

# Duffing Oscillator

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# Equation and Parameters

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- *Nonlinear 2<sup>nd</sup> order ODE used to model systems with damping and driving force*

$$\ddot{x} + \delta\dot{x} + \alpha x + \beta x^3 = \gamma \cos(\omega t)$$

where  $\ddot{x}$  = 2nd time derivative,

$\dot{x}$  = 1st time derivative,

$x$  = displacement at time  $t$ ,

$\delta$  = damping coefficient,

$\alpha$  = linear stiffness coefficient

$\beta$  = nonlinearity in the restoring force; (if =0, simple harmonic oscillator)

$\gamma$  = amplitude of the periodic driving force; (if =0, no driving force present)

$\omega$  = angular frequency of the periodic driving force

# Approximation for Solution

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- Fourier Series
- Treat the cubic term (Duffing term) as a perturbed simple harmonic oscillator
- complex: Frobenius method
- Numerical methods: Euler's / Runge-Kutta (4<sup>th</sup> order)
- Homotopy analysis method (HAM) for strong nonlinear systems

# Frequency Response

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-  $\beta = 0$ : linear oscillator; else: nonlinear

*Substitute  $z^2 = a^2 + b^2$  and  $\tan\Phi = \frac{b}{a}$  into  $x = a \cos(\omega t) + b \sin(\omega t) = z \cos(\omega t - \Phi)$*

$$(-\omega^2 a + \omega \delta b + \alpha a + \frac{3}{4} \beta a^3 + \frac{3}{4} \beta a b^2 - \gamma) \cos(\omega t) + (-\omega^2 b + \omega \delta a + \frac{3}{4} \beta b^3 + \alpha b + \frac{3}{4} \beta b a^2) \sin(\omega t) + (\frac{1}{4} \beta a^3 - \frac{3}{4} \beta a b^2) \cos(3\omega t) + (\frac{3}{4} \beta b a^2 - \frac{1}{4} \beta b^3) \sin(3\omega t) = 0.$$

Neglecting superharmonics at  $3\omega$ , and considering  $\cos(\omega t)$  and  $\sin(\omega t)$  terms need to be zero,

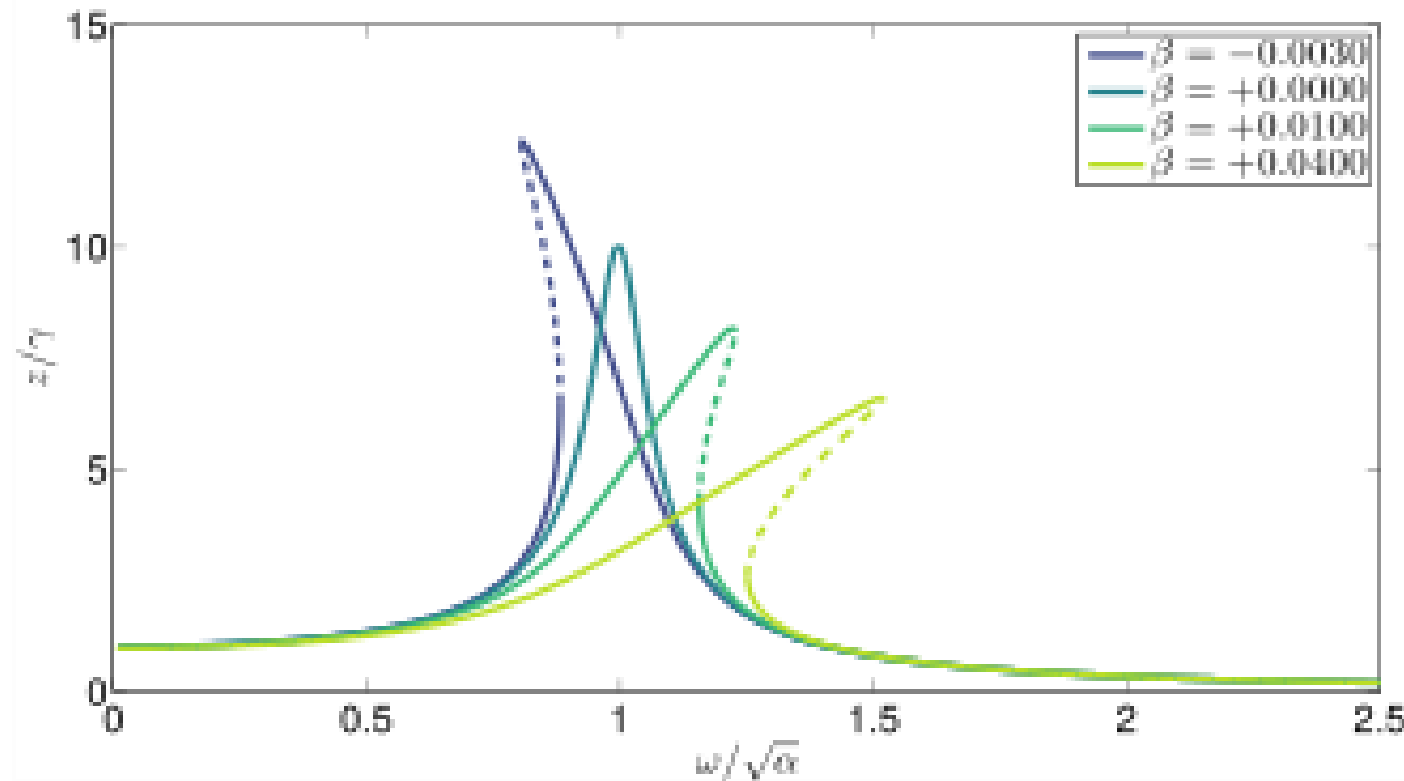
$$(-\omega^2 a + \omega \delta b + \alpha a + \frac{3}{4} \beta a^3 + \frac{3}{4} \beta a b^2 - \gamma) = -\omega^2 b + \omega \delta a + \frac{3}{4} \beta b^3 + \alpha b + \frac{3}{4} \beta b a^2 = 0$$

