

FFT analysis

The response function

The response function is

$$\frac{1}{1 + 2\zeta\beta_n i - \beta_n^2}, \quad \beta_n = n\beta_1 = \frac{n\omega_1}{\omega_n},$$

with the caution that, for $n > N/2$, the frequency $n\omega_1$ must be wrapped.

Assuming that β_1, ζ and N are defined outside our function, we can write

```
In [23]: def resfun(n):  
         if n>N/2: n=n-N  
         return 1.0/(1.0+n*b1*(2*z*1j-n*b1))
```

Note above that we have not introduced the dimensional factor $1/k$.

The load function

Just as in the spreadsheet:

```
In [24]: def load(t):  
         if t<t1: return p0*t  
         if t<t2: return (1.5-0.5*t)*p0  
         return 0.0
```

The loading data

We define the load over a period longer than its effective duration, we decide the number of samples and compute the fundamental frequency of the DFT.

```
In [25]: p0=400000.0  
         t1=1.0  
         t2=3.0  
  
         T = 8.0  
         N = 4096  
  
         w1 = 2*pi/T
```

Generation of the load vector

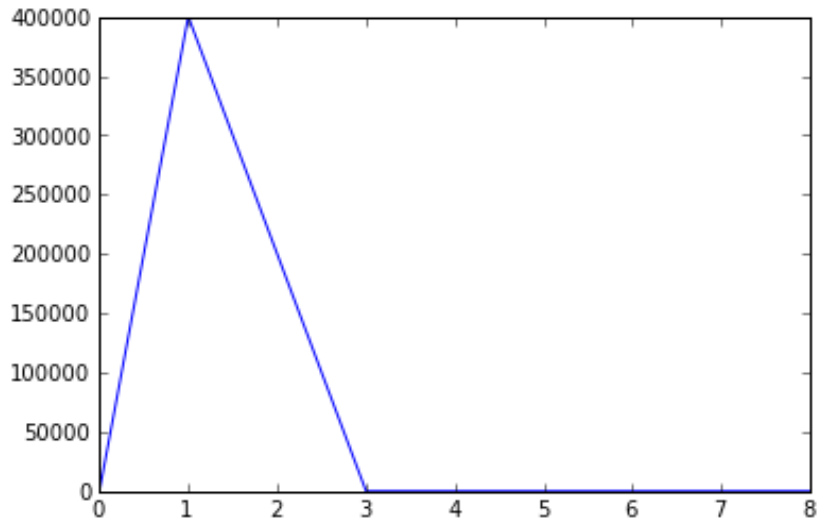
First, the vector of times t_n , using a convenience function, then we apply the load function to this vector of times (the

trick is `vectorize`-ing the load function, so that it can be applied to a vector.

Just to be sure that's all OK, let's plot the resulting load vector.

```
In [26]: t=linspace(0., T, N, endpoint=False)
         p=vectorize(load)(t)
         figure(1); plot(t,p)
```

```
Out[26]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x5660350>]
```

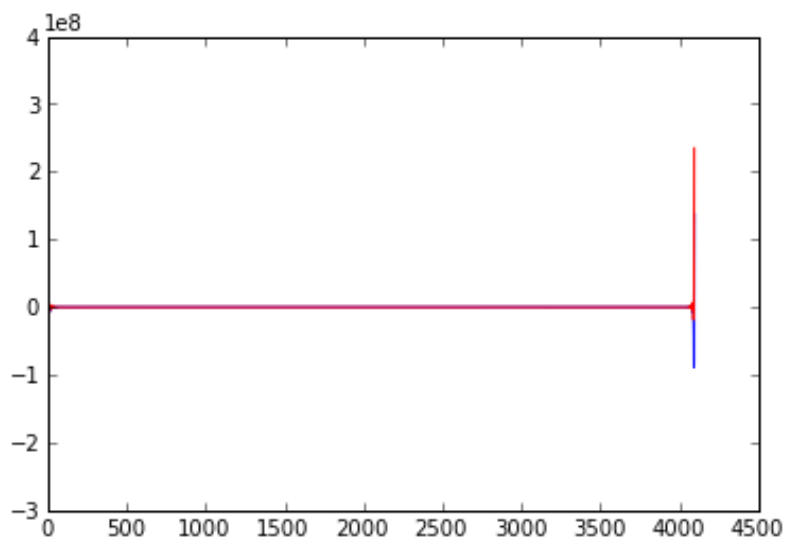


The FFT of the load

It's a line of code (let's plot the real and imaginary components of P .)

```
In [27]: P = P = fft.fft(p+0j)
         figure(2); plot(P.real, '-b', P.imag, '-r')
```

