

**MMAN2300**

**Engineering Mechanics 2**

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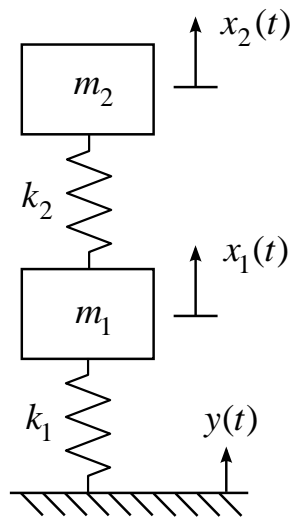
**Part B: Vibration Analysis**

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**Base excitation of a 2DOF spring-mass system**

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## Forced Vibration of a 2DOF Spring-Mass System due to Base Excitation



In base excitation, the input disturbance  $y(t)$  is a displacement. Find expressions for the displacement transmissibility of each mass as a function of frequency and sketch the responses.

Equations of motion

$$m_1 \ddot{x}_1 = -k_1 x_1 - k_2 x_1 + k_2 x_2 + k_1 y$$

$$m_2 \ddot{x}_2 = -k_2 x_2 + k_2 x_1$$

For harmonic motion, use general solutions of the form

$$y(t) = A_o \sin \omega t, \quad x_1(t) = A_1 \sin \omega t, \quad x_2(t) = A_2 \sin \omega t$$

The displacement transmissibility ratio of each mass is  $\frac{A_1}{A_o}, \frac{A_2}{A_o}$  (similar to  $\frac{X}{Y}$  for a single DOF undamped system).

For  $m_1 = m_2 = m$  and  $k_1 = k_2 = k$

$$\Rightarrow \omega_{n1} = 0.618\sqrt{k/m}, \quad \frac{A_1}{A_2} = 0.618$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega_{n2} = 1.618\sqrt{k/m}, \quad \frac{A_1}{A_2} = -1.618$$

Substituting the general solutions into the equations of motion results in

$$(2k - m\omega^2)A_1 - kA_2 = kA_o \quad (1)$$

$$-kA_1 + (k - m\omega^2)A_2 = 0 \quad (2)$$

From (2), 
$$A_2 = \frac{kA_1}{k - m\omega^2} \quad (3)$$

Substitute (3) in (1) gives 
$$(2k - m\omega^2)A_1 - \frac{k^2 A_1}{k - m\omega^2} = kA_o \quad (4)$$

Rearrange (4)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{A_1}{A_o} = \frac{k(k - m\omega^2)}{m^2 \omega^4 - 3km\omega^2 + k^2} \quad (5)$$

Note: the denominator corresponds to the characteristic equation of the system.

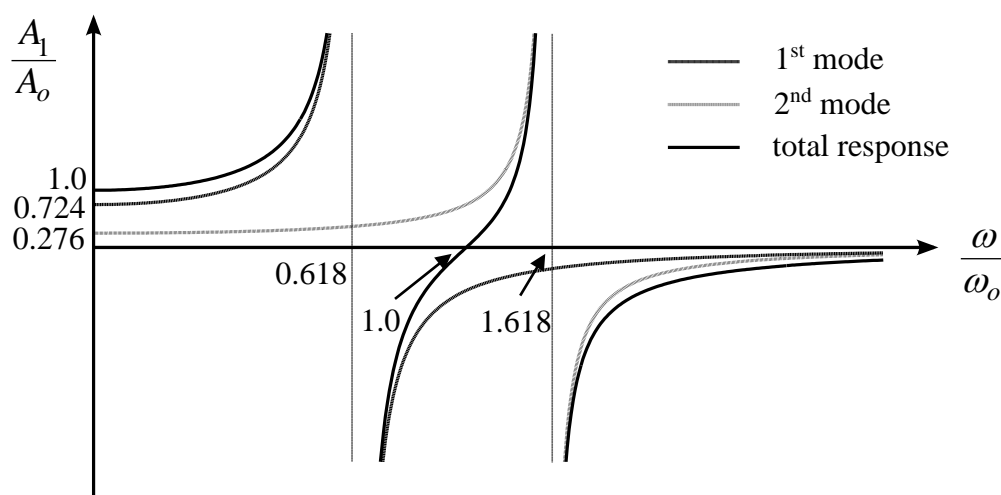
- Divide by  $k^2 / k^2$
- Put  $\omega_o = \sqrt{k/m}$  ( $\omega_o$  is just a reference frequency)
- Expand into partial fractions as a function of the two  $\omega_n$ 's of the system

$$\frac{A_1}{A_o} = \frac{1 - \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_o}\right)^2}{\left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_o}\right)^4 - 3\left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_o}\right)^2 + 1} = \frac{C_1}{1 - \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_{n1}}\right)^2} + \frac{D_1}{1 - \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_{n2}}\right)^2} \quad (6)$$

