

§2.6 - FORCED VIBRATIONS, PART 2 (BOYCE 3.8)

2.6.8 - Forced Vibrations With Damping

Here we consider a vibrating system with nontrivial damping and an oscillating forcing function, i.e.

$$my'' + \gamma y' + ky = F_0 \cos(\omega t), \quad m, \gamma, k > 0$$

All solutions to this DE will be of the following form:

$$y = u(t) + R \cos(\omega t - \delta),$$

where

- $u(t)$ is the solution to the homogeneous part of the DE, i.e. $mu'' + \gamma u' + ku = 0$.

We know because m, γ & $k > 0$, that $u(t)$ decays exponentially over time with decay constant $\sim \frac{\gamma}{2m}$.

- $y(t) = R \cos(\omega t - \delta)$ is the particular solution to the full inhomogeneous DE.

Furthermore, note that $u(t)$ depends on the ICs; however, $y(t)$ is the same regardless of the ICs.

Definition: 2.6.9

- $u(t)$ since it dies out over time, is known as the transient solution. It is often of little importance, as it may be undetectable after a short time.
- $y(t) = R \cos(\omega t - \delta)$ is the steady-state solution or the forced response.

Example 2.6.10: Find the solution to the spring system described by

$$y'' + y + \frac{5}{4}y = \frac{1}{178} \cos(t), \quad y(0) = \frac{1}{4}, \quad y'(0) = \frac{1}{0}.$$

Solution: CE is $r^2 + r + \frac{5}{4} = 0$ which has roots $r = -\frac{1}{2} \pm i$, so general solution to homogeneous DE is $y = e^{-\frac{1}{2}t}(c_1 \cos(t) + c_2 \sin(t))$.

Particular solution to the Nonhomogeneous DE:

guess $Y = A \cos(t) + B \sin(t)$

$\Rightarrow Y' = B \cos(t) - A \sin(t)$

$Y'' = -A \cos(t) - B \sin(t)$

So $Y'' + Y' + \frac{5}{4}Y = (\frac{1}{4}A + B) \cos(t) + (-A + \frac{1}{4}B) \sin(t)$
 $= \frac{17}{8} \cos(t) + 0 \sin(t),$

so $\frac{1}{4}A + B = \frac{17}{8}, -A + \frac{1}{4}B = 0$

Which has solution $A = \frac{1}{2}, B = 2$.

So $y = e^{-\frac{1}{2}t}(c_1 \cos(t) + c_2 \sin(t)) + \frac{1}{2} \cos(t) + 2 \sin(t).$

Apply ICs: $y(0) = 4 \Rightarrow c_1 = \frac{7}{2}$

$y' = e^{-\frac{1}{2}t}((-\frac{1}{2}c_1 + c_2) \cos(t) + (-\frac{1}{2}c_2 - c_1) \sin(t)) - \frac{1}{2} \sin(t) + 2 \cos(t)$

So $y'(0) = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = -\frac{1}{2}c_1 + c_2 + 2$

$\Rightarrow c_2 = -\frac{1}{4}$

So the solution is $y = e^{-\frac{1}{2}t}(\frac{7}{2} \cos(t) - \frac{1}{4} \sin(t)) + \frac{1}{2} \cos(t) + 2 \sin(t)$

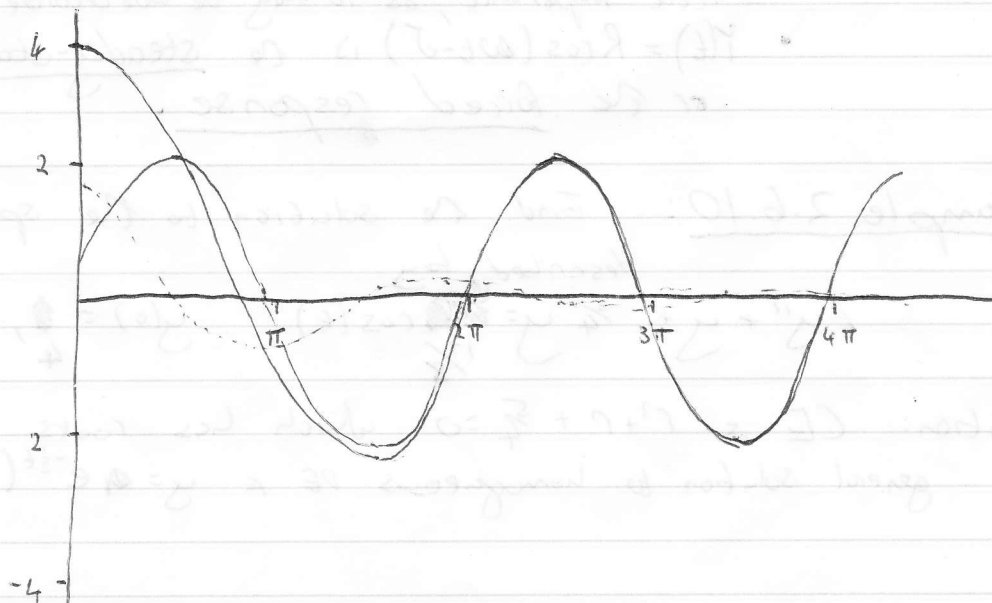
But we can write $\frac{1}{2} \cos(t) + 2 \sin(t) = R \cos(t - \delta)$ using

