

**AE 242**  
**Aerospace Measurements**  
**Laboratory**

# Second-order system

$a_2$ ,  $a_1$ ,  $a_0$  and  $b_0$  are non zero in the generalised equation. Any instrument which can be represented using this equation is a second - order instrument.

$$a_2 \frac{d^2 q_0}{dt^2} + a_1 \frac{dq_0}{dt} + a_0 q_0 = b_0 q_i$$

Roots of this equation can be imaginary, complex, real

Above equation can be written as

$$\left( \frac{D^2}{\omega_n^2} + \frac{2\xi D}{\omega_n} + 1 \right) q_0 = K q_i$$

$$K = \frac{b_0}{a_0}$$

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{a_0}{a_2}}$$

$$\xi = \frac{a_1}{2\sqrt{a_0 a_2}}$$

Static sensitivity

Undamped natural frequency

Damping ratio

Transfer function

$$\frac{q_0}{q_i}(D) = \frac{K}{D^2 / \omega_n^2 + 2\xi D / \omega_n + 1}$$

# Second-order system – an example

Force measuring spring

Total mass –  $M$

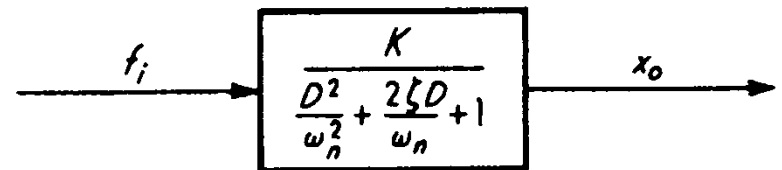
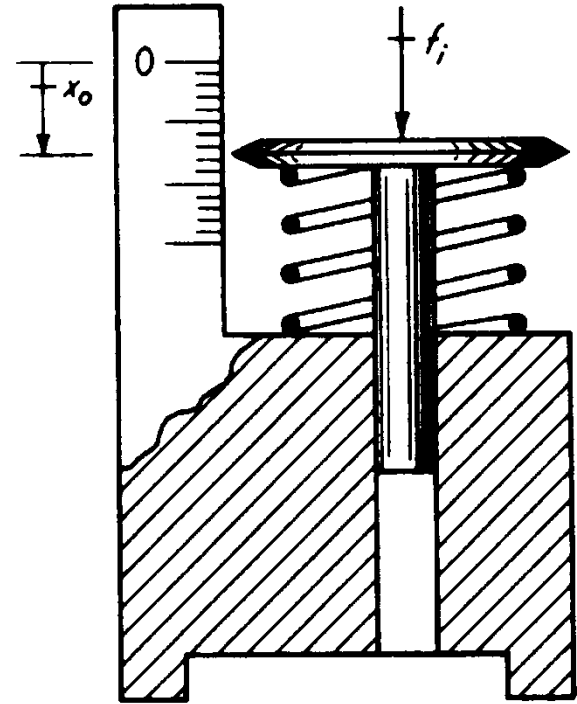
Spring constant –  $K_s$

Damping -  $B$

$$(MD^2 + BD + K_s)x_0 = f_i$$

$$K = \frac{1}{K_s} \quad \omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{K_s}{M}} \quad \zeta = \frac{B}{2\sqrt{K_s M}}$$

$\omega_n$  is direct indication of speed of response



# Second order systems

$$\left( \frac{D^2}{\omega_n^2} + \frac{2D\zeta}{\omega_n} + 1 \right) q_o = Kf_i \quad \text{Two roots of the characteristic equation}$$

$$-\zeta\omega_n + \omega_n\sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1} \quad \text{and} \quad -\zeta\omega_n - \omega_n\sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1}$$

