

MRA Vehicle Dynamics Training Sample Agenda for One Day Lecture

Morning

1. Brief Introduction to Vehicle Dynamics
2. Elementary Vehicle Model
 - Forces acting on simplified car
 - Fundamentals of tires
 - Steer characteristics, low and high speed
3. Demos (with physical model on inclined board)
4. Video on Tire Behavior
5. Force/Moment Approach for Physical Understanding
 - Definitions of stability and control
 - Yaw damping and path curvature stiffness
 - Wheel pair analysis / lateral load transfer
 - Load transfer distribution / roll center model
 - MRA Moment Method discussion & examples
 - Friction Circles
6. Video on Vehicle Stability and Control

Afternoon

1. Introduction to Vehicle Modeling
 - Choice of model
 - Force and moment tire data & data processing
 - Suspension kinematics and compliances, data and processing
 - Drive effects (overview)
2. Vehicle Suspension
 - Introduction and history
 - Mechanical elements
 - Design, design constraints
 - Common suspension types
3. Video on simple vehicle statics analysis
4. Testing and Validation
 - Choice of instrumentation
 - Test types
 - Test data reduction
5. Discussion & Questions