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# Pedestrian traffic induced lateral vibration including the effect of TMD

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Abstract. This study explores the dynamic behavior of beam induced by bipedal pedestrian traffic and corresponding vibration reducing method by tuned mass damper. Each pedestrian from motion crowd simplifies as a bipedal robot comprised of a lump mass and two massless spring-damping legs. In addition, the tuned mass dampers are installed on the bottom of structure to relieving the vibration of structure. The interactions among pedestrians, tuned mass dampers and structure are considered to establish a governing equation. Research indicates that both the tuned mass damper and pedestrian evidently alter the structural properties of the structure by affecting its frequency and damping capacity. The structure tends to be gently flexible at a lower frequency as pedestrian walk across its surface, but the corresponding damping capacity of the structure is improved. The tuned mass damper always improves both the vibration response and dynamic properties of structure. However, its self-dynamic characteristics of the tuned mass damper tend to deteriorate. The tuned mass damper relieves effectively the lateral vibration in a slender structure than the rigid structure. The change in the mass ratio of tuned mass damper to structure affects significantly the dynamic behaviors of structure. In addition, the layouts of the tuned mass dampers on structure also have remarkable influences on the behaviors. The results of this study provide potential pathways for understanding the vibratory mechanisms of slender structures such as footbridges, grandstands, or stations under crowd excitations.

Keywords: lateral vibration, dynamic property, pedestrian traffic, TMD.

## 1. Introduction

The lateral excessive vibrations of footbridge under crowd excitations have attracted the attention of society of civil engineers, ever since the London Millennium Footbridge accident [1]. Afterwards, the explorations on the human induced lateral waggle on structural responses and properties have been blossomed. The excessive vibrations of structure not only provoke the serviceability problems of these slender structures, but also seriously alter the corresponding dynamic properties. For example, the synchronous walking from motion crowd triggered the lateral excessive swing of M-bridge [2], and crowd motion influences remarkably the natural frequency and damping of structure [3]. To explore the lateral vibrational mechanism of footbridge, some measurements and excitation models have been proposed such as the typical investigation is to identify the lateral excitation forces induced by walking feet. Ricciardelli and Pizzimenti [4] described the lateral excitation forces by the Fourier series from the measurement investigations of a sample with 75 subjects, and recommended the first five values of dynamic load factors. Later, one stochastic model was put forward by Ingolfsson et al. [5], who comprehensively analyzed the lateral forces from single pedestrians during continuous walking on a treadmill. Although, these proposed forcing models are able to well reproduce the lateral excitation, the contributions from walking behaviors and dynamic properties in human body lack considered. A simple inverted pendulum (IP) [6] was further presented to describe pedestrian-structure interaction, and its lateral stability [7] has been extensively researched for seeking out its balance control strategies. Based on the proposed IP model, Carroll et al. [8] introduced it to describe the crowd-bridge dynamic

interaction, and it successfully predicted multi-mode instability of the structure. However, uncertainties from the IP application had remained within the model. Bocian et al. [9] presented the probabilistic criteria for lateral stability of bridges under the IP model. A further refine human model has been identified, as well as the suitability of the semi-active biomechanical structure need to be explored. Even later, Yang and Gao [10] studied the lateral vibrational mechanism of footbridge under a bipedal walking robot with a lump mass and two massless spring-damping legs. Later, a simplified theory for structural vibration was proposed based on the assumptions of uniform distribution and synchronized walking of pedestrians [11], which has been used to describe the effect of the change in crowd size on lateral structural damping and the frequency of the structure. Although the lateral vibration of footbridge under walking pedestrian has comprehensively studied, the mechanism of alleviating vibration of structure under bipedal walking is rare explored.

This study presents a lateral vibration theory of structure under the motion bipedal traffic including an absorber that is the tuned mass damper (TMD). The theory considers the interactions among the pedestrian, TMD and footbridge. Firstly, the governing equation constructed including the dynamic contributions of both pedestrians and TMDs. Secondly, numerical examples are used to verify the theory by a rigid and slender footbridge, and the dynamic responses and properties of structure are analyzed. Finally, the effects of TMD parameters on structural dynamic properties are investigated.

