

**MA1506**  
**Mathematics II**

**Chapter 2**  
**Oscillations**

# Overview (LT notes vs Textbook)

Chpt 1 : 1<sup>st</sup> + 2<sup>nd</sup> Order (quantitative)

Chpt 2 : Harmonic oscillators (qualitative)

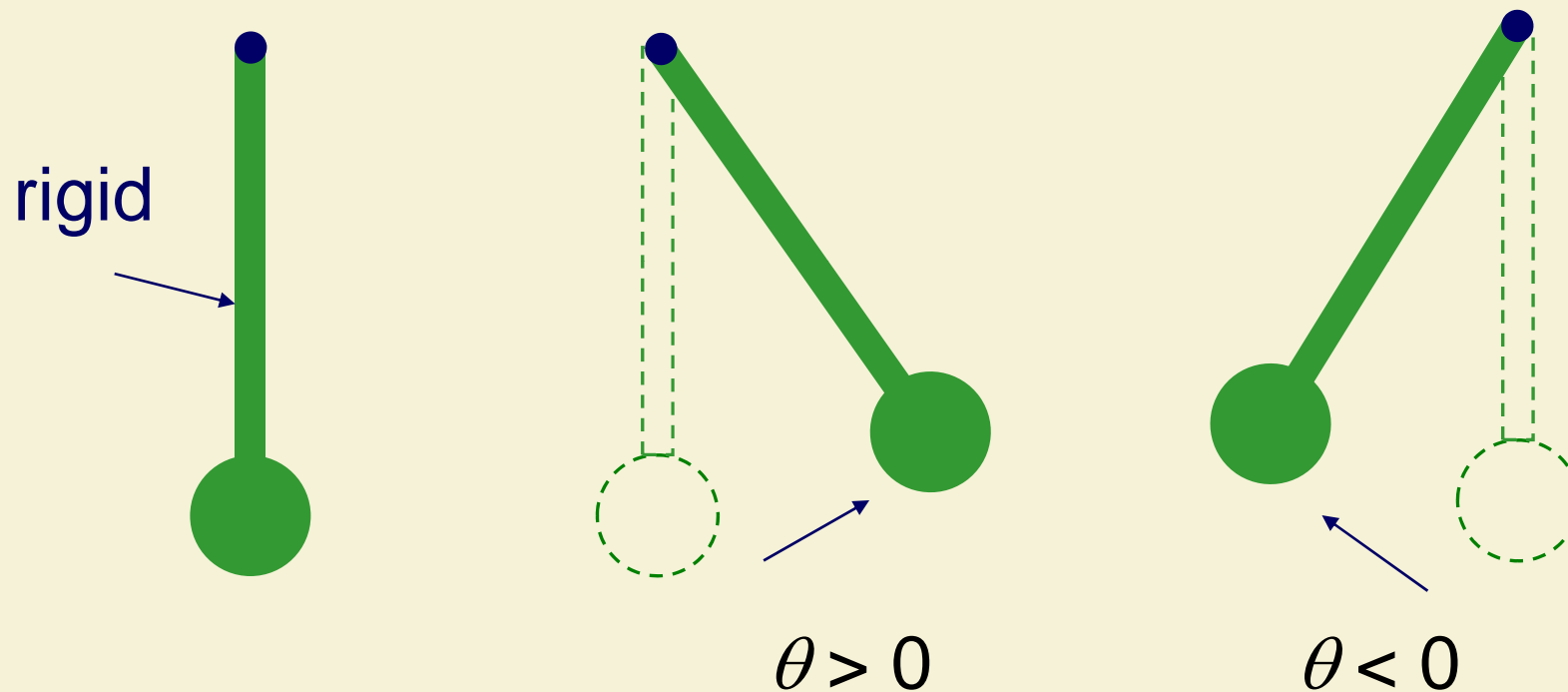
Chpt 3 : Math modelling

Farlow et al.

Chpt 1-2: 1<sup>st</sup> order + modelling

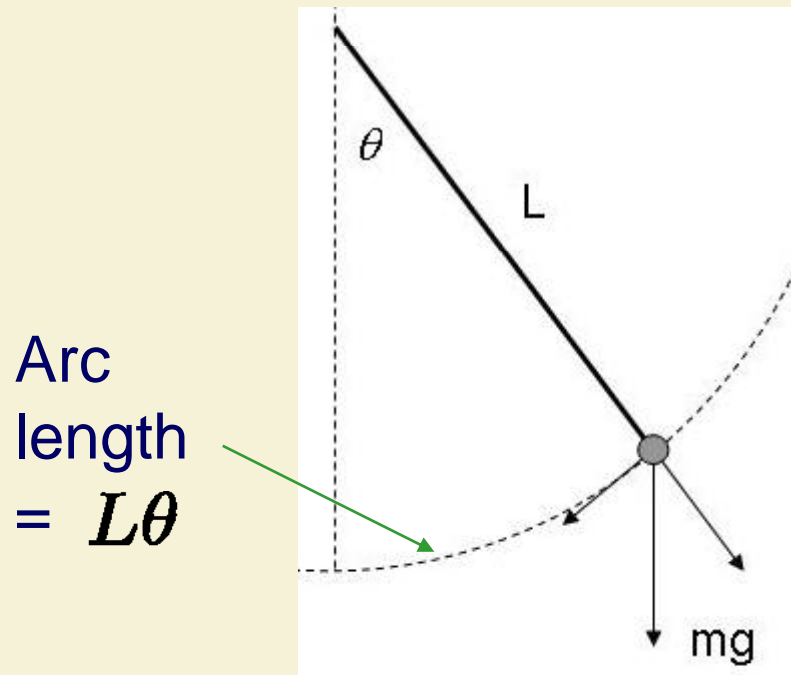
Chpt 4: Harmonic oscillator + 2<sup>nd</sup> order

## 2.1 Pendulum as example of harmonic oscillator



- Consider angular displacement
- What is the range of  $\theta$ ?

