

# **ELEC207 - Instrumentation & Control**

Part-A: Instrumentation

## **Problem Class 4**

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### **Lecture schedule:**

Monday 1700-1800 (CHAD-CHAD)

Thursday 1400-1500 (CTH-LTA)

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# Lecture covers

- Exam questions:
  - Transient analysis
  - Accelerometer
  - Interference and Noise

# Transient Analysis

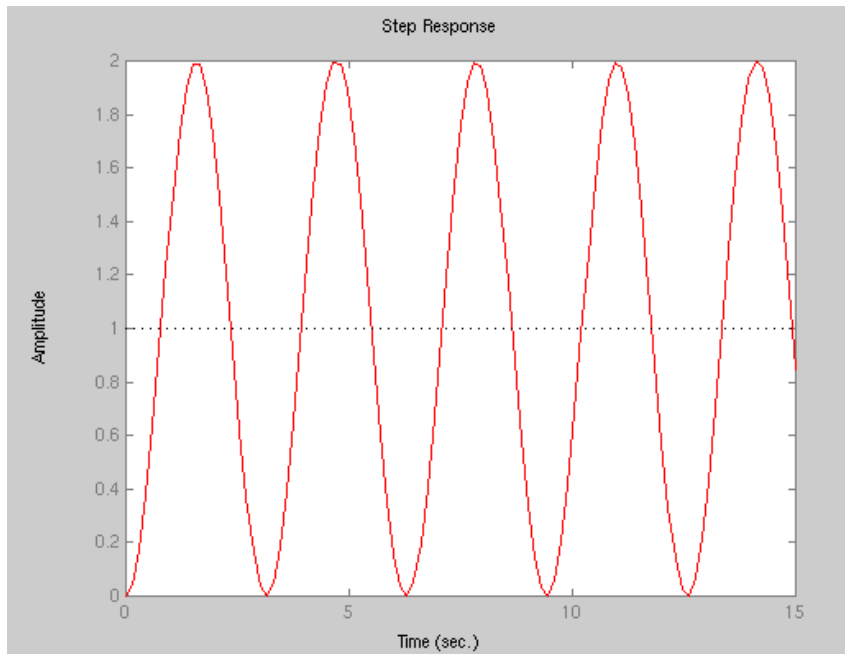
Sketch and briefly describe the step response of a second order system when:

1.  $\xi = 0$
2.  $\xi < 0$ ,

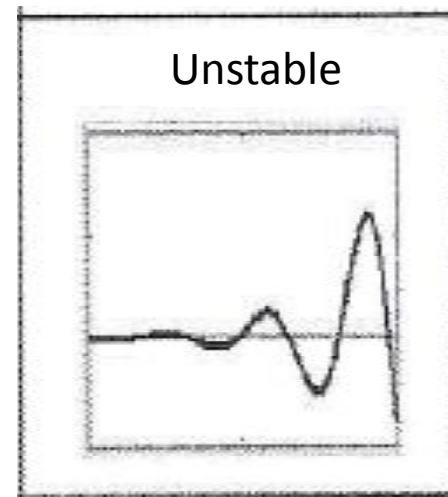
where  $\xi$  is the damping ratio of the second order system.

