \frac{W v^2}{g R} \frac{l_1}{L} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Similarly, Taking moment at centre of rear wheel

$$-\left(\frac{W v^2}{g R}\right) \cdot l_2 + F_{yF} \cdot L = 0$$

$$F_{yF} = \frac{W v^2}{g R} \frac{l_2}{L} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

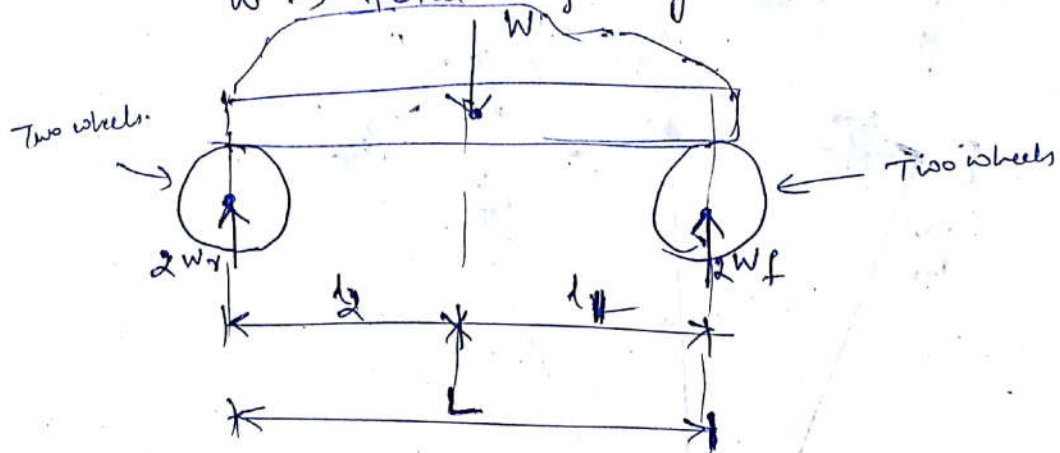
# Steering geometry with an error curve

Under static condition.

$W_f \rightarrow$  Normal load on each <sup>front</sup> tire.

$W_r \rightarrow$  Normal load on each rear tire.

$W \rightarrow$  total weight of vehicle.



Taking moment on front.

$$-W \cdot l_1 + 2W_r \cdot L = 0$$

$$W_r = \frac{W \cdot l_1}{2L} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Taking moment on rear wheel.

$$-2W_f \cdot L + W \cdot l_2 = 0$$

$$W_f = \frac{W \cdot l_2}{2L} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

Substituting values of (3) & (4) in eqn (1) & (2)

$$F_{y_r} = \frac{W}{g} \frac{v^2}{R} \frac{l_1}{L}$$

$$= \left( \frac{W_r \cdot 2L}{g \cdot 2L} \right) \cdot \frac{v^2}{R} \cdot \frac{l_1}{L}$$

$$F_{y_r} = \frac{2W_r \cdot v^2}{gR}$$



Similarly,

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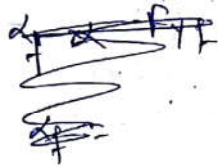
$$F_{yf} = \frac{W}{g} \frac{v^2}{R} \cdot \frac{l_2}{L}$$
$$= \frac{W_f (2l)}{g \cdot l_2} \cdot \frac{v^2}{R} \cdot \frac{l_2}{L}$$

$$F_{yf} = \frac{2W_f v^2}{gR}$$

within a certain range, (slip angle & cornering force)

Hence,

slip angle of front,



$$\alpha_f = \frac{F_{yf}}{2C_{\alpha f}}$$

$$\alpha_f = \frac{2W_f v^2}{2C_{\alpha f} \cdot gR}$$

$$\alpha_f = \frac{W_f v^2}{C_{\alpha f} \cdot gR}$$

where,  
 $C_{\alpha f}$  = cornering stiffness of each front wheel.

Similarly,

$$\alpha_r = \frac{F_{yr}}{2C_{\alpha r}}$$

$$\alpha_r = \frac{W_r v^2}{C_{\alpha r} \cdot gR}$$

where,  
 $C_{\alpha r}$  = cornering stiffness of each rear wheel.

Cornering Stiffness depends upon inflation pressure, normal load, tractive effort, and lateral force. It is constant only for limited range of operations

we know that,

$$\delta_f - d_f + 2r = \frac{L}{R}$$

$$\delta_f = \frac{L}{R} + d_f - 2r$$

$$= \frac{L}{R} + \frac{W_f v^2}{C_{af} \cdot g \cdot R} - \frac{W_r v^2}{C_{ar} g R}$$

$$= \frac{L}{R} + \left[ \frac{W_f}{C_{af}} - \frac{W_r}{C_{ar}} \right] \frac{v^2}{gR}$$

$$= \frac{L}{R} + (K_{us}) \frac{v^2}{gR}$$

$$\delta_f = \frac{L}{R} + (K_{us}) \frac{a_y}{g}$$

$$= \frac{m \cdot v^2}{r}$$

$$= (m \cdot a_y) g$$

where,

$K_{us}$  = Understeer coefficient in radians

$a_y$  = lateral acceleration

The above equation is the fundamental equation governing the steady-state handling behaviour of road vehicles.

It tells us the steer angle required to negotiate a given curve.

Depending on the values of understeer coefficient ( $K_{us}$ ) steady state handling may be classified into three categories (66)

- ① Neutral steer ( $K_{us} = 0$ )
- ② Understeer ( $K_{us} > 0$ )
- ③ Oversteer ( $K_{us} < 0$ )

① Neutral Steer.

when understeer coefficient  $K_{us} = 0$ ,

i.e.

$$\delta_f = \frac{L}{R} + K_{us} \frac{ay}{g}$$

$$\delta_f = \frac{L}{R}$$

or

$$K_{us} = 0$$

$$\frac{W_f}{C_{\alpha f}} - \frac{W_r}{C_{\alpha r}} = 0$$

$$\frac{W_f}{C_{\alpha f}} = \frac{W_r}{C_{\alpha r}}$$

or

$$x_f = x_r$$

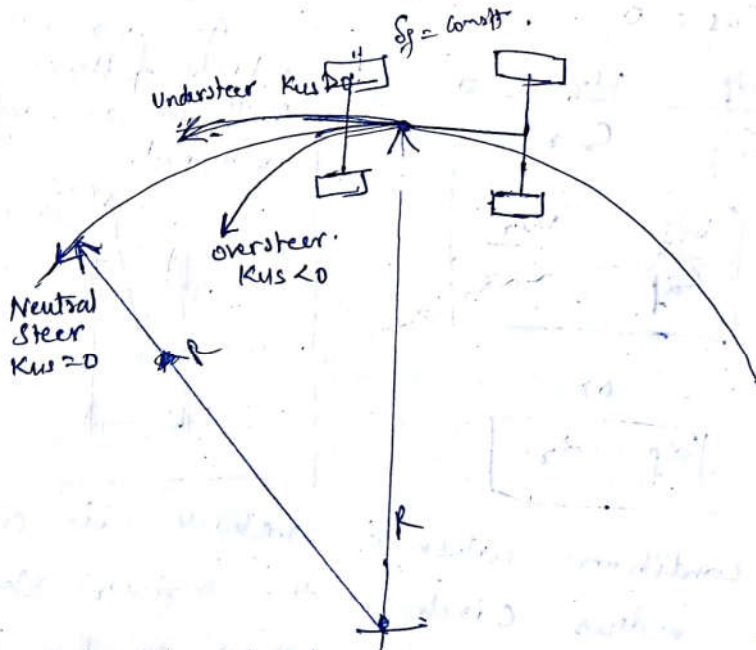
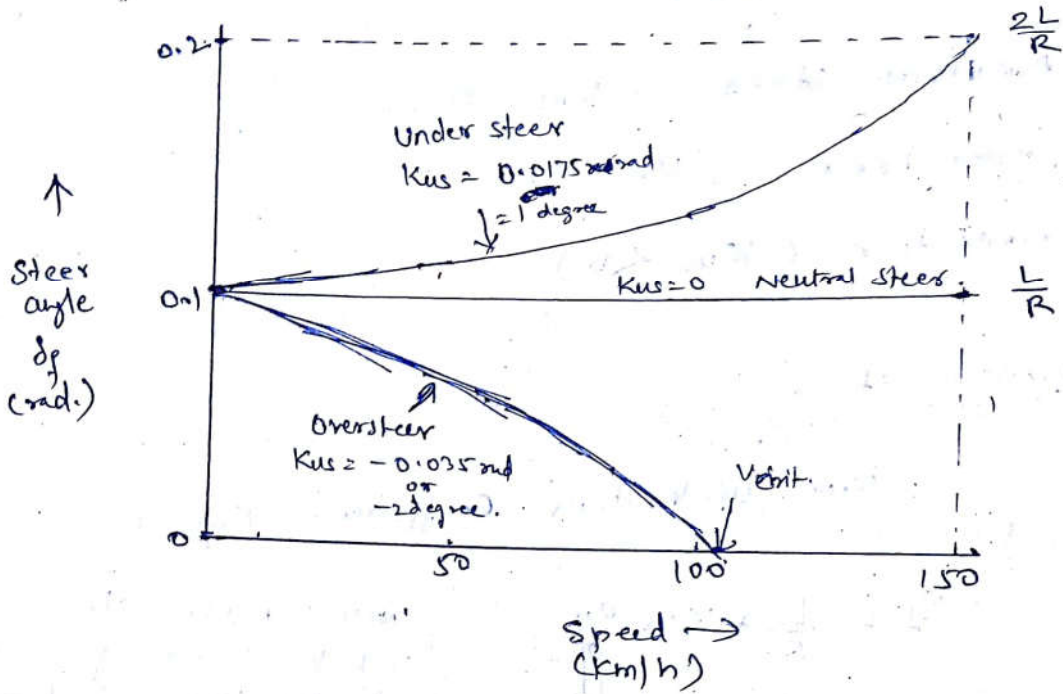
In this condition in constant radius maintain the same.

when a vehicle is accelerated in a circle, the driver should steering wheel position.

When a neutral steer vehicle is moving on a straight line is subjected to a side force acting at C.G. so, equal slip angle develop at front & rear tires. As a result, the vehicle follows a straight path at an angle to the original.



Condn:-  
 Constant radius  $R = 30\text{m}$   
 Wheel base  $L = 3\text{m}$ .



Character  
 Speed is attained  
 when  $K_{us} \frac{V_{crit}^2}{gR} = 1$

$$V_{crit} = \sqrt{\frac{gR}{K_{us}}}$$

② Under steer

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when  $K_{us} > 0$ .

$$\delta_f = \frac{L}{R} + (K_{us}) \frac{ay}{g}$$

$$\left[ \frac{W_f}{C_{\alpha f}} - \frac{W_r}{C_{\alpha r}} \right] > 0$$

This means,

$$\left[ \frac{W_f}{C_{\alpha f}} > \frac{W_r}{C_{\alpha r}} \right]$$

or

$$\left[ \alpha_f > \alpha_r \right]$$

This means  $\delta_f$  required to negotiate ~~the~~ curve increases with  $v^2$  square of forward velocity, or lateral acceleration.

The curve is represented by parabola in Steer angle vs speed diagram.

we can say that ~~as the~~ when vehicle is accelerated with fixed steering wheel, the turning radius increases.

when travelling in straight path with side force acting on C.G. the front tire will generate  $(\alpha_f > \alpha_r)$  as a result  $\therefore$  yaw motion is initiated  $\therefore$  in understeer

For an under steer vehicle, characteristic speed  $V_{char}$  is the speed at which the Steer angle required to negotiate a turn is equal to  $\left( \frac{2L}{R} \right)$

$$V_{char} = \sqrt{\frac{gR}{K_{us}}}$$

③ Oversteer

$$K_{us} < 0,$$

or,

$$\frac{W_f}{C_{\alpha f}} - \frac{W_r}{C_{\alpha r}} < 0$$

$$\frac{W_f}{C_{\alpha f}} < \frac{W_r}{C_{\alpha r}}$$

or

$$\alpha_f < \alpha_r$$

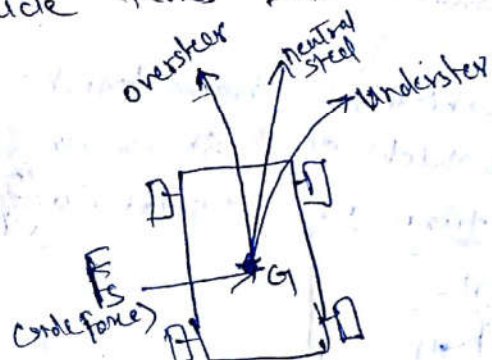
or we can think  $S_f$  will decrease with increase in speed or lateral acceleration

- when vehicle is accelerated in constant radius turn, the driver must decrease the steer angle.

or

- with fixed steering wheel when accelerated the turning radius decreases.