## 2.1 Harmonic Oscillator



$$\theta > 0$$

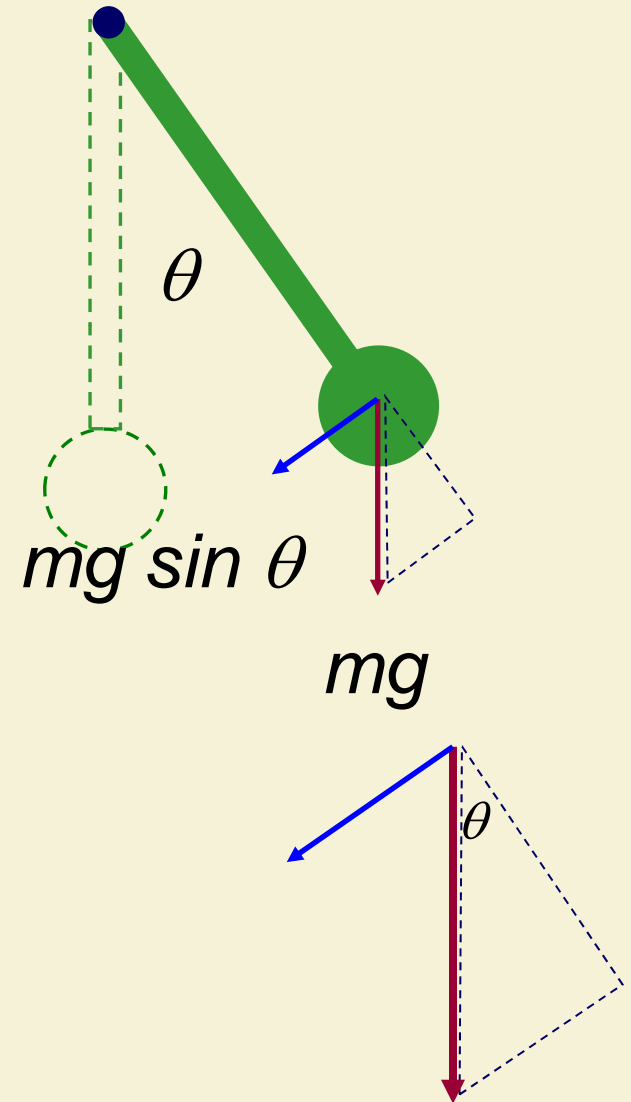
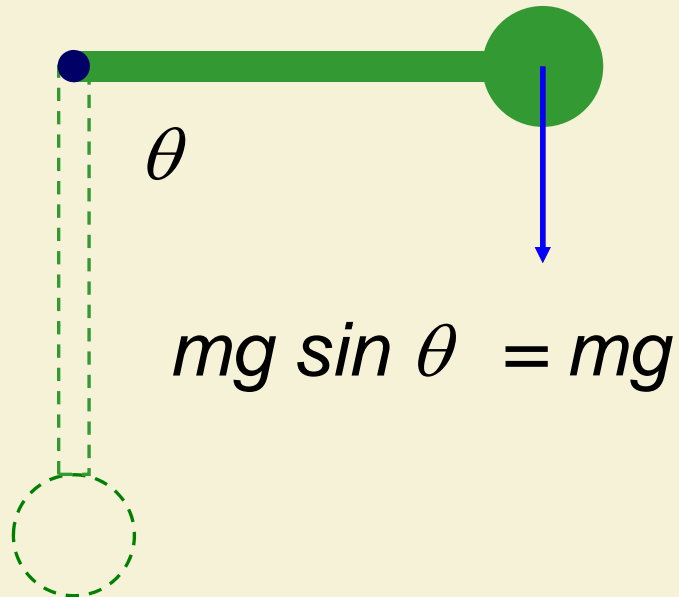
$$mL\ddot{\theta} = -mg \sin \theta$$

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

What is the acceleration in each case?

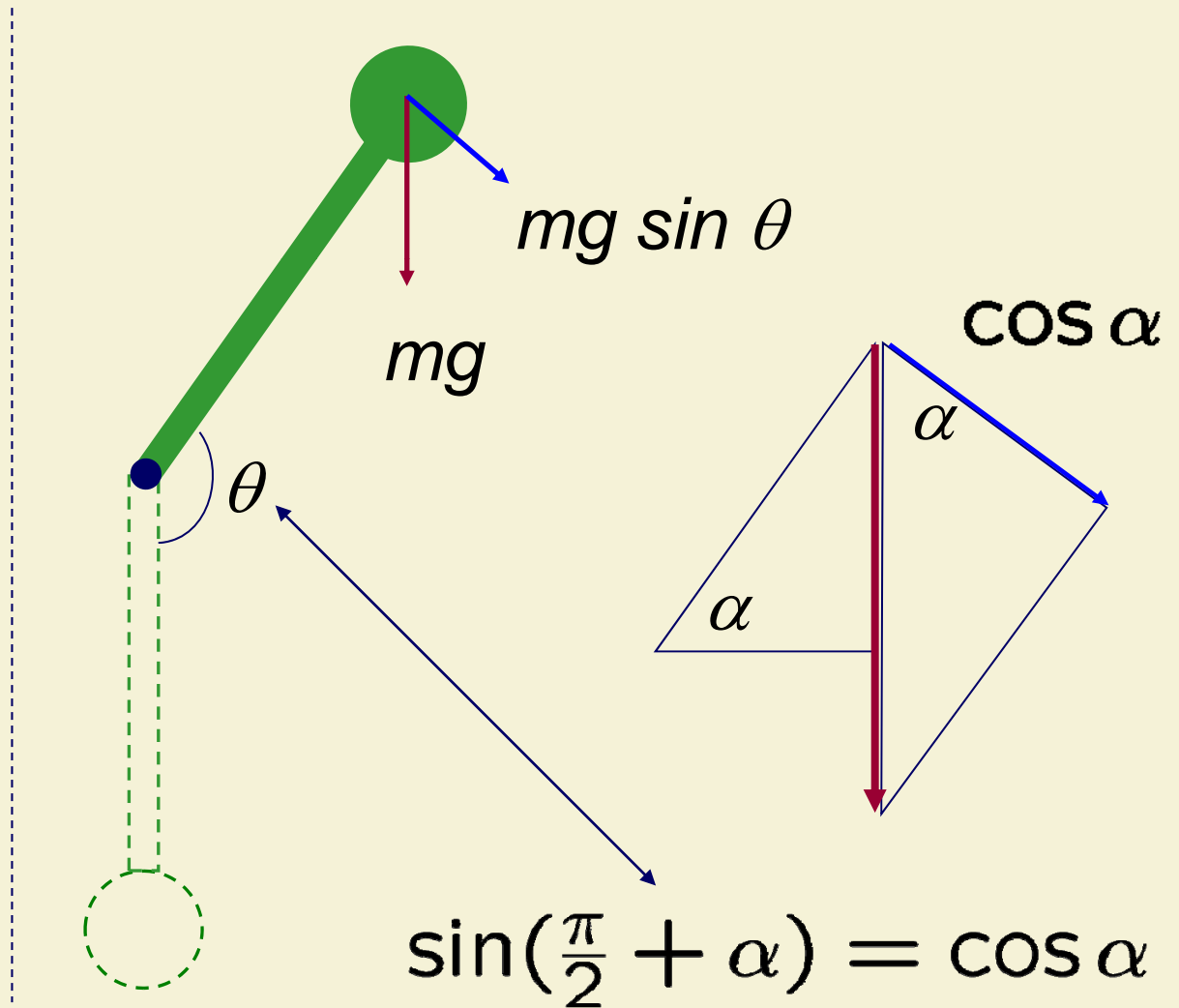
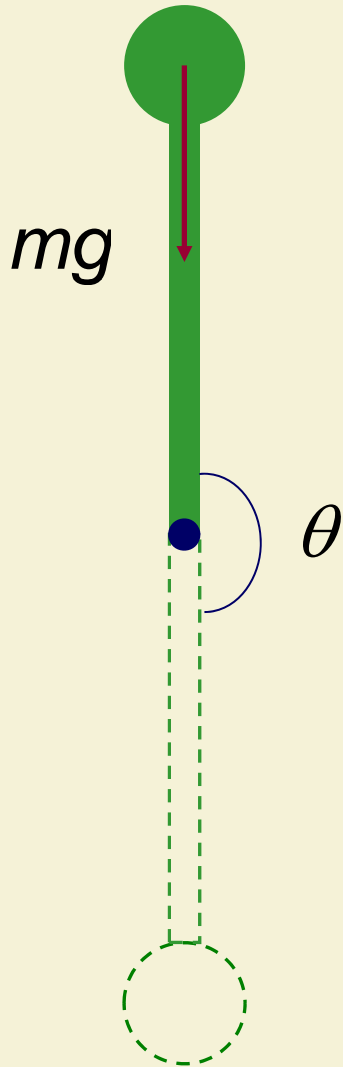


$$mg \sin \theta = 0$$

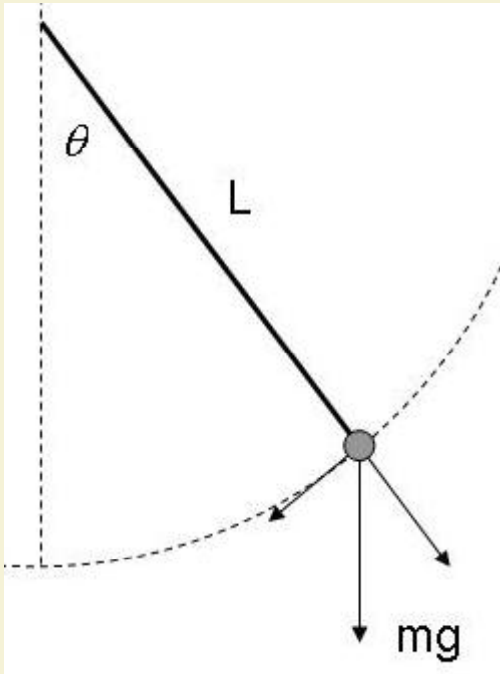


What is the acceleration in each case?

