Lecture 17: Response Spectra

Reading materials: Sections 6.1, 6.2, and 6.3

1. Concepts

• In practical dynamic analysis situations we are interested in the maximum response.

The graph showing the variation of the maximum response (maximum displacement, velocity, acceleration, or any other quantity) with the natural frequency (or natural period) of a single degree of freedom system to a specified forcing function is known as the response spectrum.

• A response spectrum is a plot of maximum response of a single degree of freedom system subject to a specific input, such as step loading and triangular pulse versus period of vibration or another suitable quantity.

• Example: Response spectra for a rectangular pulse loading



T: fundamental period of the structure

 u_{max} : maxium deflection over time

 u_{static} : deflection if load F is treated as a static load

 Γ_{max} : maximum dynamic load magnification factor



2. Response Spectrum of Sinusoidal Pulse

Find the response spectrum for the sinusoidal pulse force using the initial conditions x(0)=v(0)=0





3. Usage of Response Spectrum

SDOF systems

Period of vibration:

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{k/m}}$$

Maximum displacement

$$\Gamma_{\max} \equiv \frac{u_{\max}}{u_{\text{static}}} \implies u_{\max} = \Gamma_{\max} u_{\text{static}}$$

MDOF systems

Equations of motion

$$\boldsymbol{m}\, \ddot{\boldsymbol{y}}(t) + (\alpha\,\boldsymbol{m} + \beta\,\boldsymbol{k})\, \dot{\boldsymbol{y}}(t) + \boldsymbol{k}\,\boldsymbol{y}(t) = \boldsymbol{f}\,(t);$$

Undamped free vibration mode shapes and frequencies

 $k \phi_i = \lambda_i m \phi_i; \quad i = 1, 2, ..., n$

Modal coordinates

$$\mathbf{z} = \begin{pmatrix} z_1 & z_2 & \dots & z_n \end{pmatrix}^T$$

$$\mathbf{y}(t) = \sum_i z_i(t) \boldsymbol{\phi}_i$$

Damped modal equations

$$M_i \ddot{z}_i(t) + (\alpha M_i + \beta K_i) \dot{z}_i(t) + K_i z_i(t) = F_i(t); \quad i = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$M_i = \boldsymbol{\phi}_i^T \boldsymbol{m} \boldsymbol{\phi}_i; \quad K_i = \boldsymbol{\phi}_i^T \boldsymbol{k} \boldsymbol{\phi}_i; \quad \omega_i = \sqrt{K_i/M_i}; \quad F_i = \boldsymbol{\phi}_i^T \boldsymbol{f}$$

Solution

$$\boldsymbol{u}\left(t\right) = \sum_{i} z_{i}(t) \boldsymbol{\phi}_{i}$$

We know

 $Z_{i,\max}$

Here,

$$u_{\max} \neq \sum_{i} z_{i,\max} \phi_i$$
$$u_{n,\max} = \sqrt{\sum_{i} (z_{i,\max}(\phi_i)_n)^2}; \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

4. Response spectra using Duhamel's integral

• In the above examples, the input force is simple and hence a closed form solution has been obtained for the response spectrum. If the input force is arbitrary, we can find the response spectrum only numerically.

The peak displacement response of an undamped SDOF system subjected to a given load F(t) can be expressed via Duhamel's integral

• Loading phase: $t < t_d$

$$|y(t)|_{\max} = \left|\frac{1}{m\omega}\int_0^t F(\tau)\sin\omega(t-\tau)\,\mathrm{d}\tau\right|_{\max}$$

$$|\Gamma|_{\max} = \left| \frac{y(t)}{F_0/k} \right|_{\max} = \left| \frac{k}{F_0} \frac{1}{m\omega} \int_0^t F(t) \sin \omega (t-T) \, \mathrm{dT} \right|_{\max} = \left| \frac{\omega}{F_0} \int_0^t F(t) \sin \omega (t-T) \, \mathrm{dT} \right|_{\max}$$

where F_0 is the load magnitude.

Free vibration phase: $t \ge t_d$ $|y(t)|_{\max} = |u_{t_d} \cos \omega (t - t_d) + \frac{v_{t_d}}{\omega} \sin \omega (t - t_d)|_{\max}$ $|\Gamma|_{\max} = \left|\frac{y(t)}{F_0/k}\right|_{\max} = \left|\frac{m\omega^2}{F_0}\left(u_{t_d} \cos \omega (t - t_d) + \frac{v_{t_d}}{\omega} \sin \omega (t - t_d)\right)\right|_{\max}$

where u_{td} and v_{td} are displacement and velocity at the end of the forced vibration phase.

Rectangular Pulse





Step force with ramp: maximum DLF occurs at the constant load phase.



