

# VIB : Vibration damping

Number of participants: 15

**If the damping in a structure is  
1. doubled, the level of vibration when  
it is excited at resonance is**

**11 correct answers**  
out of 13 respondents

	multiplied by 2	0%	0 votes
✓	divided by 2	85%	11 votes
	not changed	0%	0 votes
	multiplied by 4	0%	0 votes
	divided by 4	15%	2 votes

2. **If the damping of a structure is doubled, the level of vibrations when the structured is excited away from the resonances is**

**5 correct answers**  
out of 11 respondents

	divided by 2	18%	2 votes
	divided by 4	18%	2 votes
✓	not changed	45%	5 votes
	multiplied by 2	18%	2 votes
	multiplied by 4	0%	0 votes

3. **In civil and mechanical engineering, a typical value of global damping factors for structures is**

**6 correct answers**  
out of 13 respondents

✓	0.01	46%	6 votes
	0.001	23%	3 votes
	0.1	31%	4 votes
	1	0%	0 votes

4. **When using a loss factor for the materials to represent damping in a structure made of a single material, the damping coefficient is**

**3 correct answers**  
out of 12 respondents

✓	constant for all modes	25%	3 votes
	linearly increasing with the frequency of the mode	50%	6 votes
	inversely proportional to the frequency of the mode	25%	3 votes

**Cite two methods which allow to determine the damping of the first 5. mode of a structure. Which one can be used to estimate the damping of higher modes as well ?**

**1 correct answer**  
out of 3 respondents

Half- power

Time domain and frequency domain

Logarithmic decrement method

**Correct answer**

**Logarithmic decrement method**

**What is the difference between 6. constrained and unconstrained layer damping treatment ?**

**0 correct answer**  
out of 1 respondent

Shear

**Correct answer**

**Unconstrained layer damping uses the material to damp in extensional mode only, while constraining with an upper layer makes the material also dissipate energy due to shear strains.**

7. **Explain why the grey line crosses the black curve exactly at  $w/w_n=1$  ?**

**0 correct answer**  
out of 2 respondents

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We only want the actual damping at natural frequency of the material

So that the equivalent viscous damper is specifically correct at the natural frequency

**Correct answer**

**Because as the damping is only making a difference around the natural frequency of the system, it is only important that the equivalent curve matches the real one around these frequencies**