

SOME SECOND ORDER EFFECTS IN GYROSCOPES INFLUENCED BY DRAG

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1. Introduction

Consider a gyroscope consisting of a rotor and two gimbals (see Fig. 1).

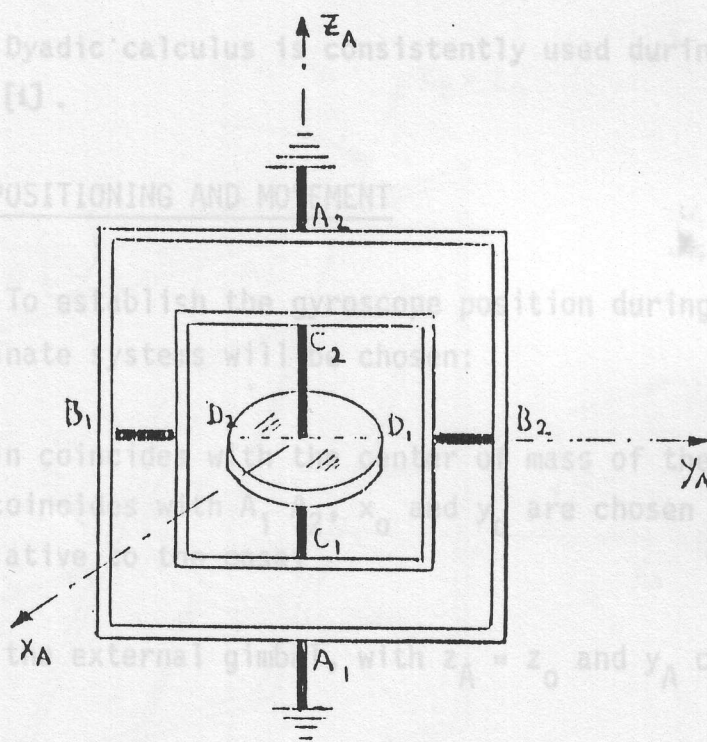


Fig. 1 - Reference position of a gyroscope.

The external gimbal is connected with an external case at points A_1 and A_2 by a pair of axes. At points B_1 and B_2 the external gimbal is connected with the internal one by a second pair of axes.

Finally, the rotor is connected at points C_1 and C_2 with the internal gimbal by a third pair of axes.

All axes allow free rotation.

The aim of this work is to establish the formulation of equations expressing the influence of

- (i) gimbal motion (gimbals not considered massless), and
- (ii) air drag

on the rotor motion.

Dyadic calculus is consistently used during the derivation of equations, [1].

2) GYROSCOPE POSITIONING AND MOVEMENT

To establish the gyroscope position during its movement, several coordinate systems will be chosen:

S_0 - The origin coincides with the center of mass of the gyroscope.
 z_0 axis coincides with $A_1 A_2$, x_0 and y_0 are chosen arbitrarily, fixed relative to the case.

S_A - Fixed on the external gimbal, with $z_A = z_0$ and y_A coinciding with $B_1 B_2$.

S_B - Fixed on the internal gimbal, with $y_B = y_A$ and z_B coinciding with $C_1 C_2$.

S_R - Fixed on the rotor: $z_R = z_B$; x_R and y_R in the rotor plane.

The gyroscope can be conducted from its position of reference, S_0 , to its arbitrary position, S_R by means of:

- (i) Rotation (of the external gimbal) through angle ϕ , around $A_1 A_2$.
- (ii) Rotation (of the internal gimbal) through angle θ , around $B_1 B_2$
- (iii) Rotation (of the rotor) through ψ around $C_1 C_2$.

The angles ϕ , θ , ψ (known as Euler Angles) determine completely the gyroscope position at any instant. Their rates $\dot{\phi}$, $\dot{\theta}$, $\dot{\psi}$ determine, respectively, angular velocities of

- (i) precession
- (ii) nutation
- (iii) spin

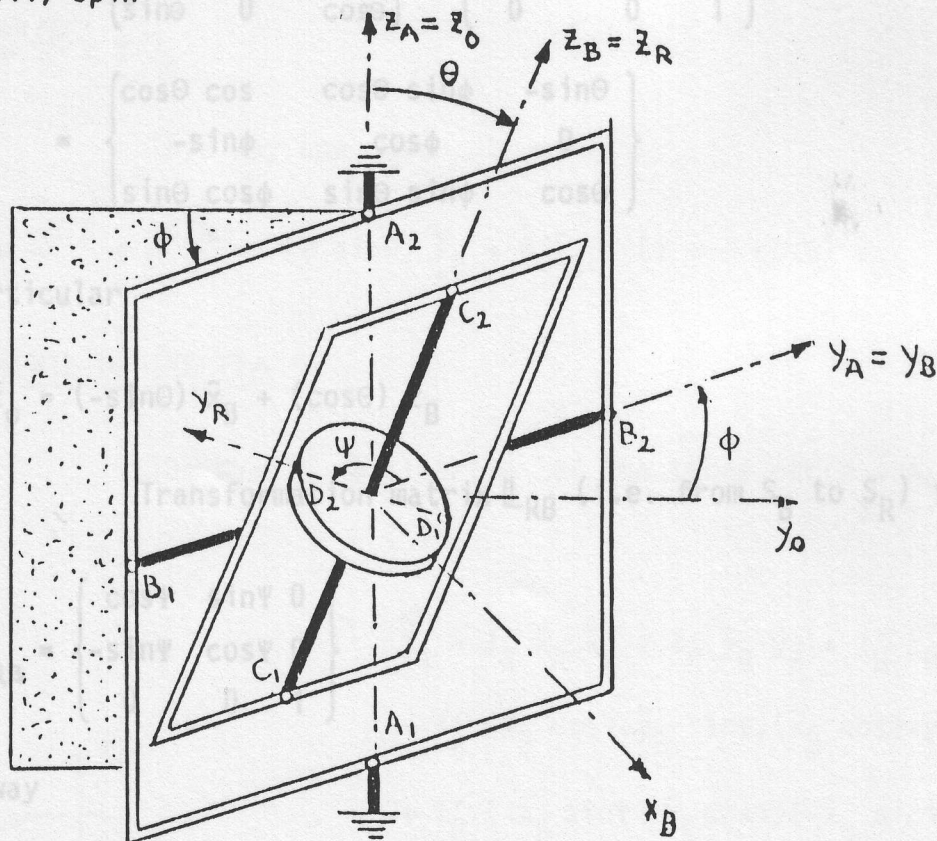


Fig. 2 - ϕ , θ and ψ .

