## TWO DEGREE OF FREEDOM SYSTEMS

The number of degrees of freedom (DOF) of a system is the number of independent coordinates necessary to define motion. Also, the number of DOF is equal to the number of masses multiplied by the number of independent ways each mass can move. Consider the 2 DOF system shown below.


From Newton's law, the equations of motion are:

$$
\begin{align*}
& m_{1} \ddot{x}_{1}=-k_{1} x_{1}-c_{1} \dot{x}_{1}+k_{2}\left(x_{2}-x_{1}\right)+c_{2}\left(\dot{x}_{2}-\dot{x}_{1}\right)+F_{1}  \tag{1}\\
& m_{2} \ddot{x}_{2}=-k_{3} x_{2}-c_{3} \dot{x}_{2}-k_{2}\left(x_{2}-x_{1}\right)-c_{2}\left(\dot{x}_{2}-\dot{x}_{1}\right)+F_{2}
\end{align*}
$$

Rearranging gives:

$$
\begin{align*}
& m_{1} \ddot{x}_{1}+\left(c_{1}+c_{2}\right) \dot{x}_{1}+\left(k_{1}+k_{2}\right) x_{1}-c_{2} \dot{x}_{2}-k_{2} x_{2}=F_{1}  \tag{2}\\
& m_{2} \ddot{x}_{2}+\left(c_{2}+c_{3}\right) \dot{x}_{2}+\left(k_{2}+k_{3}\right) x_{2}-c_{2} \dot{x}_{1}-k_{2} x_{1}=F_{2}
\end{align*}
$$

These equations can be written in matrix form:

$$
\left[\begin{array}{cc}
m_{1} & 0  \tag{3}\\
0 & m_{2}
\end{array}\right]\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\ddot{x}_{1} \\
\ddot{x}_{2}
\end{array}\right\}+\left[\begin{array}{cc}
c_{1}+c_{2} & -c_{2} \\
-c_{2} & c_{2}+c_{3}
\end{array}\right]\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\dot{x}_{1} \\
\dot{x}_{2}
\end{array}\right\}+\left[\begin{array}{cc}
k_{1}+k_{2} & -k_{2} \\
-k_{2} & k_{2}+k_{3}
\end{array}\right]\left\{\begin{array}{l}
x_{1} \\
x_{2}
\end{array}\right\}=\left\{\begin{array}{l}
F_{1} \\
F_{2}
\end{array}\right\}
$$

Defining:

$$
\begin{gathered}
\{x\}=\left\{\begin{array}{l}
x_{1} \\
x_{2}
\end{array}\right\} \quad\{f\}=\left\{\begin{array}{l}
F_{1} \\
F_{2}
\end{array}\right\} \\
{[M]=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
m_{1} & 0 \\
0 & m_{2}
\end{array}\right][C]=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
c_{1}+c_{2} & -c_{2} \\
-c_{2} & c_{2}+c_{3}
\end{array}\right][K]=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
k_{1}+k_{2} & -k_{2} \\
-k_{2} & k_{2}+k_{3}
\end{array}\right]}
\end{gathered}
$$

we get:

$$
\begin{equation*}
[M]\{\ddot{x}\}+[C]\{\dot{x}\}+[K]\{x\}=\{F\} \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

## Free Undamped Vibration

Setting the damping [ $C$ ]and forcing $\{F\}$ terms to zero, we get:

$$
\begin{align*}
& m_{1} \ddot{x}_{1}+\left(k_{1}+k_{2}\right) x_{1}-k_{2} x_{2}=0 \\
& m_{2} \ddot{x}_{2}+\left(k_{2}+k_{3}\right) x_{2}-k_{2} x_{1}=0 \tag{5}
\end{align*}
$$

Solution: we can assume that each mass undergoes harmonic motion of the same frequency and phase. This is proved on page 4 . The solution is thus written as:

$$
\begin{align*}
& x_{1}=X_{1} \cos \omega t  \tag{6}\\
& x_{2}=X_{2} \cos \omega t
\end{align*}
$$

or:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\{x\}=\{X\} \cos \omega t \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\{X\}=\left\{\begin{array}{l}
X_{1}  \tag{8}\\
X_{2}
\end{array}\right\}
$$

