

EM375 – MECHANICAL ENGINEERING EXPERIMENTATION
SECOND ORDER SYSTEM TRANSDUCER EQUATION SHEET
FOR SINUSOIDAL EXCITATION

Details of these equations and graphs are given in class. This handout is a summary.

Measuring FORCE from the ABSOLUTE displacement of the mass:

$$\left| \frac{Y}{F} \right| = \frac{1}{m \left\{ (w_n^2 - w^2)^2 + 4z^2 w^2 w_n^2 \right\}^{1/2}} = \frac{w_n^2}{k \left\{ (w_n^2 - w^2)^2 + 4z^2 w^2 w_n^2 \right\}^{1/2}}$$

Measuring DISPLACEMENT from the RELATIVE displacement of the mass and base:

$$\left| \frac{X}{S} \right| = \frac{w^2}{\left\{ (w_n^2 - w^2)^2 + 4z^2 w^2 w_n^2 \right\}^{1/2}}$$

Measuring ACCELERATION from the RELATIVE displacement of the mass and base:

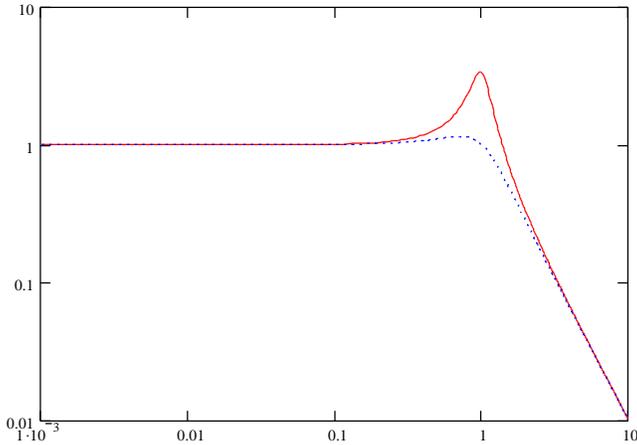
$$\left| \frac{X}{A} \right| = \frac{1}{\left\{ (w_n^2 - w^2)^2 + 4z^2 w^2 w_n^2 \right\}^{1/2}}$$

Phase is the same for all cases:

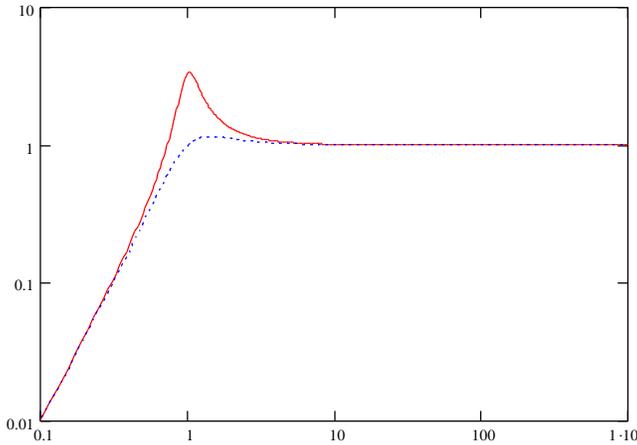
$$\text{phase } f = -\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{2zww_n}{(w_n^2 - w^2)} \right)$$

Symbols:

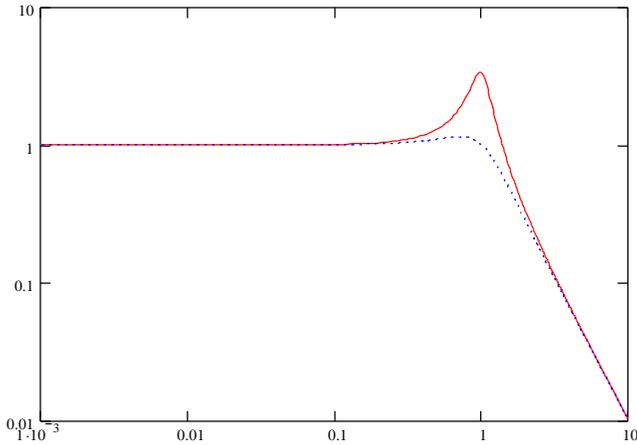
- F Amplitude of force (lbs)
- S Amplitude of the base displacement (ft)
- A Amplitude of the base acceleration (ft)
- Y Amplitude of ABSOLUTE displacement of the mass (ft)
- X Amplitude of RELATIVE displacement between mass and base (ft)
- w Excitation (measurement) frequency (rad/s)
- w_n Natural frequency (rad/s)
- m mass (slugs)
- k Stiffness of the spring (lb/ft)
- z Viscous damping ratio
- f Phase between input and output



Force Transducer: Y/F versus frequency



Seismograph: X/S versus frequency



Accelerometer: X/A versus frequency