

# SINGLE-DEGREE-OF-FREEDOM-SYSTEMS

## Frequency domain analysis

### Elementary harmonic force

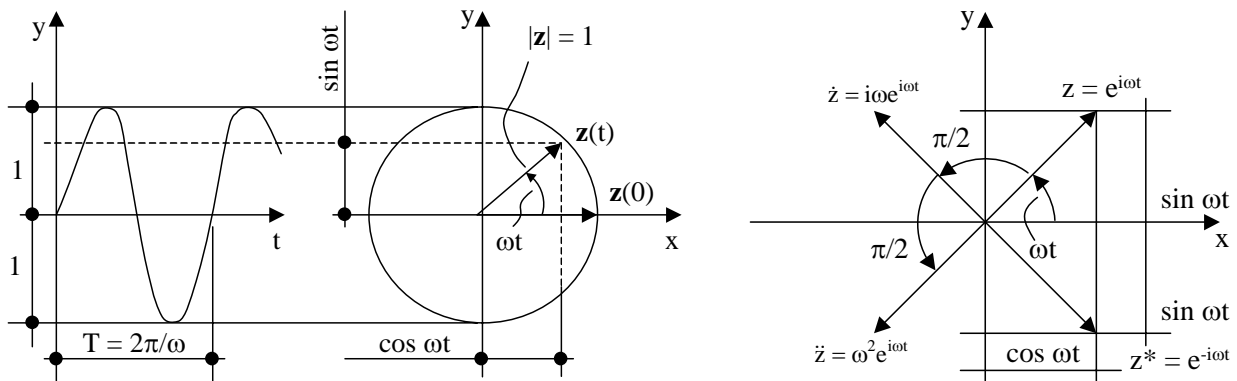
A harmonic force  $f(t)$  is defined as elementary when it has a unit amplitude. This condition is satisfied by the real expression  $f(t) = \sin \omega t$  and by the complex expression  $f(t) = e^{i\omega t}$  :

$$f(t) = e^{i\omega t} = \cos \omega t + i \sin \omega t \Rightarrow$$

$$|e^{i\omega t}| = \sqrt{(\sin \omega t + i \cos \omega t) (\sin \omega t - i \cos \omega t)} = \sqrt{\sin^2 \omega t + \cos^2 \omega t} = 1$$

Observation: the elementary harmonic function  $\sin \omega t$  may be regarded as the projection on the axis  $y$  of the ordinates of a vector  $\mathbf{Z}$  with unit modulus, rotating around the origin of a Cartesian reference system  $(x, y)$  with uniform angular velocity  $\omega$  and nil initial phase.

Interpreting  $(x, y)$  as an Argand-Gauss plane, the vector  $\mathbf{Z}$  is associated with a complex number  $z$  whose real and imaginary parts are respectively the projections on  $x$  and  $y$  of  $\mathbf{Z}$  :  $z = x + iy$ ,  $x = \text{Re}(z) = \cos \omega t$ ,  $y = \text{Im}(z) = \sin \omega t$ ; thus,  $z = \cos \omega t + i \sin \omega t$ . Using Euler's formula  $z = e^{i\omega t}$ .



Let us consider the equation of motion:

$$\ddot{q}(t) + 2\xi\omega_0\dot{q}(t) + \omega_0^2q(t) = \frac{1}{m}f(t) = \frac{1}{m}e^{i\omega t} = \frac{1}{m}(\cos \omega t + i \sin \omega t)$$

$$q(0) = q_0 ; \dot{q}(0) = \dot{q}_0$$
(1)

Since  $f(t)$  is a complex quantity, thus also  $q(t)$  is complex and may be written as:

$$q(t) = x(t) + i y(t)$$
(2)

where the real functions  $x(t) = \text{Re}[q(t)]$  and  $y(t) = \text{Im}[q(t)]$  are, respectively, the solutions of the two problems:

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{x}(t) + 2\xi\omega_0\dot{x}(t) + \omega_0^2x(t) &= \frac{1}{m}\cos\omega t \\ x(0) = x_0 = \operatorname{Re}(q_0) ; \dot{x}(0) = \dot{x}_0 = \operatorname{Re}(\dot{q}_0) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{y}(t) + 2\xi\omega_0\dot{y}(t) + \omega_0^2y(t) &= \frac{1}{m}\sin\omega t \\ y(0) = y_0 = \operatorname{Im}(q_0) ; \dot{y}(0) = \dot{y}_0 = \operatorname{Im}(\dot{q}_0) \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

The response  $y(t)$  to the real elementary harmonic force  $f(t) = \sin \omega t$  is the imaginary part of the response  $q(t)$  to the complex elementary harmonic force  $f(t) = e^{i\omega t}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{q}(t) + 2\xi\omega_0\dot{q}(t) + \omega_0^2q(t) &= \frac{1}{m}f(t) = \frac{1}{m}e^{i\omega t} = \frac{1}{m}(\cos\omega t + i\sin\omega t) \\ q(0) = q_0 ; \dot{q}(0) = \dot{q}_0 \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

The solution of Eq. (5) is the sum of the integral  $q'(t)$  of the homogeneous associated equation and of any particular integral  $q''(t)$  of the complete equation:

$$q(t) = q'(t) + q''(t) \quad (6)$$

From Eq. (2) it results:

$$\begin{aligned} q'(t) &= x'(t) + iy'(t) & x(t) &= x'(t) + x''(t) \\ q''(t) &= x''(t) + iy''(t) & y(t) &= y'(t) + y''(t) \end{aligned}$$

where  $x'(t)$  and  $y'(t)$  are the integrals of the homogeneous equations associated with Eqs. (3) and (4), respectively:

$$\begin{aligned} x'(t) &= e^{-\xi\omega_0 t} \left( a_{x1} \cos \omega_0 \sqrt{1 - \xi^2} t + a_{x2} \sin \omega_0 \sqrt{1 - \xi^2} t \right) \\ y'(t) &= e^{-\xi\omega_0 t} \left( a_{y1} \cos \omega_0 \sqrt{1 - \xi^2} t + a_{y2} \sin \omega_0 \sqrt{1 - \xi^2} t \right) \end{aligned}$$

The integration constants depend on the initial conditions.

