

MA1506
Mathematics II
Chapter 2
Oscillations



2.1 Introduction

In this chapter, we study an important system called harmonic oscillator (HO) which is an application of 2nd order linear ODE.

The ODE for harmonic oscillator is given by

$$mx'' + bx' + kx = F(t)$$

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Notation

In this chapter

$\frac{dx}{dt}$ may be denoted by \dot{x} or x'

$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2}$ may be denoted by \ddot{x} or x''

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We shall consider four types of HO:

(1) Simple harmonic oscillator

$$m\ddot{x} + kx = 0$$

where m (mass) and k (spring constant) are positive numbers.

Its motion (solution) is periodic, called simple harmonic motion (SHM).

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(2) Damped harmonic oscillator

$$m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = 0$$

$m > 0, \quad b > 0, \quad k > 0$

Damping
constant

spring
constant

In real oscillator, friction (damping) slows down the motion of the system. The frictional force is given by $-b\dot{x}$

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(3) Forced harmonic oscillator without damping

$$m\ddot{x} + kx = F(t)$$

The system is a simple harmonic oscillator driven by an EXTERNALLY applied force $F(t)$.

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2.1 Introduction

(4) Forced harmonic oscillator with damping

$$m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = F(t)$$

The system is a damped harmonic oscillator driven by an EXTERNALLY applied force $F(t)$.

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2.2 Simple harmonic oscillator

A simple harmonic oscillator is a system which obeys Hooke's law:

The restoring force F_r in a system is proportional to the displacement x from the **equilibrium point**.

$$F_r = -kx$$

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2.2 Simple harmonic oscillator

The equation of motion of such a system is given by

$$m\ddot{x} + kx = 0$$

Newton's 2nd law
 $m\ddot{x} = -kx$

$k > 0$, k called spring constant

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2.2 Simple harmonic oscillating

Simple harmonic motion SHM can serve as a mathematical model for a variety of motions, such as a mass on a spring and a pendulum swinging with small amplitudes.

For details, see

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Simple_harmonic_motion

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2.2 Simple harmonic oscillator

In a SHM equation (i.e., $m\ddot{x} + kx = 0$) it is typical to define the quantity

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

and rewrite the equation $m\ddot{x} + kx = 0$

as $\ddot{x} + \omega^2 x = 0$

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2.2 Simple harmonic oscillator

The general soln of the equation is

$$x(t) = C \cos(\omega t) + D \sin(\omega t)$$

which can be rewritten in the phase-amplitude form as

$$x(t) = A \cos(\omega t - \delta)$$

amplitude

phase or
phase angle

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2.2 Simple harmonic oscillator

Note that

$$x = A \cos(\omega t - \delta) = A \cos(\omega t + 2\pi - \delta)$$

$$= A \cos(\omega(t + \frac{2\pi}{\omega}) - \delta)$$

Hence SHM is periodic with period

$$\frac{2\pi}{\omega} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$$

and amplitude A

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Some technical terms

2.2 Simple harmonic oscillator

- Period $T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$

It is the time taken for a single oscillation(cycle).

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Some technical terms (ctd)

2.2 Simple harmonic oscillator

- Frequency $f = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$

It gives the number of cycles per unit time.

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Some technical terms (ctd)

2.2 Simple harmonic oscillator

- Angular frequency $= 2\pi f = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = \omega$

It is the number of cycles per 2π unit time.

- Amplitude is the maximal displacement from the equilibrium position.

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Why $A \cos(\omega t - \delta)$?

