

# An Investigation of Simple Harmonic Oscillations of a Damped System

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**Abstract**

This will be a summary of the lab. It will include the purpose of the lab, the methods used, and the results obtained. This will be completed after the lab is finished.

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# 1 Nomenclature

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## 2 Introduction

### 2.1 Background

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## 3 Procedure

## 4 Theory

### 4.1 Free Vibrations

The experimental setup for free vibrations is modelled in Figure 1. The system consists of a mass  $m_e$  attached to a spring with stiffness  $k_e$ .

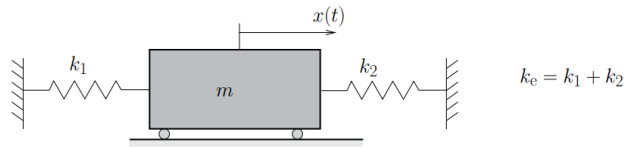


Figure 1: Spring-Mass System

If  $x$  is the displacement of the mass from its equilibrium position, the equation of motion is given by

$$m_e \ddot{x} + k_e x = 0 \quad (1)$$

The solution to Equation 1 is given by

$$x(t) = \frac{v_0}{p} \sin(pt) + x_0 \cos(pt) \quad (2)$$

where  $v_0$  is the initial velocity,  $x_0$  is the initial displacement, and  $p = \sqrt{\frac{k_e}{m_e}}$  is the natural frequency of the system. The natural frequency is the frequency at which the system will oscillate if it is displaced and released. The period of the system is given by

$$\tau = \frac{2\pi}{p} \quad (3)$$

### 4.2 Forced Vibrations

The experimental setup for forced vibrations is modelled in Figure 2. The system consists of a mass  $m_e$  attached to a spring with stiffness  $k_e$ . The force is  $F(t) = kY_0 \sin(\omega t)$ .

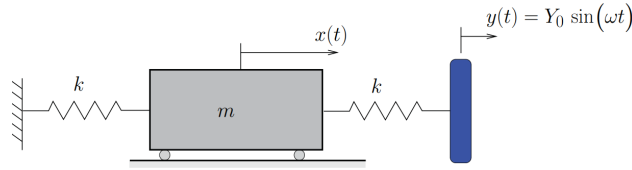


Figure 2: Forced Damped Vibrations System

The equation of motion for the system is given by

$$m_e \ddot{x} + k_e x = F_0 \cos(\omega t) \quad (4)$$

where  $F_0 = kY_0$ . The time-dependent solution to Equation 4 is

$$x(t) = \frac{Y_0}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{1 - \left(\frac{\omega}{p}\right)^2} \right] \sin(\omega t) \quad (5)$$

$$(6)$$

where  $p = \sqrt{\frac{k_e}{m_e}}$  is the natural frequency of the system. The DMF is given by

$$\text{DMF} = \frac{1}{\left| 1 - \left(\frac{\omega}{p}\right)^2 \right|} \quad (7)$$

Plotting the DMF against  $\omega/p$  will give the frequency response of the system, as shown in Figure 3. At  $\omega/p < \sqrt{2}$ , the  $\text{DMF} > 1$ , which means the system amplifies the input force. At  $\omega/p > \sqrt{2}$ , the  $\text{DMF} < 1$ , which means the system attenuates the input force. The system is in resonance at  $\omega/p = 1$ . Defining static deflection as

$$\mathbb{X}_0 = \frac{F_0}{k_e} \quad (8)$$

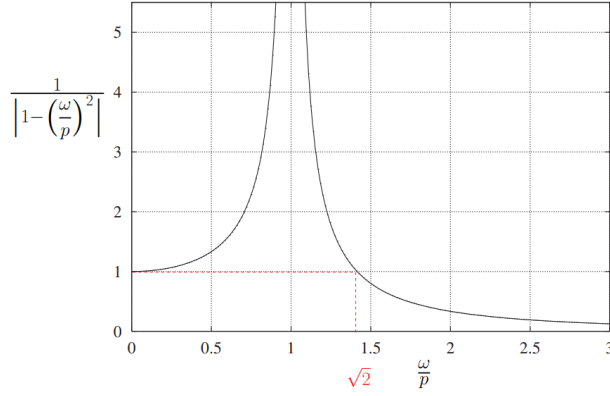
we can see that the  $Y_0/2$  term in Eq. 5 is static deflection.