It is easy to demonstrate that an expression of  $q''(t)$  is given by:

$$q''(t) = H(\omega)e^{i\omega t} \quad (7)$$

Substituting Eq. (7) into Eq. (5):

$$-\omega^2 H(\omega)e^{i\omega t} + 2\xi\omega_0 \cdot i\omega H(\omega)e^{i\omega t} + \omega_0^2 H(\omega)e^{i\omega t} = \frac{1}{m}e^{i\omega t} \Rightarrow$$

$$\boxed{H(\omega) = \frac{1}{m\omega_0^2} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_0^2} + 2i\xi \frac{\omega}{\omega_0}}} \quad (8)$$

$H(\omega)$  is the complex frequency response function and may be rewritten as:

$$H(\omega) = R(\omega) + iI(\omega) \quad (9)$$

$$H(\omega) = |H(\omega)|e^{i\psi(\omega)} \quad (10)$$

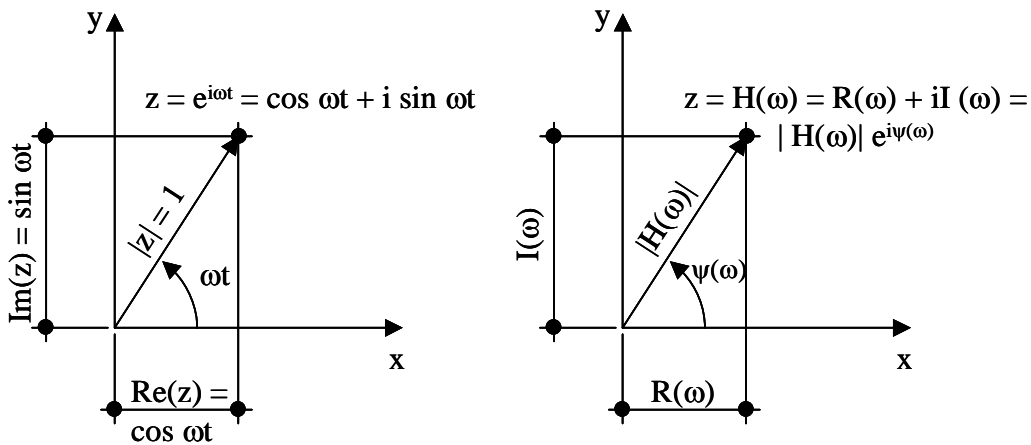
where:

$$R(\omega) = \text{Re}[H(\omega)] = \frac{1}{m\omega_0^2} \frac{1 - \omega^2 / \omega_0^2}{\left(1 - \omega^2 / \omega_0^2\right)^2 + 4\xi^2 \omega^2 / \omega_0^2} \quad (11)$$

$$I(\omega) = \text{Im}[H(\omega)] = \frac{1}{m\omega_0^2} \frac{-2\xi \omega / \omega_0}{\left(1 - \omega^2 / \omega_0^2\right)^2 + 4\xi^2 \omega^2 / \omega_0^2} \quad (12)$$

$$|H(\omega)| = \sqrt{R^2(\omega) + I^2(\omega)} = \frac{1}{m\omega_0^2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left(1 - \omega^2 / \omega_0^2\right)^2 + 4\xi^2 \omega^2 / \omega_0^2}} \quad (13)$$

$$\psi(\omega) = \text{arctg} \frac{I(\omega)}{R(\omega)} = \text{arctg} \left( -\frac{2\xi \omega / \omega_0}{1 - \omega^2 / \omega_0^2} \right) \quad (14)$$



Neglecting the initial transient stage of the motion, i.e.  $q'(t) = 0 \Rightarrow q(t) = q''(t) \Rightarrow$

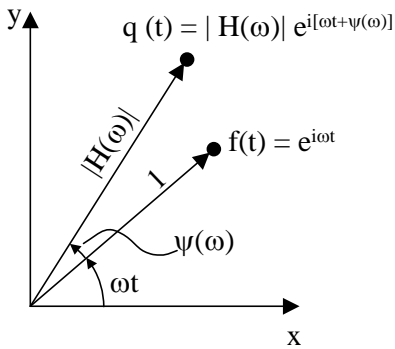
$$\boxed{q(t) = H(\omega)e^{i\omega t}} \quad (15)$$

Eq. (15) provides the steady-state response of a S.D.O.F. subjected to the complex elementary harmonic force  $f(t) = e^{i\omega t}$ ;  $H(\omega)$  is the ratio between the time-dependent response and force. Thus it has the meaning of the inverse of a dynamic stiffness.

Substituting Eq. (10) into Eq. (15):

$$\boxed{q(t) = |H(\omega)| e^{i[\omega t + \psi(\omega)]}} \quad (16)$$

Thus,  $|H(\omega)|$  is the amplitude of the dynamic response,  $\psi(\omega)$  is the phase delay of the response  $q(t)$  with respect to the force  $f(t) = e^{i\omega t}$ .



$$f(t) = e^{i\omega t} \Rightarrow \quad q(t) = |H(\omega)| e^{i[\omega t + \psi(\omega)]}$$

$$|H(\omega)| = \frac{1}{m\omega_0^2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left(1 - \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_0^2}\right)^2 + 4\xi^2 \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_0^2}}}$$

$$\psi(\omega) = \text{arctg} \left\{ -\frac{2\xi \frac{\omega}{\omega_0}}{1 - \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_0^2}} \right\}$$

for  $\omega = 0 \Rightarrow \quad f(t) = 1 =$  static force with unit amplitude

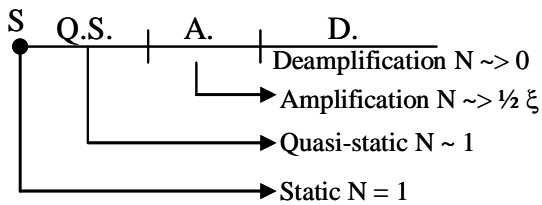
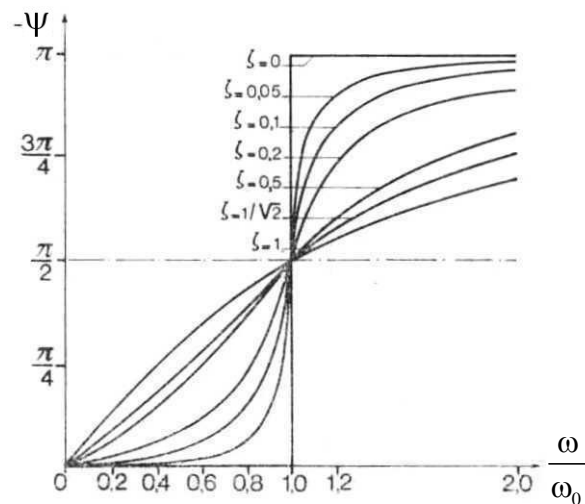
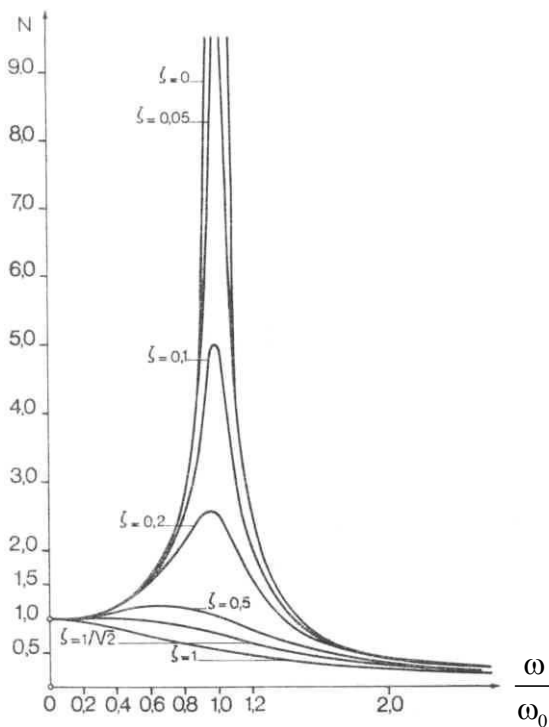
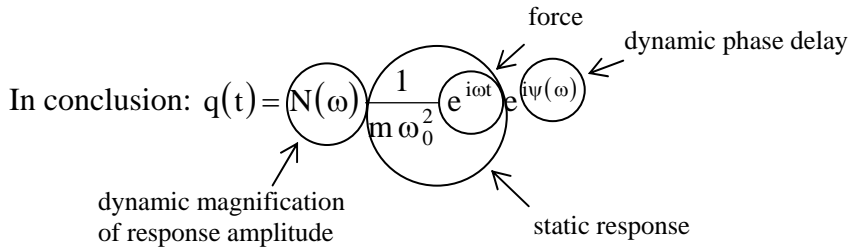
$$\psi(0) = 0; \quad |H(0)| = H(0) = \frac{1}{m\omega_0^2} = \frac{1}{k} \Rightarrow$$