$$mg \sin \theta = 0$$



## Remark



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

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

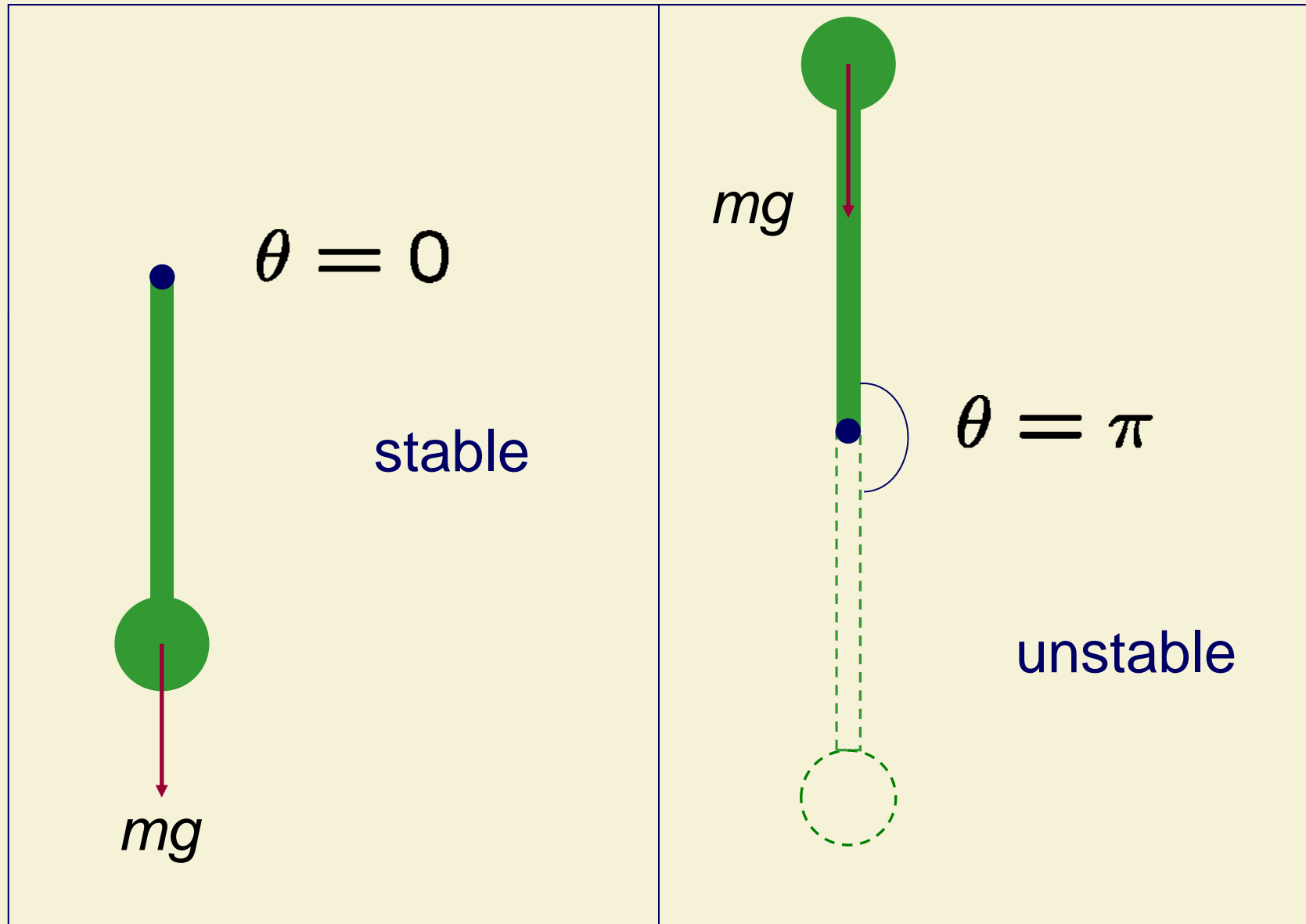
Non linear 2<sup>nd</sup> Order Hom. d.e.

$$\theta \mapsto y$$

$$t \mapsto x$$

$$mL \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = -mg \sin y$$

Equilibrium solutions i.e. does not change over time





Non linear

## 2.1 Unstable Case

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

By Taylor's Theorem at  $\theta = \pi$

$$f(\theta) = f(\pi) + f'(\pi)(\theta - \pi) + \frac{1}{2}f''(\pi)(\theta - \pi)^2 + \dots$$

$$\sin(\theta) = 0 - (\theta - \pi) - 0 + \frac{1}{6}(\theta - \pi)^3 + \dots$$

$$\sin(\theta) \approx -(\theta - \pi)$$

$$mL\ddot{\theta} = -mg \sin \theta \approx mg(\theta - \pi)$$

## 2.1 Unstable case

$$mL\ddot{\theta} = mg(\theta - \pi)$$

Let  $\phi = \theta - \pi \quad \longrightarrow \quad \ddot{\phi} = \ddot{\theta}$

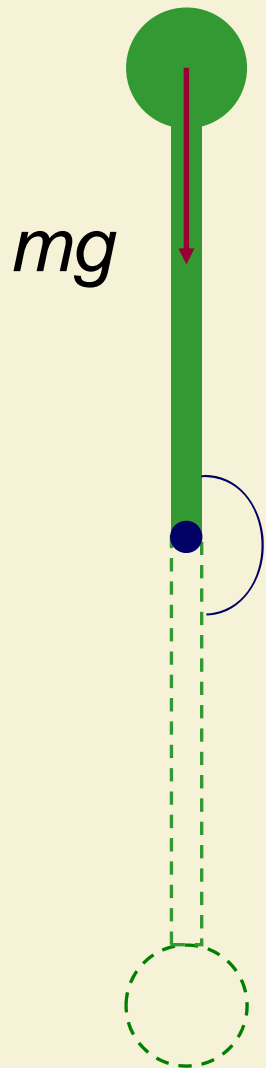
Instability:  $\ddot{\phi} = \frac{g}{L}\phi$

$$\lambda^2 = \frac{g}{L} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Aux} \\ \text{Eq} \end{array}$$

$$\phi = Ae^{(\sqrt{g/L})t} + Be^{-(\sqrt{g/L})t}$$

$$\theta = \phi + \pi = \underbrace{Ae^{(\sqrt{g/L})t} + Be^{-(\sqrt{g/L})t}}_{\text{big}} + \pi$$

## Justification that $A$ is usually nonzero



$$\theta = \phi + \pi = \underbrace{Ae^{(\sqrt{g/L})t}}_{\text{big}} + Be^{-(\sqrt{g/L})t} + \pi$$

Small displacement from equilibrium

$$\theta(0) = \pi + d \Rightarrow A + B = d$$

$$\begin{aligned}\theta'(0) = 0 &\Rightarrow A\sqrt{g/L} - B\sqrt{g/L} = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow A = B\end{aligned}$$

## Example:

An eccentric professor likes to balance pendula near their unstable equilibrium point. In a given performance, the pendulum is initially slightly away from that point, and is initially at rest. The prof's skill is such that he can stop the pendulum from falling provided that the angular deviation from the vertical angle does not double. If the shortest pendulum for which he can perform this trick is 9.8 centimetres long, estimate the speed of his reflexes.