### 4.3 Damped Spring Mass System

An energy dissipation method is added to the system to model the energy loss in the system. The most common approach is to add viscous damping, which is proportional to the velocity of the mass. The equation of motion from Eq. 1 is modified to include damping as

$$m_e \ddot{x} + c_e \dot{x} + k_e x = 0 \quad (9)$$



Figure 3: DMF vs.  $\omega/p$ 

where  $c_e$  is the damping coefficient. Assuming the mass is given an initial displacement and zero initial velocity, the solution to Eq. 9 is given by

$$x(t) = Ae^{\zeta t} \cos\left(\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}t\right) \quad (10)$$

where,

$$\zeta = \frac{c_e}{2m_e p} = \frac{c_e}{2\sqrt{k_e m_e}} \quad (11)$$

The solution to Eq. 9 is a decaying sinusoidal function, plotted in Figure 4. It can be shown that the peaks can be related by

$$\delta = \ln\left(\frac{x_n}{x_{n+1}}\right) = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \quad (12)$$

From which, the damping ratio can be determined as

$$\zeta = \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{4\pi^2 + \delta^2}} \quad (13)$$

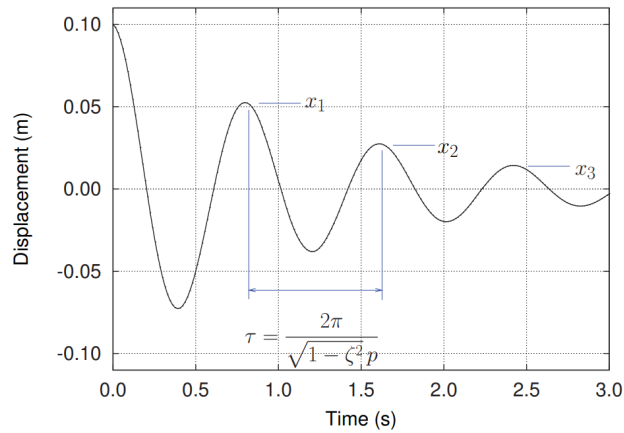


Figure 4: Damped Response of a Spring-Mass System

## 5 Results and Discussion

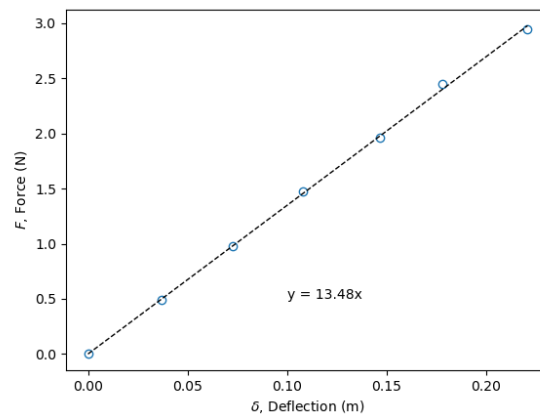


Figure 5: Force vs. Deflection

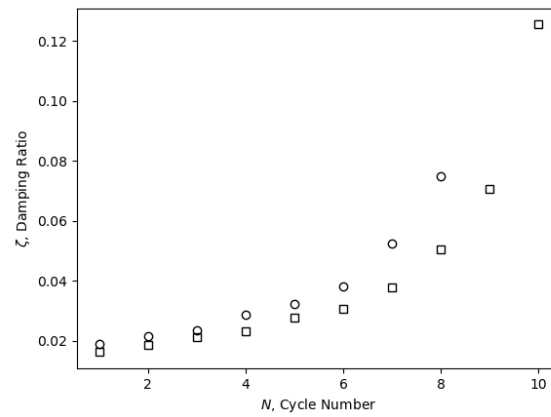


Figure 6: Big Cart Damping Ratio

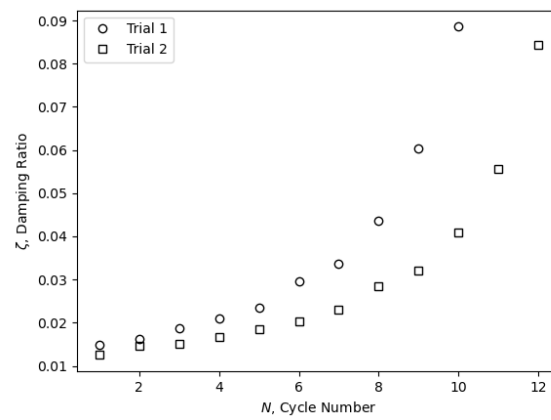
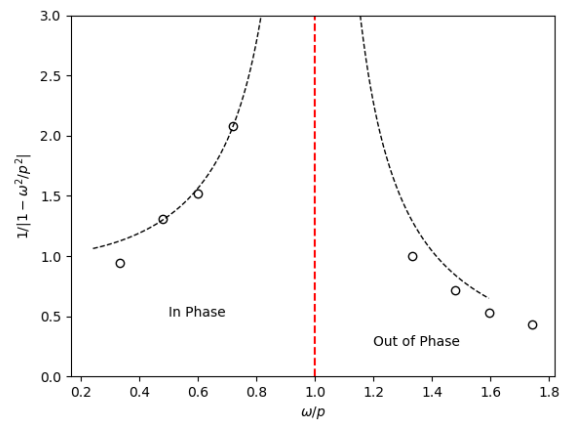


Figure 7: Small Cart Damping Ratio

Figure 8: Big Cart DMF vs.  $\omega/p$

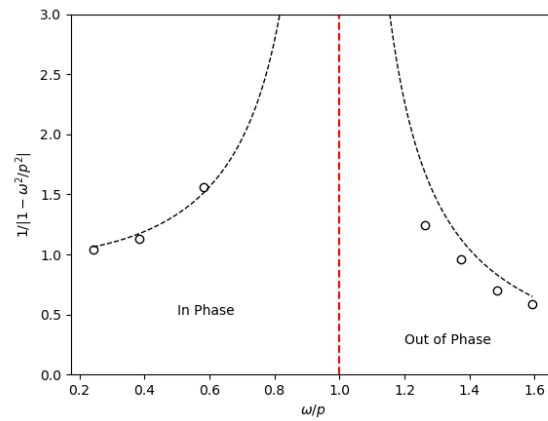


Figure 9: Small Cart DMF vs.  $\omega/p$

## 6 Conclusion

- Summarize the results of the lab
- Discuss the significance of the results
- Discuss the sources of error
- Discuss the limitations of the experiment
- Discuss the implications of the results
- Discuss the future work

