

Problem Set No.1**Problem 1**

An experimental apparatus to determine the friction characteristics of various materials is shown in Figure 1. A mass m is released with a known velocity and slides on the test sample. The velocity decay, due to the frictional resistance, is monitored and used to estimate the effective viscous drag coefficient. Derive the system equation of motion and determine the system time constant. Derive an expression for the velocity of the mass assuming that it is released with an initial velocity v_0 at time $t = 0$. If the mass is 10 kg, and after a time of 5.0 seconds the mass is at 50% of its initial velocity, determine the value of the damping parameter.

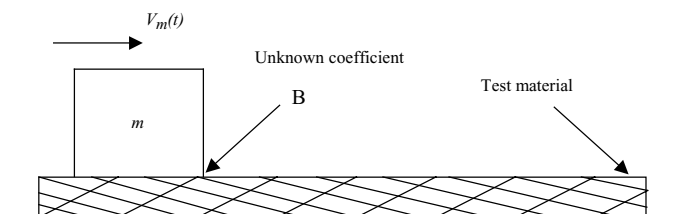


Figure 1: Friction coefficient test apparatus

and to let v_1 be proportional to the error $v - v_\psi$, where v is the input voltage:

$$v_1 = K(v - v_\psi),$$

thus feeding back the position signal to achieve a closed-loop control system.

(a) Find the differential equation relating ψ to input v .

(b) Find the system “steady-state gain” $= (\psi/v)_{t \rightarrow \infty}$.

(c) Find the undamped natural frequency and damping ratio of the complete system.

(d) Derive an expression for the value of K which will produce the fastest response to a step change in v without overshoot of the steady-state, $(\psi)_{t \rightarrow \infty}$. Estimate the time T for ψ to reach 90% of $(\psi)_{t \rightarrow \infty}$.

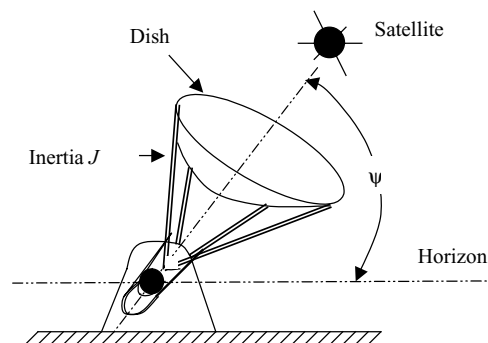


Figure 3