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(0) &= d \\ \dot{\phi}(0) &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} \phi(t) &= \frac{d}{2} (e^{(\sqrt{g/L})t} + e^{(-\sqrt{g/L})t}) \\ &= d \cosh((\sqrt{g/L})t) = d \cosh(10t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2d = d \cosh(10t) \Rightarrow t = \cosh^{-1}(2)/10 \approx 0.132$$

## 2.1 Stable Case

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

By Taylor's Theorem at  $\theta = 0$

$$\sin(\theta) = 0 + \theta - 0 - \frac{1}{6}(\theta)^3 + \dots$$

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

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

big difference

## 2.1 Stable Case

$$\ddot{\theta} = -\omega^2 \theta$$

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

Trigo identity (R cosine formula)

$$\begin{aligned} C \cos(x) + D \sin(x) &= R \cos(x - \gamma) \\ &= R \cos x \cos \gamma + R \sin x \sin \gamma \end{aligned}$$

$$R = \sqrt{C^2 + D^2}, \quad \tan \gamma = D/C$$

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

amplitude

Phase angle

## 2.1 SHM

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

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

two unknowns

angular frequency

period  $\frac{2\pi}{\omega} = 2\pi\sqrt{L/g}$

= time taken for  $\theta$  to return to initial value

$$\text{stability } \ddot{\theta} = -\omega^2\theta$$

## Summary

$$\text{Instability: } \ddot{\phi} = \frac{g}{L}\phi$$

$$\phi = Ae^{(\sqrt{g/L})t} + Be^{-(\sqrt{g/L})t}$$

$$\text{stability } \ddot{\theta} = -\omega^2\theta$$

$$\text{SHM } \theta = A \cos(\omega t - \delta)$$



Remark : SHM is everywhere  $\ddot{x} = f(x)$

Assume  $f(0) = 0$

By Taylor's Theorem

$$f(x) = \underbrace{f(0)}_{=0} + f'(0)x + \dots$$

$$\ddot{x} = f'(0)x$$

Stability depends on sign

SHM for motion near equilibrium point



## 2.2 Oscillator Phase Plane

Let  $x(t)$  be a solution to a SHM problem

