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8.1 Recurring Abbreviations

$C_{1/x}$	number of cycles to achieve $1/x$ amplitude
D	damping
D_1, D_2	peak-to-peak displacement (subsequent)
FV	final value
$F(t)$	<i>forcing function</i>
f	frequency, cycles/sec = $\omega/(2\pi)$
$HCAR$	half cycle amplitude ratio (i.e., x_2/x_1 , x_3/x_2 , etc.)
Im	imaginary axis
M	mass
MP	peak overshoot
Re	real axis
rms	root mean square
s_1, s_2	equation roots of second order
T	period = $1/f = 2\pi/\omega_d$ (seconds)
T_d	delay time (i.e., time to 50% of FV)
T_r	rise time (i.e., time from 10% to 90% of FV)
T_p	time to peak amplitude
TPR	transient peak ratio
T_s	settling time (time to settle within $x\%$ of FV)
$T_{1/2}$	time to achieve $1/x$ amplitude
x	displacement
x_1, x_2	peak displacements (subsequent)
v	velocity
v_o	peak velocity
ε	$=\zeta\omega_n/\omega_d = \zeta/[1-\zeta^2]^{.5}$
ϕ	phase lag (radians)
ζ	damping coefficient (non-dimensional)
σ	damping rate = $\zeta\omega_n = 1/\tau$
τ	time constant = $1/\zeta\omega_n$
ω	frequency, radians/sec
ω_d	damped natural frequency (rad/sec)
ω_n	natural frequency (rad/sec)

8.2 First Order Motion

Found in classical aircraft roll and spiral modes. Named first-order because the motions are described by mathematics using the first derivative of a parameter.

8.2.1 Elements of First Order Motion

- Mechanical analogy contains elements of mass, damping and sometimes a forcing function.
- Example: Determine the vertical velocity of a diver as she hits the water at 10 ft/s (assume constant body position & neutral buoyancy)

Summing vertical forces $\sum F_{vert} : M \frac{dV}{dt} + DV = 0$

$$\frac{dV}{V} + \frac{D}{M} dt = 0$$

$$\int \frac{dV}{V} = - \int \frac{D}{M} dt$$

Since D & M are constant $\ln V = \frac{-D}{M} t + C = \frac{-D}{M} t + \ln c$

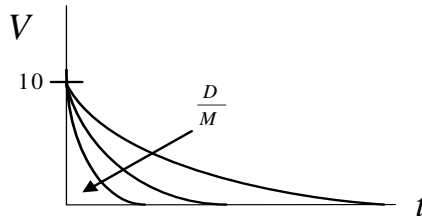
$$V_c = ce^{\frac{-D}{M} t} \text{ (complementary solution)}$$

Apply initial condition $V(t=0) = 10 \text{ ft/s} \Rightarrow$

$$10 = C$$

$$V_T = 10e^{\frac{-D}{M} t}$$

Plot response over time



- Exponential rate of decay described by D/M ratio

- Example 2: Diver with 20 lb submerged weight releases from zero velocity at top of pool (quiescent condition).

Solve using Laplace analysis methods:

$$M\dot{V} + DV = 20 \text{ (step input)}$$

$$M[sV(s) - V(0)] + DV(s) = \frac{20}{s}$$

$$sV(s) - V(0) + \frac{D}{M}V(s) = \frac{20}{M} \frac{1}{s}$$

$$V(s) \left(s + \frac{D}{M} \right) = \frac{1}{s} \frac{20}{M} + V(0)$$

$$V(s) = \frac{\frac{1}{s} \frac{20}{M} + V(0)}{s + \frac{D}{M}} = \left\{ \frac{\frac{20}{M}}{s(s + \frac{D}{M})} \right\} + \frac{V(0)}{s + \frac{D}{M}}$$

$$\text{use partial fraction} = \left\{ \frac{\frac{20}{M}}{s(s + \frac{D}{M})} \right\} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s + \frac{D}{M}} \quad \left\{ \frac{\frac{20}{M}}{s(s + \frac{D}{M})} \right\} = \frac{A(s + \frac{D}{M})}{s(s + \frac{D}{M})} + \frac{Bs}{s(s + \frac{D}{M})} = \frac{A(s + \frac{D}{M}) + Bs}{s(s + \frac{D}{M})}$$

$$\text{let } s = -\frac{D}{M}; \quad \frac{20}{M} = B \frac{-D}{M} \Rightarrow B = \frac{-20}{M}, \quad \text{let } s = 0: \frac{20}{M} = A \frac{D}{M} \Rightarrow A = \frac{20}{D}$$

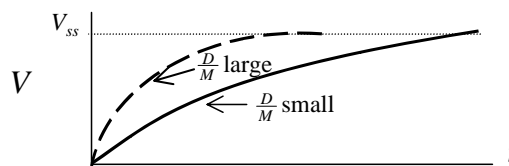
$$V(s) = \left\{ \frac{\frac{20}{D}}{s} + \frac{-\frac{20}{M}}{s + \frac{D}{M}} \right\} + \frac{V(0)}{s + \frac{D}{M}},$$

$$v(t) = \left\{ \frac{20}{D} - \frac{20}{D} e^{-\frac{D}{M}t} \right\} + V(0) e^{-\frac{D}{M}t} \quad \text{since } V(0) = 0 \quad \text{then } v(t) = \frac{20}{D} \left[1 - e^{-\frac{D}{M}t} \right]$$

Note that $\frac{20}{D}$ is the steady state value i.e.

$$v(t) = V_{ss} \left[1 - e^{-\frac{D}{M}t} \right]$$

This “force/damping” ratio is merely a scaling factor for the steady state.



- Several methods can be used to describe the quickness of convergence toward steady state (i.e., time to 99.999 % of V_{ss} , time to $1/2 V_{ss}$).
- By convention, we use a % that directly reflects the exponent.
- Establish a time constant τ based on D/M .

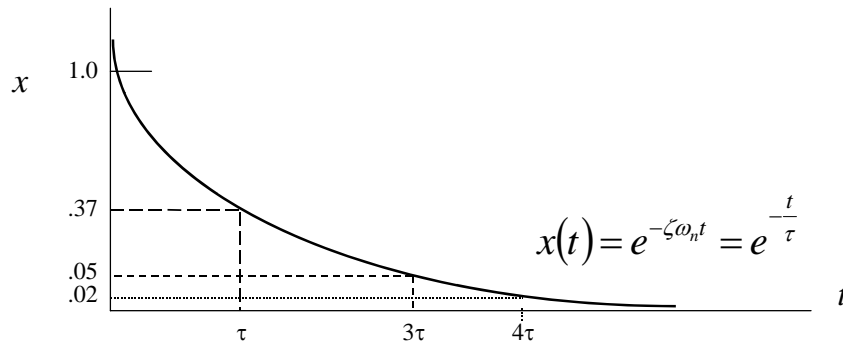
$$\frac{D}{M} \equiv \frac{1}{\tau} \quad \text{so} \quad e^{-\frac{D}{M}t} = e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

$$\text{when } t = \tau, \text{ then } e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} = e^{-\frac{\tau}{\tau}} = e^{-1} = 0.36788$$

$$\text{so, after } \tau \left[\left(\frac{D}{M} \right)^{-1} \right] \text{ seconds have elapsed, } V = V_{ss} [1 - 0.36788] = 63.212\% V_{ss}$$

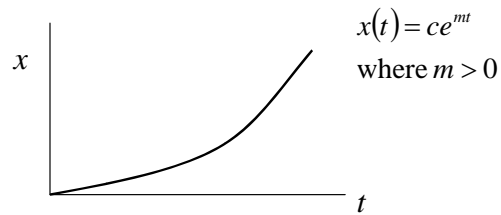
τ = time constant (time for parameter to reach 63% of its steady state value)

8.2.2 First Order Motion Descriptive Parameters



when $t = 0.6931\tau$:	$x = e^{-0.6931}$	$= 0.5$ (time to half amplitude)
when $t = \tau$:	$x = e^{-1}$	$= 0.37$
when $t = 3\tau$:	$x = e^{-3}$	$= 0.05$
when $t = 4\tau$:	$x = e^{-4}$	$= 0.02$

- If exponent > 0 , then motion is divergent.



- τ again describes the exponential rate of divergence.
- By convention, the “time to double amplitude” (t_2) is usually applied as the evaluation metric.
- $x_{(t_2)} = 2x_{(0)}$ where $x_{(0)} = ce^{m \cdot 0}$

$$\text{Therefore } x_2 = 2c$$

$$2c = ce^{mt_2}$$

$$2 = e^{mt_2}$$

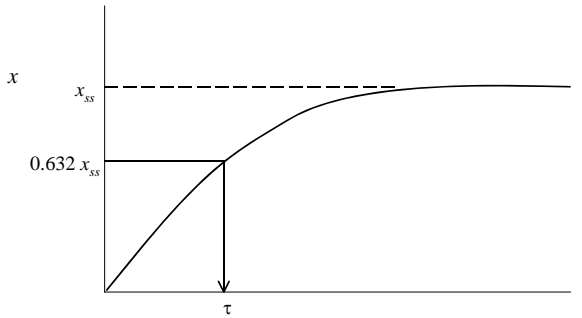
$$\ln 2 = mt_2$$

$$\therefore \text{Time to double amplitude } \frac{0.6931}{m} = t_2 = 0.693\tau$$