2.2 Simple harmonic oscillator

In fact it can also be rewritten in one of the following forms

$$A \sin(\omega t - \delta)$$

$$A \cos(\omega t + \delta)$$

$$A \sin(\omega t + \delta)$$

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2.2 Simple harmonic oscillator

The two constants A and δ are determined by initial conditions

Suppose $x(0) = x_0$ $\dot{x}(0) = v_0$

Then $x_0 = A \cos(-\delta)$

and $v_0 = (-A\omega) \sin(-\delta)$

So we can find A and δ , for example,

$$A = \sqrt{x_0^2 + \left(\frac{v_0}{\omega}\right)^2}$$

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2.2 Simple harmonic oscillator

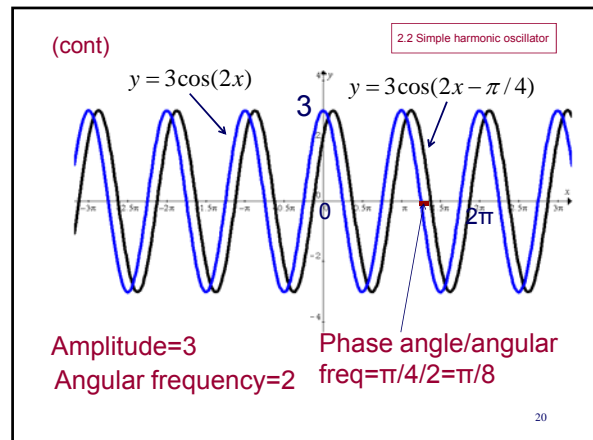
How to sketch the graph of

$$y = 3\cos(2x - \pi/4)$$

Amplitude Angular frequency Phase angle

<http://www.graphmatica.com>

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2.2 Simple harmonic oscillator

Example 1 Horizontal spring-mass system

Newton's 2nd law

$$m\ddot{x} = -kx$$

$$m\ddot{x} + kx = 0$$

Equilibrium position

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2.2 Simple harmonic oscillator

Example 2 Vertical spring-mass system

$$m\ddot{x} + kx = 0$$

equilibrium position

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(cont) 2.2 Simple harmonic oscillator

$mg + (-kd) = 0$
 $mg = kd$

$x_0 + d + x$

$m\ddot{x} = -k(d + x) + mg$
 $= -kx$

equilibrium position

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2.2.1 Pendulum with small amplitude (small angle)

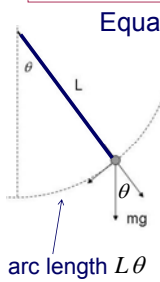
rigid

$\theta > 0$

$\theta < 0$

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2.2.2 Pendulum with small amplitude



Equation of motion of pendulum is

$$m \frac{d^2(L\theta)}{dt^2} = -mg \sin \theta$$

Hence $mL\ddot{\theta} = -mg \sin \theta$

Non linear 2nd Order ODE.

where $\dot{\theta} = \frac{d\theta}{dt}$ $\ddot{\theta} = \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2}$

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2.2.2 (cont)

$$mL\ddot{\theta} = -mg \sin \theta$$

We now approximate the above **nonlinear** ODE by **linear** ODE when θ is small

By Taylor series (at 0) of $\sin \theta$, we have

$$\sin \theta = \theta - \frac{1}{3!}\theta^3 + \dots$$

Thus, when θ is small, we have

$$\sin \theta \approx \theta$$

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2.2.2 (cont)

$$mL\ddot{\theta} \approx -mg\theta$$

$$\ddot{\theta} \approx -\frac{g}{L}\theta = -\omega^2\theta$$

where $\omega^2 = \frac{g}{L}$ minus is crucial

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2.2 Simple harmonic oscillator

So the given nonlinear ODE

$$mL\ddot{\theta} = -mg \sin \theta$$

can be approximated by $\ddot{\theta} = -\omega^2\theta$

General solution is

$$\theta = A \cos(\omega t - \delta)$$

amplitude angular frequency phase angle

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2.2 Simple harmonic oscillator

Simple pendulum oscillation

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Simple_Pendulum_Oscillator.gif

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2.3 Damped, Unforced Oscillators

$$m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = 0 \quad m > 0, \quad k > 0, \quad b > 0$$

spring constant damping constant

$$m\lambda^2 + b\lambda + k = 0 \quad \text{Auxiliary equation}$$

Case 1: two real roots Over damping

Case 2: double root Critical damping

Case 3: complex roots Under damping

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2.3 Damped, Unforced Oscillators

