

THE RESPONSE OF A SINGLE-DEGREE-OF-FREEDOM SYSTEM SUBJECTED
TO A VERSED SINE BASE EXCITATION Revision A

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Introduction

Consider the single-degree-of-freedom system in Figure 1.

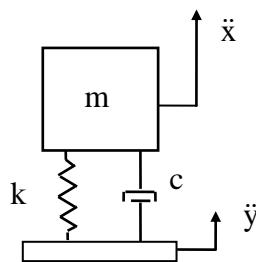


Figure 1.

where

- m = mass
- c = viscous damping coefficient
- k = stiffness
- x = absolute displacement of the mass
- y = base input displacement

A free-body diagram is shown in Figure 2.

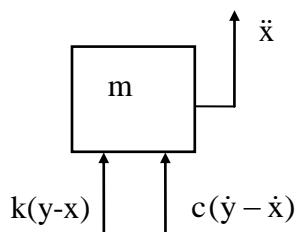


Figure 2.

Summation of forces in the vertical direction

$$\sum F = m\ddot{x} \quad (1)$$

$$m\ddot{x} = c(\dot{y} - \dot{x}) + k(y - x) \quad (2)$$

Let $z = x - y$ (relative displacement)

$$\dot{z} = \dot{x} - \dot{y}$$

$$\ddot{z} = \ddot{x} - \ddot{y}$$

$$\ddot{x} = \ddot{z} + \ddot{y}$$

Substituting the relative displacement terms into equation (2) yields

$$m(\ddot{z} + \ddot{y}) = -c\dot{z} - kz \quad (3)$$

$$m\ddot{z} + c\dot{z} + kz = -m\ddot{y} \quad (4)$$

Dividing through by mass yields

$$\ddot{z} + (c/m)\dot{z} + (k/m)z = -\ddot{y} \quad (5)$$

By convention,

$$(c/m) = 2\xi\omega_n$$

$$(k/m) = \omega_n^2$$

where ω_n is the natural frequency in (radians/sec), and ξ is the damping ratio.

Substitute the convention terms into equation (5).

$$\ddot{z} + 2\xi\omega_n\dot{z} + \omega_n^2 z = -\ddot{y} \quad (6)$$

Response to Versed Sine

The base excitation function is:

$$\ddot{y}(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{A}{2} \left[1 - \cos\left(\frac{2\pi t}{T}\right) \right], & 0 \leq t \leq T \\ 0, & t > T \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

where A = the acceleration amplitude.

The equation of motion becomes

$$\ddot{z} + 2\xi\omega_n \dot{z} + \omega_n^2 z = -\frac{A}{2} \left[1 - \cos\left(\frac{2\pi t}{T}\right) \right], \quad 0 \leq t \leq T \quad (8)$$

Now take the Laplace transform.

$$L\{\ddot{z} + 2\xi\omega_n \dot{z} + \omega_n^2 z\} = L\left\{-\frac{A}{2} \left[1 - \cos\left(\frac{2\pi t}{T}\right) \right]\right\} \quad (9)$$

$$\text{Let } \alpha = \left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right)$$

$$L\{\ddot{z} + 2\xi\omega_n \dot{z} + \omega_n^2 z\} = L\left\{-\frac{A}{2} [1 - \cos(\alpha t)]\right\} \quad (10)$$

$$s^2 Z(s) - sz(0) - \dot{z}(0) + 2\xi\omega_n s Z(s) - 2\xi\omega_n z(0) + \omega_n^2 Z(s) = -\frac{A}{2} \left\{ \frac{1}{s} - \frac{s}{s^2 + \alpha^2} \right\} \quad (11)$$

$$\left\{ s^2 + 2\xi\omega_n s + \omega_n^2 \right\} Z(s) = \dot{z}(0) + \{s + 2\xi\omega_n\} z(0) - \frac{A}{2} \left\{ \frac{1}{s} - \frac{s}{s^2 + \alpha^2} \right\} = 0 \quad (12)$$

$$Z(s) = \left\{ \frac{\dot{z}(0) + \{s + 2\xi\omega_n\} z(0)}{s^2 + 2\xi\omega_n s + \omega_n^2} \right\} - \frac{A}{2} \left\{ \frac{1}{s} - \frac{s}{s^2 + \alpha^2} \right\} \left\{ \frac{1}{s^2 + 2\xi\omega_n s + \omega_n^2} \right\} \quad (13)$$