## 2. Theoretical processes

#### 2.1. Governing equations of motion

In this model, a three-dimensional space coordinate system is established and its origin locates the left endpoint of footbridge. The corresponding longitudinal, lateral and vertical directions are denoted as x, y and z, respectively. The pedestrian from a crowd is simulated as a bipedal robot system with a lump mass and two massless spring-damper legs (Fig. 1) and it has a single degree-of-freedom in vertical direction. The human body in the qth pedestrian is simplified as a lump mass  $m^q$  and two mass-less spring-damping legs. The leading leg has the spring stiffness  $k_l^q$  and damping ratio  $\xi_l^q$ , and the corresponding coefficients of the trailing leg are  $k_t^q$  and  $\xi_t^q$ , respectively. The leg stiffness with  $k_l^q$  and  $k_t^q$ , as well as the leg damping with  $c_l^q$  and  $c_t^q$  of the pedestrian are determined according to the axial compression of the both legs [10]. The coordinate position of center of mass (COM) with the pedestrian is  $(x^q, y^q, z^q)$ . The vertical projection coordinates of leading and trailing feet positions are  $(x_l^q, y_l^q)$  and  $(x_t^q, y_t^q)$ , respectively. The TMD with the number of  $\chi$  are installed in the bottom of deck so as to alleviate the vibration of structure. The lump mass, stiffness and corresponding damping ratio of the  $\alpha$ th TMD are  $m^{\alpha}$ ,  $k^{\alpha}$ are  $\xi^{\alpha}$ , respectively. The structure footbridge is looked as a simply supported beam with the span length L and deck width B. The lateral deflection displacement of structure in longitudinal position x and time point t is w(x, t) and its vertical vibration is negligent in this paper.

The equations of motion governing the vibration of the structure, pedestrian and TMD are derived from the Lagrange equation. The total kinetic energy T and potential energy V of the pedestrian-structure-TMD (PSTMD) system in the double-support phase are defined as:

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{q=1}^{N} \sum_{v = \dot{x}^{q}, \dot{y}^{q}, \dot{z}^{q}} m^{q} v^{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{\chi} m_{\alpha} \dot{y}_{\alpha}^{2} + \frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{L} \overline{m} \dot{w}^{2} dx,$$
(1a)

$$V = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{q=1}^{N} \sum_{\eta=l,t} k_{\eta}^{q} (L_{\eta}^{q} - L_{o}^{q})^{2} + \sum_{q=1}^{N} m^{q} g z^{q} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{\chi} k_{\alpha} (y_{\alpha} - w_{\alpha})^{2} + \frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{L} EI(w'')^{2} dx,$$
(1b)

where  $\dot{x}^q$ ,  $\dot{y}^q$  and  $\dot{z}^q$  are longitudinal, lateral and vertical velocities of COM, respectively;  $L_l^q$  and  $L_t^q$  are the distances from the footholds to the COM of the leading and trailing legs, respectively.  $L_o^q$  is the leg length in a relaxed condition and g represents the acceleration due to gravity.  $y_\alpha$  and  $\dot{y}_\alpha$  are lateral vibration displacement and velocity of TMD, respectively;  $w_\alpha$  is the lateral displacement of footbridge at the  $\alpha$ th TMD position.  $\overline{m}$  is the mass per meter length of the structure in longitudinal direction and EI denotes its lateral flexible stiffness;  $w'' = \partial^2 w(x,t)/\partial x^2$  means structural lateral curvature.



Fig. 1. Mechanical model of pedestrian-footbridge-TMD system

Based on the modal superposition method, the lateral displacement of the footbridge is defined as:

$$w(x,t) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \phi_i(x) Y_i(t),$$
(2)

where  $\phi_i(x)$  is an assumed vibration mode satisfying all boundary conditions, and  $Y_i(t)$  is the modal coordinate of the structure with the maximum mode number n.

