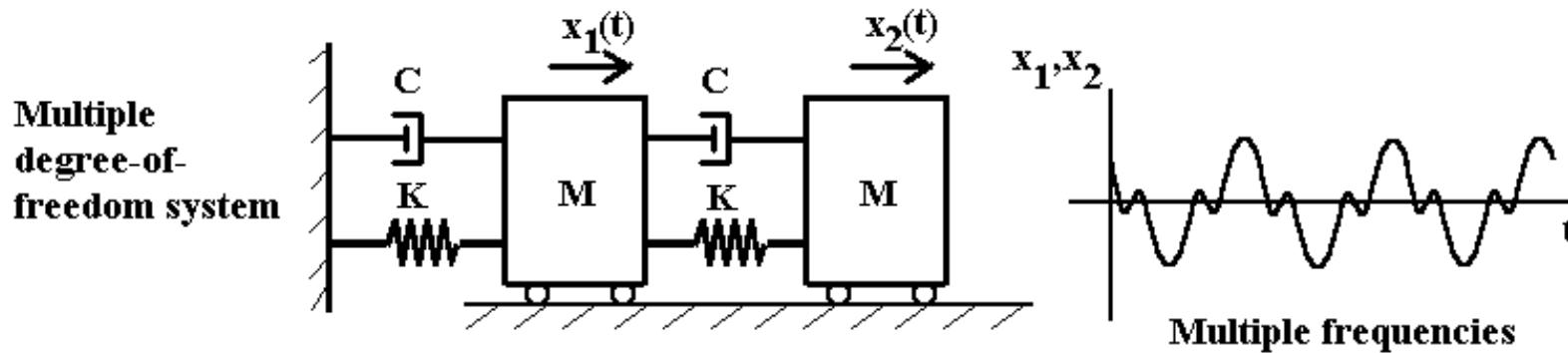


**ME 563**  
**Mechanical Vibrations**  
**Lecture #12**

Multiple Degree of Freedom  
Free Response + MATLAB

# Free Response



We can solve for the homogeneous solution to a coupled set of equations in a multiple degree of freedom linear system by:

- Identifying the initial conditions on all the states
- Assuming a solution of the form  $\{x(t)\} = \{A\}e^{st}$

What does this last assumption imply about the response?

# Two DOF System

Consider the two degree of freedom system of equations:

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} M & 0 \\ 0 & M \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{x}_1 \\ \ddot{x}_2 \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2C & -C \\ -C & C \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2K & -K \\ -K & K \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

If we make a solution of the form,  $\{x\} = \{A\}e^{st}$ , as we did for the single DOF case, we obtain:

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} Ms^2 + 2Cs + 2K & -Cs - K \\ -Cs - K & Ms^2 + Cs + K \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{Bmatrix} e^{st} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

Non-trivial solutions satisfy:

$$\rightarrow (Ms^2 + 2Cs + 2K) \cdot (Ms^2 + Cs + K) - (Cs + K)^2 = 0$$

# Characteristic Equation

There are four solutions that satisfy the *characteristic equation* and these solutions are expressed as follows when the modal frequencies are underdamped:

→  $s_1 = \sigma_1 + j\omega_1, s_2 = \sigma_1 - j\omega_1, s_3 = \sigma_2 + j\omega_2, \text{ and } s_4 = \sigma_2 - j\omega_2$

Real part: decay rate

Imaginary part: oscillation frequency

The solution to the homogeneous equation is then written as follows (for the first two complex conjugate roots):

→  $\{x(t)\} = \{A_1\}e^{s_1 t} + \{A_2\}e^{s_2 t} + \{A_3\}e^{s_3 t} + \{A_4\}e^{s_4 t}$

