VIBRATION SOURCES







Free vibrations

Short initial excitation



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Forced vibrations

Continuous excitation

Harmonic force signal

Periodic force signal



Random force signal

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Harmonic excitation

The signal is in the form of a sine or/and cosine function





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Periodic excitation







Four stroke engine (https://gifer.com)

Random excitation

There is no repetition in the signal

- Turbulent wind
- Waves in storms
- Traffic
- Earthquakes









Example : pedestrian induced vibrations of footbridges

For one pedestrian walking/running at a regular pace, the excitation is periodic



R	epresentative types of activi	ty	Range of applicability			
Designation	Definition	Design activity rate [Hz]	Actual activities	Activity rate [Hz]	Structure type	
"walking"	walking. continuous ground contact	1.6 - 2.4	slow walking (ambling) normal walking fast, brisk walking	~ 1.7 ~ 2.0 ~ 2.3	 pedestrian structures (pedes- trian bridges, stairs, piers, etc.) office buildings, etc. 	
"running"	running. discontinuous ground contact	2.0 - 3.5	slow running (jog) normal running fast running (sprint)	~ 2.1 ~ 2.5 > 3.0	- pedestrian bridges on jogging tracks, etc.	

From 'Vibration problems in structures', H. Bachman, 1995

Example : pedestrian induced vibrations of footbridges



T=0.5s 5.0 k_G 4.0 0.0 E^b [kN] 2.0 Contact t d = 0.72 kN 1.0 0 0 2 0.3 04 0.5 0.6 07 6 Time [s]

Jumping

Figure G.2: Forcing function from jumping on the spot with both feet simultaneously with a jumping rate of 2 Hz (from [G.4])

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The periodic force acting on the bridge can be expressed as :

$$F_p(t) = G + \sum_{i=1}^n G\alpha_i \sin(2\pi i f_p t - \phi_i)$$

G = weight of person

 α_i = Fourier coefficient of the ith harmonic

- $G \alpha_i$ = force amplitude of the ith harmonic
- f_p = activity rate (Hz)
- $\dot{\phi_i}$ = phase lag of the ith harmonic relative to the first harmonic
- i = number of the ith harmonic
- n = total number of contribution harmonics

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Representative	Activity y rate	[Hz]	Fourier coefficient and phase lag				ase la	Design density [persons/m²]	
types of activity			αl	ø ₁	^a 2	ø ₂	α3	ø ₃	
"walking"	vertical forward	2.0 2.4 2.0	0.4 0.5 0.5(\alpha_1/2=	0.1)	0.1 0.2	π/2	0.1	π/2	~ 1
	lateral	2.0	$^{\alpha}1/2 = 0.$	1	^α 3/2	= 0.1			
"running"	2.0	3.0	1.6		0.7		0.2		-

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Discrete Fourier series

Let u(t) be a periodic function of period T



u(t) can be decomposed into a discrete Fourier series of the form

$$u(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[a_n \cos(n\omega_0 t) + b_n \sin(n\omega_0 t) \right] \qquad \omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

Discrete Fourier series



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$$a_0 = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T u(t) dt \qquad a_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T u(t) \cos(n\omega_0 t) dt \qquad b_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T u(t) \sin(n\omega_0 t) dt$$

$$Amplitudes \text{ and phases}$$

$$u(t) = d_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d_n \cos(n\omega_0 t - \phi_n) \qquad F_p(t) = G + \sum_{i=1}^n G\alpha_i \sin(2\pi i f_p t - \phi_i)$$