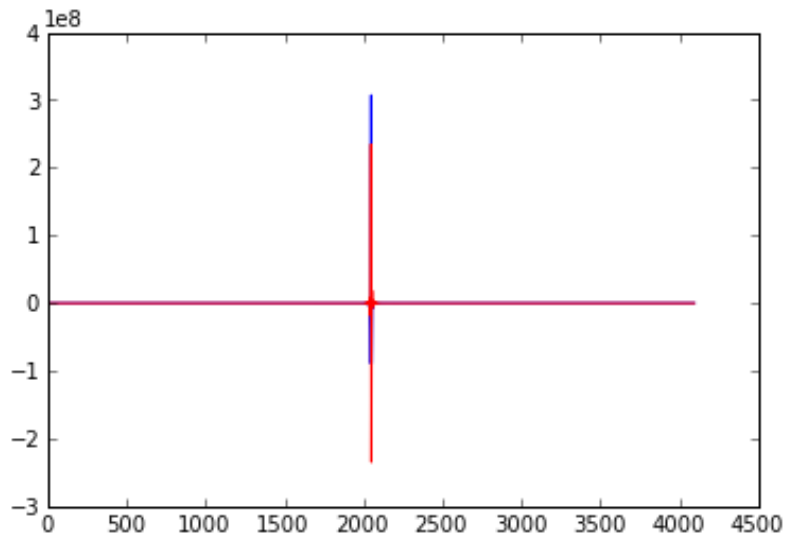
```
Out[27]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x56986d0>,
         <matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x5698b90>]
```



Our plot is not very clear... there is a convenience function `fft.fftshift` that wraps the FFT placing the zero frequency element in the middle of the vector. We construct the shifted FFT and then we plot it:

```
In [28]: Ps = fft.fftshift(P)
         figure(3); plot(Ps.real, '-b', Ps.imag, '-r')
```

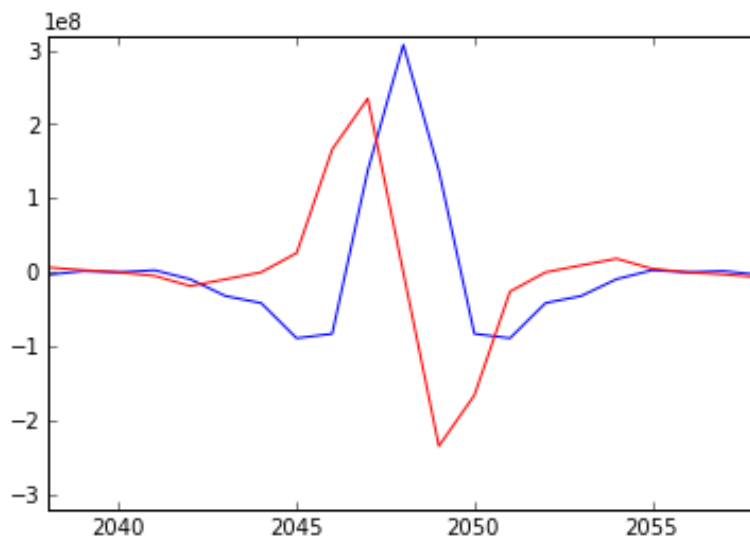
```
Out[28]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x5919710>,
          <matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x5919bd0>]
```



It is however better to zoom the plot near the centre of the n axis

```
In [29]: axis([2038,2058,-3.2e8,3.2e8]);plot(Ps.real, '-b', Ps.imag, '-r')
```

```
Out[29]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x5921750>,
          <matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x5cb2690>]
```



