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Mechatronic Systems: Solution of Exercise 1

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Problem 1: Floating mass

- Differential equation

$$m\ddot{x} = F$$

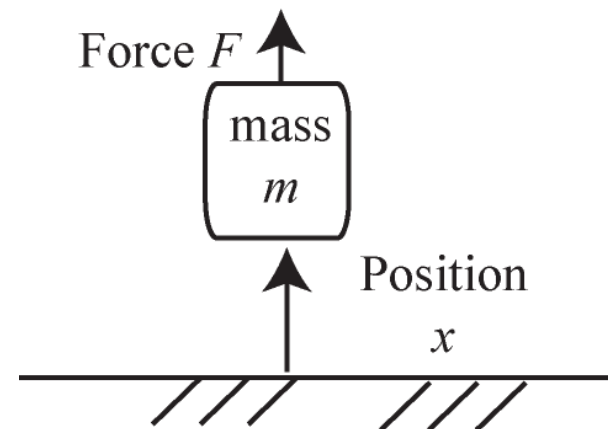
- Laplace transformation

$$ms^2x = F$$

- Transfer function

$$P(s) = \frac{x}{F} = \frac{1}{ms^2}$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \dot{x}$$
$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = \ddot{x}$$



Problem 2i: Damped mass-spring

- Differential equation

$$m\ddot{x} = F - c\dot{x} - kx$$

- Laplace transformation

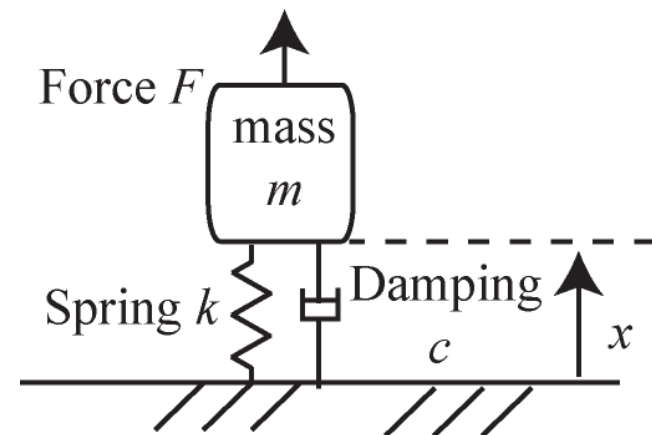
$$ms^2x = F - csx - kx$$

or

$$(ms^2 + cs + k)x = F$$

- Transfer function

$$P(s) = \frac{x}{F} = \frac{1}{ms^2 + cs + k}$$



Problem 2i: (Undamped) natural frequency

- Undamped mass spring system (i.e. $c=0$)

$$P(s) = \frac{x}{F} = \frac{1}{ms^2 + k}$$

- Laplace variable in the case of a steady state

$$s = \sigma + j\omega \quad \rightarrow \quad s = j\omega$$

- At the natural frequency, the response becomes infinite, which corresponds to that the denominator of $P(s)$ is zero.

$$k - m\omega_0^2 = 0$$

- Natural frequency

$$\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \quad \text{or} \quad f_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

Problem 2ii: Effects of low damping (1)