Substituting into the equation of motion yields:

$$
\begin{equation*}
-\omega^{2}[M]\{x\}+[K]\{x\}=\{0\} \Rightarrow\left[[K]-\omega^{2}[M]\right]\{x\}=\{0\} \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$

This is an eigenvalue problem. For a non-trivial solution, the determinant must vanish so we have:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left|[K]-\omega^{2}[M]\right|=0 \tag{10}
\end{equation*}
$$

Or

$$
\left|\begin{array}{cc}
-m_{1} \omega^{2}+k_{1}+k_{2} & -k_{2}  \tag{11}\\
-k_{2} & -m_{2} \omega^{2}+k_{2}+k_{3}
\end{array}\right|=0
$$

For our problem, this results in:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(-m_{1} \omega^{2}+k_{1}+k_{2}\right)\left(-m_{2} \omega^{2}+k_{2}+k_{3}\right)-\left(-k_{2}\right)\left(-k_{2}\right)=0 \tag{12}
\end{equation*}
$$

combining terms we get:

$$
\begin{equation*}
m_{1} m_{2}\left(\omega^{2}\right)^{2}+\left(-m_{1}\left(k_{2}+k_{3}\right)-m_{2}\left(k_{1}+k_{2}\right)\right) \omega^{2}+\left(k_{1} k_{2}+k_{2} k_{3}+k_{1} k_{3}\right)=0 \tag{13}
\end{equation*}
$$

which is a quadratic equation in terms of $\omega^{2}$. From this we can get:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\omega^{2}=\frac{m_{1}\left(k_{2}+k_{3}\right)+m_{2}\left(k_{1}+k_{2}\right) \pm \sqrt{\left(m_{1}\left(k_{2}+k_{3}\right)+m_{2}\left(k_{1}+k_{2}\right)\right)^{2}-4 m_{1} m_{2}\left(k_{1} k_{2}+k_{2} k_{3}+k_{1} k_{3}\right)}}{2 m_{1} m_{2}} \tag{14}
\end{equation*}
$$

These values of $\omega$ are the natural frequencies of the system. The values of $X_{1}$ and $X_{2}$ remain to be determined. To simplify the analysis, let $m_{l}=m_{2}=m$ and $k_{1}=k_{2}=k_{3}=k$. The determinant will be:

$$
\left|\begin{array}{cc}
2 k-m \omega^{2} & -k  \tag{15}\\
-k & 2 k-m \omega^{2}
\end{array}\right|=0
$$

yielding the characteristic equation:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(2 k-m \omega^{2}\right)^{2}-k^{2}=0 \tag{16}
\end{equation*}
$$

which has the solutions:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\omega_{1}=\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \quad, \quad \omega_{2}=\sqrt{\frac{3 k}{m}} \tag{17}
\end{equation*}
$$

Note that these values are the solutions to this particular case (masses are identical, springs are identical).To determine $X_{1}$ and $X_{2}$, we need to substitute into

$$
\left[[K]-\omega^{2}[M]\right]\{x\}=\{0\}
$$

with the values of $\omega_{1}$ and $\omega_{2}$ just obtained. Hence at $\omega=\omega_{1}=\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$ we have:

$$
\left[\begin{array}{cc}
2 k-m \omega_{1}^{2} & -k \\
-k & 2 k-m \omega_{1}^{2}
\end{array}\right]\left\{\begin{array}{l}
X_{1} \\
X_{2}
\end{array}\right\}=0 \Rightarrow\left[\begin{array}{cc}
k & -k \\
-k & k
\end{array}\right]\left\{\begin{array}{l}
X_{1} \\
X_{2}
\end{array}\right\}=0
$$

This has infinite number of solutions, but they must satisfy a certain ratio, namely:

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
X_{1}  \tag{18}\\
X_{2}
\end{array}\right\}_{\omega_{1}}=\left\{\begin{array}{l}
1 \\
1
\end{array}\right\}
$$

