

# The response of a linear single-degree-of-freedom oscillator to periodic excitation

Task: determine the steady-state response of the oscillator to the given oscillation of the base. Clue: the kinematics of the base can be decomposed into a Fourier series.

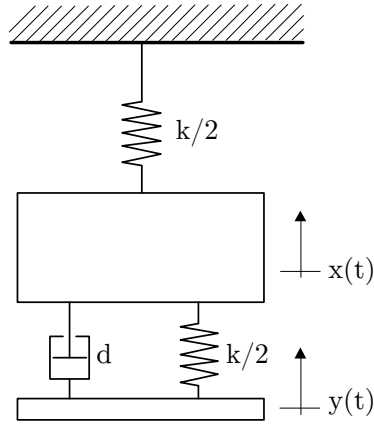


Figure 1: Oscillator.

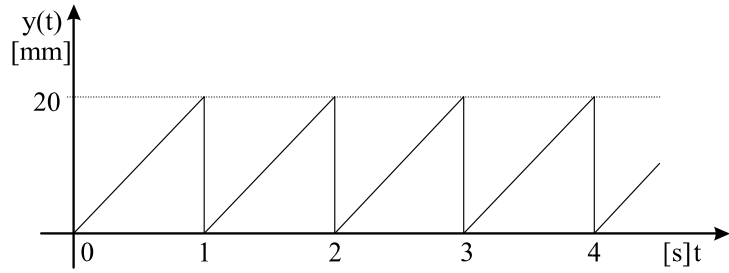


Figure 2: Base kinematics.

Oscillator data:

$m = 2 \text{ kg}$	mass
$k = 1800 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}}$	spring constant
$\delta = 0.1$	damping ratio
$\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$	$\omega_0 = 30 \text{ rad/s}$ resonance frequency
$d = 2\delta\omega_0 m$	$d = 12 \frac{\text{Ns}}{\text{m}}$ damping coefficient
$a = 20 \text{ mm}$	excitation amplitude
$t = 1 \text{ s}$	excitation period

The equation of motion for the oscillator in Fig. 1 is:

$$m\ddot{x} + d\dot{x} + kx = \frac{1}{2}ky + d\dot{y}. \quad (1)$$

Excitation kinematics of the base, shown in Fig. 2 can be written in a Fourier series:

$$y(t, N) = \frac{a}{2} - \frac{a}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{n} \sin(2\pi nt). \quad (2)$$

The approximate kinematics of the base with respect to the number of considered terms in equation (2) is depicted in Fig. 3.

where:  $t$  time [s]  
 $N$  number of considered terms of the series

The particular solution of the equation of motion (1) can be calculated by substituting the base kinematics with its Fourier series:

$$X_p(t, N) = \frac{a}{4} \sum_{n=1}^N [C_1(n) \sin(\omega(n)t) + C_2(n) \cos(\omega(n)t)] + \sum_{n=1}^N [D_1(n) \sin(\omega(n)t) + D_2(n) \cos(\omega(n)t)], \quad (3)$$

where:

$$\omega(n) = 2 \pi n$$

$$Ampl\_K(n) = -\frac{1}{2} \omega_0^2 \frac{a}{n \pi}$$

$$Ampl\_D(n) = -\frac{2 a d}{m}$$

$$C_1(n) = \frac{Ampl\_K(n) (\omega_0^2 - \omega^2(n))}{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2(n))^2 + (2 \delta \omega_0 \omega(n))^2}$$

$$C_2(n) = \frac{Ampl\_K(n) \cdot 2 \delta \omega_0 \omega(n)}{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2(n))^2 + (2 \delta \omega_0 \omega(n))^2}$$

