

1  **Preamble**

- Signal below is complex-periodic with a fundamental frequency and harmonics
  - ◆ A line spectrum
  - ◆ Smooth envelope with no sharp prominences
- Sounds similar to a “buzz”
- Produced by vibration of vocal folds during, e.g., vowel production

2  **Preamble**

- The sound wave will be altered or “reinforced” by a process called resonance, or filtering, to produce the various vowels of the language
  - ◆ /i/ as in beat
  - ◆ /u/ as in boot
  - ◆ and so forth

3  **The Principle of Resonance**

- Periodic force ( $m\omega$ ) is applied to an elastic system (mass-spring system)
- System is forced to vibrate at frequency of applied force, not at  $f_{nat}$  of the system
- The closer the frequency of the applied force to the natural frequency ( $f_{nat}$ ) of the system, the greater the amplitude of vibration

4  **RESONANCE AND FILTER CURVES**

- Does Not represent a sound wave spectrum
- The curve describes a frequency-selective elastic system
- The curve is called:
  - ◆ Resonance curve
  - ◆ Filter curve
  - ◆ System transfer function
  - ◆ Amplitude response
  - ◆ “Frequency Response”

5  **RESONANCE AND FILTER CURVES**

- Note the natural frequency at 0 dB
- What happens above & below the natural frequency?
  - ☑ Amplitudes are diminished (attenuated) for frequencies remote from  $f_{nat}$
- The resonator, or filter, is a frequency-selective system


6  **Summary**

- Mass and stiffness of elastic system determine its natural, or resonant, frequency
- Elastic system is forced to vibrate at frequency of applied force
- Amplitude of vibration of elastic system is greatest when driving frequency equals natural frequency of system


7  **ACOUSTIC IMPEDANCE & RESONANCE**

- Two components of impedance (Z):
  - ◆ Energy dissipating - Resistance (R)
  - ◆ Energy storage - Reactance (X)
- The magnitude of resistance (R) is independent of frequency

- ◆ Thus, R does not contribute to determination of  $f_{nat}$
- What components of Z, therefore, determine  $f_{nat}$ ?
  - ☑  $X_m$  (mass reactance)
  - ☑  $X_c$  (compliant reactance)

8  **Effects of Impedance on Resonance Curve**

- Shape of resonance curve, & location in frequency domain, determined by impedance (Z) of system: R,  $X_m$ , &  $X_c$
- ◆ Below  $f_c$  : compliance dominant
- ◆ Above  $f_c$  : mass dominant
- ◆ Progressive increase of resistance, not just impedance
- ◆ Is natural frequency affected? ☑ No

9  **Effects of Impedance on Resonance Curve**

- As R increases from B to C to D:
  - ◆ More energy is dissipated
  - ◆ Damping increases
  - ◆ System becomes more broadly tuned

10  **Admittance**

- Impedance emphasizes opposition to motion; opposition to transfer of energy
- Admittance refers to the inverse; energy accepted, or admitted, to a system

11  **System Tuning**

- The figure compares two resonant systems (not signals)
- Narrow tuning at left
- Good generator of sound: Why?
  - ◆ lower resistance
  - ◆ less damping
  - ◆ longer free vibrations at  $f_{nat}$

12  **System Tuning**

- Broad tuning at right
- Good receiver of sound: Why?
  - ◆ higher resistance
  - ◆ more damping
  - ◆ brief free vibrations
  - ◆ can be forced to vibrate with maximum amplitude over a wide range of frequencies

13  **Impedance Matching**

- Apply vibrating force (driver) to elastic system (load)
  - ◆ Power transferred to system
  - ◆ System forced to vibrate
- Maximum power transfer occurs when  $Z$  of driver =  $Z$  of load
- Sounding board of a piano

- Air cavity above the vocal folds
  - ◆ Do not amplify sound
  - ◆ Zs are matched
  - ◆ Maximum transfer of power

14  **FREQUENCY-SELECTIVE SYSTEMS: FILTERS**

- A: Amplitude spectrum of input signal
- B: System transfer function (resonance, or filter, curve)
- C: Amplitude spectrum of output signal

15  **FREQUENCY-SELECTIVE SYSTEMS: FILTERS**

- A: Amplitude spectrum of input signal -- white noise
- B: Transfer function of system
- C: Amplitude spectrum of output signal
  - ◆ Frequency-limited (band-limited) white noise

16  **PARAMETERS OF A FILTER**

- Five parameters of filter curves
  - ◆ 1. Center (natural) frequency,  $f_c$
  - ◆ 2. Upper cutoff frequency,  $f_U$
  - ◆ 3. Lower cutoff frequency,  $f_L$
  - ◆ 4. Bandwidth,  $\Delta f$
  - ◆ 5. Attenuation (rejection) rate

17  **Attenuation Rate In dB/octave**

- Filter A: 10 dB / octave
- Filter B: 15 dB / octave
- Attenuation rate quantifies the *selectivity* of a filter