By referencing to the spatial position of pedestrians, the lengths of the leading and trailing legs can be obtained as:

$$L_{l}^{q} = \sqrt{\left(x^{q} - x_{l}^{q}\right)^{2} + \left(y^{q} - y_{l}^{q} - w_{l}^{q}\right)^{2} + (z^{q})^{2}},$$

$$L_{t}^{q} = \sqrt{\left(x^{q} - x_{t}^{q}\right)^{2} + \left(y^{q} - y_{t}^{q} - w_{t}^{q}\right)^{2} + (z^{q})^{2}},$$
(3)

where  $w_l^q = (x_l^q, y_l^q, t)$  and  $w_t^q = (x_t^q, y_t^q, t)$  are the lateral displacements of footbridge at the points of contact of the leading and trailing feet, respectively.

The total non-conservative virtual work of the PSTMD system is due to the damping force of the footbridge, pedestrian legs and the TMDs; the variation of virtual work is obtained as:

$$\delta W = -\sum_{q=1}^{N} \left( c_l^q \dot{L}_l^q \delta L_l^q + c_t^q \dot{L}_t^q \delta L_t^q \right) - \sum_{\alpha=1}^{\chi} c_\alpha (\dot{y}_\alpha - \dot{w}_\alpha) \delta (y_\alpha - w_\alpha) - \int_0^L c_s \dot{w}'' \delta w'' dx = \sum_{i=1}^{n} Q_{si} \delta Y_i + \sum_{q=1}^{N} Q^q \delta z^q + \sum_{\alpha=1}^{\chi} Q_\alpha \delta y_\alpha,$$
(4)

where  $c_l^q$  and  $c_t^q$  are damping of the leading and trailing legs, respectively;  $c_{\alpha}$  and  $c_s$  are the damping of TMD and footbridge, respectively. The terms  $Q^q$ ,  $Q_{\alpha}$  and  $Q_{si}$  are the generalized

forces of the PSTMD.  $\dot{L}_l^q$  and  $\dot{L}_t^q$  are the axial velocities of the both legs:

$$Q_{si} = \sum_{q=1}^{N} \left( c_{xy-i}^{q} \dot{x}^{q} + c_{yy-i}^{q} \dot{y}^{q} + c_{yz-i}^{q} \dot{z}^{q} \right) + \sum_{\alpha=1}^{X} c_{\alpha} \phi_{i}(x_{\alpha}) \dot{y}_{\alpha} \\ - \sum_{j=1}^{n} c_{yy-ij}^{q} \dot{Y}_{j} - \sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{X} c_{\alpha} \Phi_{i,j}(x_{\alpha}) \dot{Y}_{j} - \left( \int_{0}^{L} c_{s}(\phi^{\prime\prime}{}_{i})^{2} dx \right) \dot{Y}_{i},$$
(5a)

$$Q^{q} = \sum_{\substack{i=1\\ yz-i}}^{n} c_{yz-i}^{q} \dot{Y}_{i} - \left( c_{zx}^{q} \dot{x}^{q} + c_{yz}^{q} \dot{y}^{q} + c_{zz}^{q} \dot{z}^{q} \right),$$
(5b)

$$Q_{\alpha} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} c_{\alpha} \phi_i(x_{\alpha}) \dot{Y}_i - c_{\alpha} \dot{y}_{\alpha}, \tag{5c}$$

where the parametrical terms in Eq. (5) are shown as:

$$\begin{aligned} c_{yy-ij}^{q} &= c_{lyy}^{q} \Phi_{i,j}(x_{l}^{q}) + c_{tyy}^{q} \Phi_{i,j}(x_{t}^{q}), \\ c_{ab-i}^{q} &= c_{lab}^{q} \phi_{i}(x_{l}^{q}) + c_{tab}^{q} \phi_{i}(x_{t}^{q}), \\ c_{zx}^{q} &= c_{lzx}^{q} + c_{tzx}^{q}, \quad c_{yz}^{q} &= c_{lyz}^{q} + c_{tyz}^{q}, \quad c_{zz}^{q} &= c_{lzz}^{q} + c_{tzz}^{q}, \\ c_{lab}^{q} &= \frac{c_{l}^{q} L_{la}^{l} L_{lb}^{l}}{\left(L_{l}^{q}\right)^{2}}, \quad c_{tab}^{q} &= \frac{c_{t}^{q} L_{ta}^{l} L_{tb}^{l}}{\left(L_{t}^{q}\right)^{2}}, \quad (a, b = x, y, z), \\ L_{lx}^{l} &= x^{q} - x_{l}^{q}, \quad L_{ly}^{l} &= y^{q} - y_{l}^{q} - w_{l}^{q}, \quad L_{tz}^{l} &= z^{q}, \\ L_{tx}^{q} &= x^{q} - x_{t}^{q}, \quad L_{ty}^{q} &= y^{q} - y_{t}^{q} - w_{t}^{q}, \quad L_{tz}^{q} &= z^{q}, \\ \Phi_{i,j}(x) &= \phi_{i}(x)\phi_{j}(x). \end{aligned}$$

In the above equations,  $\phi_i(x) = \sin(i\pi x/L)$  is adopted in this study. The Lagrange equations of the PSTMD system are defined as:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{Y}_i} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial Y_i} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial Y_i} = Q_{si}, \\ \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{z}^q} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial z^q} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial z^q} = Q^q, \\ \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{y}_\alpha} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial y_\alpha} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial y_\alpha} = Q_\alpha. \end{cases}$$
(7)

Substituting Eqs. (1) into Eq. (7) results in the governing equations of the PSTMD in differential forms as:

$$F_{i} = M_{i} \ddot{Y}_{i} + 2\xi_{i} \omega_{i} M_{i} \dot{Y}_{i} + \omega_{i}^{2} M_{i} Y_{i} + \sum_{j=1}^{n} (C_{yy-ij}^{N} + C_{ij}^{\chi}) \dot{Y}_{j} - \sum_{q=1}^{N} c_{yz-i}^{q} \dot{z}^{q} - \sum_{\alpha=1}^{\chi} c_{\alpha-i} \dot{y}_{\alpha} + \sum_{j=1}^{n} (K_{ij}^{\chi} - K_{\delta-ij}^{N}) Y_{j} - \sum_{\alpha=1}^{\chi} k_{\alpha-i} y_{\alpha},$$
(8a)

$$m^{q} \ddot{z}^{q} + c_{zz}^{q} \dot{z}^{q} - \left(k_{\delta l}^{q} + k_{\delta t}^{q}\right) z^{q} - \sum_{i=1}^{n} c_{yz-i}^{q} \dot{Y}_{i} = F^{q},$$
(8b)

$$m_{\alpha} \ddot{y}_{\alpha} + c_{\alpha} \dot{y}_{\alpha} + k_{\alpha} y_{\alpha} - \sum_{i=1}^{n} c_{\alpha-i} \dot{Y}_{i} - \sum_{i=1}^{n} k_{\alpha-i} Y_{i} = 0,$$
(8c)

where  $M_i = \overline{m}L/2$  is the modal mass of the structure;  $\omega_i$  and  $\xi_i$  are the *i*th modal angular frequency and damping ratio of the footbridge, respectively; other parameters in the Eq (8) are shown as following:

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$$C_{yy-ij}^{N} = \sum_{q=1}^{N} c_{yy-ij}^{q}, \quad C_{ij}^{\chi} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{\chi} c_{\alpha} \Phi_{i,j}(x_{\alpha}), \quad c_{\alpha-i} = c_{\alpha} \phi_{i}(x_{\alpha}), \\ K_{\delta-ij}^{N} = \sum_{q=1}^{N} k_{\delta-ij}^{q}, \quad K_{ij}^{\chi} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{\chi} k_{\alpha} \Phi_{i,j}(x_{\alpha}), \quad k_{\alpha-i} = k_{\alpha} \phi_{i}(x_{\alpha}), \\ k_{\delta l}^{q} = \frac{k_{l}^{q} (L_{o}^{q} - L_{l}^{q})}{L_{l}^{q}}, \quad k_{\delta t}^{q} = \frac{k_{t}^{q} (L_{o}^{q} - L_{t}^{q})}{L_{t}^{q}}, \quad k_{\delta-ij}^{q} = k_{\delta l}^{q} \Phi_{i,j}(x_{l}^{q}) + k_{\delta t}^{q} \Phi_{i,j}(x_{t}^{q})$$