3) COORDINATE SYSTEM TRANSFORMATIONS

Observe that transformation $S_0 \rightarrow S_B$ consists of

- (i) rotation through ϕ around \hat{z}_0
- (ii) rotation through θ around the new position of $\hat{y} = \hat{y}_A$

This way, the transformation matrix \mathbb{L}_{BA} (i.e. from S_A to S_B) is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{L}_{BA} &= \begin{Bmatrix} \cos\theta & 0 & -\sin\theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sin\theta & 0 & \cos\theta \end{Bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \cos\phi & \sin\phi & 0 \\ -\sin\phi & \cos\phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{Bmatrix} = \\ &= \begin{Bmatrix} \cos\theta \cos\phi & \cos\theta \sin\phi & -\sin\theta \\ -\sin\phi & \cos\phi & 0 \\ \sin\theta \cos\phi & \sin\theta \sin\phi & \cos\theta \end{Bmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

In particular

$$\hat{z}_0 = (-\sin\theta) \hat{x}_B + (\cos\theta) \hat{z}_B \quad (2)$$

Transformation matrix \mathbb{L}_{RB} (i.e. from S_B to S_R) is

Rotor

$$\mathbb{L}_{RB} = \begin{Bmatrix} \cos\psi & \sin\psi & 0 \\ -\sin\psi & \cos\psi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{Bmatrix}$$

This way

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \hat{x}_R \\ \hat{y}_R \\ \hat{z}_R \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} \cos\psi & \sin\psi & 0 \\ -\sin\psi & \cos\psi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{Bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \hat{x}_B \\ \hat{y}_B \\ \hat{z}_B \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} \hat{x}_B \cos\psi + \hat{y}_B \sin\psi \\ -\hat{x}_B \sin\psi + \hat{y}_B \cos\psi \\ \hat{z}_B \end{Bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

4) ANGULAR VELOCITIES

The angular velocity of S_B relative to the case (i.e. S_A) is

$$\vec{\omega}^{B/0} = \dot{\phi} \hat{z}_A + \dot{\theta} \hat{y}_B \quad (3)$$

In particular, substituting (2) into (3), one gets

$$\vec{\omega}^{B/0} = -(\sin\theta) \dot{\phi} \hat{x}_B + \dot{\theta} \hat{y}_B + (\cos\theta) \dot{\phi} \hat{z}_B \quad (4)$$

The angular velocity of the rotor relative to S_B is

$$\vec{\omega}^{R/B} = \dot{\psi} \hat{z}_B$$

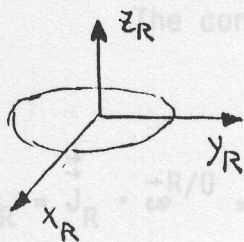
This way one gets

$$\vec{\omega}^{R/0} = \vec{\omega}^{R/B} + \vec{\omega}^{B/A} = -(\dot{\phi} \sin\theta) \hat{x}_B + \dot{\theta} \hat{y}_B + (\dot{\psi} + \dot{\phi} \cos\theta) \hat{z}_B \quad (5)$$

5) MOMENTS OF INERTIA

The dyadic of inertia of the three parts are:

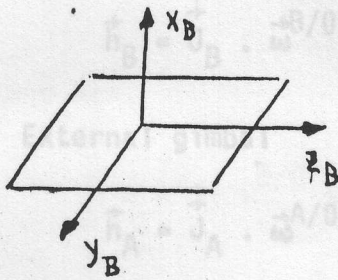
Rotor



$$\begin{aligned} \vec{J}_R &= I'_R \hat{x}_R \hat{x}_R + I'_R \hat{y}_R \hat{y}_R + I_R^* \hat{z}_R \hat{z}_R \\ &= I'_R (\hat{x}_B \cos\psi + \hat{y}_B \sin\psi)(\hat{x}_B \cos\psi + \hat{y}_B \sin\psi) + \\ &\quad + I'_R (-\hat{x}_B \sin\psi + \hat{y}_B \cos\psi)(-\hat{x}_B \sin\psi + \hat{y}_B \cos\psi) + \\ &\quad + I_R^* \hat{z}_B \hat{z}_B \\ &= I'_R \hat{x}_B \hat{x}_B + I'_R \hat{y}_B \hat{y}_B + I_R^* \hat{z}_B \hat{z}_B \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

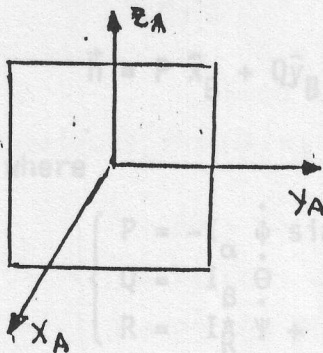
$$= \hat{x}_B (-I'_R \dot{\phi} \sin\theta) + \hat{y}_B (I'_R \dot{\theta}) + \hat{z}_B [I_R^* (\dot{\psi} + \dot{\phi} \cos\theta)] \quad (9)$$

Internal gimbal



$$\vec{J}_B = I_B^* \hat{x}_B \hat{x}_B + I_B' \hat{y}_B \hat{y}_B + I_B'' \hat{z}_B \hat{z}_B \quad (7)$$

External gimbal



$$\vec{J}_A = I_A^* \hat{x}_A \hat{x}_A + I_A' \hat{y}_A \hat{y}_A + I_A'' \hat{z}_A \hat{z}_A \quad (8)$$

6) ANGULAR MOMENTUM

One has

$$\vec{h} = \int \vec{R} \times \dot{\vec{R}} \, dm = \sum_i \left(\int \vec{R} \times \dot{\vec{R}} \, dm \right) = \sum \vec{h}_i$$

This means that the contributions of all parts are additive

The contribution of one has

Rotor

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{h}_R &= \vec{J}_R \cdot \vec{\omega}^{R/0} = (I_R' \hat{x}_B \hat{x}_B + I_R' \hat{x}_B \hat{x}_B + I_R^* \hat{z}_B \hat{z}_B) \cdot \\ &\quad \cdot \left[-\hat{x}_B \dot{\phi} \sin\theta + \hat{y}_B \dot{\theta} + \hat{z}_B (\dot{\psi} + \dot{\phi} \cos\theta) \right] \\ &= \hat{x}_B (-I_R' \dot{\phi} \sin\theta) + \hat{y}_B (I_R' \dot{\theta}) + \hat{z}_B [I_R^* (\dot{\psi} + \dot{\phi} \cos\theta)] \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Internal gimbal

$$\vec{h}_B = \vec{J}_B \cdot \vec{\omega}^{B/0} = -\bar{x}_B I_B^* \dot{\phi} \sin\theta + \bar{y}_B I_B^* \dot{\theta} + \bar{z}_B I_B'' \dot{\phi} \cos\theta \quad (10)$$

External gimbal

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{h}_A &= \vec{J}_A \cdot \vec{\omega}^{A/0} = (I_A^* \bar{x}_A \bar{x}_A + I_A' \bar{y}_A \bar{y}_A + I_A'' \bar{z}_A \bar{z}_A) \cdot (\dot{\phi} \bar{z}_A) \\ &= I_A'' \dot{\phi} \bar{z}_A = -\bar{x}_B I_A'' \dot{\phi} \sin\theta + \bar{z}_B I_A'' \dot{\phi} \cos\theta \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

This way, the total angular momentum can be written

$$\vec{h} = P \bar{x}_B + Q \bar{y}_B + R \bar{z}_B \quad (12)$$

where

$$\begin{cases} P = -I_\alpha \dot{\phi} \sin\theta \\ Q = I_\beta \dot{\theta} \\ R = I_R^* \dot{\psi} + I_\gamma \dot{\phi} \cos\theta \end{cases}$$

and where

$$\begin{cases} I_\alpha = I_R' + I_B^* + I_A'' \\ I_\beta = I_R' + I_B' \\ I_\gamma = I_R^* + I_B'' + I_A'' \end{cases}$$

7) EQUATIONS OF MOVEMENT (EULER EQUATIONS)

one gets, this way, second order equations which are not immediately integrable. As is well known, one has

$$\dot{\vec{h}} = \vec{G}$$

where

\vec{h} = total angular momentum

\vec{G} = resultant of external torques

$$(\dot{\vec{h}})_0 = \mathcal{L}_{0B} (\dot{\vec{h}})_B$$

and where the symbol $(\dot{\vec{h}})$ denotes the inertial time deviation (d/dt).