See damped oscillation at

<http://www.aw-bc.com/ide/idefiles/media/JavaTools/vibedamp.html>

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2.3.1 Damped, Unforced Oscillators
(2 negative real roots) Overdamping

Example $\ddot{x} + 3\dot{x} + 2x = 0$

We have $\lambda = -1, -2$

General solution $x(t) = c_1 e^{-t} + c_2 e^{-2t}$

Overdamping

No oscillation

tend to zero rapidly

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2.3.2 Damped, Unforced Oscillators
(repeated roots) critical damping

Example $\ddot{x} + 6\dot{x} + 9x = 0$

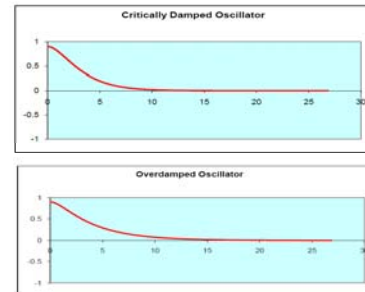
We have $\lambda = -3, -3$ (critical damping)

General solution $x(t) = c_1 e^{-3t} + c_2 t e^{-3t}$

$x(t)$ also goes to zero rapidly, and is called critical damping.

<http://www.aw-bc.com/ide/idefiles/media/JavaTools/vibedamp.html>

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Damping is useful

"Don't let the door hit you on the way out."



A door-closer has two main parts: a spring to close the door, and a damper to prevent the door from slamming shut



Old western swing doors

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Damping is useful



Suspension



Damper pedal



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2.3 Damped, Unforced Oscillators

The graceful movement of everyday things
see

[file:///F:/damping/The%20Graceful%20Movement%20of%20Everyday%20Things%20The%20Floating%20Bones%20Journal.htm](http://www.f/damping/The%20Graceful%20Movement%20of%20Everyday%20Things%20The%20Floating%20Bones%20Journal.htm)

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2.3.3 Damped, Unforced Oscillators
(complex roots) underdamped

Example $\ddot{x} + 2\dot{x} + 26x = 0$

$$\lambda = -1 \pm 5i$$

General solution

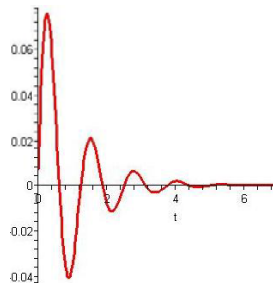
$$x(t) = e^{-t} [c_1 \cos(5t) + c_2 \sin(5t)]$$

which can be rewritten as

$$x(t) = Ae^{-t} \cos(5t - \delta)$$

Motion is under-damped.

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Damped, Unforced Oscillators (complex roots)
underdamped General case

$$m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = 0$$

General soln is

$$x(t) = Ae^{\frac{-bt}{2m}} \cos(\beta t - \delta)$$

amplitude depends on time

$$\beta = \frac{1}{2m} \sqrt{4mk - b^2} = \text{quasi-frequency}$$

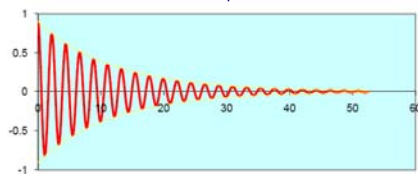
$$\frac{2\pi}{\beta} \text{ is called the quasi-period.}$$

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2.3 Damped, Unforced Oscillators

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Underdamped Oscillator

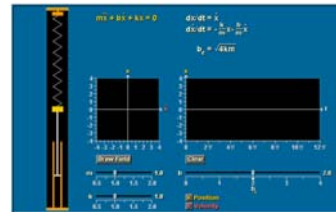


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2.3.4 Damped, Unforced Oscillators
Example 1

$$m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = 0$$

spring constant $k > 0$, damping constant $b > 0$, $m > 0$

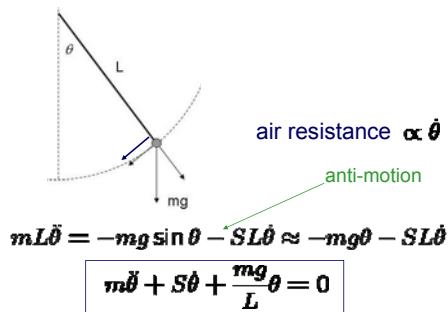


Damped Mass Spring Oscillator
Textbook p196

<http://www.aw-bc.com/ide/idefiles/media/JavaTools/massspring.html>

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2.3.4 Damped pendulum Example 2