$$F_{i} = \sum_{q=1}^{N} (c_{xy-i}^{q} \dot{x}^{q} + c_{yy-i}^{q} \dot{y}^{q}) - \sum_{q=1}^{N} [k_{\delta l}^{q} (y^{q} - y_{l}^{q}) \phi_{i}(x_{l}^{q}) + k_{\delta t}^{q} (y^{q} - y_{t}^{q}) \phi_{i}(x_{t}^{q})], \quad F^{q} = -(c_{zx}^{q} \dot{x}^{q} + c_{yz}^{q} \dot{y}^{q}) - m^{q}g.$$

$$(9)$$

The dynamic equations in Eq. (8) can be written in a matrix form as:

$$M\ddot{U} + C\dot{U} + KU = F,$$

where M, C, K, F, Ü, U and U are the mass, damping and stiffness matrices, and force, acceleration, velocity and displacement vectors, respectively. For the present case, the mass, damping and stiffness matrices, and displace and force vectors can be indicated as:

To understand the governing equation, both damping and stiffness matrices are partitioned as 9 block sub-matrices following the dotted lines. It is noted that the damping and stiffness matrices are time-varying because the pedestrian is position-varying. In the damping matrix of Eq. (11b), the block in 1st row and 1st column includes the contributions from pedestrians and TMDs, which

(10)

be able to change the damping capacity of structure. The blocks in the 1st row, 2nd and 3rd columns are the pedestrian and TMD damping contributions, respectively. This shows that in theory, the structure can alter the damping capacity of the pedestrians and TMDs in return. The element  $c_{zz}^{q}$  in principal diagonal is determined by the position of the COM and the vibration of the structure. Similarly, the stiffness matrix in Eq. (11c) is also time-varying. The block in 1st row and 1st column includes the stiffness contributions from pedestrians and TMDs, which be able to change the flexibility of structure. The elements  $-k_{\alpha-i}$  from the block in 1st row and 3rd column are related with the position of TMDs. The elements  $-k_{\delta l}^{q} - k_{\delta t}^{q}$  in both legs from the block in 2nd row and 2nd column are changing as a result of the movement of the COM and feet. The terms  $k_{\alpha}$  from the block 3rd row and 3rd column are stiffness contributions of TMD. Both the damping and stiffness matrices are symmetrical, which needs the lesser computing storage space. It is noted that the pedestrian and absorber are independent both damping and stiffness. This indicates that the vibration of TMD is caused by the pedestrian acting on the structure, and then the structure acting on the TMD, but not the pedestrian acts directly on the TMD. In turn, the effects of TMD on pedestrian are transmitted though the structure.

According to the research from Den [12], the optimized frequency  $f_{\alpha}$  and damping ratio  $\xi_{\alpha}$  of TMD are related with the mass ratio  $\mu = M_{\alpha}/M_1$  of TMD to structural modal mass, and it is adopted in this study as:

$$f_{\alpha} = \frac{f_1}{(1+\mu)'} \tag{12a}$$

$$\xi_{\alpha} = \sqrt{\frac{3\mu}{[8(1+\mu)]}}.$$
(12b)

## 2.2. Modal analysis

The instantaneous natural frequencies and damping ratios of the PSTMD system can be calculated with the instantaneous mass and stiffness matrices of the system. The instantaneous modal properties of the system are determined with the state-space method [13] as:

$$\dot{\Gamma} = \mathbf{A}\Gamma + \mathbf{B},\tag{13}$$

$$\Gamma = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{U} \\ \dot{\mathbf{U}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} \\ -\mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{K} & -\mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{C} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{F} \end{bmatrix}.$$
(14)