Similarly, at $\omega_{2}$ we have:

$$
\left[\begin{array}{cc}
2 k-m \omega_{2}{ }^{2} & -k  \tag{19}\\
-k & 2 k-m \omega_{2}{ }^{2}
\end{array}\right]\left\{\begin{array}{l}
X_{1} \\
X_{2}
\end{array}\right\}=0 \Rightarrow\left[\begin{array}{cc}
-k & -k \\
-k & -k
\end{array}\right]\left\{\begin{array}{l}
X_{1} \\
X_{2}
\end{array}\right\}=0
$$

so

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
X_{1}  \tag{20}\\
X_{2}
\end{array}\right\}_{\omega_{2}}=\left\{\begin{array}{c}
1 \\
-1
\end{array}\right\}
$$

The ratio of amplitudes $\left\{\begin{array}{l}X_{1} \\ X_{2}\end{array}\right\}$ defines a certain pattern of motion called the normal mode of vibration. The vectors

$$
\{X\}_{\omega_{1}}=\left\{\begin{array}{l}
X_{1} \\
X_{2}
\end{array}\right\}_{\omega_{1}} \text { and }\{X\}_{\omega_{2}}=\left\{\begin{array}{l}
X_{1} \\
X_{2}
\end{array}\right\}_{\omega_{2}}
$$

are called the modal vectors or eigenvectors. They define the mode shapes of the system. In this particular case, if the system vibrates in its first mode, the masses will move in phase with the same amplitudes, while in the second mode of vibration the masses move out of phase also with the same amplitudes.

The solution for the vibration of the system at the first mode is:

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
x_{1}(t)  \tag{21}\\
x_{2}(t)
\end{array}\right\}=A_{1}\left\{\begin{array}{l}
X_{1} \\
X_{2}
\end{array}\right\}_{\omega_{1}} \cos \left(\omega_{1} t+\phi_{1}\right)
$$

and for the second mode:

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
x_{1}(t)  \tag{22}\\
x_{2}(t)
\end{array}\right\}=A_{2}\left\{\begin{array}{l}
X_{1} \\
X_{2}
\end{array}\right\}_{\omega_{2}} \cos \left(\omega_{2} t+\phi_{2}\right)
$$

so the general solution is:

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
x_{1}(t)  \tag{23}\\
x_{2}(t)
\end{array}\right\}=A_{1}\left\{\begin{array}{l}
X_{1} \\
X_{2}
\end{array}\right\}_{\omega_{1}} \cos \left(\omega_{1} t+\phi_{1}\right)+A_{2}\left\{\begin{array}{l}
X_{1} \\
X_{2}
\end{array}\right\} \quad \cos \left(\omega_{2} t+\phi_{2}\right)
$$

where $A_{1}, A_{2}, \phi_{1}$ and $\phi_{2}$ are 4 constants to be determined from the initial conditions.

Proof: It was noted that the solution of the equations

$$
\begin{aligned}
& m_{1} \ddot{x}_{1}+\left(k_{1}+k_{2}\right) x_{1}-k_{2} x_{2}=0 \\
& m_{2} \ddot{x}_{2}+\left(k_{2}+k_{3}\right) x_{2}-k_{2} x_{1}=0
\end{aligned}
$$

takes the form:

$$
x_{1}=X_{1} \sin \omega t \quad, \quad x_{2}=X_{2} \sin \omega t
$$

meaning the masses undergo harmonic motions of the same frequency with no phase difference between them. In order to justify this, let us re-write the equations of motions in a more general form:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \ddot{x}_{1}+a_{11} x_{1}+a_{12} x_{2}=0 \\
& \ddot{x}_{2}+a_{21} x_{1}+a_{22} x_{2}=0
\end{aligned}
$$

Now assume a general solution in the form:

$$
x_{1}=X_{1} \sin \omega_{1} t \quad, \quad x_{2}=X_{2} \sin \left(\omega_{2} t+\beta\right)
$$

where $\omega_{2}$ is taken to be different from $\omega_{1}$. There is no loss of generality in assuming no phase for $x_{1}$ and only a phase difference $\beta$ between the two motions. We wish to prove that $\omega_{1}=\omega_{2}$ and $\beta=0$. Substituting into the equations of motion yields:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& {\left[a_{11}-\omega_{1}^{2}\right] X_{1} \sin \left(\omega_{1} t\right)+a_{12} X_{2} \sin \left(\omega_{2} t+\beta\right)=0} \\
& a_{21} X_{1} \sin \left(\omega_{1} t\right)+\left[a_{22}-\omega_{2}^{2}\right] X_{2} \sin \left(\omega_{2} t+\beta\right)=0
\end{aligned}
$$