$$q(t) = \frac{1}{m\omega_0^2} = \text{static response to a unit static force}$$

The magnification factor  $N(\omega)$  is defined as the ratio between the amplitude  $|H(\omega)|$  of the dynamic response and the amplitude  $H(0)$  of the static response:

$$N(\omega) = \frac{|H(\omega)|}{H(0)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left(1 - \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_0^2}\right)^2 + 4\xi^2 \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_0^2}}}$$

(17)



$$\omega_m = \omega_0 \sqrt{1 - 2\xi^2} \quad ; \quad N_m = \frac{1}{2\xi \sqrt{1 - \xi^2}} \Rightarrow \omega_m \approx \omega_0 \quad ; \quad N_m \approx 1/2\xi \Rightarrow \xi = \frac{1}{2N_m}$$

Let  $\omega = \omega_a, \omega_b$  be values such as  $N = N_m / \sqrt{2}$ . It follows that  $\xi \approx \frac{\omega_b - \omega_a}{2\omega_m}$  ( $\omega_b > \omega_a$ )

Real elementary harmonic force  $f(t) = \sin \omega t$

$$\ddot{q}(t) + 2\xi\omega_0\dot{q}(t) + \omega_0^2q(t) = \frac{1}{m}f(t); \quad q(0) = q_0, \quad \dot{q}(0) = \dot{q}_0$$

$$f(t) = e^{i\omega t} = \cos \omega t + i \sin \omega t$$

$$q(t) = q'(t) + q''(t)$$

$$q(t) = x'(t) + iy'(t)$$

$$x'(t) = e^{-\xi\omega_0 t} \left( a_{x1} \cos \omega_0 \sqrt{1-\xi^2} t + a_{x2} \sin \omega_0 \sqrt{1-\xi^2} t \right)$$

$$y'(t) = e^{-\xi\omega_0 t} \left( a_{y1} \cos \omega_0 \sqrt{1-\xi^2} t + a_{y2} \sin \omega_0 \sqrt{1-\xi^2} t \right)$$

$$q''(t) = H(\omega)e^{i\omega t}$$

$$f(t) = \sin \omega t$$

$$q(t) = q'(t) + q''(t)$$

$$q'(t) = y'(t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} q''(t) &= \text{Im} \left[ H(\omega)e^{i\omega t} \right] = \\ &= \text{Im} \left[ |H(\omega)| e^{i\{\omega t + \psi(\omega)\}} \right] = \\ &= |H(\omega)| \sin [\omega t + \psi(\omega)] \end{aligned}$$

In steady-state conditions:  $q'(t) = 0 \Rightarrow q(t) = q''(t) \Rightarrow$

$$q(t) = H(\omega)e^{i\omega t}$$

$$q(t) = |H(\omega)| \sin [\omega t + \psi(\omega)]$$

$$f(t) = F \sin \omega t \Rightarrow$$

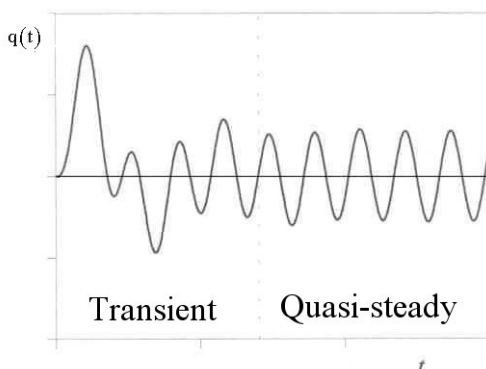
$$q(t) = F |H(\omega)| \sin [\omega t + \psi(\omega)]$$

$$N(\omega) = \frac{|H(\omega)|}{H(0)} = m\omega_0^2 |H(\omega)| = k |H(\omega)| \Rightarrow$$

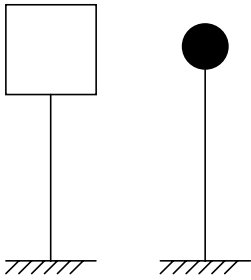
$$q(t) = \frac{F}{k} N(\omega) \sin [\omega t + \psi(\omega)] \Rightarrow$$

$$q(t) = q_{st} N(\omega) \sin [\omega t + \psi(\omega)]$$

The following figure shows how the steady-state regime is approached after a transient vibration.



