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Transcript – Gain and Phase Lag

DAVID SHIROKOFF: Hi, everyone. Welcome back. So today I'd like to take a look at gain and phase lag. And we're going to consider this simple problem.

So first off, find a periodic solution to $x'' + 8x' + 7x = F_0 \cos \omega t$. So basically, it's just forcing a differential equation with some frequency $\cos \omega t$. And the problem we're interested in today is to give the gain and phase lag to this periodic solution.

So I'll let you take a look at this problem and I'll be back in a minute.

Hi, everyone. Welcome back.

OK, so we're interested in finding this periodic solution to the differential equation. And we see here that we're forcing it with right-hand side of $\cos \omega t$. So the standard procedure is to first complexify. So we're going to consider the differential equation $x'' + 8x' + 7x = F_0 e^{i\omega t}$. And then at the end, we're going to take the real part of our solution to this differential equation. And we do this because $\cos \omega t$ is the real part of $e^{i\omega t}$.

Now, for this equation, we see that we're forcing it with an exponential. So we can just use the exponential response formula. And this gives us a particular solution. So the exponential response formula is $\frac{1}{p(i\omega)}$ times the right-hand side, which is $F_0 e^{i\omega t}$.

And in this case, the characteristic polynomial, $p(s)$, is $s^2 + 8s + 7$. So that $p(i\omega)$ is going to be $7 - \omega^2 + 8i\omega$. So the ω^2 comes from $s^2 + 8is + 7$.

Now, I'd just like to take a moment and step back for a second. If we take a look at the differential equation, the input on the right-hand side is $F_0 e^{i\omega t}$.

Now notice how this characteristic-- sorry, the exponential response formula gives us a particular solution, which is $\frac{1}{p(i\omega)} F_0 e^{i\omega t}$, which is a periodic solution. But moreover, the output of this formula shows that it's actually the input forcing multiplied by this factor $\frac{1}{p(i\omega)}$. So this factor right here, $\frac{1}{p(i\omega)}$ relates the input forcing to the output forcing. Or sorry, to the output response. And this factor is sometimes called the complex gain.

And the reason it's the complex gain is because if we take a look at $p(i\omega)$, it has a real part and an imaginary part. So specifically, $p(i\omega)$ contains two pieces of information. Because it's a complex number, we can think of it as being an amplitude in a phase. So the amplitude of $p(i\omega)$ is its sometimes called the gain. And the phase of $p(i\omega)$ is the phase lag. So $p(i\omega)$ contains two pieces of information, which relate the input forcing signal to the output response of the differential equation.

Now, I'd like to go ahead and write $x(t)$, decomplexify. So we're going to take the real part of $\frac{1}{p(i\omega)} F_0 e^{i\omega t}$. So we have $\frac{1}{7 - \omega^2 + 8i\omega} F_0 e^{i\omega t}$. Upstairs is $F_0 e^{i\omega t}$. And I'm going to just put this in amplitude phase form.

And when I take the real part, I'll do it in two steps first. $8\omega^2$. Square rooted. $F_0 e^{i\omega t}$ divided by $e^{i\phi}$. Where here ϕ is the phase lag and tangent ϕ is going to be the imaginary part over the real part. And just quickly note that as ω goes from 0 to infinity, tangent ϕ will go from 0 to π . So this is the range of ϕ that we're interested in.

And now, when we take the real part, we end up with $F_0 \frac{1}{\sqrt{7 - \omega^2}}$ cosine $\omega t - \phi$.

And now we'd like to look at what the amplitude and phase are as a function of ω . So for each fixed ω , the output is going to be a sinusoid which oscillates at the same frequency as the input. However, the only difference is that it's going to have a rescaled amplitude. And it will have a shifted phase as well.

So for the amplitude response, we're interested in plotting $\frac{1}{\sqrt{7 - \omega^2}}$ of ω . So here's the amplitude.

And this function is just going to decrease and asymptotically approach infinity. So this is the amplitude response. This is $\frac{1}{\sqrt{7 - \omega^2}}$ equals $\frac{1}{\sqrt{8 - \omega^2}}$, quantity square rooted. This is ω .

And then in addition to the amplitude response, we also have the phase. And the phase, if I go back up here for a second, we can write it explicitly as $\phi = \tan^{-1} \frac{8\omega}{7 - \omega^2}$. So I'm going to plot ω on this axis and ϕ on this axis.

And, OK, so to plot this curve, we note that when ω is 0, \tan^{-1} of 0 is 0. So we're going to start at 0.

Typically, what I usually like to do in this case is look at the denominator in the arctangent. We see that when ω is equal to the square root of 7, this argument blows up. It goes to infinity. And the arctangent of infinity is $\frac{\pi}{2}$. So I can draw a curve in here, which is $\frac{\pi}{2}$. So we know that ϕ is $\frac{\pi}{2}$ when ω is equal to $\sqrt{7}$. And note how this is the natural frequency if there was no damping in the system.

And then lastly, there's another curve here at π . We see that as ω approaches infinity, again, this argument approaches 0.

And if you were to take the derivative of this whole quantity, we would see that it's-- of \tan^{-1} of this argument, we would see that the function's increasing for all ω . So it actually looks something like this. It looks like an s-shaped curve that asymptotically approaches π as ω goes to infinity.

So just to quickly recap. When we look at the differential equation, or a particular solution to a differential equation which is being forced by a periodic sinusoidal function, the output is always going to be rescaled and phase shifted, but still oscillating at the same frequency. And specifically, depending

on which frequency the differential equation's forced at, the amplitude will take on different values. The amplitude response will take on different values. And the phase shift will also have different values depending on the frequency of forcing.

So I'd just like to conclude here, and I'll see you next time.

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