Define  $y = \dot{x}$   $\psi = \delta - \omega t$

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

$$y = -A\omega \sin(\omega t - \delta) = A\omega \sin \psi$$

Ellipse  $\frac{x^2}{A^2} + \frac{y^2}{A^2\omega^2} = \cos^2 + \sin^2 = 1$

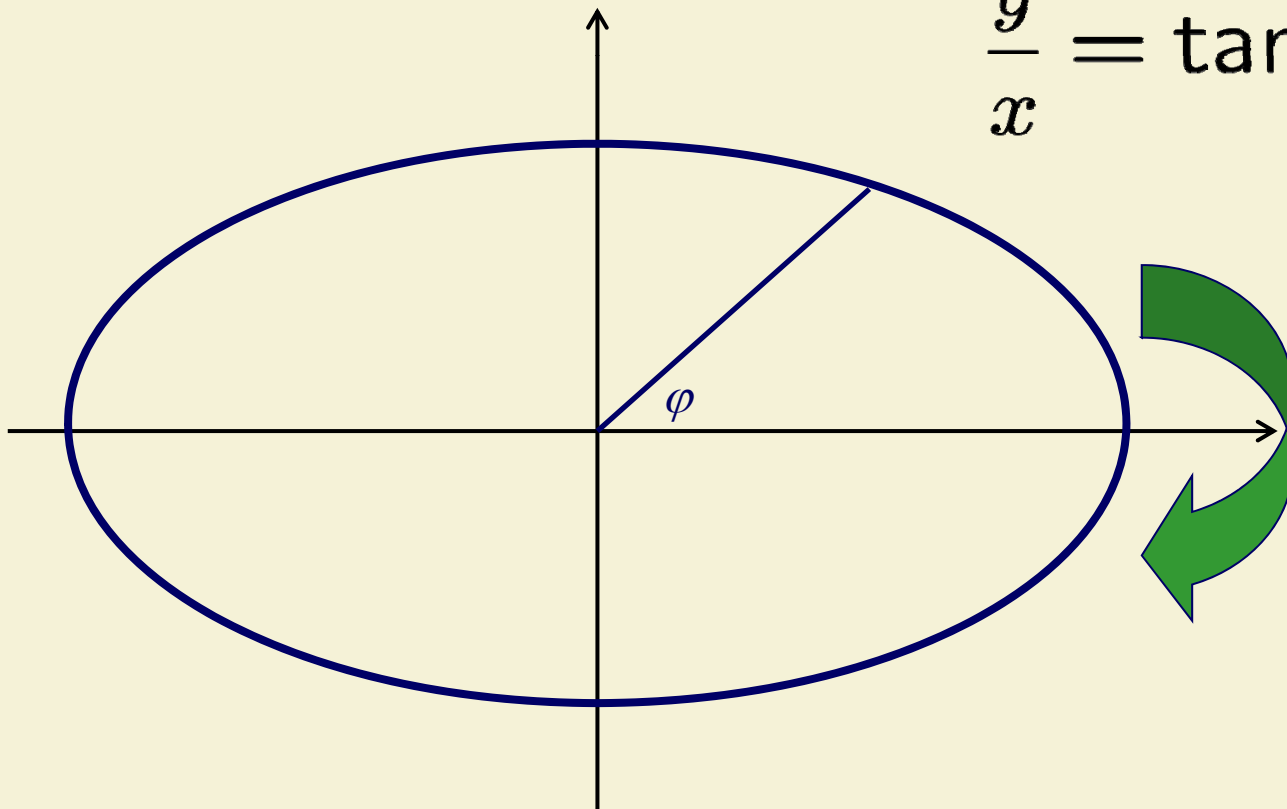
## 2.2 Phase Plane

$$\frac{x^2}{A^2} + \frac{y^2}{A^2\omega^2} = 1$$

$$x = A \cos \psi$$

$$y = \dot{x} = A\omega \sin \psi$$

$$\frac{y}{x} = \tan \varphi = \omega \tan \psi$$



$$\varphi \propto \psi$$



$$\psi = \delta - \omega t$$

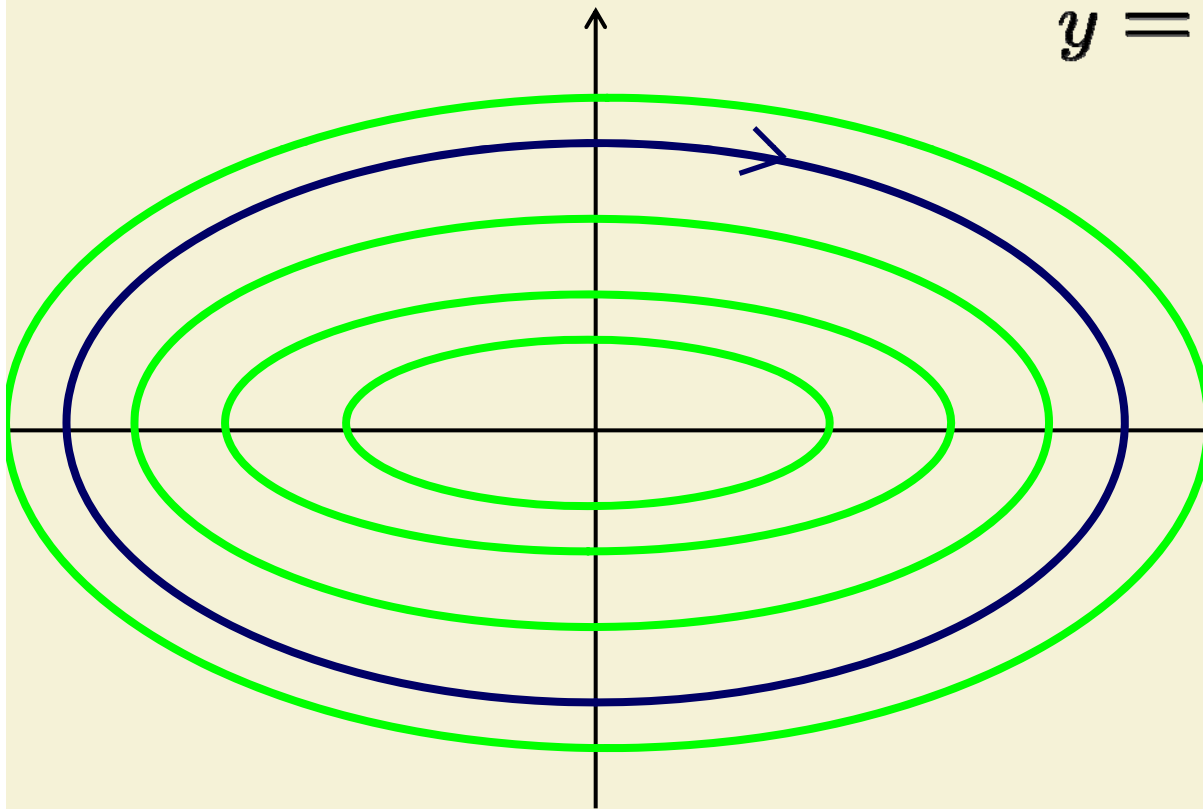


## 2.2 Phase Plane of SHM

$$\ddot{x} = -\omega^2 x$$

$$x = A \cos \psi$$

$$y = \dot{x} = A\omega \sin \psi$$



Stable Equilibrium at

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

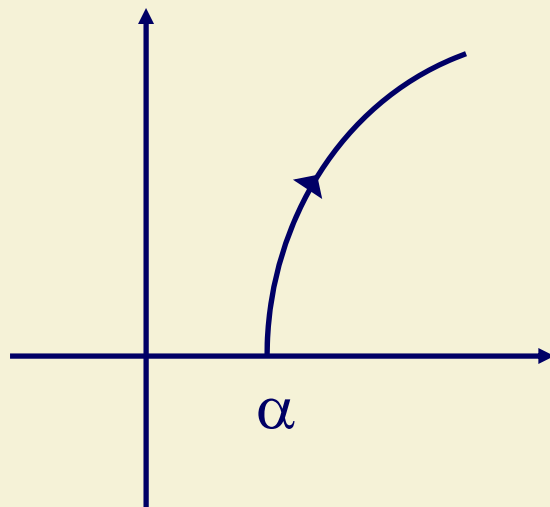
## 2.2 Phase Plane

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

Initial displacement  $x(0) = \alpha, \dot{x} = 0$

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{2}\alpha (e^{\omega t} + e^{-\omega t}) = \alpha \cosh(\omega t) > 0$$

$$y(t) = \dot{x}(t) = \alpha\omega \sinh(\omega t) > 0 \text{ when } t > 0$$

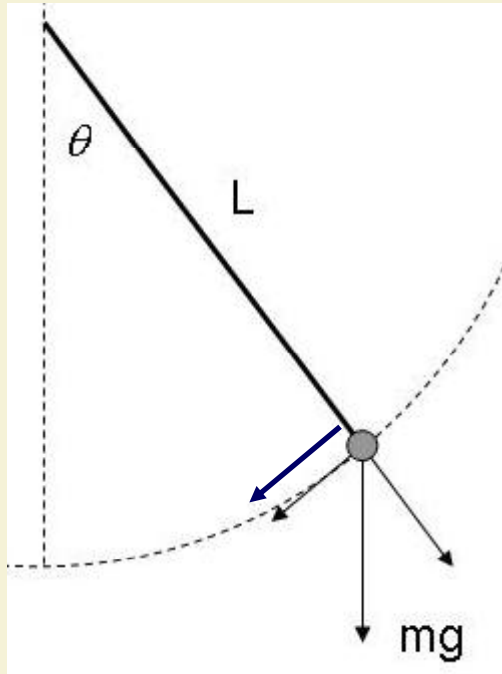


$$\cosh^2 - \sinh^2 = 1$$

$$\rightarrow \left(\frac{x}{\alpha}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{y}{\alpha\omega}\right)^2 = 1$$

unstable equilibrium

## 2.3 Damped Harmonic motion



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

anti-motion

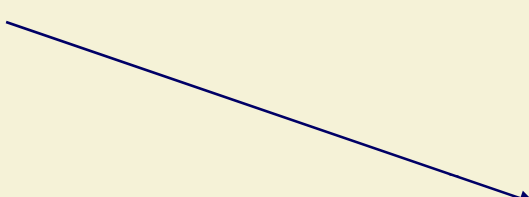
$$mL\ddot{\theta} = -mg \sin \theta - SL\dot{\theta} \approx -mg\theta - SL\dot{\theta}$$

$$m\ddot{\theta} + S\dot{\theta} + \frac{mg}{L}\theta = 0$$

## 2.3 Forced Damped Harmonic motion

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

attach a motor

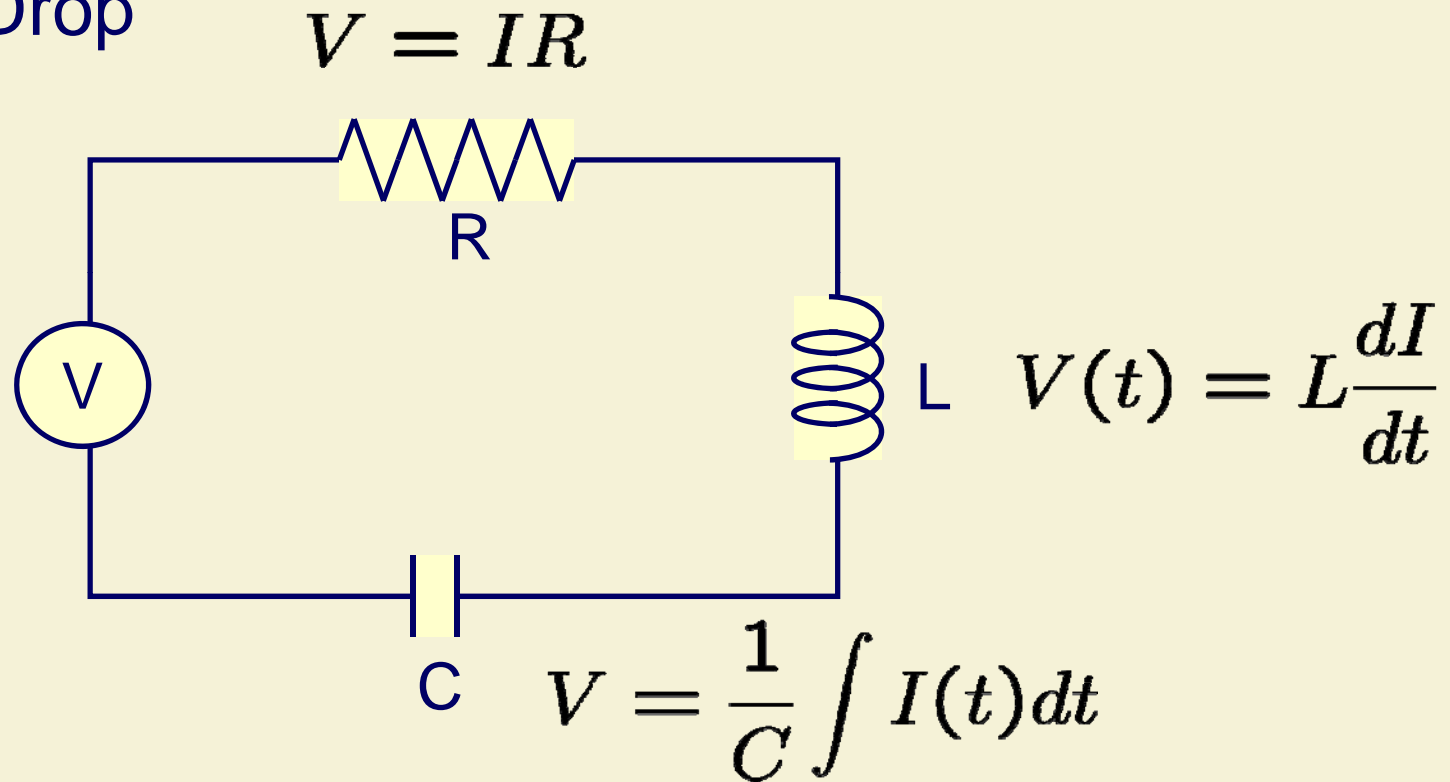
$$mL\ddot{\theta} = -mg \sin \theta - SL\dot{\theta} + F(t)$$