8.2.3 Determining τ from Step Input Time History

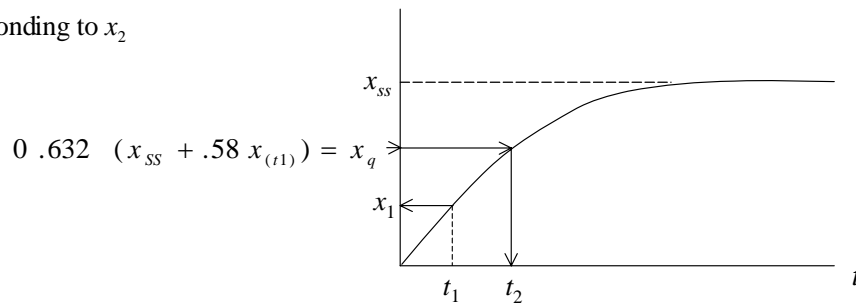
Method #1

τ = time to reach $0.632 x_{ss}$



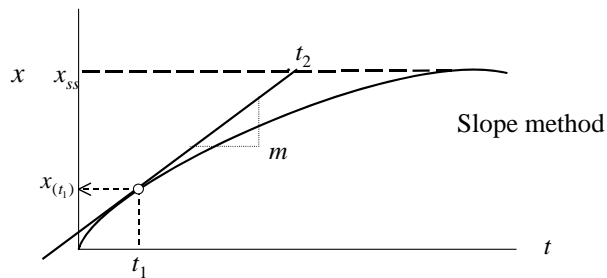
Method #2

1. Define x_{ss}
2. Measure x_1 at some time t_1
3. Calculate $x_2 = 0.632 (x_{ss} + .58x_{(t_1)})$
4. Find t_2 corresponding to x_2
5. $t_2 - t_1 = \tau$



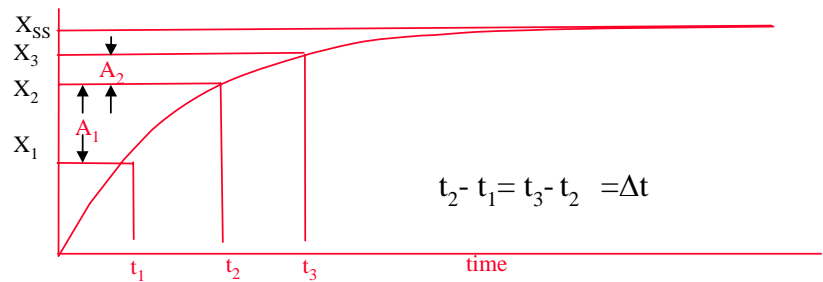
Method #3

1. Pick any time t_1 .
2. Draw tangent at t_1 .
3. Note t_2 where tangent intercepts x_{ss} .
4. $\tau = t_2 - t_1$



Method #4 When X_{ss} is unknown use

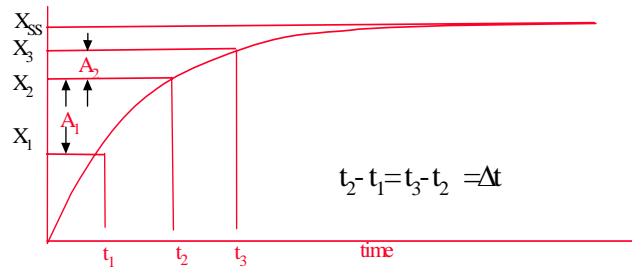
$$\tau = \frac{\Delta t}{\ln\left(\frac{A_1}{A_2}\right)}$$



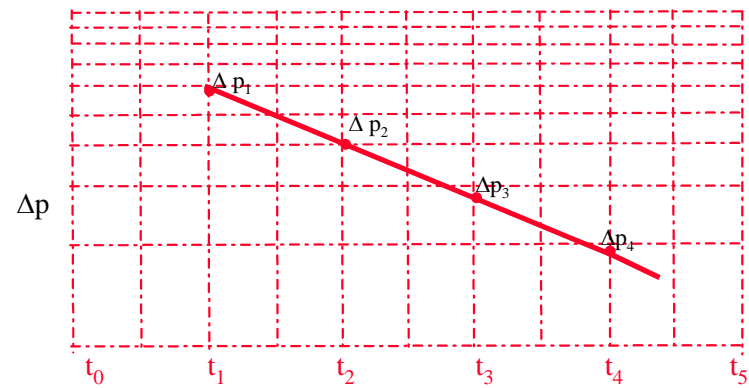
Method #5 When X_{ss} is known, use $\tau = \frac{-\Delta t}{\ln\left[\frac{X_{ss} - X_1}{X_{ss} - X_2}\right]}$

Linearity check:
Note parameter change between even time increments.

Plot parameter changes vs elapsed time on semi-log scale



Slope of line equals τ

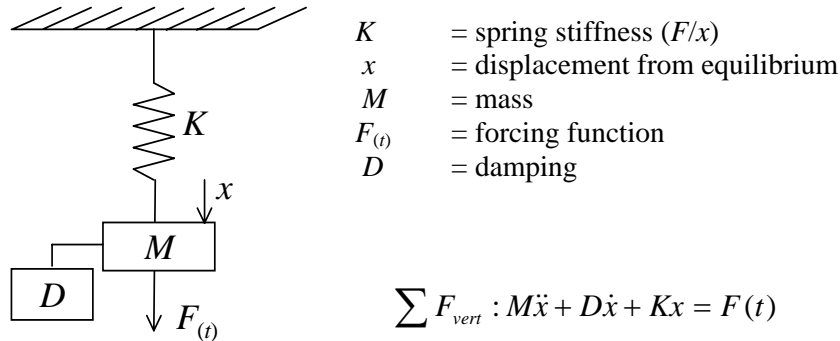


8.3 Second Order Motion

Found in classical aircraft phugoid, Dutch roll and short period modes as well as noise filter and vibration testing. Named second-order because the motions are described by mathematics using the second derivative of a parameter.

8.3.1 Elements of Second Order Motion

Mechanical systems have elements of spring, mass, and usually damping. Forcing functions can be included (see illustration).



Natural character is observed when system is allowed to move with no external input [$F(t) = 0$]

$$\sum F_{vert} : M\ddot{x} + D\dot{x} + Kx = 0$$

Apply operator technique: let $x = e^{st}$, $\dot{x} = se^{st}$, $\ddot{x} = s^2e^{st}$
 $\Rightarrow e^{st}(Ms^2 + Ds + K) = 0$

Divide out e^{st} , since it never equals zero, the characteristic equation remains:

$$Ms^2 + Ds + K = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad s^2 + \frac{D}{M}s + \frac{K}{M} = 0$$

The values of s that satisfy this equation are called the roots

$$[x = c_1e^{s_1t} + c_2e^{s_2t}]$$

Solve for the roots using the quadratic equation

8.3.2 Second Order Motion Descriptive Parameters

Solution (x) calculated as

$$x = c_1 e^{s_1 t} + c_2 e^{s_2 t} \quad \text{where} \quad s_1, s_2 = \frac{-D}{2M} \pm j \sqrt{\frac{K}{M} - \left(\frac{D}{2M}\right)^2}$$

Apply Euler's identity for complex conjugate roots

$$x = A e^{\frac{-D}{2M} t} \sin \left(\sqrt{\frac{K}{M} - \left(\frac{D}{2M}\right)^2} t + \phi \right)$$

- ϕ defines the **phase shift**.
- A defines the **initial amplitude**.
- The real part of the root $[D/2M]$ defines the **envelope** of the motion.
- The imaginary part of the root identifies the **damped frequency** of the oscillations, ω_d (rad/sec).

$$\omega_d = \sqrt{\frac{K}{M} - \left(\frac{D}{2M}\right)^2}$$

- If damping is reduced to $D = 0$ then only $[K/M]^{1/2}$ remains.
This is the undamped or **“natural” frequency** (ω_n).

$$\omega_n \equiv \sqrt{\frac{K}{M}}$$

- If $\left(\frac{D}{2M}\right)^2 = \frac{K}{M}$ then D is considered to be critical [just enough to prevent oscillations]

$$D_{crit} = \sqrt{\frac{K}{M}} 2M = 2\sqrt{KM}$$

- For oscillatory motion, actual system damping is typically expressed as a fraction critical damping. Define **damping ratio** as

$$\zeta \equiv \frac{D}{D_{crit}} = \frac{D}{2\sqrt{KM}}$$

Combining $\omega_d \equiv \sqrt{\frac{K}{M} - \left(\frac{D}{2M}\right)^2}$

with $\omega_n \equiv \sqrt{\frac{K}{M}}$ and $\zeta = \frac{D}{2\sqrt{KM}}$

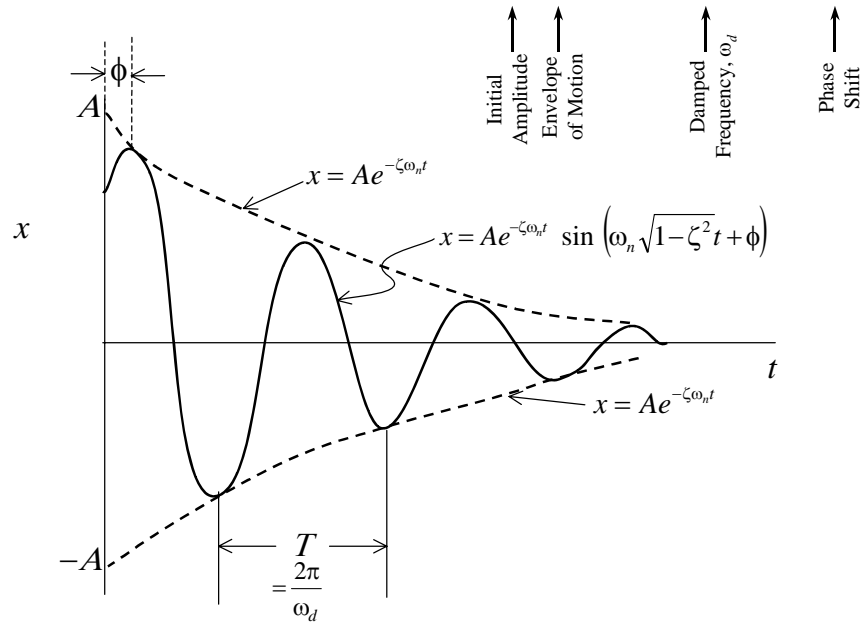
gives $\omega_d \equiv \omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}$ and $\frac{D}{2M} = \zeta \omega_n$

The values can be substituted to give

$$\begin{aligned} x &= Ae^{-\frac{D}{2M}t} \sin \left(\sqrt{\frac{K}{M} - \left(\frac{D}{2M}\right)^2} t + \phi \right) \\ &= Ae^{-\zeta \omega_n t} \sin (\omega_d t + \phi) \\ &= Ae^{-\zeta \omega_n t} \sin (\omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} t + \phi) \end{aligned}$$