**(4 marks)**

$$\xi = 0$$



$$\xi < 0$$



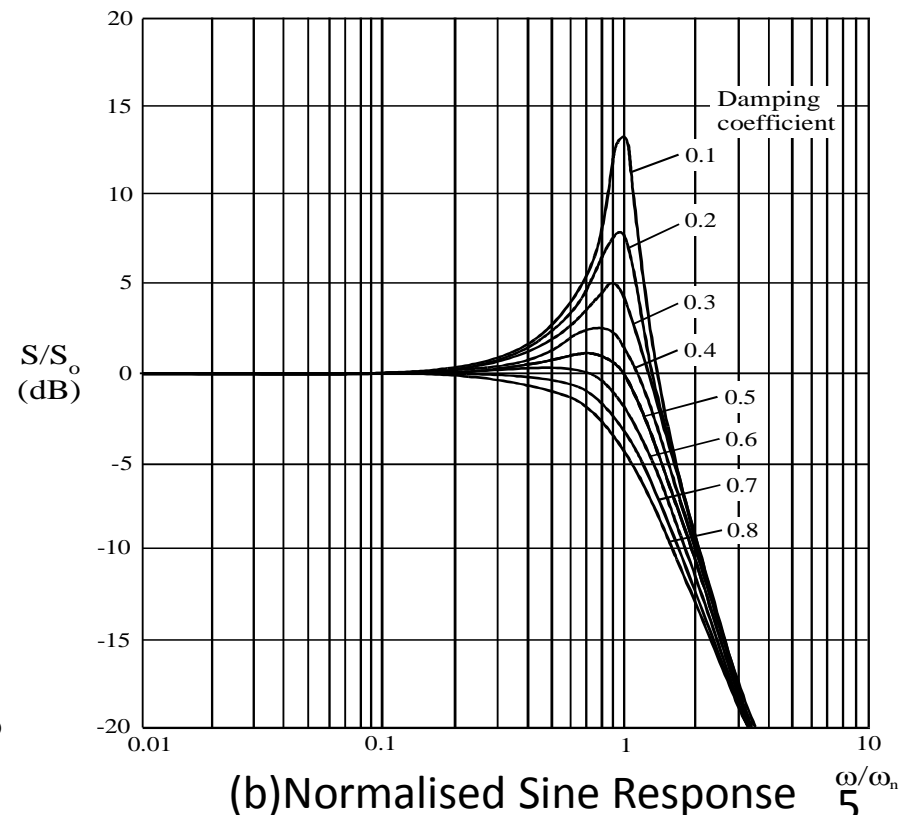
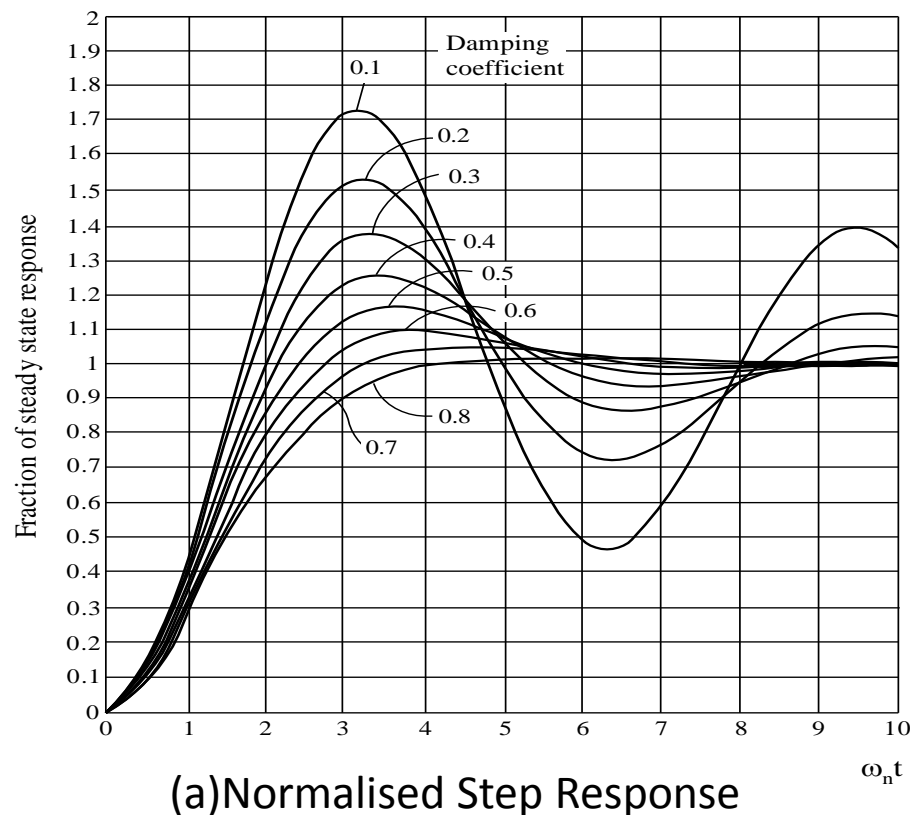
# Accelerometer

- a) Sketch a diagram to show the main internal components of a servo accelerometer. With reference to this diagram, explain how the servo accelerometer is able to produce an electrical output in response to an applied acceleration. **(10 marks)**
- b) What are the advantages of the servo accelerometer. **(5 marks)**

See slides 17-19, Lecture 11

# Transient Analysis

Q) A servo accelerometer with natural resonant angular frequency  $\omega_n = 100\text{rad/s}$ , damping coefficient  $\xi = 0.4$  and low frequency sensitivity  $3\text{V/g}$  is subject to both sinusoidal and step accelerations. With reference to the normalised dynamic response curves shown in figures (a) and (b), determine:



## Transient Analysis

- (i) the *peak-to-peak* output voltage corresponding to an applied sinusoidal acceleration of amplitude  $2g$  and angular frequency  $80 \text{ rad/s}$ . **(5 marks)**
- (ii) the magnitude of the peak output voltage produced during the transient for an applied step acceleration of  $5g$ . **(4 marks)**
- (iii) the time taken for the output voltage to reach its first maximum for an applied step acceleration. **(4 marks)**
- (iv) the time for the output to settle within 5% of its final value for an applied step acceleration. **(4 marks)**

# Transient Analysis

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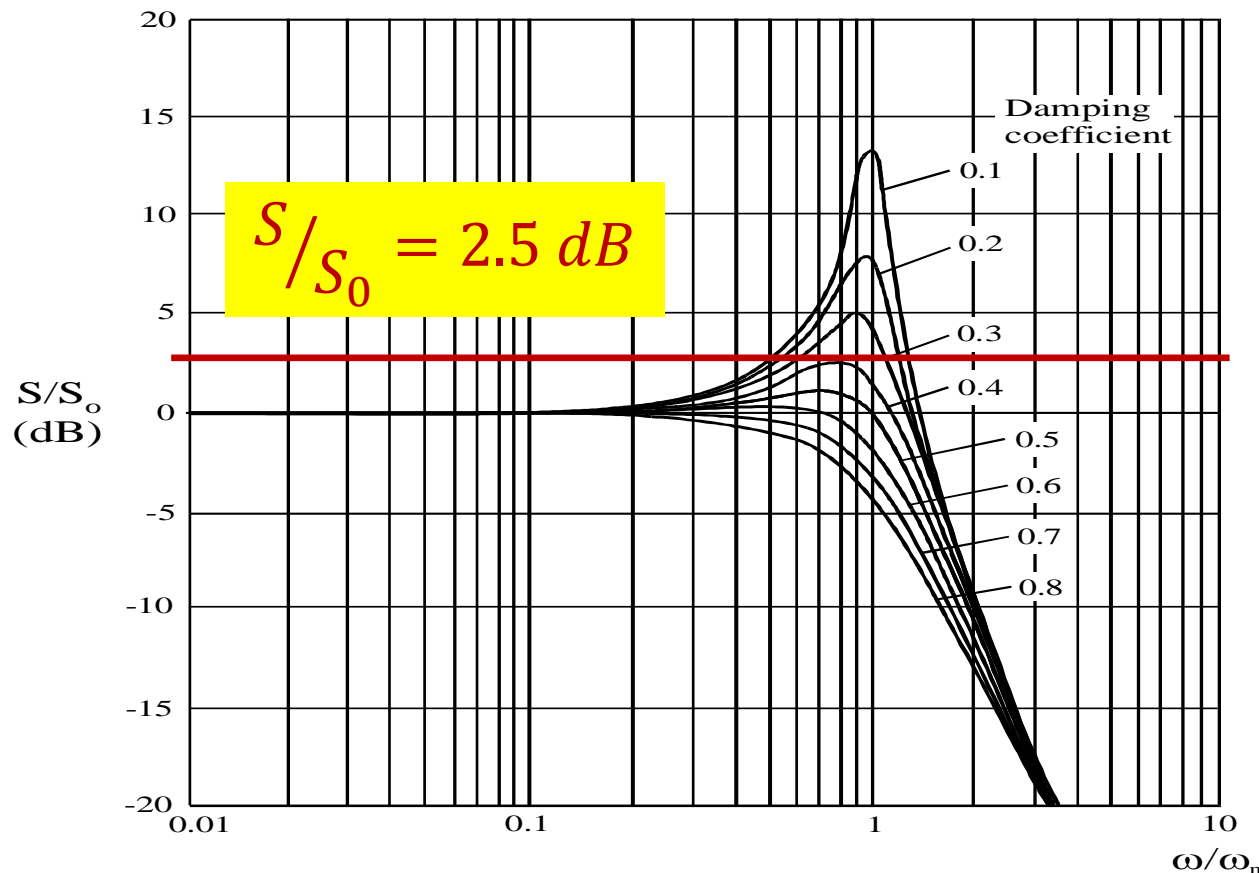
**Given:**  $\omega_n = 100 \text{ rad/s}$ ,  $\xi = 0.4$  and  $S_0 = 3 \text{ V/g}$   
 $\omega = 80 \text{ rad/s}$ ,