Expressing equations in a non-inertial system, say S_B , one has:

$$\dot{\vec{h}} = \dot{\vec{h}}^B + \vec{\omega}^{B/O} \times \vec{h} \quad (14)$$

where the symbol $(\dot{\vec{h}})^B$ denotes the time derivative as determined by the observer in S_B , that is - see eq. (12):

$$\dot{\vec{h}}^B = \dot{p} \bar{x}_B + \dot{Q} \bar{y}_B + \dot{R} \bar{z}_B$$

Even though this is a standard procedure of getting Euler equations, resulting in:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{P} + R\dot{\Theta} - Q\dot{\Phi} \cos\Theta = G_{x_B} \\ \dot{Q} + P\dot{\Phi} \cos\Theta + R\dot{\Phi} \sin\Theta = G_{y_B} \\ \dot{R} + P\dot{\Theta} - Q\dot{\Phi} \sin\Theta = G_{z_B} \end{cases} \quad (15)$$

or, after some algebra, in

$$\begin{cases} -I_\alpha \ddot{\Phi} \sin\Theta + (I_\gamma - I_\alpha - I_\beta) \dot{\Phi} \dot{\Theta} \cos\Theta + I_R^* \dot{\Psi} \dot{\Theta} = G_{x_B} \\ I_\beta \ddot{\Theta} + (I_\gamma - I_\alpha) \dot{\Phi}^2 \cos\Theta \sin\Theta + I_R^* \dot{\Psi} \dot{\Phi} \sin\Theta = G_{y_B} \\ I_R \ddot{\Psi} + I_\gamma \dot{\Phi} \cos\Theta + (I_\alpha - I_\beta - I_\gamma) \dot{\Phi} \dot{\Theta} \sin\Theta = G_{z_B} \end{cases}$$

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A more convenient way is to express \vec{h} in the inertial system, S_O , then no $\vec{\omega} \times \vec{h}$ term will be required and equations of motion will be directly integrable.

Of course, one has

$$(\vec{h})_O = \mathbb{L}_{OB} (\vec{h})_B \quad (16)$$

where $(\vec{h})_0$ and $(\vec{h})_B$ express column matrices composed of the components of angular momentum ; S_0 and S_B , respectively.

Thus, see eq. (1)

$$(\vec{h})_0 = \begin{Bmatrix} \cos\theta \cos\phi & -\sin\phi \\ \cos\theta \sin\phi & \cos\phi \\ -\sin\theta & 0 \end{Bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \sin\theta \cos\phi \\ \sin\theta \sin\phi \\ \cos\theta \end{Bmatrix} \cdot \begin{Bmatrix} P \\ Q \\ R \end{Bmatrix}$$

After some algebra, Euler equations can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \left\{ (I_Y - I_\alpha) \dot{\phi} \cos\theta \sin\theta \cos\phi - I_B \dot{\theta} \sin\phi + I_R^* \dot{\psi} \sin\theta \cos\phi \right\} &= G_{x_0} \\ \frac{d}{dt} \left\{ (I_Y - I_\alpha) \dot{\phi} \cos\theta \sin\theta \sin\phi + I_B \dot{\theta} \cos\phi + I_R^* \dot{\psi} \sin\theta \sin\phi \right\} &= G_{y_0} \\ \frac{d}{dt} \left\{ \dot{\phi} (I_\alpha \sin^2\theta + I_Y \cos^2\theta) + I_R^* \dot{\psi} \cos\theta \right\} &= G_{z_0} \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

The above equations can be, now, immediately integrated and, since they will result in a system of linear equation in $\dot{\phi}, \dot{\theta}, \dot{\psi}$, can also be solved with respect of these variable.

8) TIME RATES OF EULER ANGLES WITH EXTERNAL TORQUES ABSENT

Assuming $G_{x_0} = G_{y_0} = G_{z_0} = 0$, integrating the above equations and solving them for $\dot{\phi}, \dot{\theta}, \dot{\psi}$, one gets, after some manipulations.

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\theta} &= \frac{1}{I_B} (c_1 \sin\phi + c_2 \cos\phi) \\ \dot{\phi} &= \frac{1}{I_\alpha \sin\theta} \{ c_3 \sin\theta - (c_1 \cos\phi + c_2 \sin\phi) \cos\theta \} \\ \dot{\psi} &= \frac{1}{I_R^* \sin\theta} \{ c_1 \cos\phi + c_2 \sin\phi \} \left(\sin^2\theta + \frac{I_Y}{I_\alpha} \cos^2\theta \right) + c_3 \frac{I_\alpha - I_Y}{I_\alpha} \sin\theta \cos\theta \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

c_1 , c_2 and c_3 can be determined from initial conditions. Without loss of generality, one can assume $c_1 = 0$.

9) AIR DRAG DUE TO THE ROTATING DISK

Rotating disk produces a moment due to the air drag in \hat{z}_R direction.

To estimate the drag in turbulent flow (which is our case), choose $1/7$ power for velocity distribution.

Centrifugal force per unit volume is $\rho r \omega^2$ [2] (ω = angular velocity) and the centrifugal force acting on a volume $dr \times ds \times \delta$ (δ = boundary layer thickness) becomes $\rho r \omega^2 ds dr \delta$. The shearing stress τ_0 forms an angle θ with the tangential direction and its radial component must balance the centrifugal force. Hence

$$\tau_0 \sin \theta dr ds = \rho r \omega^2 \delta dr ds$$

or

$$\tau_0 \sin \theta = \rho r \omega^2 \delta$$

Using analogy with flat plate, one has

$$\tau_0 \cos \theta \sim \rho (\omega r)^{7/4} (\nu/\omega)^{1/4}$$

(U_∞ substituted by $r\omega$). Then

$$\delta \sim r^{3/5} (\nu/\omega)^{1/5}$$

The torque becomes

$$M \sim \tau_0 R^3 \sim \rho R \omega^2 (\nu/\omega)^{1/5} R^{3/5} R^3$$

or

$$M \sim \rho U^2 R^3 \left(\frac{\nu}{UR} \right)^{1/5}$$

where

$$U = \omega R.$$

Von Karman using the 1/7 power law for the variation of the tangential velocity component through the boundary layer showed that, for a disk wetted on both sides, the viscous torque is equal to

$$2M = 0.073 \rho \omega^2 R^5 \left(\frac{\nu}{\omega R^2} \right)^{1/5} \quad (19)$$

