

M&AE 2030: Dynamics Laboratory

Characteristics and Characterizing 1 d-o-f Vibrating Systems

- Example Systems
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- Transient Solution: Features and Application to Inverse Problem
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- Resonance Curve: Analysis and Application to Inverse Problem

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Approximate One d-o-f Vibrating Systems:

Loudspeakers,
Headphones,
Microphones...

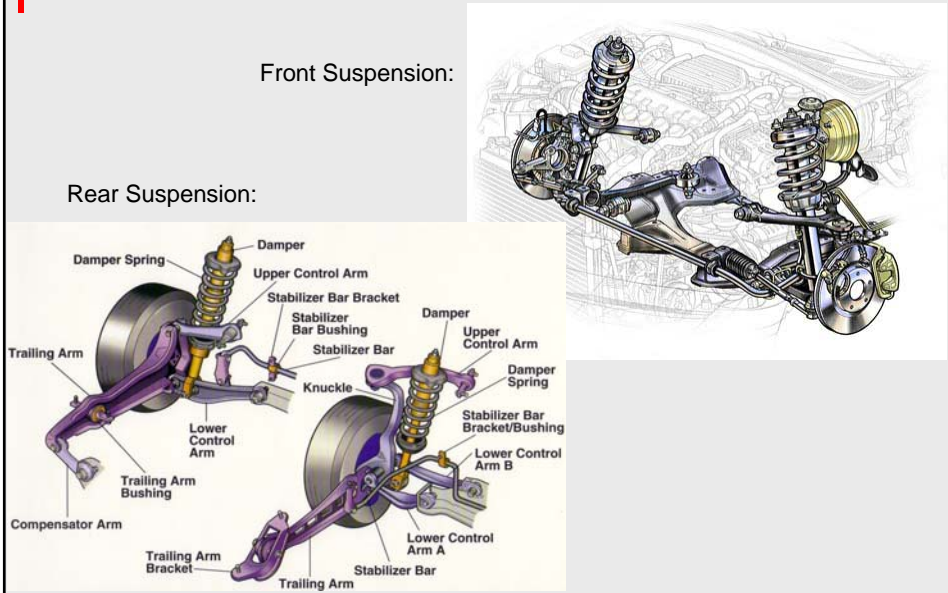


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Approximate One d-o-f Vibrating Systems:

Front Suspension:

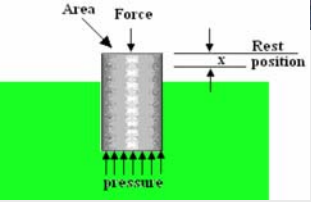
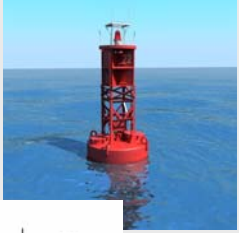
Rear Suspension:





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Approximate One d-o-f Vibrating Systems:

Floating Buoys:



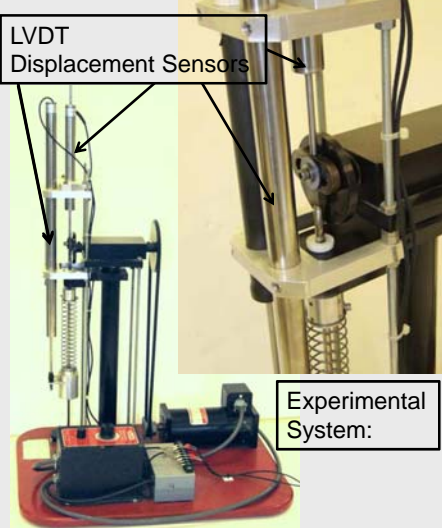


Pendulum-based Clocks



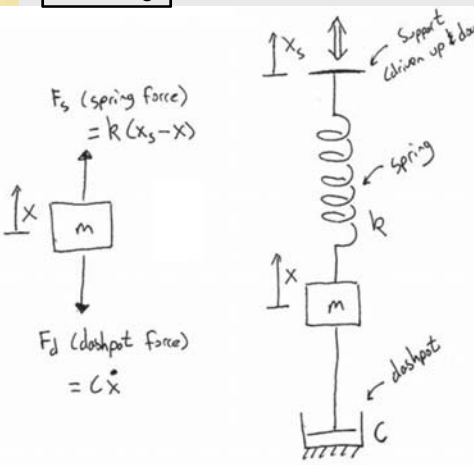
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M&AE 2030: One Degree-of-Freedom Oscillator: System and Modeling:



Experimental System:

Modeling:



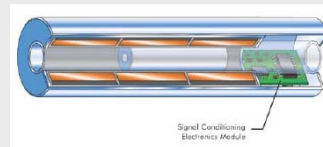
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Displacement Sensing

- **LVDT (Linear Variable Differential Transformer):**
 - Inductance-based electromechanical sensor
 - “Infinite” resolution
 - limited by external electronics
 - Limited frequency bandwidth (250 Hz typical for DC-LVDT, 500 Hz for AC-LVDT)
 - No contact between the moving core and coil structure
 - no friction, no wear, very long operating lifetime
 - Accuracy limited mostly by linearity
 - 0.1%-1% typical
 - Models with strokes from mm's to 1 m available

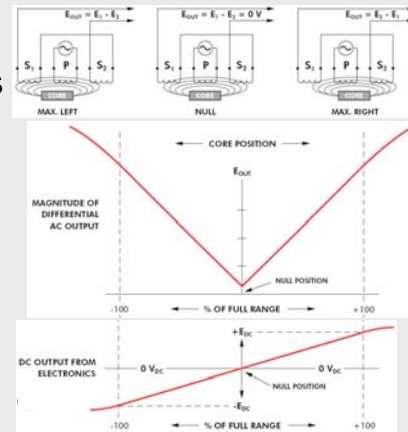
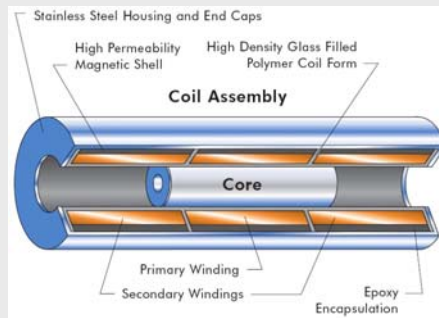


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Linear Variable Differential Transformer - LVDT

- Attached to Object being sensed
- Measures linear position (displacement)
- Dynamic Range: 10^{-6} in \rightarrow ± 20 in
- Infinite Resolution
- Signal Out: Several Volts-rms



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Governing Equation: 1 d-o-f Vibrating System

Governing equations. The two forces we consider are:

$$F_{sp}(t) = k(x_s - x) \quad = \text{The spring force} \quad (1.1)$$

$$F_d(t) = c\dot{x} \quad = \text{The dashpot force} \quad (1.2)$$

From Newton's second law the equation of motion for this system is

$$\left\{ \sum \mathbf{F} \right\} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x \Rightarrow -F_d + F_{sp} = m\ddot{x} \quad (1.3)$$

and plugging in for spring and dashpot terms we get

$$m\ddot{x} = -c\dot{x} + kx_s - kx. \quad (1.4)$$

Rearranging we get the standard form

$$m\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + kx = F_s(t) \quad \text{with} \quad F_s(t) = kx_s(t) \quad (1.5)$$

where $F_s(t)$ is the (presumably specified) "forcing function" due to the motion of the support. In this case the forcing is from the end of the spring being displaced.