The modal properties of the system are determined by solving the eigenvalue problem as:

$$\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\psi} = \boldsymbol{\lambda}\boldsymbol{\psi},\tag{15}$$

where  $\lambda$  and  $\psi$  are the eigenvalue and eigenvector matrices of matrix **A**. The *i*th modal frequency  $\tilde{f}_i$  and damping ratio  $\tilde{\xi}_i$  can be, respectively obtained for a multi-degrees-of-freedom system as:

$$\tilde{f}_i = \frac{|\lambda_i|}{2\pi}, \quad \tilde{\xi}_i = \frac{-\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_i)}{|\lambda_i|},\tag{16}$$

where  $|\lambda_i|$  is the module value, which is positive.

## 3. Numerical simulation

## 3.1. Rigid footbridge

A rigid beam with clip supported boundaries [14] is analyzed as an example. Its span length,

width and thickness are L = 11.0 m, B = 1.25 m and h = 0.35 m, respectively. The linear density of the beam in longitudinal direction is  $\overline{m} = 1363.64$  kg/m. The Young modulus of the structural materials is  $E = 3.67 \times 10^{10}$  N/m<sup>2</sup>. The frequency and damping ratio of the bare beam in lateral vibration are respectively 16.1 Hz and 0.3 % respectively. The vertical and torsional vibrational effects of the bridge are neglected in this simulation. A single pedestrian model with the assumed body mass  $m^q = 80$  kg walks through the structure with the constant velocity of  $\dot{x}^q = 1$  m/s. The other parameters of the bipedal model mainly refer the values of Yang and his cooperator [10] as: the step width  $L^q_w = 0.13$  m, leg stiffness  $k^q_{leg} = (13.69\dot{x}^q + 1.587)$  kN/m and leg damping ratio  $\xi^q_{leg} = (4.5\dot{x}^q - 1.9)$  %. The COM is assumed swing in lateral direction with a sinusoidal curve with the amplitude of 2.75 cm [15]. The forward walking velocity  $\dot{x}^q$  can be written in the terms of the pacing frequency  $f^q_p$  as  $\dot{x}^q = f^q_p L^q_s$ ; both the pacing frequency and step length  $L^q_s = 0.25(f^q_p)^{1.86}$ with the walking speed which is simplified through the empirical relationship  $L^q_s = 0.25(f^q_p)^{1.86}$ [16, 17]. The mass ratio coefficient of TMD to structural mode is defined as  $\mu = 0.1$ .

Fig. 2 gives the lateral vibrations both displacement and acceleration in structural mid-span position. When pedestrian walks on the mid-span position, the lateral displacement reaches maximum, but the corresponding acceleration does not. This is due to the structure has a relatively large stiffness in lateral direction and only one single pedestrian produces very fragile excitation. The displacement responses are left-right fluctuated along with the corresponding walking from both feet.







The displacement with TMD is slightly lower than the response without because the TMD

absorbs the energy induced by pedestrian excitation. However, effects of TMD on alleviating the acceleration are less effective than the effect on displacement due to too faint excitation from single pedestrian. The spectral density of acceleration in Fig. 3 shows that the main peak occurs on the range between bare structural and PSTMD frequencies instead of walking frequency. Both pedestrian and TMD change distinctly the natural frequency of bare structure. This is due to the action from single pedestrian is too faint to the acceleration of structure fluctuates does not follow the excitation frequency.

The frequency characteristics of PSTMD system in Fig. 4(a) indicate that TMD increase distinctly the frequency of structure from 16.1 Hz to 17.54 Hz. The frequency details with TMD in Fig. 4(b) show that pedestrian decreases the frequency of structure in contrast. Similarly, the damping characteristics in Fig. 5(a) indicate that TMD also dramatically increases the damping ratio of structure from 0.3 % to 13.64 %, which potentially eliminates the structural vibration. The details of damping ratio with TMD in Fig. 5(b) show that pedestrian only faintly increases the damping ratio of structure. The influences of pedestrian on structural properties are far less than the effects of TMD, because TMD occupies the larger dynamic parameters such as mass and damping.