Computing the response

The characteristics of the dynamic system

The mass, the natural period of vibration and the corresponding natural frequency, the damping ratio ζ and finally β_1 , the frequency ratio associated with the fundamental frequency of the DFT of the loading

```
In [30]: mass=60E3
         Tn=0.60
         wn = 2*pi/Tn ; k = mass*wn*wn
         z=0.00
         b1 = w1/wn
```

The FFT of the response

Is computed multiplying the DFT of the load by the vector with the samples of the response function, computed on the fly using the `vectorize` trick.

```
In [31]: X=P*vectorize(resfun)(range(N))
```

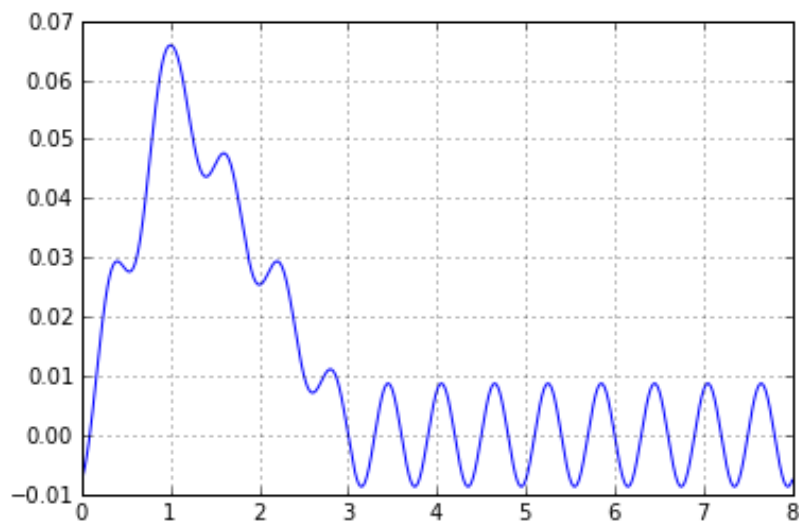
The response

Is computed applying the inverse DFT to the DFT of the response.

Then we plot it (applying the correction for static displacement) and look at what happens for $t = 0$

```
In [32]: x=fft.ifft(X)
         figure(4);grid();plot(t,x/k)plot(t,x/k)
```

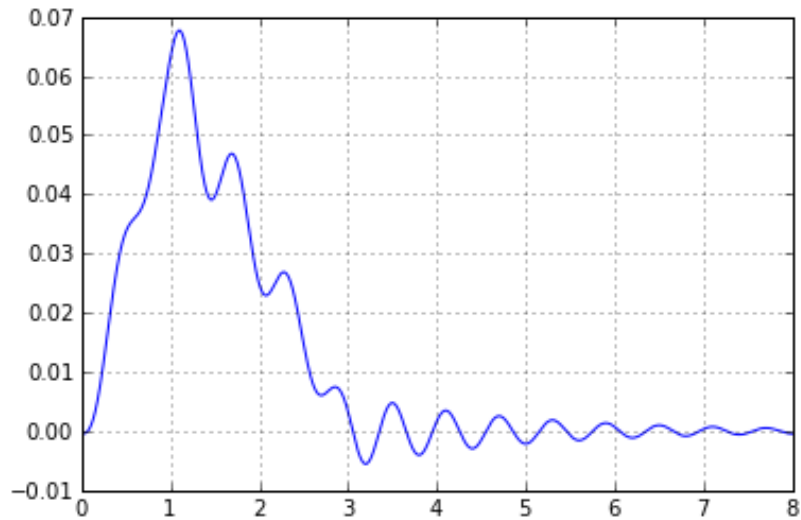
```
Out[32]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x5c8fd10>]
```



As you can see, the initial conditions are different from (0,0). We change the damping ratio and compute again the response

```
In [33]: z=0.05
         X=P*vectorize(resfun)(range(N))
         x=fft.ifft(X)
         grid();plot(t,x/k)
```

```
Out[33]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x5f0e8d0>]
```



Now the initial conditions are respected with a *good approximation*.

The key point is, leave a *zero-trail* of sufficient length, so that the response at the end of the period is sufficiently close to zero.