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

$$\begin{array}{ll} \theta & \mapsto y \\ t & \mapsto x \end{array} \quad m \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + S \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{mg}{L} y = \frac{1}{L} F(x)$$

## 2.4 Models of Electrical Circuits

Voltage Drop



$$V(t) = RI + L\dot{I} + \frac{1}{C} \int I dt$$



## 2.4 Models of Electrical Circuits

Define  $Q = \int I \, dt \quad \rightarrow \quad \dot{Q} = I$

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

Forced damped harmonic oscillator

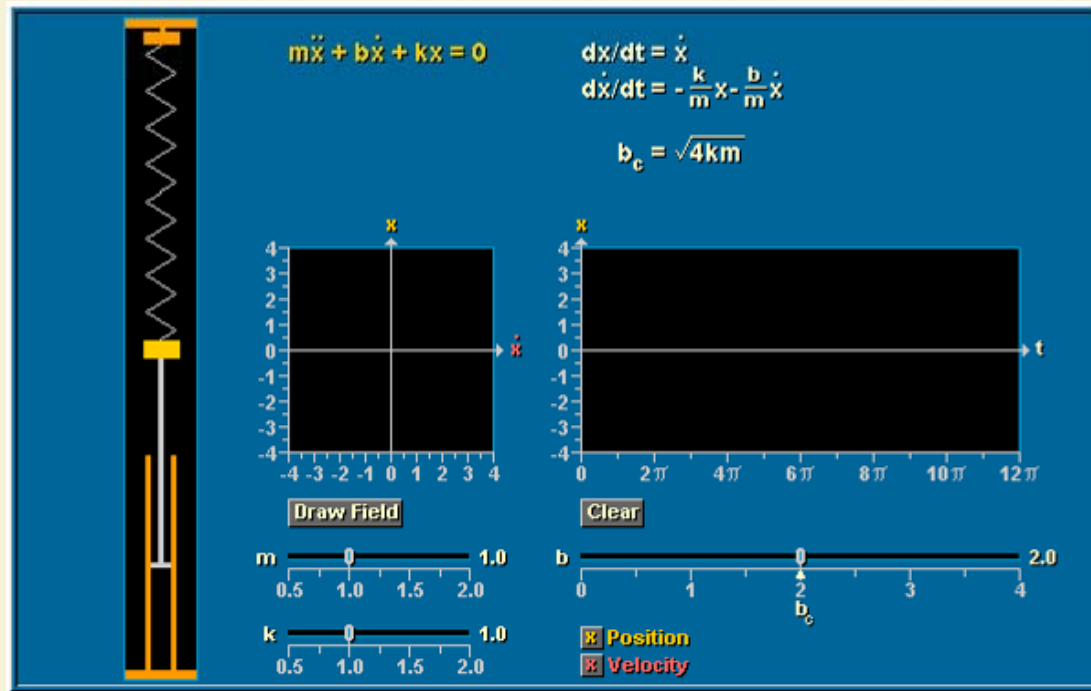
$$m\ddot{\theta} + S\dot{\theta} + \frac{mg}{L}\theta = \frac{1}{L}F(t)$$

## 2.5 Damped, Unforced Oscillators

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

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

spring  
constant      Damping  
constant



Mass Spring  
Oscillator

Textbook p196

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

## 2.5 Damped, Unforced Oscillators

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



$$m\lambda^2 + b\lambda + k = 0$$

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

spring constant      Damping constant

Case a: two real roots

Over damping

Case b: double root

Critical damping

Case c: complex roots

Under damping

## 2.5 Damped, Unforced Oscillators (2 real roots)

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



Will we ever get  
positive roots?

