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# VEHICLE CHASSIS Systems Design

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#### □ Nicholas Joseph Cugnot (1725-1804)

✤ 1769: built a three-wheeled, steam-driven vehicle





James Watt (1736-1819)

✤ 1784: a steam-powered vehicle





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#### □ Richard Trevithick (1771-1833)

✤ 1802: developed a steam coach





# Karl Benz (1844-1929) and Gottlieb Daimler (1834-1900) \* 1886: The first practical automobiles powered by gasoline engines







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1908 the automotive industry was well established in the United States with Henry Ford manufacturing the Model T and the General Motors Corporation being founded

 In Europe the familiar companies like Daimler, Opel, Renault, Benz, and Peugeot were becoming recognized as automotive manufacturers.



□ The speed capability of motor vehicles





# INTRODUCTION TO VEHICLE DYNAMICS

The primary forces by which a high-speed motor vehicle is controlled are developed in tires-road contact.

# □ Performance of a vehicle:

- Accelerating
- Braking
- Cornering (handling)
- Ride



# INTRODUCTION TO VEHICLE DYNAMICS

□ Understanding vehicle dynamics can be accomplished at two levels:

- Empirical Method:
  - ✓ derives from trial and error by which one learns which factors influence vehicle performance, in which way, and under what conditions

#### Analytical Method:

- ✓ attempts to describe the mechanics of interest based on the known laws of physics so that an analytical model can be established
- models can be represented by algebraic or differential equations that relate forces or motions of interest to control inputs and vehicle or tire properties



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#### Lumped Mass

- \* all components move together. For example, under braking, the entire vehicle slows down as a unit
- \* it can be represented as one lumped mass located at its center of gravity (CG) with appropriate mass and inertia properties
- For ride analysis, it is often necessary to treat the wheels as separate lumped masses. In that case the lumped mass representing the body is the "sprung mass," and the wheels are denoted as "unsprung masses."



### Vehicle Fixed Coordinate System

- SAE Vehicle Axis System
- x Forward and on the longitudinal plane of symmetry
- y Lateral out the right side of the vehicle
- z Downward with respect to the vehicle
- **p** Roll velocity about the x axis
- q Pitch velocity about the y axis

#### r - Yaw velocity about the z axis





#### □ Earth Fixed Coordinate System



- X Forward travel
- Y Travel to the right
- Z Vertical travel (positive downward)
- $\psi$  Heading angle (angle between x and X in the ground plane)
- v Course angle (angle between the vehicle's velocity vector and X axis)
- $\beta$  Sideslip angle (angle between x axis and the vehicle velocity vector)



#### Euler Angles

The relationship of the vehicle fixed coordinate system to the earth fixed coordinate system is defined by Euler angles

#### Forces

\* Forces and moments are normally defined as they act on the vehicle



#### Newton's Second Law

Translational systems

$$\sum F_{x} = M \cdot a_{x}$$

$$F_{x} = Forces in the x-direction$$

$$M = Mass of the body$$

$$a_{x} = Acceleration in the x-direction$$

Rotational Systems

$$\sum \mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{X}} = \mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{\mathbf{X}}$$

 $T_{x} = \text{Torques about the x-axis} \\ I_{xx} = \text{Moment of inertia about the x-axis} \\ \alpha_{x} = \text{Acceleration about the x-axis}$ 



□ Significant forces acting on the vehicle





- □ "W": weight of the vehicle acting at its CG
  - ✤ W = mg
  - On a grade it may have two components:
    - $\checkmark$  a cosine component which is perpendicular to the road surface
    - $\checkmark$  a sine component parallel to the road
- $\square$  "W/g·ax": (max)
  - vehicle acceleration equivalent inertial force (known as a "d'Alembert force")
  - ✤ acting at the center of gravity opposite to the direction of the acceleration
- □ "Wf " and "Wr " : The tires force normal to the road
  - \* dynamic weights carried on the front and rear wheels.



- □ "Fxf " and " Fxr " : Tractive forces
- □ "Rxf " and " Rxr " : Rolling resistance forces
- □ "DA": aerodynamic force acting on the body of the vehicle
  - \* acting at a point above the ground indicated by the height, "ha", or by a longitudinal force of the same magnitude in the ground plane with an associated moment
- "Rhz " and " Rhx " : vertical and longitudinal forces acting at the hitch point when the vehicle is towing a trailer.



- The load on the front axle can be found by summing torques about the point "A" under the rear tires
- Presuming that the vehicle is not accelerating in pitch, the sum of the torques at point A must be zero

$$W_f L + D_A h_a + \frac{W}{g} a_x h + R_{hx} h_h + R_{hz} d_h + W h \sin \Theta - W c \cos \Theta = 0$$

□ The axle load expressions:

$$W_{f} = (W c \cos \Theta - R_{hx}h_{h} - R_{hz}d_{h} - \frac{W}{g}a_{x}h - D_{A}h_{a} - W h \sin \Theta)/L$$
$$W_{r} = (W b \cos \Theta + R_{hx}h_{h} + R_{hz}(d_{h} + L) + \frac{W}{g}a_{x}h + D_{a}h_{a} + W h \sin \Theta)/L$$



□ Static Loads on Level Ground

$$W_{fs} = W \frac{c}{L}$$
  
 $W_{rs} = W \frac{b}{L}$ 

□ Low-Speed Acceleration

$$W_{f} = W\left(\frac{c}{L} - \frac{a_{x}}{g}\frac{h}{L}\right) = W_{fs} - W\frac{a_{x}}{g}\frac{h}{L}$$
$$W_{r} = W\left(\frac{b}{L} + \frac{a_{x}}{g}\frac{h}{L}\right) = W_{rs} + W\frac{a_{x}}{g}\frac{h}{L}$$



- Loads on Grades
  - ✤ Grade is defined as the "rise" over the "run "
  - \* That ratio is the tangent of the grade angle,  $\theta$
  - \* The common grades on interstate highways are limited to 4 percent.
  - \* On primary and secondary roads they occasionally reach 10 to 12 percent

$$\cos \Theta = 0.99^{+} \cong 1 \qquad \qquad W_{f} = W(\frac{c}{L} - \frac{h}{L}\Theta) = W_{fs} - W\frac{h}{L}\Theta$$
$$\sin \Theta \cong \Theta \qquad \qquad W_{r} = W(\frac{b}{L} + \frac{h}{L}\Theta) = W_{rs} + W\frac{h}{L}\Theta$$