- Magnitude of un-damped system at ω_0

$$|P_{No_c}| = \infty$$

- Magnitude of damped system at ω_0

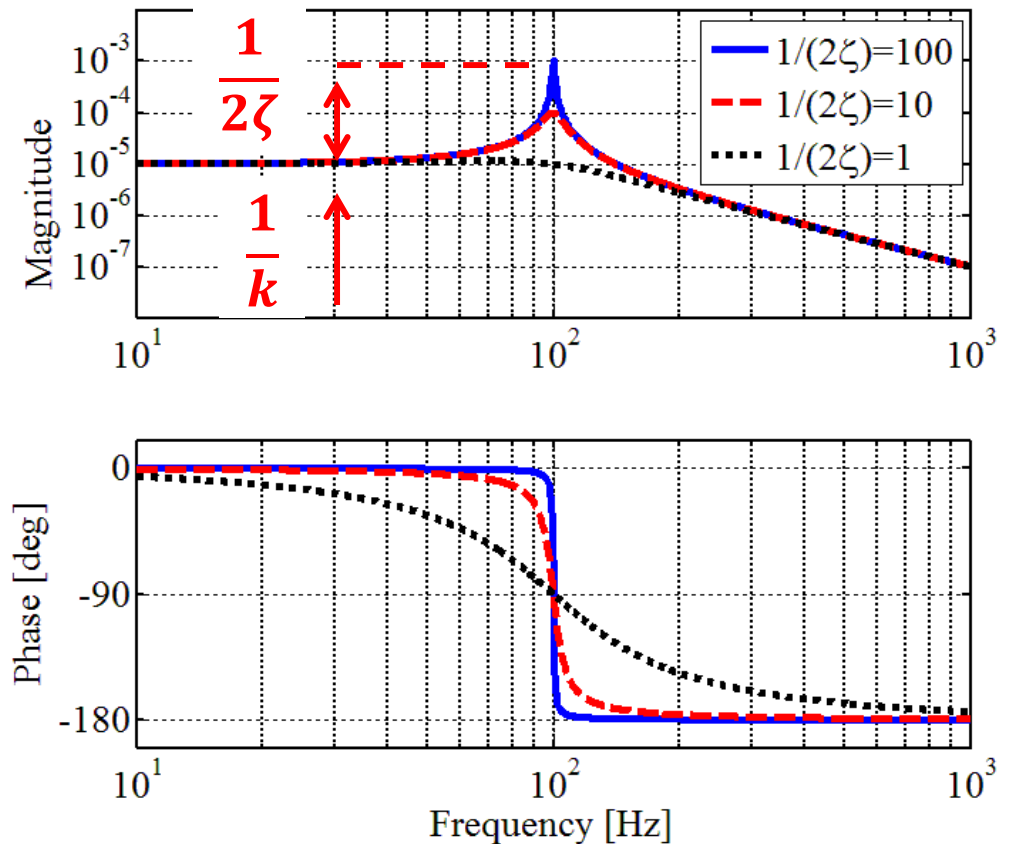
$$|P_{Low_c}| = \left| \frac{1}{jc\omega_0} \right|$$

$$= \frac{1}{c} \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$$

Magnitude of spring line

$$= \frac{1}{k} \frac{1}{2\zeta} = \frac{Q}{k}$$

where $\zeta = c/(2\sqrt{km})$



Problem 2ii: Effects of low damping (1)

- Damped resonant frequency ω_r
 - The frequency where the gain show a peak.

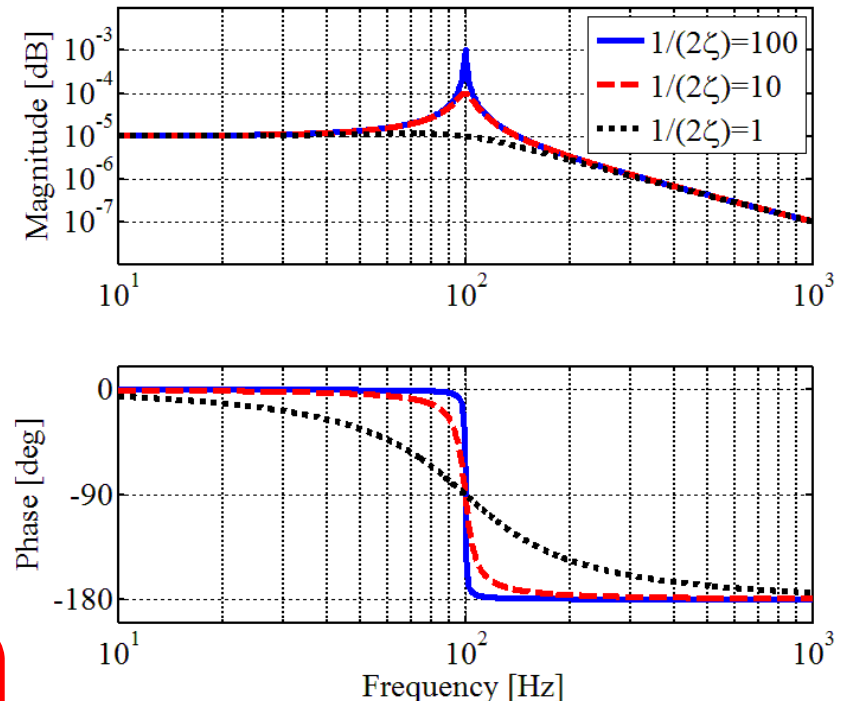
$$\begin{aligned}\omega_r &= \arg \max_{\omega} |P(j\omega)| \\ &= \omega_0 \sqrt{1 - 2\zeta^2}\end{aligned}$$