Fig. 5. Instantaneous damping ratio of structure

On the contrary, both frequency and damping of TMD decrease respectively from 14.6 Hz and 18.5 % to 12.26 Hz and 13.5 % in Fig. 6 induced by structure. In addition, pedestrian decreases both the frequency and damping ratio of the TMD. As pedestrian walks on the mid-span position, the amplitudes of variations of both frequency and damping ratio reach peaks. The spatial trajectory of pedestrian (Fig. 7) indicates that the COM arrive bottoms as it locates the middle position between both feet. The COM can always keep in harmony with the both feet. To trace the

stability of the PSTMD system, the trajectory tracking of the COM in Fig. 8 provides an estimate of the stability of the bipedal model. The circles begin at the starting point and the first circle has the smaller diameter in both figures. Along with an increase in the cycle number, the circles tend to coincide, which shows that the pedestrian in the bipedal model gradually enters a steady walking state. The bipedal pedestrian model exhibits well-stabilized locomotion to simulate a walking pedestrian on the slab.



Fig. 6. Instantaneous modal characteristics of TMD



Fig. 7. Spatial trajectory of pedestrian COM



Fig. 8. Stable trajectory of pedestrian COM

The ground reaction forces from both feet are showed in Fig. 9 and the subfigures (a), (b) and (c) are the longitudinal, lateral and vertical forces, respectively. The shapes of these ground reaction forces are very similar with measurements [18] and this model can well reproduce the ground reaction forces. The vibrational of TMD is plotted in Fig. 10 and its displacement (a)

response is left-right cyclically fluctuated following the gait excitation rate of pedestrian. The both displacement and acceleration are far less than the responses of structural mid-span, which indicates the TMD not only help to alleviate the human-induced vibration, but can dissipate energies by the vibration of TMD itself. Moreover, the TMD can remarkably increase the frequency and damping of structure, which improves its dynamic properties.



## 3.2. Slender footbridge

To further explore the effect of vibration attenuation of TMD on a slender structure, the Lardal footbridge [19] with an 80 m of wavelength and 18 tons modal mass is used to simulation. Its first lateral mode frequency is 0.83 Hz, and corresponding damping ratio is 2.5 %. The mass ratio

between TMD and structural mode is  $\mu = 0.05$ . The walk velocity is 1.2 m/s and its other gait and leg parameters remain consistent with the previous example. Walk across the footbridge from its left to right ends approximately consumes 68 s.

The displacement and acceleration response in mid-span (Fig. 11) show that the TMD is able to dramatically decrease the responses of footbridge. The peak displacement decrease from 2.8 mm to 1.1 mm, and the peak acceleration decreases from 9 cm/s<sup>2</sup> to 4 cm/s<sup>2</sup>. It is also noted that the TMD improves greatly the both frequency and damping of structure (Fig. 12).

Although the pedestrian deteriorates slightly the frequency of structure, the vibration frequency of the footbridge increases from 0.83 Hz to 0.89 Hz showed as Fig. 12(a). In addition, the damping ratio of the footbridge increases from 2.5 % to 8.36 % as Fig. 12(b). Thus, it can be seen that the TMD is able to reduce the pedestrian induced vibration especially in the slender structure.



Fig. 12. Dynamic properties of footbridge

In order to further investigate the effects of the mass ratio  $\mu$  of TMD to the structure, and the layout number of TMD on structural properties, the each situation with the mass ratio of TMD to structure designs as six layouts with the numbers of TMD 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and these TMDs occupy the same dynamic properties and uniformly distribute on structure. The effects of mass ratio of TMD to structure indicate that the variations of the mass ratio  $\mu$  or the layout number of TMD have significant influences of structural responses and properties. Research indicates that the single layout of TMD has obvious distinction with the other layouts. When the walking frequency is the lower value of  $f_p = 1.1$  Hz (Fig. 13), the peak acceleration of mid-span tends slightly to decrease with the increase of  $\mu$  from 0.01 to 0.1. However, the change of the number of TMD (No. TMD) has the very distinct effects under the same mass ratio of TMD to structure. The peak

