

## HW# 5 Solutions

Q-1 The amplitude of an oscillator changes from 8 mm to 3 mm in 200 s. What is the value of the damping constant  $\beta$  of the system?



For the damped oscillator,  $x(t) = A e^{-\beta t} \cos(\omega t + \phi)$

at  $t = t_1$   $x = x_1 = 8 \text{ mm}$

at  $t = t_1 + t_0$   $x = x_2 = 3 \text{ mm}$

$$x_1 = A e^{-\beta t_1} \cos(\omega t_1 + \phi) \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$x_2 = A e^{-\beta(t_1+t_0)} \cos(\omega t_1 + \omega t_0 + \phi)$$

$\omega t_0 = 2\pi n$  (Because we are looking at two maximas here)

$$x_2 = A e^{-\beta(t_1+t_0)} \cos(\omega t_1 + \phi) \quad \text{--- ②}$$

$$\text{①/②} = \Rightarrow \frac{x_1}{x_2} = \frac{1}{e^{-\beta t_0}}$$

$$\frac{8}{3} = e^{\beta t_0}$$

$$\beta t_0 = \ln 8/3$$

$$\beta = \frac{1}{200 \text{ s}} \ln \frac{8}{3} = 0.004 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

Q-2 Consider a harmonic oscillator driven by a periodic force given by  $F(t) = 3 \cos \omega t + 5 \cos 3\omega t$ .

In this equation,  $\omega = \omega_0/2$  where  $\omega_0$  is the natural frequency of the system. The damping factor of the system  $\beta = 0.2\omega_0$ . Find the equation of the steady state of the system.

In class we solve the problem  $\ddot{x} + 2\beta \dot{x} + \omega_0^2 x = A \cos \omega t$

and found the steady state solution as

$$x(t) = D \cos(\omega t - \delta) \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$\text{where } D = \frac{A}{\sqrt{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + 4\omega^2 \beta^2}} \quad \& \quad \tan \delta = \frac{2\omega\beta}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2}$$

In the current problem, we have  $\ddot{x} + 2\beta \dot{x} + \omega_0^2 x = 3 \cos \omega t + 5 \cos 3\omega t$   
 What we are going to do here is consider the linear super position  $\rightarrow$

and re-write the problem as

$$\ddot{x}_1 + 2\beta \dot{x}_1 + \omega_0^2 x_1 = 3 \cos \omega t$$

$$\ddot{x}_2 + 2\beta \dot{x}_2 + \omega_0^2 x_2 = 5 \cos 3\omega t$$

and solve for  $x_1(t)$  and  $x_2(t)$  at the steady state. Then the total solution can be written as,

$$x(t) = x_1(t) + x_2(t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1(t) &= \frac{3}{\sqrt{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + 4\omega^2\beta^2}} \cos(\omega t - \delta_1) & \omega &= \omega_0/2 \\ &= \frac{3}{\sqrt{(\omega_0^2 - \frac{\omega_0^2}{4})^2 + 4(\frac{\omega_0}{2})^2(0.2\omega_0)^2}} \cos\left(\frac{\omega_0}{2}t - \delta_1\right) \\ &= \frac{3}{\sqrt{\frac{9\omega_0^4}{16} + 0.04\omega_0^4}} \cos\left(\frac{\omega_0}{2}t - \delta_1\right) = \frac{3}{\sqrt{\frac{9+0.04}{16}\omega_0^4}} \cos\left(\frac{\omega_0}{2}t - \delta_1\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$x_2(t) = \frac{5}{[(\omega_0^2 - 9\omega^2)^2 + 4(3\omega)^2(0.2\omega_0)^2]} \cos\left(\frac{\omega_0}{2}t - \delta_2\right)$$

**Q-3** The damping factor of a spring suspension system is  $0.25\omega_0$ . Find the resonant frequency and the phase angle for this system, when it is driven by an external driving force with a frequency  $\omega = \omega_0/3$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Resonant Frequency } \omega_R &= \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - 2\beta^2} = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - (0.25)^2\omega_0^2} \\ &= \sqrt{1 - (0.25)^2} \omega_0 = 0.9682 \omega_0 \end{aligned}$$

Now if the system is driven by a force with a frequency  $\omega = \omega_0/3$

$$\tan \delta = \frac{2\omega\beta}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} = \frac{2 \cdot \frac{\omega_0}{3} \cdot \frac{\omega_0}{4}}{\omega_0^2 - \frac{\omega_0^2}{9}} = \frac{\omega_0^2/6}{8\omega_0^2/9} = \frac{\omega_0^2}{26 \times 8\omega_0^2}$$

$$= 3/16$$

$$\delta = 11.12^\circ$$

Q-4) Given that the amplitude of the damped harmonic oscillator drops to  $1/e$  of its initial value after  $n$  complete cycles. Show that the ratio of period of oscillation to the period of oscillation with no damping is given by  $(1 + \frac{1}{4\pi^2 n^2})^{-1}$ . } Please note there is a typo in HW.

$$A_1 = A e^{-\beta t} \cos(\omega_0 t - \delta)$$

$$A_2 = A e^{-\beta(t+nT_d)} \cos(\omega_0(t+nT_d) - \delta)$$

$$= A e^{-\beta(t+nT_d)} \cos(\omega_0 t - \delta)$$

$$\frac{A_1}{A_2} = e^{\beta n T_d} = \frac{1}{1/e} = e$$

$$\beta n T_d = 1$$

$$T_d = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_1} \quad \beta n \frac{2\pi}{\omega_1} = 1$$

$$\frac{\omega_1}{\beta} = \frac{1}{2\pi n}$$

$$\omega_1 = 2\pi \beta n$$

$$\omega_1^2 = \omega_0^2 - \beta^2$$

$$\left(\frac{\omega_1}{\omega_0}\right)^2 = 1 - \frac{\beta^2}{\omega_1^2}$$

$$\left(\frac{\omega_1}{\omega_0}\right)^2 = 1 - \left(\frac{1}{2\pi n}\right)^2$$

$$\left(\frac{\omega_1}{\omega_0}\right)^2 = 1 - \frac{1}{4\pi^2 n^2}$$

$$\frac{\omega_1}{\omega_0} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{4\pi^2 n^2}}$$

$$\frac{T_d}{T_1} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{4\pi^2 n^2}\right)^{-1/2}$$