Using the method shown in Week 7 Lecture Notes, we get  $C_1 = 0.724$ ,  $D_1 = 0.276$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{A_1}{A_o} = \frac{1 - \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_o}\right)^2}{\left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_o}\right)^4 - 3\left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_o}\right)^2 + 1} = \frac{0.724}{1 - \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_{n1}}\right)^2} + \frac{0.276}{1 - \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_{n2}}\right)^2}$$

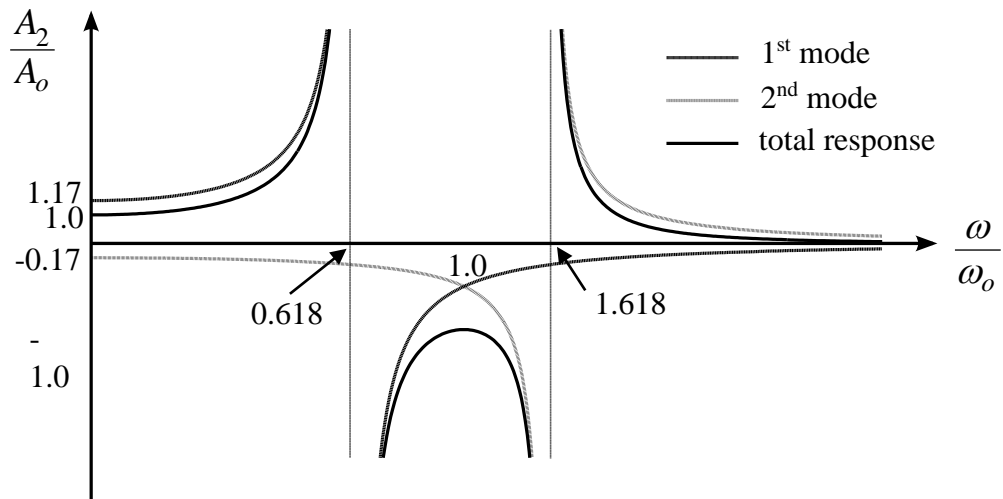
Note  $\frac{A_1}{A_o} = 0$  when  $\frac{\omega}{\omega_o} = 1$



To find  $\frac{A_2}{A_o}$

$$\frac{A_2}{A_o} = \frac{A_1}{A_o} \cdot \frac{A_2}{A_1} = \frac{k(k - m\omega^2)}{m^2\omega^4 - 3km\omega^2 + k^2} \cdot \frac{k}{k - m\omega^2} = \frac{k^2}{m^2\omega^4 - 3km\omega^2 + k^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{A_2}{A_o} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_o}\right)^4 - 3\left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_o}\right)^2 + 1} = \frac{1.17}{1 - \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_{n1}}\right)^2} - \frac{0.17}{1 - \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_{n2}}\right)^2}$$



When  $\omega = 0$ ,  $\frac{A_2}{A_o} = 1$

When  $\frac{\omega}{\omega_o} = 1$ ,  $\frac{A_2}{A_o} = -1$

We can also check the modeshapes  $\frac{A_1}{A_2}$  for each  $\omega_n$

For  $\omega = \omega_{n1} = 0.618\sqrt{k/m}$ , we know  $\frac{A_1}{A_2} = 0.618$

$$\frac{A_1}{A_2} = \frac{A_1}{A_o} \cdot \frac{A_o}{A_2} = \frac{0.724}{1 - (\omega/\omega_{n1})^2} \cdot \frac{1 - (\omega/\omega_{n1})^2}{1.17} = 0.618$$

For  $\omega = \omega_{n2} = 1.618\sqrt{k/m}$ , we know  $\frac{A_1}{A_2} = -1.618$

$$\frac{A_1}{A_2} = \frac{A_1}{A_o} \cdot \frac{A_o}{A_2} = \frac{0.276}{1 - (\omega/\omega_{n2})^2} \cdot \frac{1 - (\omega/\omega_{n2})^2}{(-0.17)} = -1.618$$