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$$d_0 = \frac{a_0}{2} \qquad d_n = \sqrt{a_n^2 + b_n^2} \qquad \phi_n = tg^{-1} \left(\frac{b_n}{a_n}\right)$$
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Complex formulation

$$u(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{n=\infty} c_n e^{in\omega_0 t} \qquad c_0 = \frac{a_0}{2} = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T u(t) dt \qquad c_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T u(t) e^{-in\omega_0 t} dt$$

 c_n is complex and carries the phase and amplitude information of the ${\rm n^{th}}$ component of the Fourier transform

$$c_n = \frac{a_n - ib_n}{2} \quad d_n = \sqrt{a_n^2 + b_n^2} \qquad \phi_n = tan^{-1} \left(\frac{b_n}{a_n}\right)$$

 c_n and c_{-n} are complex conjugates so that u(t) is real

$$c_n = \frac{a_n - ib_n}{2} \qquad c_{-n} = \frac{a_n + ib_n}{2}$$

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Examples



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From discrete to continuous



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From discrete to continuous

- Period T tends to ∞
- Discrete frequency step $\Delta \omega = \omega_0$ tends to $d\omega$
- Discrete frequency $n\omega_0$ tends to ω

$$c_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-\frac{T}{2}}^{\frac{T}{2}} u(t) e^{-in\omega_0 t} dt$$

$$\lim_{T \to \infty} Tc_n = \lim_{T \to \infty} \int_{-\frac{T}{2}}^{\frac{T}{2}} u(t)e^{-in\omega_0 t} dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(t)e^{-i\omega t} dt = U(\omega)$$

Continuous Fourier Transform of u(t)

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Direct and inverse Fourier transforms

$$U(\omega) = \lim_{T \to \infty} Tc_n = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(t)e^{-i\omega t}dt = U(\omega)$$
$$u(t) = \lim_{T \to \infty} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{n=\infty} c_n e^{in\omega_0 t} = \lim_{T \to \infty} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{n=\infty} c_n \frac{T}{T} e^{in\omega_0 t}$$
$$= \lim_{T \to \infty} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{n=\infty} (c_n T) \frac{\omega_0}{2\pi} e^{in\omega_0 t} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} U(\omega) e^{i\omega t} d\omega$$

$$U(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(t)e^{-i\omega t}dt \qquad \text{Continuous Fourier Transform}$$
$$u(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} U(\omega)e^{i\omega t}d\omega \qquad \text{Continuous Inverse Fourier Transform}$$

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Frequency and angular frequency

Pulsation (rad/s)

$$U(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(t)e^{-i\omega t}dt \qquad \longrightarrow \qquad U(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(t)e^{-i2\pi f t}dt$$

$$\omega = 2\pi f \Rightarrow d\omega = 2\pi df$$

$$u(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} U(\omega) e^{i\omega t} d\omega \qquad \longrightarrow \qquad u(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} U(f) e^{i2\pi f t} df$$

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Fourier transform of basic functions



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Fourier transform of an impulse

$$\begin{split} u(t) &= H(t+a) - H(t-a) = \begin{cases} 1 & -a < t < 0\\ 0 & |t| > a \end{cases} \\ U(f) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(t)e^{-i2\pi ft} dt & \text{H(t+a)-H(t-a)} \\ &= \int_{-a}^{a} e^{-i2\pi ft} dt & \text{H(t+a)-H(t-a)} \\ &= \frac{-1}{i2\pi f} \left[e^{-i2\pi ft} \right]_{-a}^{a} & \text{H(t+a)-H(t-a)} \\ &= \frac{(e^{i2\pi fa} - e^{-i2\pi fa})}{2i\pi f} & \text{H(t+a)-H(t-a)} \\ &= \frac{2\sin(2\pi fa)}{2\pi f} & \text{H($$

Fourier transform of an impulse





Fourier transform of an impulse



Link between impulse response and transfer function

Duhamel's integral with harmonic excitation $f(t) = Fe^{i\omega t}$ $x(t) = Xe^{i\omega t}$

$$x(t) = Xe^{i\omega t} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} Fe^{i\omega\tau}h(t-\tau)d\tau = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} Fe^{i\omega(t-\tau)}h(\tau)d\tau$$
$$= Fe^{i\omega t}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}h(\tau)e^{-i\omega\tau}d\tau = Fe^{i\omega t}H(\omega)$$

