



# Qube-Servo 3

## Frequency Response Modeling

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## Qube-Servo 3 – Application Guide

# Frequency Response Modeling

### What is Frequency Modeling Response?

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Frequency response analysis helps us understand how a DC motor responds to inputs at different frequencies. Imagine it as testing how well your motor can "keep up" with commands that change at different speeds!

Frequency response shows how the motor responds to sinusoidal inputs of varying frequencies by measuring two key aspects: the **magnitude**, which shows how much the output amplitude changes compared to the input, and the **phase**, which indicates the time delay between input and output signals. It helps us determine the motor's operating limits and bandwidth, and is crucial for predicting motor performance in dynamic applications. This analysis is essential for designing control systems and helps identify resonant frequencies that should be avoided. In industry, frequency response analysis is commonly used in servo system design, robot arm control, precision positioning systems, and speed control applications.

## Background

This is one of multiple labs describing how to model a servomotor. Any of these labs can be done in any order. These modeling labs include modeling through frequency response, step response, parameter estimation, block diagrams and state space.

Prior to starting this lab, please review the following concept reviews (should be located in Documents/Quanser/4\_concept\_reviews/),

- Concept Review – Modeling & IO → Modeling (Frequency Response Modeling section).

## Getting started

In this lab you will use the Qube-Servo's response to sinusoidal inputs to model the system response of the system. This will be done through analysis of the magnitude response as well as analysis of the phase delay of inputs and outputs.

Ensure you have completed the following labs

- **Hardware Interfacing Lab**
- **Filtering Lab**

Before you begin this lab, ensure that the following criteria are met.

- If using a physical Qube-Servo 3, make sure it has been setup and tested. See the Qube-Servo 3 Quick Start Guide for details on this step. Make sure the inertia disc load is attached to the Qube-Servo 3.
- If using the virtual Qube-Servo 3, make sure you have Quanser Interactive Labs open in the Qube 3 - DC Motor → Servo Workspace.
- You are familiar with the basics of Simulink. See the [Simulink Onramp](#) for more help with getting started with Simulink.