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2.4 Forced Oscillators $m\ddot{x} + kx = F_0 \cos \alpha t$

$$m\ddot{x} + kx = F_0 e^{i\alpha t}$$

general solution $x = A \cos(\omega t - \delta) + \frac{F_0/m}{\omega^2 - \alpha^2} \cos(\alpha t)$

(See appendix 3) x_h x_p

where $\omega = \sqrt{k/m}$



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2.4 Forced Oscillators $m\ddot{x} + kx = F_0 \cos \alpha t$

$$x = A \cos(\omega t - \delta) + \frac{F_0/m}{\omega^2 - \alpha^2} \cos(\alpha t)$$

Assume initial condition

$$x(0) = \dot{x}(0) = 0$$

Then

$$x = \frac{F_0/m}{\omega^2 - \alpha^2} (\cos(\alpha t) - \cos(\omega t))$$

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2.4 Forced Oscillators $m\ddot{x} + kx = F_0 \cos \alpha t$

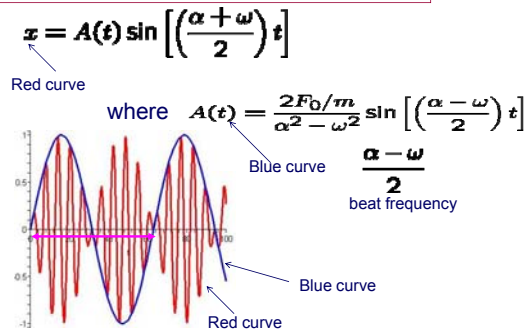
$$x = \frac{F_0/m}{\omega^2 - \alpha^2} (\cos(\alpha t) - \cos(\omega t))$$

Use $\cos A - \cos B = -2 \sin\left(\frac{A+B}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{A-B}{2}\right)$

$$\Rightarrow x = \underbrace{\frac{2F_0/m}{\alpha^2 - \omega^2} \sin\left[\left(\frac{\alpha - \omega}{2}\right)t\right]}_{A(t)} \sin\left[\left(\frac{\alpha + \omega}{2}\right)t\right]$$

Small angular frequency

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2.4 Forced Oscillators $m\ddot{x} + kx = F_0 \cos \alpha t$ 

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Beating

2.4 Forced Oscillators

If our ear is exposed to two sounds

$$x = \frac{F_0/m}{\omega^2 - \alpha^2} (\overset{1^{\text{st}} \text{ sound}}{\cos(\alpha t)} - \overset{2^{\text{nd}} \text{ sound}}{\cos(\omega t)})$$

$$= A(t) \sin\left[\left(\frac{\alpha + \omega}{2}\right)t\right]$$

where

$$A(t) = \frac{2F_0/m}{\alpha^2 - \omega^2} \sin\left[\left(\frac{\alpha - \omega}{2}\right)t\right]$$

then we can only hear the term which contains the **difference** of the frequencies.

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(cont) Beating

2.4 Forced Oscillators

Thus a fast signal $\sin\left[\left(\frac{\alpha + \omega}{2}\right)t\right]$

is modulated by a slower one

$$A(t) = \frac{2F_0/m}{\alpha^2 - \omega^2} \sin\left[\left(\frac{\alpha - \omega}{2}\right)t\right]$$

This behaviour is called beating in physics.

