

Tutorial 7

PHY 101

Solutions

Q1. A particle of mass m moves in a one-dimensional potential energy $V(x) = -ax^2 + bx^4$, where a and b are positive constants. What will be the angular frequency of small oscillations about the minima of the potential energy?

Sol:

$$\begin{aligned}
 U &= -ax^2 + bx^4 \\
 \therefore F &= -\frac{dU}{dx} = -2ax + 4bx^3 \\
 \text{At mean position } F &= 0, 2ax = 4bx^3 \\
 \text{or } x^2 &= \frac{2a}{4b} = \frac{a}{2b} \Rightarrow x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{a}{2b}} \\
 \therefore x_0 &= -\sqrt{\frac{a}{2b}} \\
 k_{\text{eff}} &= \frac{d^2U}{dx^2} \text{ at } x_0 = 4a \\
 ma' &= +4ax \quad \therefore a' = \frac{4a}{m}x \\
 \text{Comparing with } a' &= \omega^2 x \\
 \omega &= \sqrt{\frac{4a}{m}} = 2\sqrt{\frac{a}{m}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Q2. Consider a mass-spring system with $m=5\text{kg}$, $\mu=7\text{kg/sec}$, $k=3\text{kg/sec}^2$ and a forcing term $2\cos 4t$ N .

- Find the steady periodic solution $x_p(t)$ and find the amplitude and phase.
- Find the position $x(t)$ if $x(t=0)=0$ m and $v=dx/dt$ at $t=0$ is 1 m/sec.

Sol:Theory

Periodically forced mass-spring system: $mx'' + \mu x' + kx = F_0 \cos \omega t$
 or $x'' + dx' + \omega_0^2 x = A \cos \omega t$
 where $d = \mu/m$, $\omega_0 = \sqrt{k/m}$, $A = F_0/m$

Sinusoidal forcing: $F(t) = A \cos \omega t$

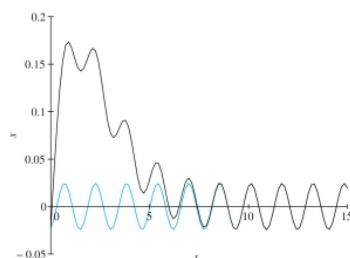
where A is the amplitude and ω is the driving frequency.

General solution:

$$x(t) = x_h(t) + x_p(t)$$

where

- $x_p(t)$: steady state part (persistent oscillation)
- $x_h(t)$: transient part ($d > 0$)
 $(x_h(t) \rightarrow 0 \text{ for } t \rightarrow \infty)$



$$x'' + dx' + \omega_0^2 x = A \cos \omega t \quad (6)$$

Since $A \cos \omega t = \operatorname{Re}(Ae^{i\omega t})$, any solution $x(t)$ is the real part of a solution $z(t)$ of

$$z'' + dz' + \omega_0^2 z = Ae^{i\omega t} \quad (7)$$

Solution Strategy:

- Find particular solution of (7)
- Real part \rightarrow particular solution of (6)

Try **complex exponential** for (7):

$$\begin{aligned} z_p(t) &= ae^{i\omega t} \Rightarrow z_p'' + dz_p' + \omega_0^2 z_p = \\ &((i\omega)^2 + i\omega d + \omega_0^2)ae^{i\omega t} = Ae^{i\omega t} \\ \Rightarrow [(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2) + i\omega d]a &= A \\ \Rightarrow \frac{a}{A} &= \frac{1}{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2) + i\omega d} \end{aligned}$$

Use $1/(\alpha + i\beta) = (\alpha - i\beta)/(\alpha^2 + \beta^2)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{A} = \frac{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2) - i\omega d}{D}$$

where $D = (\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + \omega^2 d^2$

Amplitude and Phase: Set

$$\begin{aligned} a/A &= Ge^{-i\phi} = G \cos \phi - iG \sin \phi \\ \Rightarrow G^2 &= \left(\frac{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)}{D}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\omega d}{D}\right)^2 \\ &= \frac{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + \omega^2 d^2}{D^2} = \frac{D}{D^2} \\ \Rightarrow G &= 1/\sqrt{D} \equiv G(\omega) \text{ (gain), hence} \\ G(\omega) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + \omega^2 d^2}} \quad (8) \end{aligned}$$

Phase angle:

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_0^2 - \omega^2 &= G \cos \phi, \quad \omega d = G \sin \phi \\ \text{where } 0 &\leq \phi < \pi \quad (\text{since } \sin \phi \geq 0) \\ \Rightarrow \phi(\omega) &= \operatorname{arccot}\left(\frac{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2}{\omega d}\right) \quad (9) \end{aligned}$$

Particular Solution of (6):

$$z_p(t) = ae^{i\omega t} = G(\omega)Ae^{i(\omega t - \phi)} \Rightarrow$$

$$x_p(t) = \operatorname{Re} z_p(t) = GA \cos(\omega t - \phi) \quad (10)$$

General Solution of (6):

$$x(t) = x_h(t) + x_p(t) \quad (11)$$

$$\text{where } x_h(t) = c_1 x_1(t) + c_2 x_2(t) \quad (12)$$

and $x_1(t)$, $x_2(t)$ is F.S.S. of

$$x'' + dx' + \omega_0^2 x = 0$$

Steady State and Transient Parts:

- $x_p(t)$: steady state part
(persistent oscillation)
- $x_h(t)$: transient part ($d > 0$)
 $\Rightarrow x_h(t) \rightarrow 0$ for $t \rightarrow \infty$)

(a) Find the steady periodic solution $x_p(t)$ and determine its amplitude and phase.

Answer: Equation: $5x'' + 7x' + 3x = 2 \cos 4t \Rightarrow x'' + 1.4x' + 0.6x = 0.4 \cos 4t$

Use complex method: $x_p(t) = \operatorname{Re} z_p(t)$, where z_p is particular solution of

$$z'' + 1.4z' + 0.6z = 0.4e^{4it}$$

$$\text{Try } z_p = ae^{4it} \Rightarrow (-16 + 5.6i + 0.6)a e^{4it} = 0.4e^{4it}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{0.4}{-15.4 + 5.6i} = \frac{0.4 \times (-15.4 - 5.6i)}{15.4^2 + 5.6^2} = -0.0229 - 0.0083i$$

$$\Rightarrow z_p(t) = (-0.0229 - 0.0083i)(\cos 4t + i \sin 4t)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_p(t) = \operatorname{Re}(z_p(t)) = 0.0083 \sin 4t - 0.0229 \cos 4t \quad (\text{superposition form})$$

To find amplitude and phase compute polar form: $a = A_0 e^{-i\phi}$, where

$$A_0 = \sqrt{0.0229^2 + 0.0083^2} = 0.0244$$

$$\phi = \operatorname{arccot}(-0.0229/0.0083) = 2.7939$$

$$\Rightarrow z_p(t) = A_0 e^{i(4t - \phi)}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_p(t) = 0.0244 \cos(4t - 2.7939) \quad (\text{amplitude-phase form})$$

(b) Find the position $x(t)$ if $x(0) = 0$, $x'(0) = 1 \text{ m/s}$

Answer: Find transient part: $x'' + 1.4x' + 0.6x = 0 \Rightarrow p(\lambda) = \lambda^2 + 1.4\lambda + 0.6 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow \lambda = -0.7 \pm 0.3317i$

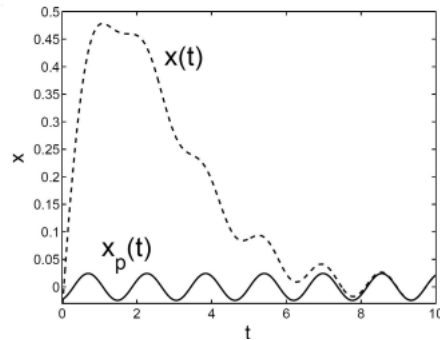
$\Rightarrow x_h(t) = e^{-0.7t}[c_1 \cos(0.3317t) + c_2 \sin(0.3317t)]$ and $x(t) = x_h(t) + x_p(t)$