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Solution: 1 d-o-f Vibrating System:

Equation of Motion: $m\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + kx = F_s(t)$

Free-vibration case: $F_s(t) = 0 \rightarrow x_c(t)$ Transient Solution

Forced
Vibration case: $F_s(t) = kx_s(t) = kA_{support} \cos \omega t$
 $\rightarrow x_p(t)$ Particular Solution

General Solution: $x(t) = x_c(t) + x_p(t)$

$c^2 - 4mk > 0$ Overdamped motion; Non-periodic

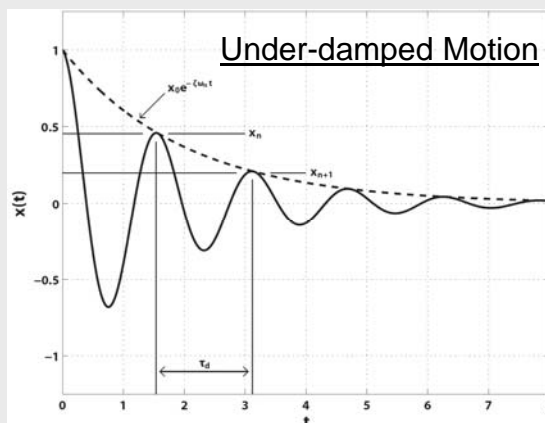
$c^2 - 4mk = 0$ Critically-damped motion; Non-periodic

$c^2 - 4mk < 0$ Under-damped motion; Periodic; Decay

... All approach $\rightarrow x_c(t) = 0$

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Transient Solution Features: 1 d-o-f System



Natural Frequency:

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

Damping Ratio:

$$\zeta = \frac{c}{2\sqrt{mk}}$$

Damped Frequency:

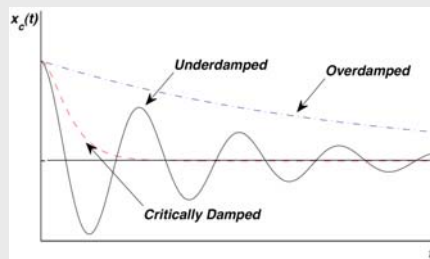
$$\omega_d = \omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}$$

Solution:

$$x_c(t) = e^{-\zeta \omega_n t} [C_1 \cos(\omega_d t) + C_2 \sin(\omega_d t)]$$

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Transient Solution Features: 1 d-o-f System



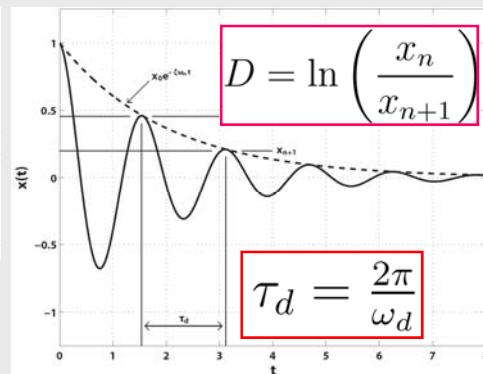
Damped Frequency:

$$\omega_d = \omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}$$

Natural Frequency: Damping Ratio:

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

$$\zeta = \frac{c}{2\sqrt{mk}}$$



$$D = \ln \left(\frac{e^{-\zeta \omega_n t}}{e^{-\zeta \omega_n (t + \tau_d)}} \right) = \zeta \omega_n \tau_d$$

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Solution to the Inverse Problem:

Finding the moving mass m : Using the definitions of ζ and D and solving for m :

$$c = 2\sqrt{mk} \zeta = 2\sqrt{mk} \frac{D}{\tau_d \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}} = \frac{2m D}{\tau_d} \Rightarrow m = \frac{c \tau_d}{2 D}$$

Carry out two *ring down* measurements. One with the original system and measure the quantities τ_d and D . Add a small, known mass, Δm to the moving mass and repeat the measurements. This time the measured quantities will be τ'_d and D' . Then form the ratio and solve for the moving mass m .

$$m = \frac{\tau_d D'}{\tau'_d D - \tau_d D'} \Delta m$$

Finding the damping c : Using the definitions of ζ and D and solving for c :

$$c = 2\sqrt{mk} \zeta = 2\sqrt{mk} \frac{D}{\tau_d \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}} = \frac{2m D}{\tau_d} = c$$

Make a *ring down* measurement and extract the the logarithmic decrement D and τ_d , the period of the damped motion.