Let

$$Z(s) = Z_n(s) + Z_f(s) \quad (14)$$

where

$$Z_n(s) = \left\{ \frac{\dot{z}(0) + \{s + 2\xi\omega_n\} z(0)}{s^2 + 2\xi\omega_n s + \omega_n^2} \right\} \quad (15)$$

$$Z_f(s) = -\frac{A}{2} \left\{ \frac{1}{s} - \frac{s}{s^2 + \alpha^2} \right\} \left\{ \frac{1}{s^2 + 2\xi\omega_n s + \omega_n^2} \right\} \quad (16)$$

Consider the denominator term,

$$s^2 + 2\xi\omega_n s + \omega_n^2 = (s + \xi\omega_n)^2 + \omega_n^2 - (\xi\omega_n)^2 \quad (17)$$

$$s^2 + 2\xi\omega_n s + \omega_n^2 = (s + \xi\omega_n)^2 + \omega_n^2 (1 - \xi^2) \quad (18)$$

Now define the damped natural frequency,

$$\omega_d = \omega_n \sqrt{1 - \xi^2} \quad (19)$$

Substitute equation (19) into (18),

$$s^2 + 2\xi\omega_n s + \omega_n^2 = (s + \xi\omega_n)^2 + \omega_d^2 \quad (20)$$

Substitute equation (20) into (16).

$$Z_n(s) = \left\{ \frac{\dot{z}(0) + \{s + 2\xi\omega_n\}z(0)}{(s + \xi\omega_n)^2 + \omega_d^2} \right\} \quad (21)$$

Rearrange the terms into a convenient format prior to the inverse Laplace transform.

$$Z_n(s) = \left\{ \frac{(s + \xi\omega_n)z(0)}{(s + \xi\omega_n)^2 + \omega_d^2} \right\} + \left\{ \frac{\dot{z}(0) + (\xi\omega_n)z(0)}{(s + \xi\omega_n)^2 + \omega_d^2} \right\} \quad (22)$$

$$Z_n(s) = \left\{ \frac{(s + \xi\omega_n)z(0)}{(s + \xi\omega_n)^2 + \omega_d^2} \right\} + \left\{ \frac{\left\{ \frac{\dot{z}(0) + (\xi\omega_n)z(0)}{\omega_d} \right\} \omega_d}{(s + \xi\omega_n)^2 + \omega_d^2} \right\} \quad (23)$$

Take the inverse Laplace transform using Reference 1.

$$z_n(t) = z(0) \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \cos(\omega_d t) + \left\{ \frac{\dot{z}(0) + (\xi\omega_n)z(0)}{\omega_d} \right\} \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \sin(\omega_d t) \quad (24)$$

$$z_n(t) = \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \left\{ z(0) \cos(\omega_d t) + \left\{ \frac{\dot{z}(0) + (\xi\omega_n)z(0)}{\omega_d} \right\} \sin(\omega_d t) \right\} \quad (25)$$

Take the first derivative to determine the relative velocity.

