

To find the relative amplitudes of $x_1 + x_2$ (the mode shape), divide $x_1(t)$ by $x_2(t)$.

$$\frac{x_1(t)}{x_2(t)} = \frac{A}{B} \quad \text{for both frequencies.}$$

From the simplified system equations (1),

$$\frac{A}{B} = \frac{m\omega^2 - b_j\omega - (k + k_c)}{k_c}$$

$\frac{A}{B}$ for ω_1 is

$$\frac{A}{B} = \frac{m(\omega_1^2) - b_j\omega_1 - (k + k_c)}{k_c}$$

$$\frac{A}{B} = \frac{m \frac{(b_j \pm \sqrt{-b^2 + 4km})^2}{(2m)^2} - b_j - (k + k_c)}{k_c} = \frac{m \frac{(b_j \pm \sqrt{-b^2 + 4km})^2}{2m} - b_j - (k + k_c)}{k_c}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{k_c} (-b^2 \pm 2b_j \sqrt{-b^2 + 4km} - b^2 + 4km) + \frac{2m}{k_c} \pm \frac{2m}{k_c} \frac{b_j \sqrt{-b^2 + 4km}}{2m} - (k + k_c)}{k_c}$$

$$= \frac{-b^2}{k_c} + k - k - k_c$$

$$= \frac{-b^2}{k_c} - k$$

In most physical systems b is small and $\frac{A}{B} \approx -1$.

$\frac{A}{B}$ for ω_2 is:

$$\frac{A}{B} = \frac{(b_j \pm \sqrt{-b^2 + 4(k+2k_c)m})^2}{k_c} - b_j - \frac{2m}{-k-k_c}$$

$$\frac{A}{B} = \frac{\frac{1}{4m} (-b^2 \pm 2b_j \sqrt{-b^2 + 4(k+2k_c)m} - b^2 + 4(k+2k_c)m) + \frac{2m}{k_c} \pm \frac{2m}{k_c} \frac{b_j \sqrt{-b^2 + 4(k+2k_c)m}}{2m}}{k_c}$$

$$\frac{A}{B} = \frac{k_c}{k_c} = \frac{(k + 2k_c) - \frac{b^2}{2m} - (k + k_c)}{-\frac{b^2}{2m} + k_c}$$