Thus, c_M becomes

$$c_M = \frac{0.146}{(\text{Rey})^{1/5}}$$

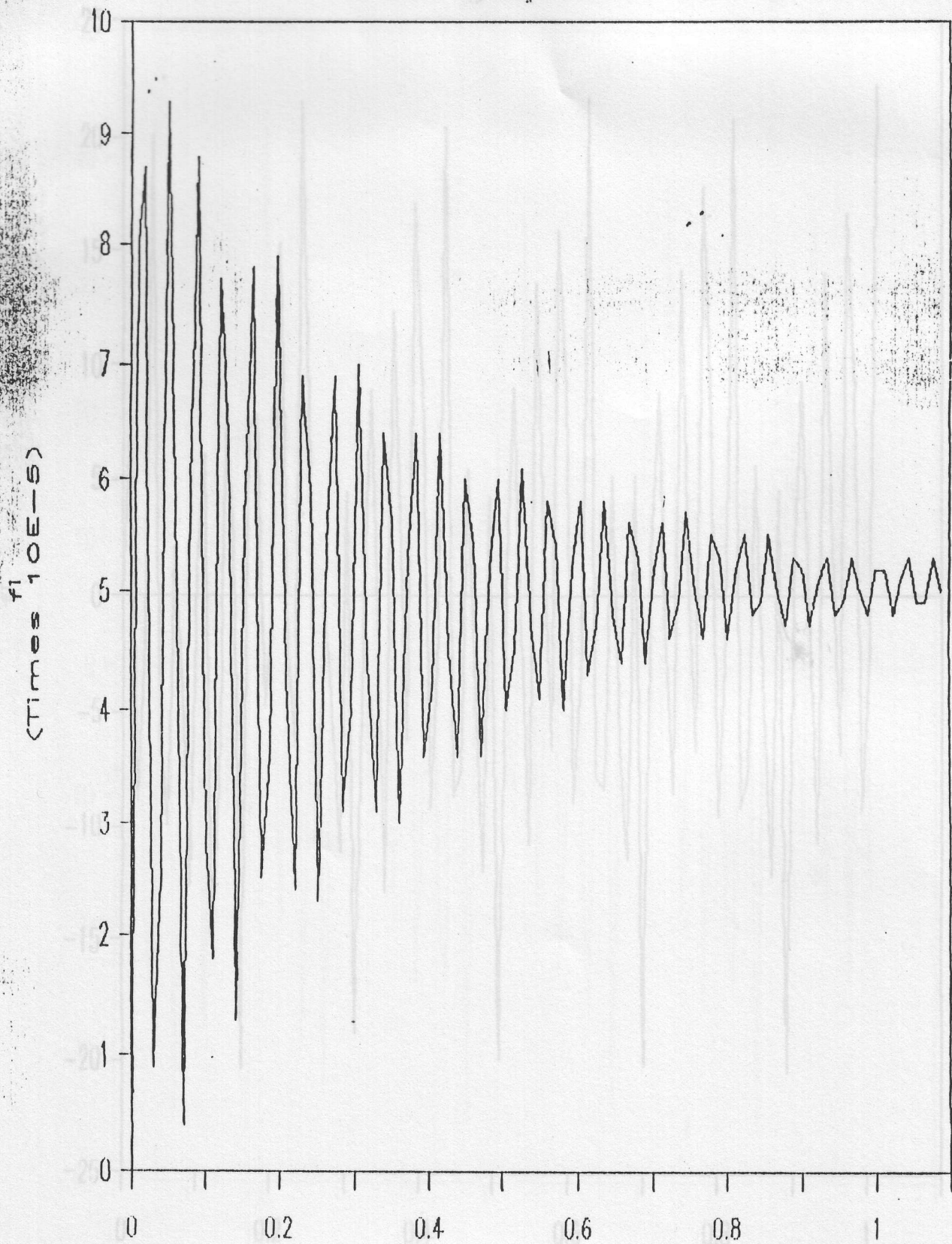
This result shows good agreement for $\text{Rey} > 3 \times 10^5$.

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FI vs TIME

$k_1 = 169$. $k_2 = 17 = 338$.