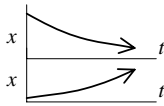

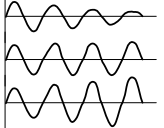
where $\phi = \tan^{-1} \frac{\omega_d}{\zeta \omega_n} = \tan^{-1} \frac{\omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}}{\omega_n \zeta} = \tan^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}}{\zeta}$

$$x = Ae^{-\zeta \omega_n t} \sin (\omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} t + \phi)$$



$$\text{Roots } s_{1,2} = \frac{-D}{2M} \pm j \sqrt{\frac{K}{M} - \left(\frac{D}{2M}\right)^2} = -\zeta\omega_n \pm j\omega_n \sqrt{1-\zeta^2}$$

Possible Solutions:

if $\left(\frac{D}{2M}\right)^2$	then roots are	and system response is
$> \frac{k}{m}$	Real and unequal	Non-oscillatory ~ convergent if $D > 0$ ~ divergent if $D < 0$ 
$= \frac{k}{m}$	Real and equal	Non-oscillatory ~ convergent if $D > 0$ ~ divergent if $D < 0$ 
$< \frac{k}{m}$	Complex (purely imaginary if $D = 0$)	Non-oscillatory ~ convergent if $D > 0$ ~ neutral if $D = 0$ ~ divergent if $D < 0$ 

- The various combination of K , M , and D and their effects on system response can be related to damping ratio ζ as follows:

$\zeta > 1$	Real & unequal roots exponential, convergent	$x(t) = c_1 e^{-\omega_n(\zeta + \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1})t} + c_2 e^{-\omega_n(\zeta - \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1})t}$
$\zeta = \pm 1$	Real & equal roots exponential, conv or div	$x(t) = c_1 e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} + c_2 t e^{-\zeta\omega_n t}$
$0 < \zeta < 1$	Complex pair roots sinusoidal, convergent	$x(t) = A e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \sin(\omega_d t + \phi)$
$\zeta = 0$	Imaginary pair roots sinusoidal, neutral	$x(t) = A \sin(\omega_n t + \phi)$ $= A \cos \omega_n t$
$-1 < \zeta < 0$	Complex pair roots sinusoidal, divergent	$x(t) = A e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \sin(\omega_d t + \phi)$
$\zeta < -1$	Real & unequal roots exponential, divergent	$x(t) = c_1 e^{-\omega_n(\zeta + \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1})t} + c_2 e^{-\omega_n(\zeta - \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1})t}$

Damping ratio effect on second order system

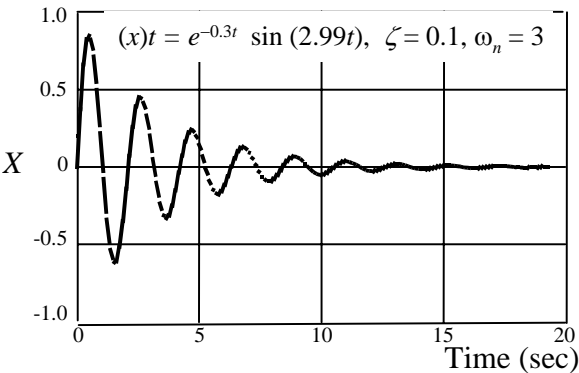
Response of various second order systems to an impulse input.

Second-order systems are oscillatory if $-1 > \zeta > 1$.

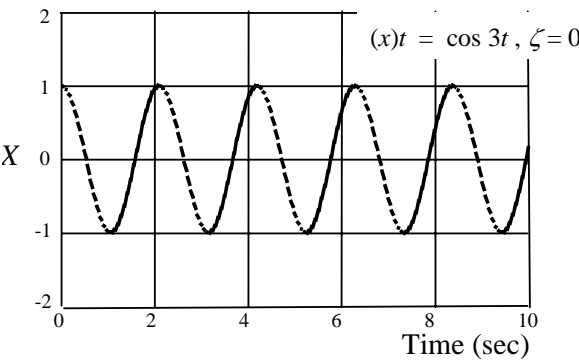
Motion typically described by ω_n and ζ

T , ω_d , ω_n and ζ are linked such that knowledge of any two will yield the other two.

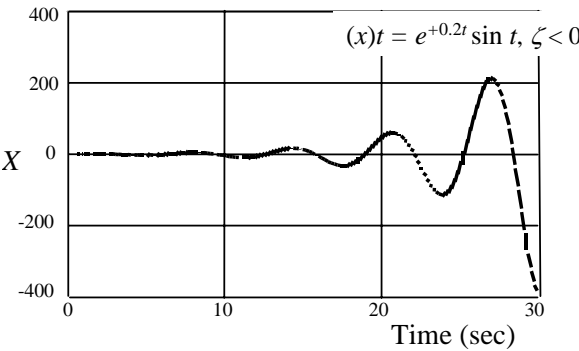
Convergent Sinusoid



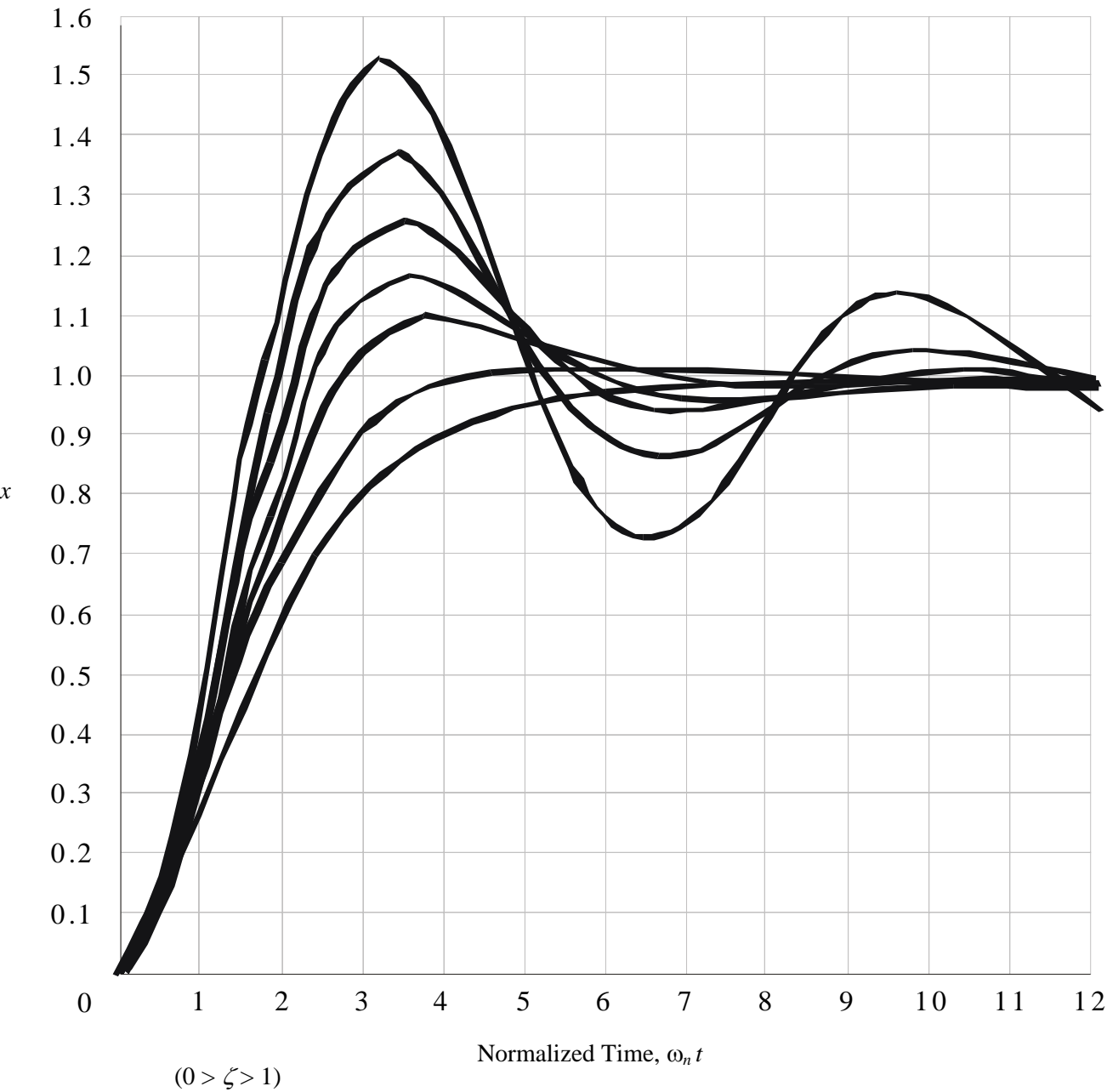
Neutrally Damped Sinusoid



Divergent Sinusoid



2nd order system response to **unit step input** for **underdamped systems**



Decay rates (for $0 < \zeta < 1$) and Useful Insights

- Time to decay $\zeta\omega_n = \frac{\ln \frac{x_1}{x_2}}{t_2 - t_1} \Rightarrow \Delta t = \frac{\ln \frac{x_1}{x_2}}{\zeta\omega_n}$
- Time to $\frac{1}{2}$ amplitude $\equiv \Delta t_{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{\ln \frac{2}{1}}{\zeta\omega_n} = \frac{0.6931}{\zeta\omega_n}$
- Time to $\frac{1}{10}$ amplitude $\equiv \Delta t_{\frac{1}{10}} = \frac{\ln \frac{10}{1}}{\zeta\omega_n} = \frac{2.3026}{\zeta\omega_n}$
- Time to $\frac{1}{x}$ amplitude $\equiv \Delta t_{\frac{1}{x}} = \frac{\ln x}{\zeta\omega_n}$
- # cycles to $\frac{1}{2}$ amplitude $\# \text{cycles} = \frac{\Delta t}{T} = \frac{\Delta t \omega_d}{2\pi}$
- # cycles to $\frac{1}{2}$ amplitude $\equiv C_{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{0.6931}{\zeta\omega_n} \frac{\omega_d}{2\pi} = \frac{0.6931}{2\pi} \frac{\omega_d}{\zeta\omega_n} = \frac{0.1103}{\varepsilon}$
- # cycles to $\frac{1}{10}$ amplitude $\equiv C_{\frac{1}{10}} = \frac{2.3026}{\zeta\omega_n} \frac{\omega_d}{2\pi} = \frac{2.3026}{2\pi} \frac{\omega_d}{\zeta\omega_n} = \frac{0.3665}{\varepsilon}$
- # cycles to $\frac{1}{x}$ amplitude $\equiv C_{\frac{1}{x}} = \frac{\ln x}{2\pi} \frac{\omega_d}{\zeta\omega_n}$

