

VIB : Vibration sources and Fourier Analysis

Number of participants: 27

1. I have watched the video on vibration sources before coming to the class

0 respondent

Yes	0%	0 votes
No	0%	0 votes
Partly (I fell asleep)	0%	0 votes

2. After watching the video I think that

11 correct answers
out of 22 respondents

✓ I understood most of the content	50%	11 votes
I understood the general concepts but did not grasp the mathematics	50%	11 votes
I did not understand the concepts nor the mathematics	0%	0 votes

3. The following are examples of free mechanical vibrations

8 correct answers
out of 24 respondents

✓ A bell ringing	67%	16 votes
A worker using a jack hammer	29%	7 votes
✓ The bar of a football goal vibrating after being hit by a ball	71%	17 votes

Vibrations due to a spinning washing machine

29%

7 votes

4. Which of the following statements are true ?

11 correct answers
out of 21 respondents

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|---|--|-----|----------|
| ✓ | A harmonic excitation is a special case of a periodic excitation | 86% | 18 votes |
| | A periodic excitation is a special case of a harmonic excitation | 19% | 4 votes |
| | The period of a random signal is much smaller than for an harmonic one | 19% | 4 votes |
| ✓ | A random force signal has an infinite period | 57% | 12 votes |

5. A rigid rotating machine induces a force that is

5 correct answers
out of 25 respondents

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|---|----------|-----|----------|
| ✓ | periodic | 52% | 13 votes |
| ✓ | harmonic | 76% | 19 votes |
| | random | 8% | 2 votes |

6. Any rotating machine produces a

18 correct answers
out of 23 respondents

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|---|----------------|-----|----------|
| | harmonic force | 22% | 5 votes |
| ✓ | periodic force | 78% | 18 votes |
| | random force | 0% | 0 votes |

7. When the rotational speed of a machine increases, the frequency of the forces produced

15 correct answers
out of 23 respondents

✓	Increases proportionally	65%	15 votes
	Decreases proportionally	0%	0 votes
	Increases with the square of the rotational speed	26%	6 votes
	Decreases with the square root of the rotational speed	9%	2 votes

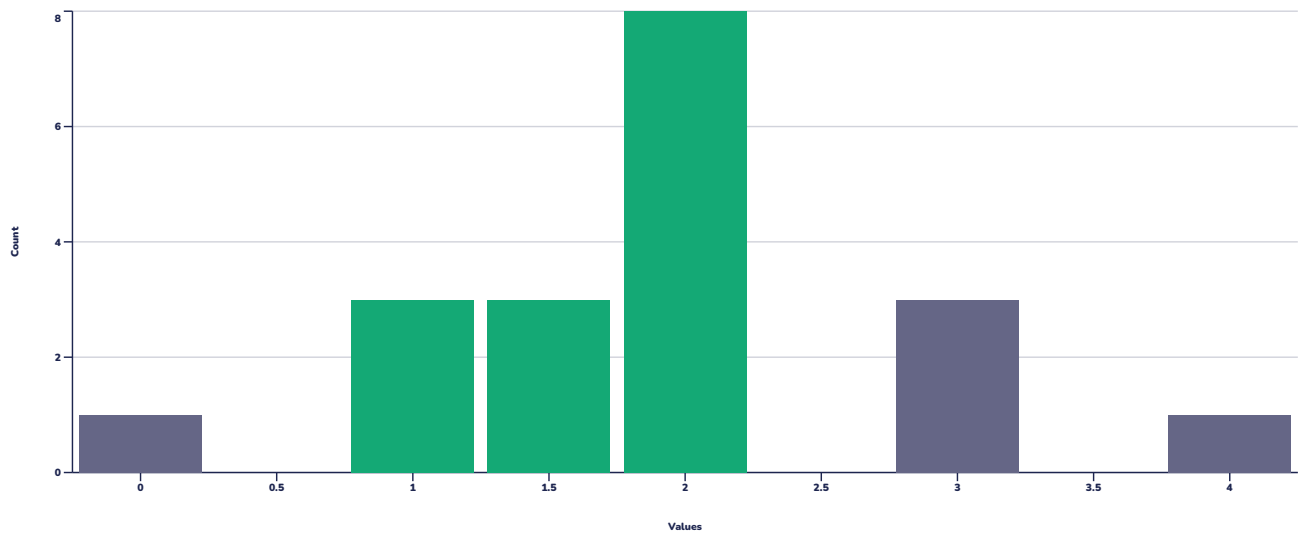
8. The force applied by a pedestrian walking or running at constant speed on a bridge is

20 correct answers
out of 25 respondents

	harmonic	20%	5 votes
✓	periodic	80%	20 votes
	random	0%	0 votes

9. The main frequency of excitation for walking pedestrians is around

17 correct answers
out of 19 respondents



0.33 Minimum **1.96** Mean **4** Maximum **2** Median **0.82** Standard deviation **0.67** Variance

Correct answer

Between 1 and 3

10. The discrete Fourier transform applies to

13 correct answers
out of 20 respondents

any type of signal	35%	7 votes
only random signals	0%	0 votes
✓ only periodic signals	65%	13 votes

