Systems analysis of structures Version 1

Learning Objectives for a Single Story Analysis Module 1

Students should be able to

- Explain criteria for evaluating the performance of a designed device or process for minimizing effects of seismic activity
- Evaluate the **performance** of various base isolators with different damping (versus rollers) using Virtual Laboratory
- Explain the effects of mass and natural frequency of structures relative to system response. (based on an energy conversion model?)
- Perform a computational analysis of the forces applied to structures
- Compare different methods used to reduce the effects of earthquakes on structures. (learning to control the response of a structure to seismic excitation)
- Begin to explain modeling methods

Model of System

- The major variables governing the behavior of the system (structure) and base isolators include
 - Structure
 - Stiffness of frame (f(I, E))
 - Damping ratio of structure (f(E))
 - Mass of floors and walls
 - Natural frequency is a dependent variable
 - Parameters to evaluate for criteria of successful design
 - Amount of displacement
 - Amount of force applied to structure acceleration
 - Frequency of oscillation of the structure
 - Amount of sheer in the walls
 - Magnitude of compression and tension
 - Can the walls sustain the applied forces?