Example: Arc lamp



$$k = 21063 \text{ N/m}$$

$$m = 10671 \text{ kg}$$

$$\omega_0 = 1.405 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$n_0 = 0.223 \text{ Hz}$$

Vibrodyne  $\leftarrow \text{O} \rightarrow$   $f(t) = F \sin \omega t$   $F = 100 \text{ N}$

$$q(t) = \underbrace{q_{st} N(\omega)}_{Q = \frac{F}{k} N(\omega)} \sin[\omega t + \psi(\omega)]$$

$$\omega \approx 0 \Rightarrow N(\omega) = 1 \Rightarrow Q = 0.00475 \text{ m} = 4.75 \text{ mm}$$

$$\omega = \omega_0 \Rightarrow N(\omega) = 1/2\xi \Rightarrow \xi = 0.01 \Rightarrow N = 50 \Rightarrow Q = 0.237 \text{ m}$$

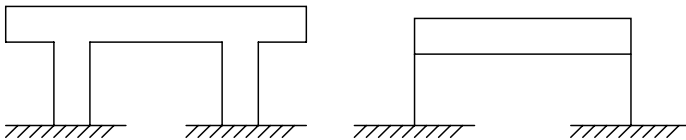
$$\xi = .005 \Rightarrow N = 100 \Rightarrow Q = 0.475 \text{ m}$$

$$\xi = .002 \Rightarrow N = 250 \Rightarrow Q = 1.187 \text{ m}$$

$$\xi = .001 \Rightarrow N = 500 \Rightarrow Q = 2.37 \text{ m}$$

$$\omega = 10 \text{ rad/s} \Rightarrow N(\omega) \approx 0.142 \Rightarrow Q = 6.74 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m} = 0.674 \text{ mm}$$

Example: Single-storey R.C. building



$$k = 0.8333 \times 10^8 \text{ N/m}$$

$$m = 88087.5 \text{ kg}$$

$$\omega_0 = 30.76 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$n_0 = 4.9 \text{ Hz}$$

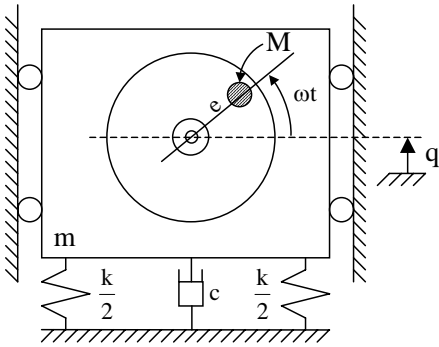
$\leftarrow \text{O} \rightarrow$   $f(t) = F \sin \omega t$   $F = 1000 \text{ N}$

$$\omega \approx 0 \Rightarrow N(\omega) = 1 \Rightarrow Q = 1.2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}$$

$$\omega = \omega_0 \Rightarrow \xi = 0.05 \Rightarrow N = 10 \Rightarrow Q = 1.2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}$$

$$\xi = 0.02 \Rightarrow N = 25 \Rightarrow Q = 3.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}$$

Rotating mass with an eccentricity



$m - M =$  non-rotating part of the mass

$M =$  rotating mass

$q + e \sin \omega t =$  rotating mass displacement

$$(m - M) \ddot{q}(t) + M \frac{d^2}{dt^2} [q(t) + e \sin \omega t] = -Kq(t) - c\dot{q}(t)$$

$$m\ddot{q}(t) - M\ddot{q}(t) + M\ddot{q}(t) - Me\omega^2 \sin \omega t + Kq(t) + c\dot{q}(t) = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$m\ddot{q}(t) + c\dot{q}(t) + Kq(t) = \underbrace{Me\omega^2}_{F} \sin \omega t$$

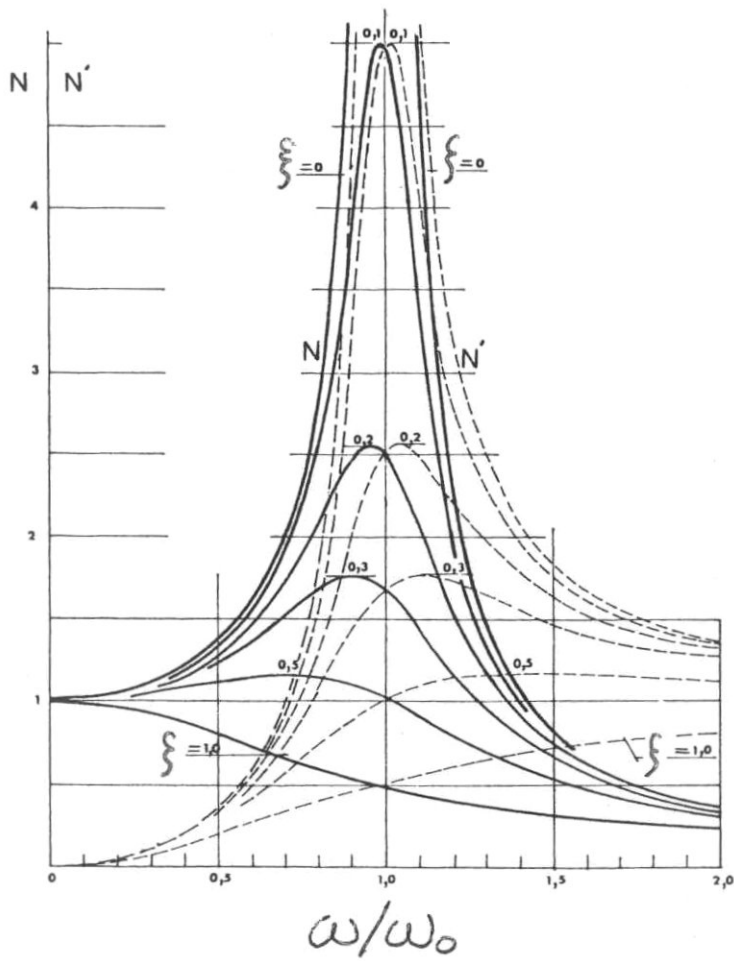
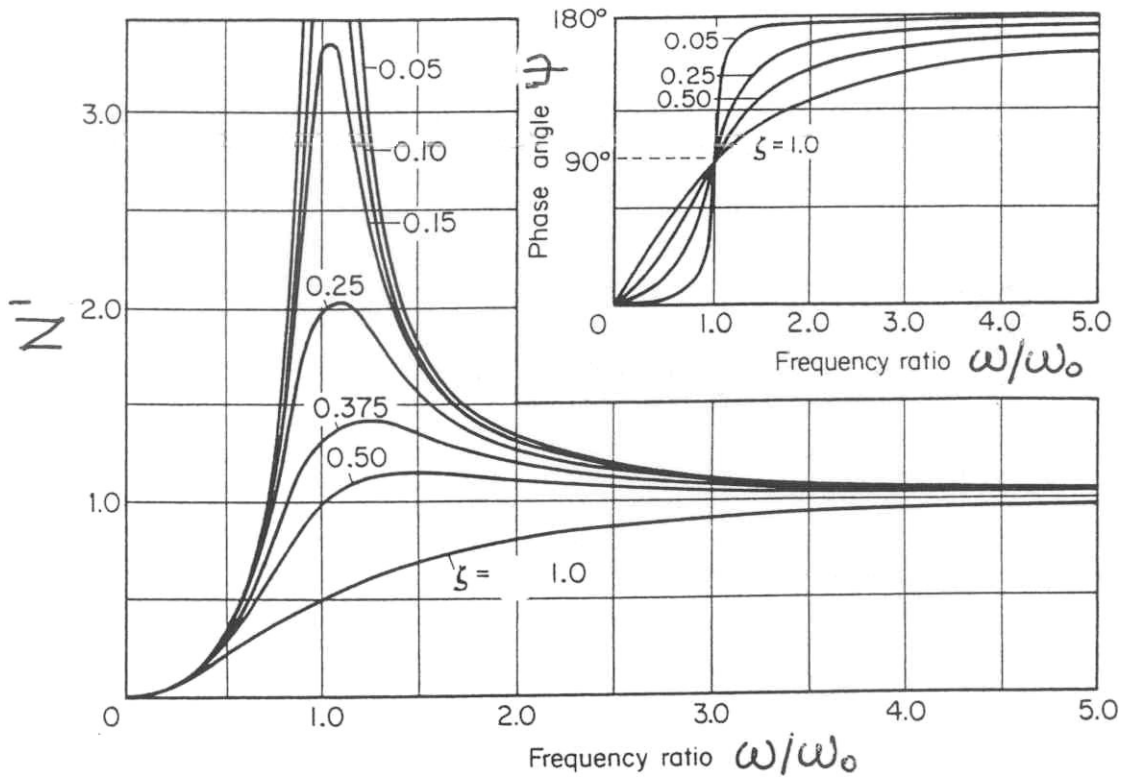
$$q(t) = \frac{Me\omega^2}{K} N(\omega) \sin[\omega t + \psi(\omega)] \cdot \frac{m}{m} \Rightarrow$$