These relations must be valid for all $t$. Setting $t=0$ in the first equation gives:

$$
a_{12} X_{2} \sin (\beta)=0
$$

since $a_{12}$ and $X_{2}$ cannot be zero, we must have $\beta=0$. Thus there can be no phase difference between the harmonic motions of the two parts.
The first expression may then be written as:

$$
\left[a_{11}-\omega_{1}^{2}\right] X_{1} \sin \left(\omega_{1} t\right)+a_{12} X_{2} \sin \left(\omega_{2} t\right)=0
$$

or

$$
\frac{\sin \left(\omega_{2} t\right)}{\sin \left(\omega_{1} t\right)}=\frac{\left[\omega_{1}^{2}-a_{11}\right] X_{1}}{a_{12} X_{2}}=\text { constant }
$$

Since the left hand side must be constant for all values of $t$, we must have $\omega_{2}=\omega_{l}$ and consequently the harmonic motions occur at the same frequency.

## Example

For various initial conditions, obtain the free response of the previous system having $m=1$ and $k=$ 1.

## Solution

Recall the natural frequencies were

$$
\omega_{1}=\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}=1 \quad, \quad \omega_{2}=\sqrt{\frac{3 k}{m}}=\sqrt{3}
$$

and the mode shapes were

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
X_{1} \\
X_{2}
\end{array}\right\}_{\omega_{1}}=\left\{\begin{array}{l}
1 \\
1
\end{array}\right\}, \quad\left\{\begin{array}{l}
X_{1} \\
X_{2}
\end{array}\right\}_{\omega_{2}}=\left\{\begin{array}{c}
1 \\
-1
\end{array}\right\}
$$

and the general solution is:

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
x_{1}(t) \\
x_{2}(t)
\end{array}\right\}=A_{1}\left\{\begin{array}{l}
X_{1} \\
X_{2}
\end{array}\right\} \quad \sin \left(\omega_{1} t+\phi_{1}\right)+A_{2}\left\{\begin{array}{l}
X_{1} \\
X_{2}
\end{array}\right\} \quad \sin \left(\omega_{2} t+\phi_{2}\right)
$$

hence

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
x_{1}(t) \\
x_{2}(t)
\end{array}\right\}=A_{1}\left\{\begin{array}{l}
1 \\
1
\end{array}\right\} \sin \left(t+\phi_{1}\right)+A_{2}\left\{\begin{array}{c}
1 \\
-1
\end{array}\right\} \sin \left(\sqrt{3} t+\phi_{2}\right)
$$

Differentiating w.r.t. time we get:

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\dot{x}_{1}(t) \\
\dot{x}_{2}(t)
\end{array}\right\}=A_{1}\left\{\begin{array}{l}
1 \\
1
\end{array}\right\} \cos \left(t+\phi_{1}\right)+\sqrt{3} A_{2}\left\{\begin{array}{c}
1 \\
-1
\end{array}\right\} \cos \left(\sqrt{3} t+\phi_{2}\right)
$$

For the initial conditions

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
x_{1}(0)=5 & \dot{x}_{1}(0)=0 \\
x_{2}(0)=0 & \dot{x}_{2}(0)=0
\end{array}
$$

we have:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 5=A_{1} \sin \phi_{1}+A_{2} \sin \phi_{2} \\
& 0=A_{1} \sin \phi_{1}-A_{2} \sin \phi_{2} \\
& 0=A_{1} \cos \phi_{1}+\sqrt{3} A_{2} \cos \phi_{2} \\
& 0=A_{1} \cos \phi_{1}-\sqrt{3} A_{2} \cos \phi_{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

from which we get:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \phi_{1}=\phi_{2}=\pi / 2 \\
& A_{1}=A_{2}=5 / 2
\end{aligned}
$$

hence the solution is:

$$
x_{1}(t)=\frac{5}{2}[\cos t+\cos \sqrt{3} t] \quad, \quad x_{2}(t)=\frac{5}{2}[\cos t-\cos \sqrt{3} t]
$$