- Same analysis applies for exponential growth

For same Δt $\frac{x_1}{x_2} = \frac{x_2}{x_3} = \frac{x_3}{x_4}$ etc

Therefore $\frac{x_1}{x_3} = \frac{x_1}{x_2} \frac{x_2}{x_3} = \left(\frac{x_1}{x_2} \right)^2 \Rightarrow HCAR = \sqrt{\text{full cycle amp ratio}}$

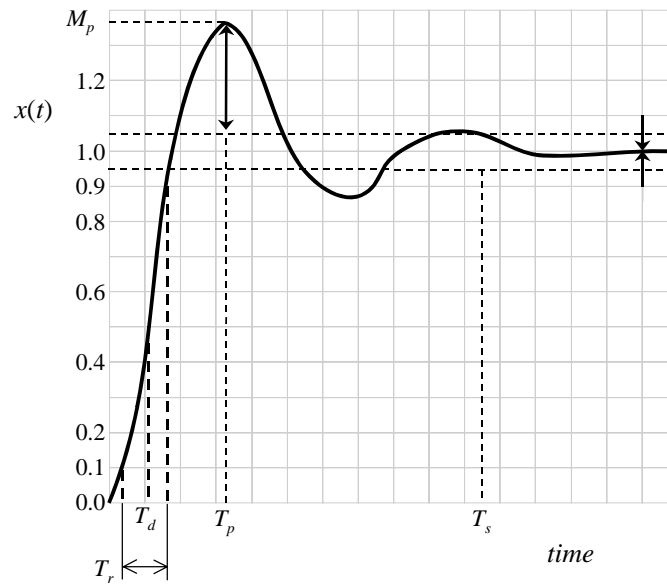
$$\begin{aligned} HCAR &\equiv \frac{x_1}{x_2} = e^{\zeta\omega_n(t_2 - t_1)} = e^{\zeta\omega_n(\Delta t)} = e^{\zeta\omega_n\left(\frac{T}{2}\right)} = e^{\zeta\omega_n\left(\frac{2\pi}{2\omega_d}\right)} \\ &= e^{\zeta\omega_n\left(\frac{\pi}{\omega_n\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}}\right)} = e^{\frac{\pi\zeta}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}}} \text{ Note } HCAR = f(\text{only}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln \frac{x_1}{x_2} = \frac{\pi\zeta}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}} \Rightarrow \zeta = \frac{\left(\ln \frac{x_1}{x_2}\right)^2}{\pi^2 + \left(\ln \frac{x_1}{x_2}\right)^2}$$

This can be applied in graphical form (transient peak ratio method)

8.3.3 Determining Descriptive Parameters

Time domain metrics



Peak Value, MP : largest value

Final Value, FV : steady state value

Delay Time, T_d : 50% of final value

Rise Time, T_r : 10% - 90% of FV

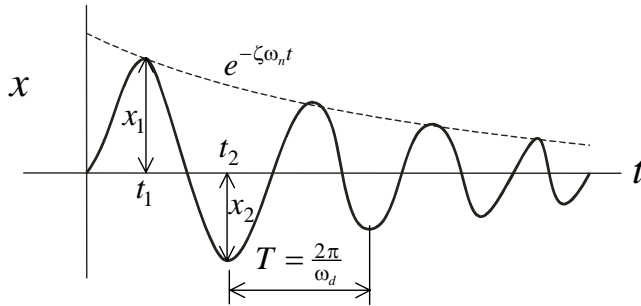
Peak Time, T_p : time to MP

Settling Time, T_s : time to reach some defined % of final value

% Overshoot, PO : $\frac{MP-1}{1} \times 100\%$ *target value = unity*

Method #1 Basic Analysis

Note $x(t) = Ae^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \sin(\omega_d t + 0)$
 $[\zeta\omega_n]$ and $[\omega_d]$ describe a time history



$$f_d = \frac{1}{T} \quad \omega_d = \frac{2\pi}{T} \quad \boxed{\zeta\omega_n = \frac{\ln \frac{x_1}{x_2}}{(t_2 - t_1)}}$$

Easily measured values: can use any points on envelope

$$\text{Define } \varepsilon \equiv \frac{\zeta\omega_n}{\omega_d} = \frac{\frac{\ln \frac{x_1}{x_2}}{(t_2 - t_1)}}{\frac{2\pi}{T}} = \frac{T \ln \frac{x_1}{x_2}}{2\pi(t_2 - t_1)}$$

$$\text{where } (t_2 - t_1) = \frac{T}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{\zeta\omega_n}{\omega_d} = \frac{\ln \frac{x_1}{x_2}}{\pi} = \varepsilon = \ln[x_1 / x_2] / \pi$$

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

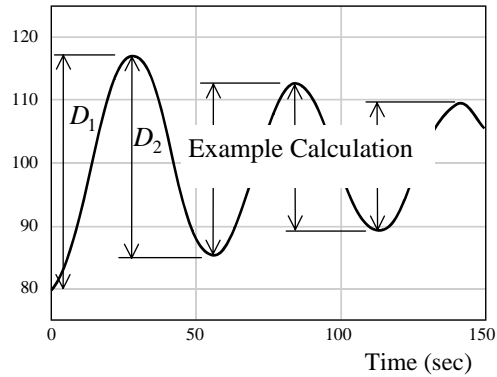
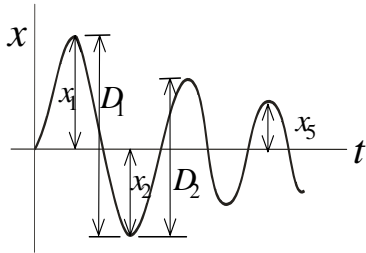
$$\varepsilon = \frac{\zeta\omega_n}{\omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} = \frac{\zeta}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \Rightarrow \varepsilon^2 = \frac{\zeta^2}{1 - \zeta^2} \Rightarrow \varepsilon^2(1 - \zeta^2) = \zeta^2 \Rightarrow \varepsilon^2 = \zeta^2[1 + \varepsilon^2]$$

$$\zeta = \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon^2}{1 + \varepsilon^2}} \quad \omega_n = \frac{\zeta\omega_n}{\zeta} = \frac{\omega_d}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}}$$

$$\left| \frac{x_1}{x_2} \right| \equiv \text{Half - Cycle Amplitude Ratio (HCAR)} = e^{\zeta\omega_n(t_2 - t_1)}$$

Method #2 Transient Peak Ratio Analysis

1) Measure either D or x distances as shown.



2) Note ratio of adjacent peak values (transient peak ratios).

3) Average several TPRs.

4) Use equation to find ζ :

$$\zeta = \sqrt{\frac{\left(\ln \frac{x_1}{x_2}\right)^2}{\pi^2 + \left(\ln \frac{x_1}{x_2}\right)^2}}$$

$$\text{First TPR : } \frac{D_2}{D_1} = \frac{117 - 86}{117 - 80} = \frac{31}{37} = 0.8378$$

$$\text{Second TPR : } \frac{D_3}{D_2} = \frac{112 - 86}{117 - 86} = \frac{26}{31} = 0.8387$$

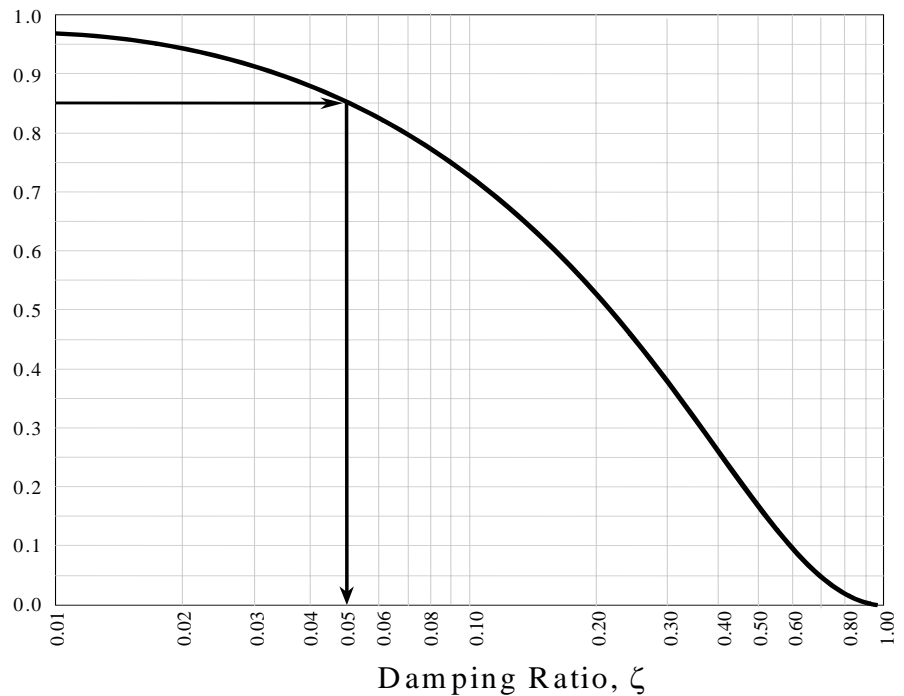
$$\text{Third TPR : } \frac{D_4}{D_3} = \frac{112 - 90}{112 - 86} = \frac{22}{26} = 0.8462$$