Required:  $V_{p-p} = ?$

(Three step solution)

# Solution

- I. Find the value of  $S/S_0$  (dB) from the curve corresponding to  $\xi=0.4$ .



$$20 \times \log_{10}(S/S_0) = 2.5 \text{ dB} \quad (\text{reading from the graph})$$



# Solution

II. Find the value of  $S$  (Do not forget to convert the decibels!)

$$20 \times \log_{10}(S/S_0) = 2.5 \text{ dB} \quad (\text{reading from the graph})$$

$$S/S_0 = 10^{2.5/20} = 1.33$$

$$S_0 = 3 \text{ V/g (given)}$$

$$S = 3 * 1.33$$

$$S = 3.99 \text{ V/g}$$

# Solution

III. Find  $V_{p-p}$

$$S = 3.99 \text{ V/g}$$

Output voltage =  $S$  \* input accelration

input accelration =  $2g$  (given)

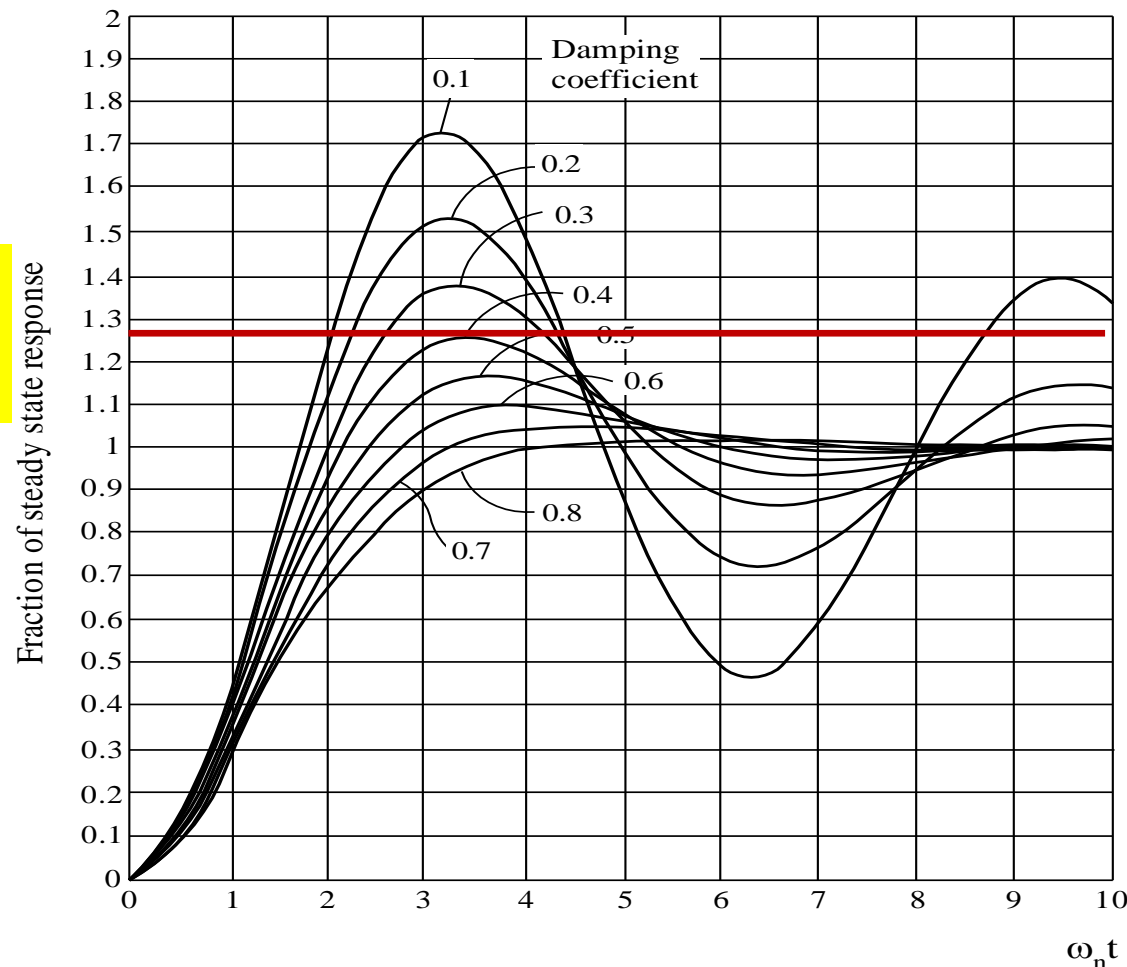
Output voltage =  $3.99 * 2 = 7.98 \text{ V}$