Undamped :  $\zeta = 0$ , roots =  $\pm i\omega_n$

$$\frac{q_0 / K}{q_{is}} = 1 - \sin(\omega_n t + \phi)$$

Initial conditions are zero

$$q_0 = \dot{q}_0 = 0$$

Underdamped :  $0 < \zeta < 1.0$ , roots =  $-\zeta\omega_n \pm i\omega_n\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}$

$$\frac{q_0 / K}{q_{is}} = 1 - \frac{e^{-\zeta\omega_n t}}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \sin\left(\omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} t + \phi\right)$$

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Over damped:  $\zeta > 1.0$ , roots  $= \omega_n \left( -\zeta \pm \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1} \right) = \frac{1}{\tau_1}, \frac{1}{\tau_2}$

Two roots of the characteristic equation

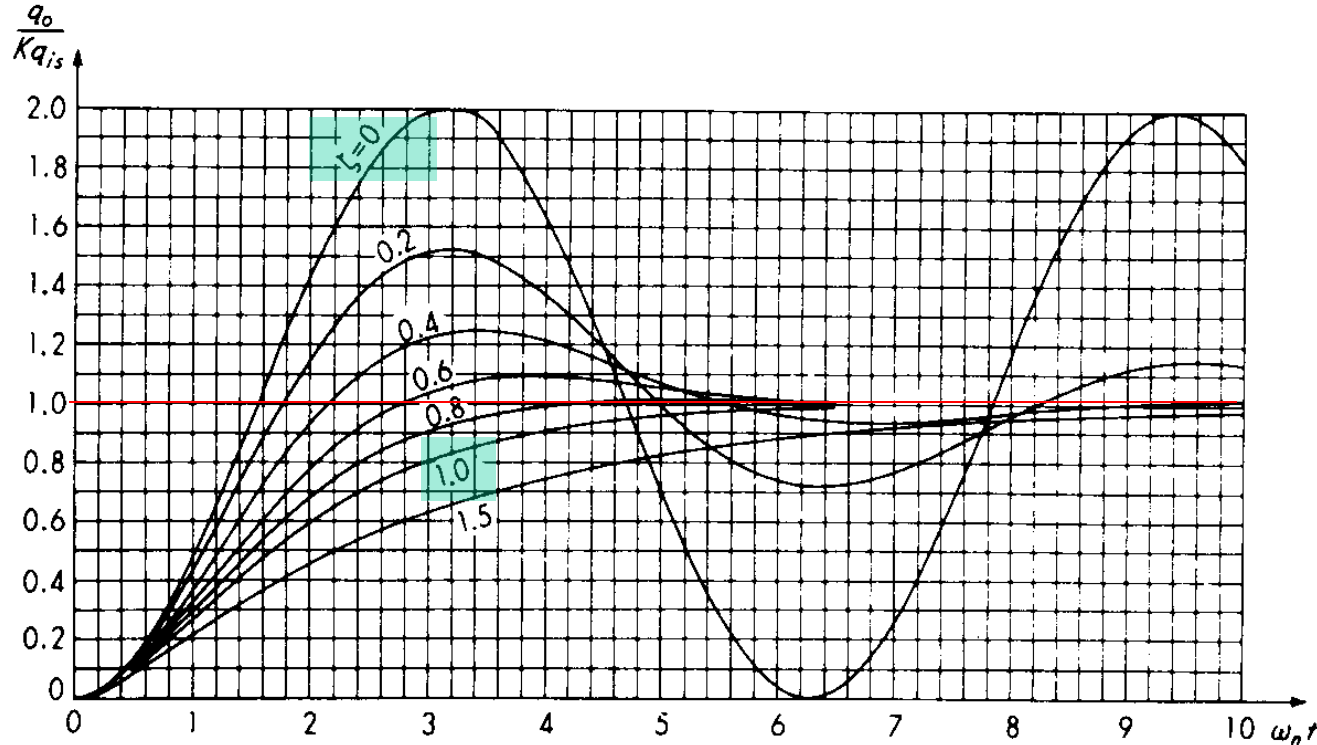
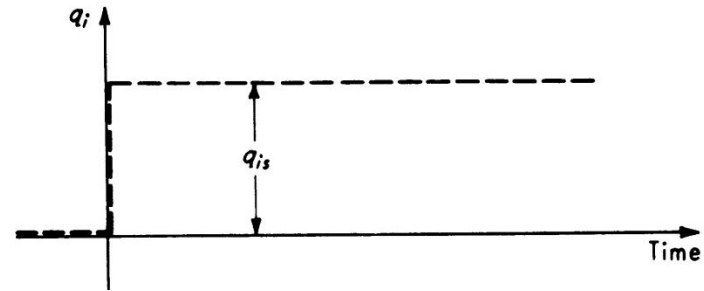
$$\frac{q_0 / K}{q_{is}} = \left( 1 - \frac{\zeta + \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1}}{2\sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1}} e^{-t/\tau_1} + \frac{\zeta - \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1}}{2\sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1}} e^{-t/\tau_2} \right)$$

