

Homework2

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Consider a single-degree-of-freedom spring-mass-damper system with mass $m = 500$ kg, undamped natural circular frequency $\omega_n = 36$ rad/s and damping ratio $\zeta = 0.008$. The system is subjected to a periodic force excitation $f(t)$ with period $T = 0.5$ seconds. This force can be approximated by using just its first four harmonics, with coefficients the following values, in kN

$$\begin{aligned}F_0 &= 0 \\F_1 &= 3 + 2.1j \\F_2 &= -0.6 + 0.5j \\F_3 &= 0.84 - 0.75j \\F_4 &= 0.01 - 0.03j\end{aligned}$$

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[68]: from sympy import exp,integrate, symbols, expand, plot, sin, pi,  
    simplify, lambdify, re, Abs  
import numpy as np  
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt  
p, t, tau = symbols('p, t, tau', real = True)  
F, m = symbols('F, m', real = True)  
F0, F1, F2, F3, F4 = symbols('F0, F1, F2, F3, F4', real = True)  
m = 500  
w_n = 36  
zeta = 0.008  
T = 0.5  
w_0 = 2 * pi / T  
k = (w_n ** 2) * m  
c = 2 * w_n * zeta * m  
F = -1j*F* exp(1j*p*w_0*t) + 1j*F0 * exp(-1j*p*w_0*t)  
print('expression of whole excitation:')display(F)
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expression of whole excitation:

$$-1.0iFe^{4.0i\pi pt} + 1.0iF_0e^{-4.0i\pi pt}$$

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[69]: F_p = {  
    0: 0,  
    1: (3 + 2.1j) * 1000,  
    2: (-0.6 + 0.5j) * 1000,  
    3: (0.84 - 0.75j) * 1000,
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4: (0.01 - 0.03j) * 1000
}

# F_{-k} = conjugate(F_k)
for p in range(1, 5):
    F_p[-p] = F_p[p].conjugate()

f_t = 0
for p in range(-4, 5):
    # F_p[p] times exp(1j * k * w_0 * t)
    f_t += F_p[p] * exp(1j * p * w_0 * t)

display(f_t)

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$$(3000.0 + 2100.0i)e^{4.0i\pi t} + (-600.0 + 500.0i)e^{8.0i\pi t} + (840.0 - 750.0i)e^{12.0i\pi t} + \\ (10.0 - 30.0i)e^{16.0i\pi t} + (10.0 + 30.0i)e^{-16.0i\pi t} + (840.0 + 750.0i)e^{-12.0i\pi t} + \\ (-600.0 - 500.0i)e^{-8.0i\pi t} + (3000.0 - 2100.0i)e^{-4.0i\pi t}$$

Then calculate the frequency response $G(i\omega)$

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[70]: r = symbols('r', real=True)      # r = w_0/w_n
G_i_w = 1 / (1 - r**2 + 1j * 2 * zeta * r)
print('Dimensionless Transfer Function G(i*w):')
display(G_i_w)
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Dimensionless Transfer Function $G(i*w)$:

$$\frac{1}{-r^2 + 0.016ir + 1}$$

Displacement excitation to force excitation

$$F(t) = kf(t) \\ f(t) = \frac{F(t)}{k} \\ X_k = f_k \cdot G_p(\omega)$$

where $\omega = ip\omega_0$

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[71]: X_p = []
for p in range(0, 5): # just calculate positive frequency
    if p == 0:
        f_p = F_p[0] / k
        omega_p = 0
        r_p = omega_p / w_n
        G_p = G_i_w.subs({r: r_p})
        X_p[0] = f_p * G_p
    else:
        f_p_pos = F_p[p] / k
        omega_p_pos = p * w_0
        r_p_pos = omega_p_pos / w_n
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G_p_pos = G_i_w.subs({r: r_p_pos})
X_p[p] = f_p_pos * G_p_pos
# just pick conjugate
X_p[-p] = X_p[p].conjugate()

x_t = 0
for p in range(-4, 5):
    x_t += X_p[p] * exp(1j * p * w_0 * t)

x_t_numeric = x_t.evalf()

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[72]: # Convert sympy expressions f_t and x_t into numeric functions
# print("free symbols in f_t =", f_t.free_symbols)
# print("free symbols in x_t =", x_t.free_symbols)
# print("free symbols in X_p =", {p: X_p[p].free_symbols for p in X_p})

# sympy expression -> numerical functions (real part)
f_t_func = lambdify(t, f_t, modules=['numpy'])
x_t_func = lambdify(t, x_t_numeric, modules=['numpy'])
# -----
# Generate time vector
# -----
T_period = 0.5
t_num = np.linspace(0, 4*T_period, 400) # plot 4 periods

# compute numeric curves (take real part)
f_num = np.real(f_t_func(t_num))
x_num = np.real(x_t_func(t_num))
# -----
# Plotting
# -----
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))

plt.plot(t_num, f_num / 1000, label="Force f(t) [kN]")
plt.plot(t_num, x_num * 100, label="Response x(t) × 100 [m × 100]")

plt.xlabel("Time [s]")
plt.ylabel("Amplitude")
plt.title("Excitation Force and Steady-State Response")
plt.grid(True)
plt.legend()
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

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