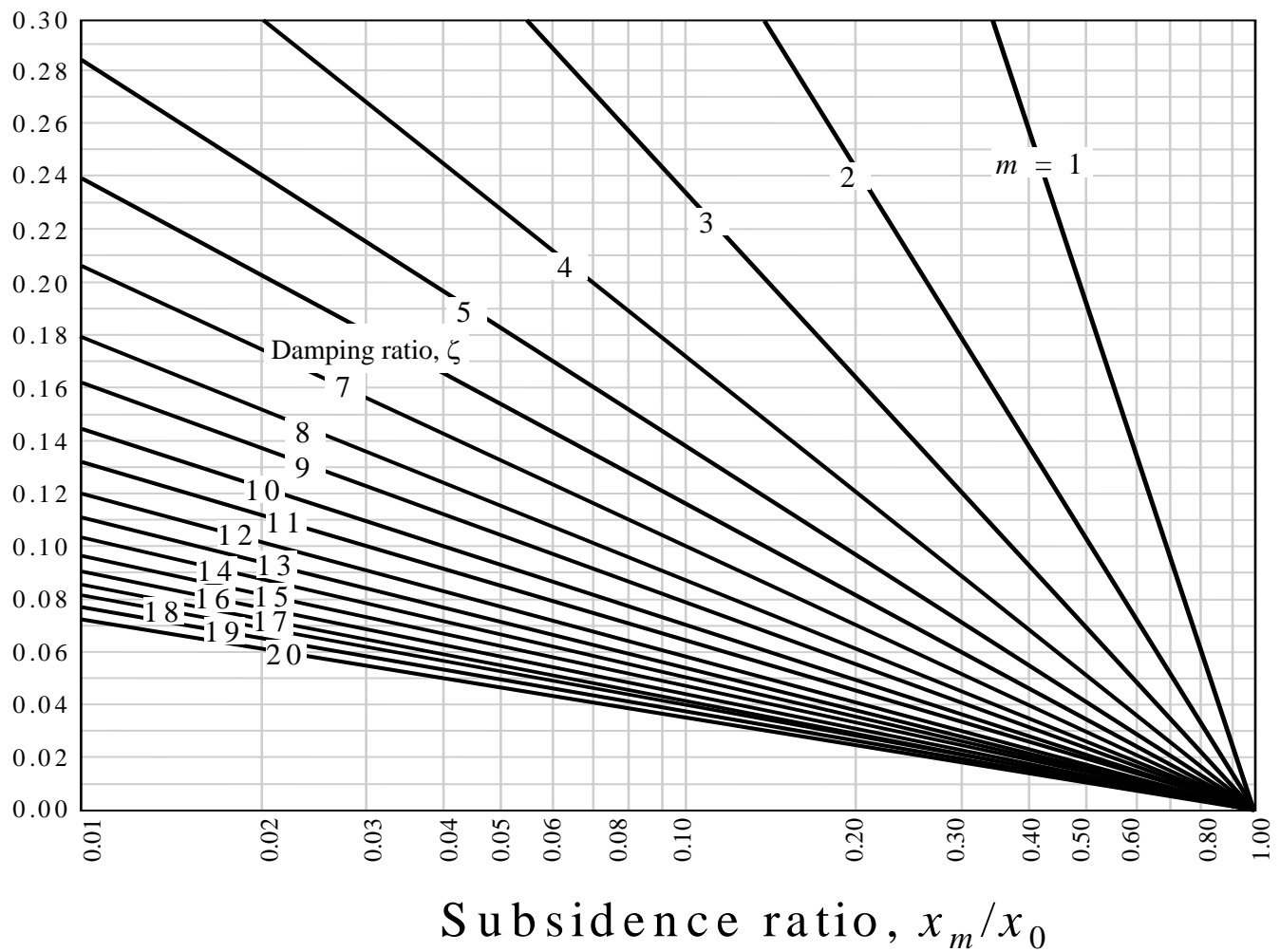
$$\text{Average TPR} = 0.8409$$

4a) Can use D_1/D_2 or x_1/x_2 ratios in above equation.

4b) In lieu of equation, use adjacent look-up curve to find ζ .

4c) Time ratio method works better with heavy damping.



Method #3 Multiple TPR Analysis

To determine damping ratio

~ Use the $m = 1$ line when comparing the next ratio. $\frac{\Delta x_1}{\Delta x_0} = \frac{2.5}{4.5} = 0.56$ $\zeta = 0.16$

$$\frac{\Delta x_2}{\Delta x_1} = \frac{1.5}{2.5} = 0.60 \quad \zeta = 0.14$$

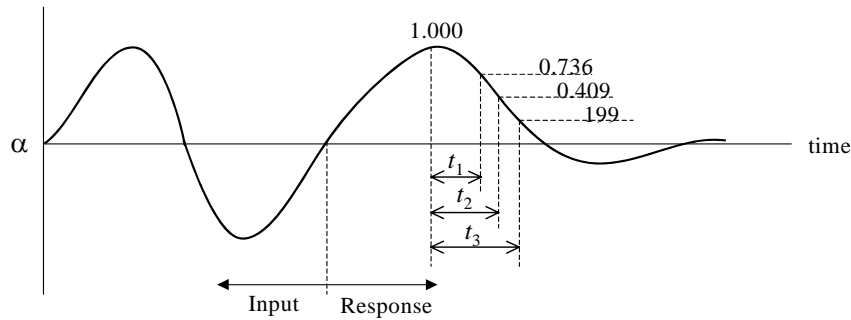
~ Use the $m = 2$ line for comparing every other peak ratio.

$$\frac{\Delta x_2}{\Delta x_0} = \frac{1.5}{4.5} = 0.33 \quad \zeta = 0.16$$

$$\frac{\Delta x_3}{\Delta x_1} = \frac{1.0}{2.5} = 0.40 \quad \zeta = 0.14$$

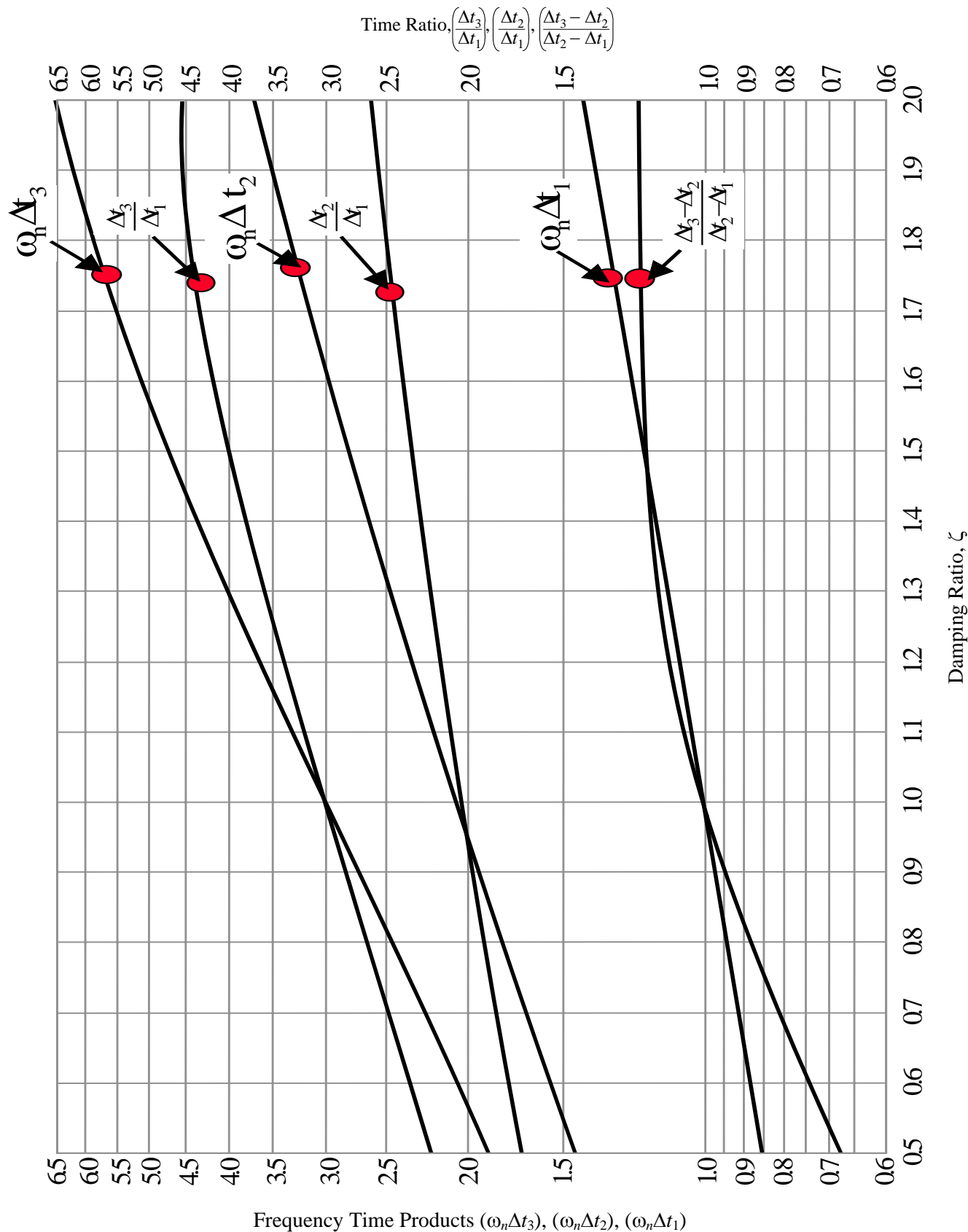
Method #4 Time Ratio Analysis

- If the damping ratio is between 0.5 and 1.0 (two or less overshoots), then the time ratio method can be used to determine frequency and damping ratio. Select a peak where the response is free.
- Note times for amplitude to reduce to 73.6%, 40.9%, and 19.9% of the peak value.