Critically damped :  $\zeta = 1.0$ , roots  $= \omega_n$

$$\frac{q_0 / K}{q_{is}} = \left( 1 - (1 + \omega_n t) e^{-\omega_n t} \right)$$

# Second-order system – Step response

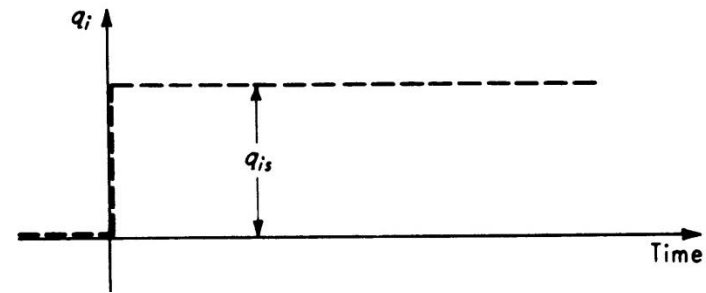
$$\left( \frac{D^2}{\omega_n^2} + \frac{2\xi D}{\omega_n} + 1 \right) q_0 = K q_{is}$$



Observe the time response for different damping ratio.

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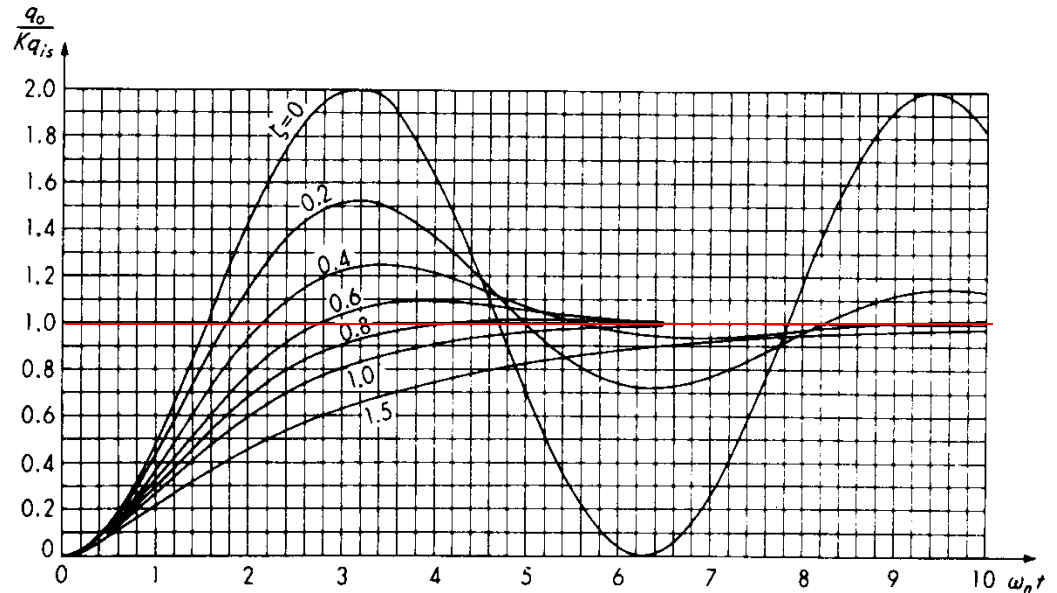