- when side force act on vehicle travelling in straight path, the  $\alpha_f < \alpha_r$  as a result yaw motion is initiated and vehicle turns into side force.





For oversteer vehicle, critical speed " $V_{crit}$ " is the speed at which the steering angle required to negotiate any turn is zero.

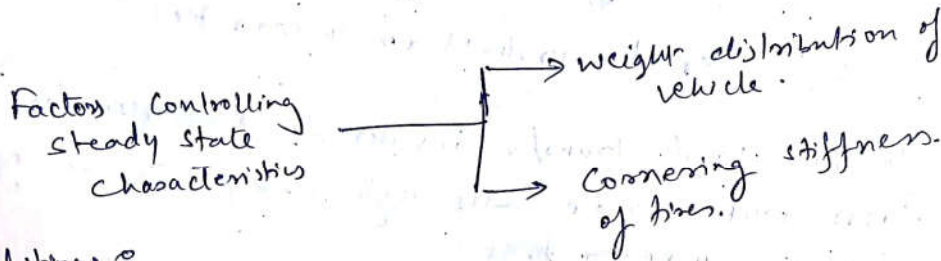
$$V_{crit} = \sqrt{\frac{gL}{-K_{us}}}$$

A critical speed is attained when

$$-K_{us} \frac{V_{crit}^2}{gR} = \frac{L}{R}$$

$$V_{crit} = \sqrt{\frac{gL}{-K_{us}}}$$

If the vehicle speed goes above critical speed then it will give directional instability.



Conditions:

- ① Front Engine, front wheel drive, load on front tire } Understeer
- ② Rear Engine, rear wheel drive, load on rear } Oversteer
- ③ when vehicle accelerates during turn, load is on rear wheel, but due to cornering force } Understeer
- ④ when vehicle decelerates during turn, load is on front but due to cornering force } Oversteer
- ⑤ when four wheel drive equal torque to all wheels, at fix steering wheel position.
  - during Acceleration → increased understeer
  - deceleration → oversteer.

$$\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2$$

(3.18)  
 $\mu_1 l_1$   
 $\mu_2 l_2$   
 The maximum tractive effort as determined by the nature of the tire-road interaction imposes a fundamental limit on the vehicle performance charac.

neglect

⑥ mixing radial ply + bias ply tires } → It will effect handling

⑦ laterally stiff radial ply tire on front } → understeer  
relatively flexible bias ply tire on rear } vehicle will  
change to oversteer

⑧ ↓ Inflation pressure in rear tires

↓  
cornering stiffness decreases

↓  
will change from understeer to oversteer.

⑨ lateral load transfer insides to outside tire during turn will increase slip angle. Required to generate a given cornering force

⑩ Braking and acceleration during turning will affect the cornering force.

(a) ~~Appropriate~~ For rear wheel drive, application of tractive effort during turn reduces cornering properties of a tire; producing oversteering.

(b) Front wheel drive, application of tractive effort during turn, reduces cornering properties on front tire producing understeer.

⑫ Roll steer :- Steering motion of front or rear wheel due to relative roll motion of sprung mass w.r.t. Unsprung mass.

Roll chamber :- change in camber of wheels due to the relative <sup>roll</sup> motion of sprung mass w.r.t. to unsprung mass.



Compliance Steer:- Steering motion of wheels with sprung mass resulting from compliance in, and force on, the suspension & steering linkages (19)

The effect of Roll steer, Roll camber and Compliance Steer can be included in a modified form of the understeer coefficient  $K_{us}$ .

(13) - Among the three types of steady state handling behaviour oversteer is not desirable from directional stability point of view

(14) - It is desirable for road vehicle to have small degree of understeer till a lateral acceleration of  $0.4g$ . beyond this understeer can be increased.

(15) Increased understeer at high lateral acceleration would provide greater stability during turns.

A handling diagram is used to determine handling behaviour for changing operating conditions.

During a turning maneuver, the turning radius  $R$  may be difficult to measure directly, however it can be readily determined from yaw velocity  $\dot{\psi}$

Yaw velocity  $\dot{\psi}$  ( $-\dot{\psi}$ ),  
forward velocity,  $V = R \cdot \dot{\psi}$ .

So,

$$\dot{\psi} = \frac{V}{R}$$



So, our equation will

$$\delta_f = \frac{L}{R} + K_{us} \left( \frac{v^2}{gR} \right)$$

or

$$\delta_f = \frac{L}{R} + K_{us} \left( \frac{ay}{g} \right)$$

or.

$$\delta_f - \frac{L}{R} = K_{us} \left( \frac{ay}{g} \right)$$

$$- \left[ \frac{L}{R} - \delta_f \right] = K_{us} \left( \frac{ay}{g} \right)$$

$$\left[ \frac{L v^2}{v} - \delta_f \right] = -K_{us} \left( \frac{ay}{g} \right)$$

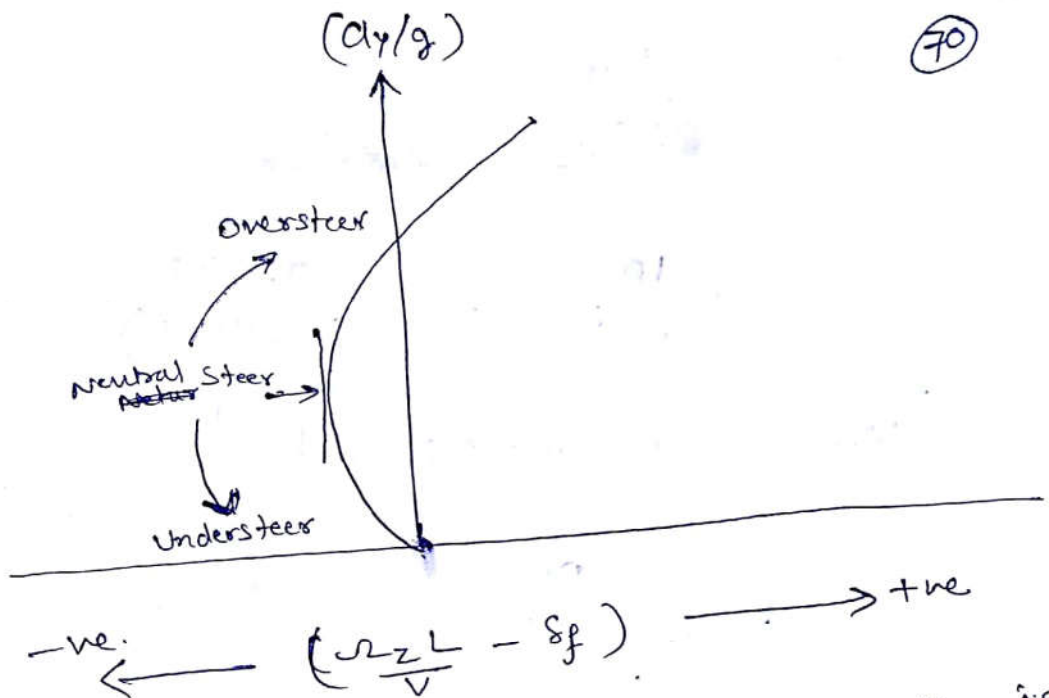
$$\frac{(L v^2 / v - \delta_f)}{(ay/g)} = -K_{us}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{(ay/g)}{(v^2 L/v - \delta_f)} = -\frac{1}{K_{us}}}$$

or

$$\boxed{\frac{d(ay/g)}{d(v^2 L/v - \delta_f)} = -\frac{1}{K_{us}}}$$

So slope of L.H.S term will determine the Steer condition



- ① If slope is  $-ve$ , then it implies that  $K_{us}$  is  $+ve$  hence understeer
- ② If slope is  $+ve$ , then it implies that  $K_{us}$  is  $-ve$  hence oversteer
- ③ If slope is ~~zero~~ <sup>infinite</sup>, then it implies  $K_{us}$  is zero hence neutral steer.

Ques,  $W = 20.105 \text{ kN}$   
 $L = 2.8 \text{ m}$

$W_f = 0.535 W = 10.756 \text{ kN}$  } static condition  
 $W_r = 0.465 W = 9.348 \text{ kN}$

a) If  $C_{zf} = 38.92 \text{ kN}$  — for each tire of front  
 $C_{zr} = 38.25 \text{ kN}$  — for each tire of rear  
 determine steady state handling behaviour?

b) If front tire replaced by pair of radial ply  
 $C_{zf} = 47.82 \text{ kN}$  — for each front tire.  
 determine steady state handling behaviour — rear tire unchanged

$$a) K_{us} = \frac{W_f}{2C_{af}} - \frac{W_r}{2C_{ar}}$$

$$= \frac{10.756}{2(38.92)} - \frac{9.348}{2(38.25)}$$

$$K_{us} = 0.01598 \text{ rad}$$

or

$$K_{us} = 0.92^\circ$$

The vehicle is understeer and characteristics speed is

$$V_{char} = \sqrt{\frac{gL}{K_{us}}}$$

$$V_{char} = 41.5 \text{ m/s}$$

or

$$V_{char} = 149 \text{ km/h}$$

(b)

$$K_{us} = \frac{W_f}{2C_{af}} - \frac{W_r}{2C_{ar}}$$

$$= \frac{10.756}{2(47.82)} - \frac{9.348}{2(38.25)}$$

$$K_{us} = -0.00973 \text{ rad} \quad \text{or} \quad \underline{\underline{-0.56^\circ}}$$



$$V_{crit} = \sqrt{\frac{gL}{-K_{us}}}$$

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$$V_{crit} = 53.1 \text{ m/s}$$

or

$$V_{crit} = 191 \text{ km/h}$$

### \* Steady-state Response to Steering Input

During turning maneuvers Steer angle is input. output will be variables like yaw velocity, lateral acceleration and curvature.

The ratio of output to input can be used for comparing response characteristics of different vehicles.

#### ① Yaw velocity Response

"Yaw velocity gain" is an often used parameter for comparing steering response of road vehicle.

It is defined as the ratio of steady state yaw velocity to steer angle.

Yaw velocity gain ( $G_{yaw}$ )

$$G_{yaw} = \frac{\Omega_z}{\delta_f}$$

$$G_{yaw} = \frac{V/R}{\frac{L}{R} + (K_{us}) \frac{V^2}{gR}}$$

$$G_{yaw} = \frac{V}{\left( L + \frac{(K_{us}) V^2}{g} \right)}$$

a) For neutral steer,  $K_{us} = 0$

$$G_{yaw} = \frac{V}{L}$$

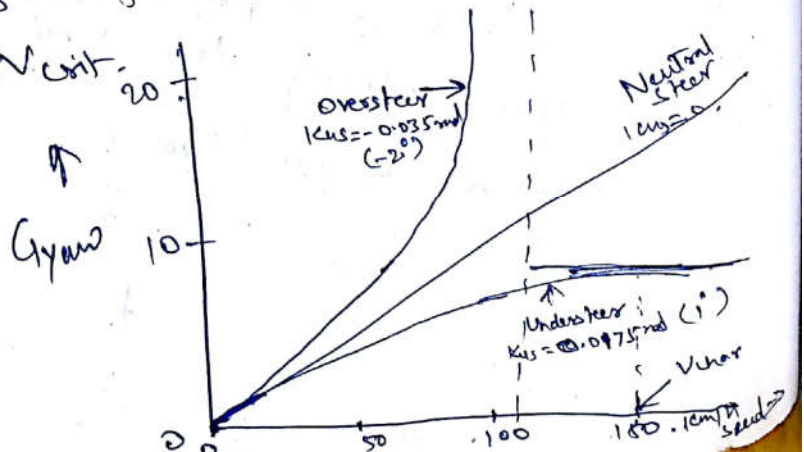
Yaws velocity gain increases linearly with increase in forward velocity.

b) For understeer,

$K_{us}$  is  $\oplus$ ve, the yaws velocity gain increases with increase of forward speed and reaches maximum at particular speed i.e. characteristic speed  $V_{char}$ .

c) For oversteer,

$K_{us}$  is  $-ve$ , the yaws velocity gain increases with forward speed at an increasing rate at a particular speed, denominator is zero, and  $G_{yaw}$  becomes infinity, that speed is critical speed  $V_{crit}$ .



