

457.643 Structural Random Vibrations
In-Class Material: Class 23

V. Crossings & Failure Analysis

⊙ **Failure probabilities**

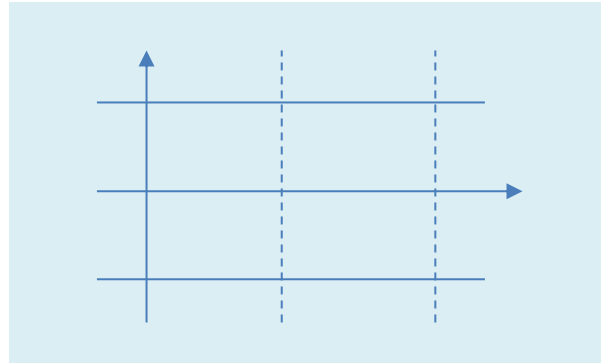
- 1) Instantaneous failure probability

$$P(|X(t)| > a) \text{ or } P(X(t) > a)$$

e.g. Gaussian with $\mu_X(t)$ and $\sigma_X(t)$

$$X(t) \sim N(\mu_X(t), \sigma_X^2(t))$$

$$P(X(t) > a) = 1 - F_{X(t)}(a) \\ = 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{a - \mu_X(t)}{\sigma_X(t)}\right)$$



- 2) First-passage failure probability

$$P\left(\max_{0 < t \leq \tau} |X(t)| > a\right) = P(\text{at least one crossing in } (0, \tau])$$

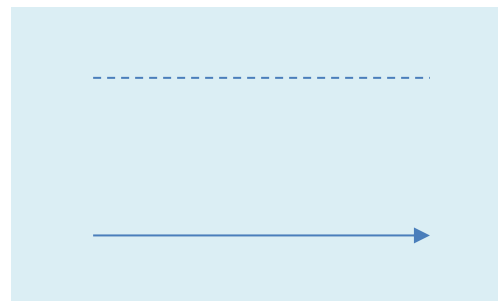
can be estimated by checking the probability distribution of _____ values, or

by deriving from _____ rates and other characteristics

- 3) Accumulated damage

e.g. Fatigue damage index
 (L&S 11.8~11.11, 12.9)

$D(t)$: damage measure (e.g. counts)



⊙ **Crossing statistics**

- 1) $N^+(a; t)$: Number of upcrossings of level a in $(0, t)$

$p^+(a; t)$: Probability of an upcrossing of level a in $(t, t + dt]$

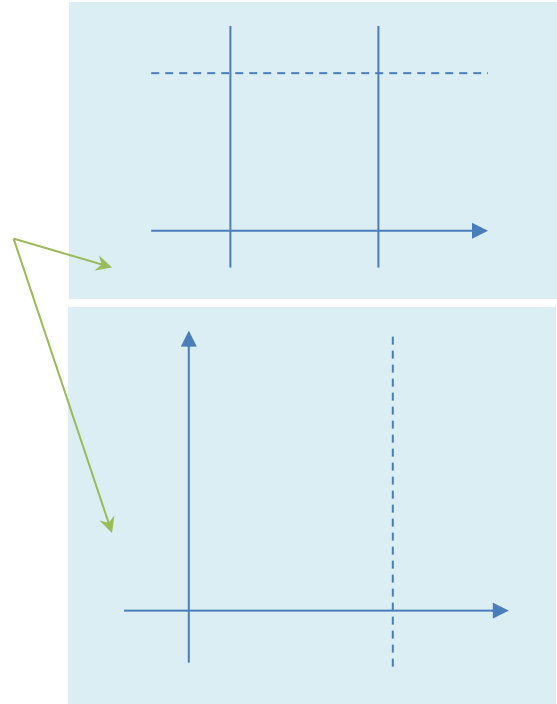
Upcrossing event at $(t, t + dt]$

Conditions:

- $X(t) = a$
- $\dot{X}(t) > 0$
- $X(t + dt) \cong X(t) + \dot{X}(t)dt > a$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 p^+(a; t) &= P[\{ a < X(t) < a + \dot{X}(t)dt \} \\
 &\quad \cap \{ \dot{X}(t) > 0 \}] \\
 &= \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty f_{X\dot{X}}(x, \dot{x}; t) dx d\dot{x} \\
 &= \int_0^\infty f_{X\dot{X}}(a, \dot{x}; t) \dot{x} dt d\dot{x} \\
 &= dt \int_0^\infty \dot{x} f_{X\dot{X}}(a, \dot{x}; t) d\dot{x}
 \end{aligned}$$