# Free Response Form

The free response is usually written in the following form for a multiple degree of freedom system:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{Bmatrix} &= \begin{Bmatrix} X_{11} \\ X_{21} \end{Bmatrix} e^{s_1 t} + \begin{Bmatrix} X_{11}^* \\ X_{21}^* \end{Bmatrix} e^{s_2 t} + \begin{Bmatrix} X_{12} \\ X_{22} \end{Bmatrix} e^{s_3 t} + \begin{Bmatrix} X_{12}^* \\ X_{22}^* \end{Bmatrix} e^{s_4 t} \\
 &= X_1 \begin{Bmatrix} \psi_{11} \\ \psi_{21} \end{Bmatrix} e^{\sigma_1 t} \cos(\omega_1 t + \phi_1) + X_2 \begin{Bmatrix} \psi_{12} \\ \psi_{22} \end{Bmatrix} e^{\sigma_2 t} \cos(\omega_2 t + \phi_2)
 \end{aligned}$$

**Modal vector**  
(can be scaled)

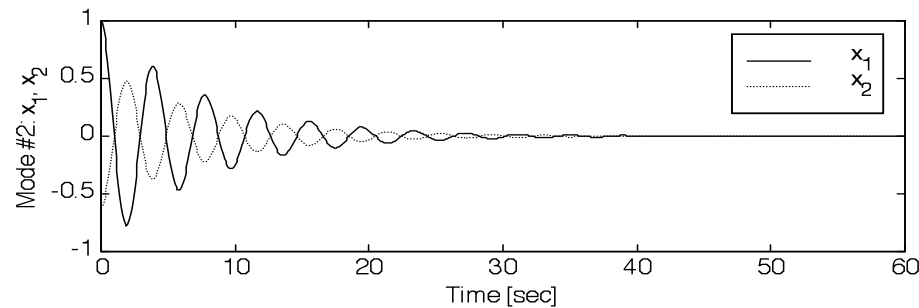
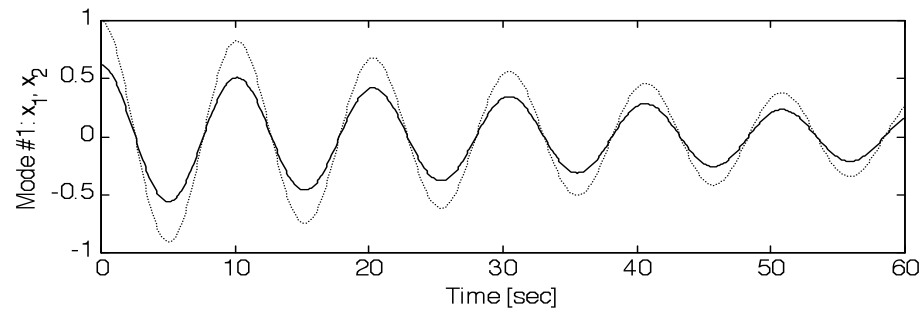
**Decaying co-sinusoid**  
(common to both degrees of freedom)

**Four constants → Four initial conditions are required.**

# Example Solution

For  $K=1$  N/m,  $C=0.1$  Ns/m, and  $M=1$  kg, the solution is given by:

$$\begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{Bmatrix} = X_1 \begin{Bmatrix} 0.618 \\ 1.000 \end{Bmatrix} e^{-0.019t} \cos(0.618t + \phi_1) + X_2 \begin{Bmatrix} 1.000 \\ -0.618 \end{Bmatrix} e^{-0.131t} \cos(1.613t + \phi_2)$$



# MATLAB Solution

To obtain solutions for the free response in MATLAB, the procedure explained before for a single DOF system is used:

$$\rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{Bmatrix}_{4 \times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{2K}{M} & \frac{K}{M} & -\frac{2C}{M} & \frac{C}{M} \\ \frac{K}{M} & \frac{K}{M} & \frac{C}{M} & -\frac{C}{M} \end{bmatrix}_{4 \times 4} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{Bmatrix}_{4 \times 1} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{4 \times 2} \begin{Bmatrix} f_1(t) \\ f_2(t) \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Or } \rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{Bmatrix}_{4 \times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} [0] & [I] \\ -[M]^{-1}[K] & -[M]^{-1}[C] \end{bmatrix}_{4 \times 4} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{Bmatrix}_{4 \times 1} + \begin{bmatrix} [0] \\ [M]^{-1}[0] \end{bmatrix}_{4 \times 2} \begin{Bmatrix} f_1(t) \\ f_2(t) \end{Bmatrix}$$

