

Jane creates a spring-mass system with

$$k = 156 \text{ N/m}$$

$$m = 21.8 \text{ kg}$$

$$b = 1.13 \text{ N/m/s}$$

She allows the system to come to rest at equilibrium.

Now she pulls the mass down with  $F = 20 \text{ N}$ , a constant force.

$$\text{static displacement } x = \frac{F}{k} = \frac{20 \text{ N}}{156 \text{ N/m}} = 0.1282 \text{ m}$$

Next, she decides to make a dynamic test, applying a sinusoidally varying force with

$$F_{\text{max}} = 20 \text{ N} \quad (\text{same as before})$$


$$\omega = 1.87254 \text{ rad/s}$$

The natural frequency of this system is

$$\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = 2.6751 \text{ rad/s}$$

So, one can compute the amplitude of the driven system after it has settled into a steady-state behavior:

$$\text{dynamic amplitude } A = \frac{F_{\text{max}}/m}{\sqrt{[\omega_0^2 - \omega^2]^2 + \frac{b^2\omega^2}{m^2}}}$$

Plugging in the numbers, we find 

$$A = \frac{20 \text{ N} / 21.8 \text{ kg}}{\sqrt{\left[ \left( 2.6751 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}} \right)^2 - \left( 1.87254 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}} \right)^2 \right]^2 + \frac{\left( 1.13 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}} \right)^2 \left( 1.87 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}} \right)^2}{(21.8 \text{ kg})^2}}$$

dynamic displacement

$$A = 0.251 \text{ m}$$

Thus

$$\frac{A}{x} = 1.960$$

The phase offset between the driving force and motion of the mass in response is

$$\phi = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\frac{b\omega}{m}}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} \right) = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{0.09706}{3.6498} \right)$$

$$\phi = 0.02659 \text{ rad}$$

Jane is not satisfied. She sets the motor so the driving frequency  $\omega$  is equal to the natural frequency  $\omega_0$ . Now

dynamic displacement

$$A = \frac{F_{\text{max}}/m}{\sqrt{\frac{b^2 \omega_0^2}{m^2}}} = \frac{F_{\text{max}}/m}{\frac{b\omega_0}{m}}$$

$$A = 6.616 \text{ m}$$

Now the dynamic displacement is much larger than the static displacement:

$$\frac{A}{x} = \frac{6.616 \text{ m}}{0.1282 \text{ m}} = 51.6$$

Now the phase offset between the driving force and motion of the mass is

$$\phi = \tan\left(\frac{b\omega/m}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2}\right)$$

This function is undefined when  $\omega = \omega_0$ , but as one makes  $\omega \rightarrow \omega_0$ , it is clear that the phase angle approaches

$$\phi \rightarrow \pi/2 \text{ rad}$$

The "Q" factor for this system is

$$Q \equiv \frac{\omega_0 m}{b} = \frac{(2.675 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}})(21.8 \text{ kg})}{1.13 \text{ N/m/s}}$$

$$Q = 51.6$$

And note that this is the same as the ratio of dynamic to static displacement — when we force the system at its natural frequency.