$R^2 = 2^2 + \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow R = \sqrt{\frac{17}{4}} \approx 2.062$

and $\tan(\delta) = \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow \delta = \arctan(\frac{1}{4}) \approx 1.3258$

So $y = e^{-\frac{1}{2}t}(\frac{7}{2} \cos(t) - \frac{1}{4} \sin(t)) + 2.062 \cos(t - 1.3258).$

Graph:



So we see that the solution decays rapidly to that $y(t) = 2.062 \cos(t - 1.3258)$. Beyond $\sim t = 2\pi$ the difference between the true solution & $y(t)$ is negligible.

It therefore makes sense to investigate the forced response more carefully. Specifically, we are interested in the amplitude R & phase shift δ of the forced response as a function of the forcing frequency ω & the damping constant γ .

General Case 2.6.11: $m\ddot{y} + \gamma\dot{y} + ky = F_0 \cos(\omega t)$.

Recall that the forced response doesn't depend on ICs. Let $\omega_0 = \sqrt{k/m}$ be the natural frequency of the undamped, unforced frequency.

We seek the particular solution $Y(t)$.

Guess: $Y = A \cos(\omega t) + B \sin(\omega t)$

$$Y' = -\omega B \cos(\omega t) - \omega A \sin(\omega t)$$

$$Y'' = -\omega^2 A \cos(\omega t) - \omega^2 B \sin(\omega t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } mY'' + \gamma Y' + kY &= (-m\omega^2 A) \cos(\omega t) + (-m\omega^2 B) \sin(\omega t) \\ &\quad + (\gamma\omega B) \cos(\omega t) + (-\gamma\omega A) \sin(\omega t) \\ &\quad + (kA) \cos(\omega t) + (kB) \sin(\omega t) \\ &= (F_0) \cos(\omega t). \end{aligned}$$

So we have

$$-m\omega^2 A + \gamma\omega B + kA = F_0, \quad -m\omega^2 B - \gamma\omega A + kB = 0$$

Solving for A & B is tedious, but we can do it. The result is

$$A = \frac{F_0(k - m\omega^2)}{(k - m\omega^2)^2 + \gamma^2\omega^2}, \quad B = \frac{F_0\gamma\omega}{(k - m\omega^2)^2 + \gamma^2\omega^2}$$

This is clearly not particularly enlightening, which is why we put the forced response in the $R \cos(\omega t - \delta)$ form.

Now $R^2 = A^2 + B^2$, so $R = \frac{F_0}{\sqrt{(k-m\omega^2)^2 + \gamma^2\omega^2}}$

and $\tan \delta = \frac{B}{A}$, so $\delta = \arctan^*\left(\frac{\gamma\omega}{k-m\omega^2}\right)$,

where we must remember to pick δ in the correct quadrant according to the signs of A & B .

This is better, but it may still be opaque as to how R & δ behave as we vary ω , for example. Let's look at some specific cases.

2.6.12 Case 1: $\omega \rightarrow 0$

This corresponds to a ~~constant~~ ^{with a very long period} forcing function. We see that $R \rightarrow \frac{F_0}{k}$ (which is exactly the amplitude of the response for a constant forcing function). And $\delta \rightarrow 0$.

The interpretation of this is that for forcing ~~periods~~ ^{functions} with long periods, the response will be in phase with the forcing function, with amplitude $\sim \frac{1}{k}$ that of the amplitude of the forcing function. This makes sense: we are in the case where the system is essentially in a slowly changing equilibrium, where the spring force balances out the force imparted by the forcing function.

