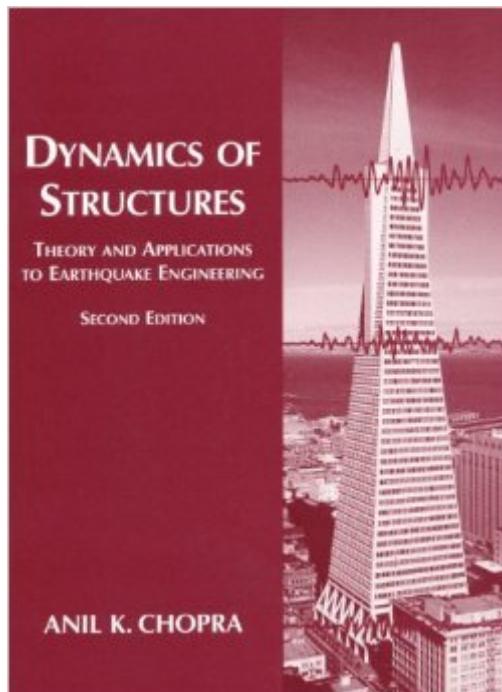


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I've been a seismic engineer for 9 years now. I started my master's degree in Earthquake Engineering back in 1993, in Okayama, Japan. For the entry exam to the program, my professor recommended me 3 books: Structural Dynamics, by M. Paz, Dynamics of Structures, by Penzien and Clough, and this one. The book by Penzien was too difficult to master in the 3 months that I had for studying, and Paz's tome lacked some in-depth knowledge. Chopra's book was right what I needed for a quick and complete introduction to Dynamics, specially for the short time I had. All three updated versions of the books reside in my desk's shelf. But everytime that I'm asked by any young engineer in dire need of a quick introduction to this particular field, I heartily recommend this one. Must keep in mind that the book by Clough is by far the most complete of the three and you'll definitely get more mileage for your hard earned cash, and Paz's book offers a more down-to-earth application of the subject to the seismic design of structures.

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Good book, has a lot of information and covers a variety of topics related to structural dynamics and earthquake resistance design.

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