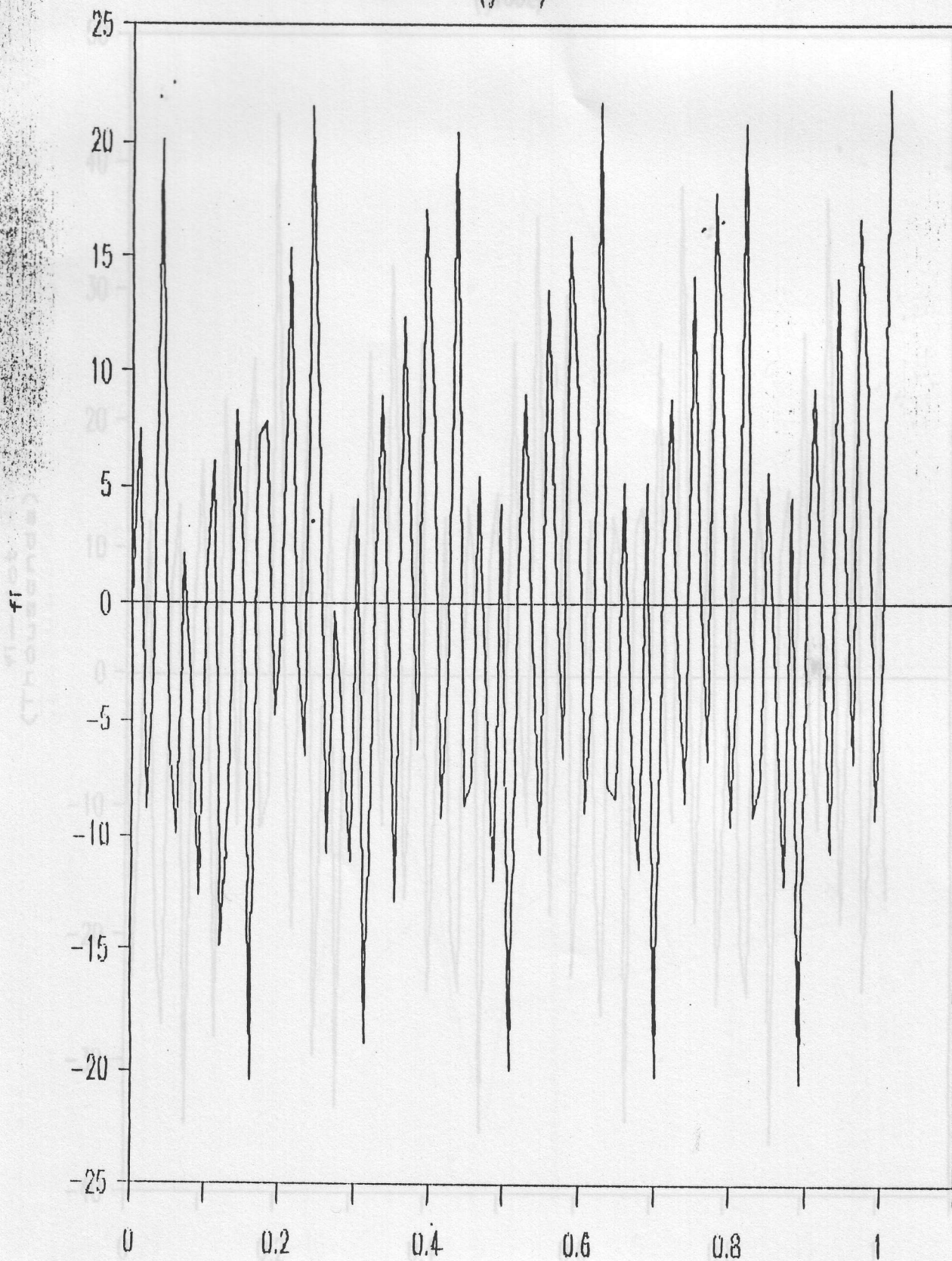


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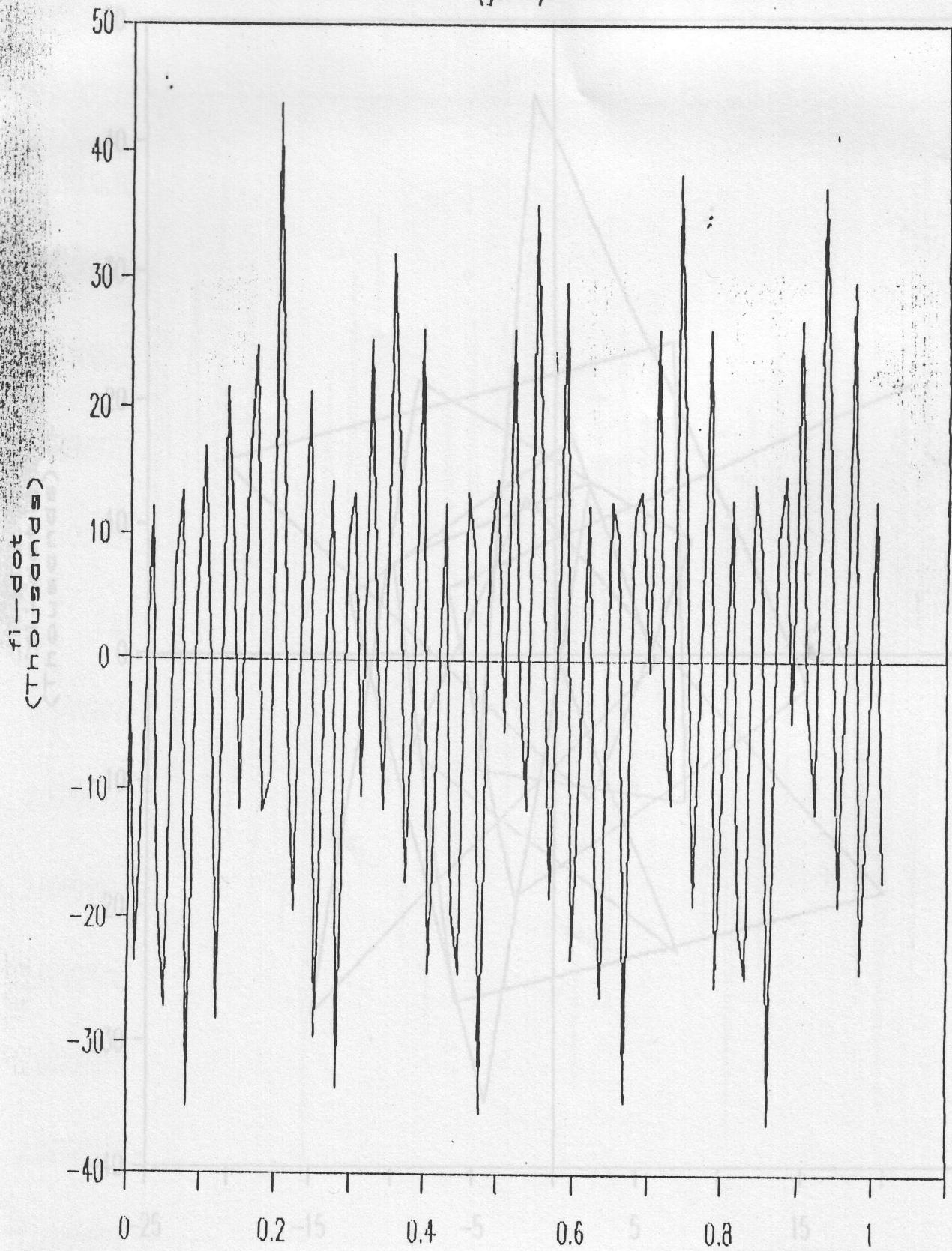
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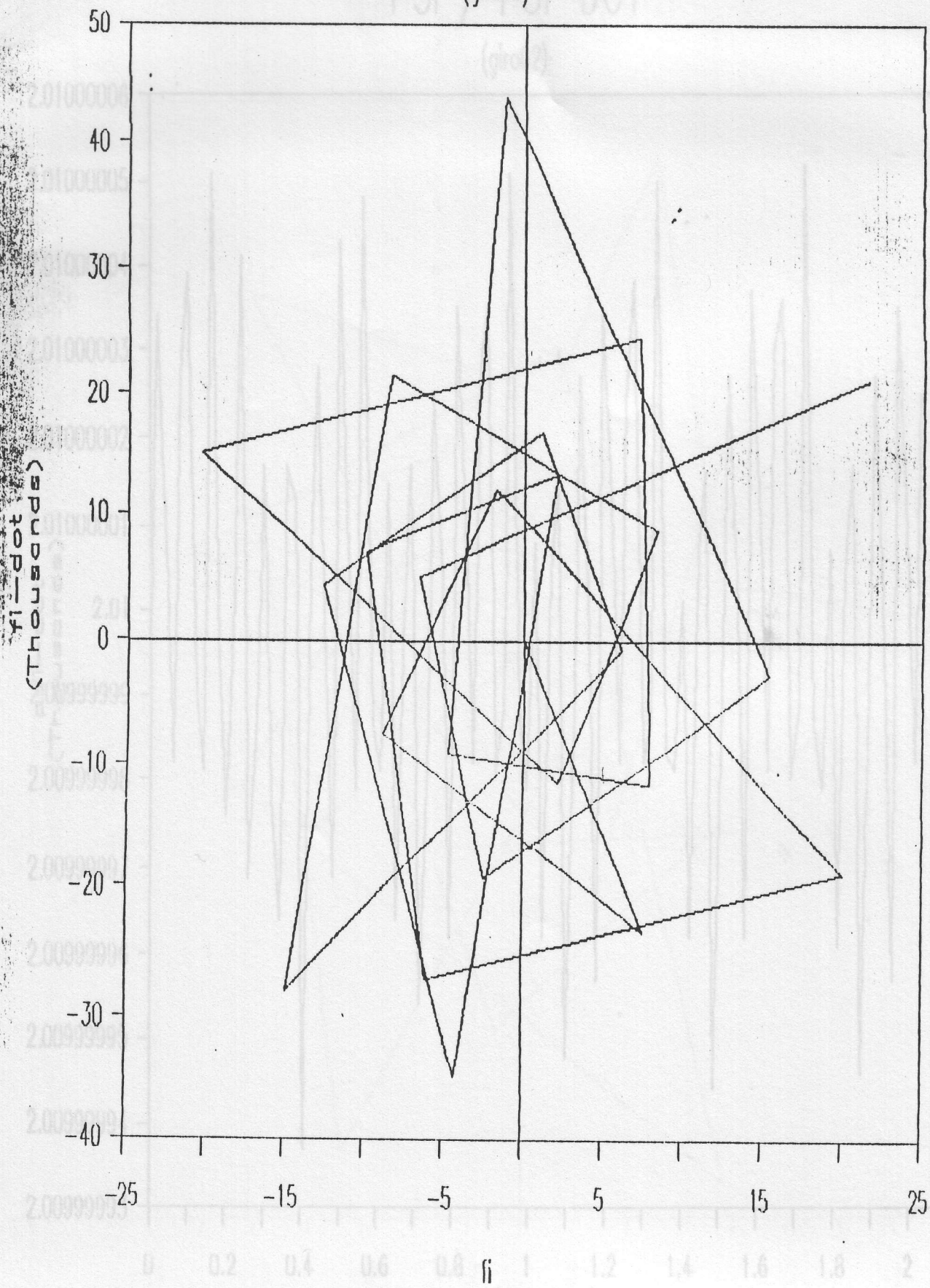