Modes of vibration contribute equally to the solution.
For the initial conditions

$$
x_{1}(0)=1 \quad \dot{x}_{1}(0)=0 \quad x_{2}(0)=1 \quad \dot{x}_{2}(0)=0
$$

we get

$$
\phi_{1}=\phi_{2}=\pi / 2, A_{1}=1, A_{2}=0
$$

hence the solution is:

$$
x_{1}(t)=\cos t \quad, \quad x_{2}(t)=\cos t
$$

i.e. the masses move in-phase with the same amplitude and frequency $1 \mathrm{rad} / \mathrm{s}$ (mode 1 )



For the initial conditions

$$
x_{1}(0)=1 \quad \dot{x}_{1}(0)=0 \quad x_{2}(0)=-1 \quad \dot{x}_{2}(0)=0
$$

we get

$$
\phi_{1}=\phi_{2}=\pi / 2, A_{1}=0, A_{2}=1
$$

hence the solution is:

$$
x_{1}(t)=\cos \sqrt{3} t \quad, \quad x_{2}(t)=-\cos \sqrt{3} t
$$

i.e. the masses move out-of-phase with the same amplitude and frequency $\sqrt{3} \mathrm{rad} / \mathrm{s}($ mode 2 )



## Forced vibration analysis

Consider the shown system


The equations of motion are:

$$
\left[\begin{array}{cc}
m_{1} & 0  \tag{24}\\
0 & m_{2}
\end{array}\right]\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\ddot{x}_{1} \\
\ddot{x}_{2}
\end{array}\right\}+\left[\begin{array}{cc}
k+k_{1} & -k \\
-k & k+k_{2}
\end{array}\right]\left\{\begin{array}{c}
x_{1} \\
x_{2}
\end{array}\right\}=\left\{\begin{array}{c}
F_{0} \\
0
\end{array}\right\} \sin \omega t
$$

or:

$$
\begin{equation*}
[M]\{\ddot{x}\}+[K]\{x\}=\{F\} \sin \omega t \tag{25}
\end{equation*}
$$

Seeking a steady-state solution in the form

$$
\begin{equation*}
\{x\}=\{X\} \sin \omega t \tag{26}
\end{equation*}
$$

yields:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left[[K]-\omega^{2}[M]\right]\{X\} \sin \omega t=\{F\} \sin \omega t \tag{27}
\end{equation*}
$$

hence:

$$
\left[\begin{array}{cc}
k+k_{1}-\omega^{2} m_{1} & -k  \tag{28}\\
-k & k+k_{2}-\omega^{2} m_{2}
\end{array}\right]\left\{\begin{array}{l}
X_{1} \\
X_{2}
\end{array}\right\}=\left\{\begin{array}{c}
F_{0} \\
0
\end{array}\right\}
$$

which can be solved for the unknown amplitudes. For our special case where $m_{l}=m_{2}=m$ and $k_{1}=k_{2}=k$, we have:

$$
\left[\begin{array}{cc}
2 k-\omega^{2} m & -k  \tag{29}\\
-k & 2 k-\omega^{2} m
\end{array}\right]\left\{\begin{array}{l}
X_{1} \\
X_{2}
\end{array}\right\}=\left\{\begin{array}{c}
F_{0} \\
0
\end{array}\right\}
$$

thus:

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
X_{1}  \tag{30}\\
X_{2}
\end{array}\right\}=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
2 k-\omega^{2} m & -k \\
-k & 2 k-\omega^{2} m
\end{array}\right]^{-1}\left\{\begin{array}{c}
F_{0} \\
0
\end{array}\right\}
$$

This results in:

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
X_{1}  \tag{31}\\
X_{2}
\end{array}\right\}=\frac{1}{m^{2}\left(\omega^{2}-\frac{k}{m}\right)\left(\omega^{2}-\frac{3 k}{m}\right)}\left\{\begin{array}{c}
\left(2 k-\omega^{2} m\right) F_{0} \\
k F_{0}
\end{array}\right\}
$$

or:

$$
\begin{equation*}
X_{1}=\frac{\left(2 k-\omega^{2} m\right) F_{0}}{m^{2}\left(\omega^{2}-\omega_{1}^{2}\right)\left(\omega^{2}-\omega_{2}^{2}\right)} \quad, \quad X_{2}=\frac{k F_{0}}{m^{2}\left(\omega^{2}-\omega_{1}^{2}\right)\left(\omega^{2}-\omega_{2}^{2}\right)} \tag{32}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\omega_{1}=\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \quad, \quad \omega_{2}=\sqrt{\frac{3 k}{m}}
$$

are the natural frequencies obtained earlier. Plotting the amplitudes of the masses reveals that resonance occurs when the frequency of excitation coincides with either of the two natural frequencies of the system.


## Dynamic vibration absorber

Consider the primary system shown, which is a model of a single DOF vibrating structure, acted upon by a harmonic force.


Suppose that the exciting frequency, $\omega$, is constant and is equal to the natural frequency of the system, i.e.

$$
\omega=\sqrt{\frac{k_{1}}{m_{1}}}
$$

We wish to reduce the vibrations of $m_{l}$ at the exciting frequency $\omega$. We can do this by adding a secondary system, consisting of a mass $m_{2}$ and spring $k_{2}$ as shown.


If we derive the equations of motion, we will get:

$$
\left[\begin{array}{cc}
m_{1} & 0 \\
0 & m_{2}
\end{array}\right]\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\ddot{x}_{1} \\
\ddot{x}_{2}
\end{array}\right\}+\left[\begin{array}{cc}
k_{1}+k_{2} & -k_{2} \\
-k_{2} & k_{2}
\end{array}\right]\left\{\begin{array}{l}
x_{1} \\
x_{2}
\end{array}\right\}=\left\{\begin{array}{c}
F_{0} \\
0
\end{array}\right\} \sin \omega t
$$

Substituting into

$$
\left[[K]-\omega^{2}[M]\right]\{X\}=\{F\} \Rightarrow\{X\}=\left[[K]-\omega^{2}[M]\right]^{-1}\{F\}
$$

yields:

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
X_{1} \\
X_{2}
\end{array}\right\}=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
k_{1}+k_{2}-\omega^{2} m_{1} & -k_{2} \\
-k_{2} & k_{2}-\omega^{2} m_{2}
\end{array}\right]^{-1}\left\{\begin{array}{c}
F_{0} \\
0
\end{array}\right\}
$$

or:

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
X_{1} \\
X_{2}
\end{array}\right\}=\frac{1}{\left(k_{1}+k_{2}-\omega^{2} m_{1}\right)\left(k_{2}-\omega^{2} m_{2}\right)-k_{2}^{2}}\left[\begin{array}{cc}
k_{2}-\omega^{2} m_{2} & k_{2} \\
k_{2} & k_{1}+k_{2}-\omega^{2} m_{1}
\end{array}\right]\left\{\begin{array}{c}
F_{0} \\
0
\end{array}\right\}
$$

hence:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& X_{1}=\frac{F_{0}\left(k_{2}-\omega^{2} m_{2}\right)}{\left(k_{1}+k_{2}-\omega^{2} m_{1}\right)\left(k_{2}-\omega^{2} m_{2}\right)-k_{2}^{2}} \\
& X_{2}=\frac{F_{0} k_{2}}{\left(k_{1}+k_{2}-\omega^{2} m_{1}\right)\left(k_{2}-\omega^{2} m_{2}\right)-k_{2}^{2}}
\end{aligned}
$$

now define

$$
\omega_{11}=\sqrt{\frac{k_{1}}{m_{1}}} \quad, \quad \omega_{22}=\sqrt{\frac{k_{2}}{m_{2}}}
$$