acceleration reaches minimum as the No. TMD = 2. In addition, the peak frequencies of structure are very different under different the number of TMD layouts. The peak frequency slightly increases with the increase of the mass ratio of TMD to structure under the No. TMD = 1, but the peak frequency decreases with the increase of the mass ratio under the larger number of TMD. And that the change of number of TMD has very faint influences on the peak frequency as the number of TMD is larger than two. The peak DR (damping ratio) of structure always increases with the increase of the mass ratio of TMD to structure under different number of TMD layouts. When the number of TMD is larger than two, the increase of the number of TMD results in the larger peak DR. However, the change of number of TMD has very faint influences on the peak DR as the number of TMD is larger than two. When the walking frequency  $f_n$  changes as the larger values of 1.4 Hz (Fig. 14) and 1.6 Hz (Fig. 15), the effects of the number of and mass ratio of TMD have similar tendencies on the dynamic properties of structure. When the walking frequency is  $f_n = 1.4$  Hz (Fig. 14), the peak acceleration of structural mid-span firstly increases then decreases with the increase of the mass ratio of TMD to structure under the No. TMD = 1. The peak acceleration reaches maximum as the  $\mu = 0.03$  and No. TMD = 1. However, the larger values of the number of TMD result in the larger peak acceleration, which slightly decreases with the increase of the mass ratio of TMD to structure. When the walking frequency further increases as  $f_p = 1.6$  Hz (Fig. 15), the increases of the mass of TMD to structure always cause the decrease of the peak acceleration. However, the peak acceleration decreases with the decrease of the number of TMD layouts. Thus, it can be seen that the less layout of TMD can help restrain the lateral vibration of structure.



The proposed model has the similar effects on structural properties with other vibration reducing model with TMD [20], which can effectively alleviate the lateral vibration under the appropriate parameters of TMD. This study considers the multi-interaction among pedestrian, TMD and structure, which provide a novel interpretation for pedestrian induced lateral vibration and its corresponding alleviating strategy bring to the civil engineering community. When crowd walk on a slender footbridge with TMD, the effects of the crowd and TMD on structural properties such as damping ratio and frequency would not been omitted. A larger crowd or TMD would

significantly alter the dynamic characteristics of the structure, which imply that the past pseudo forces or mass-stiffness-damping replacing walking pedestrian are oversimplified with a practice. The novelties of this study not only consider the contribution from pedestrian stiffness and damping, but also firstly explore the interaction among pedestrian, TMD and structure. In the future, this model can extend to a complicated practical scenario including multi-scale pedestrians and multi-layout TMDs.



## 4. Conclusions

The study explored the lateral vibration of structure induced by pedestrian traffic including the effects of TMD, and interactions among pedestrian, TMD and structure are considered. The TMD increases considerably the frequency of structure, but the pedestrian slightly decrease the frequency. Both the pedestrian and TMD increase the damping capacity of structure, but the effects of pedestrian on structure are very faint. To the rigid beam, the TMD behaves a very inefficient impact on relieving the lateral vibration of structure. However, it can greatly reduce the vibration in the slender structure. In addition, the relieving efficiency on structural vibration is related with the excitation frequency and the mass ratio of TMD to structure. The larger mass ratio tends to alleviate the vibration with the greater capacity. However, the layouts of TMD have significant effects on the alleviating efficiency. When one single TMD installs on the mid-span of structure, the increase of the mass ratio of TMD to structure results in the increase of both the peak frequency and damping ratio of structure. However, the increase of the mass ratio under the larger numbers of TMD causes the decrease of the peak frequency, but the increase of peak damping ratio. In addition, the change of the numbers of TMD has no effects on the both peak frequency and damping ratio. The variations of excitation frequency have no evident effects on changing the structural frequency and damping ratio. It is noted that the bipedal pedestrian and TMD have very different influences on changing structural properties. Therefore, it should be cautious when the pedestrian simplifies as a mass-spring-damping model. This study provides the potential pathways for probing the vibration and corresponding alleviating mechanisms of these structures with human-induced excitation such as footbridges, grandstands, or stations.

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