

Computational Physics / PHYS-UA 210 / Problem Set #7
Due October 18, 2019

You *must* label all axes of all plots, including giving the *units*!!

1. Exercise 6.2 in Newman.
2. Consider Example 6.2 in Newman. We will alter this problem to handle a heterogeneous set of masses.
 - (a) Rewrite Equation 6.56 with a heterogeneous set of masses m_i .
 - (b) Alter the code in `springs.py` to use a heterogeneous set of masses. Test it for constant mass $m_i = 1$ and demonstrate that it gets the same results as the unaltered code.
 - (c) Test putting a large mass near the middle, $m_{13} = 10$, with $m_i = 1$ otherwise.
 - (d) Test putting a small mass near the middle $m_{13} = 0.1$.
3. We will further consider Example 6.2 in Newman, now altering it to account for dissipation.
 - (a) Consider the case that there is a dissipative term on the RHS of Equation 6.50 with an amplitude $-\gamma\dot{\xi}_i$. Alter the code in `springs.py` so that it uses the `inv` function in `numpy.linalg` instead of performing the inverse itself.
 - (b) How does x_i vary with position and γ ?