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{z}_n(t) = & -\xi\omega_n \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \left\{ z(0) \cos(\omega_d t) + \left\{ \frac{\dot{z}(0) + (\xi\omega_n)z(0)}{\omega_d} \right\} \sin(\omega_d t) \right\} \\ & + \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \left\{ -\omega_d z(0) \sin(\omega_d t) + \left\{ \dot{z}(0) + (\xi\omega_n)z(0) \right\} \cos(\omega_d t) \right\}\end{aligned}\tag{26}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{z}_n(t) = & \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \left\{ -\xi\omega_n z(0) \cos(\omega_d t) - \xi\omega_n \left\{ \frac{\dot{z}(0) + (\xi\omega_n)z(0)}{\omega_d} \right\} \sin(\omega_d t) \right\} \\ & + \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \left\{ -\omega_d z(0) \sin(\omega_d t) + \left\{ \dot{z}(0) + (\xi\omega_n)z(0) \right\} \cos(\omega_d t) \right\}\end{aligned}\tag{27}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{z}_n(t) = & \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \left\{ \left\{ -\xi\omega_n z(0) + \dot{z}(0) + (\xi\omega_n)z(0) \right\} \cos(\omega_d t) \right\} \\ & + \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \left\{ \left\{ -\omega_d z(0) - \xi\omega_n \left[\frac{\dot{z}(0) + (\xi\omega_n)z(0)}{\omega_d} \right] \right\} \sin(\omega_d t) \right\}\end{aligned}\tag{28}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{z}_n(t) = & \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \left\{ \dot{z}(0) \cos(\omega_d t) \right\} \\ & + \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \left\{ \frac{1}{\omega_d} \left\{ -\omega_d^2 z(0) - \xi\omega_n [\dot{z}(0) + (\xi\omega_n)z(0)] \right\} \sin(\omega_d t) \right\}\end{aligned}\tag{29}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{z}_n(t) = & \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \left\{ \dot{z}(0) \cos(\omega_d t) \right\} \\ & + \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \left\{ \frac{1}{\omega_d} \left\{ -\omega_d^2 z(0) - \xi\omega_n \dot{z}(0) - (\xi\omega_n)^2 z(0) \right\} \sin(\omega_d t) \right\}\end{aligned}\tag{30}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{z}_n(t) = & \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \{ \dot{z}(0) \cos(\omega_d t) \} \\
& + \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \left\{ \frac{1}{\omega_d} \left\{ -\omega_n^2 (1 - \xi^2) z(0) - \xi\omega_n \dot{z}(0) - (\xi\omega_n)^2 z(0) \right\} \sin(\omega_d t) \right\}
\end{aligned} \tag{31}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{z}_n(t) = & \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \{ \dot{z}(0) \cos(\omega_d t) \} \\
& + \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \left\{ \frac{1}{\omega_d} \left\{ -\omega_n^2 + \xi^2 \omega_n^2 \right\} z(0) - \xi\omega_n \dot{z}(0) - (\xi\omega_n)^2 z(0) \right\} \sin(\omega_d t)
\end{aligned} \tag{32}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{z}_n(t) = & \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \{ \dot{z}(0) \cos(\omega_d t) \} \\
& + \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \left\{ \frac{1}{\omega_d} \left\{ -\omega_n^2 z(0) - \xi\omega_n \dot{z}(0) \right\} \sin(\omega_d t) \right\}
\end{aligned} \tag{33}$$

$$\dot{z}_n(t) = \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \left\{ \dot{z}(0) \cos(\omega_d t) + \frac{1}{\omega_d} \left\{ -\omega_n^2 z(0) - \xi\omega_n \dot{z}(0) \right\} \sin(\omega_d t) \right\} \tag{34}$$

$$\dot{z}_n(t) = \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \left\{ \dot{z}(0) \cos(\omega_d t) + \frac{\omega_n}{\omega_d} \left\{ -\omega_n z(0) - \xi \dot{z}(0) \right\} \sin(\omega_d t) \right\} \tag{35}$$

Take the second derivative to determine the acceleration.

$$\begin{aligned}
\ddot{z}_n(t) = & -\xi\omega_n \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \left\{ \dot{z}(0) \cos(\omega_d t) + \frac{\omega_n}{\omega_d} \left\{ -\omega_n z(0) - \xi \dot{z}(0) \right\} \sin(\omega_d t) \right\} \\
& + \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \left\{ -\omega_d \dot{z}(0) \sin(\omega_d t) + \omega_n \left\{ -\omega_n z(0) - \xi \dot{z}(0) \right\} \cos(\omega_d t) \right\}
\end{aligned} \tag{36}$$

$$\ddot{z}_n(t) = \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \left\{ -\xi\omega_n \dot{z}(0) \cos(\omega_d t) - \frac{\xi\omega_n^2}{\omega_d} \{-\omega_n z(0) - \xi \dot{z}(0)\} \sin(\omega_d t) \right\} \\ + \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \left\{ -\omega_d \dot{z}(0) \sin(\omega_d t) + \omega_n \{-\omega_n z(0) - \xi \dot{z}(0)\} \cos(\omega_d t) \right\}$$