For the primary system (without absorber), resonance occurs when

$$
\omega=\sqrt{\frac{k_{1}}{m_{1}}}=\omega_{11}
$$

For $X_{I}$ to be zero at this frequency, we must have

$$
k_{2}-\omega^{2} m_{2}=0 \Rightarrow \omega=\sqrt{\frac{k_{2}}{m_{2}}}=\omega_{22}
$$

Therefore if $k_{2}$ and $m_{2}$ are chosen such that

$$
\sqrt{\frac{k_{1}}{m_{1}}}=\sqrt{\frac{k_{2}}{m_{2}}}
$$

then $X_{l}$ will be zero at $\omega=\omega_{11}$. This is what we call a tuned dynamic absorber, in which

$$
\omega_{11}=\omega_{22}
$$

At this frequency, the displacement of $X_{2}$ will be:

$$
X_{2}=\frac{F_{0} k_{2}}{\left(k_{1}+k_{2}-\frac{k_{1}}{m_{1}} m_{1}\right)\left(k_{2}-\frac{k_{2}}{m_{2}} m_{2}\right)-k_{2}^{2}}=-\frac{F_{0}}{k_{2}}
$$

Adding the secondary system (dynamic absorber) will result in zero vibrations of the primary mass at $\omega_{11}=\omega_{22}$. However, two resonant frequencies $\omega_{n 1}$ and $\omega_{n 2}$ are introduced at which the amplitude of $X_{1}$ becomes significantly large. Thus the dynamic absorber can only be useful when the disturbing frequency is constant.


## How to design the vibration absorber?

1. Based on space limitation. Choose $k_{2}$ and $m_{2}$ such that

$$
\sqrt{\frac{k_{1}}{m_{1}}}=\sqrt{\frac{k_{2}}{m_{2}}}
$$

noting that the amplitude of $m_{2}$ will be

$$
X_{2}=-\frac{F_{0}}{k_{2}}
$$

2. Based on how far apart should the natural frequencies be. The two new natural frequencies of the system can be obtained by setting the determinant equal to zero:

$$
\left|\begin{array}{cc}
k_{1}+k_{2}-\omega^{2} m_{1} & -k_{2} \\
-k_{2} & k_{2}-\omega^{2} m_{2}
\end{array}\right|=0
$$

which gives:

$$
\left(k_{1}+k_{2}-\omega^{2} m_{1}\right)\left(k_{2}-\omega^{2} m_{2}\right)-k_{2}^{2}=0
$$

This gives:

$$
\omega^{4}-\omega^{2}\left(\frac{k_{1}}{m_{1}}+\frac{k_{2}}{m_{1}}+\frac{k_{2}}{m_{2}}\right)+\frac{k_{1} k_{2}}{m_{1} m_{2}}=0
$$

which can be put in the form:

$$
\omega^{4}-\omega^{2}\left(\omega_{11}^{2}+\mu \omega_{22}^{2}+\omega_{22}^{2}\right)+\omega_{11}^{2} \omega_{22}^{2}=0
$$

where $\mu=\frac{m_{2}}{m_{1}}=$ mass ratio
The roots of this equation $\omega_{n 1}$ and $\omega_{n 2}$ satisfy the relations:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \omega_{n 1}^{2} \cdot \omega_{n 2}^{2}=\omega_{11}^{2} \cdot \omega_{11}^{2} \\
& \omega_{n 1}^{2}+\omega_{n 2}^{2}=\omega_{11}^{2}+\omega_{22}^{2}(1+\mu)
\end{aligned}
$$

But for a tuned absorber we have $\omega_{11}=\omega_{22}$ hence

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\omega_{n 1}^{2}}{\omega_{22}^{2}} \cdot \frac{\omega_{n 2}^{2}}{\omega_{22}^{2}}=1 \\
& \frac{\omega_{n 1}^{2}}{\omega_{22}^{2}}+\frac{\omega_{n 2}^{2}}{\omega_{22}^{2}}=2+\mu
\end{aligned}
$$

As you increase the mass ratio $(\mu)$, the natural frequencies $\omega_{n 1}$ and $\omega_{n 2}$ will grow further apart. Note that $\omega_{n 1}$ is always closer to $\omega_{11}$ than $\omega_{n 2}$.