$$V_{p-p} = 7.98 * 2 = 15.96 \text{ V}$$

# Transient Analysis

(ii) the magnitude of the peak output voltage produced during the transient for an applied step acceleration of 5g. (4 marks)

$$\frac{s}{s_0} = 1.25$$



## Transient Analysis

(ii) the magnitude of the peak output voltage produced during the transient for an applied step acceleration of 5g. **(4 marks)**

$$\frac{S}{S_0} = 1.25 \text{ (from graph)}$$

$$S_0 = 3 \text{ V/g (given)}$$

$$S = 3 * 1.25$$

$$S = 3.75 \text{ V/g}$$

Output voltage =  $S * \text{input acceleration}$

$$\text{Output voltage} = 3.75 * 5 = 18.75 \text{ V}$$

# Transient Analysis

(iii) the time taken for the output voltage to reach its first maximum for an applied step acceleration. **(4 marks)**

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$$T_p = \frac{\pi}{\omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}}$$

$T_p$  is the time at which the first oscillation peak occurs.

$$T_p = \frac{\pi}{100 \sqrt{1 - (0.4)^2}} \quad \omega_n = 100 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$T_p = 34.3 \text{ ms}$$

# Transient Analysis

(iv) the time for the output to settle within 5% of its final value for an applied step acceleration. **(4 marks)**