(37)

$$\ddot{z}_n(t) = \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \left\{ -\xi\omega_n \dot{z}(0) + \omega_n \{-\omega_n z(0) - \xi \dot{z}(0)\} \right\} \cos(\omega_d t) \\ + \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \left\{ -\omega_d \dot{z}(0) - \frac{\xi\omega_n^2}{\omega_d} \{-\omega_n z(0) - \xi \dot{z}(0)\} \right\} \sin(\omega_d t)$$

(38)

$$\ddot{z}_n(t) = -\omega_n \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \left\{ \omega_n z(0) + 2\xi \dot{z}(0) \right\} \cos(\omega_d t) \\ + \frac{1}{\omega_d} \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \left\{ -\omega_d^2 \dot{z}(0) - \xi\omega_n^2 \{-\omega_n z(0) - \xi \dot{z}(0)\} \right\} \sin(\omega_d t)$$

(39)

$$\ddot{z}_n(t) = -\omega_n \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \left\{ \omega_n z(0) + 2\xi \dot{z}(0) \right\} \cos(\omega_d t) \\ + \frac{1}{\omega_d} \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \left\{ -\omega_d^2 \dot{z}(0) + \xi\omega_n^3 z(0) + \xi^2 \omega_n^2 \dot{z}(0) \right\} \sin(\omega_d t)$$

(40)

$$\ddot{z}_n(t) = -\omega_n \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \left\{ \omega_n z(0) + 2\xi \dot{z}(0) \right\} \cos(\omega_d t) \\ + \frac{1}{\omega_d} \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \left\{ -\omega_n^2 \left(1 - \xi^2 \right) \dot{z}(0) + \xi\omega_n^3 z(0) + \xi^2 \omega_n^2 \dot{z}(0) \right\} \sin(\omega_d t)$$

(41)

$$\ddot{z}_n(t) = -\omega_n \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \left\{ \omega_n z(0) + 2\xi \dot{z}(0) \right\} \cos(\omega_d t) \\ + \frac{\omega_n^2}{\omega_d} \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \left\{ -\left(1 - \xi^2 \right) \dot{z}(0) + \xi\omega_n z(0) + \xi^2 \dot{z}(0) \right\} \sin(\omega_d t)$$

(42)

$$\begin{aligned}
\ddot{z}_n(t) = & -\omega_n \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \{ \omega_n z(0) + 2\xi \dot{z}(0) \} \cos(\omega_d t) \\
& + \frac{\omega_n^2}{\omega_d} \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \left\{ \xi\omega_n z(0) + \left(-1 + 2\xi^2 \right) \dot{z}(0) \right\} \sin(\omega_d t)
\end{aligned} \tag{43}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\ddot{z}_n(t) = & -\omega_n \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \{ \omega_n z(0) + 2\xi \dot{z}(0) \} \cos(\omega_d t) \\
& - \frac{\omega_n^2}{\omega_d} \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \left\{ -\xi\omega_n z(0) + \left(1 - 2\xi^2 \right) \dot{z}(0) \right\} \sin(\omega_d t)
\end{aligned} \tag{44}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\ddot{z}_n(t) = & -\exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \left\{ \omega_n [\omega_n z(0) + 2\xi \dot{z}(0)] \cos(\omega_d t) + \frac{\omega_n^2}{\omega_d} \left[-\xi\omega_n z(0) + \left(1 - 2\xi^2 \right) \dot{z}(0) \right] \sin(\omega_d t) \right\}
\end{aligned} \tag{45}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\ddot{z}_n(t) = & -\omega_n \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \left\{ [\omega_n z(0) + 2\xi \dot{z}(0)] \cos(\omega_d t) + \frac{\omega_n}{\omega_d} \left[-\xi\omega_n z(0) + \left(1 - 2\xi^2 \right) \dot{z}(0) \right] \sin(\omega_d t) \right\}
\end{aligned} \tag{46}$$