http://www.school-for-champions.com/science/sound_beat.htm

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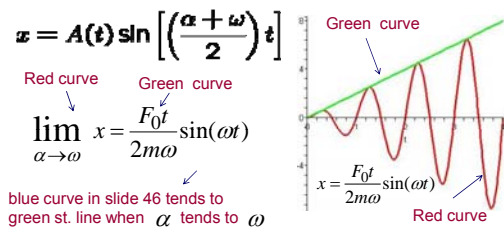
2.4 (cont) Forced Oscillators $m\ddot{x} + kx = F_0 \cos \alpha t$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \omega} A(t) &= \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \omega} \frac{2F_0/m}{\alpha + \omega} \times \frac{\sin\left[\frac{\alpha - \omega}{2}t\right]}{\alpha - \omega} \\ &= \frac{F_0}{m\omega} \times \frac{t}{2} = \frac{F_0 t}{2m\omega} \quad \text{L' Hospital Rule} \end{aligned}$$

When external frequency α is close to the natural frequency ω ,

$A(t)$ tends to the straight line $\frac{F_0 t}{2m\omega}$

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2.4 (cont) Forced Oscillators $m\ddot{x} + kx = F_0 \cos \alpha t$ 

Oscillations go out of control when α is close to ω . It is said to be in resonance.

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Resonance

2.4 Forced Oscillators

If the driving (external) force has a frequency α close to the natural frequency ω of the system, the resulting amplitude can be very large even for small driving (external) amplitude.

The system is said to be in resonance.

It may cause violent swaying motions and even catastrophic failure in improperly constructed structures including bridges, buildings, and airplanes.

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(cont)

Resonance

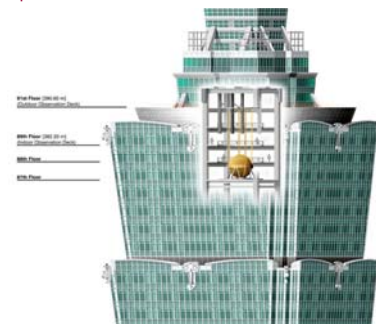
2.4 Forced Oscillators

Avoiding resonance disasters is a major concern in every building and bridge construction project. As a countermeasure, a tuned mass damper can be installed to avoid disaster.

The Taipei 101 building relies on a 730-ton pendulum — a tuned mass damper — to avoid resonance.

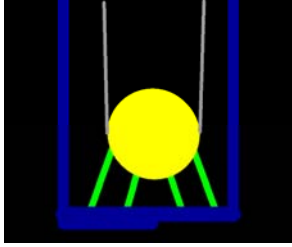
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Tuned mass damper Taipei 101 Tuned Mass Damper



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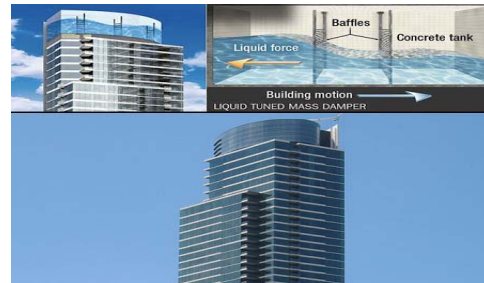
A **tuned mass damper** is a device mounted in structures to prevent damage caused by vibration



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Tuned_mass_damper.gif

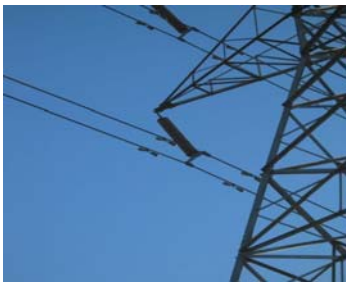
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Liquid tuned mass damper



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Tuned mass damper



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Collapse of the Tacoma Narrow Bridge.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3mclp9QmCGs>

Bridge
tuned mass damper



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Forced , NO damped, Oscillator

2.4 Forced Oscillators

$$m\ddot{x} + kx = F_0 \cos \alpha t$$

has two important phenomena

beating and resonance

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2.5 Forced Damped Oscillators

$$m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = F_0 \cos(\alpha t)$$

A particular solution is

$$x(t) = \frac{F_0(k - m\alpha^2) \cos(\alpha t) + F_0 b\alpha \sin(\alpha t)}{(k - m\alpha^2)^2 + b^2\alpha^2}$$

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2.5 Forced Damped Oscillators

General soln is

$$x(t) = \frac{F_0(k - m\alpha^2) \cos(\alpha t) + F_0 b \alpha \sin(\alpha t)}{(k - m\alpha^2)^2 + b^2 \alpha^2}$$

+ Gen Sol of $m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = 0$

The 2nd part (damped oscillation) tends to zero rapidly.