For the bottom figure, the third condition is interpreted as $a - \dot{x}dt < x$ and thus $\dot{x} > -\frac{1}{dt}x + \frac{1}{dt}a$

2) $dN^+(a; t) (= \frac{\partial N^+(a; t)}{\partial t} dt)$: Number of crossings in $(t, t + dt]$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[dN^+(a; t)] &= 0 \times P(0 \text{ crossings}) + 1 \times P(1 \text{ crossing}) + 2 \times P(2 \text{ crossings}) + \dots \\
 &\cong P(1 \text{ crossing in } (t, t + dt]) \\
 &= p^+(a; t) \\
 &= dt \int_0^\infty \dot{x} f_{X\dot{X}}(a, \dot{x}; t) d\dot{x}
 \end{aligned}$$

3) Average number of upcrossings in $(t, t + dt]$, i.e. “mean upcrossing rate”

$$v^+(a; t) = E \left[\frac{dN^+(a; t)}{dt} \right] = \int_0^\infty \dot{x} f_{X\dot{X}}(a, \dot{x}; t) d\dot{x}$$

Stephen O. Rice (1907-1986) → “Rice formula” (1944, 1945)

Downcrossing rate?

$$v^-(a; t) = - \int_{-\infty}^0 \dot{x} f_{X\dot{X}}(a, \dot{x}; t) d\dot{x} = \int_{-\infty}^0 |\dot{x}| f_{X\dot{X}}(a, \dot{x}; t) d\dot{x}$$

All crossings?

$$\begin{aligned} v(a; t) &= v^+(a; t) + v^-(a; t) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\dot{x}| f_{X\dot{X}}(a, \dot{x}; t) d\dot{x} \end{aligned}$$

- More rigorous derivation available in L&S (p. 265)

4) Mean number of crossing in $(t_1, t_2]$

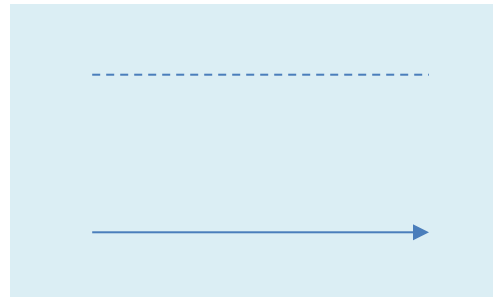
$$E[N(a; t_2) - N(a; t_1)] = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} v(a; t) dt$$

5) If $X(t)$ is stationary,

- $f_{X\dot{X}}(x, \dot{x}; t) \rightarrow f_{X\dot{X}}(x, \dot{x})$ (if zero-mean Gaussian, $f_{X\dot{X}}(x, \dot{x}) = f_X(x) \cdot f_{\dot{X}}(\dot{x})$)
- $v(a; t) \rightarrow v(a)$
- $E[N(a; t_2) - N(a; t_1)] \rightarrow v(a) \cdot (t_2 - t_1)$

6) Relationship between crossing rate and peak distribution (approximation for narrow-band processes)

If $X(t)$ is stationary narrow-band process, almost every upcrossings over μ is associated with one and only one peak, then...



$$P(\text{a randomly selected peak} > a) \cong \frac{v^+(a)}{v^+(\mu)} \cong 1 - F_p(a)$$

where $F_p(\cdot)$ is the CDF of a local peak

The PDF of a local peak is approximated as

$$f_p(a) \cong -\frac{1}{v^+(\mu)} \cdot \frac{dv^+(a)}{da}$$

Example: A stationary Gaussian process with zero-mean

$$f_{x\dot{x}}(x, \dot{x}) = f_x(x) \cdot f_{\dot{x}}(\dot{x})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_x\sigma_{\dot{x}}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\left[\left(\frac{x}{\sigma_x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\dot{x}}{\sigma_{\dot{x}}}\right)^2\right]\right\}$$

$$v^+(a) = \int_0^\infty \dot{x} f_{x\dot{x}}(a, \dot{x}) d\dot{x}$$

$$= \int_0^\infty \dot{x} \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_x\sigma_{\dot{x}}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\left[\left(\frac{a}{\sigma_x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\dot{x}}{\sigma_{\dot{x}}}\right)^2\right]\right\} d\dot{x}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_x\sigma_{\dot{x}}} \exp\left(-\frac{a^2}{2\sigma_x^2}\right) \int_0^\infty \dot{x} \exp\left(-\frac{\dot{x}^2}{2\sigma_{\dot{x}}^2}\right) d\dot{x}$$