- Without damping,

$$\omega_r = \omega_0.$$

- For a slight damping ($\zeta < \sqrt{2}$),
 ω_r decreases.

- For a large damping ($\zeta \geq \sqrt{2}$), what happens to ω_r ?



Typical case of
practice precision actuators

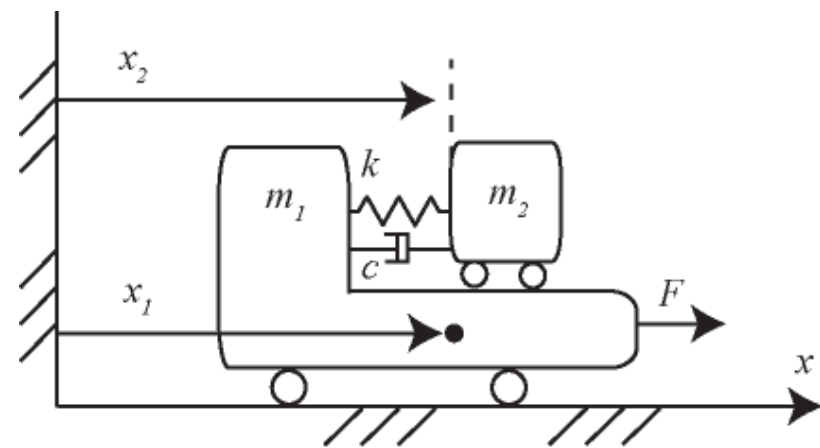
Problem (a)3i: Decoupling mass

- Equation of motion about m_1

$$m_1 \ddot{x}_1 = -c\dot{x}_1 + c\dot{x}_2 - kx_1 + kx_2 + F$$

- Equation of motion about m_2

$$m_2 \ddot{x}_2 = +c\dot{x}_1 - c\dot{x}_2 + kx_1 - kx_2$$



Problem (a)3ii: Transfer function (1)

- By rearrange the equations we get:

$$\begin{aligned}\ddot{x}_1 &= -\frac{k}{m_1}x_1 + \frac{k}{m_1}x_2 - \frac{c}{m_1}\dot{x}_1 + \frac{c}{m_1}\dot{x}_2 + \frac{F}{m_1} \\ \ddot{x}_2 &= +\frac{k}{m_2}x_1 - \frac{k}{m_2}x_2 + \frac{c}{m_2}\dot{x}_1 - \frac{c}{m_2}\dot{x}_2\end{aligned}$$

- State space model: $\dot{x} = Ax + BF$, $y = Cx$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ \ddot{x}_1 \\ \ddot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\dot{\mathbf{x}}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -k/m_1 & k/m_1 & -c/m_1 & c/m_1 \\ k/m_2 & -k/m_2 & c/m_2 & -c/m_2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{A}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{x}} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1/m_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{B}} F$$

Problem (a)3ii: Transfer function (2)