Hence 2nd part is called the transient solution.

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2.5 Forced Damped Oscillators

So when t is big enough, the general soln becomes

$$x(t) = \frac{F_0(k - m\alpha^2) \cos(\alpha t) + F_0 b \alpha \sin(\alpha t)}{(k - m\alpha^2)^2 + b^2 \alpha^2}$$

$$x(t) = \frac{\frac{1}{m} F_0 \cos(\alpha t - \gamma)}{\sqrt{(\omega^2 - \alpha^2)^2 + \frac{b^2}{m^2} \alpha^2}} \quad \omega = \sqrt{k/m}$$

Oscillation at angular frequency α

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2.5 Forced Damped Oscillators (ctd)

$x(t)$ is called the steady-state solution (or response) and is equal to the particular solution.

<http://www.aw-bc.com/ide/idefiles/media/JavaTools/vibefdm.html>

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2.5 (cont) Forced Damped Oscillators

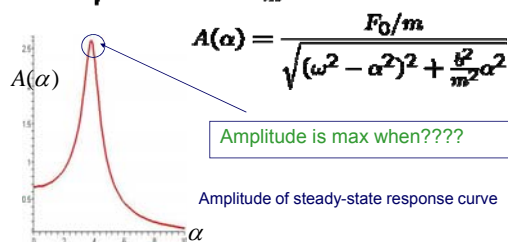
Although the steady-state oscillation has the same frequency as the external force it is NOT in phase with the external force.

The amplitudes of the steady-state solution and the external force are also different.

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2.5 (cont) Forced Damped Oscillators

$$x(t) = \frac{\frac{1}{m} F_0 \cos(\alpha t - \gamma)}{\sqrt{(\omega^2 - \alpha^2)^2 + \frac{b^2}{m^2} \alpha^2}} \quad \text{steady-state soln (response)}$$



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2.5.1 Example 1 Forced Damped Harmonic motion

air resistance $\propto \dot{\theta}$ External force

$$mL\ddot{\theta} = -mg \sin \theta - SL\dot{\theta} + F(t)$$

$$m\ddot{\theta} + S\dot{\theta} + \frac{mg}{L}\theta = \frac{1}{L}F(t)$$

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2.5 Forced Damped Oscillators

2.5.1 Example 2 LCR Circuit

The electrical analog of the forced damped mass-spring oscillator is the LCR circuit.

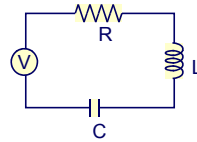
An **LCR circuit** (also known as a resonant circuit, tuned circuit, or RCL circuit) is an electrical circuit consisting of a resistor (R), an inductor (L), and a capacitor (C).

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2.5 Forced Damped Oscillators

(cont) ODE for LCR circuit

Define $Q = \int I dt$



$$L\ddot{Q} + R\dot{Q} + \frac{1}{C}Q = V(t)$$

ODE for LCR circuit

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2.5 Forced Damped Oscillators

(cont) LCR circuit

LCR circuits have many applications particularly for oscillating circuits and in radio and communication engineering.

For example, AM/FM radios typically use an LCR circuit to tune a radio frequency.