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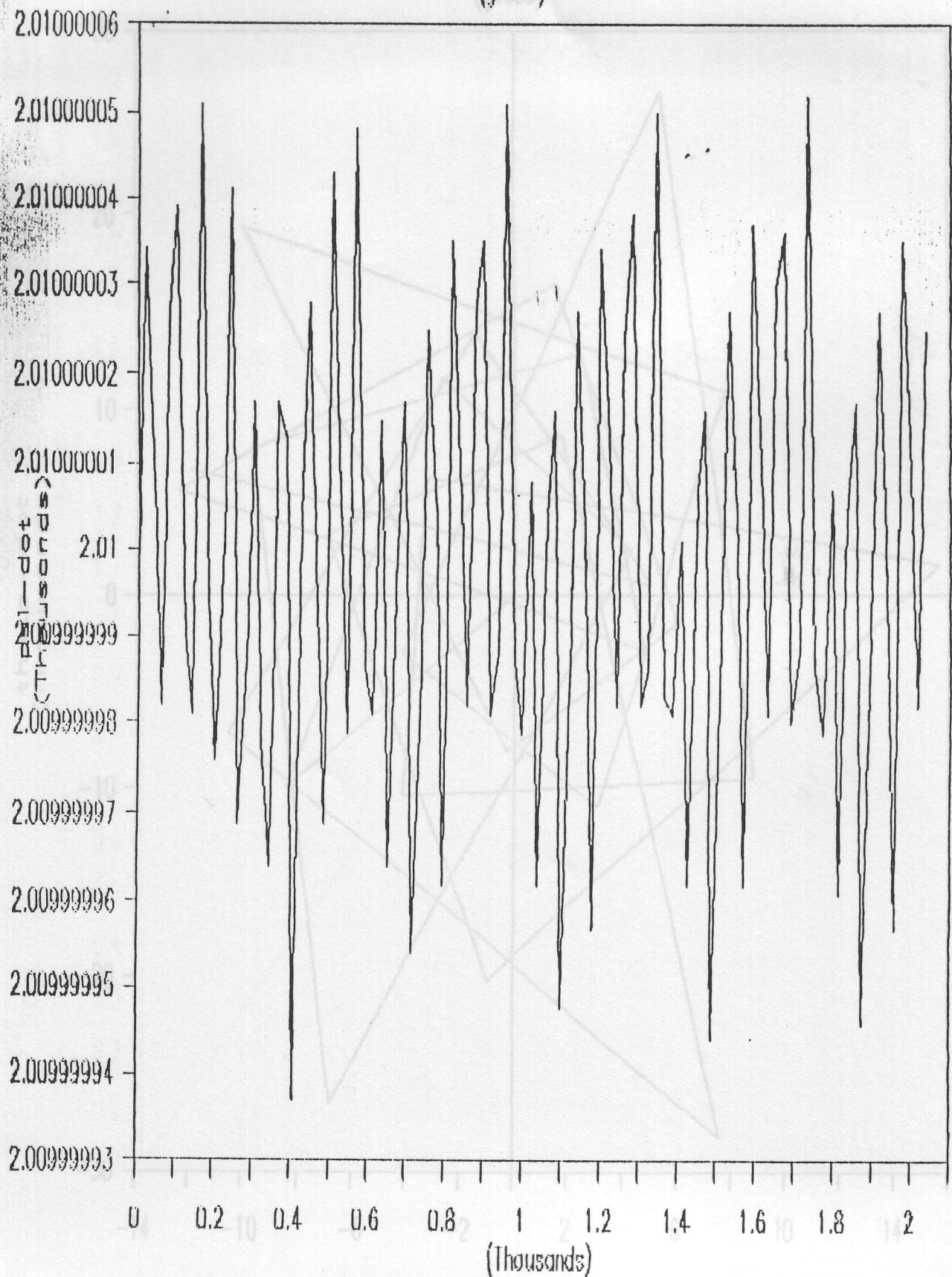
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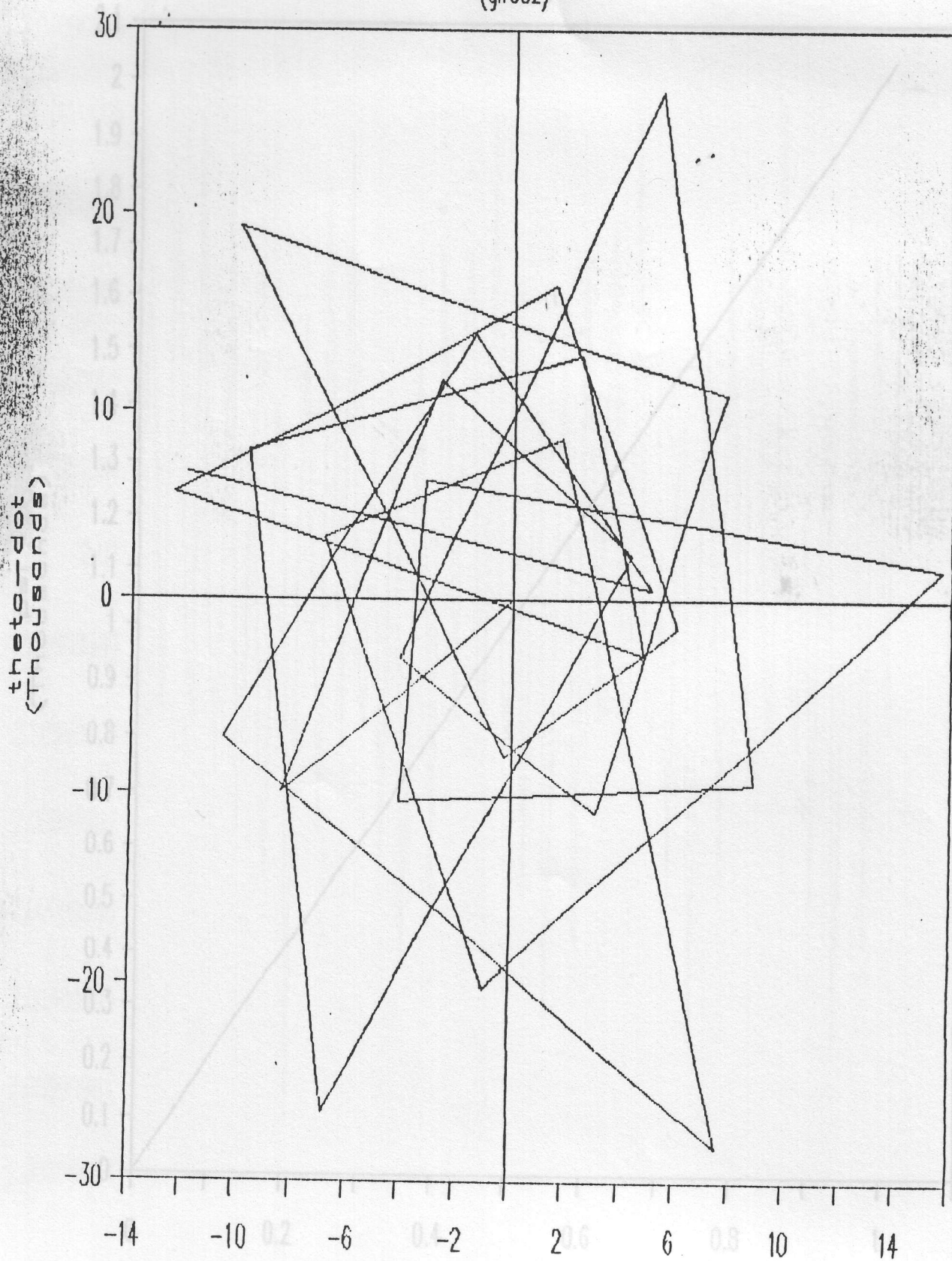
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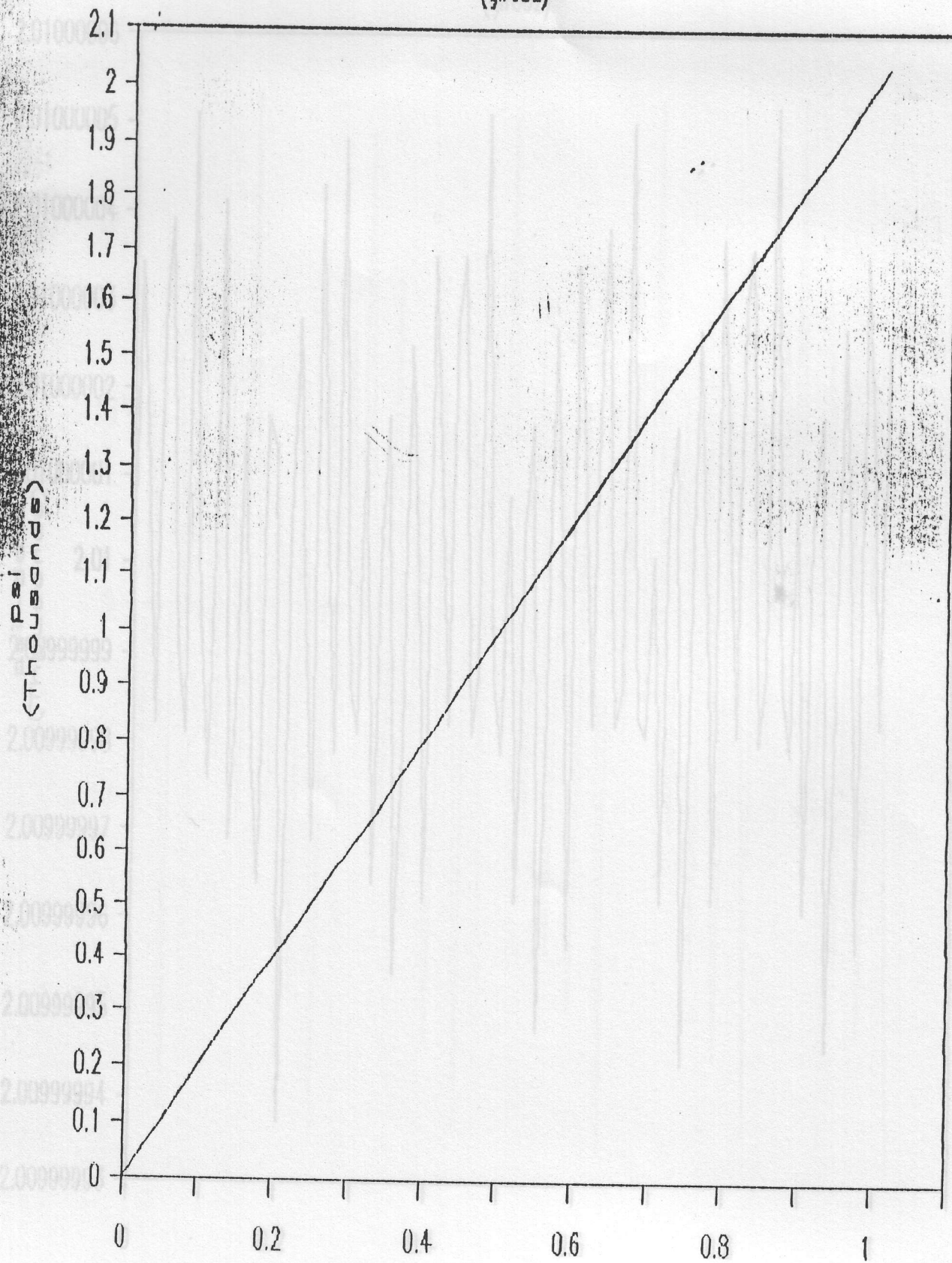