So we can say that, from the point of view of handling response to steering input, the sensitivity of vehicle is of order.

oversteer sensitivity } neutral steer sensitivity } Under steer.

we can also say that,

if  $\boxed{C_{ryaw} > \frac{V}{L}}$  — Oversteer

$\boxed{C_{ryaw} < \frac{V}{L}}$  — Understeer

2) Lateral Acceleration Response:-

Lateral acceleration gain is defined as the ratio of steady-state acceleration to the steer angle.

$$G_{acc} = \frac{(V^2/gR)}{\delta_f}$$

$$= \frac{(a_y/g)}{\delta_f}$$

$$= \frac{V^2/gR}{\frac{L}{R} + (K_{us}) \frac{V^2}{gR}}$$

$$= \frac{V^2/g}{L + (K_{us}) \frac{V^2}{g}}$$

lateral acc'n →



$$= \frac{(v^2/g)}{\left(\frac{gL + (k_{us})v^2}{g}\right)}$$

$$G_{acc} = \frac{v^2}{gL + k_{us}v^2}$$

a) For neutral steer,

$$k_{us} = 0$$

$$G_{acc} = \frac{v^2}{gL}$$

the lateral acceleration gain is proportional to square of forward velocity.

(b) For under steer,

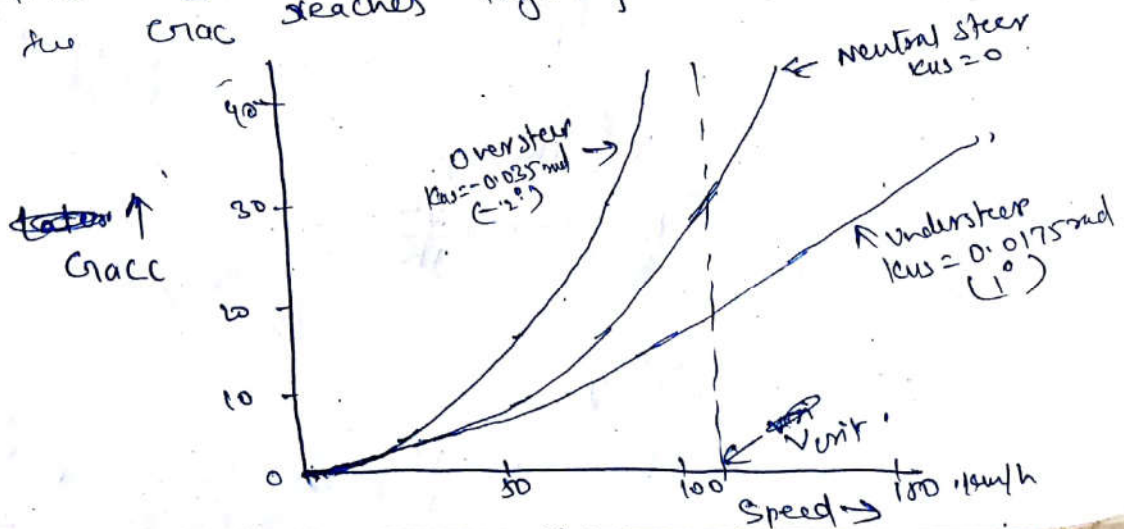
$k_{us}$  is +ve

- The  $G_{acc}$  increases with increase in speed.  
 - At very high speed the term  $(gL)$  becomes very small compared to  $(k_{us}v^2)$  hence  $G_{acc}$  approaches a value of  $(\frac{1}{k_{us}})$  asymptotically.

(c) For ~~under~~ oversteer

$k_{us}$  is -ve.

As the speed increases  $G_{acc}$  increases with an increasing rate, but at certain value of  $k_{us}$  the  $G_{acc}$  reaches infinity. ~~at~~ the speed is  $V_{crit}$ .



### 3) Curvature Response:-

The ratio of steady-state curvature ( $1/R$ ) to the steer angle is the parameter commonly used for evaluating the response characteristics of vehicle.

$$\frac{1/R}{S_f} = \frac{1/R}{\frac{L}{R} + \frac{K_{us} v^2}{gR}}$$

$$\frac{1/R}{S_f} = \frac{1}{L + (K_{us}) \frac{v^2}{g}}$$

a) for neutral steer,

$$K_{us} = 0$$

$$\frac{1/R}{S_f} = \frac{1}{L}$$

Curvature response is independent of velocity forward speed.

b) for understeer,

$K_{us}$  is positive.

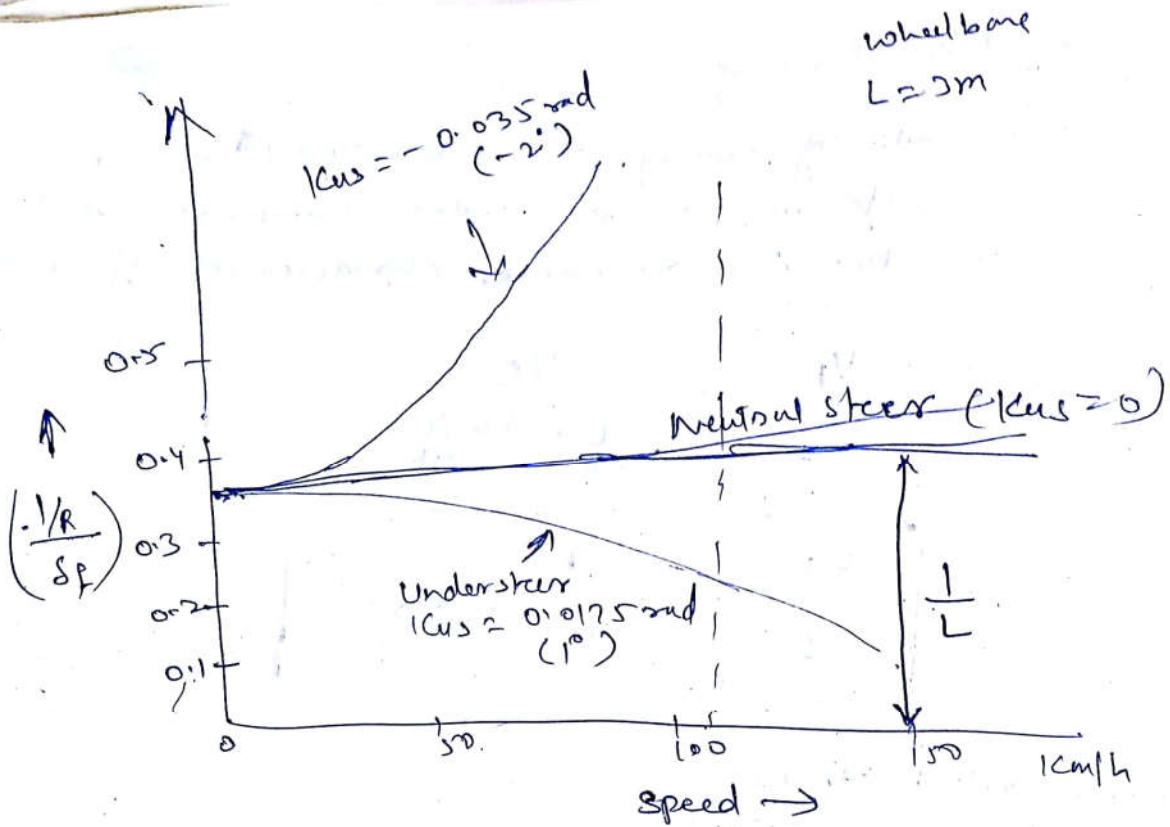
in the curvature response decreases with increase in speed.

c) for oversteer,

$K_{us}$  is -ve, curvature response increases with forward speed. At particular speed curvature response reaches infinity.

This means that the turning radius approaches zero and the vehicle spins out of control. This speed is  $V_{crit}$  of an oversteer vehicle.

Hence we can say that oversteer vehicle has most sensitive handling characteristics while understeer vehicle is least responsive.

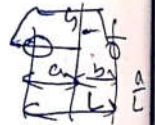


Ans 5.2

$$W = 20.105 \text{ KN}$$

$$L = 3.2 \text{ m}$$

$$\frac{\text{C.G. to front axle}}{L} = 0.465$$



$$C_{df} = 38.92 \text{ KN} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{front} \\ \text{axle} \end{array} \right.$$

$$C_{dr} = 38.25 \text{ KN} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{rear} \\ \text{axle} \end{array} \right.$$

Average steering gear ratio = 25

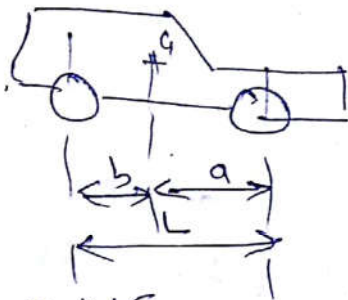
$$G_{yaw} = ?$$

$$G_{acc} = ?$$

} writ @ S<sub>f</sub>

$$K_{us} = \frac{W_f}{C_{df}} - \frac{W_r}{C_{dr}}$$





$$\frac{a}{L} = 0.465$$

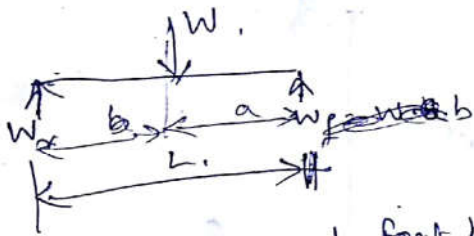
$$a = 0.465 \times 3.2$$

$$a = 1.488 \text{ m}$$

$$a + b = L$$

$$b = L - a$$

$$b = 1.712 \text{ m}$$



Taking moment at front line

$$= -W \cdot a + W_s \cdot L$$

$$W_s = \frac{W \cdot a}{L} = \underline{\underline{9.3481 \text{ kN}}}$$

Taking moment at rear line

$$= -W_f \cdot L + W \cdot b$$

$$W_f = \frac{W \cdot b}{L} = \underline{\underline{10.75 \text{ kN}}}$$

$$\frac{a}{L} = 0.465$$

and

$$\frac{b}{L} = 0.535$$

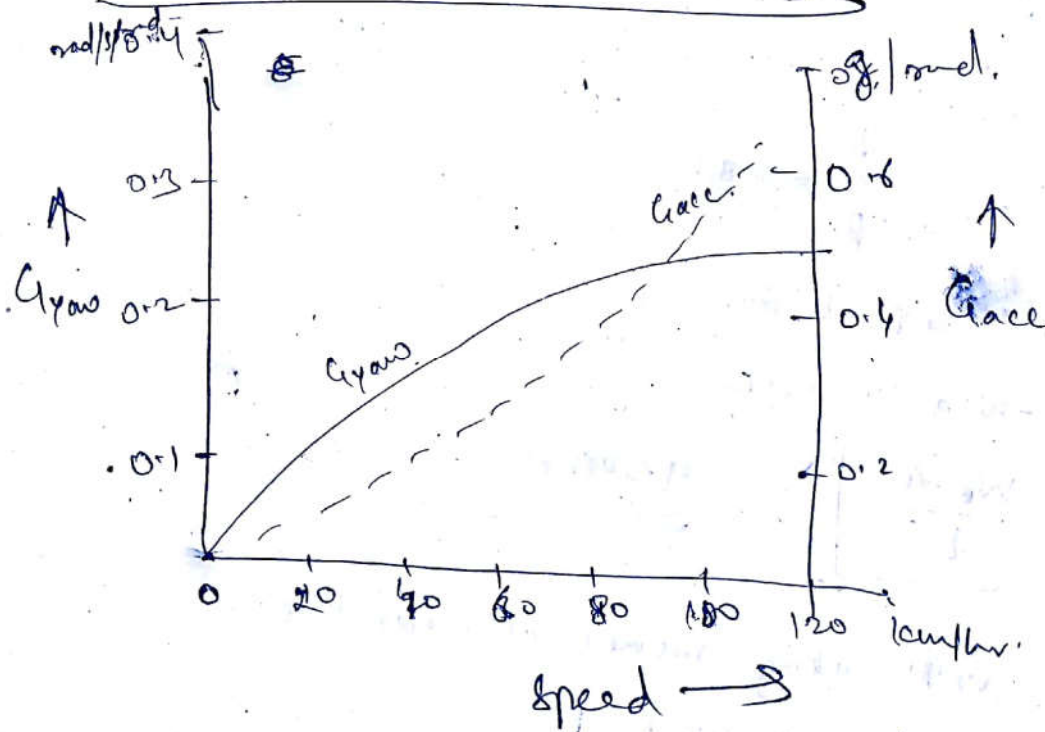
$$K_{us} = \frac{W_f}{C_{<f}} - \frac{W_r}{C_{<r}}$$