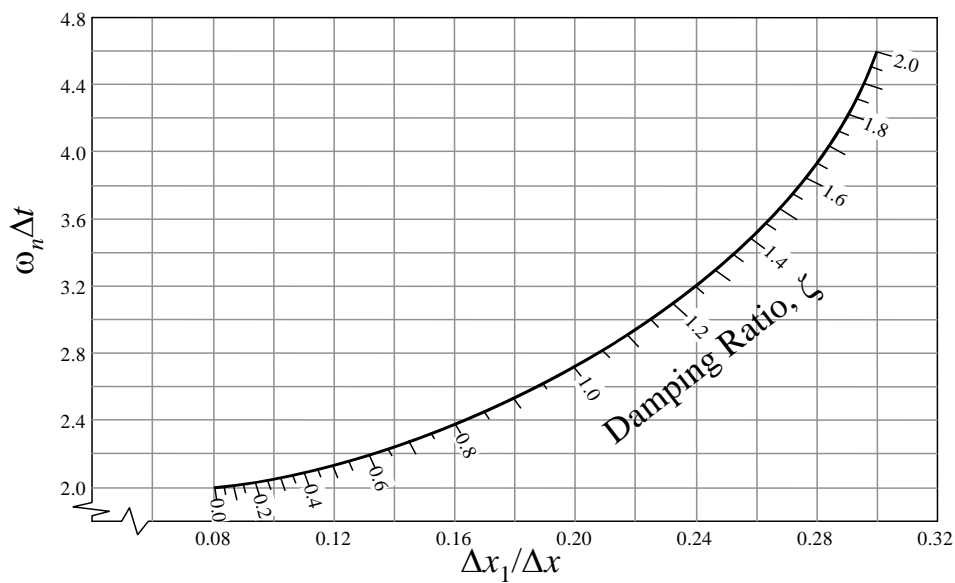
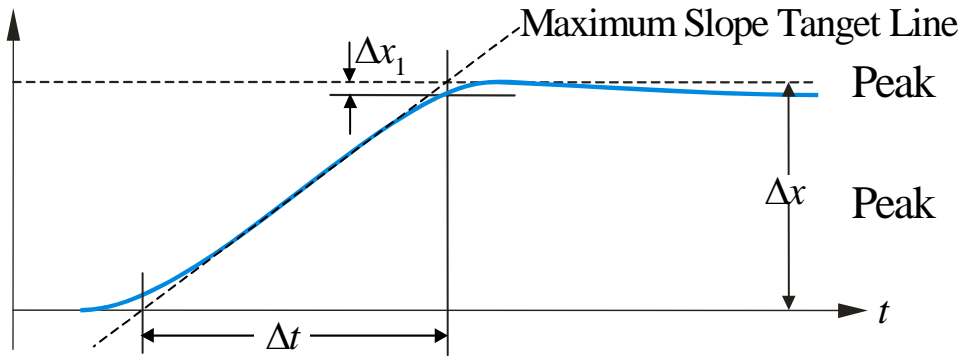


- Form the time ratios t_2/t_1 , t_3/t_1 , and $[t_3-t_2]/[t_2-t_1]$
- Enter the next figure at the time ratio side to find ζ for each time ratio.
- This technique is valid if the system transfer function has no zeros.
- If recorded measurements are not available and if the number of overshoots is between 2 and 6, then

$$\zeta \approx \frac{7 - \#overshoots}{10}$$



Method #5 Maximum Slope Analysis

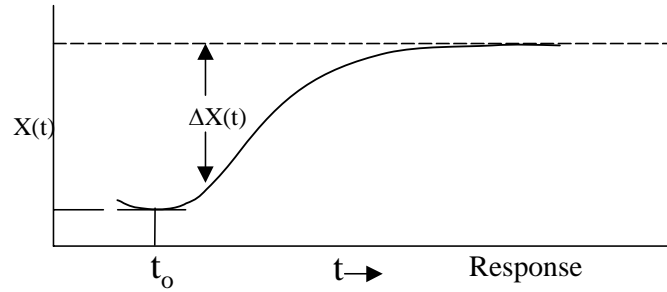


- Calculation of ζ somewhat sensitive to Δx_1 measurement
- $\omega_n = \frac{\omega_n \Delta t}{\Delta t}$ not too sensitive to Δx_1
- Best if $0.5 \leq \zeta \leq 1.4$
- Initial overshoot approximation: let (step inputs only) $K \equiv \frac{X_{pk}}{X_{ss}} - 1$

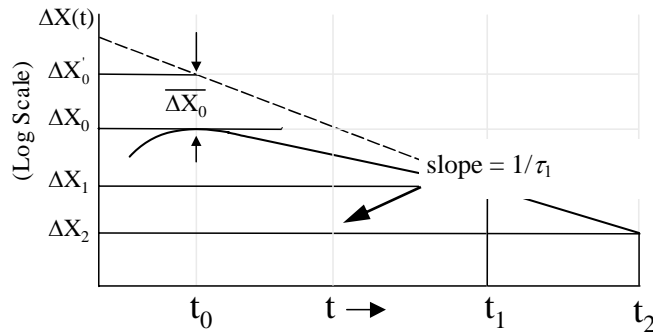
$$\zeta = \left[\frac{\left(\frac{-1}{\pi} \ln K \right)^2}{1 + \left(\frac{-1}{\pi} \ln K \right)^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Method #6 Separated Real Root Analysis (when $\zeta > 1$)

1) Determine several steady state $\Delta X(t)$ values from time history



2) Plot ΔX vs t on semi-log scale



3) After the faster root has decayed, the semi-log plot will be a straight line whose slope determines the slower root ($1/\tau_1$)

$$\tau_1 = \frac{t_1 - t_2}{\ln\left(\frac{\Delta X_1}{\Delta X_2}\right)}$$

4) Determine by extrapolating the straight line portion of the response to establish the values

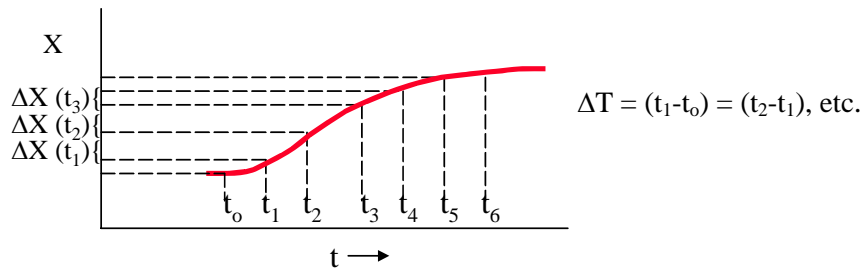
$$\left(\frac{1}{\tau_2}\right)$$

$$\overline{\Delta X_0} \text{ \& } \Delta X'_0$$

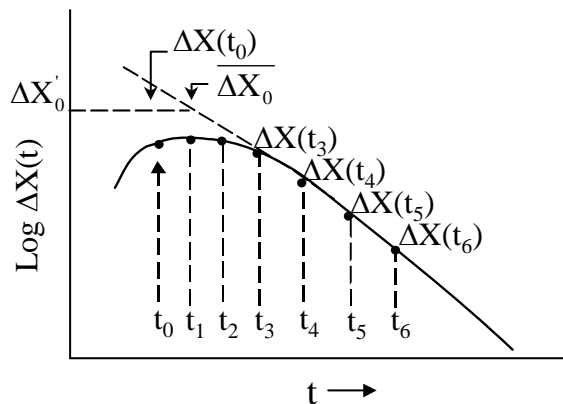
$$\tau_2 = \tau_1 \left(\frac{\overline{\Delta X_0}}{\Delta X'_0} \right) \quad \boxed{\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\tau_1} \frac{1}{\tau_2}}} \text{ and } \boxed{\zeta = \frac{-\left(\frac{1}{\tau_1} + \frac{1}{\tau_2}\right)}{2\omega_n} = \frac{-\left(\frac{1}{\tau_1} + \frac{1}{\tau_2}\right)}{2\sqrt{\frac{1}{\tau_1} \frac{1}{\tau_2}}}}$$

Method #7 Modified Separated Real Root Analysis

- Method #6 is sensitive to errors in determining steady state values
 - Alternate method is to avoid need for steady state value
 - Define $\Delta X(t) \equiv [x(t + \Delta T) - x(t)]$ where ΔT is a time increment
- 1) From time history, measure ΔX values according to definition



2) Plot $\Delta X(t)$ vs time on semi-log scale



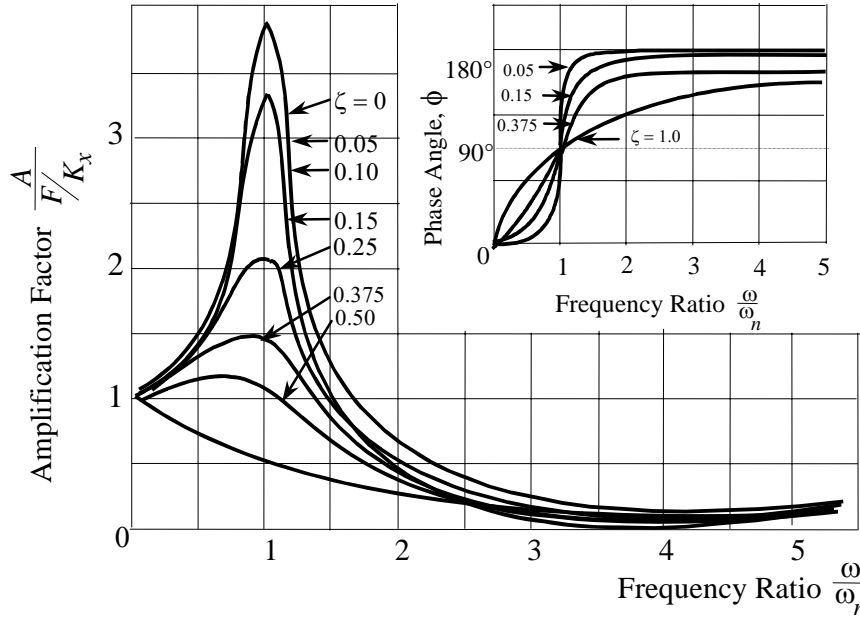
3) Use previous method to determine roots and characteristics

- Gross error will result if ζ is actually < 1
- If ζ is near 1, check results using time ratio or slope method

Method # 8 Frequency Sweep Analysis

Determine ω_n and ζ using sinusoidal inputs.