One can show that $\int_0^\infty \dot{x} \exp\left(-\frac{\dot{x}^2}{2\sigma_{\dot{x}}^2}\right) d\dot{x} = \sigma_{\dot{x}}^2$ (hint: change variable $\dot{x}^2 \rightarrow t$)

Therefore,

$$v^+(a) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\sigma_{\dot{x}}}{\sigma_x} \exp\left(-\frac{a^2}{2\sigma_x^2}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_0}} \exp\left(-\frac{a^2}{2\sigma_x^2}\right)$$

Some notable results:

- $v^-(a) =$
- $v(a) =$
- $v^+(0) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_0}}$
- $\sqrt{\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_0}} = 2\pi v^+(0)$: circular apparent frequency
- e.g. WN response: $\lambda_2 = \frac{\pi\Phi_0}{2\xi\omega_0}$ and $\lambda_0 = \frac{\pi\Phi_0}{2\xi\omega_0^3} \rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_0}} = \omega_0$
- NB approximation for local peak distribution: $f_p(a) \cong -\frac{1}{v^+(0)} \cdot \frac{dv^+(a)}{da} = \frac{a}{\lambda_0} \exp\left(-\frac{a^2}{2\lambda_0}\right)$
- “Rayleigh” distribution

© **Distribution of local peaks (NOT NB approximation; L&S pp. 488-490)**

$$F_p(a; t) = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^0 \int_{-\infty}^a |\ddot{x}| f_{X\dot{X}\ddot{X}}(x, 0, \dot{x}; t) dx d\dot{x}}{\int_{-\infty}^0 |\ddot{x}| f_{\dot{X}\ddot{X}}(0, \dot{x}; t) d\dot{x}}, \quad f_p(a; t) = \frac{dF_p(a; t)}{da} = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^0 |\ddot{x}| f_{X\dot{X}\ddot{X}}(a, 0, \dot{x}; t) d\dot{x}}{\int_{-\infty}^0 |\ddot{x}| f_{\dot{X}\ddot{X}}(0, \dot{x}; t) d\dot{x}}$$

Example: The PDF and CDF of the local peaks of a stationary Gaussian process $X(t)$:
 (“Rice” distribution; Ex 11.1 in L&S)

$$f_p(a) = \frac{\sqrt{1-\alpha^2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_X} \exp\left[-\frac{(a-\mu_X)^2}{2(1-\alpha^2)\sigma_X^2}\right] + \frac{\alpha(a-\mu_X)}{\sigma_X^2} \exp\left[-\frac{(a-\mu_X)^2}{2\sigma_X^2}\right] \Phi\left[\frac{\alpha(a-\mu_X)}{\sqrt{1-\alpha^2}\sigma_X}\right]$$

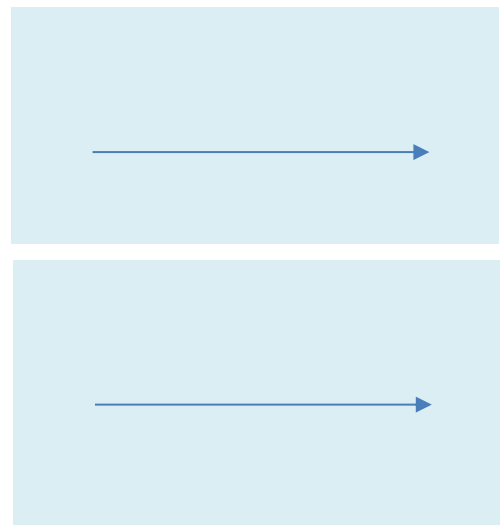
$$F_p(a) = \Phi\left(\frac{a-\mu_X}{\sqrt{1-\alpha^2}\sigma_X}\right) - \alpha \exp\left[-\frac{(a-\mu_X)^2}{2\sigma_X^2}\right] \Phi\left[\frac{\alpha(a-\mu_X)}{\sqrt{1-\alpha^2}\sigma_X}\right]$$