$$e^{-\zeta \cdot \omega_n t} = 0.05 \quad \text{Slides 17-19, Lecture 10}$$

$$e^{-(0.4)(100)t} = 0.05$$

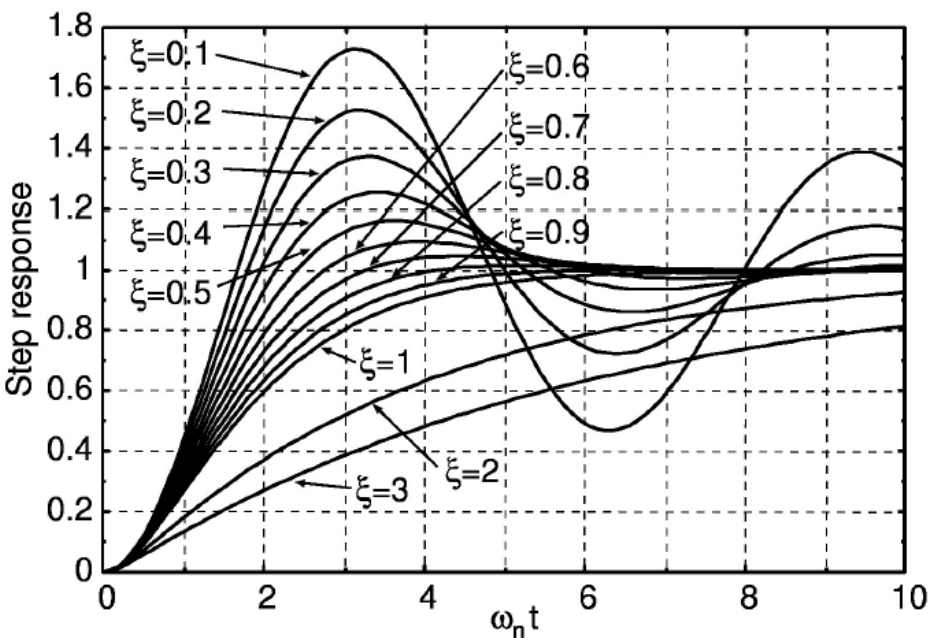
$$-(0.4)(100)t = -2.9957$$

$$t = \frac{2.9957}{40}$$

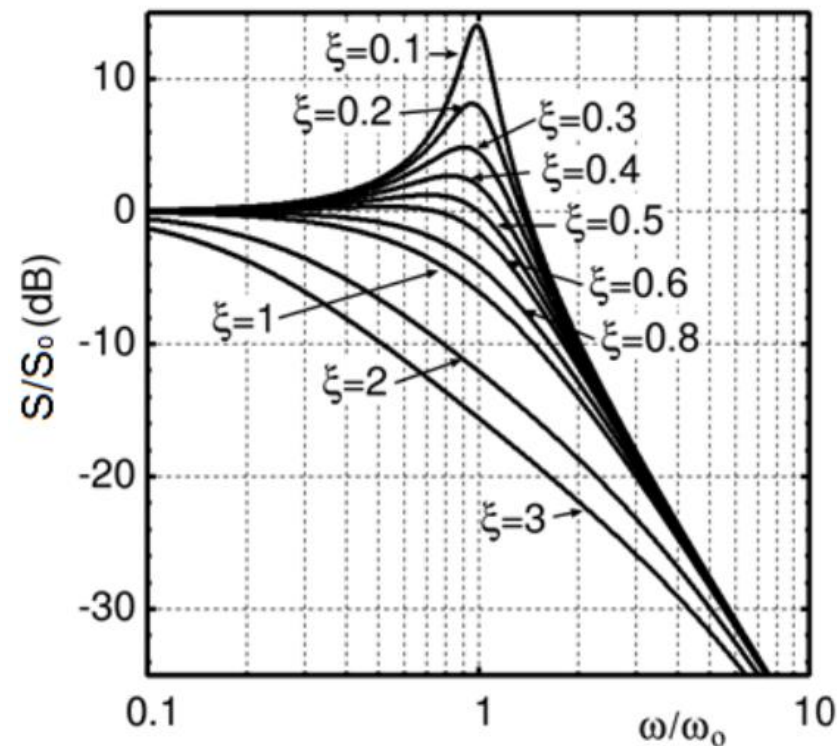
$$t = 74.9 \text{ ms}$$

# Transient Analysis

Q) A servo accelerometer with natural resonant angular frequency  $\omega_n = 120 \text{ rad/s}$ , damping coefficient  $\xi = 0.2$  and low frequency sensitivity  $3 \text{ V/g}$  is subject to both sinusoidal and step accelerations. With reference to the normalised dynamic response curves shown in figures (a) and (b), determine:



(a) Normalised Step Response



(b) Normalised sinusoidal response

# Transient Analysis

- (i) the *peak-to-peak* output voltage corresponding to an applied **sinusoidal acceleration** of amplitude 2 g and angular frequency 108 rad/s. **(3 marks)**
- (ii) the magnitude of the peak output voltage produced during the transient for an applied **step acceleration** of 7g. **(3 marks)**
- (iii) the time taken for the output voltage to reach its first maximum for an applied **step acceleration**. **(3 marks)**