Square both sides and isolate for  $\gamma$ :

$$\rightarrow \gamma^2 = [(\omega^2 - \alpha - \frac{3}{4} \beta z^2)^2 + (\delta \omega^2)^2] z^2$$

→ Graph

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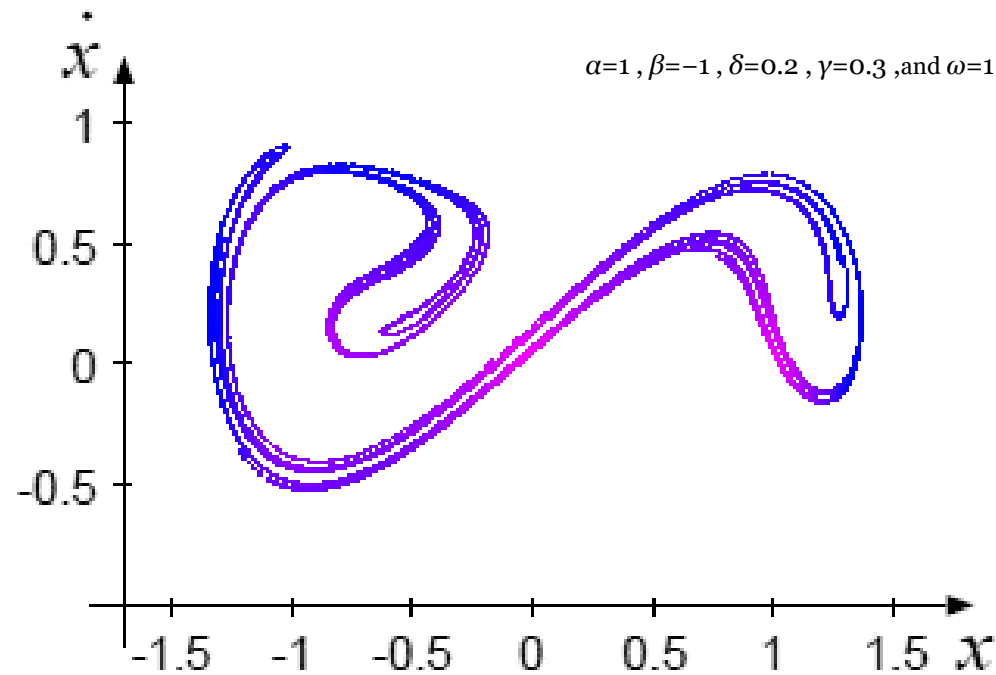