$$= \left[ \frac{10.75}{2 \times 38.92} \right] - \left[ \frac{9.348}{2 \times 38.25} \right]$$

$$K_{us} = 0.0159 \text{ rad} \quad \text{or} \quad \underline{\underline{0.92^\circ}}$$

$$G_{yaw} = \frac{\Omega_z}{\delta_f \cdot \xi_s}$$

$$G_{yaw} = \frac{v}{\left[ L + \frac{K_{us} v^2}{g} \right] \xi_s}$$



$$G_{acc} = \frac{a_y / g}{\delta_f \cdot \xi_s}$$

$$G_{acc} = \frac{v^2}{\left[ gL + K_{us} v^2 \right] \xi_s}$$

\* Testing of Handling characteristics:-

To measure handling behaviour of a road vehicle under steady-state conditions, various types of test can be conducted on a test pad (which is a large flat paved area).

Three tests:-

- ① Constant radius Test
- ② — u — Forward speed Test
- ③ Constant steer angle test.

yaw velocity  
 $v_z = \frac{V}{R}$   
 and lateral acclth  
 $a_y = \frac{V^2}{R}$   
 so,  
 $a_y = v_z \cdot V$   
 So if we know  $a_y$  and  $V$ , then  $v_z$  can be measured.

During tests, steer angle, forward velocity and yaw velocity are usually measured.

① Constant Radius Test

In this test, the vehicle is driven along a curve with a constant radius at various speeds. The steer angle ( $\delta_f$ ) at various forward speed together with corresponding lateral acceleration are measured.

we know,

$$\delta_f = \frac{L}{R} + (K_{us}) \frac{a_y}{g}$$

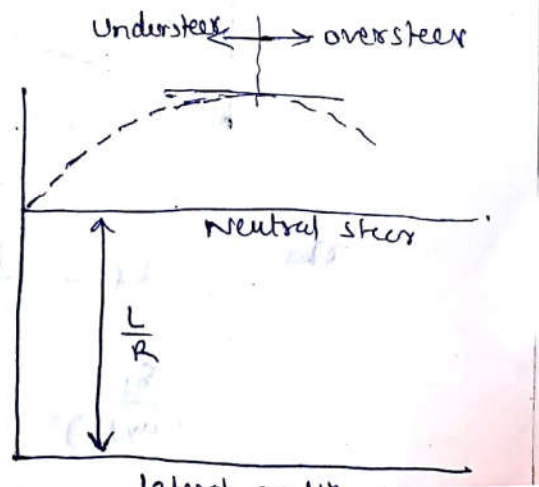
$\delta_f = \frac{L}{R} + K_{us} \left( \frac{a_y}{g} \right)$   
 Differentiating w.r.t time  
 $\frac{d\delta_f}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{L}{R} \right) + K_{us} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{a_y}{g} \right)$   
 $\therefore L$  and  $R$  are const.  
 $\frac{d\delta_f}{dt} = K_{us} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{a_y}{g} \right)$   
 $K_{us} = \frac{d\delta_f}{d(a_y/g)}$

For constant turning radius, "slope of

Curve

$$\frac{d(\delta_f)}{d\left(\frac{a_y}{g}\right)} = K_{us}$$

It is equal to understeer coeff. Understeer will become oversteer at high lateral acceleration.





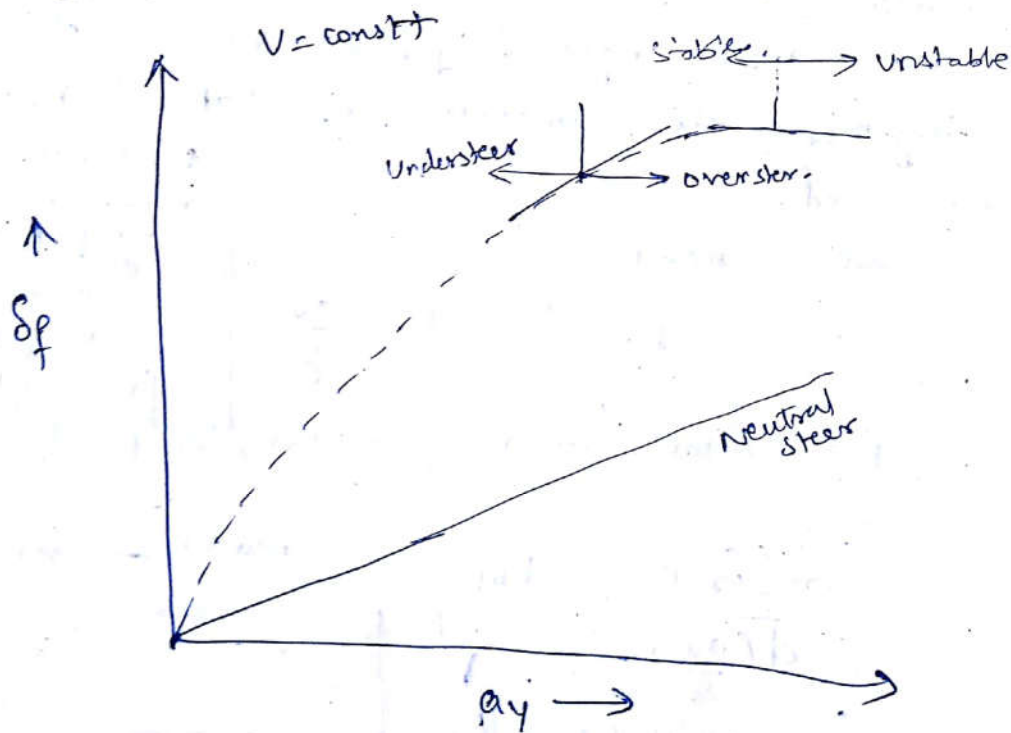
- if  $\delta_f$  required to maintain the vehicle on a constt radius turn is same for all forward speed (i.e. slope of  $(\delta_f)$  vs  $(a_y)$  is zero) then the vehicle is neutral steer.

- Slope of  $(\delta_f)$  vs  $(a_y)$  is +ve. — ~~oversteer~~ understeer vehicle

- Slope of  $(\delta_f)$  vs  $(a_y)$  is -ve — oversteer vehicle.

## (2) Constant Speed Test

In this test, vehicle is driven at constant forward speed at various turning radii. The steer angle and the lateral acceleration are measured.



$$\delta_f = \frac{L}{R} + (K_{us}) \left( \frac{a_y}{g} \right)$$

$$\frac{\delta_f}{\left( \frac{a_y}{g} \right)} = \frac{L}{\left( \frac{a_y}{g} \right)} + K_{us}$$

$$\frac{\delta_f}{(a_y/g)} = \frac{gL}{v^2} + K_{us}$$

(76)

So, the slope of curve will be

$$\frac{d(\delta_f)}{d(a_y/g)} = \frac{gL}{v^2} + K_{us}$$

$$\delta_f = \frac{L}{R} + K_{us} \left( \frac{v^2}{gR} \right)$$

$$\delta_f = \left[ \frac{L \cdot g}{v^2} + K_{us} \right] \frac{v^2}{gR}$$

~~to slope it differentially w.r.t time.~~

$$\frac{d\delta_f}{dt} = \left[ \frac{gL}{v^2} + K_{us} \right] \frac{d(v^2)}{dt}$$

∴ term in bracket is const

$$\frac{d\delta_f}{d(a_y/g)} = \frac{gL}{v^2} + K_{us}$$

i.e.  $K_{us} = 0$

- if neutral steer slope ~~is~~ =  $\frac{gL}{v^2}$

- For under steer  $K_{us}$  is +ve or we can say that slope is greater than the slope of neutral steer

- For oversteer,  $K_{us}$  is -ve or we can say that slope is smaller than the slope of neutral steer.

when slope is zero.

$$\frac{gL}{v_{crit}^2} + K_{us} = 0$$

$$\frac{gL}{v_{crit}^2} = -K_{us}$$

$$v_{crit}^2 = \frac{gL}{(-K_{us})}$$

This velocity will be the velocity of oversteer. vehicle operating at critical speed and that the vehicle is at the onset of directional instability.

### (3) Constant Steer Angle Test:-

In this test, the vehicle is driven at a fixed steering wheel angle at various forward speeds. The lateral accelerations at various speeds are measured.

The results are plotted on  $(\frac{1}{R})$  vs  $(\frac{a_y}{g})$  graph.

The radius of curvature is calculated by,

$$a_y = \frac{v^2}{R}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{R} = \frac{a_y}{v^2}}$$

So,

$$S_f = \frac{L}{R} + (K_{us}) \left(\frac{a_y}{g}\right)$$

$$\therefore S_f = 0 \quad \text{--- constt steer angle.}$$

$$\frac{L}{R} = -(K_{us}) \left(\frac{a_y}{g}\right)$$

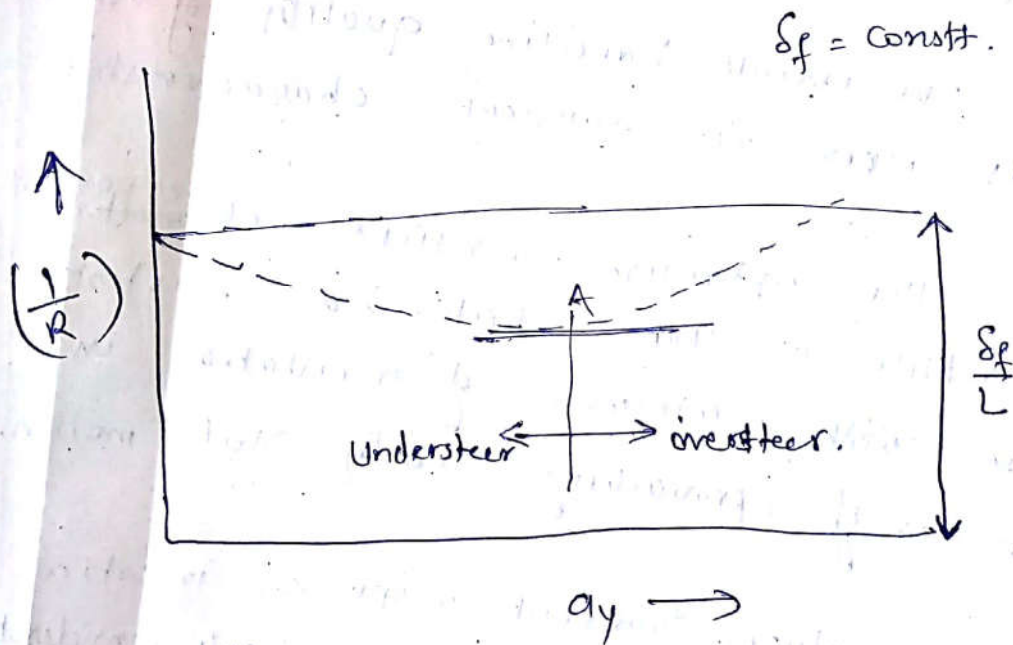
$$\frac{(1/R)}{(a_y/g)} = \frac{-K_{us}}{L}$$

So, the slope.

$$\boxed{\frac{d(1/R)}{d(a_y/g)} = \frac{-K_{us}}{L}}$$



- If vehicle is neutral steer  $K_{us} = 0$  and  $\oplus$  the slope of curve will be zero.
- If vehicle is Understeer  $K_{us}$  is -ve and the slope will be ~~⊖~~ positive.
- If the vehicle is oversteer  $K_{us}$  is +ve and slope will be -ve.