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



$$B_1 e^{-t} + B_2 e^{-2t}$$

Goes to zero rapidly  overdamping

## 2.5 Damped, Unforced Oscillators (double root)

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



$$\lambda = -3$$

Critical  
damping



$$B_1 e^{-3t} + B_2 t e^{-3t}$$

Also goes to zero rapidly

## 2.5 Damped, Unforced Oscillators (complex roots)

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



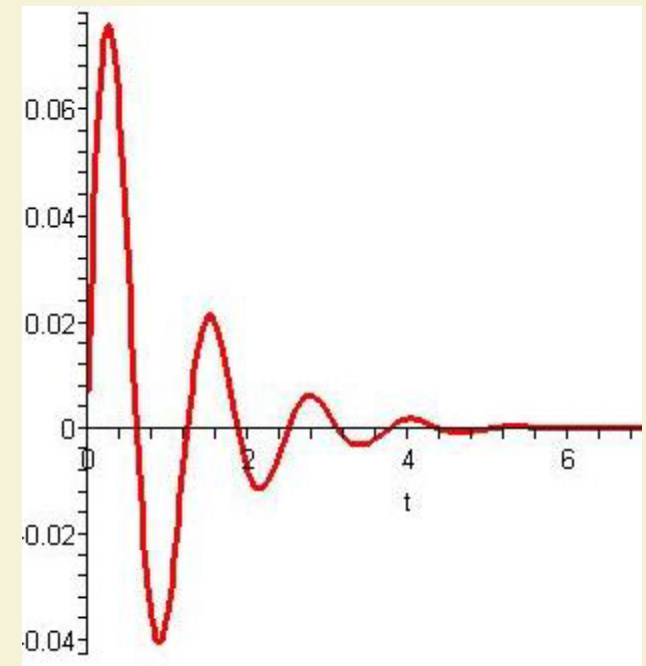
$$\lambda = -1 \pm 5i$$



$$B_1 e^{-t} \cos(5t) + B_2 e^{-t} \sin(5t)$$

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

underdamped



## Underdamped, Unforced Oscillators (complex roots)

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



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

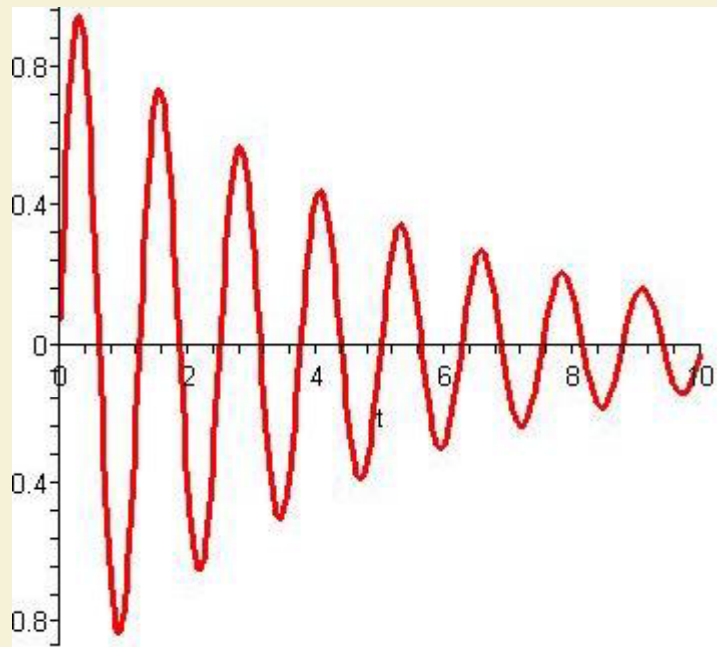
time varying amplitude

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

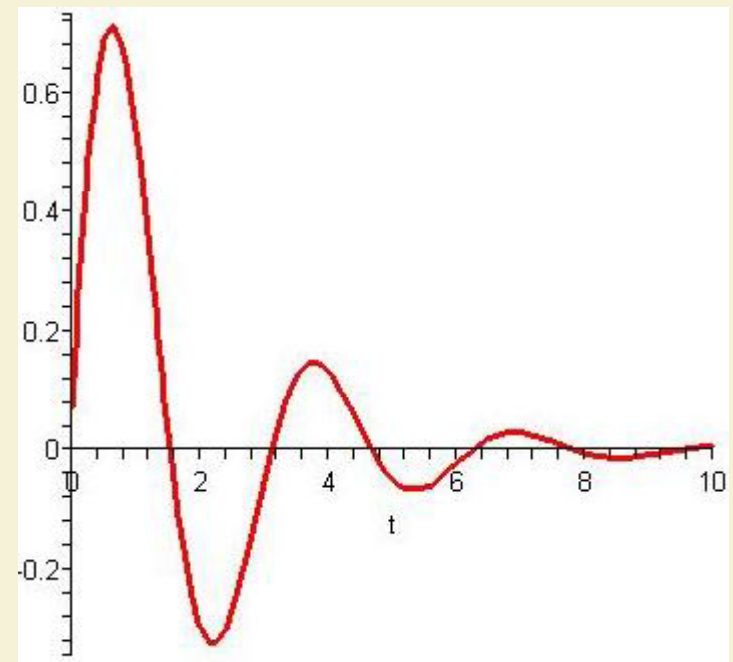
$$\frac{2\pi}{\beta} \quad \text{Quasi-period}$$

## Underdamped, Unforced Oscillators (complex roots)

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



large  $\frac{2m}{b}$       small  $\frac{2\pi}{\beta}$

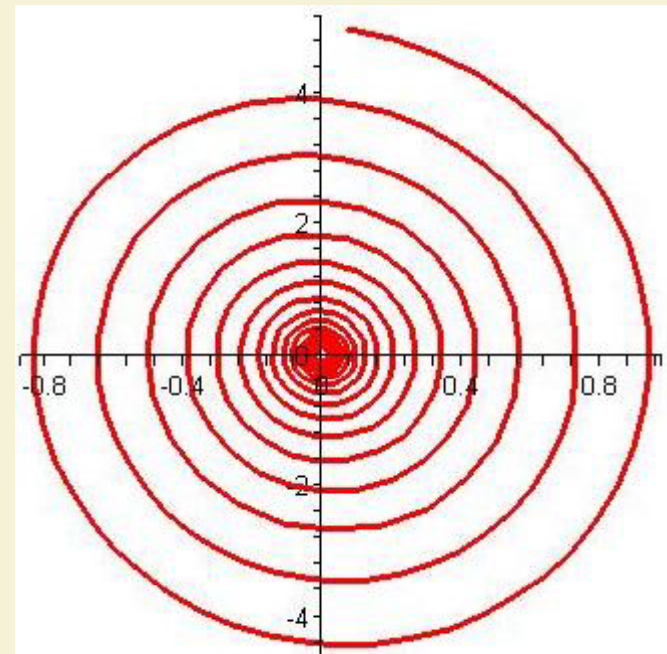
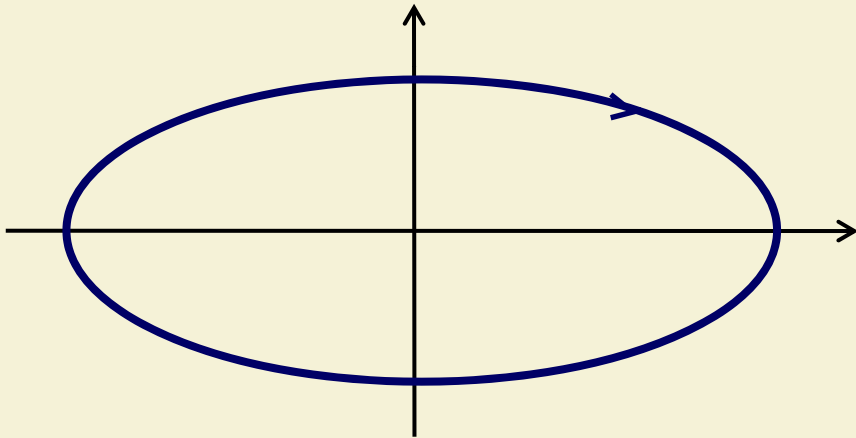


small  $\frac{2m}{b}$       large  $\frac{2\pi}{\beta}$



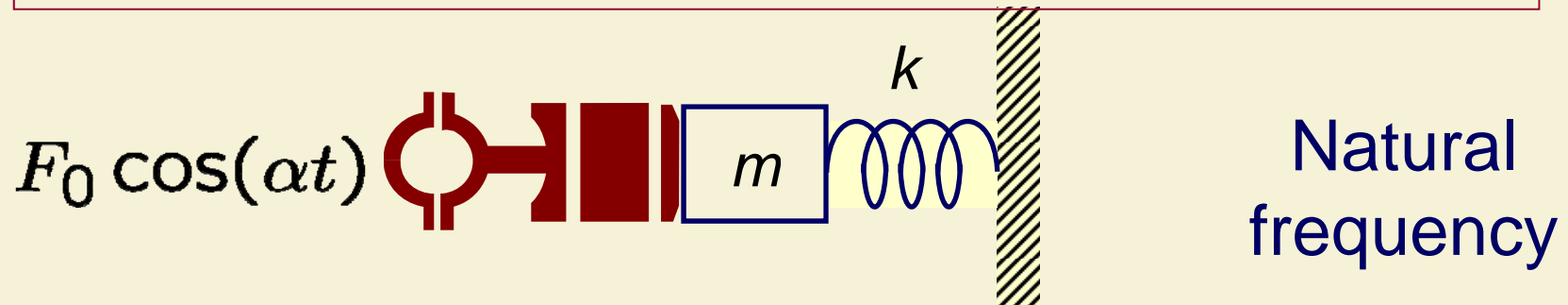
## Underdamped, Unforced Oscillators (complex roots)

$$x(t) = A \cos(\omega t - \delta) \quad x(t) = A e^{\frac{-bt}{2m}} \cos(\beta t - \delta)$$



Phase Plane: Plot  $x$  ( $x, \dot{x}$ )