# MATLAB Solution

We use the following formulation to define the outputs,  $\{y\}$ , if we are only interested in the displacement variables:

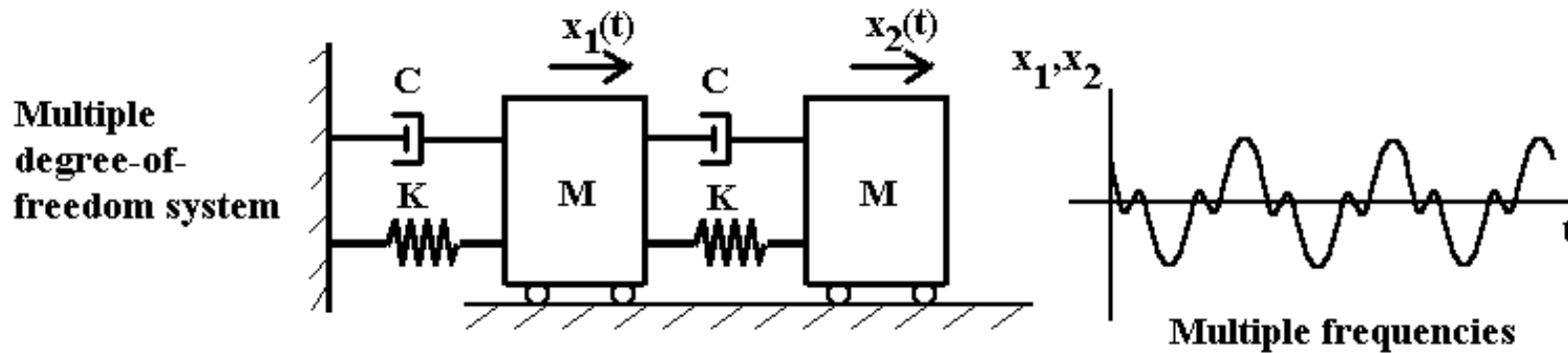
$$\rightarrow \begin{Bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{Bmatrix}_{2 \times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 4} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{Bmatrix}_{4 \times 1} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 2} \begin{Bmatrix} f_1(t) \\ f_2(t) \end{Bmatrix}$$

Or:

$$\rightarrow \{y\}_{2 \times 1} = [C]_{2 \times 4} \{q\}_{4 \times 1} + [D]_{2 \times 2} \{f(t)\}_{2 \times 1}$$



# Free Response (Eigen-Analysis)



We can also solve the homogeneous equations of motion by:

- Identifying the initial conditions on all the states
- Identifying the modal frequencies,  $s$ , and vectors,  $\{X\}$ , using eigen-analysis.

Do you remember what an eigenvalue problem looks like?

# Eigenvalue Problem

Consider the case when we have no damping:

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} M & 0 \\ 0 & M \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{x}_1 \\ \ddot{x}_2 \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2K & -K \\ -K & K \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

We can write this set of equations of motion as follows:

$$\rightarrow \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{x}_1 \\ \ddot{x}_2 \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} M & 0 \\ 0 & M \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 2K & -K \\ -K & K \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} M & 0 \\ 0 & M \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 2K & -K \\ -K & K \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{Bmatrix} = - \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{x}_1 \\ \ddot{x}_2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

Now assume a solution of the form  $\{x(t)\} = \{A\}e^{st}$

# Eigenvalue Problem

Consider the case when we have no damping:

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} M & 0 \\ 0 & M \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 2K & -K \\ -K & K \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{Bmatrix} = -s^2 \begin{Bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow [A] \begin{Bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \lambda \begin{Bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow ([A] - \lambda[I]) \begin{Bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \{0\}$$

This last equation is the standard eigenvalue problem.