- The constant speed test is more representative of the actual road behaviour of a vehicle than the constant radius test, as the driver usually maintain more or less constant speed in a turn.
- The constant steer angle is easy to execute

Ride quality  $\rightarrow$  feel of passengers in moving vehicle

Ride problem  $\rightarrow$  vibration of vehicle body

Sources of vibration:

- 1) Surface irregularities (Road irregularities)
- 2) aerodynamic forces
- 3) vibration of engine and driveline
- 4) Unbalance of tire/wheel assembly.

The objective is to control the vibration of vehicle so that vibration doesn't exceed the limit of human comfort.

### \* Methods used to define ride comfort limits

#### 1) Subjective Ride measurement:-

A trained jury rates the ride comfort on relative basis.

However the degree of difference in ride quality, cannot be quantitatively determined by such evaluation.

#### 2) Shake Table test:-

It is intended to identify zones of comfort for human amplitude, velocity or foot to head, side to side or back to chest over a specified range of frequency.

It is intended to identify zones in terms of vibration acceleration. (such as

#### 3) Ride Simulator test

Road input fed to actuator and using a simulator it is possible to establish human tolerance limit



#### 4) Ride measurement in vehicles:

Shake table test and ride simulator gives laboratory values, so actual conditions are not considered. Therefore ride measurement method is formed.

This test method attempts to correlate the response of test in qualitative terms such as 'unpleasant' or intolerable with vibration parameters measured at the location where the test subject is situated under actual driving conditions.

\* An guide by International Standard ISO 2631 [7.4, 7.5] says that the evaluation of vibrational environments in transport vehicles as well as in industry, it defines three distinct limits for whole-body vibration in frequency range 1-80 Hz.

- 1) Exposure limits, which are related to preservation of safety (or health) should not exceed without special justification
- 2) Fatigue or decreased proficiency boundaries, which are related to preservation of working efficiency and apply to such tasks as driving a road vehicle or tractor
- 3) Reduced comfort boundaries, which are concerned with preservation of comfort and in transport vehicle are related to such functions as reading, writing and eating in vehicles.



# Vehicle Ride Models

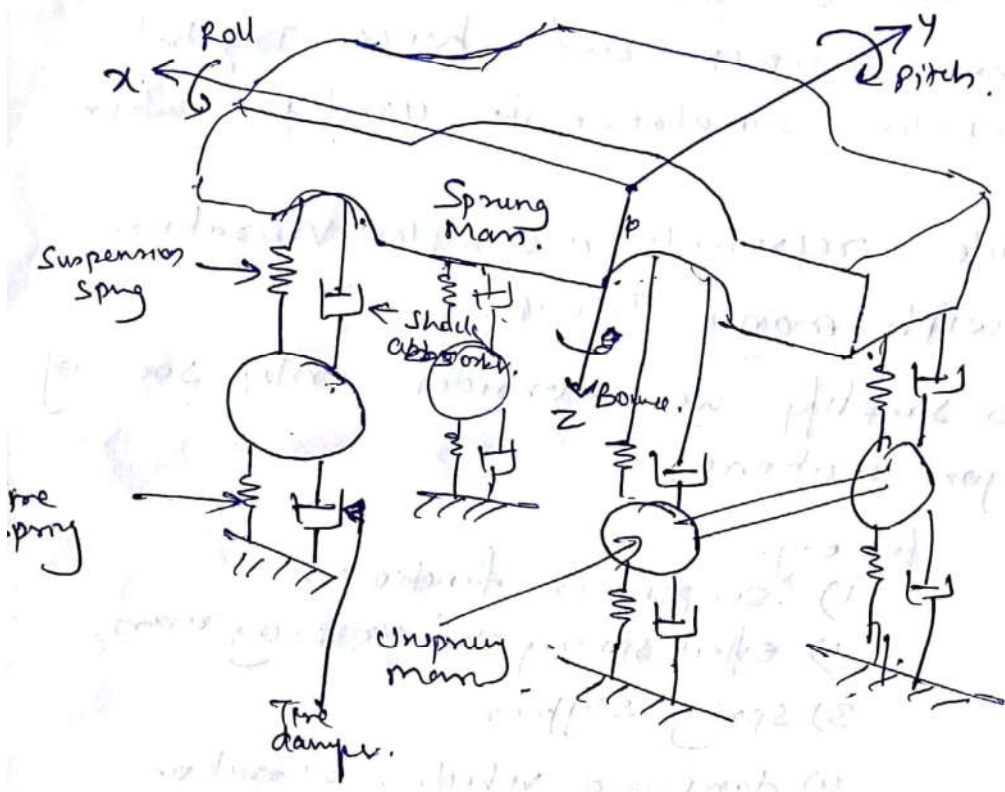


Fig:- A 7-DOF side model for a passenger car.

To study ride quality of ground vehicles, the above 7-D.O.F model is used.

Motions considered

- 1) Roll of vehicle body
- 2) ~~Roll~~ Pitch — u — u — u —
- 3) Bounce — u — u — u —
- 4) Bounce of two front wheel
- 5) — u — u — Rear axle.

mass of vehicle body → Spring mass.

— u — u — running gears → unsprung mass.

Newton's 2nd law method is used for formulation of equation and determine the principal modes of vibration of vehicle body.

- if excitation is known than response can be determined by equation of motion.

- However with increase in D.O.F system becomes complex and hence Digital Computer simulation is used for solution.

A vehicle represents a complex vibration system with many D.O.F.

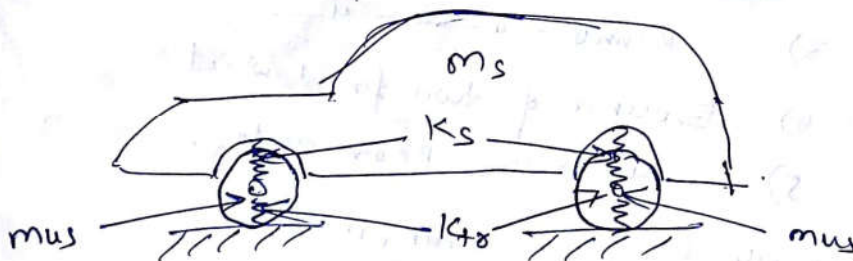
To simplify we consider only some of its major motions:

for e.g.

- 1) suspension functions.
- 2) effect sprung and unsprung mass.
- 3) spring stiffness.
- 4) damping of vehicle vibration

A linear model of 2-D.O.F may be used.

\* 2-D.O.F vehicle model of sprung and unsprung mass :-

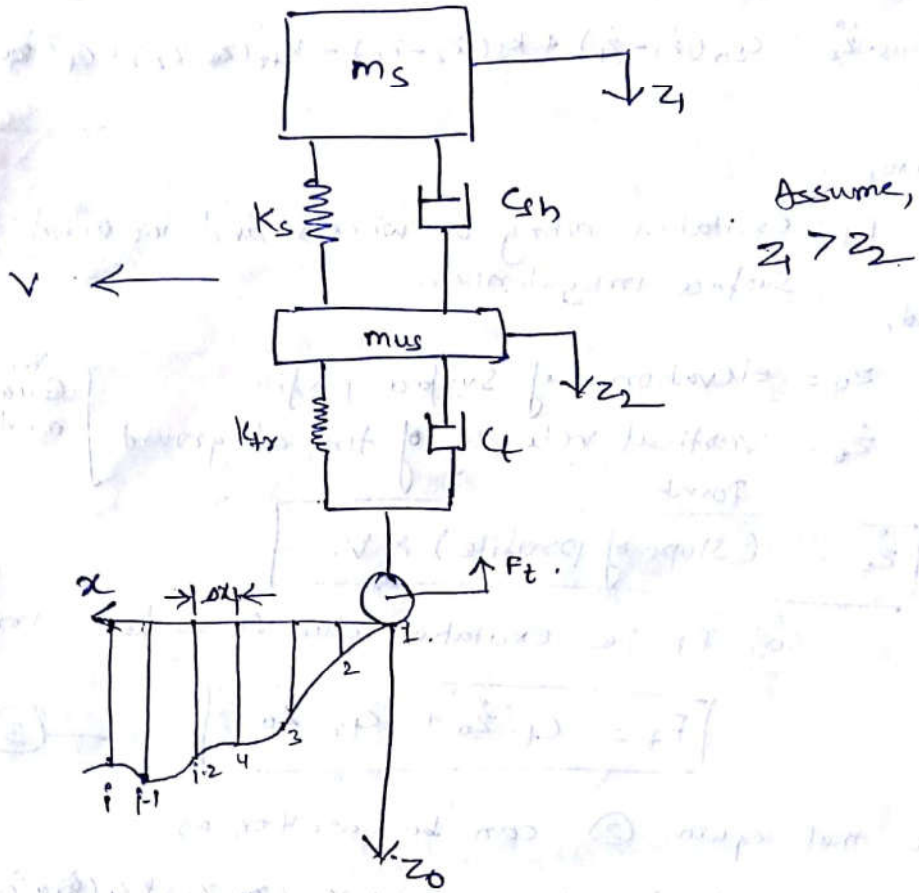


The D.O.F includes motion of

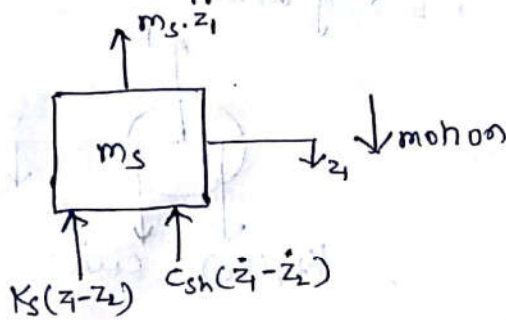
- Spring mass (vehicle body) ( $z_1$ )
- Unsprung mass (wheels and associated components) ( $z_2$ )



Quarter car model



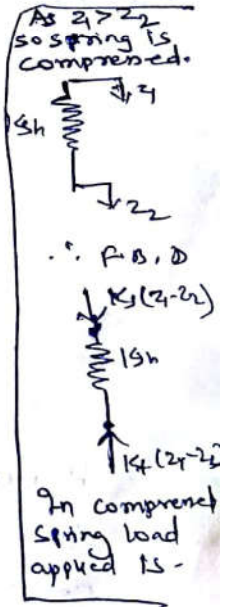
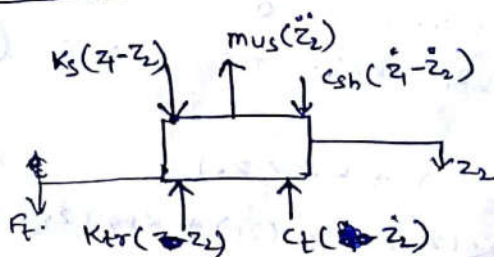
F.B.D of ~~unsprung~~ sprung mass



So by Newton's law,

$$m_s \ddot{z}_1 + K_s(z_1 - z_2) + C_{sh}(\dot{z}_1 - \dot{z}_2) = 0 \quad \text{--- ①}$$

Similarly F.B.D of unsprung mass





By Newton's 2nd law.

$$m_{us} \ddot{z}_2 - c_{sh} (\dot{z}_1 - \dot{z}_2) - K_s (z_1 - z_2) + K_{tr} (z_2) + c_t (\dot{z}_2) = F_t$$

$$m_{us} \ddot{z}_2 + c_{sh} (\dot{z}_2 - \dot{z}_1) + K_s (z_2 - z_1) + K_{tr} (z_2) + c_t (\dot{z}_2) = F_t$$

————— (2)

where,

$F_t$  = excitation acting on wheels and induced by surface irregularities.

and,

$z_0$  = elevation of surface profile

$\dot{z}_0$  = vertical velocity of tire at ground point

In fig of Quarter car model

$$\dot{z}_0 = (\text{slope of profile}) \times V$$

So,  $F_t$  i.e. excitation due to surface irregularities

$$F_t = c_t \dot{z}_0 + K_{tr} z_0$$

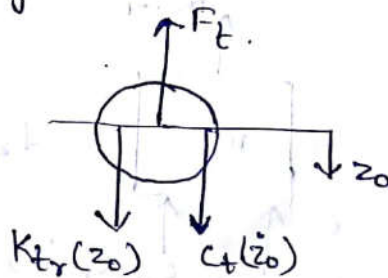
————— (3)

So that eqn (2) can be written as

$$m_{us} \ddot{z}_2 + c_{sh} (\dot{z}_2 - \dot{z}_1) + K_s (z_2 - z_1) + K_{tr} (z_2) + c_t (\dot{z}_2) = c_t \dot{z}_0 + K_{tr} z_0$$

————— (4)

As F.B.D of wheel.