$$q(t) = \frac{Me}{m} \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_0^2} N(\omega) \sin[\omega t + \psi(\omega)]$$

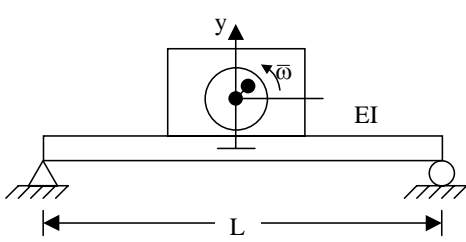
$$N'(\omega) = \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_0^2} N(\omega) = \frac{\left( \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_0^2} \right)}{\sqrt{\left( 1 - \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_0^2} \right)^2 + 4\xi^2 \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_0^2}}} \Rightarrow$$

$$q(t) = \underbrace{\frac{Me}{m} N'(\omega)}_{Q} \sin[\omega t + \psi(\omega)]$$





Example: Rotating mass over a beam (with negligible mass)



$$\begin{aligned}
 L &= 4 \text{ m} \\
 E &= .21 \times 10^{12} \text{ N/m}^2 \\
 J &= 5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^4 \\
 m &= 8.000 \text{ kg} \\
 W &= 80.000 \text{ N}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$K = \frac{48EJ}{L^3} = 7875000 \text{ N/m} \Rightarrow q_s = W / K = 0.01 \text{ m}$$

$$\omega_0 = \sqrt{K/m} = 31.375 \text{ rad/s} \Rightarrow n_0 = 4.99 \text{ Hz}$$

$$\xi = 0.02$$

a)  $M = 20 \text{ kg}; e = 0.25 \text{ m}; \omega = 25 \text{ rad/s} \Rightarrow \omega/\omega_0 = 0.80$

$$N' = \frac{\frac{\omega^2}{\omega_0^2}}{\sqrt{\left(1 - \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_0^2}\right)^2 + 4\xi^2 \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_0^2}}} = 1.7325 \Rightarrow$$

$$Q = \frac{Me}{m} N' = \frac{20 \times 0.25}{8.000} \times 1.7325 = 1.0828 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$$

Amplitude of oscillation around the equilibrium condition  $\Rightarrow$

Maximum displacement  $0.01 \text{ m} + 0.001 \text{ m} = 0.011 \text{ m}$

b)  $\omega = 31.375 \text{ rad/s} \Rightarrow \omega/\omega_0 = 1$

$$N' = 25 \Rightarrow Q = 0.0156 \text{ m} \Rightarrow S_{\max} = q_s + Q = 0.0256 \text{ m}$$

c) How to obtain  $\xi$  by measuring  $Q$  ?

### Periodic force

A function  $f(t)$  is defined as periodic with period  $T$  when  $f(t) = f(t + T)$  for  $\forall t \in \mathbf{R}$ , with  $T > 0$ . The minimum period, or simply the period, is the minimum value of  $T$  for which above condition is satisfied.

Under very general conditions, a periodic function  $f(t)$  can be expanded according to the following Fourier series:

$$f(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (a_k \cos \omega_k t + b_k \sin \omega_k t) \quad (18)$$

where:

$$\begin{aligned} a_k &= \frac{2}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} f(t) \cos \omega_k t \, dt \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ b_k &= \frac{2}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} f(t) \sin \omega_k t \, dt \quad k = 1, 2, \dots \\ \omega_k &= k \frac{2\pi}{T} \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \infty \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

The mean value of  $f(t)$  is  $a_0 / 2$ :

The Fourier series:

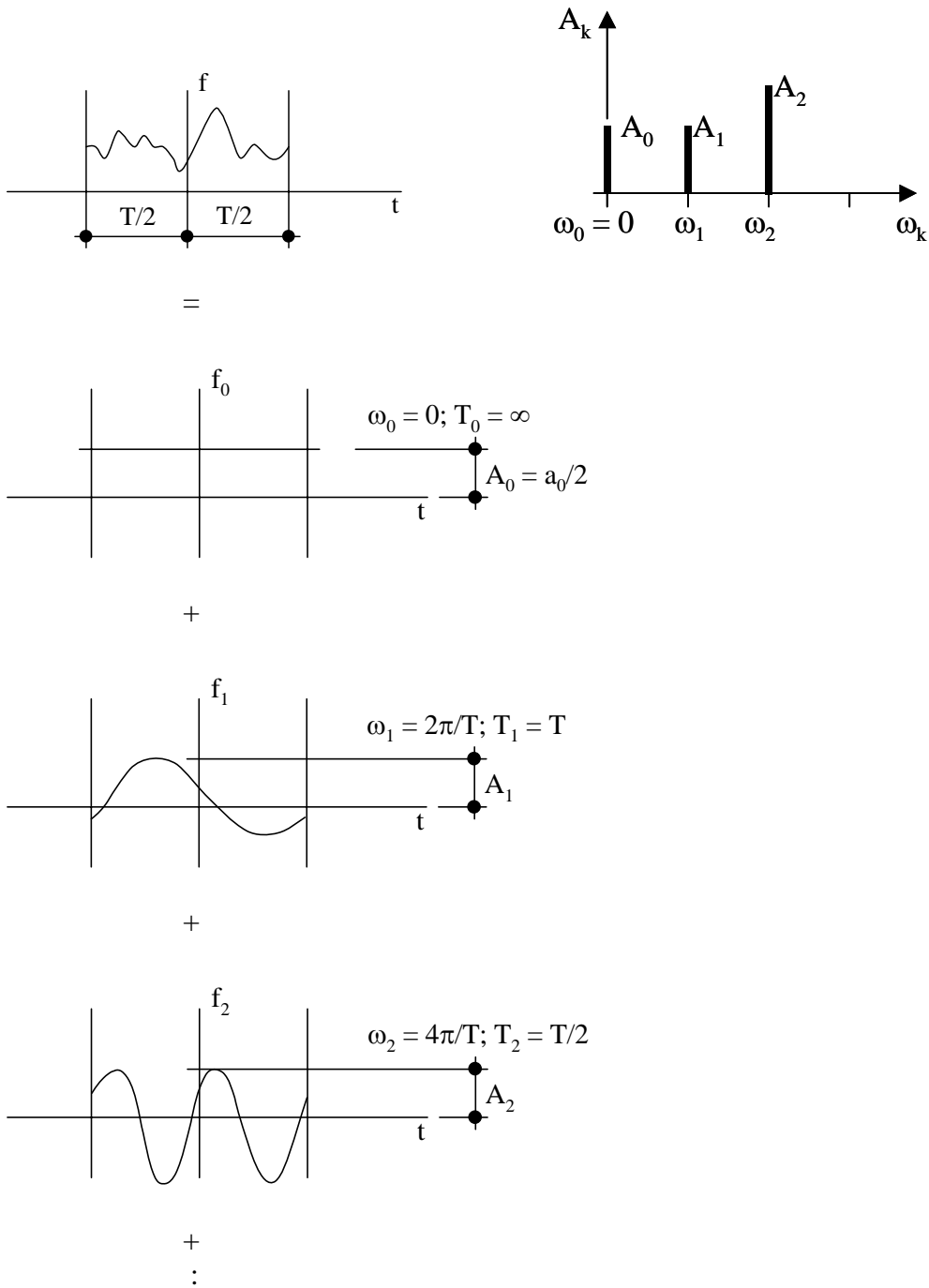
$$f(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (a_k \cos \omega_k t + b_k \sin \omega_k t)$$

may be rewritten as:

$$f(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k \sin(\omega_k t + \varphi_k) \quad (20)$$

where:

$$\begin{aligned} A_k &= \sqrt{a_k^2 + b_k^2} \\ \varphi_k &= \operatorname{arctg}\left(\frac{a_k}{b_k}\right) \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$



Moreover, the Fourier series may be rewritten using the following exponential complex notation:

$$f(t) = \sum_k c_k e^{i\omega_k t} \quad \omega_k = k \frac{2\pi}{T} \tag{22}$$

$$c_k = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} f(t) e^{-i\omega_k t} dt \tag{23}$$

Demonstration: Starting from Eq. (23)  $\Rightarrow$

$$c_0 = a_0/2; \quad c_k = (a_k - ib_k)/2, \quad c_{-k} = (a_k + ib_k)/2 \quad (k > 1);$$

$$a_0 = 2c_0; \quad a_k = c_k + c_{-k}, \quad b_k = i(c_k - c_{-k}) \quad (k > 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow a_k \cos \omega_k t + b_k \sin \omega_k t = (c_k + c_{-k}) (e^{i\omega_k t} + e^{-i\omega_k t}) / 2 + i(c_k - c_{-k}) (e^{i\omega_k t} - e^{-i\omega_k t}) / 2i = c_k e^{i\omega_k t} + c_{-k} e^{-i\omega_k t} \Rightarrow (78).$$

Rewriting Eq. (22) as:

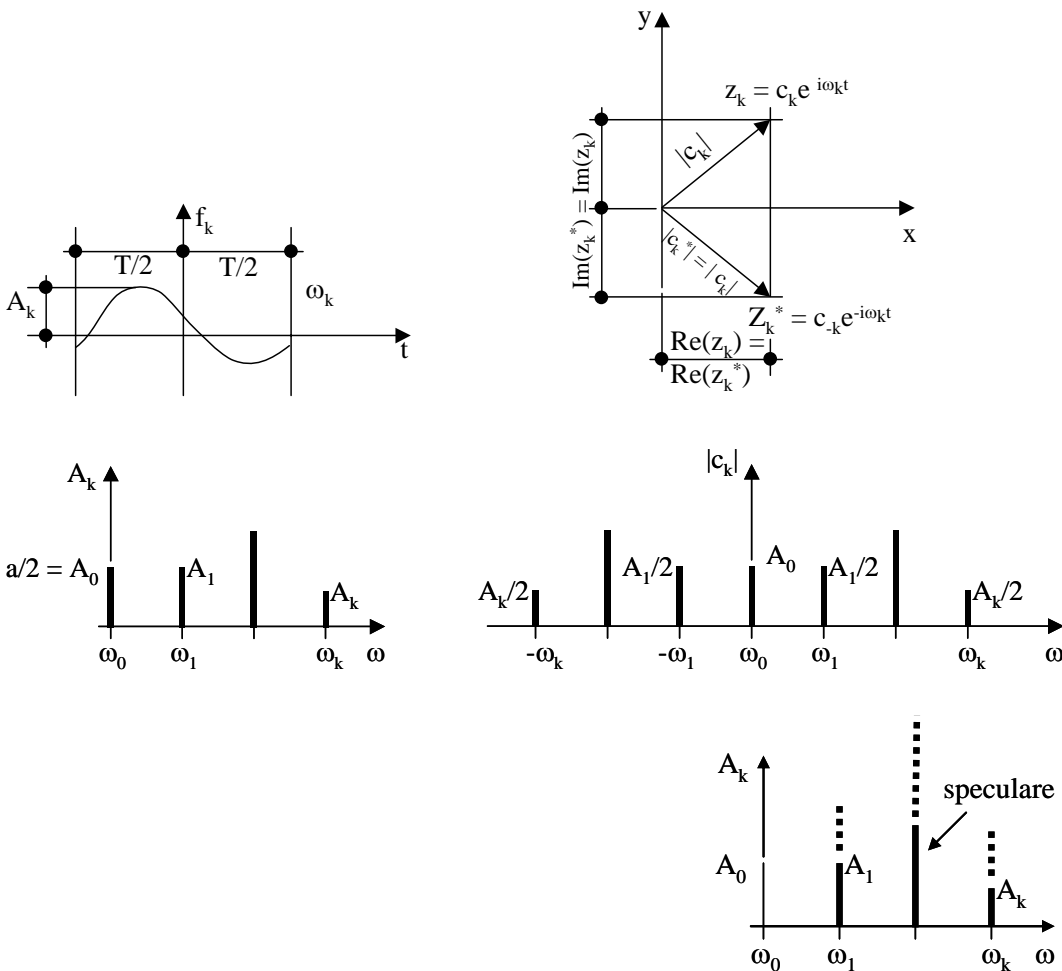
$$f(t) = c_0 + \sum_1^{\infty} c_k (c_k e^{i\omega_k t} + c_{-k} e^{-i\omega_k t}) \quad (24)$$

the correspondence with Eq. (20) is apparent. Each real harmonic term in Eq. (20) corresponds to a couple of complex harmonic terms in Eq. (24). In particular:

$$c_0 = a_0 / 2; |c_k| = |c_{-k}| = A_k / 2 = \sqrt{a_k^2 + b_k^2} / 2;$$

$c_k e^{i\omega_k t}$  is the complex conjugate of  $c_{-k} e^{-i\omega_k t}$ .

