# Driven Torsional Oscillator 

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## Agenda

## 1.Driven torsional oscillator. Equations

2.Setup. Kinematics
3.Resonance
4.Beats
5.Nonlinear effects
6.Comments

## Before starting the torsional

oscillator discussion let we take a look
on some historical examples showing
how dangerous the resonance in mechanical systems can be

## Torsional oscillations. Resonance.

Tacoma (WA) Narrows Bridge Disaster


## Torsional oscillations. Resonance.



Tacoma (WA) Narrows Bridge, 1940

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## Mechanical Resonance.

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"Dancing Bridge" in Volgograd (Russia) (record from 2 ${ }^{\text {st }}$ May 2010. 4.4 miles long).

## Torsional oscillations. Resonance.



In autumn 2011, 12 semi-active tuned mass dampers were installed in the bridge. Each one consists of a mass $5,200 \mathrm{~kg}(11,500 \mathrm{lb})$, a set of compression springs and a magnethoreological damper.

## Torsional oscillations. Flutter. Aviation.

## Milestones in Flight History Dryden Flight Research Center



## PA-30 Twin Commanche

 Tail Flutter Test
## Driven torsional oscillator

The goals: (i) analyze the response of the damped driven harmonic oscillator to a sinusoidal drive. (ii) transient response and (iii) steady-state solution.


$$
I \ddot{\theta}+K \boldsymbol{\theta}+\boldsymbol{R} \dot{\theta}=\tau_{m}=K \lambda \theta_{0} \cos (\omega t)
$$

I is momentum of inertia, [kg.m²] $R$ is a damping constant [ $\mathrm{N} \cdot \mathrm{m} \cdot \mathrm{s}$ ]. K is the total spring constant [ $\mathrm{N} \cdot \mathrm{m}$ ]

Viscous damping
Torque by motor

## Driven torsional oscillator



Motor
Pendulum

## Transient solution

$$
\boldsymbol{I} \ddot{\theta}+\boldsymbol{K} \boldsymbol{\theta}+\boldsymbol{R} \dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}=\tau_{m}=\boldsymbol{K} \lambda \boldsymbol{\theta}_{0} \cos (\omega t)
$$

Solutions: sum of (1) Transient solution + (2) steady solution due to torque $\tau_{m}$
(1) Transient solution (1st week experiment)

$$
\begin{aligned}
& I \ddot{\theta}+R \dot{\theta}+K \theta=0 \\
& \theta(t)=A e^{-a t} \cos \left(\omega_{1} t-\phi\right) \\
& a=R / 2 I \\
& \omega_{o}=\sqrt{K / I} \\
& \omega_{1}=\sqrt{\omega_{o}^{2}-a^{2}}
\end{aligned}
$$

The homogeneous equation of motion

Transient solution
Attenuation constant
Natural (angular) frequency
Damped (angular) frequency

## Steady-state solution

$$
\theta_{t}(t)=|A| e^{-a t} \cos \left(\omega_{1} t+\phi\right) \quad \rightarrow \quad \omega_{1}=\sqrt{\omega_{0}^{2}-a^{2}} \quad \text { Transient solution }
$$

Once this response dies away in time the system response only on the frequency of drive $\omega$

Initially the system responds on the characteristic frequency $\omega_{1}$

So the steady-state solution must have the similar time dependence as the drive

$$
\theta_{s s}(t)=\operatorname{Re}\left(\theta(\omega) e^{i \omega t}\right) \Longrightarrow I \ddot{\theta}+\boldsymbol{K} \boldsymbol{\theta}+\boldsymbol{R} \dot{\theta}=\tau_{m}=\boldsymbol{K} \lambda \theta_{0} \cos (\omega t)
$$

Substituting $\theta_{s s}(t)$ in equation of motion we will find the equations for $\theta(\omega)$

$$
\theta(\omega)=\frac{\lambda \omega_{0}^{2} \theta_{0}}{\sqrt{\left(\omega_{0}^{2}-\omega^{2}\right)^{2}+4 \omega^{2} a^{2}}} e^{-i \beta(\omega)} \quad \text { and } \quad \beta(\omega)=\tan ^{-1}\left(\frac{2 \omega a}{\omega_{0}^{2}-\omega^{2}}\right)
$$

## Steady-state solution. Summary.

$$
\begin{array}{r}
I \ddot{\theta}+K \theta+R \dot{\theta}=\tau_{m}=K \lambda \theta_{0} \cos (\omega t) \\
\text { (2) steady solution }
\end{array}
$$

