

Coulomb Friction (Dry Friction)

The Coulomb friction basically depends on the normal force N between two bodies currently in contact and the coefficient of friction μ between them, which is solely depending on the materials used.

The coefficient of friction μ is dimensionless and has always a value between 0.0 and 1.0.

The equations of motion are

$$s(t) = v_0 t - \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$
$$v(t) = v_0 - a t$$

$s(t)$	=	distance travelled over time (pixels)
$v(t)$	=	velocity over time (pixels per second)
v_0	=	start velocity (pixels per second)
μ	=	coefficient of friction [0 .. 1]
a	=	deceleration – depending on normal force (pixels per second ²)

The velocity over time decreases linearly.

Using this for motion on a screen a Javascript function may look like

```
function s(v0,mu,a,t) {  
    return v0*t - 0.5*mu*a*t*t;  
}
```

Damped Oscillation

The damped oscillation is a harmonic oscillation, that comes to halt after some time.

The general equations of motion are

$$\omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$
$$s(t) = A e^{-\lambda \omega_0 t} \sin(\omega_0 \sqrt{1-\lambda^2} t + \varphi_0)$$
$$v(t) = -A \omega_0^2 \lambda \sqrt{1-\lambda^2} e^{-\lambda \omega_0 t} \cos(\omega_0 \sqrt{1-\lambda^2} t + \varphi_0)$$

$s(t)$	=	distance travelled over time (pixels)
$v(t)$	=	velocity over time (pixels per second)
A	=	amplitude (pixels)
λ	=	damping ratio [0 .. 1] dimensionless
ω_0	=	natural (undamped) frequency (radians per second)
φ_0	=	phase (radians)
T	=	time period

Two different special cases have to be discussed now with these general equations.

Case I: Static displacement from equilibrium

We assume an initial displacement of s_0 . Static displacement means here, no initial velocity. So the initial conditions are

$$\begin{aligned}s(t=0) &= s_0 \rightarrow A = s_0 \\ v(t=0) &= 0 \rightarrow \varphi_0 = \frac{\pi}{2}\end{aligned}$$

This leads to the equation of motion

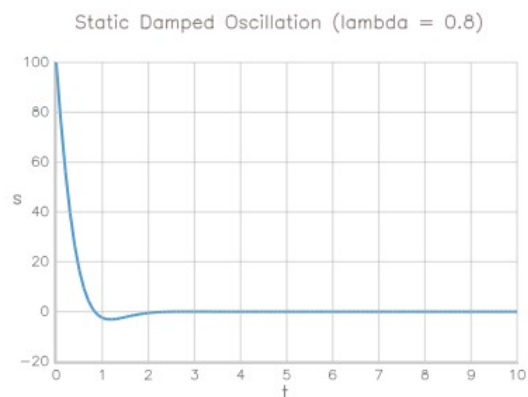
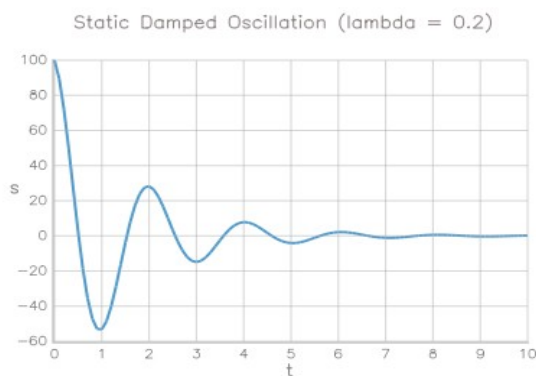
$$s(t) = s_0 e^{-\lambda \omega_0 t} \cos(\omega_0 \sqrt{a - \lambda^2} t)$$

which can be easily put to a Javascript function

```
function staticDampedOscillation(s0,T,lambda,t) {  
    var omega0 = 2*Math.PI/T;  
    return s0*Math.exp(-lambda*omega0*t) *  
           Math.cos(omega0*Math.sqrt(1-lambda*lambda)*t);  
}
```

With a damping ratio of $\lambda=0$, we yield an undamped motion oscillating forever. A damping ratio of $\lambda=1$ results in *critical damping*, that goes back to equilibrium position as fast as possible without oscillation.

A line chart of this function looks like this:



Case I: Dynamic oscillation

We assume an initial velocity of v_0 without an initial displacement. So the initial conditions are now

$$\begin{aligned} s(t=0) &= 0 & \rightarrow & \varphi_0 = 0 \\ v(t=0) &= v_0 & \rightarrow & A = \frac{v_0}{\lambda \omega^2 \sqrt{1-\lambda^2}} \end{aligned}$$

This leads to the equation of motion

$$s(t) = \frac{v_0}{\lambda \omega_0^2 \sqrt{1-\lambda^2}} e^{-\lambda \omega_0 t} \sin(\omega_0 \sqrt{1-\lambda^2} t)$$

which can also be easily written as a Javascript function

```
function dynamicDampedOscillation(v0,T,lambd,t) {  
  var omega0 = 2*Math.PI/T,  
      omega  = omega0*Math.sqrt(1-lambda*lambda);  
  return v0/(lambda*omega0*omega) *  
    Math.exp(-lambda*omega0*t) * Math.sin(omega*t);  
}
```

The damping ratio has the same behavior as with static oscillation.

A line chart of this function looks like this:

