PERIODIC MOTION II

PHYS1112

Lecture 15

Intended Learning Outcomes

- After this lecture you will learn:
  1) various types of harmonic oscillators
  2) damping effect on a harmonic oscillator
  3) forced oscillator and the phenomenon of resonance

Recap from last lecture

A mechanical system with equation of motion

$$d^2x/dt^2 = -\omega^2 x$$

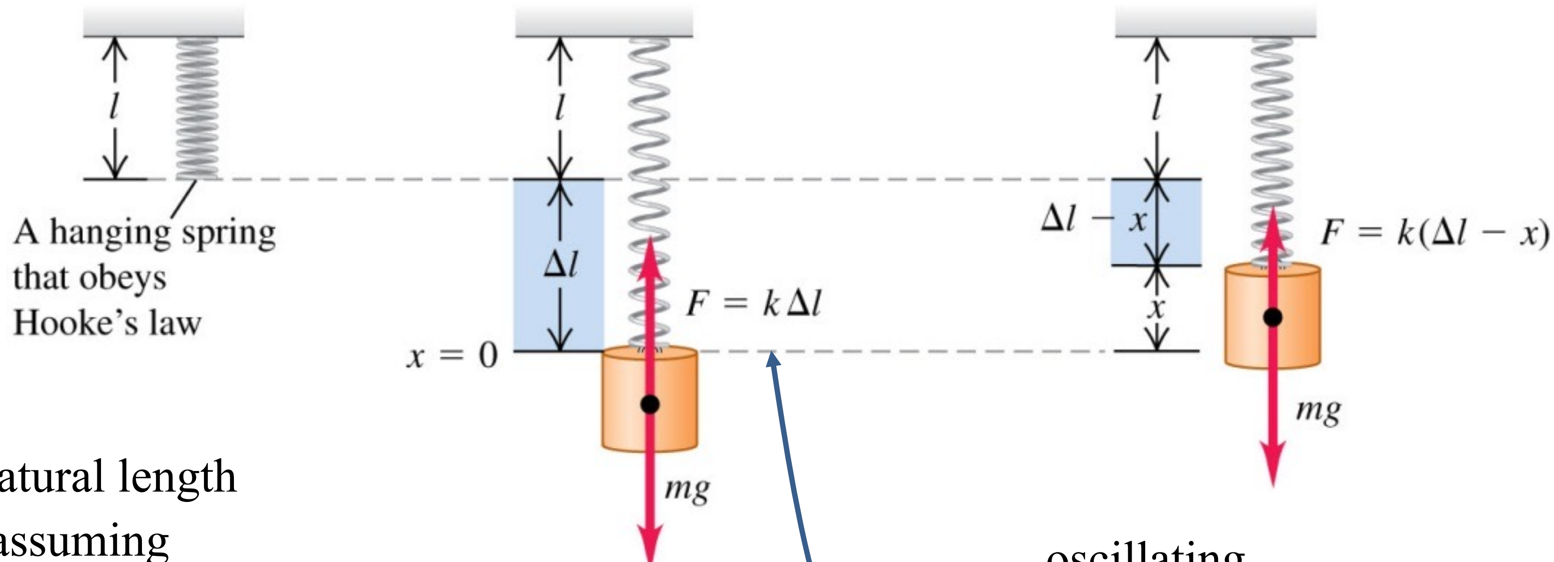
is said to execute simple harmonic motion in the coordinate x, with frequency

$$f = \omega/2\pi$$

and period

$$T = 1/f = 2\pi/\omega$$

Vertical Spring and Mass System



natural length (assuming spring massless)

in equilibrium,
$mg = k\Delta l$

oscillating,
$F_{\text{net}} = k(\Delta l - x) - mg = -kx$

x measured from equilibrium position

<u>Implication</u>: same as horizontal spring and mass system *if x* measured from equilibrium position, *not* from natural (unextended) position.

Example

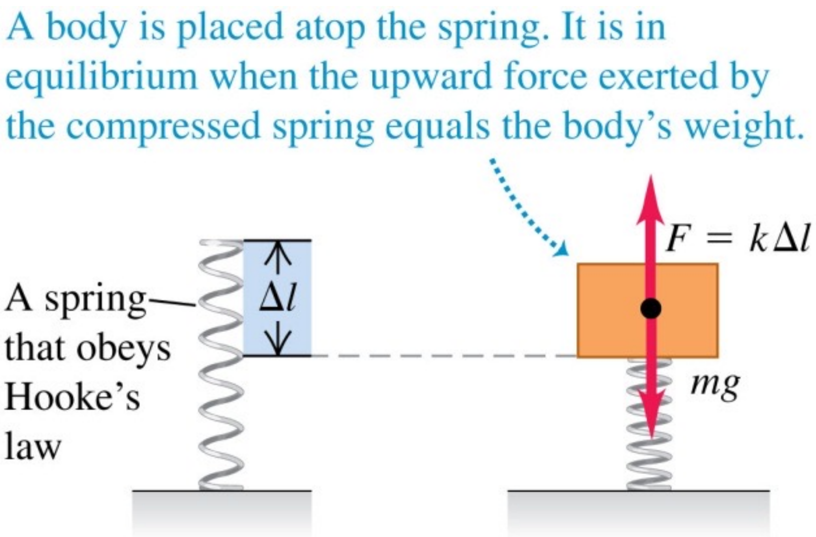
Suppose a car's shock absorbers are worn out so that it provides no damping to oscillations. Its mass is 1000 kg. A 100 kg person sits in it and its center of gravity lowers by 2.8 cm. It then hits a bump and start oscillating.

Spring constant

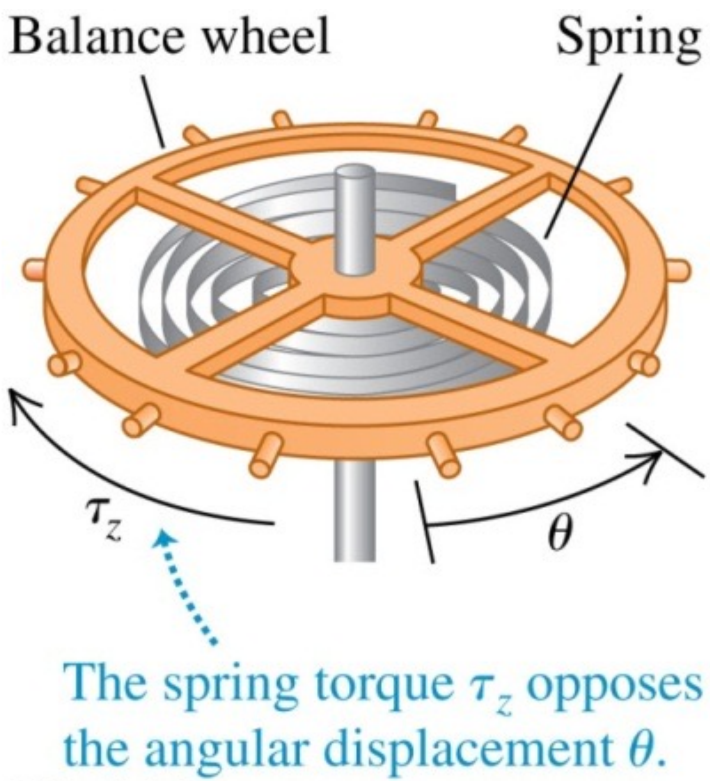
$$k = -\frac{F}{x} = -\frac{980\ \mathrm{N}}{-0.028\ \mathrm{m}}$$
$$= 3.5\times10^4\ \mathrm{kg/s^2}$$

Period of the oscillation

$$T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{m}{k}} = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{1100\ \mathrm{kg}}{3.5\times10^4\ \mathrm{kg/s^2}}}$$
$$= 1.11\ \mathrm{s}$$



Angular Oscillation



Assumption: restoring *torque* proportional to angular displacement

$$\tau = -\kappa\theta = I\alpha \quad \Rightarrow \quad \boxed{\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} = -\frac{\kappa}{I}\theta}$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{\kappa}{I}}, \qquad f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi} = \frac{1}{2\pi}\sqrt{\frac{\kappa}{I}},$$

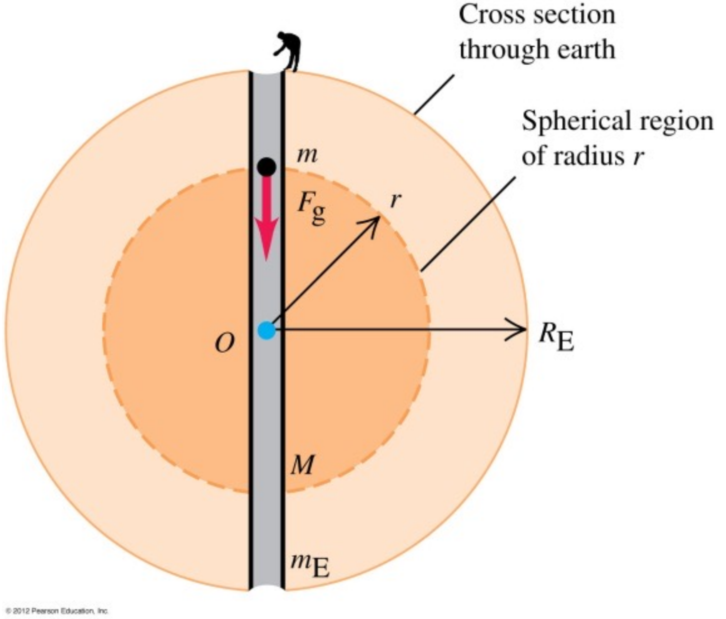
$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{I}{\kappa}}$$

An imaginary case – A Tunnel Through the Earth

From lecture 13, a mass in the tunnel experience a force

$$F_g = -\frac{Gm_E m}{R_E^3} r \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{d^2 r}{dt^2} = \frac{F_g}{m} = -\underbrace{\frac{Gm_E}{R_E^3}}_{\omega^2} r$$

F_g opposite to r

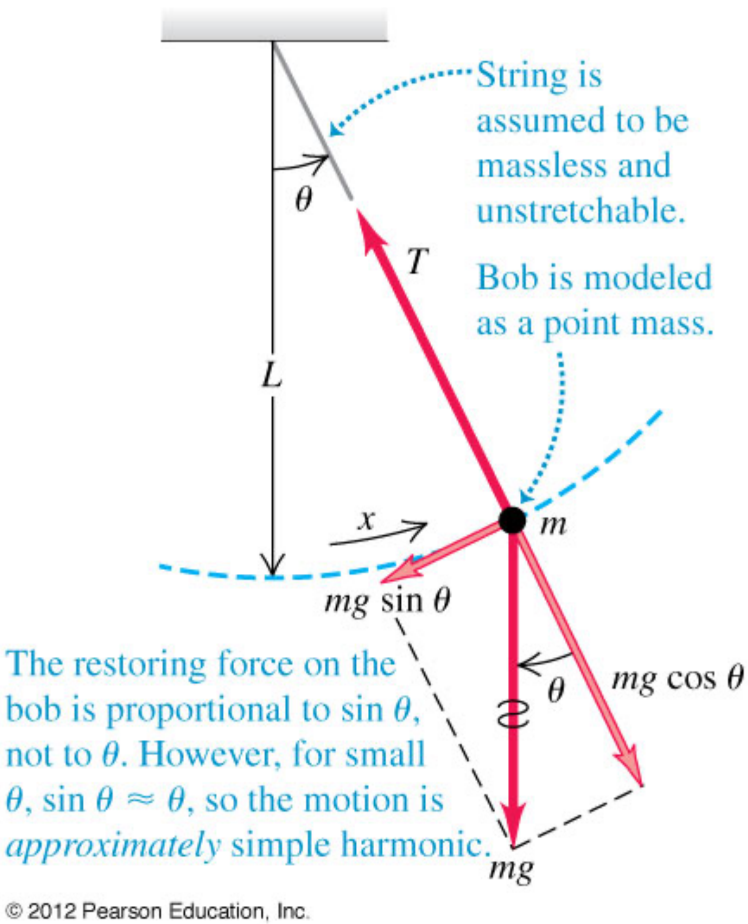


Execute SHM with period with

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{R_E^3}{Gm_E}}$$

Simple Pendulum

Galilei observed that a lamp hung from the ceiling of a church swung with constant period



x is the arc length

If θ small enough, $\sin\theta \approx \theta = x/L$

In the tangential direction, the restoring force

$$F_\theta = -mg\sin\theta \approx -mg\frac{x}{L} = ma_{\tan}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -\frac{g}{L}x}$$

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Q14.9

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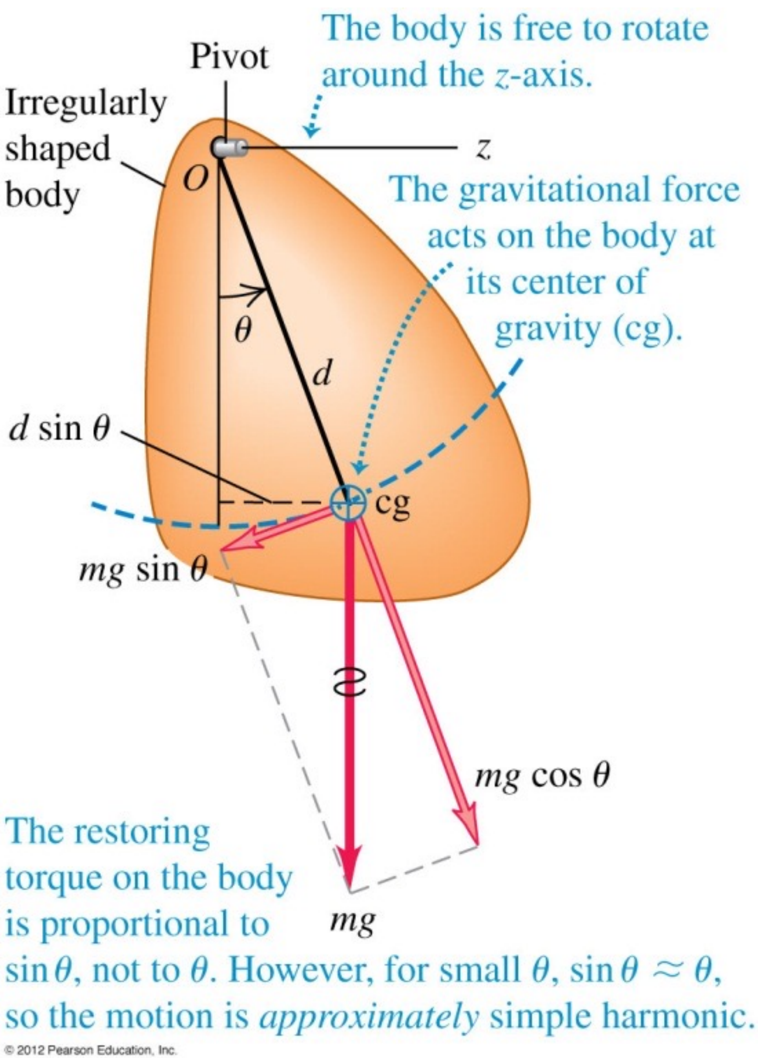
Physical Pendulum



In small θ limit:

$$\tau = -(mg)d\sin\theta \approx -(mgd)\theta$$
$$= I\alpha$$

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Demonstration:
Simple Pendulum vs. Meter Stick (same center of mass, different periods)

Question:
The CG of a simple pendulum of mass m and length L is at a distance L from its pivot. The CG of a uniform rod of mass m and length $2L$, pivoted at one end, is also at a distance L from its pivot. The period of the rod is (longer / shorter / the same) as the period of the pendulum.

Damped Harmonic Oscillator

Suppose oscillator experience fluid resistance at low speed, $f = -bv$ (oppose to v)

$$ma = -kx - bv,$$

or

$$m\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + b\frac{dx}{dt} + kx = 0$$

2nd order *differential equation*

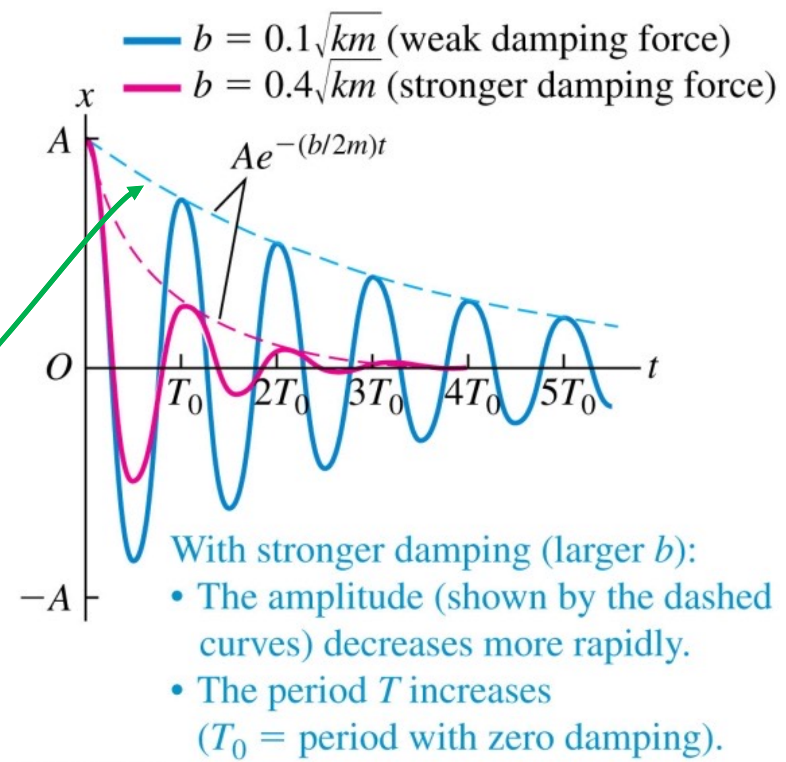
Solution:

$$x(t) = \underbrace{Ae^{-\left(\frac{b}{2m}\right)t}}\ \underbrace{\cos(\omega' t + \phi)}$$

exponentially decaying amplitude, or envelop, damp out the oscillation

periodic oscillation with angular frequency ω'

$$\omega' = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m} - \frac{b^2}{4m^2}}$$



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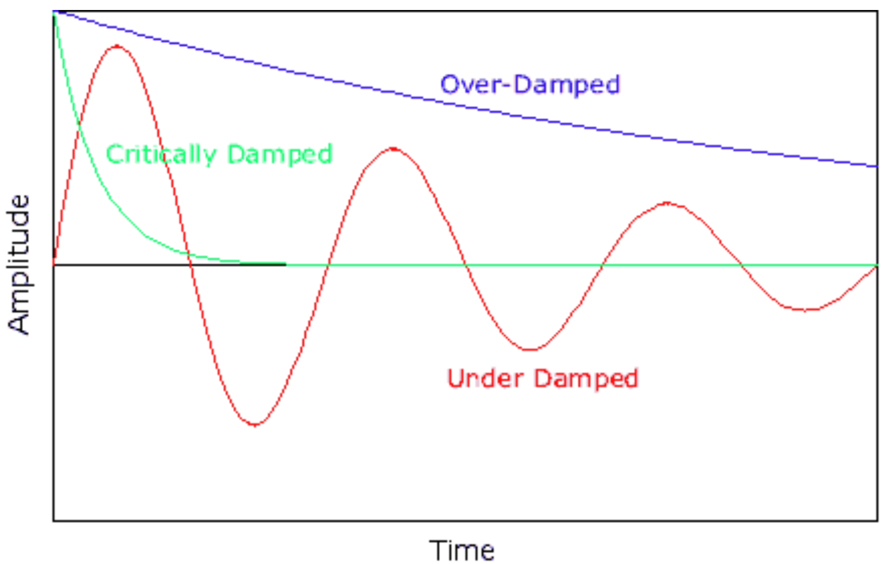


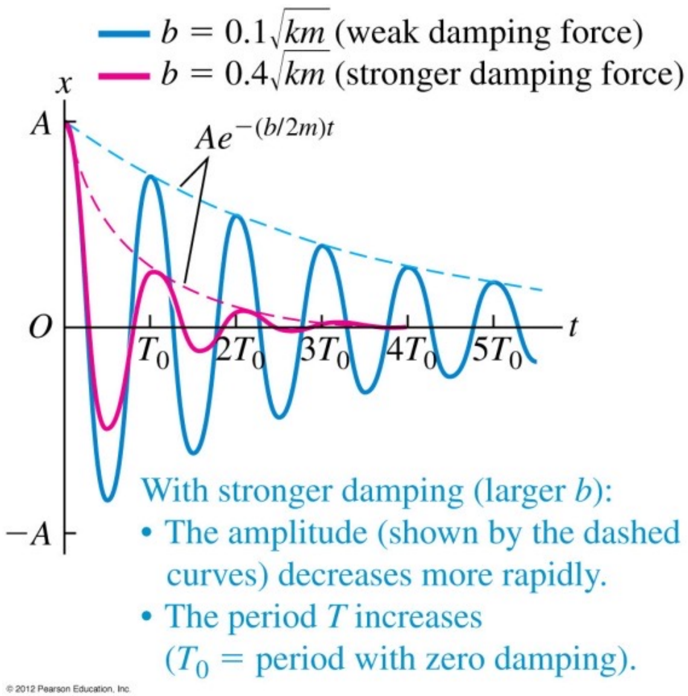
When $b < 2\sqrt{km}$, $\omega' > 0$, called **underdamping**.
Stronger damping (larger *b*), oscillation dies off faster

When $b > 2\sqrt{km}$, ω' imaginary (only if you know complex numbers), no oscillation, solution becomes

$$x(t) = C_1 e^{-a_1 t} + C_2 e^{-a_2 t}$$

When $b = 2\sqrt{km}$, $\omega' = 0$, no oscillation, return to equilibrium position in shortest time, called **critical damping**

Rate of energy dissipation



$$ma = -kx - bv$$

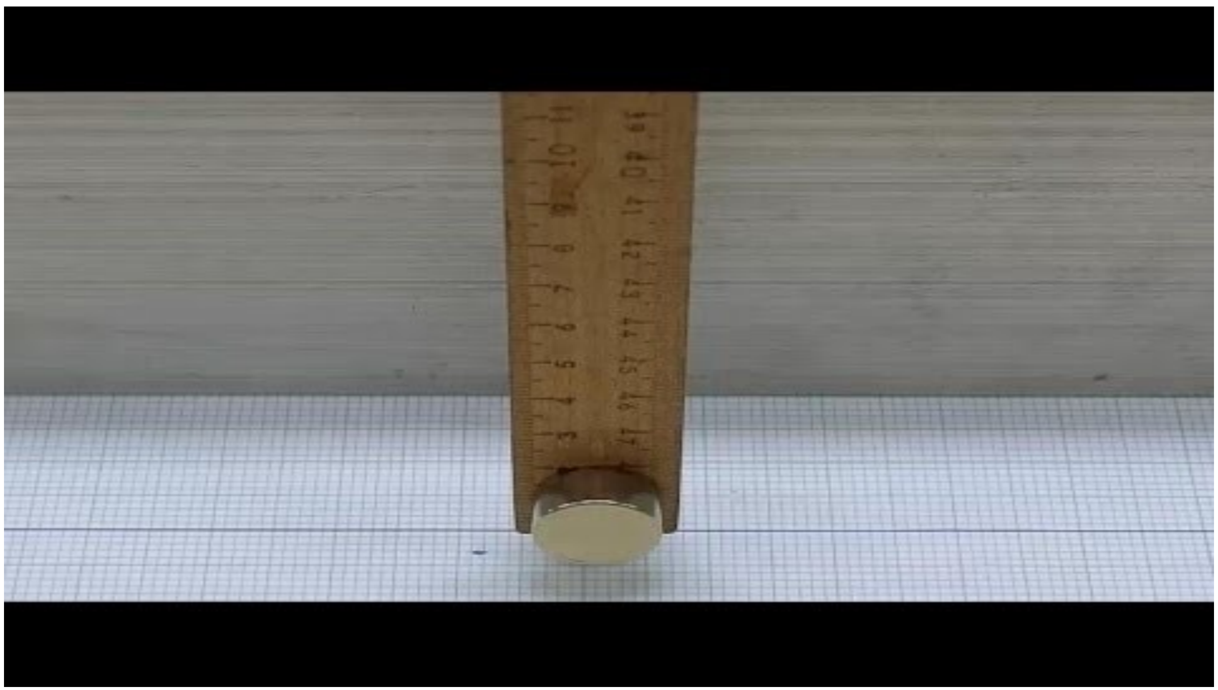
$$\frac{dE}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \frac{1}{2}kx^2\right) = mv\underbrace{\frac{dv}{dt}}_{a} + kx\underbrace{\frac{dx}{dt}}_{v} = v\underbrace{(ma + kx)}_{-bv} = -bv^2$$

⚠ $dE/dt < 0$ means energy decreases, i.e., dissipation

⚠ consistent with $dE/dt = Fv = (-bv)v$

Demonstration

Under, critical, and overdamping
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=99ZE2RGwqSM



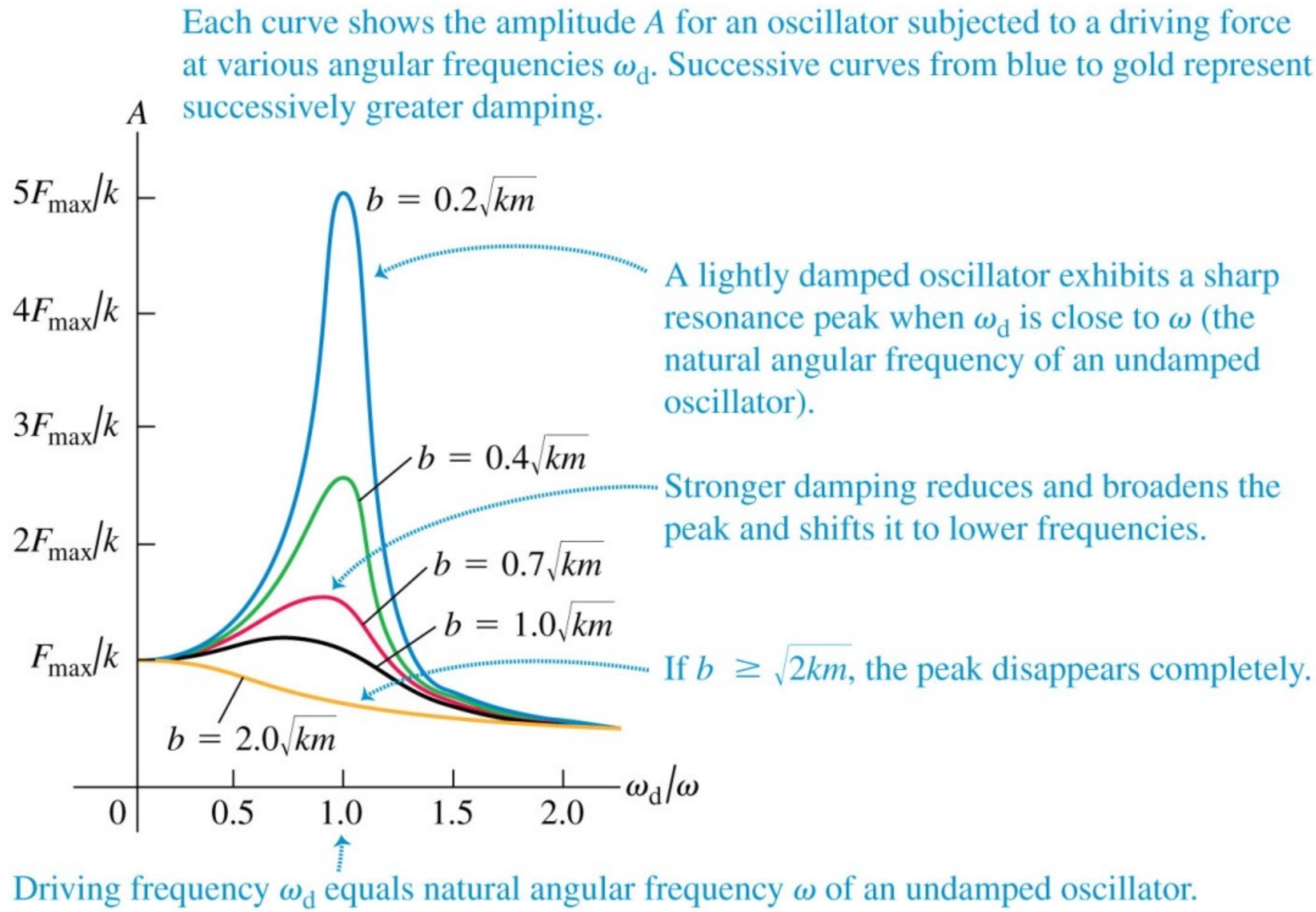
Forced Oscillations

Suppose an external periodic driving force $F(t) = F_{\text{max}} \cos \omega_d t$

$$ma = -kx - bv + F(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \boxed{m\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + b\frac{dx}{dt} + kx = F_{\text{max}} \cos \omega_d t}$$

Oscillator vibrates with ω_d. What if $\omega_d \to \omega = \sqrt{k/m}$, the **natural frequency** of the free (undamped) oscillator?
Driving force deposit energy into the "natural mode" of vibration, expect amplitude to increase



$$A = \frac{F_{max}}{\sqrt{(k - m\omega_d^2)^2 + b^2\omega_d^2}}$$

A reaches maximum when $\omega_d \approx \sqrt{k/m}$, called **resonance**

⚠ when damping b small, peak is higher, sharper, and closer to the **natural frequency** of the free (undamped) oscillator

⚠ resonance vibration can be strong enough to make bridges and buildings collapse

Demonstration

forced oscillation and resonance of a wine glass
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EjVq96h4zD4