### 6.1 Technical Recommendations

## **7 References**

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## A Appendix: Table Dump

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Mass Force Intitial Position, \$a\$ Final Position, \$b\$ Deflection

(g) (N) (cm) (cm) (m)

0 0 91.1 91.1 0

50 0.4905 91.1 87.4 0.037

100 0.981 91.1 83.8 0.073

150 1.4715 91.1 80.3 0.108

200 1.962 91.1 76.4 0.147

250 2.4525 91.1 73.3 0.178

300 2.943 91.1 69 0.221

Small mass (kg) 0.2648 Big mass (kg) 0.4465

Trial w/o measuring system w/ measuring system w/o measuring system w/ measuring system

1 8.81 11.13 11.49 13.7

2 8.71 10.98 11.67 13.14

3 8.85 11.01 11.69 13.31

4 8.88 10.9 11.84 13.19

5 8.93 10.95 11.61 13.21

avg, 10 tau 8.836 10.994 11.66 13.31

tau 0.8836 1.0994 1.166 1.331

natural freq, p, derived from period (rad/s) 7.110893286 5.715103972 5.388666644  
4.720650118

natural freq, p, derived from period (Hz) 1.131733816 0.909587047 0.857632933  
0.751314801

natural freq, p, derived from using k\_e (rad/s) 7.134339805 5.494169447

natural freq, p, derived from using k\_e (Hz) 1.135465446 0.874424226

Pulley Diamater (mm) Mass Groove Depth (mm)

Big 195.98 259.9 1.5

Small 52.61 13.6 1.5

dataset peak number amplitude delta \zeta

big 1 1 8.2775 0.119385043 0.018997291

big 1 2 7.346 0.134348497 0.021377341

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big 1 9 1.338
big 2 1 9.4465 0.101586118 0.01616582
big 2 2 8.534 0.116963123 0.018612035
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small 2 13 2.376

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DMF stuff peak number amplitude doing analysis in pandas cause this is aids

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small 1.15hz 1.15 1.242669933 1.26431
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small 1.35hz 1.35 0.701959584 1.48419
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