- Transfer function from F to x_1 is given with $C=[1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0]$

$$\begin{aligned} P_1(s) &= X_1(s)/F(s) = C(sI - A)^{-1}B \\ &= \frac{m_2s^2 + cs + k}{s^2\{m_1m_2s^2 + (m_1 + m_2)(cs + k)\}} \end{aligned}$$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Transfer function from F to x_2 is given with $C=[0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0]$

$$\begin{aligned} P_2(s) &= X_2(s)/F(s) = C(sI - A)^{-1}B \\ &= \frac{cs + k}{s^2\{m_1m_2s^2 + (m_1 + m_2)(cs + k)\}} \end{aligned}$$

Problem (a)3iii: Bode plot

$$P_1(s) = \frac{X_1(s)}{F} = \frac{m_2 s^2 + cs + k}{s^2 \{m_1 m_2 s^2 + (m_1 + m_2)(cs + k)\}}$$

- Assuming that damping is sufficiently low (i.e. $c=0$),

- Anti-resonance occurs at:

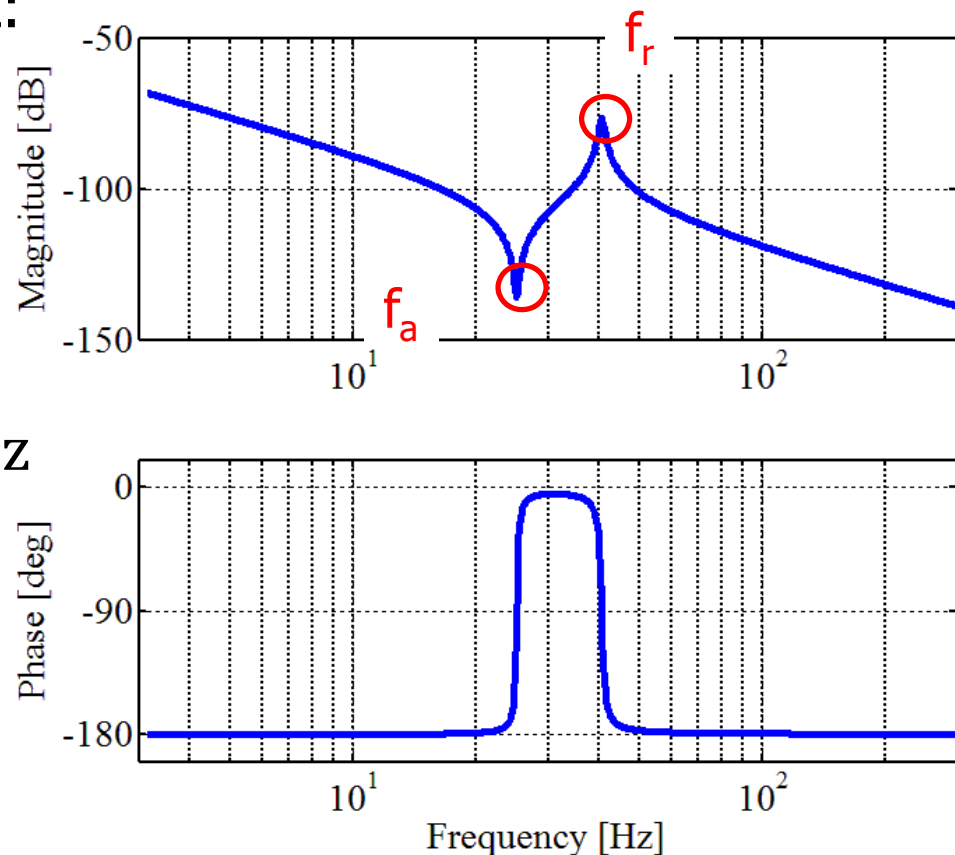
$$f_a = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k}{m_2}} = 25 \text{ Hz}$$

- Resonance occurs at:

$$f_r = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{(m_1 + m_2)k}{m_1 m_2}} = 41 \text{ Hz}$$

