

On the influence of external stochastic excitation on linear oscillators with subcritical self-excitation applied to brake squeal

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Abstract: A characteristic of linear systems with self-excitation is the occurrence of non-normal modes. Because of this non-normality, there may be a significant growth in the vibration amplitude at the beginning of the transient process even in the case of solely negative real parts of the eigenvalues, i.e. subcritical self-excitation and asymptotic stability of the trivial solution. If such a system is excited additionally with white noise with small intensity, this process is continually restarted and a stationary vibration with a dominating single frequency and comparably large amplitudes can be observed. Similar observations can be made during brake squeal, a high-frequency noise resulting from self-excitation due to the frictional disk-pad contact. Although commonly brake squeal is considered as a stable limit cycle with the necessity of corresponding nonlinearities, comparable noise phenomena can in the described model even observed in a pure linear case when the trivial solution is asymptotically stable.

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