Recall equation (16).

$$Z_f(s) = -\frac{A}{2} \left\{ \frac{1}{s} - \frac{s}{s^2 + \alpha^2} \right\} \left\{ \frac{1}{s^2 + 2\xi\omega_n s + \omega_n^2} \right\} \tag{47}$$

$$Z_f(s) = \frac{A}{2} \left\{ \frac{s}{s^2 + \alpha^2} - \frac{1}{s} \right\} \left\{ \frac{1}{s^2 + 2\xi\omega_n s + \omega_n^2} \right\} \tag{48}$$

Expand into partial fractions using Reference 2.

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left\{ \frac{s}{s^2 + \alpha^2} - \frac{1}{s} \right\} \left\{ \frac{1}{s^2 + 2\xi\omega_n s + \omega_n^2} \right\} = \\
& \frac{-\left(\alpha^2 - \omega_n^2\right)s + 2\xi\alpha^2\omega_n}{\left[\left(\alpha^2 - \omega_n^2\right)^2 + (2\xi\alpha\omega_n)^2\right]\left[s^2 + \alpha^2\right]} \\
& + \left(\alpha^2 - \omega_n^2\right) \frac{2\xi\omega_n^3}{s - \frac{\left(2\xi\omega_n^3\right)}{\left(\alpha^2 - \omega_n^2\right)}} \\
& - \frac{1}{\omega_n^2 s} + \frac{s + 2\xi\omega_n}{\omega_n^2 \left[s^2 + 2\xi\omega_n s + \omega_n^2\right]}
\end{aligned}$$

(49)

The inverse Laplace transform of $Z_f(s)$ is

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{A/2}{\left[\left(\alpha^2 - \omega_n^2\right)^2 + (2\xi\alpha\omega_n)^2\right]} \left[-\left(\alpha^2 - \omega_n^2\right) \cos(\alpha t) + 2\xi\alpha\omega_n \sin(\alpha t) \right] \\
& + \frac{A/2}{\left[\left(\alpha^2 - \omega_n^2\right)^2 + (2\xi\alpha\omega_n)^2\right]} \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \left[\left(\alpha^2 - \omega_n^2\right) \cos(\omega_d t) \right] \\
& - \frac{A/2}{\left[\left(\alpha^2 - \omega_n^2\right)^2 + (2\xi\alpha\omega_n)^2\right]} \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \left[\left(\frac{\xi\omega_n}{\omega_d}\right) \left(\alpha^2 + \omega_n^2\right) \sin(\omega_d t) \right] \\
& \frac{A/2}{\omega_n^2} \left\{ -1 + \exp(-\omega_n t) \left[\cos(\omega_d t) + \left(\frac{\xi\omega_n}{\omega_d}\right) \sin(\omega_d t) \right] \right\}
\end{aligned} \tag{50}$$

Assemble the inverse Laplace transforms. The resulting relative displacement for $0 \leq t \leq T$ is

$$\begin{aligned}
z(t) = & \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \left\{ z(0) \cos(\omega_d t) + \left\{ \frac{\dot{z}(0) + (\xi\omega_n)z(0)}{\omega_d} \right\} \sin(\omega_d t) \right\} \\
& + \frac{A/2}{\left[(\alpha^2 - \omega_n^2)^2 + (2\xi\alpha\omega_n)^2 \right]} \left[-\left(\alpha^2 - \omega_n^2 \right) \cos(\alpha t) + 2\xi\alpha\omega_n \sin(\alpha t) \right] \\
& + \frac{A/2}{\left[(\alpha^2 - \omega_n^2)^2 + (2\xi\alpha\omega_n)^2 \right]} \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \left[\left(\alpha^2 - \omega_n^2 \right) \cos(\omega_d t) \right] \\
& - \frac{A/2}{\left[(\alpha^2 - \omega_n^2)^2 + (2\xi\alpha\omega_n)^2 \right]} \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \left[\left(\frac{\xi\omega_n}{\omega_d} \right) \left(\alpha^2 + \omega_n^2 \right) \sin(\omega_d t) \right] \\
& + \frac{A/2}{\omega_n^2} \left\{ -1 + \exp(-\omega_n t) \left[\cos(\omega_d t) + \left(\frac{\xi\omega_n}{\omega_d} \right) \sin(\omega_d t) \right] \right\}
\end{aligned}
\tag{51}$$