## 2.6 Forced Oscillators



when  $F_0 = 0$   $F_{\text{spring}} = -kx$   $\omega = \sqrt{k/m}$

$$m\ddot{x} = -kx \Rightarrow \ddot{x} = -\omega^2 x$$

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

$$m\ddot{z} + kz = F_0 e^{i\alpha t} \quad \text{Solve, take real part}$$

## 2.6 Forced Oscillators

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

$$m\ddot{z} + kz = F_0 e^{i\alpha t}$$

Try  $z = Ce^{i\alpha t}$

$$mC(i\alpha)^2 e^{i\alpha t} + Ck e^{i\alpha t} = F_0 e^{i\alpha t}$$

➔  $C = \frac{F_0}{k - m\alpha^2} = \frac{F_0/m}{\omega^2 - \alpha^2}$

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

Gen  
Solution

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

## 2.6 Forced Oscillators

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

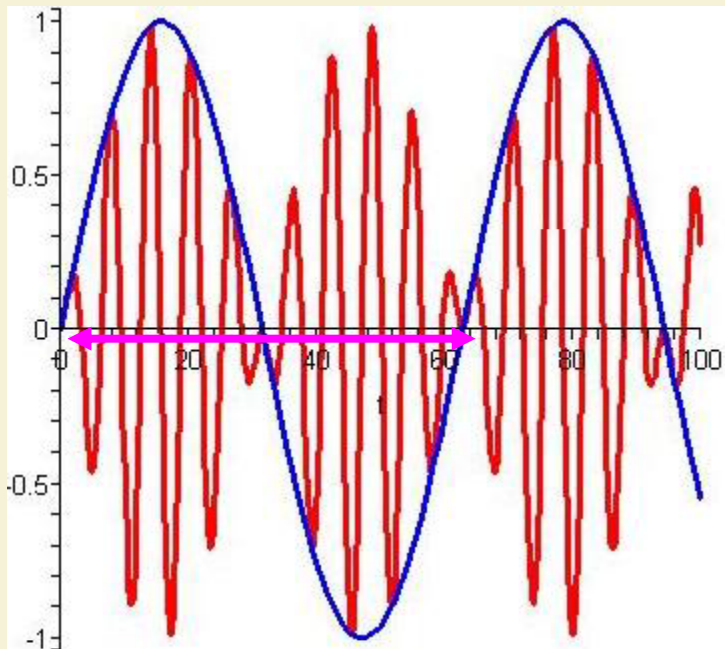
small, i.e. low frequency

## 2.6 Forced Oscillators

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

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

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



$$\frac{\alpha - \omega}{2}$$

Beat frequency

[http://www.school-for-champions.com/science/sound\\_beat.htm](http://www.school-for-champions.com/science/sound_beat.htm)

## 2.6 Forced Oscillators

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

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

Max value

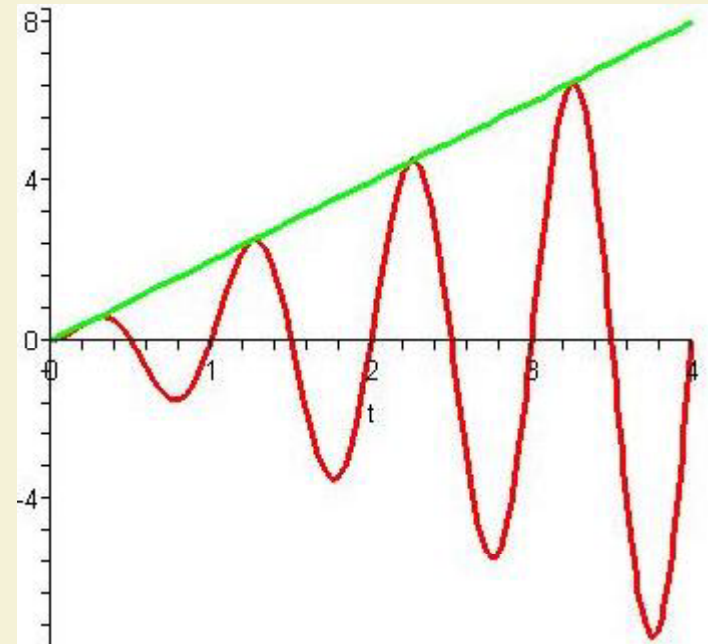
$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \omega} A(t) &= \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \omega} \frac{2F_0/m}{\alpha + \omega} \times \frac{\sin \left[ \frac{\alpha - \omega}{2} t \right]}{\alpha - \omega} \\ &= \frac{F_0}{m\omega} \times \frac{t}{2} = \frac{F_0 t}{2m\omega} \end{aligned}$$

## 2.6 Forced Oscillators

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

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

$$\lim x = \frac{F_0 t}{2m\omega} \sin(\omega t)$$



Oscillations go out of control! Resonance



## 2.6 Forced Oscillators (with friction)

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

$$m\ddot{z} + b\dot{z} + kz = F_0 e^{i\alpha t}$$

Try  $z = ce^{i\alpha t}$

→  $c = \frac{F_0}{k - m\alpha^2 + ib\alpha} = \frac{F_0(k - m\alpha^2 - ib\alpha)}{(k - m\alpha^2)^2 + b^2\alpha^2}$

Take Real Part

$$\frac{F_0(k - m\alpha^2 - ib\alpha)}{(k - m\alpha^2)^2 + b^2\alpha^2} \times (\cos(\alpha t) + i\sin(\alpha t))$$

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

## 2.6 Forced Oscillators (with friction)

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

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



Tends to zero rapidly (Transient)

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

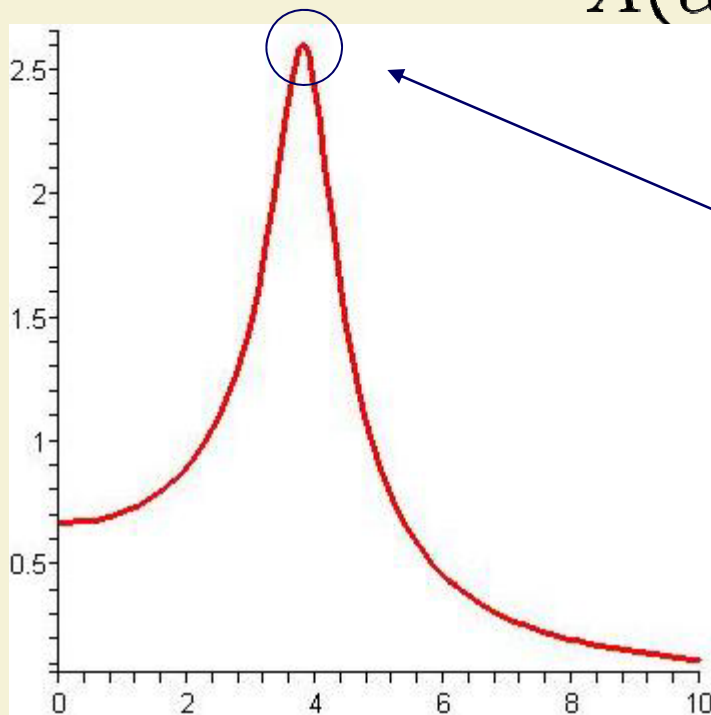
$$\omega = \sqrt{k/m}$$

Oscillation at frequency  $\alpha$

## 2.6 Forced Oscillators (with friction)

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

$$A(\alpha) = \frac{F_0/m}{\sqrt{(\omega^2 - \alpha^2)^2 + \frac{b^2}{m^2}\alpha^2}}$$



Max when  $\alpha = \sqrt{\omega^2 - \frac{b^2}{2m^2}}$

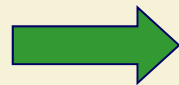
Amplitude response curve

## 2.7 Conservation of Energy

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

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

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



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

kinetic

potential


## 2.7 Conservation of Energy (friction)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Energy decreasing, i.e. heat loss

## 2.7 Conservation of Energy (General 1D Case)

Potential Energy:  $V(x) = - \int^x F(y) dy$

$$F = m\ddot{x}$$

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

Function of position



$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}^2 + V(x) \right) = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}^2 + V(x) = E$$

## 2.7 Conservation of Energy

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

$$y = \dot{x}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}kx^2 + \frac{1}{2}my^2 = E \quad \text{Ellipse!}$$

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

$$\frac{1}{2}\dot{x}^2 - \frac{1}{2}\omega^2 x^2 = E \quad \text{Hyperbola!}$$