11. The discrete Fourier transform computes amplitudes of sine and cosine functions at frequencies which are

0 correct answer
out of 19 respondents

✓ multiples of the fundamental angular frequency = $2\pi/T$	79%	15 votes
odd multiples of the fundamental frequency = $2\pi/T$	16%	3 votes
✓ multiples of the fundamental frequency = $1/T$	11%	2 votes

It is interesting to transform an excitation signal from

17 correct answers

12. the time domain to the frequency domain because

out of 21 respondents

✓ It provides information about the main frequencies of excitation which could cause structural resonance	81%	17 votes
The signal is more compact in the frequency domain	0%	0 votes
It is easier to add signals in the frequency domain	19%	4 votes

13. The continuous Fourier transform applies to**12 correct answers**
out of 18 respondents

✓ any type of signal	67%	12 votes
periodic signals only	22%	4 votes
harmonic signals only	6%	1 vote
it depends on the type of excitation of the system	6%	1 vote

14. The continuous Fourier transform of a rectangle (pulse) is**10 correct answers**
out of 16 respondents

a cosine function	19%	3 votes
a sine function	19%	3 votes
✓ a sinc function	63%	10 votes
a complex function which cannot be computed analytically	0%	0 votes

15. For a SDOF system (and MDOF), the Fourier transform of the impulse response $h(t)$ **2 correct answers**
out of 19 respondents

✓	allows to extract the information about the natural frequency	32%	6 votes
	cannot be computed analytically	0%	0 votes
✓	is the transfer function $X(w)/F(w)$	79%	15 votes

16. Convolution in the time domain corresponds to

19 correct answers
out of 22 respondents

✓	multiplication in the frequency domain	86%	19 votes
	convolution in the frequency domain	9%	2 votes
	deconvolution in the frequency domain	5%	1 vote
	division in the frequency domain	0%	0 votes

17. The continuous Fourier transform of a sampled signal is

7 correct answers
out of 20 respondents

	Discrete and periodic	50%	10 votes
✓	Continuous and periodic	35%	7 votes
	Discrete with the same number of samples as the original signal	15%	3 votes

18. Aliasing happens when

12 correct answers
out of 20 respondents

	The sampling frequency is too high with respect to the frequency content of the signal	30%	6 votes
✓	The sampling frequency is too low with respect to the frequency content of the signal	60%	12 votes
	The sampling frequency is equal to the frequency content of the signal	10%	2 votes

19. YouTube (camera shutter speed and frame rate match helicopter's rotor)

0 respondent

camera shutter speed and frame rate match helicopter's rotor

**20. When using Fast Fourier Transform on sampled signals, you can increase the frequency resolution by****0 correct answer**
out of 15 respondents

decreasing the time step of the sampling signal, keeping the total measurement time constant

60%

9 votes

increasing the time step of the sampling signal, keeping the total measurement time constant

40%

6 votes

✓ increasing the measurement time, whatever the time step of the sampling signal

0%

0 votes

21. When using DFT, the time step of the sample signal has an influence on**7 correct answers**
out of 18 respondents

The frequency resolution of the DFT

33%

6 votes

- ✓ The maximum frequency of the DFT 39% 7 votes
- It has no influence on the DFT 28% 5 votes

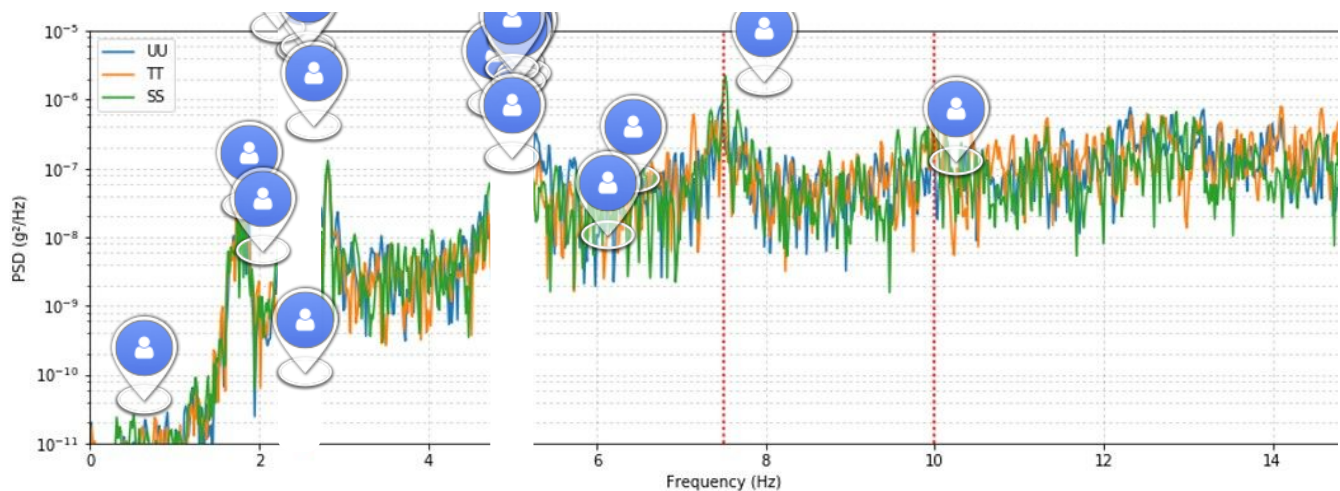
22. Suppose the sampling frequency of the accelerometer on your smartphone is 200 Hz. Up to what frequency can you measure acceleration signals ?