■ Ramp loading phase: *t* < *t*_d

$$\mathbf{y}(\mathbf{t}) = \frac{1}{\mathrm{m}\omega} \int_0^t \mathbf{F}(\tau/t_d) \sin(\omega(\mathbf{t}-\tau)) \mathrm{d}\tau = \frac{F(t\,\omega - \sin(t\,\omega))}{m\,\omega^3\,\mathbf{t_d}}$$

$$y(t) = \frac{F(t\omega - \sin(t\omega))}{k\omega t_{d}}$$
$$\Gamma(t) = \frac{y(t)}{F/k} = \frac{t\omega - \sin(t\omega)}{\omega t_{d}}$$

• Constant loading phase: $t \ge t_d$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{y}(\mathbf{t}) &= u_{t_d} \cos(\omega(\mathbf{t} - t_d) + \frac{\mathbf{v}_{t_d}}{\omega} \sin(\omega(\mathbf{t} - t_d) + \frac{F}{\mathbf{m}\omega} \int_{t_d}^t \sin(\omega(\mathbf{t} - \tau)) d\tau \\ \mathbf{y}(t_d) &= u_{t_d} = \frac{F\left(\omega \, \mathbf{t}_d - \sin(\omega \, \mathbf{t}_d)\right)}{k \, \omega \, \mathbf{t}_d}; \qquad \dot{\mathbf{y}}(t_d) = \mathbf{v}_{t_d} = \frac{F\left(\omega - \omega \cos(\omega \, \mathbf{t}_d)\right)}{k \, \omega \, \mathbf{t}_d} \\ \Gamma(\mathbf{t}) &= \frac{y\left(t\right)}{F/k} = -\frac{\sin(t \, \omega)}{\omega \, \mathbf{t}_d} + \frac{\sin\left(\omega \left(t - \mathbf{t}_d\right)\right)}{\omega \, \mathbf{t}_d} + 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Gamma_{\max} = \frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{2 \sin(\omega (t - t_d)) + 2 \omega t_d - \sqrt{2 - 2 \cos(\omega t_d)}}{\omega t_d} \right| = \frac{\sqrt{1 - \cos(2 t_d/T \pi)}}{\sqrt{2} t_d/T \pi} + 1$$

$$\Gamma_{\max} \qquad \xi = 0$$

$$\xi = 0$$

$$0.5 \qquad 1 \qquad 1.5 \qquad 2 \qquad 2.5 \qquad 3 \qquad t_d/T$$

5. Response spectra using Numerical Integration

• It is difficult to determine simple analytical expressions for maximum DLF for complicated loading.

Equation of motion for a SDOF system

$$m \ddot{u}(t) + c \dot{u}(t) + k u(t) = f(t); \quad u(0) = 0; \quad \dot{u}(0) = 0$$

$$\ddot{u}(t) + 2\,\xi\,\omega\,\dot{u}(t) + \omega^2\,u(t) = \frac{f(t)}{m}$$

• Let

$$\frac{t_d}{T} = t_d; \quad \omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} = 2\pi; \quad \omega^2 = 4\pi^2$$

 $\frac{F}{k} = 1 \implies F = k = m\omega^2 = 4\pi^2$

then

$$\ddot{u}(t) + 2\xi(2\pi)\dot{u}(t) + 4\pi^2 u(t) = f(t)$$



Equation of motion

$$\ddot{u}(t) + 2\xi (2\pi) \dot{u}(t) + 4\pi^2 u(t) = f(t)$$

$$f(t) = 4\pi^2 \sin(\pi t / t_d); \quad 0 \le t \le t_d$$

$$f(t) = 0 \quad t > t_d$$



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	$k = 4 \pi^2;$	m = 1;	$\omega = 2\pi \text{ rad/s};$	T = 1 s	
	$\beta = 0.25;$	$\gamma = 0.5;$	$\Delta t = 0.1$		
t	F	Disp	V	el	Acc
0	0.	0	0		0.
0.025	12.1995	0.001	86536 0.	149229	11.9383
0.05	23.2048	0.010	9072 0.	574118	22.0528
0.075	31.9387	0.033	2529 1.	21354	29.101
0.1	37.5462	0.073	1651 1.	97943	32.1703
0.125	39.4784	0.132	486 2.	76621	30.772
0.15	37.5462	0.210	338 3.	46201	24.8919
0.175	31.9387	0.303	121 3.	96059	14.995
0.2	23.2048	0.404	788 4.	17279	1.98075
0.225	12.1995	0.507	401 4.	03625	-12.904
0.25	4.83455×10^{-15}	0.601	887 3.	5226	-28.1882
0.275	0.	0.680	8 2.	79045	-30.3835
0.3	0.	0.740	848 2.	01344	-31.7777
0.325	0.	0.781	163 1.	21169	-32.3617
0.35	0.	0.801	376 0.	405343	-32.1464
0.375	0.	0.801	617 –	0.386006	-31.1615
0.4	0.	0.782	496 –	1.14371	-29.4545
0.425	0.	0.745	- 068	1.8505	-27.0887
0.45	0.	0.690	801 -	2.49087	-24.1416
0.475	0.	0.621	523 –	3.05142	-20.7022
0.5	0.	0.539	367 –	3.52106	-16.8686