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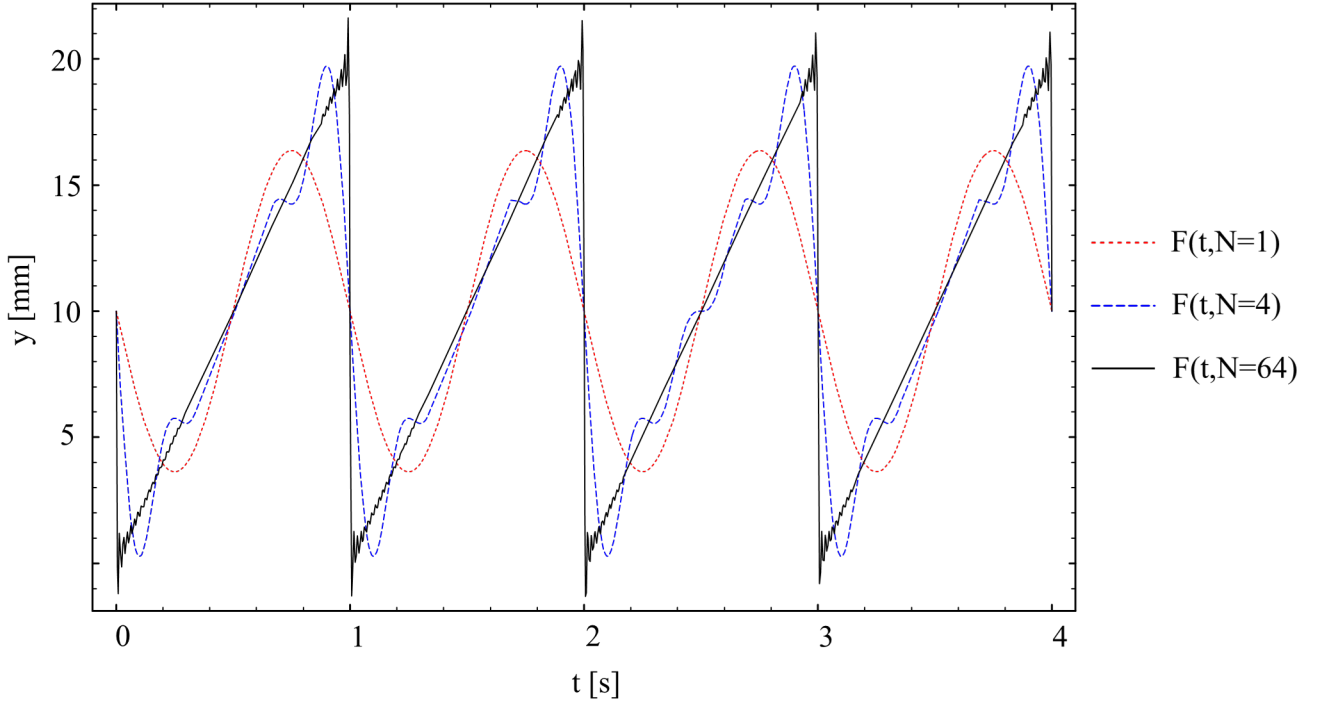


Figure 3: Base kinematics approximated by the Fourier series.

The effect of the number of considered terms to the particular solution is shown in Figures 4 and 5.