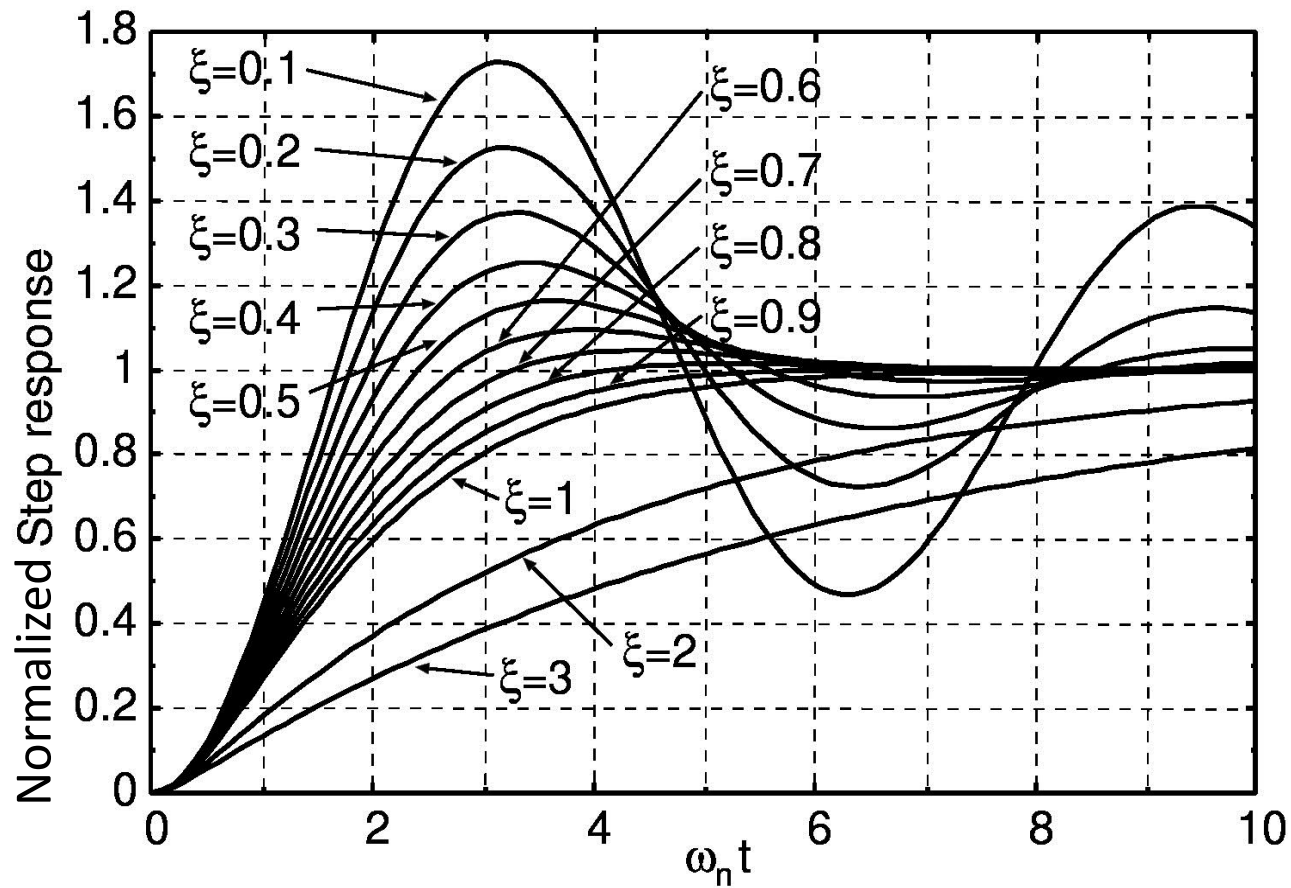


# Accelerometer

Q. During a test measurement, a **step acceleration** of 10 g was applied to a servo accelerometer. A damped oscillatory output was observed during which the output voltage of the accelerometer reached a peak voltage of 19 V at the first overshoot, occurring 8 ms after the application of the step. The output voltage eventually settled to 15 V.

With reference to the normalised step response curves shown in Figure (next slide), determine the low frequency sensitivity (in V/g), the natural resonance frequency (in Hz) and the damping coefficient of the accelerometer.

# Accelerometer



# Accelerometer

- Given:
  - Step acceleration = 10 g
  - Steady state voltage ( $V_S$ ) = 15 V
  - Peak output voltage ( $V_P$ ) = 19 V
  - Time of first oscillation peak ( $T_P$ ) = 8 ms
- Find:
  - Steady state sensitivity ( $S_0$ ) (Low frequency sensitivity)
  - Natural resonance frequency ( $f_n$ )
  - Damping coefficient ( $\xi$ )

# Accelerometer

- Steady state sensitivity ( $S_0$ ) (Low frequency sensitivity)