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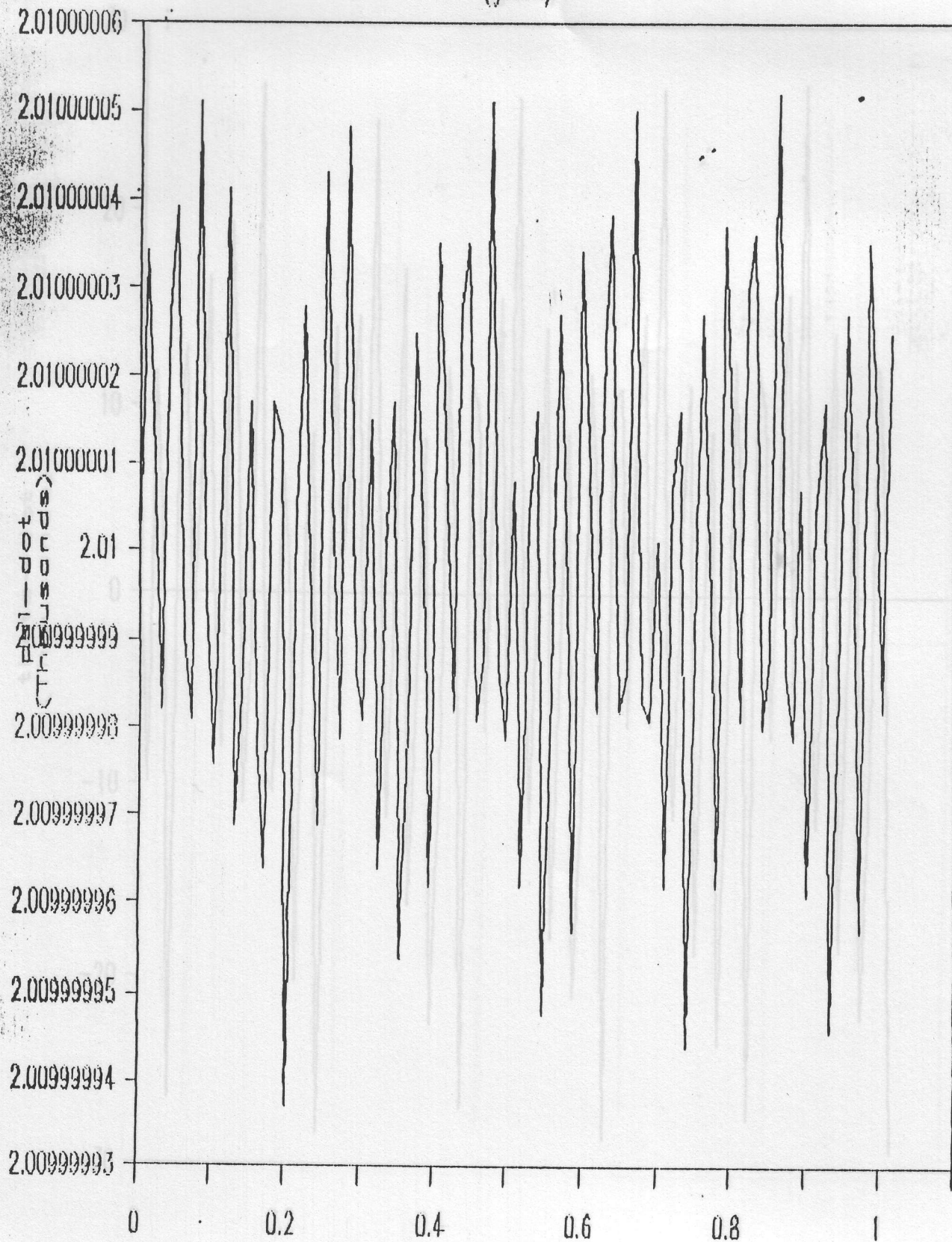