The resulting relative velocity for $0 \leq t \leq T$ is

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{z}(t) = & -\xi\omega_n \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \left\{ z(0) \cos(\omega_d t) + \left\{ \frac{\dot{z}(0) + (\xi\omega_n)z(0)}{\omega_d} \right\} \sin(\omega_d t) \right\} \\
& + \omega_d \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \left\{ -z(0) \sin(\omega_d t) + \left\{ \frac{\dot{z}(0) + (\xi\omega_n)z(0)}{\omega_d} \right\} \cos(\omega_d t) \right\} \\
& + \frac{\alpha A/2}{\left[(\alpha^2 - \omega_n^2)^2 + (2\xi\alpha\omega_n)^2 \right]} \left[\left(\alpha^2 - \omega_n^2 \right) \sin(\alpha t) + 2\xi\alpha\omega_n \cos(\alpha t) \right] \\
& + \frac{\left(\alpha^2 - \omega_n^2 \right) A/2}{\left[(\alpha^2 - \omega_n^2)^2 + (2\xi\alpha\omega_n)^2 \right]} \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \left[-\xi\omega_n \cos(\omega_d t) - \omega_d \sin(\omega_d t) \right] \\
& - \left(\frac{\xi\omega_n}{\omega_d} \right) \frac{\left(\alpha^2 + \omega_n^2 \right) A/2}{\left[(\alpha^2 - \omega_n^2)^2 + (2\xi\alpha\omega_n)^2 \right]} \exp(-\xi\omega_n t) \left[-\xi\omega_n \sin(\omega_d t) + \omega_d \cos(\omega_d t) \right] \\
& + \frac{-A/2}{\omega_n} \left\{ \exp(-\omega_n t) \left[\cos(\omega_d t) + \left(\frac{\xi\omega_n}{\omega_d} \right) \sin(\omega_d t) \right] \right\} \\
& + \frac{\omega_d A/2}{\omega_n^2} \left\{ \exp(-\omega_n t) \left[-\sin(\omega_d t) + \left(\frac{\xi\omega_n}{\omega_d} \right) \cos(\omega_d t) \right] \right\}
\end{aligned}
\tag{52}$$

