

Sheet 13 – Simulink

Exercise 1:

Create a mechanical model of an (undamped) mass sitting inside two springs (see Fig. 1) without gravitational forces. The springs should have the same spring constant $k_1 = k_2 = 1 \frac{N}{m}$ and the mass should be 2 kg. To do this, follow these steps:

- Think about the physics involved. What are the forces? How do they connect with displacement and velocity?
- Create your model in Simulink according to the physical equations.
- Put scopes for displacement and velocity.
- Run the model with a pulse of amplitude 1 and watch it moving freely.
- Explore how changing mass and spring constants change the dynamics of the system. Also explore the phase relationship between displacement and velocity.

Exercise 2 (optional):

Extend your mass-spring model by adding friction. How do displacement and velocity change?

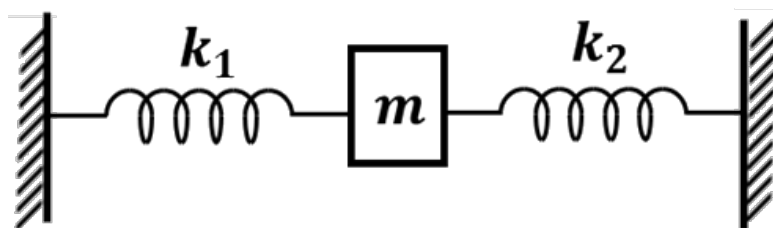


Fig.1: Mass-spring model