Matlab solves this equation with the command “eig(A)”:

$$\rightarrow [v, d] = \text{eig}(A) ;$$

# Matlab eig

How do we interpret what Matlab gives us with this command?

**d** is a diagonal matrix of  $-s_{1,2}^2$   
**v** is a matrix of modal vectors

$$\begin{array}{r} \rightarrow \\ \mathbf{d} = \end{array} \begin{array}{cc} 2.6180 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.3820 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} \rightarrow \\ \mathbf{v} = \end{array} \begin{array}{cc} -0.8507 & -0.5257 \\ 0.5257 & -0.8507 \end{array}$$

How do we find the modal frequencies and vectors?

# Matlab eig

First, we take the negative square root of the diagonal entries of the  $\mathbf{d}$  matrix providing the modal frequencies in rad/s:

$$\rightarrow \sqrt{-\mathbf{d}} =$$

$$\begin{array}{cc} 0+1.6180i & 0 \\ 0 & 0+0.6181i \end{array}$$

Second, we can scale the columns of  $\mathbf{v}$  to produce easy to interpret modal vectors:

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{v} =$$

$$\begin{array}{cc} 1.0000 & 0.6180 \\ -0.6180 & 1.0000 \end{array}$$

# Matlab Form of Response

The form of the free response can then be written in the form:

$$\begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{Bmatrix} = X_1 \begin{Bmatrix} 0.618 \\ 1.000 \end{Bmatrix} e^{0t} \cos(0.618t + \phi_1) + X_2 \begin{Bmatrix} 1.000 \\ -0.618 \end{Bmatrix} e^{0t} \cos(1.618t + \phi_2)$$

In summary, the eigenvalue problem for an undamped system is given by:

**Where does the damping fit?**

$$\begin{Bmatrix} M & 0 \\ 0 & M \end{Bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{Bmatrix} 2K & -K \\ -K & K \end{Bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{Bmatrix} = -s^2 \begin{Bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

# Damped Eigenvalue Problem

To obtain solutions for the free response in a damped system, the state variable form of the equations of motion are used:

$$\rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{Bmatrix}_{4 \times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} [0] & [I] \\ -[M]^{-1}[K] & -[M]^{-1}[C] \end{bmatrix}_{4 \times 4} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{Bmatrix}_{4 \times 1} + \begin{bmatrix} [0] \\ [M]^{-1}[0] \end{bmatrix}_{4 \times 2} \begin{Bmatrix} f_1(t) \\ f_2(t) \end{Bmatrix}$$

and then the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the state matrix are calculated using `eig`. This approach works because the assumed solution  $\{q\}e^{st}$  is also used for the 1<sup>st</sup> order system:

$$\rightarrow [v, d] = \text{eig}(A) ;$$

# Matlab eig

How do we interpret what Matlab gives us with this command in the first order form of the state variable model?

$\mathbf{d}$  is a diagonal matrix of modal frequencies  $s_{1,2}$  and  $s_{3,4}$   
 $\mathbf{v} (1 : 2, 1 : 4)$  is a matrix of modal vectors  $\{X\}_1$  and  $\{X^*\}_1$   
 $\{X\}_2$  and  $\{X^*\}_2$

→  $\text{diag}(\mathbf{d}) =$

-0.1309 + 1.6127i  $\mathbf{s}_{3,4}$   
 -0.1309 - 1.6127i  
 -0.0191 + 0.6177i  $\mathbf{s}_{1,2}$   
 -0.0191 - 0.6177i



# Matlab eig

Eigenvectors are not the modal vectors of the 2<sup>nd</sup> order system – eigenvectors involve both position and velocity states. We look to the position states to obtain the scaled modal vectors.