Finding the system stiffness k : Use the previously obtained values of damping c and moving mass m , then use the measured logarithmic decrement D and

$$k = \frac{c^2 \left(1 + \frac{4\pi^2}{D^2}\right)}{4m}$$

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Steady-state Solution: 1d-o-f Vibrating System:

Equation of Motion: $m\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + kx = F_s(t)$

Forced

Vibration case: $F_s(t) = kx_s(t) = kA_{support} \cos \omega t$

→ $x_p(t)$ Particular (steady-state) Solution

will be of form ... $x_p(t) = A_{response} \cos(\omega t - \phi)$

$A_{response}$: Output Amplitude of response

ϕ : Phase response

ω : Excitation frequency

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Steady-state Solution: Frequency Characteristics

- The non-dimensional result for the response amplitude and its phase relative to the excitation is

$$\frac{A_{response}}{F_s/k} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{[1 - (\frac{\omega}{\omega_n})^2]^2 + [2\zeta(\frac{\omega}{\omega_n})]^2}}$$

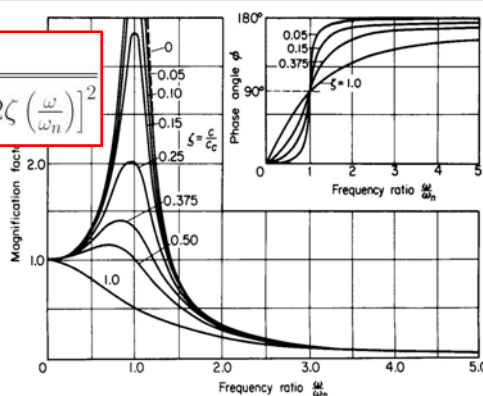
$$\tan \phi = \frac{2\zeta(\frac{\omega}{\omega_n})}{1 - (\frac{\omega}{\omega_n})^2}$$

Observ

$\omega/\omega_n \ll 1$: Both the inertia and damping forces acting on the mass are small which results in a small phase angle and the magnitude of the excitation is nearly equal to the spring force.

$\omega/\omega_n \approx 1$: The phase angle is 90° . Here the inertia force is balanced by the spring force while the applied force overcomes the damping force.

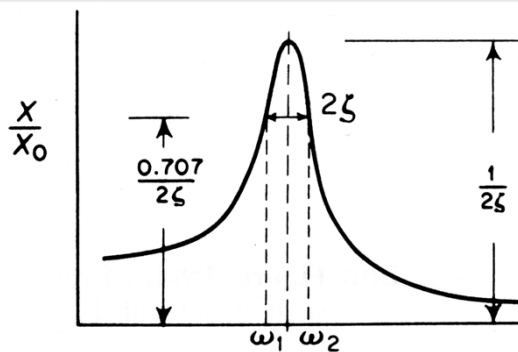
$\omega/\omega_n \gg 1$: The phase angle approaches 180° and the applied force is used almost entirely to overcome the large inertia force of the moving mass.



Frequency Response Curves: Magnitude and Phase

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Analysis of the Resonance Curve:



- The maximum amplitude of the peak occurs approximately at frequency $\omega \approx \omega_n = \sqrt{k/m}$ (where $\omega = 2\pi f$; f is the frequency [Hz].)
- The maximum amplitude of the peak $A_{response}^{max}$ has value $(F_s/k)/2\zeta$.
- The frequency interval $(\omega_2 - \omega_1)$ at the resonance curve amplitudes $A_{response}^{max}/\sqrt{2}$ is given by $2\zeta\omega_n$.
- The *Quality Factor* Q of the system is then given by $Q = \omega_n/(\omega_2 - \omega_1)$ which is equivalent to $Q = 1/2\zeta$. This is another way of determining the damping of the system.

Solving the Inverse Problem:

1. Find resonance frequency, ω_n
2. Use a Δm , find ω_n' . Determine m .
3. Use m and ω_n to determine k .
4. Measure Q to find $c (=m\omega_n/Q)$.

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