- Ratio

$$\frac{f_r}{f_a} = \sqrt{1 + \frac{m_2}{m_1}} = 1.6$$



Problem (a)3iii: Bode plot

$$P_2(s) = \frac{X_2(s)}{F} = \frac{cs + k}{s^2\{m_1m_2s^2 + (m_1 + m_2)(cs + k)\}}$$

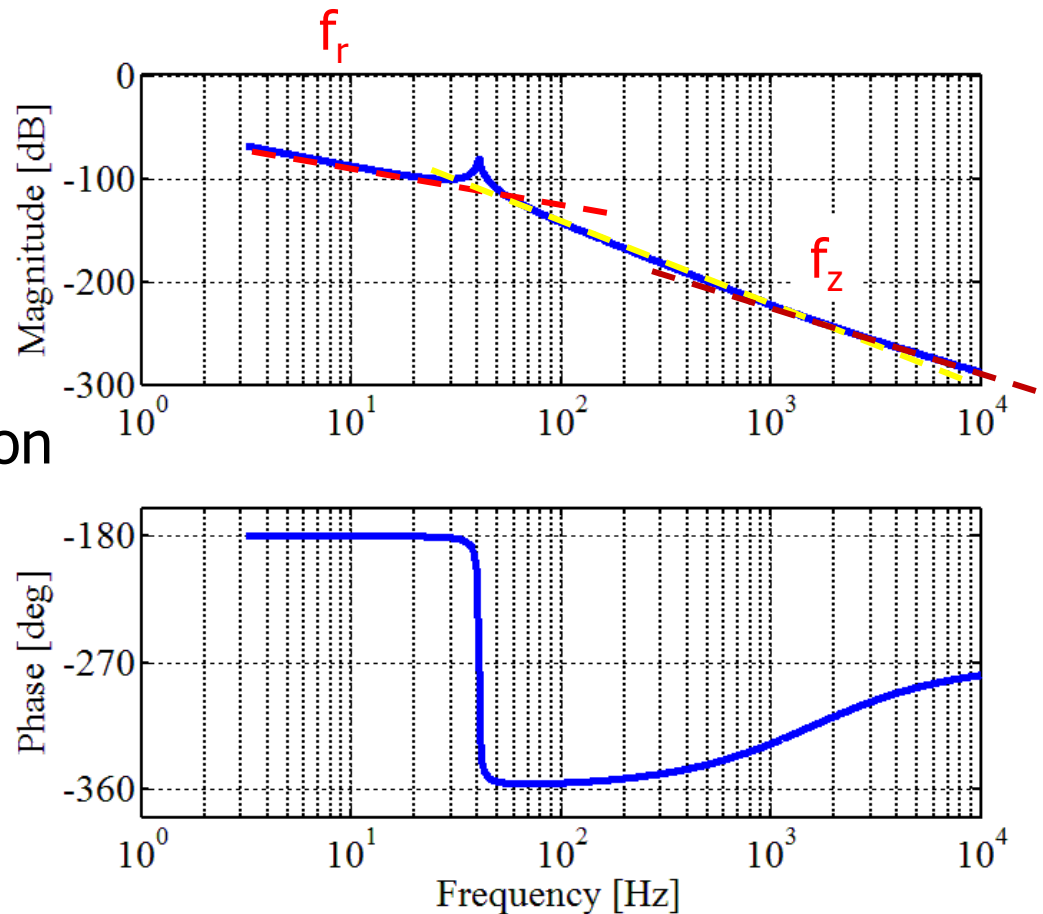
- Assuming that damping is sufficiently low (i.e. $c=0$),

- Resonance occurs at:

$$f_r = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{(m_1 + m_2)k}{m_1m_2}}$$

- Straight line approximation gives a corner frequency

$$f_z = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{k}{c} = 1.6 \text{ kHz}$$



Problem (a)3iv: Bode plot