Hence now to determine natural frequency of 2-D.O.F the equation of motion of (1) and (2) (without considering damping)

eqn (1),  $m_s \ddot{z}_1 + K_s (z_1 - z_2) = 0$

$$m_s \ddot{z}_1 + K_s z_1 - K_s z_2 = 0$$

————— (5)

and eqn (2),

$$m_{us} (\ddot{z}_2) + K_s (z_2 - z_1) + K_{tr} (z_2) = 0$$

$$m_{us} (\ddot{z}_2) + K_s (z_2) - K_s (z_1) + K_{tr} (z_2) = 0$$

————— (6)

Solution of eqn (5) and (6) is

$$z_1 = Z_1 \cos \omega_n t \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

$$z_2 = Z_2 \cos \omega_n t \quad \text{--- (8)}$$

where,

$\omega_n =$  Undamped <sup>angular</sup> natural frequency

$Z_1, Z_2 =$  Amplitudes of spring and unsprung mass.

Substituting the assumed solution into eqn (5) and (6).

i.e. eqn (5),

$$m_s \ddot{z}_1 + k_s z_1 - k_s z_2 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore z_1 &= Z_1 \cos \omega_n t & \text{and } z_2 &= Z_2 \cos \omega_n t \\ \dot{z}_1 &= -Z_1 \omega_n \sin \omega_n t & \dot{z}_2 &= -Z_2 \omega_n \sin \omega_n t \\ \ddot{z}_1 &= -Z_1 \omega_n^2 \cos \omega_n t & \ddot{z}_2 &= -Z_2 \omega_n^2 \cos \omega_n t \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$m_s (-Z_1 \omega_n^2 \cos \omega_n t) + k_s (Z_1 \cos \omega_n t) - k_s (Z_2 \cos \omega_n t) = 0$$

$$\left[ (-m_s \omega_n^2 + k_s) Z_1 - k_s Z_2 \right] \cos \omega_n t = 0.$$

$$\text{or } (-m_s \omega_n^2 + k_s) Z_1 - k_s Z_2 = 0. \quad \text{--- (9)}$$

Similarly for eqn (6).

$$m_{us} (\ddot{z}_2) + k_s (z_2) - k_s (z_1) + k_{tr} (z_2) = 0$$

$$m_{us} (-Z_2 \omega_n^2 \cos \omega_n t) + k_s (Z_2 \cos \omega_n t) - k_s (Z_1 \cos \omega_n t) + k_{tr} (Z_2 \cos \omega_n t) = 0$$

$$-m_{us} Z_2 \omega_n^2 + k_s Z_2 - k_s Z_1 + k_{tr} Z_2 = 0$$

$$-k_s Z_1 + (-m_{us} \omega_n^2 + k_s + k_{tr}) Z_2 = 0. \quad \text{--- (10)}$$

Now solving eqn (9) and (10) by matrix determinant method.

So eqn (9) and (10) are

$$(-m_s \omega_n^2 + k_s) z_1 - k_s z_2 = 0$$

$$-k_s z_1 + (-m_{us} \omega_n^2 + k_s + k_{tr}) z_2 = 0$$

By matrix,

$$\begin{vmatrix} (-m_s \omega_n^2 + k_s) & -k_s \\ -k_s & (-m_{us} \omega_n^2 + k_s + k_{tr}) \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Expanding the determinant leads to characteristic eqn.

$$[(-m_s \omega_n^2 + k_s)(-m_{us} \omega_n^2 + k_s + k_{tr})] - [k_s^2] = 0$$

$$[\omega_n^4 (m_s \cdot m_{us}) - k_s (m_{us}) \omega_n^2 - m_s k_s \omega_n^2 + k_s^2 - m_s k_{tr} \omega_n^2 + k_{tr} \cdot k_s] - [k_s^2] = 0$$

$$\omega_n^4 (m_s m_{us}) + \omega_n^2 (-m_s k_s - m_s k_{tr} - m_{us} k_s) + k_s k_{tr} = 0$$

$$\therefore \omega_n^4 (m_s m_{us}) + \omega_n^2 (-m_s k_s - m_s k_{tr} - m_{us} k_s) + k_s k_{tr} = 0$$

So, solution of above eqn is

$$\omega_{n,2}^2 = \frac{-B \pm \sqrt{B^2 - 4AC}}{2A}$$

where,

$$B = -(m_s k_s + m_s k_{tr} + m_{us} k_s)$$

$$A = m_s \cdot m_{us}$$

$$C = k_s \cdot k_{tr}$$



Although each of these leads to frequencies  $\pm \omega_{n1}$  and  $\pm \omega_{n2}$ , the negative values are discarded, as being of no <sup>physical</sup> significance.

So, the corresponding natural frequency is Hz.

$$f_{n1} = \frac{\omega_{n1}}{2\pi}$$

$$f_{n2} = \frac{\omega_{n2}}{2\pi}$$

For Passenger cars,

$$m_s > m_{us}$$

$$\text{and } K_s < K_{tr}$$

Because of this two condition an approximate method is used to determine the two natural frequency of two system

The approximate values of undamped natural frequency

in Hz  
Sprung mass frequency

$$f_{n-s} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{K_s \cdot K_{tr}}{(K_s + K_{tr}) m_s}}$$

Unsprung mass frequency,

$$f_{n-us} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{K_s + K_{tr}}{m_{us}}}$$

\* Note

①  $f_{n-us} > f_{n-s}$

② In passenger car  $\xi$  for shock absorber is 0.2 to 0.4 and the damping of tire is relatively insignificant. Hence there is little difference between undamped and damped

natural frequency and hence frequency of damped undamped natural frequency is used to characterize the system.

(3) So, as  $f_{n-s} > f_{n-us}$ .

So if a tire hits bumps the impulse will set wheel to oscillate with  $f_{n-us}$

while for the Spring mass the excitation will be the vibration of Unsprung mass.

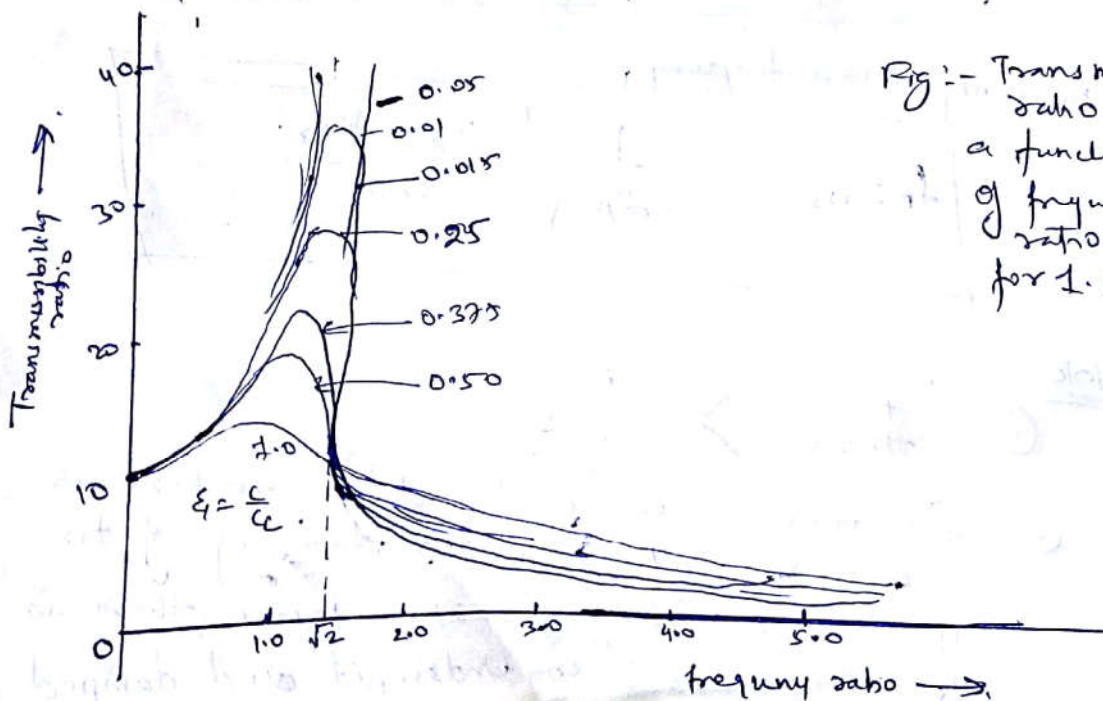
therefore for Spring mass

the ratio of excitation frequency to natural frequency i.e.  $(\omega/\omega_n)$  will be .

$$\left( \frac{f_{n-us}}{f_{n-s}} \right)$$

but since  $f_{n-us} > f_{n-s}$

ie the amplitude of Spring mass will be very small.



When the vehicle travels over an irregular surface, the excitation will normally consist of wide range of frequencies. As seen in the fig of M.F vs frequency ratio.

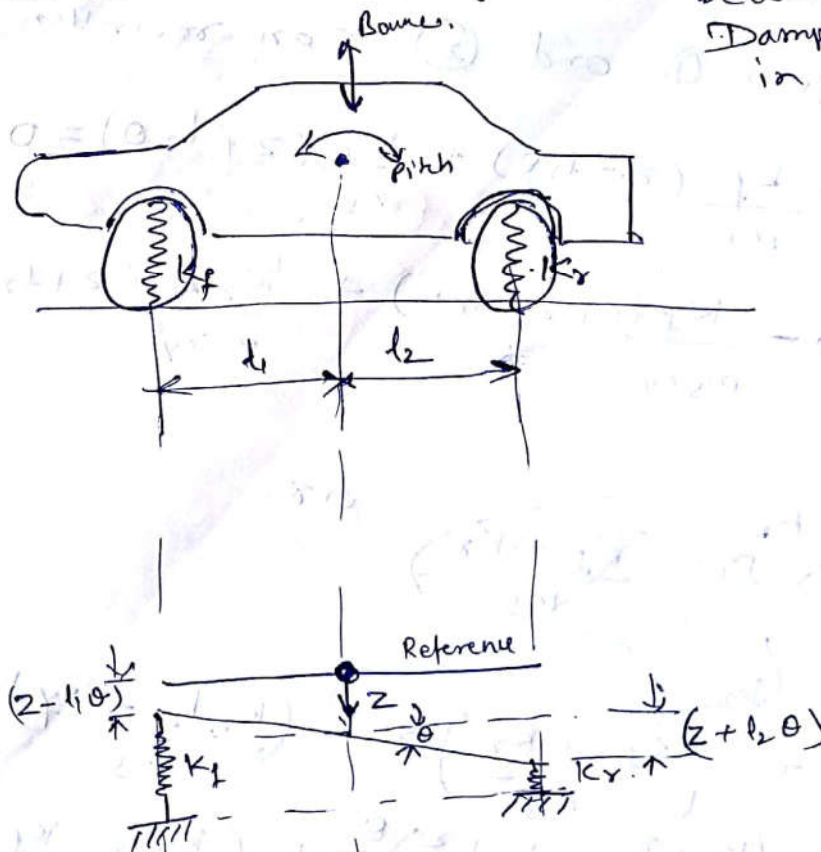
At high frequency ratio ( $\frac{f_n - u_s}{f_n - s}$ ) i.e. at high frequency input can be effectively ~~keep~~ isolated through the suspension.