 \longrightarrow $H(\omega) = \frac{X(\omega)}{F(\omega)}$ The Fourier transform of h(t) is the transfer function

For a single degree of freedom, we have :

$$h(t) = \frac{e^{-\xi\omega_n t}}{m\omega_d} \sin(\omega_d t) \longrightarrow \frac{X(\omega)}{F(\omega)} = \frac{1}{m} \left(\frac{1}{\omega_n^2 + 2i\xi\omega\omega_n - \omega^2} \right)$$
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The convolution theorem

Convolution in the time domain corresponds with a multiplication in the frequency domain:

$$y(t) = x(t) * h(t)$$
$$Y(f) = X(f).H(f)$$

Multiplication in the time domain corresponds to a convolution in the frequency domain

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$$Y(f) = X(f) * H(f)$$

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Sampling and aliasing

-In practice, vibration signals are recorded on computers at discrete time steps Δt . This is called sampling

- Sampling at time intervals Δt can be seen as multiplying the continuous function by a Dirac comb with spacing Δt



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Sampling and aliasing

Continuous Fourier Transform of a sampled signal using the convolution theorem

$$y(t) = x(t).h(t)$$
$$Y(f) = X(f) * H(f)$$

Example :

$$x(t) = \sin(2\pi f_0 t) \to X(f) = \frac{\delta(f - f_0) + \delta(f + f_0)}{2i}$$
 Continuous function

$$h(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{n=\infty} \delta(t - n\Delta t) \to H(f) = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{n=\infty} \delta(f - \frac{n}{\Delta t})$$
 Sampling function

Sampling and aliasing







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Discrete Fourier transform of sampled signals

Basic principle:

-Time interval [0 T], N samples, sampling time Δt

-Discrete Fourier transform computed at Nregular frequency intervals

$$\Delta \omega = \frac{2\pi}{N\Delta t} = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

The frequency resolution depends on T

resulting in a frequency band [0 f_{max}] with

$$f_{max} = N \frac{\Delta\omega}{2\pi} = \frac{N}{T} = \frac{1}{\Delta t} = f_s$$

and only the part below $\frac{f_s}{2}$ is useful.

Discrete Fourier transform of sampled signals

Remarks:

*Taking the DFT on a time interval [0 T] can therefore be seen as implicitly assuming that the signal is periodic of period T.

* The DFT is exact only if the signal is periodic of period T, or if the signal is zero before t=0 and after t=T.

*Due to the periodicity of the Fourier transform of a sampled signal, the DFT needs to be computed only at *N* frequencies, and the useful part of the spectrum contains only N/2 points and ranges from 0 to $f_s/2$.

*In practice, the DFT of sampled signals is computed using the FFT (Fast Fourier Transform) algorithm.

Discrete Fourier transform in Matlab/Octave

The discrete Fourier transform is defined as :

$$c_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T u(t) \, e^{-in\omega_0 t} dt$$

For a signal u(t) sampled at N regular time intervals (Δt):

$$c_n \simeq \frac{1}{T} \sum_{j=0}^N \Delta t \, u(j\Delta t) \, e^{-in\omega_0 j\Delta t}$$
$$= \frac{\Delta t}{T} \sum_{j=0}^N u(j\Delta t) \, e^{-in\omega_0 j\Delta t} = \left(\frac{1}{N}\right) fft(u)$$

Definition of FFT in Matlab/Octave

Continuous Fourier transform in Matlab/Octave

The continuous Fourier transform is defined as :

$$U(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(t)e^{-i2\pi ft}dt = \lim_{T \to \infty} Tc_n$$
$$= \lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{T}{N}fft(u) = (\Delta t)fft(u)$$

Converges to the continuous Fourier transform if T is large and Δt small





SDOF : DFT of impulse response



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Frequency analysis of Santa Cruz Earthquake

Santa Cruz 1989 Earthquake





https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Z1KjwIB_-c

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Frequency analysis of engine vibrations



Determining the natural frequency of an object with your phone



