

#### Problem 1 Invent Yourself

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Construct a simple seismograph that amplifies a local disturbance by mechanical, optical or electrical methods. Determine the typical response curve of your device and investigate the parameters of the damping constant. What is the maximum amplification that you can achieve?



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Figure 2: Scheme of an optical system with multiple mirrors.

## The Seismograph



Figure 3: Scheme of the optics of the problem.



Figure 4: Damped mass-spring system.

Introduction

The Seismograph

**Theoretical Model:**  $F_{dissipative} = -cv$ 

$$egin{aligned} ma &= -kx - cv & & & & & \ \end{pmatrix} & & mrac{d^2x}{dt^2} + crac{dx}{dt} + kx = 0 \ & & & & \ x(t) = Ae^{\lambda t} & & & \ \end{pmatrix} & & & mA\lambda^2 e^{\lambda t} + cA\lambda e^{\lambda t} + kAe^{\lambda t} = 0 \ & & & \ m\lambda^2 + c\lambda + k = 0 & & & \ \end{pmatrix} & & & \lambda = rac{-c\pm\sqrt{c^2-4mk}}{2m} \end{aligned}$$



$$\gamma=rac{c}{2m}$$
 ;  $\omega=rac{\sqrt{c^2-4mk}}{2m}$   $ightarrow$   $x(t)=Ae^{-\gamma t}cos(\omega t+arphi_0)$ 



$$x_1(t)=A_1e^{-\gamma_1t}\cos(\omega_1t+arphi_1) \qquad \quad x_2(t)=A_2e^{-\gamma_2t}\cos(\omega_2t+arphi_2)$$

$$x_r(t) = x_1(t) + x_2(t)$$

$$x_r(t)=A_1e^{\gamma_1t}\cos(\omega_1t+arphi_1)+A_2e^{-\gamma_2t}\cos(\omega_2t+arphi_2)$$

General case: 
$$x_r(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i(t)$$



#### **Experimental Materials**

- 1 Well polished mirrors held by stable supports;
- 2 Powerful green laser beam;
- 3 Stable supports;
- 4 High frame rate camera (240 fps);
- 5 White screen;
- 6 Computer for data analysis.



Figure 6: Mirrors held by stable supports.



Figure 7: Seismograph.

#### **Experimental Procedure**





#### **Experimental Procedure: Data Analysis**



#### **Experiment 1: Random vibrations**

Random vibrations captured through the Y axis.



Figure 11: Seismograph response to random perturbations.

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#### **Experiment 2: Controlled vibrations**



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#### **Experiment 3: Controlled distances**



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Figure 15: Computational fitting for the experimental plot from 50cm launches.

3.0

3.5

4.0

#### **Experiment 4: Response curve**



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#### **Experiment 4: Controlled vibrations**



Relative amplitude as a function of the laser's physical path.



#### **Summary: Theory**



$$ma = -kx - cv$$



$$x(t)=Ae^{-\gamma t}cos(\omega t+arphi_0)$$

P wave
S wave

#### **Summary: Experiment**







$$d = \sum_{i=1}^n Di \cdot tan( heta)$$

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Figure: Oleg Alexandrov, 2007

# Thank you!



#### **Appendix: Experiment 3 - Controlled distances**

$$egin{aligned} A(x) &= A_0 e^{-bx} & \implies I \propto A^2 & \implies E \propto A_0^2 \ & E &= 5.0 \, kg \cdot 9.8 \cdot 0.5 = 14.7 \, J \ & E &= k \cdot 500^2 & \implies k = 5.9 \cdot 10^{-5} \ & E_{min} &= 5.9 \cdot 10^{-5} \, J \ & x pprox 5.8 \, m \end{aligned}$$