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\theta_{s}(t)=B(\omega) \cos (\omega t-\beta(\omega)) & \text { Steady state solution } \\
B(\omega)=\frac{\lambda \theta_{o} \omega_{o}^{2}}{\sqrt{\left(\omega_{o}^{2}-\omega^{2}\right)^{2}+\omega^{2} \gamma^{2}}} & \text { Amplitude function } \\
\tan \beta(\omega)=\frac{\omega \gamma}{\omega_{o}^{2}-\omega^{2}} & \text { Phase function } \\
\gamma=\frac{R}{I}=2 \frac{R}{2 I}=2 a & \text { Damping constant }
\end{array}
$$

## General solution

time domain form for steady-state solution will be


General solution for equation of motion consist of the sum of sum of two components:

$$
\theta(t)=\theta_{t}(t)+\theta_{s s}(t)
$$

$$
\theta(t)=\theta_{t}(t)+\theta_{s s}(t)=A e^{-a t} \cos \left(\omega_{1} t-\phi\right)+B \cos (\omega t-\beta(\omega))
$$

Coefficients $A$ and $\phi$ could be determined from initial conditions

## Resonance. Experiment. Amplitude



Fitting function:

$$
\begin{gathered}
\theta(f)=\frac{A \bullet f_{0}^{2}}{\sqrt{\left(f_{0}^{2}-f^{2}\right)^{2}+\gamma^{2} f^{2}}} \\
\omega=2 \pi f ; \gamma=2 \mathrm{a}
\end{gathered}
$$

To create a new fitting function go "Tools" $\rightarrow$ "Fitting Function Builder" or press F8


## Resonance. Experiment. Phase




Scanning the driving frequency we can measure the amplitude of the pendulum oscillating and the phase shift

Both parameters Amplitude and phase can be defined by DAQ program or using Origin

## Resonance. Amplitude of the Angular Displacement.

Amplitude

$$
\left|\theta_{s s}(t)\right|=\frac{\lambda \omega_{0}^{2} \theta_{0}}{\sqrt{\left(\omega_{0}^{2}-\omega^{2}\right)^{2}+4 \omega^{2} a^{2}}}
$$

At resonance $\omega=\omega_{0}$

$$
\left|\theta_{s s}(t)\right|=\frac{\lambda \omega_{0} \theta_{0}}{2 a}=\lambda \theta_{0} \bullet Q
$$

Combination of high initial amplitude $\theta_{0}$, and high quality Q or low damping factor $\mathbf{a}$ could be result of the destruction of the mechanical system


## Resonance. Experiment. Taking data.

For correct representation of the resonance curve take care about choosing of the step size in frequency.


## Quality factor and log decrement

There are two parameters used to measure the rate at which the oscillations of a system are damped out. One parameter is the logarithmic decrement $\delta$, and the other is the quality factor, $Q$.
$\delta$, is defined by $\quad \delta=\ln \left(\frac{\theta\left(t_{\max }\right)}{\theta\left(t_{\max }+T_{1}\right)}\right)=\ln \left(\frac{e^{-a t_{\max }}}{e^{-a\left(t_{\max }+T_{1}\right)}}\right)=a T_{1}$.


$$
\begin{aligned}
& \delta=\ln \left(\frac{8.49}{7.35}\right) \approx 0.144 \\
& Q=2 \pi \frac{\text { total stored energy }}{\text { decrease in energy per period }} . \\
& Q=\frac{\omega_{1}}{R / I}=\frac{\omega_{1}}{2 a}=\frac{\pi}{a} \frac{\omega_{1}}{2 \pi}=\frac{\pi}{a} \frac{1}{T_{1}}=\frac{\pi}{\delta} \\
& Q \sim 21.8
\end{aligned}
$$

## Quality factor and log decrement



It can be shown that $\mathbf{Q}$ can be calculated as $\omega_{1} / \Delta \omega$ or $f_{1} / \Delta f . \Delta \omega$ is bandwidth of the resonance curve on the half power level or $\frac{\theta_{\text {max }}}{\sqrt{2}}$ for amplitude graph