The resulting absolute acceleration for $0 \leq t \leq T$ is calculated via

$$\ddot{x}(t) = -\omega_n^2 z(t) - 2\xi\omega_n \dot{z}(t) \quad (53)$$

APPENDIX A

Versed-Sine Example

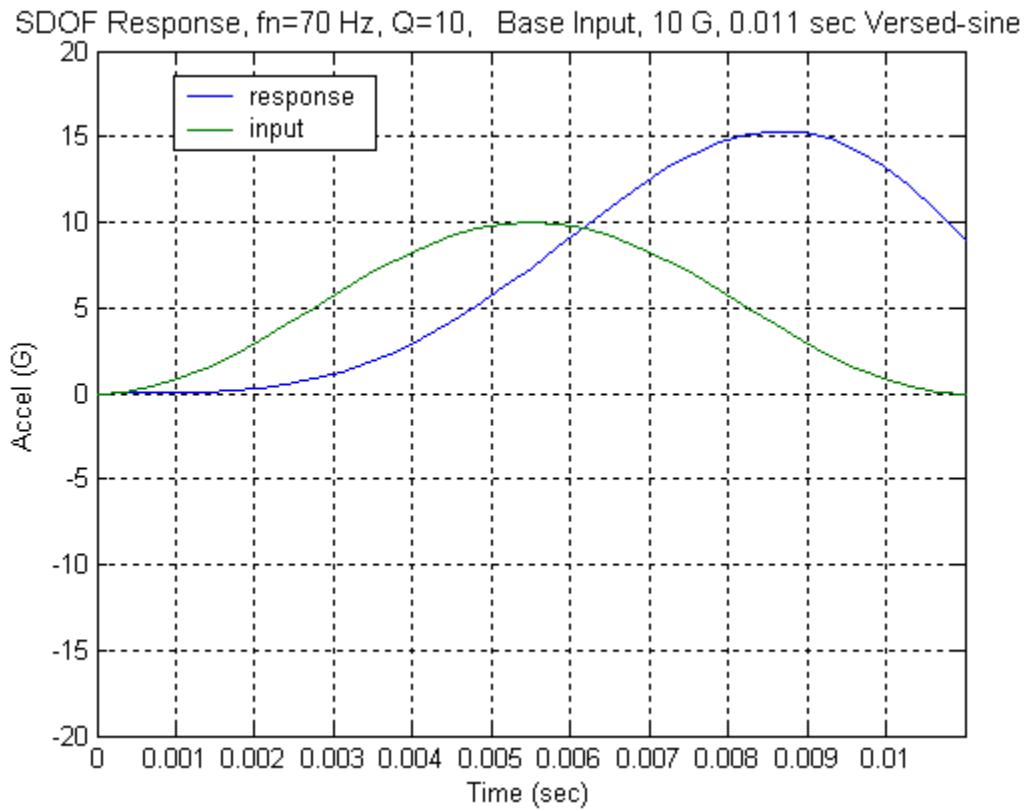


Figure A-1.

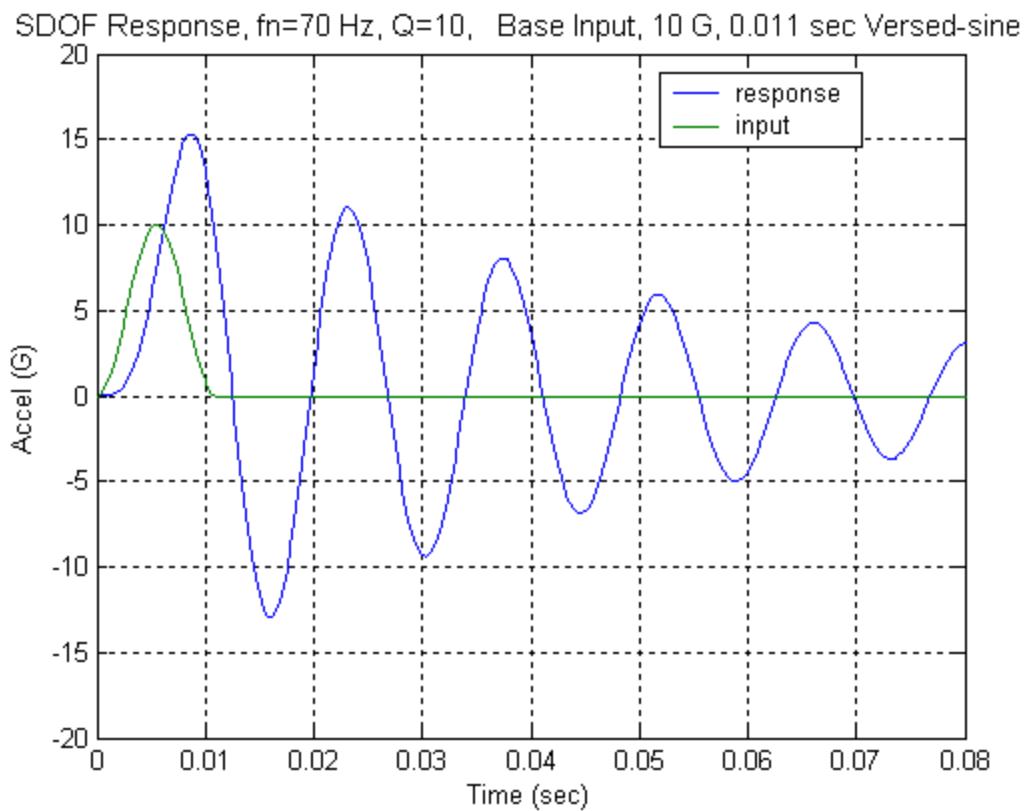


Figure A-2.

This is an extended view of the data in Figure A-1.