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.0362 - 0.4457i & -0.0362 + 0.4457i \\ 0.0224 + 0.2755i & 0.0224 - 0.2755i \\ 0.7236 & 0.7236 \\ -0.4472 + 0.0000i & -0.4472 - 0.0000i \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{Bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{Bmatrix}_2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -0.4472 + 0.0000i & -0.4472 - 0.0000i \\ -0.7236 & -0.7236 \\ 0.0085 - 0.2763i & 0.0085 + 0.2763i \\ 0.0138 - 0.4470i & 0.0138 + 0.4470i \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{Bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{Bmatrix}_1$$

# Damping in MDOF Systems

**Note that for the previous example, the damping matrix  $[C]$  corresponded to a proportionally viscously damped system:**

$$\rightarrow [C] = \alpha[K] + \beta[M]$$

$\alpha, \beta$  Real constants

**For this type of damping, note that the modal vectors were entirely real, i.e., the phase between DOFs was either 0 or 180°.**

$$\rightarrow \begin{Bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{Bmatrix}_1 = \begin{Bmatrix} 0.618 \\ 1.000 \end{Bmatrix}, \begin{Bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{Bmatrix}_2 = \begin{Bmatrix} 1.000 \\ -0.618 \end{Bmatrix}$$

# Damping in MDOF Systems

What if the system is not proportionally damped? The modal vectors in this case are complex but the response is not:

$$\rightarrow [C] \neq \alpha[K] + \beta[M] = \begin{bmatrix} .2 & -.2 \\ -.2 & .2 \end{bmatrix}$$

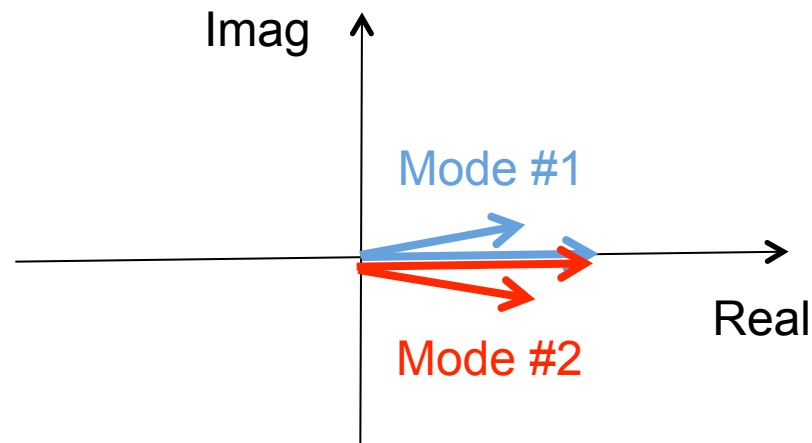
For this type of damping, note that the modal vectors are complex, so the phase between the DOFs is not 0 or 180°.

$$\rightarrow \begin{Bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{Bmatrix}_1 = \begin{Bmatrix} 0.6203 + 0.0341i \\ 1.000 \end{Bmatrix}, \begin{Bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{Bmatrix}_2 = \begin{Bmatrix} 1.000 \\ -0.6272 - 0.0893i \end{Bmatrix}$$

What does this mean?

# Damping in MDOF Systems

What if the system is not proportionally damped? The modal vectors in this case are complex but the response is not:



$$\begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{Bmatrix} = X_1 \begin{Bmatrix} 0.621 \cos(0.618t + 2.1^\circ + \phi_1) \\ 1.000 \cos(0.618t + \phi_1) \end{Bmatrix} e^{-0.019t} \\ + X_2 \begin{Bmatrix} 1.000 \cos(1.613t + \phi_2) \\ 0.634 \cos(1.613t - 171^\circ + \phi_2) \end{Bmatrix} e^{-0.131t}$$

**2<sup>nd</sup> order EOMS  
cannot be uncoupled  
using real modal  
vectors!**