$$S_0 = \frac{\text{steady state voltage } (V_s)}{\text{acceleration}}$$

$$S_0 = \frac{15}{10} = 1.5 \frac{V}{g}$$

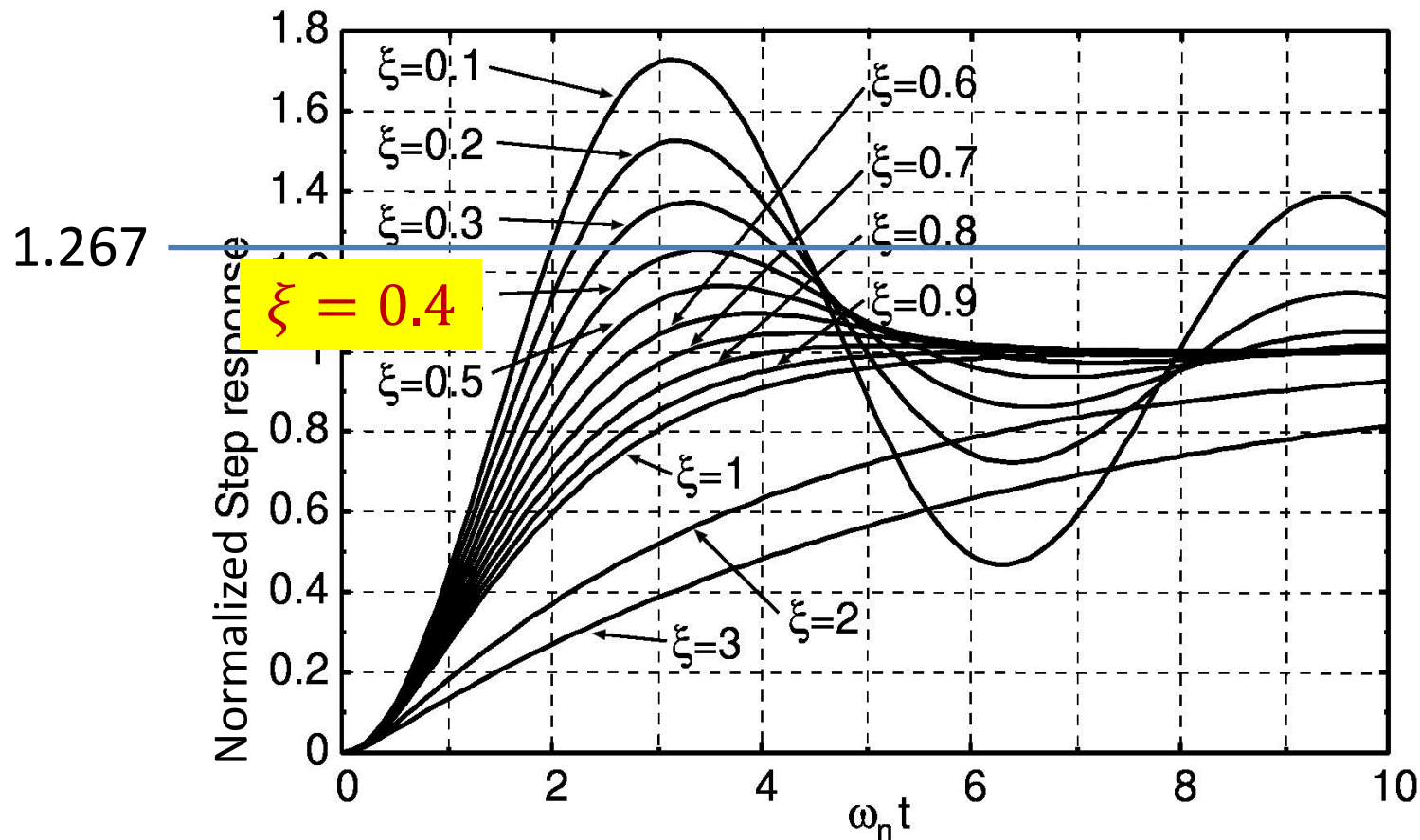
- Damping ratio ( $\xi$ )

$$- \frac{S}{S_0} = \frac{V_P}{V_S} = \frac{19}{15} = 1.267$$

- From graph, find a curve with first peak at “1.267”

# Accelerometer

From graph, find a curve with first peak at “1.267”



# Accelerometer

- Natural resonance frequency ( $f_n$ ) = ?

Slides 17-19, Lecture 10

$$T_p = \frac{\pi}{\omega_n \sqrt{(1 - \zeta^2)}}$$

$T_p$  is the time at which the first oscillation peak occurs.

$$T_p = \frac{\pi}{2\pi f_n \sqrt{(1 - \zeta^2)}}$$

$$f_n = \frac{\cancel{\pi}}{2\cancel{\pi}T_p \sqrt{(1 - \zeta^2)}}$$

$$f_n = \frac{1}{2(0.008)\sqrt{(1 - 0.4^2)}}$$

$$f_n = 68.19 Hz$$



# Interference and Noise

- a) Briefly describe the following two sources of noise in instrumentation systems: electrostatic and electromagnetic coupling. Use diagrams for illustration.
- b) Describe noise prevention methods to minimize the influence of noise due to electromagnetic (electrostatic) coupling. Use diagrams for illustration.

Electrostatic coupling: Slides 5-8 of Lecture 12

Electromagnetic coupling: Slides 11-13 of Lecture 12

# Summary

Topics covered:

- ✓ Exam questions:
  - ✓ Transient analysis
  - ✓ Accelerometer
  - ✓ Interference and Noise

Next Lecture:

- Revision class in semester 2 (TBA by Prof S. Maskell)