But, low frequency excitation can however be transmitted to the vehicle body unimpeded, or even amplified, as transmissibility ratio is high when excitation is close to natural frequency of spring mass.

### 2-D.O.F Vehicle Model for Pitch and Bounce s-

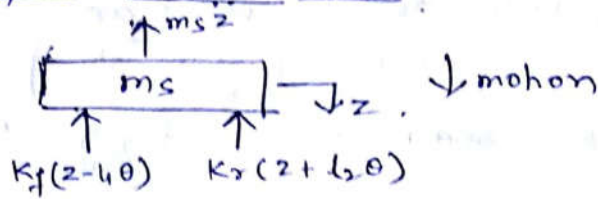
Because of different natural frequency of sprung and unsprung mass bounce and pitch of the vehicle body and the motion of wheels may be considered to exist almost independently. It can be studied by below model.

Damping is neglected in above model.





(i) F.B.D for Bounce motion

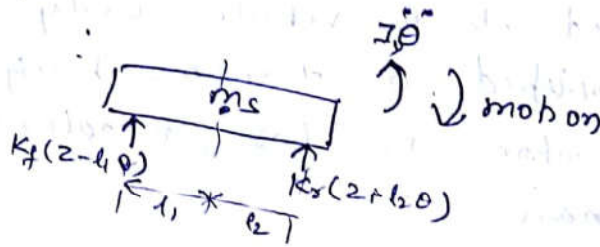


So by Newton's 2nd law eqn becomes

$$m_s \ddot{z} + K_f(z-l_1\theta) + K_r(z+l_2\theta) = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

This is the equation of motion for bounce.

(ii) F.B.D for Pitch motion



By Newton's 2nd law of motion

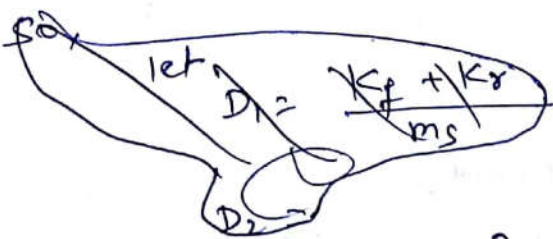
$$I_y \ddot{\theta} - K_f(z-l_1\theta) \cdot l_1 + K_r(z+l_2\theta) \cdot l_2 = 0$$

$$(m_s r_y^2) \ddot{\theta} - K_f l_1 (z-l_1\theta) + K_r l_2 (z+l_2\theta) = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

The eqns (1) and (2) can be written as

$$\ddot{z} + \frac{K_f}{m_s} (z-l_1\theta) + \frac{K_r}{m_s} (z+l_2\theta) = 0$$

and 
$$\ddot{\theta} - \frac{K_f l_1}{m_s r_y^2} (z-l_1\theta) + \frac{K_r l_2}{m_s r_y^2} (z+l_2\theta) = 0$$



or.

$$\ddot{z} + \left( \frac{K_f + K_r}{m_s} \right) z + \left( \frac{K_r l_2 - K_f l_1}{m_s} \right) \theta = 0$$

$$\ddot{\theta} + \left( \frac{K_f l_1^2 + K_r l_2^2}{m_s r_y^2} \right) \theta + \left( \frac{K_r l_2 - K_f l_1}{m_s r_y^2} \right) z = 0$$

So, let

$$D_1 = \frac{K_f + K_r}{m_s}$$

$$D_2 = \frac{(K_r l_2 - K_f l_1)}{m_s}$$

$$D_3 = \frac{1}{m_s r_y^2} (K_f l_1^2 + K_r l_2^2)$$

So eqn can further be written as

$$\ddot{z} + D_1 z + D_2 \theta = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\ddot{\theta} + D_3 \theta + \frac{D_2}{r_y^2} z = 0 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

It is evident from both eqns that  $D_2$  is coupling coeff. for bounce & pitch motion. and these motion uncouples when  $D_2 = 0$  i.e.  $K_r l_2 = K_f l_1$

When this occurs,

(1) A force applied on C.G. will induce only bounce motion

(2) While a moment applied will produce pitch motion.

In such case natural frequency is given

by,

$$\omega_{nz} = \sqrt{D_1}$$

$$\omega_{n\theta} = \sqrt{D_3}$$

It is found this results in poor ride.

But in general

Pitch and Bounce are coupled and an force on front ~~and~~ or rear will excite both motions.

So it become 2-D.O.F problem and solution for the eqns comes as

$$z = Z \cos \omega_n t$$

$$\theta = \Theta \cos \omega_n t$$

$$\ddot{z} = -Z \omega_n^2 \cos \omega_n t$$

$$\ddot{\theta} = -\Theta \omega_n^2 \cos \omega_n t$$

So substituting in eqn. (3) ~~and (4)~~

$$-Z \omega_n^2 \cos \omega_n t + D_1 Z \cos \omega_n t + D_2 \Theta \cos \omega_n t = 0.$$

$$-Z \omega_n^2 + D_1 Z + D_2 \Theta = 0$$

$$(D_1 - \omega_n^2) Z + D_2 \Theta = 0. \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

Similarly in eqn (4)

$$-\Theta \omega_n^2 \cos \omega_n t + D_3 \Theta \cos \omega_n t + \frac{D_2}{r_y^2} Z \cos \omega_n t = 0$$

$$-\Theta \omega_n^2 + D_3 \Theta + \frac{D_2}{r_y^2} Z = 0$$

$$\left( \frac{D_2}{r_y^2} \right) Z + (D_3 - \omega_n^2) \Theta = 0 \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

Solving eqns (5) and (6) by matrix Determinant method.



$$(D_1 - \omega_n^2) Z + D_2 \theta = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{D_2}{r_y^2}\right) Z + (D_3 - \omega_n^2) \theta = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} (D_1 - \omega_n^2) & D_2 \\ \left(\frac{D_2}{r_y^2}\right) & (D_3 - \omega_n^2) \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(D_1 - \omega_n^2)(D_3 - \omega_n^2) - \frac{D_2^2}{r_y^2} = 0$$

$$D_1 D_3 - D_1 \omega_n^2 - D_3 \omega_n^2 + \omega_n^4 - \frac{D_2^2}{r_y^2} = 0$$

$$\omega_n^4 - (D_1 + D_3) \omega_n^2 + \left(D_1 D_3 - \frac{D_2^2}{r_y^2}\right) = 0$$

Solving the

$$\omega_{n_{1,2}}^2 = \frac{(D_1 + D_3) \pm \sqrt{(D_1 + D_3)^2 - 4\left(D_1 D_3 - \frac{D_2^2}{r_y^2}\right)}}{2}$$

$$\omega_{n_{1,2}} = \frac{(D_1 + D_3) \pm \sqrt{D_1^2 + D_3^2 + 2D_1 D_3 - 4D_1 D_3 - \frac{4D_2^2}{r_y^2}}}{2}$$

$$\omega_{n_{1,2}} = \frac{1}{2}(D_1 + D_3) \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{D_1^2 + D_3^2 - 2D_1 D_3 - \frac{4D_2^2}{r_y^2}}$$

$$\omega_{n_{1,2}} = \frac{1}{2}(D_1 + D_3) \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(D_1 - D_3)^2 - \frac{4D_2^2}{r_y^2}}$$

so the solution becomes.

$$\omega_{n_1} = \frac{1}{2}(D_1 + D_3) - \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}(D_1 - D_3)^2 - \frac{D_2^2}{r_y^2}} \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

$$\omega_{n_2} = \frac{1}{2}(D_1 + D_3) + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}(D_1 - D_3)^2 - \frac{D_2^2}{r_y^2}} \quad \text{--- (8)}$$

From eqns (5) and (8) the amplitude ratio of the bounce and pitch oscillations for the natural frequency can be determined.

for  $\omega_{n1}$ , Amplitude ratio i.e.  $\frac{\text{Bounce}}{\text{Pitch}}$  from eqn (5)

$$\frac{z}{\theta} \Big|_{\omega_{n1}} = \frac{D_2}{-(D_1 - \omega_{n1}^2)}$$

$$\frac{z}{\theta} \Big|_{\omega_{n1}} = \frac{D_2}{\omega_{n1}^2 - D_1}$$

Similarly

for  $\omega_{n2}$ , Amplitude ratio i.e.  $\frac{\text{Bounce}}{\text{Pitch}}$  from eqn (8)

$$\frac{z}{\theta} \Big|_{\omega_{n2}} = \frac{D_2}{\omega_{n2}^2 - D_1}$$

— To further illustrate the characteristics of bounce and pitch modes of oscillation, the concept of "oscillation centre" is introduced.

— It is measured from C.G. of vehicle and is determined by Amplitude ratio and denoted by  $l_o$ .

— There will be two centres

→ one centre associated with  $\omega_{n1}$   
 → second — — — — —  $\omega_{n2}$

For  $\omega_{n1}$  it is

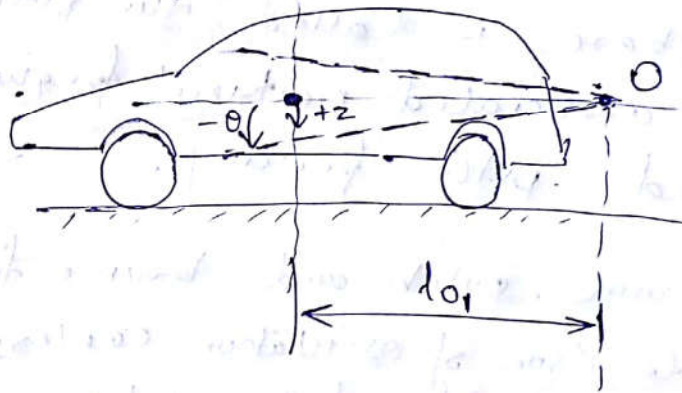
$$l_{o1} = \frac{D_2}{\omega_{n1}^2 - D_1}$$

and for  $\omega_{n2}$

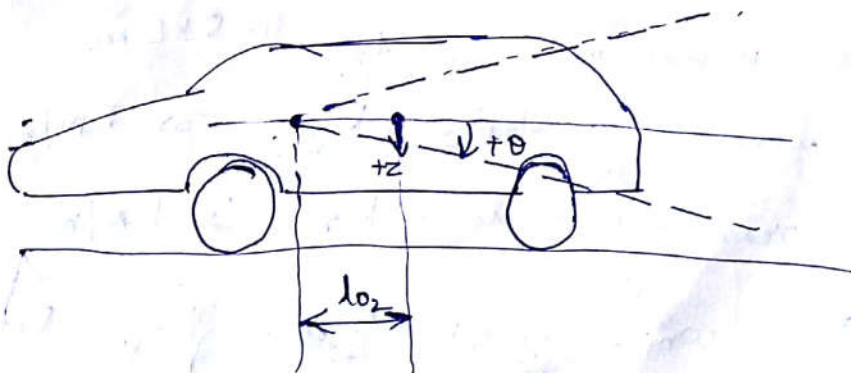
$$l_{o2} = \frac{D_2}{\omega_{n2}^2 - D_1}$$

- when Amplitude ratio is -ve, oscillation center will be located to right of C.G. of vehicle. as shown in fig.

~~to~~



- when Amplitude ratio is +ve, the oscillation centre is located left to C.G. of vehicle. as shown in fig.



In general a road input at the front or rear wheel will cause a moment about each oscillation center, and therefore will



excite both bounce and pitch oscillations.

or we can say

the body motion will be the sum of oscillations about the "two centers".

— Oscillation center ~~being~~ <sup>ee</sup> outside the wheelbase is called "bounce center" and associated frequency is called bounce frequency.

— Oscillation center <sup>ee</sup> inside the wheelbase is called the "pitch center" and associated natural frequency is called pitch frequency.

Ques Determine pitch and bounce frequency and location of oscillation centers of an vehicle with following data

Spring mass,  $m_s = 2120 \text{ kg}$

radius of gyration,  $r_y = 1.33 \text{ m}$ .