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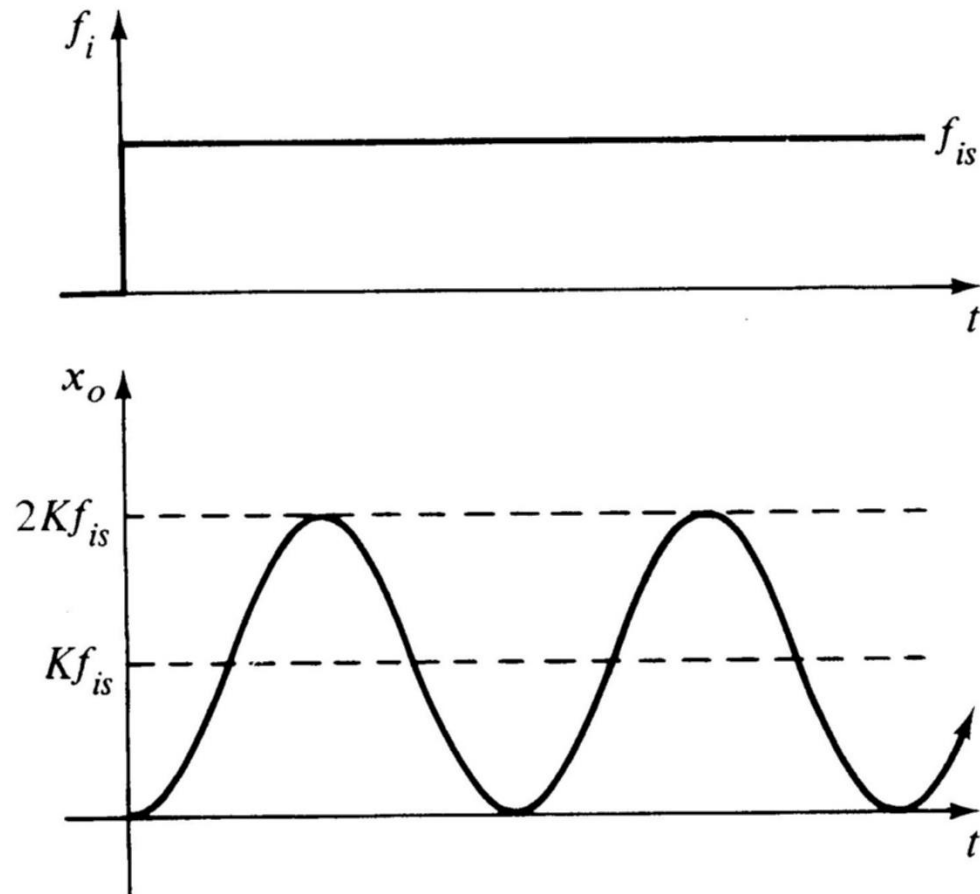
**Under damping** – Damping ratio less than 1. This will always give overshoot before reaching steady state

**Critical damping** – Damping ratio equal to 1. this will take minimum time to achieve steady state output without overshoot

**Over damping** – Damping ratio greater than 1. this will take more time to achieve steady state compared to critical damping output without overshoot