$$f(t) = \underbrace{\frac{a_0}{2}}_{f_0 = \bar{f}} + \sum_1^{\infty} c_k \underbrace{A_k \sin(\omega_k t + \varphi_k)}_{f_k(t)} = \underbrace{c_0}_{f_0 = \bar{f}} + \sum_1^{\infty} c_k \underbrace{(c_k e^{i\omega_k t} + c_{-k} e^{-i\omega_k t})}_{f_k(t)}$$



## Dynamic response to a periodic force

$$\ddot{q}(t) + 2\xi\omega_0\dot{q}(t) + \omega_0^2q(t) = \frac{1}{m}f(t)$$

The steady-state response  $q(t)$  to a periodic force  $f(t) = \sum_k f_k(t)$  may be expressed as the superposition of the responses  $q_k(t)$  to the component elementary harmonic responses  $f_k(t)$ :  $q(t) = \sum_k q_k(t)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} f_k(t) = e^{i\omega_k t} &\Rightarrow & q_k(t) &= H(\omega_k) e^{i\omega_k t} \\ f_k(t) = c_k e^{i\omega_k t} &\Rightarrow & q_k(t) &= c_k H(\omega_k) e^{i\omega_k t} \end{aligned}$$

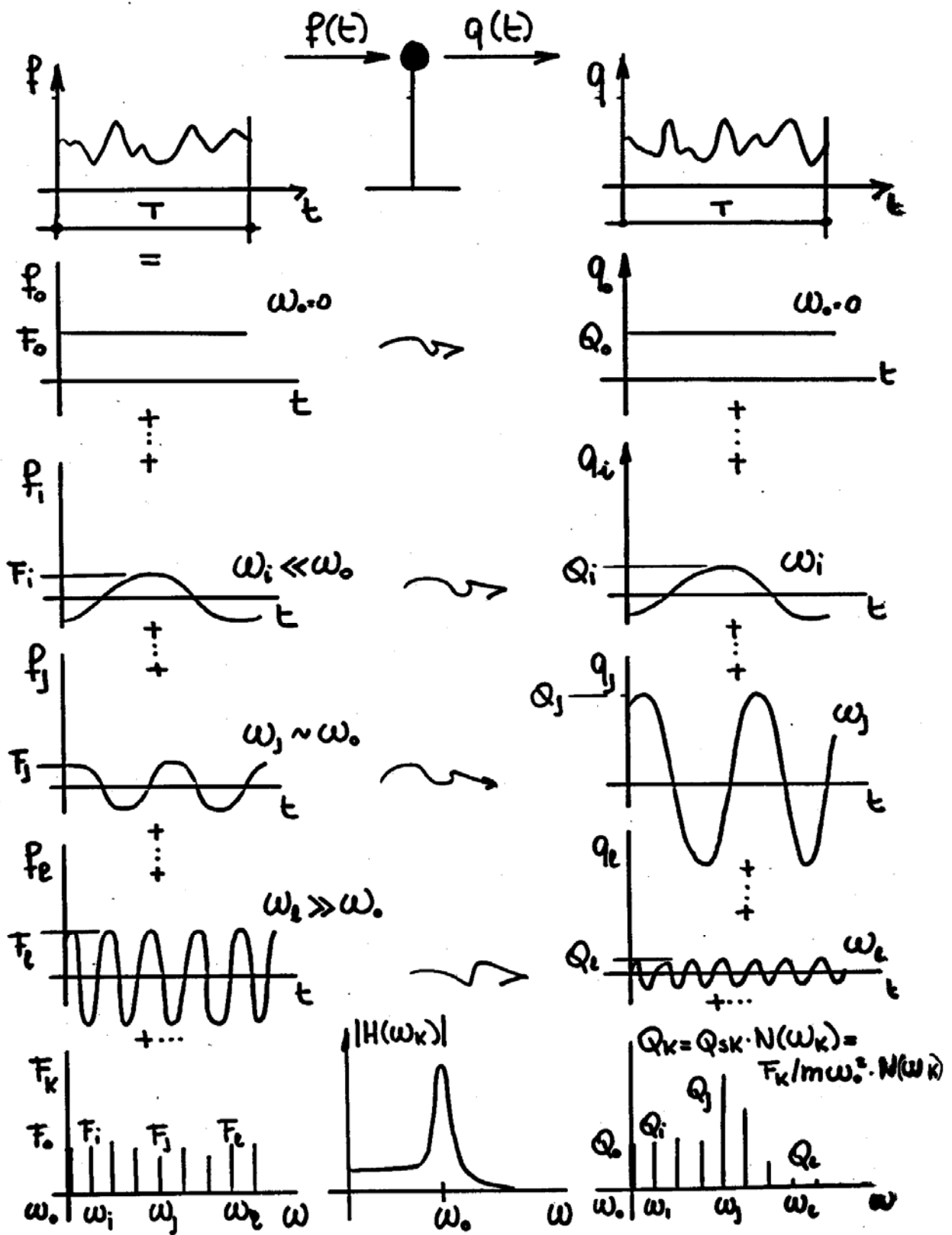
$$f_k(t) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_k(t) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} c_k e^{i\omega_k t} \Rightarrow \quad (25)$$

$$q(t) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} q_k(t) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} c_k H(\omega_k) e^{i\omega_k t} \quad (26)$$

The structural system operates a filtering effect related to its complex frequency response function.  $F_k = 2|c_k|$  is the amplitude of the  $k$ -th component harmonic force  $f_k(t)$ . The amplitude of the  $k$ -th component harmonic response  $q_k(t)$  to  $f_k(t)$  is given by:

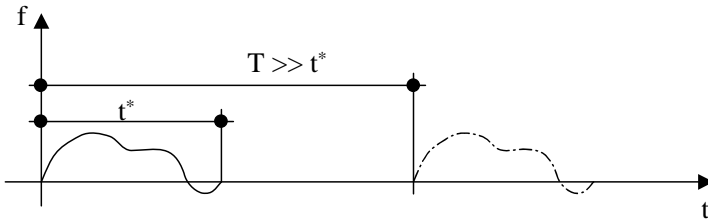
$$\begin{aligned} Q_k &= 2|c_k| |H(\omega_k)| = F_k |H(\omega_k)| = F_k H(0) N(\omega_k) = \\ &F_k / m\omega_0^2 \cdot N(\omega_k) \Rightarrow Q_k = Q_{sk} N(\omega_k) \end{aligned}$$

where  $Q_{sk} = F_k / m\omega_0^2$  is the amplitude of the static response to a static force  $F_k$ .