Match c_1, c_2 to IC: (use superposition form)

$$x(0) = c_1 - 0.0229 = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = 0.0229$$

$$x'(0) = -0.7c_1 + 0.3317c_2 + 4 \times 0.0083 = 1 \Rightarrow c_2 = 2.9630 \quad \Rightarrow$$

$$x(t) = e^{-0.7t}[0.0229 \cos(0.3317t) + 2.9630 \sin(0.3317t)] + 0.0244 \cos(4t - 2.7939)$$



Q3. A damped oscillator consists of a mass 200 gm attached to a spring of constant 100 Nm^{-1} and damping constant $5 \text{ Nm}^{-1} \text{ s}$. It is driven by a force $F = 6 \cos \omega t$ Newton, where $\omega = 30 \text{ s}^{-1}$. If displacement in steady state is $x = A \sin(\omega t - \phi)$ metre, find A and ϕ . Also calculate the power supplied to the oscillator.

Sol:

Q3

Amplitude of the driving force $F_0 = 6 \text{ N}$
 Frequency of the driving force $\omega = 30 \text{ s}^{-1}$
 Mass of damped oscillator $m = 200 \text{ gm} = 0.2 \text{ kg}$
 Spring constant $k = 100 \text{ N m}^{-1}$
 Damping constant $R = 5 \text{ N m}^{-1} \text{ s}$

When an external force $F = F_0 \cos \omega t$ acts on a damped oscillator, the amplitude in steady state is given by,

~~$A = \frac{F_0}{\omega Z_m}$~~

$A = \frac{F_0}{\omega Z_m}$ $Z_m = \text{Impedance of the mechanical system}$

$$Z_m = \left[R^2 + \left(\omega m - \frac{R}{\omega} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

and $\tan \phi = \left(\frac{\omega m - \frac{R}{\omega}}{R} \right)$

$$\Rightarrow Z_m = \left[5 \times 5 + \left(30 \times 0.2 - \frac{100}{30} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

$$= 5.67 \text{ N m}^{-1}$$

Q4. The equation of motion is $2 \times 10^{-4} \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 4 \times 10^{-2} \frac{dx}{dt} + 5x = 0.124 \sin 100t$ where, all quantities are in S.I units. Find (i) Natural frequency of undamped oscillation (ii) Mechanical impedance.

Sol:

Q4. Given differential equation.

$$2 \times 10^{-4} \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 4 \times 10^{-2} \frac{dx}{dt} + 5x = 0.124 \sin 100t$$

Comparing with general equation.

$$m \ddot{x} + R \dot{x} + kx = F_0 \sin \omega t$$

$m = 2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ kg}$, $R = 4 \times 10^{-2} \text{ Nm}^{-1}$, $k = 5 \text{ Nm}^{-1}$
 $F_0 = 0.124 \text{ N}$

(i) Natural frequency of undamped oscillation.

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

$$= \frac{1}{2 \times 3.14} \left[\frac{5}{2 \times 10^{-4}} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$= 25.16 \text{ Hz}$$

(ii) Mechanical Impedance (Z) $\omega_0 = 2\pi f$

Amplitude $A = \frac{F_0}{m \sqrt{\left(\frac{R}{m}\right)^2 \omega^2 + (\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)^2}} = \frac{F_0}{\omega Z}$

Mechanical Impedance $Z = \frac{m}{\omega} \left(\frac{R^2 \omega^2}{m^2} + (\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)^2 \right)^{1/2}$

$\omega^2 - \omega_0^2 = \frac{5}{2 \times 10^{-4}} - 100^2 = 1.5 \times 10^4$

$\left(\frac{R}{m}\right)^2 \omega^2 = \left(\frac{4 \times 10^{-2}}{2 \times 10^{-4}}\right)^2 \times (10)^2 = 4 \times 10^8$



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$$\Rightarrow Z = \frac{2 \times 10^{-4}}{10^2} (4 \times 10^8 + 2.25 \times 10^8)$$

$$= 2 \times 10^{-6} \sqrt{10^8 (4 + 2.25)}$$

$$= 2 \times 10^{-6} \times 10^4 \times \sqrt{6.25}$$

$$= 2 \times 2.5 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$= 0.05 \text{ Nsm}^{-1}$$