$Z / \Upsilon$  vs.  $w / \text{sqrt}(\alpha)$

Image source: Wikipedia : Duffing Equation

# Periodic change of the chaotic attractor

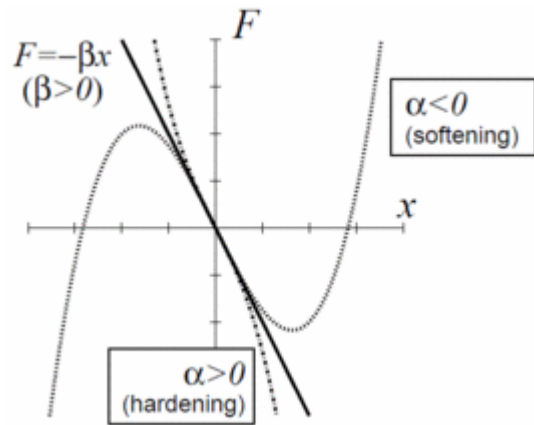
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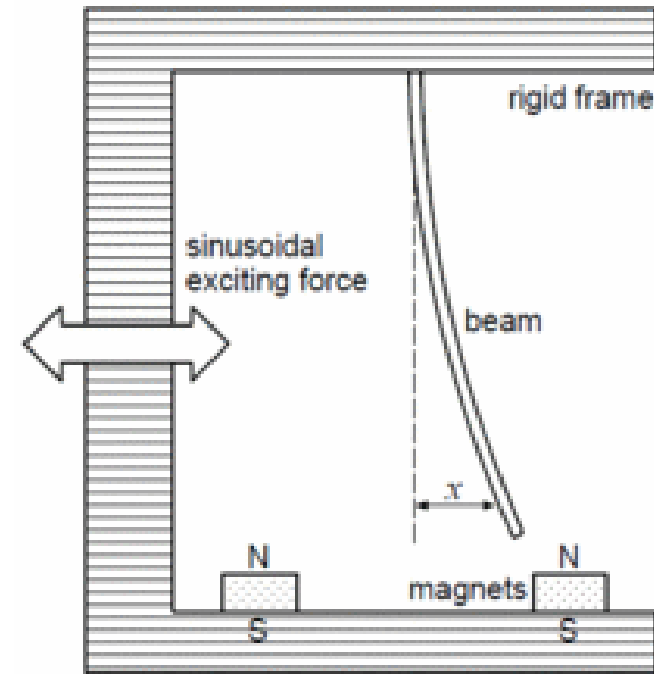
Velocity vs. displacement

Image source: Wikipedia : Duffing Equation

# Forced System



For  $\beta > 0 \rightarrow$  a forced oscillator model with a spring  
whose restoring force is written as  $F = -\beta x - \alpha x^3$



For  $\beta < 0 \rightarrow$  a model of a periodically forced steel beam  
which is deflected toward the two magnets.  
(Moon and Holmes, 1979; Guckenheimer and Holmes, 1983; Ott, 2002)

Image source: Wikipedia : Duffing Equation

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(i) No damping ( $\delta=0$ )  $\rightarrow E(t) = 0.5\dot{x}^2 + 0.5\beta x^2 + 0.25\alpha x^4 = \text{constant}$

(ii)  $\delta > 0$ ,  $E(t) \frac{dE(t)}{dt} = -\delta\dot{x}^2 \leq 0$

$E(t)$  for  $\alpha > 0$  (no storing force),  $\delta = 0$  (no damping)  $\rightarrow$

$\beta > 0 \rightarrow$  single-well potential

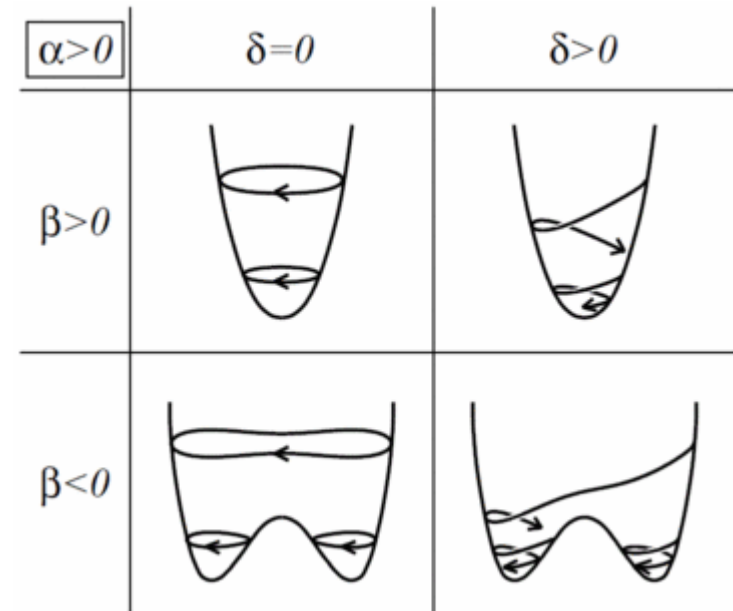
$\beta < 0 \rightarrow$  double-well potential

\* trajectory  $(x, \dot{x})$  moves on the surface of  $E(t)$  keeping  $E(t)$  constant.

$E(t)$  for  $\alpha > 0$  (no storing force),  $\delta > 0 \rightarrow$

$\alpha > 0$ ,  $\beta > 0$ , and  $\delta > 0 \rightarrow 1$  equilibrium :  $(x, v) = (0, 0)$

$\alpha > 0$ ,  $\beta < 0$ , and  $\delta > 0 \rightarrow 3$  equilibria: 1 top, 2 bottom





# Deliverables

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- Initial conditions
  - identify stable/unstable fixed points
  - examine transient/long-term behavior
    - (i) undamped, undriven ( $\gamma=0, \delta=0$ )
    - (ii) damped, undriven ( $\gamma=0, \delta>0$ )
    - (iii) damped, driven ( $\gamma=0, \delta>0$ ) with  $\alpha \geq 0, \beta \geq 0$
- phase-space projections ( $x, \dot{x}$ )
- time-series trajectories
- energy / power spectrum
- Poincaré sections
- RK4 error estimate (table of data from varying step sizes)