Here Q~7.9

## Beats. Theory.

Consider sum of two harmonic signals of frequencies $\omega_{1}$ and $\omega_{2}$
$\mathbf{y}_{1}=A \sin \left(\omega_{1} \mathbf{t}+\varphi_{1}\right) ; \mathbf{y}_{2}=\boldsymbol{B} \sin \left(\omega_{2} \mathbf{t}+\varphi_{2}\right)$
In case $A=B y=y_{1}+y_{2}=2 A \sin \left(\frac{\omega_{1}+\omega_{2}}{2} t+\beta_{1}\right) \cos \left(\frac{\omega_{1}-\omega_{2}}{2} \boldsymbol{t}+\boldsymbol{\beta}_{2}\right)$;
$\beta_{1}=\frac{\varphi_{1}+\varphi_{2}}{2} ; \beta_{2}=\frac{\varphi_{1}-\varphi_{2}}{2}$
If $\omega_{1} \approx \omega_{2} \approx \frac{\omega_{1}+\omega_{2}}{2}=\omega \quad$ and $\quad \frac{\omega_{1}-\omega_{2}}{2}=\Omega$
$\mathrm{y}=2 \boldsymbol{A} \cos \left(\Omega t+\beta_{2}\right) \sin \left(\omega t+\beta_{1}\right)$



## Beats. Theory.

## More general case $\mathbf{A} \neq \mathrm{B} \omega_{1}$ and $\omega_{2}$

$$
y_{1}=A \sin \left(\omega_{1} t\right) ; y_{2}=B \sin \left(\left(\omega_{1}+\alpha\right) t\right)
$$

$$
y=y_{1}+y_{2}=C \sin ((\omega+\beta) t) \quad \text { where } C=\sqrt{A^{2}+B^{2}+2 A B \cos (a t)}
$$

$$
\beta=\tan ^{-1}\left(\frac{B \sin (\alpha t)}{A+B \cos (\alpha t)}\right)+\left\{\begin{array}{l}
0 \text { if } A+B \cos (\alpha t) \geq 0 \\
\pi \text { if } A+B \cos (\alpha t)<0
\end{array}\right.
$$



## Beats. Experiment



Time domain trace


Beating spectrum

Use Origin to analyze the frequency spectrum!

## Beats. Experiment.

$$
\theta(t)=\theta_{t}(t)+\theta_{s s}(t)=A e^{-a t} \cos \left(\omega_{1} t-\phi\right)+B \cos (\omega t-\beta(\omega))
$$

Beats dying in time. How fast - it depends on damping. When you will work on resonance data - wait until you will see the steady state oscillations.



## Beats. Experiment.

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$$



$\theta_{t}(t) \rightarrow 0 \quad$ This can be seen well from "envelope" plot

Origin 8.6: Analysis $\rightarrow$ Signal Processing $\rightarrow$ Envelope

## Beats. Experiment. Fitting.

$$
\theta(t)=\theta_{t}(t)+\theta_{s s}(t)=A e^{-a t} \cos \left(\omega_{1} t-\phi\right)+B \cos (\omega t-\beta(\omega))+C
$$



First let we apply FFT to find $\omega_{1}$ and $\omega$


Result: $\omega_{1}=3.1402 \mathrm{rad}^{-1}$ and $\omega=2.8298 \mathrm{rad}^{-1}$

## Beats. Experiment. Fitting.

$$
\theta(t)=\theta_{t}(t)+\theta_{s s}(t)=A e^{-\frac{t}{t_{0}}} \cos \left(\omega_{1} t-\phi\right)+B \cos (\omega t-\beta(\omega))+C
$$



8 fitting parameters

From fitting

|  |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| A | 0.65012 |
| $\mathbf{t}_{0}$ | 199.64912 |
| $\omega_{1}$ | 3.13666 |
| $\phi$ | 0.33135 |
| $B$ | -0.74076 |
| $\omega$ | 2.82464 |
| $\beta$ | -0.87829 |
| $C$ | -0.11176 |

## Result from FFT: $\omega_{1}=3.1402 \mathrm{rad}^{-1}$ and $\omega=2.8298 \mathrm{rad}^{-1}$

## Beats. Experiment. Fitting. Residuals.




Compare with original pendulum spectrum

Possible origin of "extra" peaks:
(i) Nonlinear behavior of pendulum
(ii) Not a single frequency driving force provided by motor (iii) Not ideal fitting function


## Beats. Experiment.

$$
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$$



$$
\theta_{t}(t) \rightarrow 0
$$

We also can analyze the decrease of the amplitude of the $\omega_{1}$ component by analyzing the spectrum as a function of time

Last 55 sec

Origin 9.0: Analysis $\rightarrow$ Signal Processing $\rightarrow$ FFT

## Beats. RLC Experiment.



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Envelope



## Beats. Experiment. More complicated case.

In the case of driving frequency $f_{d}=f_{1} / \mathbf{N}$ where $\mathbf{N}$ is integer we can observe more complicated motion of the pendulum



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## Beats. Experiment. Driving spectrum.




Detailed analyzes* shows that even if $\emptyset=\emptyset_{0} \sin (\omega t)$ the driving torque contains several harmonics of $\omega$
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