18 correct answers
out of 19 respondents

- 200 Hz 5% 1 vote
- ✓ 100 Hz 95% 18 votes
- It depends on the length of the measurement 0% 0 votes

23. Following acceleration measurements show a real world structure responding to a particular vibration. Can you identify the frequency at which the highest loads are coming from?

20 respondents



24. Where do you think these frequencies are coming from?

5 respondents

Turbulence flow

Unbalanced loads

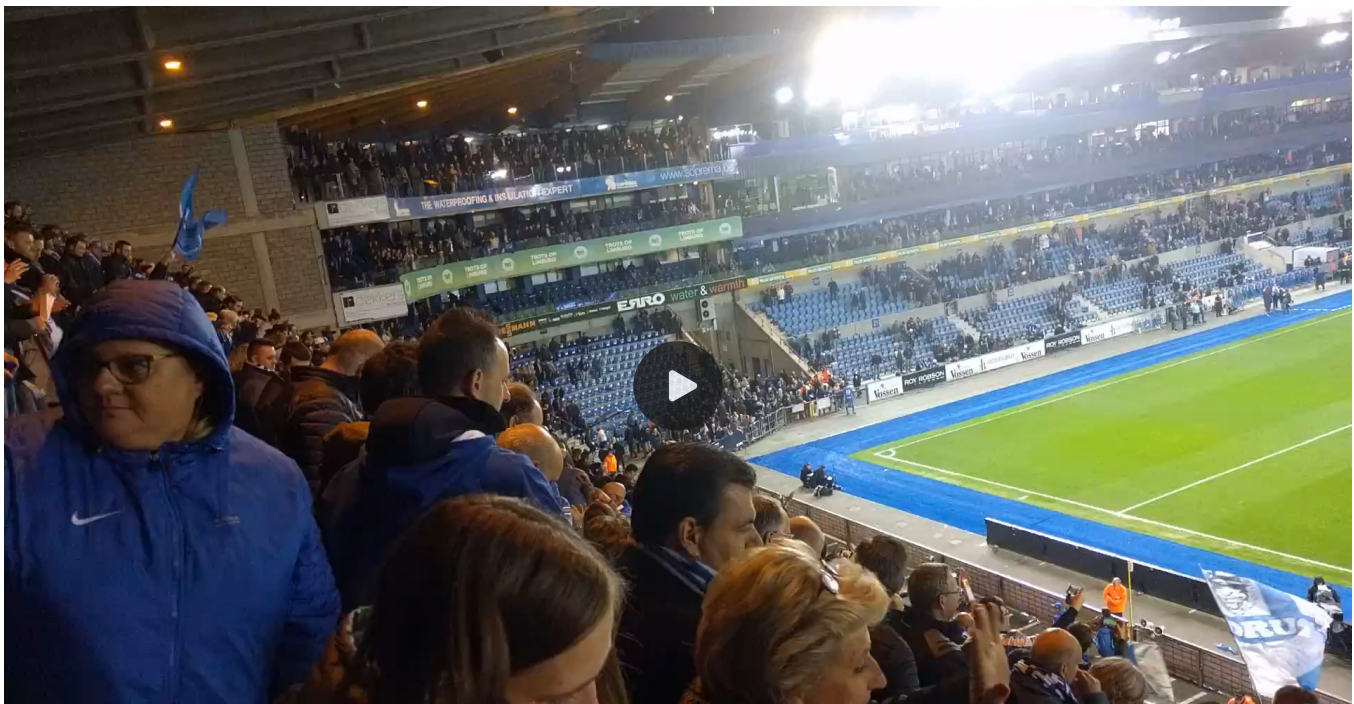
Résonance

Vibration from outside

Walking

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0 respondent



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We see people dancing and jumping to music.

This time-frequency plot, or waterfall plot, shows how

26. This time frequency plot, or waterfall plot, shows how the Fourier spectrum of an excitation source can vary over time. Do you have an idea which machine this is from?

0 respondent

No answers in this question