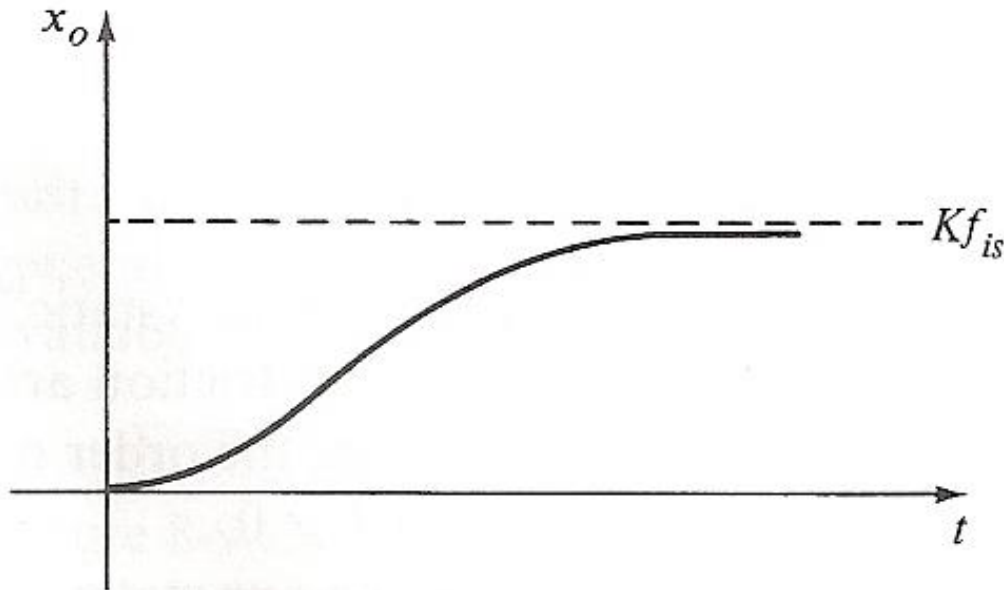
# Second order systems - Step input



Step response of undamped second order system  $\zeta = 0$



# Second order systems - Step input



**Figure 8-10** Step response of critically damped second-order system.

Step response of critically second order system  $\zeta = 1$

$$q_o = Kq_{is} (1 - (1 + \omega_n t) e^{-\omega_n t})$$

# Second order systems - ramp input

$$\left( \frac{D^2}{\omega_n^2} + \frac{2D\zeta}{\omega_n} + 1 \right) q_o = K\dot{q}_{is}t \quad -\zeta\omega_n + \omega_n\sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1} \quad \text{and} \quad -\zeta\omega_n - \omega_n\sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1}$$

Two roots of the characteristic equation

Underdamped :  $0 < \zeta < 1.0$ , roots =  $-\zeta\omega_n \pm i\omega_n\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}$

$$\frac{q_0}{K} = \dot{q}_{is}t - \frac{2\zeta\dot{q}_{is}}{\omega_n} \left[ 1 - \frac{e^{-\zeta\omega_n t}}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}} \sin \left( \omega_n t \sqrt{1-\zeta^2} + \phi \right) \right]$$

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Critically damped :  $\zeta = 1.0$ , roots  $= -\omega_n$

$$\frac{q_0}{K} = \dot{q}_{is}t - \frac{2\dot{q}_{is}}{\omega_n} \left[ 1 - e^{-\omega_n t} \left( 1 + \frac{\omega_n t}{2} \right) \right]$$