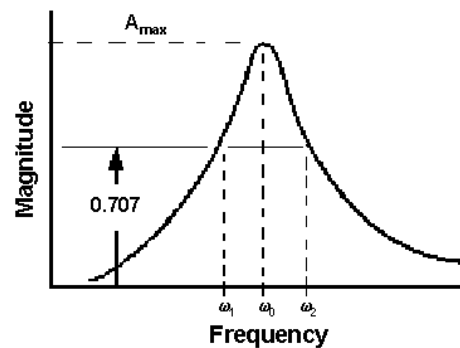
- This “forced response” method most useful when damping is heavy.
- For a second order system, output/input amplitude ratio and phase shift are a function of input frequency.



- Amplitude ratio peaks at “resonant” frequency, ω_r .
- Resonant peaks increase as ζ decreases below 0.707.
- Peak amplitude ratio “rolls off” as ζ increases above 0.707.
- Resonant frequency approaches natural frequency as damping decreases:

$$\omega_r = \omega_n [1 - 2\zeta^2]^{.5}$$
- Phase shift = 90° if excited at ω_n , regardless of

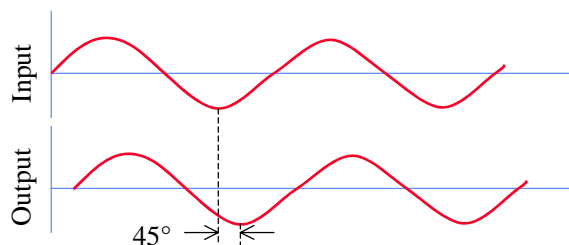
$$\zeta = 0.5(\omega_2 - \omega_1)/\omega_n$$



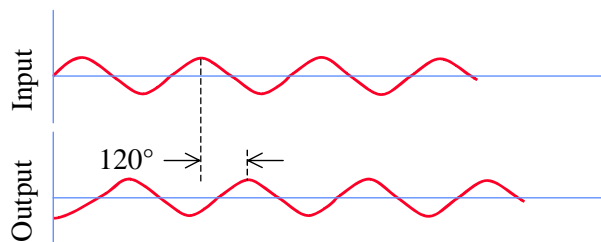
damping ratio.

Frequency Sweep Analysis (continued)

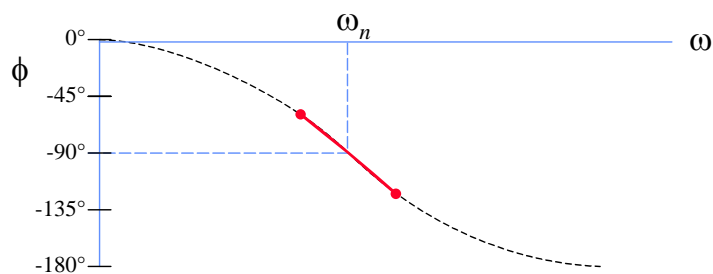
1. Using sinusoidal inputs excite system @ ω near ω_n
2. Measure phase lag (ϕ) of $\frac{\text{output}}{\text{input}}$



3. Excite system @ another ω near ω_n
4. Again Measure phase lag ϕ



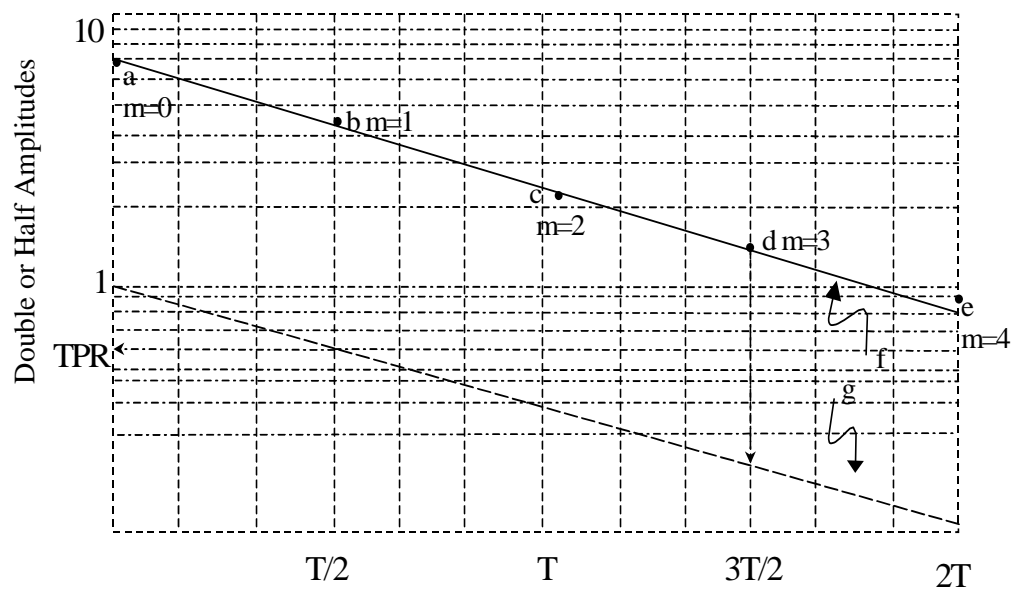
5. Plot ϕ vs input frequency



6. ω_n occurs at $\phi = 90^\circ$

Linearity Check /Accuracy Improvement

- 1) On semi-log scale, plot ratio of initial amplitude to subsequent peak amplitudes at each half cycle (points *a-e*).
- 2) Fair straight line (*f*) through these points.



- 3) Draw line (*g*) parallel (*f*) intercepting the ordinate at $TPR=1$
- 4) Average TPR occurs at $T/2$ on line *g*

8.4 Complex Plane

Begin with sum of forces in spring-mass-damper example

$$M\ddot{x} + D\dot{x} + Kx = f(t)$$

let $x = e^{st}$, find transient solution

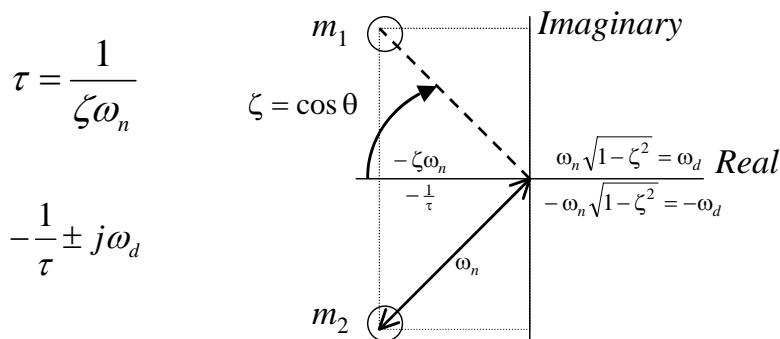
$$(Ms^2 + Ds + K)e^{st} = 0$$

Apply quadratic equation to solve for roots

$$s_{1,2} = \frac{-D}{2M} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{D}{2M}\right)^2 - \frac{K}{M}}$$

Recall previous analogy

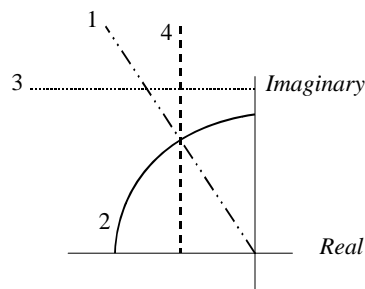
$$s_{1,2} = -\zeta\omega_n \pm j\omega_n\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}$$



Location of Roots on Complex Plane

- · · — 1. Line of constant damping ratio ζ – varying $C_{1/n}$ and ω_n
- 2. Line of constant ω_n – varying ζ
- · · · · 3. Line of constant ω_d and period (T)
- - - 4. Line of constant real part ($\zeta\omega_n$) and time to damp ($T_{1/n}$)

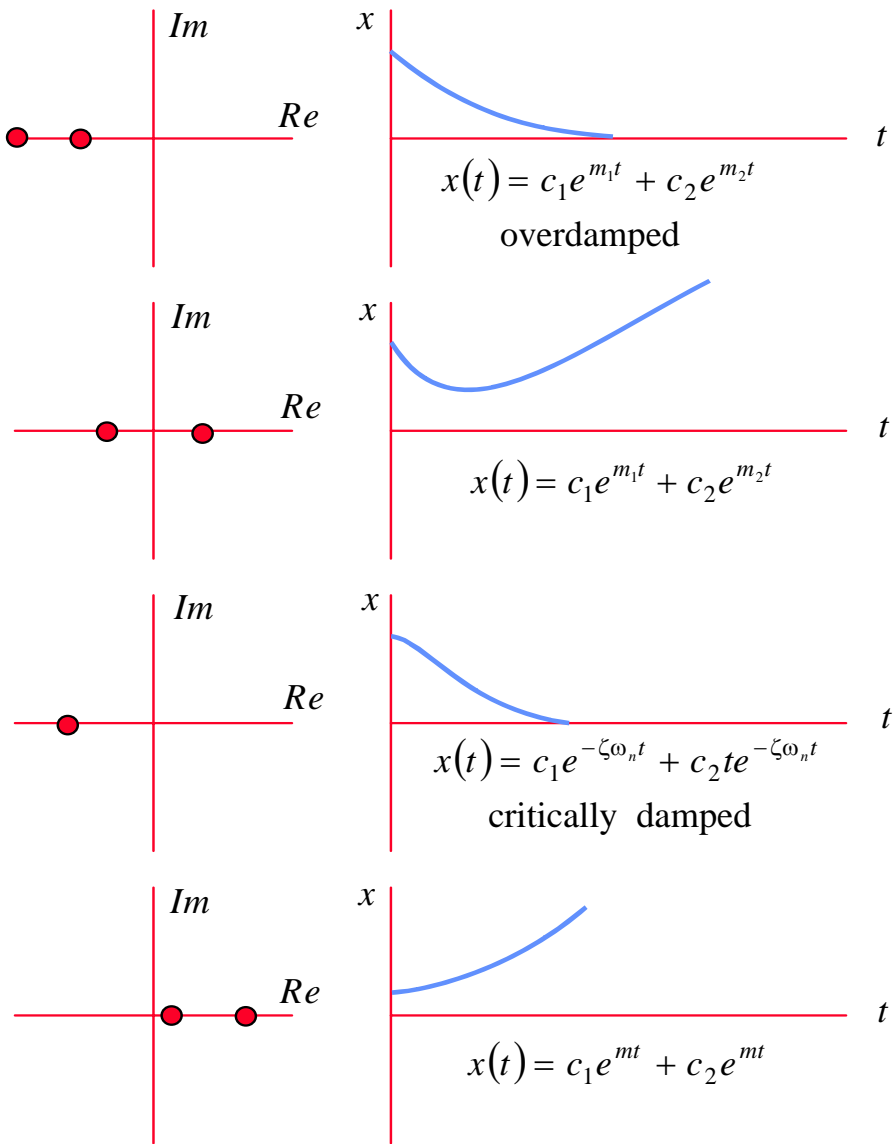
$$\sigma = \zeta\omega_n = 1/\tau = \text{damping rate}$$