Dist. from front axle to C.G.  $d_1 = 1.267 \text{ m}$

— u — u rear — u — u — u —  $d_2 = 1.548 \text{ m}$ .

front spring stiffness  $K_f = 35 \text{ kN/m}$

rear — u — u —  $K_r = 38 \text{ kN/m}$

Ans

$$\omega_{n1}^2 = \frac{1}{2} (D_1 + D_2) - \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} (D_1 - D_2)^2 + \left(\frac{D_2 r_y}{d_1}\right)^2}$$

$$\therefore D_1 = \frac{K_f + K_r}{m_s} = \frac{35000 + 38000}{2120}$$

$$\boxed{D_1 = 34.48 \text{ s}^{-2}}$$

$$D_2 = \frac{K_r l_2 - K_f l_1}{m_s}$$

$$= \frac{(38000 \times 1.548) - (38,000 \times 1.267)}{2120}$$

$$D_2 = 6.83 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$D_3 = \frac{K_f l_1^2 + K_r l_2^2}{m_s r_y^2}$$

$$= \frac{[35000 \times (1.267)^2] + [38000 \times (1.548)^2]}{2120 \times (1.33)^2}$$

$$D_3 = 39.28 \text{ s}^{-2}$$

$$\left(\frac{D_2}{\gamma}\right)^2 = 26.37 \text{ s}^{-4}$$

$$D_3 + D_1 = 73.69 \text{ s}^{-2}$$

$$D_3 - D_1 = 4.83 \text{ s}^{-2}$$

so,

$$\omega_{n1} = 31.47 \text{ s}^{-2}$$

$$\omega_{n1} = 5.58 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$f_{n1} = 0.89 \text{ Hz}$$

Similarly

$$\omega_{n2} = \frac{1}{2} (D_1 + D_3) + \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} (D_1 - D_3)^2 + \left(\frac{D_2}{2l}\right)^2}$$

$$\omega_{n2} = 42.525^{-2}$$

$$\omega_{n2} = 6.525^{-1}$$

$$f_{n2} = 1.04 \text{ Hz}$$

Location of oscillation center

$$l_{o1} = \frac{2}{\theta} \left| \omega_{n1} = \frac{D_2}{\omega_{n1}^2 - D_1} \right.$$

$$= \frac{6.83}{31.17 - 34.43}$$

$$= -2.09 \text{ m}$$

$$l_{o2} = \frac{2}{\theta} \left| \omega_{n2} = \frac{D_2}{\omega_{n2}^2 - D_1} \right.$$

$$= \frac{6.83}{42.52 - 34.43}$$

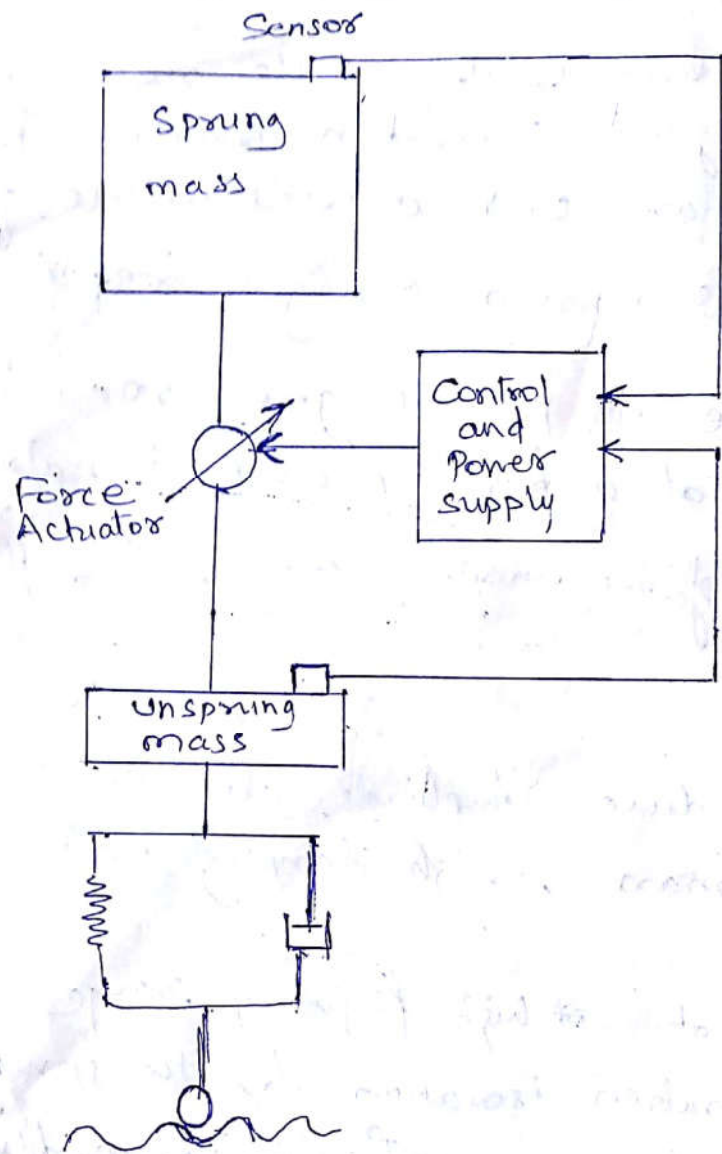
$$= +0.84 \text{ m}$$



## Active and semi-active Suspension

- As discussed in vehicle ride model, to achieve good vibration isolation for the sprung mass over a wide range of frequency a soft suspension spring is required.
- While to provide good road holding capability at a frequency close to natural frequency of the unsprung mass, a stiff spring is required.
- To reduce amplitude close to  $\omega_n$  of sprung mass, high damping ratio is required.
- While at high frequency range to provide good vibration isolation for the sprung mass a low damping ratio ( $\xi$ ) is preferred.
- To provide good road holding capability in high frequency range, a high damping ratio is required.

These requirements can't be met by conventional (passive) suspension system, because the characteristics of spring and shock absorber are fixed and cannot be changed in accordance to operating conditions.



Active suspension system provides:

- 1) Better ride quality
- 2)  $\rightarrow$  handling
- 3)  $\rightarrow$  performance under various operating conditions.

Spring and shock absorbers  
(Conventional or Passive  
Suspension system)

Replaced by  $\rightarrow$

Actuator  
(Active Suspension  
system)

\*Note:- The actuator can also be installed parallel with Conventional system.



- In active Suspension System, Sensor continuously monitors the operating conditions of vehicle.

- Based on the signal obtained by the sensors, the control system continuously changes the force in the actuator to achieve improved ride, handling and performance.

~~Generally the~~ Generally the optimum control strategy is defined as the one that minimizes the following:-

- 1) The root mean square (rms) value of the sprung mass acceleration
- 2) The rms of suspension travel,
- 3) The rms value of the dynamic tire deflection.

Usually these quantities are multiplied by weighting ~~factors~~ factors, then combined to form an evaluation function.

An active Suspension can also be used to control the height, roll, dive (forward pitching) and Squat (rearward pitching) of the vehicle body.

Following advantages

- 1) height of vehicle can be kept constant despite changes in load
- 2) Adequate suspension can be provided for negotiating bumps.
- 3) Reduce Aerodynamic resistance and lift



- 3) ground clearance can be adjusted easily
- 4) During ~~not~~ cornering, Anti-rolling forces can be produced

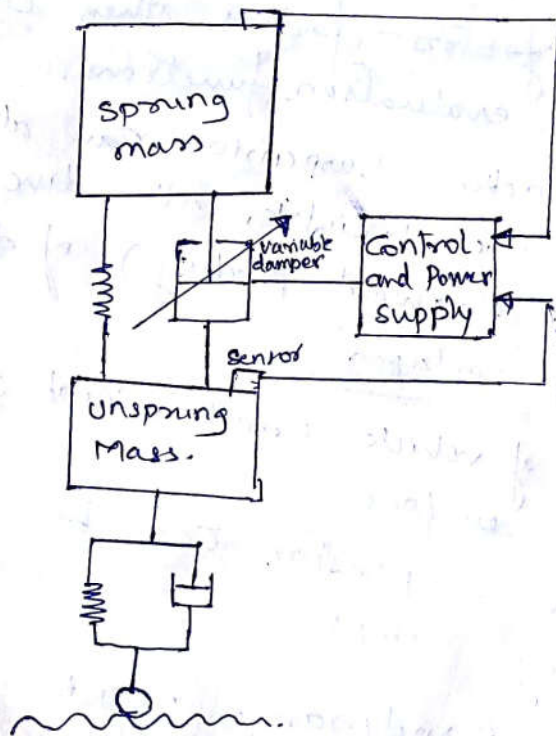


### Disadvantages.

- 1) Requires significant external power to operate.
- 2) It makes the ~~complex~~ system complex.
- 3) less reliable.
- 4) more cost and weight:

### Semi-Active Suspension System :-

To reduce complexity and cost, the concept of semi-active suspension has emerged. In this system, the damper damping force of damper can be modulated in accordance of operating condition. The spring remains same as conventional system.



The variation in damping force can be achieved by following means:-

- 1) Adjusting orifice area in the shock absorber (i.e. making holes in piston of damper.) hence changing resistance to fluid flow.
- 2) using fluids like electro-rheological and magneto-rheological fluids in the damper.

### Electro-rheological fluid:-

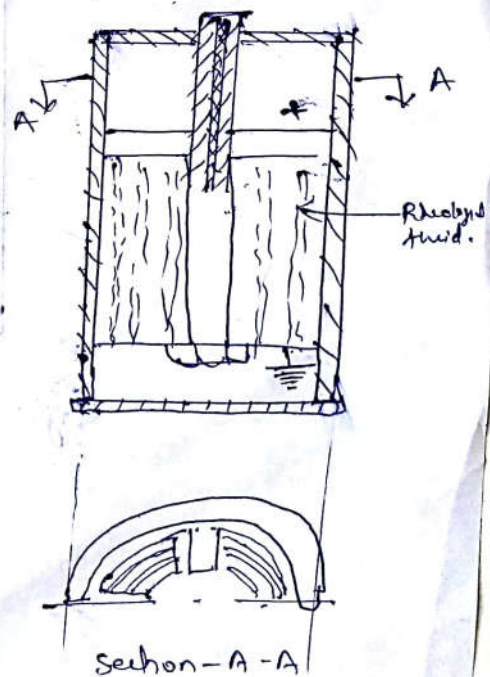
It is mixture of dielectric base oil and fine semi-conducting particles.

In electric field, this fluid thickens, and hence apparent viscosity can be controlled and hence resistance to flow can be achieved.

The electric field can be varied by ~~app~~ regulating voltage across the fluid.

Hence, by regulating the voltage the damping force can be varied.

→ major disadvantage of the system is to develop a rheological fluid which can produce adequate shear strength fluid that could operate in a temperature  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+120^{\circ}\text{C}$ .





## magneto-rheological fluid :-

A magneto-rheological fluid is mixture of micron-sized magnetizable particles suspended in carrier fluid like silicon oil.

By changing magnetic field, the apparent viscosity of damper oil can be changed.

Hence resistance to flow can be changed by changing the magnetic field amount oil.

### Advantages

1) As comparison to electro-rheological fluid, the magneto-rheological fluid properties have greater stability over wide range of temperature.

2) Magneto-rheological fluid have high shear strength.

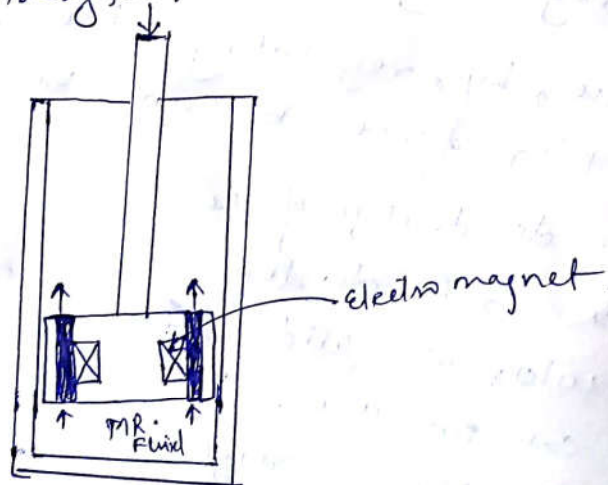


Fig:- Electro magneto-rheological damper.