5.5. Seismometers are used to measure the motion of the earth's surface. A schematic drawing of a simple seismometer is shown in Fig. 5.26. A proof mass is suspended in springs and slides horizontally on a viscous friction material. The relative displacement of the proof mass with respect to the instrument case is used as a measure of the severity of an earthquake.

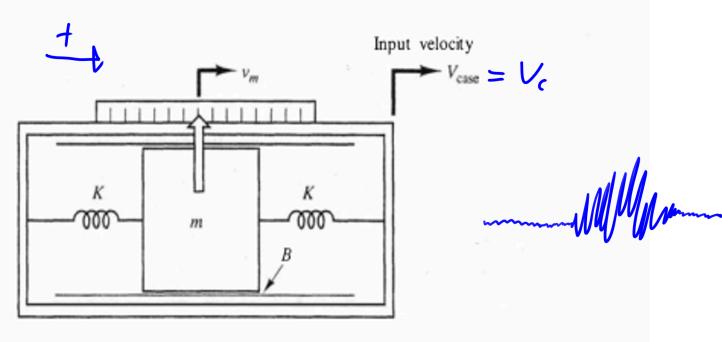


Figure 5.26: A seismometer.

- (a) Construct a linear graph model of the system.
- (b) How many independent energy storage elements are there? What are the system state variables?