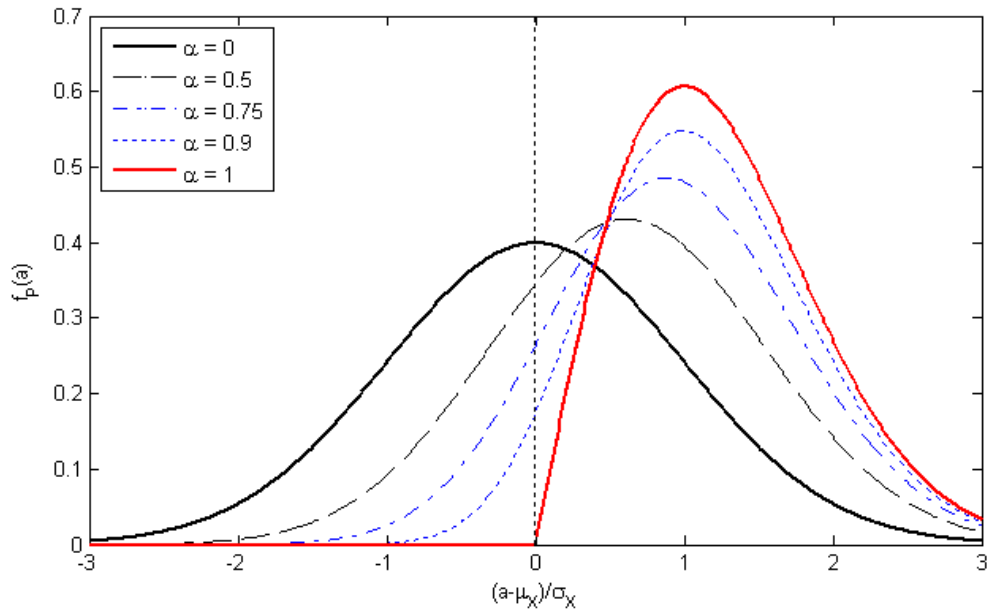
※ How was it derived?

- $f_{X\dot{X}\ddot{X}}(x, \dot{x}, \ddot{x}) = f_{X\ddot{X}}(x, \ddot{x}) \cdot f_{\dot{X}}(\dot{x})$ (∵ stationary and Gaussian)
- $\rho_{X\ddot{X}}$? Note $\text{COV}[X, \ddot{X}] = -\lambda_2$
 $\therefore \Phi_{X\ddot{X}}(\omega) = (-i\omega)^2 \Phi_{XX}(\omega) = -\omega^2 \Phi_{XX}(\omega) = -\Phi_{\ddot{X}\ddot{X}}(\omega)$
 $\therefore \rho_{X\ddot{X}} = -\frac{\lambda_2}{\sqrt{\lambda_0 \lambda_4}} = -\alpha$
- $\alpha = \frac{\lambda_2}{\sqrt{\lambda_0 \lambda_4}} = \frac{v_X^+(0)}{v_X^+(0)} \left(\because = \frac{\frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{\lambda_0}}}{\frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{\lambda_4}}} \right)$

Note: α is another measure of the bandwidth (cf. $0 < s < \infty$ and $0 < \delta < 1$)

- $0 < \alpha < 1$
- $\alpha \cong 0$: $v_X^+(0) \gg v_X^+(0)$ wide-band process
- $\alpha \cong 1$: $v_X^+(0) \cong v_X^+(0)$ narrow-band process





Note

(1) $\alpha = 0$: wide-band $f_p(a) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_x} \exp\left[-\frac{(a - \mu_x)^2}{2\sigma_x^2}\right]$ (Gaussian)

(2) $\alpha = 1$: narrow-band $f_p(a) = \frac{(a - \mu_x)}{\sigma_x^2} \exp\left[-\frac{(a - \mu_x)^2}{2\sigma_x^2}\right]$ (Rayleigh)

(3) The average fraction of local peaks below the mean value.

$$F_p(\mu_x) = \frac{1 - \alpha}{2}$$

0.5 for $\alpha = 0$ (Gaussian) and 0 for $\alpha = 1$ (Rayleigh)