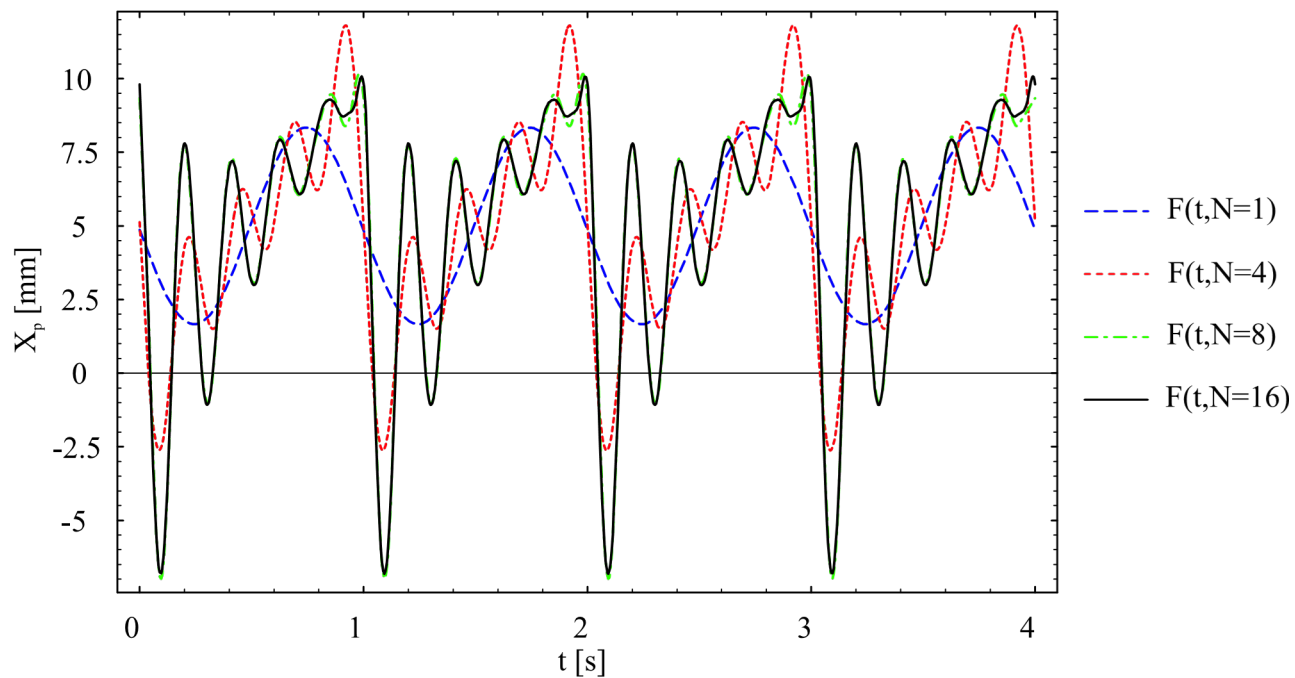


Figure 4: Oscillator response.

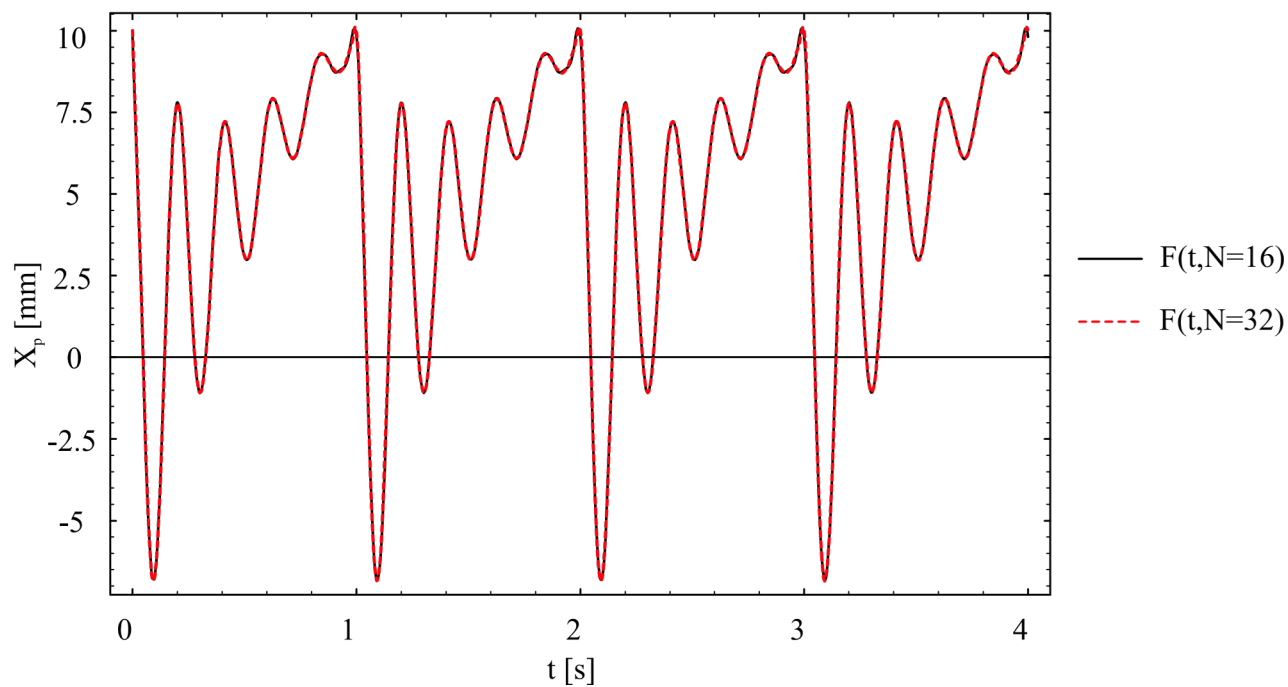


Figure 5: Oscillator response.