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2.6 Conservation of Energy

First note that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{2} \dot{x}^2 \right) &= \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{dx}{dt} \right)^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{dx}{dt} \right)^2 \right) \frac{dt}{dx} \quad \text{Chain rule} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} 2 \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} \frac{dt}{dx} \\ &= \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = \ddot{x} \end{aligned}$$

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2.6 (cont) Conservation of Energy

$$\text{SHM: } m\ddot{x} = m \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{2} \dot{x}^2 \right) = -kx \quad \boxed{d \left(\frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}^2 \right) = -kx dx}$$

Integrate $\frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}^2 = -\frac{1}{2} kx^2 + E$

→ $E = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}^2 + \frac{1}{2} kx^2$

kinetic potential

Conservation of energy : The total mechanical energy E remains constant for SHM

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2.6 Conservation of Energy

$$\text{SHM: } E = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}^2 + \frac{1}{2} kx^2$$

Let

$y = \dot{x}$ get $\frac{1}{2} kx^2 + \frac{1}{2} m y^2 = E$ Ellipse

Unstable motion: $\ddot{x} = +\omega^2 x$ Hyperbolic curve

As in SHM case $\frac{1}{2} \dot{x}^2 - \frac{1}{2} \omega^2 x^2 = E = \text{Constant}$

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2.6 Conservation of Energy (friction)

Damped HM: $m\ddot{x} = -kx - b\dot{x}$

$$m \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{2} \dot{x}^2 \right) + kx = -b\dot{x}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{2} \dot{x}^2 \right) = \dot{x}$$

Integrate $E = \int -b\dot{x} dx$

$$E = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}^2 + \frac{1}{2} k x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dE}{dx} = -b\dot{x}$$

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dE}{dx} = \dot{x} \frac{dE}{dx} = -b\dot{x}^2 \leq 0$$

For damped HM, E is not constant, E is decreasing

<http://www.aw-bc.com/ide/idefiles/media/JavaTools/vibedenr2.html>

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Appendix 1

Use the formula

$$\cos(\alpha + \beta) = \cos \alpha \cos \beta + \sin \alpha \sin \beta$$

to get

$$A \cos(\omega t - \delta) = A \cos(\omega t) \cos(-\delta) + A \sin(\omega t) \sin(-\delta)$$

Hence

$$C \cos(\omega t) + D \sin(\omega t)$$

can be written as

$$A \cos(\omega t - \delta)$$

where

$$C = A \cos(-\delta)$$

$$D = A \sin(-\delta)$$

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Appendix 2

Formulae

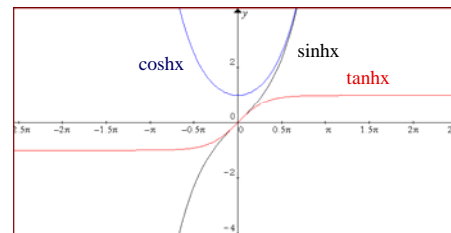
$$\cosh x = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} \quad \sinh x = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}$$

$$(\cosh x)^2 - (\sinh x)^2 = 1$$

$$\frac{d \sinh x}{dx} = \cosh x \quad \frac{d \cosh x}{dx} = \sinh x$$

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Appendix 2 (cont) Graphs of sinh x, cosh x, tanh x

<http://www.graphmatica.com>


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Appendix 3 $m\ddot{x} + kx = F_0 \cos \alpha t$

$$x = A \cos(\omega t - \delta) + \frac{F_0/m}{\omega^2 - \alpha^2} \cos(\alpha t)$$

$$\dot{x} = -A\omega \sin(\omega t - \delta) - \frac{\alpha F_0/m}{\omega^2 - \alpha^2} \sin(\alpha t)$$

Assume initial condition $x(0) = \dot{x}(0) = 0$

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Appendix 3 (cont) $m\ddot{x} + kx = F_0 \cos \alpha t$

By the initial conditions in previous slide, get

$$0 = A \cos(\delta) + \frac{F_0/m}{\omega^2 - \alpha^2} \Rightarrow A = -\frac{F_0/m}{\omega^2 - \alpha^2}$$

$$0 = A\omega \sin(\delta) \Rightarrow \delta = 0$$

$$x = \frac{F_0/m}{\omega^2 - \alpha^2} (\cos(\alpha t) - \cos(\omega t))$$

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