

3. A three story steel frame building can be approximated as three equal concentrated masses and three massless springs of lateral spring constants  $3k$ ,  $2k$ ,  $k$ . During lateral vibration of the structure it is assumed that the floors move parallel to each other so that a shearing action predominates. The spring constants define the shearing force per unit lateral displacement; i.e. the horizontal shearing force on the top force is  $k$  times the relative displacement between the top and the middle floors.

- Find the natural frequencies of small lateral vibrations.
- Find the mode shapes associated with the natural frequencies.
- Find the steady state displacement of the floors during an earthquake if the ground motion is a side to side displacement given by  $d = D \sin(\sqrt{k/m} t)$

