

# DOS 2021 : Dynamic response computation

Number of participants: 8

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In order to compute the dynamic response of a structure, one needs to (put in the right order)

- ✓ Project the equations of motion in the modal domain
- ✓ Obtain the mass and stiffness matrices (and damping if available)
- ✓ Make a model of the structure
- ✓ Compute the eigenfrequencies and mode shapes
- ✓ Determine the response at specific dofs based on the modal responses
- ✓ Perform a truncation (keep only the important mode shapes)
- ✓ Solve the equations of motion for each mode separately (time or frequency domain)

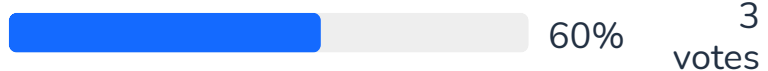
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## The modal response in the frequency domain is computed

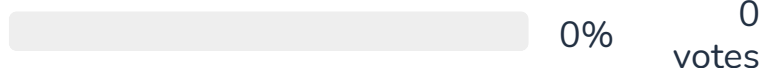
using a convolution between the impulse response and the modal force



✓ analytically as a function of the modal properties (mass, stiffness, damping) and the modal force



using a numerical integration scheme



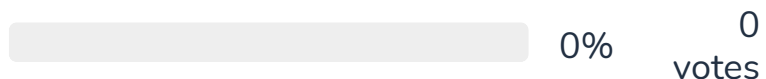
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## The modal response in the time domain is computed

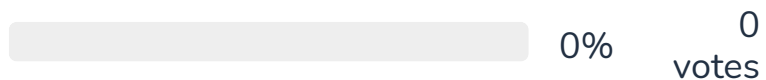
✓ using a convolution between the impulse response and the modal force



analytically as a function of the modal properties (mass, stiffness, damping) and the modal force



✓ using a numerical integration scheme



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What are the ways to introduce damping in the model ?

Assume 1% as first guess

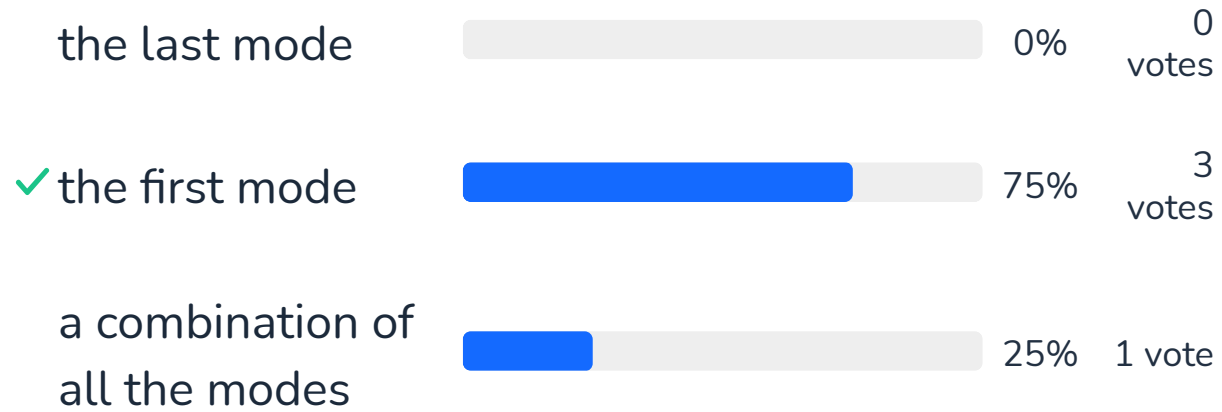
Starting by 1% if we don't have additional information

1%

Just take 1%

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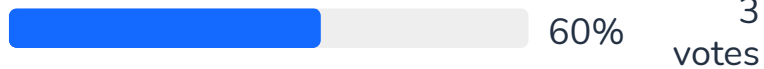
For a SDOF system, after a certain time, the impulse response is dominated by



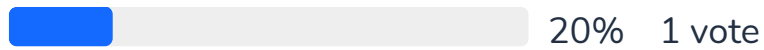
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For base excitation problems  
(such as earthquakes), the  
modal force is given by

the total mass of  
the structure  
multiplied by the  
ground  
acceleration



the mass of the  
base of the  
structure  
multiplied by the  
ground  
acceleration



✓ the modal  
acceleration  
factor which is a  
function of the  
mass matrix and  
the mode shape  
considered