Sample second order root plots and corresponding time histories

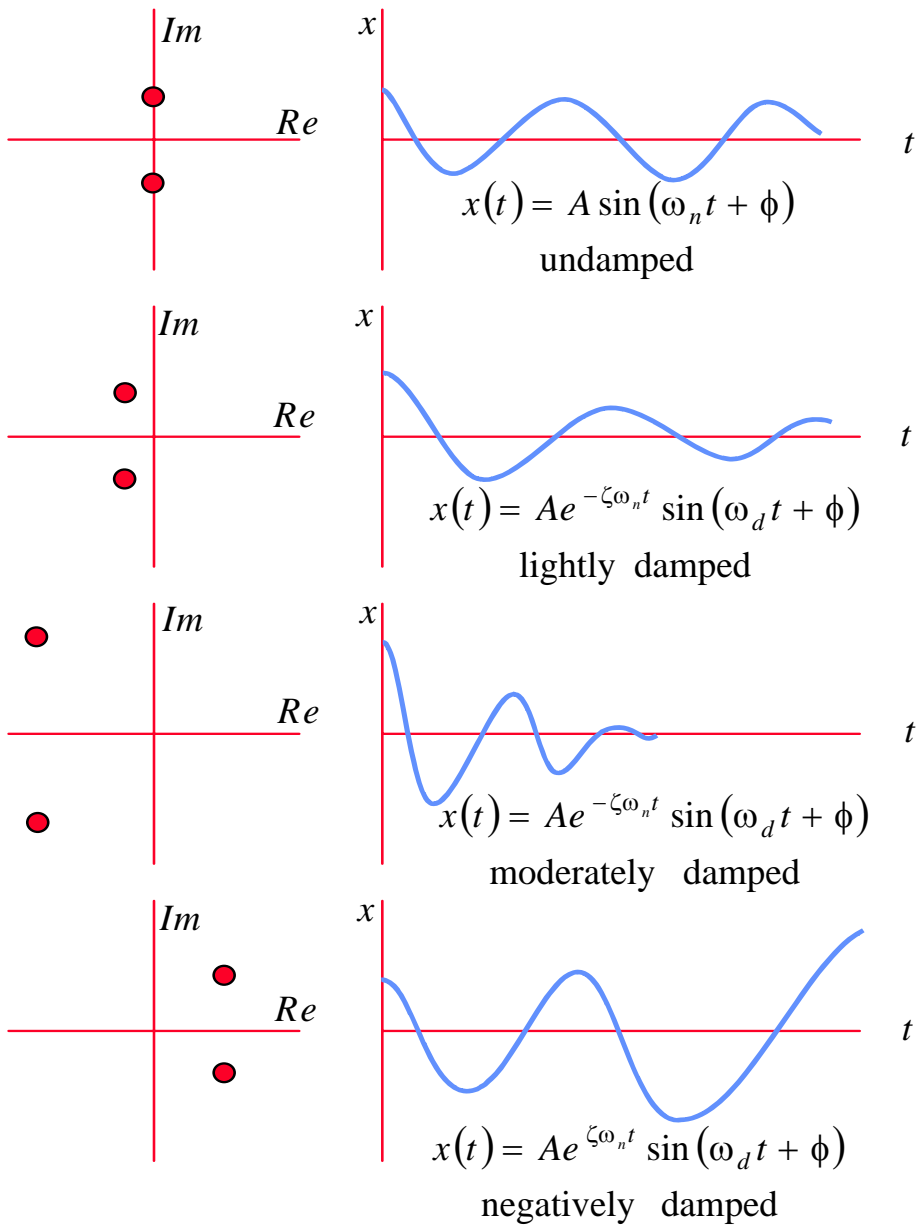
(time histories represent trends only)

Examples of “two real roots”



More sample second order root plots and corresponding time histories

Examples of “imaginary roots”



8.5 Parameter Conversions

For conversion of accelerometer measurements.

- For magnitude conversion substitute $2\pi f$ for $j\omega$.
- Assumes linear spectra.
- Conversion factor should be squared for power spectra.

Acceleration to velocity

<u>to convert from</u>	<u>to</u>	<u>multiply by</u>
ft/s^2 rms	ft/s rms	$1/j\omega$
ft/s^2 rms	in/s rms	$12/j\omega$
ft/s^2 rms	in/s peak	$16.97/j\omega$
g rms	in/s rms	$386/j\omega$
g rms	in/s peak	$545.8/j\omega$
m/s^2 rms	mm/s rms	$1000/j\omega$
m/s^2 rms	mm/s peak	$1414/j\omega$
g rms	mm/s rms	$9806/j\omega$
g rms	mm/s peak	$13865.7/j\omega$

Acceleration to Displacement

<u>to convert from</u>	<u>to</u>	<u>multiply by</u>
ft/s^2 rms	in rms	$12/(j\omega)^2$
ft/s^2 rms	in p-p	$33.9/(j\omega)^2$
ft/s^2 rms	mil p-p	$33.9 E 03/(j\omega)^2$
g rms	in rms	$386/(j\omega)^2$
g rms	in p-p	$1091.6 E 03/(j\omega)^2$
g rms	mil p-p	$1091.6 E 03/(j\omega)^2$
m/s^2 rms	mm rms	$1000/(j\omega)^2$
m/s^2 rms	mm p-p	$2828/(j\omega)^2$
m/s^2 rms	$micron$ p-p	$2828 E 03/(j\omega)^2$

E = engineering exponent (x10 __)

g = 32.174 ft/sec²

in = inches

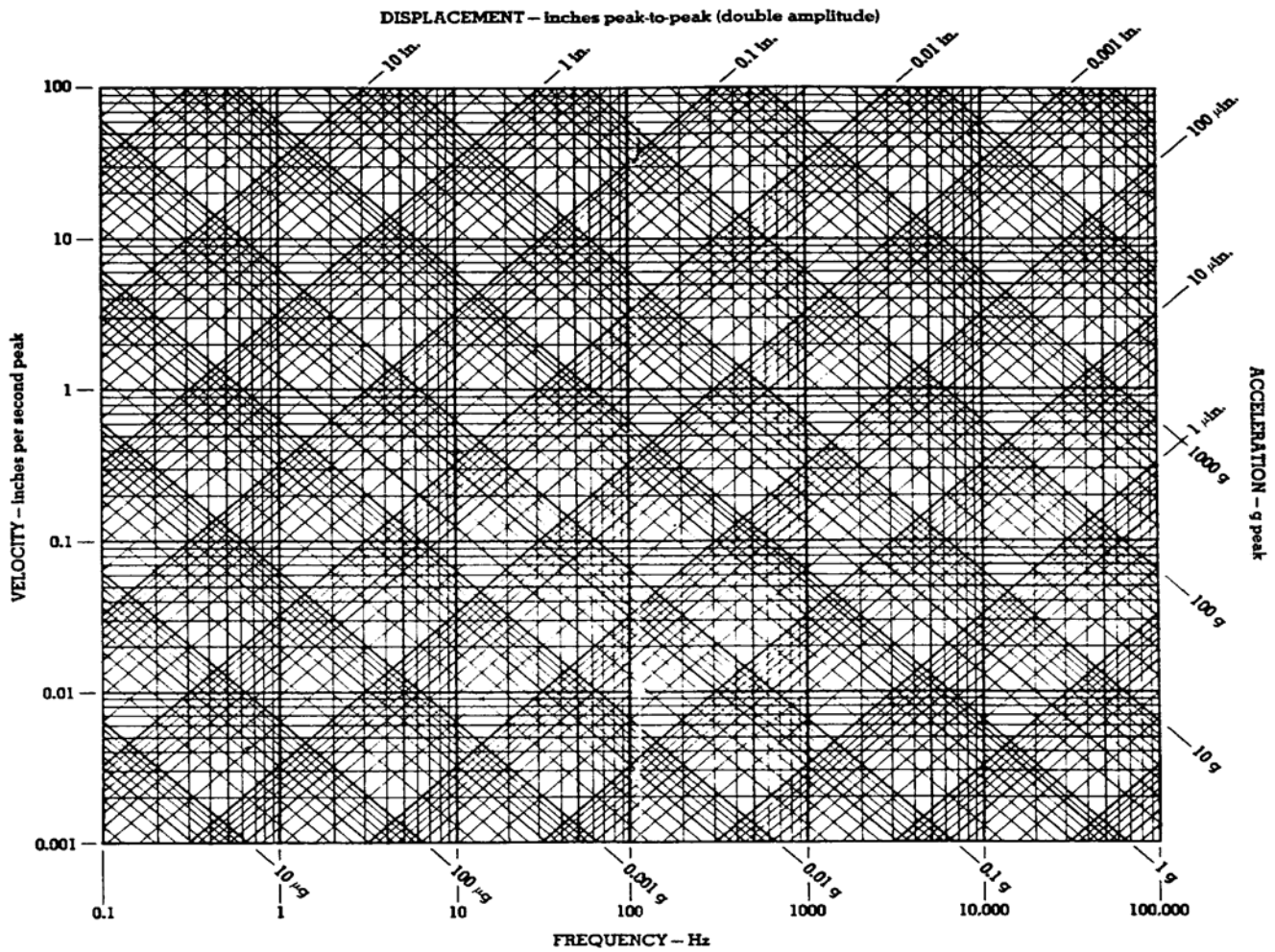
mil = thousandths of an inch

mm = millimeters

$p-p$ = peak-to-peak

rms = root mean square

8.6 Vibration Nomograph



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