## Generic force

A generic force  $f(t)$  may be dealt with as a periodic force with period  $T \rightarrow \infty$ .



Let us consider the complex exponential Fourier series:

$$f(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k e^{i\omega_k t}$$

$$c_k = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} f(t) e^{i\omega_k t} dt$$

$$\omega_k = k \cdot 2\pi / T$$

Assuming  $\Delta\omega = \omega_{k+1} - \omega_k = 2\pi / T \Rightarrow 1/T = \Delta\omega / 2\pi \Rightarrow$

$$f(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k e^{i\omega_k t} = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} f(\eta) e^{-i\omega_k \eta} d\eta =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k \Delta\omega \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} f(\eta) e^{-i\omega_k \eta} d\eta$$

For  $T \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\Delta\omega \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\omega$  tends to become a continuous variable  $\Rightarrow$

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\omega t} \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\eta) e^{-i\omega \eta} d\eta \right] d\omega$$

and the exponential Fourier series tends to become the Fourier integral:

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) e^{i\omega t} d\omega \quad (27)$$

$$F(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt \quad (28)$$

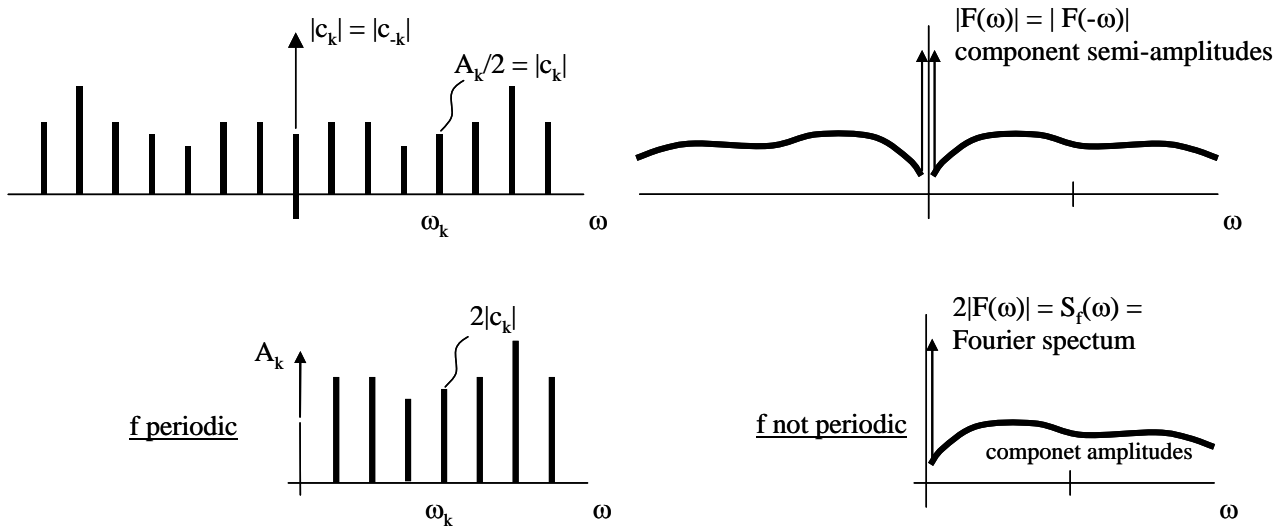
$F(\omega)$  is a complex function called Fourier transform;  $f(t)$  is consequently called inverse Fourier transform. The uniqueness of a Fourier couple,  $f(t)$  and  $F(\omega)$ , is demonstrated under wide conditions.  $F(\omega)$  exists provided that:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(t)| dt \text{ is finite.}$$



It can be shown that:

$$F(\omega_k) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} c_k; f(t) = f_0 \Rightarrow F(\omega) = f_0 \delta(\omega)$$



$$\ddot{q}(t) + 2\xi\omega_0\dot{q}(t) + \omega_0^2q(t) = \frac{1}{m}f(t)$$

The steady-state response  $q(t)$  to a generic force  $f(t)$  can be expressed as the integral of the elementary component responses to the elementary component harmonic forces:

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) = e^{i\omega t} &\Rightarrow q(t) = H(\omega)e^{i\omega t} \\ f(t) = F(\omega)e^{i\omega t} &\Rightarrow q(t) = F(\omega)H(\omega)e^{i\omega t} \end{aligned}$$

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega)e^{i\omega t} d\omega \Rightarrow \quad (29)$$

$$q(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega)H(\omega)e^{i\omega t} d\omega \quad (30)$$

Moreover, using the definition of Fourier transform and inverse Fourier response of the response:

$$q(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} Q(\omega)e^{i\omega t} d\omega \quad (31)$$

$$Q(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} q(t)e^{-i\omega t} dt \quad (32)$$

Comparing Eqs. (30) and (32):

$$\boxed{Q(\omega) = H(\omega) F(\omega)} \quad (33)$$

Eq. (33) is the basic relationship between  $f(t)$  and  $q(t)$  in the frequency domain.

Summarising, the frequency domain analysis consists of 4 steps:

- (1) Starting from  $f(t)$  its Fourier transform is calculated  $F(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt$ ;
- (2) The structural system is characterised by its complex frequency response function:
 
$$H(\omega) = \frac{1}{m \omega_0^2} \frac{1}{(1 - \omega^2 / \omega_0^2) + 2i\xi\omega / \omega_0}$$
 ;
- (3) The Fourier of  $q(t)$  is determined:  $Q(\omega) = H(\omega) F(\omega)$ ;
- (4) The inverse Fourier transform of  $Q(\omega)$  is calculated:  $q(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} Q(\omega) e^{i\omega t} d\omega$ .

It is easy to demonstrate that:

$$\boxed{|Q(\omega)| = |H(\omega)| |F(\omega)|} \quad (34)$$

- $S_{ff}(\omega) = 2|F(\omega)|$  = Fourier spectrum of the force =  
 = amplitude of the harmonic components of  $f(t)$   
 $S_{fq}(\omega) = 2|Q(\omega)|$  = Fourier spectrum of the response =  
 = amplitude of the harmonic components of  $q(t)$   
 $|H(\omega)| = N(\omega) / m\omega_0^2$  = Ratio between the amplitudes of the harmonic components of the response and of the force

Thus:  $S_{fq}(\omega) = |H(\omega)| \cdot S_{ff}(\omega)$