Over damped case

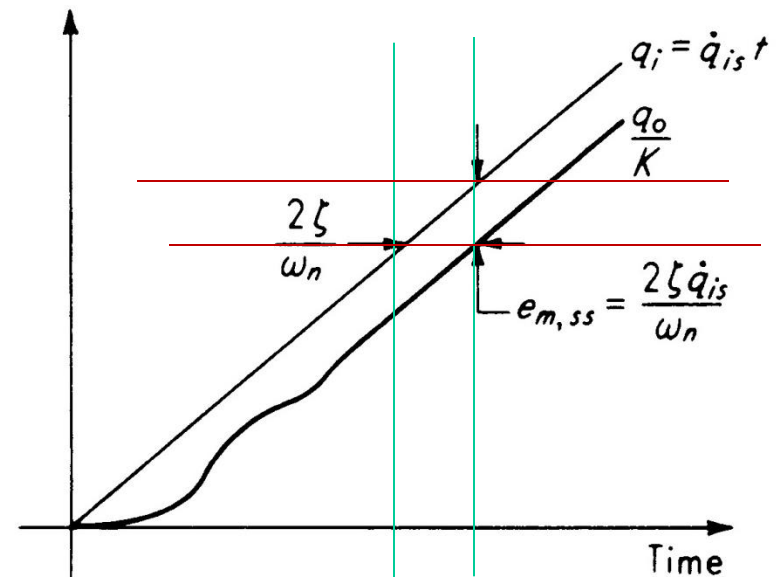
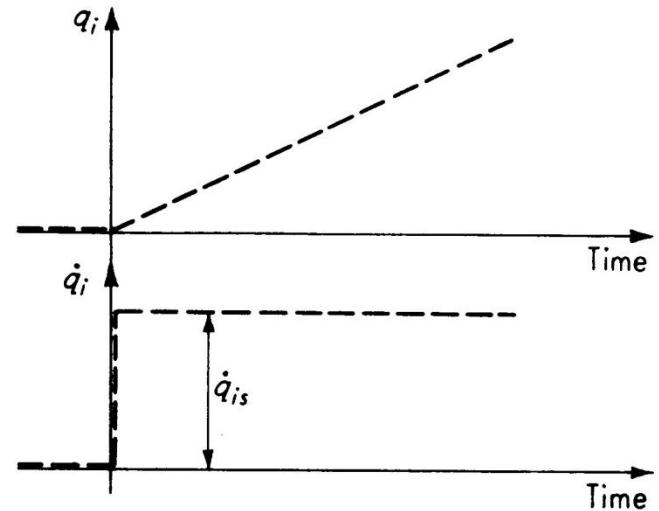
$$\frac{q_0}{K} = \dot{q}_{is}t - \frac{2\zeta\dot{q}_{is}}{\omega_n} \left( \begin{aligned} &1 + \frac{2\zeta^2 - 1 - 2\zeta\sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1}}{4\zeta\sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1}} e^{\left(-\zeta + \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1}\right)\omega_n t} \\ &+ \frac{-2\zeta^2 - 1 - 2\zeta\sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1}}{4\zeta\sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1}} e^{\left(-\zeta - \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1}\right)\omega_n t} \end{aligned} \right)$$

# Second-order system – Ramp response

Steady state error  $\frac{2\xi\dot{q}_{is}}{\omega_n}$

Time lag  $\frac{2\xi}{\omega_n}$

Steady state error can be reduced by reducing  $\xi$  and increasing  $\omega_n$ . This will increase the oscillations in the output.