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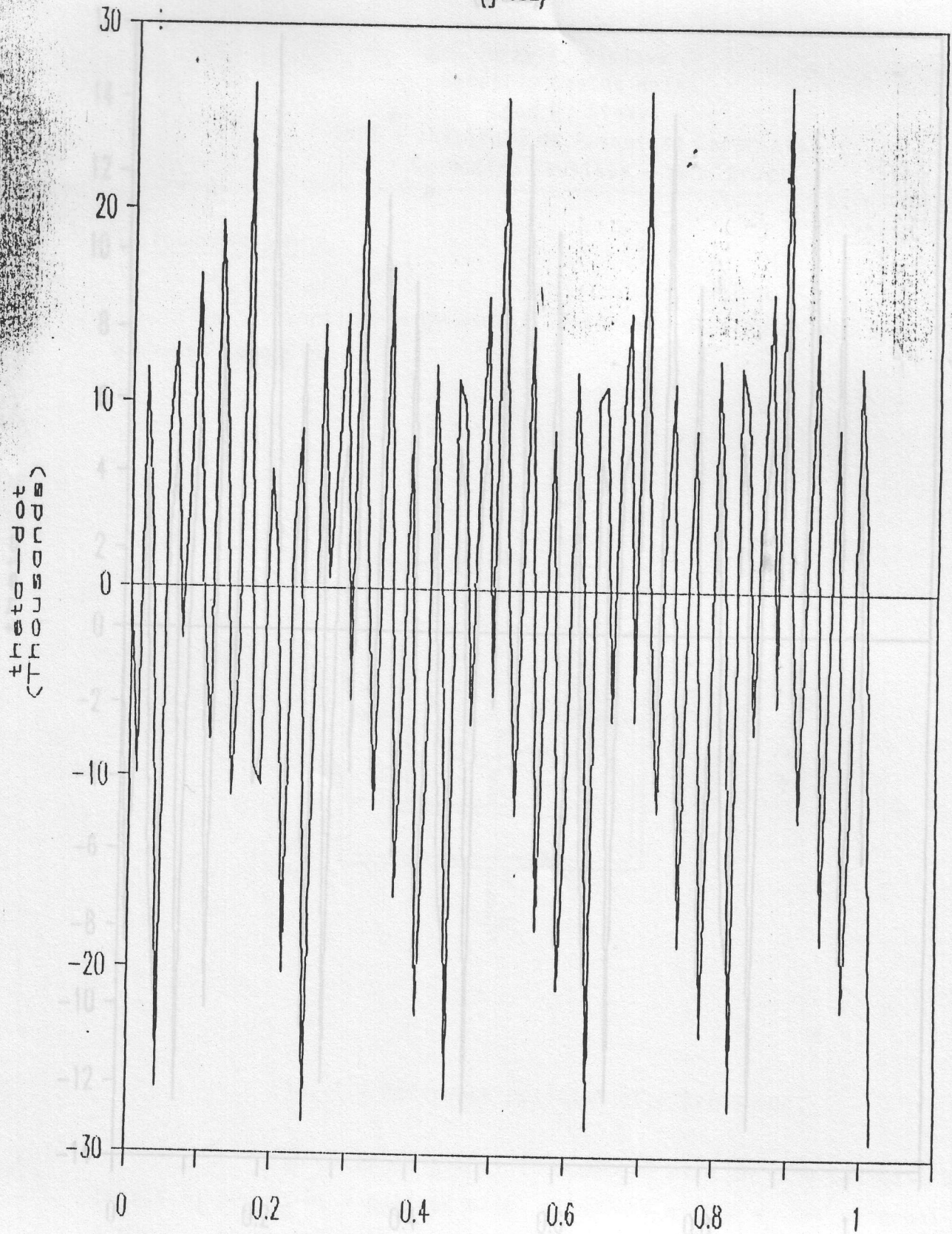
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