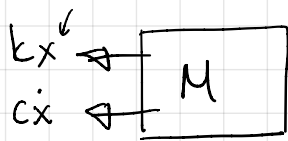
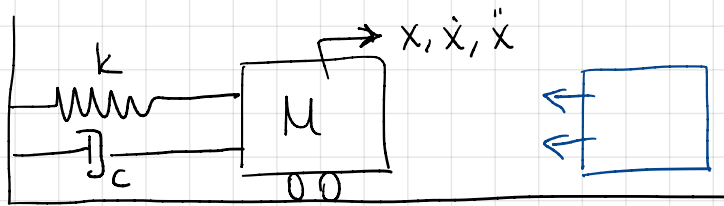


# Finding Damping Constant Using Experimental Data



$$\sum \vec{F} = M \vec{\ddot{x}}$$

$$-kx - c\dot{x} = M\ddot{x} \Rightarrow M\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + kx = 0 \Rightarrow 2^{\text{nd}}, \text{Hom.}, \text{Linear Diff. Eqn.}$$

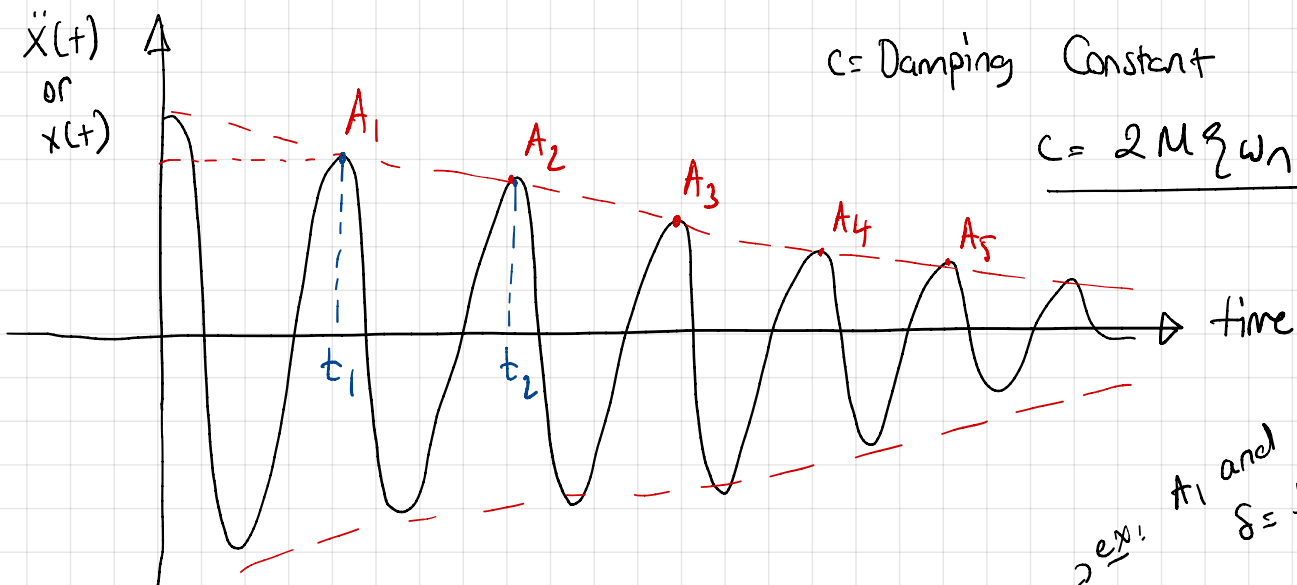
$$M\ddot{x}(t) + c\dot{x}(t) + kx(t) = 0 \Rightarrow x(t) = ?$$

$$\ddot{x}(t) + \frac{c}{M}\dot{x}(t) + \frac{k}{M}x(t) = 0$$

$$\ddot{x}(t) + 2\zeta\omega_n\dot{x}(t) + \omega_n^2x(t) = 0$$

$$1) \omega_n^2 = \frac{k}{M}$$

$$2) 2\zeta\omega_n = \frac{c}{M}$$



$c$  = Damping Constant

$$c = 2M\zeta\omega_n \quad (6)$$

Logarithmic Decrement  $\delta = \ln \left| \frac{A_1}{A_2} \right|$ ,  $\delta = \frac{1}{n} \ln \left| \frac{A_1}{A_{n+1}} \right|$

(2)  $\zeta = \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{4\pi^2 + \delta^2}}$  Damping Ratio

(3)  $T_d = t_2 - t_1$

(4)  $f_d = \frac{1}{T_d} \Rightarrow \omega_d = 2\pi f_d$

$\omega_d$  = Damped Freq.  $\Rightarrow \omega_d = \omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}$

ex:  $A_1$  and  $A_4$   
 $\delta = \frac{1}{3} \ln \left| \frac{A_1}{A_4} \right|$