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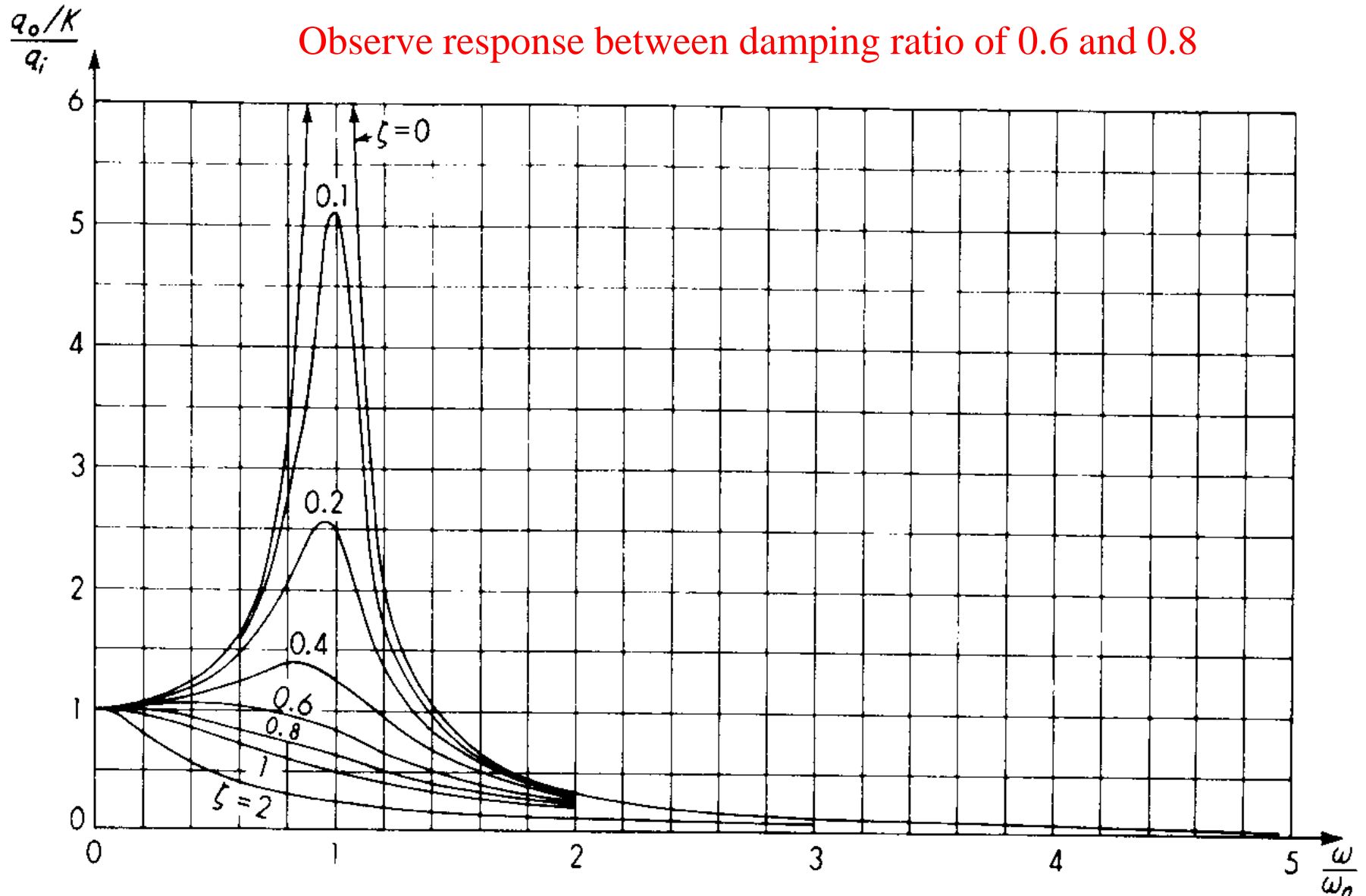
$$\left( \frac{D^2}{\omega_n^2} + \frac{2D\zeta}{\omega_n} + 1 \right) q_o = Kq_i \sin(\omega t)$$

$$\frac{q_o}{q_i}(i\omega) = \frac{K}{\left(i\omega / \omega_n\right)^2 + 2\zeta i\omega / \omega_n + 1}$$

$$\frac{q_o / K}{q_i}(i\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left[1 - (\omega / \omega_n)^2\right]^2 + 4\zeta^2(\omega / \omega_n)^2}} \angle \phi$$
$$\phi = \tan^{-1} \frac{2\zeta}{\omega / \omega_n - \omega_n / \omega}$$

Output is dependent on input frequency. It will peak close to natural frequency upto some damping ratio. Phase difference is also dependent on the input frequency.

# Second-order system – frequency response



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Amplitude ratio strongly related to small and large damping ratio.

Flat response for damping of 0.6- 0.7

Linear variation of phase for above damping

Damping in the above range is a good choice for second order system

Frequency up to 0.4 of natural frequency