2.6.13 Case 2: $\omega \rightarrow \infty$

i.e. forcing function oscillating much more rapidly

we see $R \sim \frac{F_0}{m\omega^2} \rightarrow 0$ as $\omega \rightarrow \infty$,

while $\delta \sim \arctan^*\left(-\frac{\gamma}{m\omega}\right) \rightarrow -\frac{\pi}{2}$ as $\omega \rightarrow \infty$.

Thus the forced response goes to zero for large ω , while $\delta \sim -\frac{\pi}{2}$, implies that the response will be out of phase with the forcing function.

The most interesting case is for $\omega \sim \omega_0$.
Specifically, we can ask: when is R maximized?

2.6.14 Case 3: ω about the same size as ω_0

R is maximized w.r.t ω when the denominator in $\frac{F_0}{\sqrt{(k-m\omega^2)^2 + \gamma^2\omega^2}}$ is minimized i.e. when $\frac{d}{d\omega} [(k-m\omega^2)^2 + \gamma^2\omega^2] = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 2(k-m\omega^2) \cdot -2m\omega + 2\gamma^2\omega = 0$$

$$\text{So } \omega \neq 0 \quad \text{or } -2m(k-m\omega^2) = -\gamma^2$$

$$-k + m\omega^2 = -\frac{\gamma^2}{2m}$$

$$m\omega^2 = k + \frac{\gamma^2}{2m}$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m} + \frac{\gamma^2}{2m^2}}$$

$$= \omega_0 \sqrt{1 + \frac{\gamma^2}{2mk}}$$

Definition 2.6.15₂

Let $\Gamma = \frac{\gamma^2}{mk}$.

Γ is a dimensionless constant that governs the behaviour of the forced response.

We see then that the maximum amplitude response occurs at $\omega_{\max} = \omega_0 \sqrt{1 + \Gamma/2}$
 $\approx \omega_0 (1 + \Gamma/4)$ for small Γ .

Furthermore, the maximum response is then

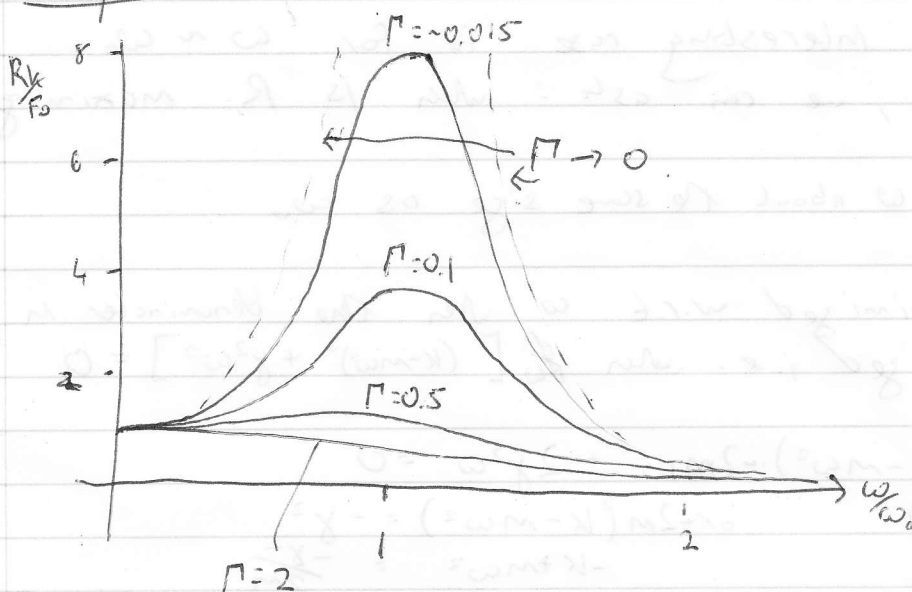
$$R_{\max} = \frac{F_0}{\gamma\omega_0 \sqrt{1 - \frac{\gamma^2}{4km}}} = \frac{F_0}{\gamma\omega_0} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \Gamma/4}} \approx \frac{F_0}{\gamma\omega_0} (1 + \Gamma/8)$$

for small Γ .

To show this graphically, it is informative to look at R/R_0 vs ω/ω_0 . Both are dimensionless quantities, and one can show

$$\frac{R}{R_0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1 - (\frac{\omega}{\omega_0})^2)^2 + \Gamma(\frac{\omega}{\omega_0})^2}} \quad \text{pro}$$

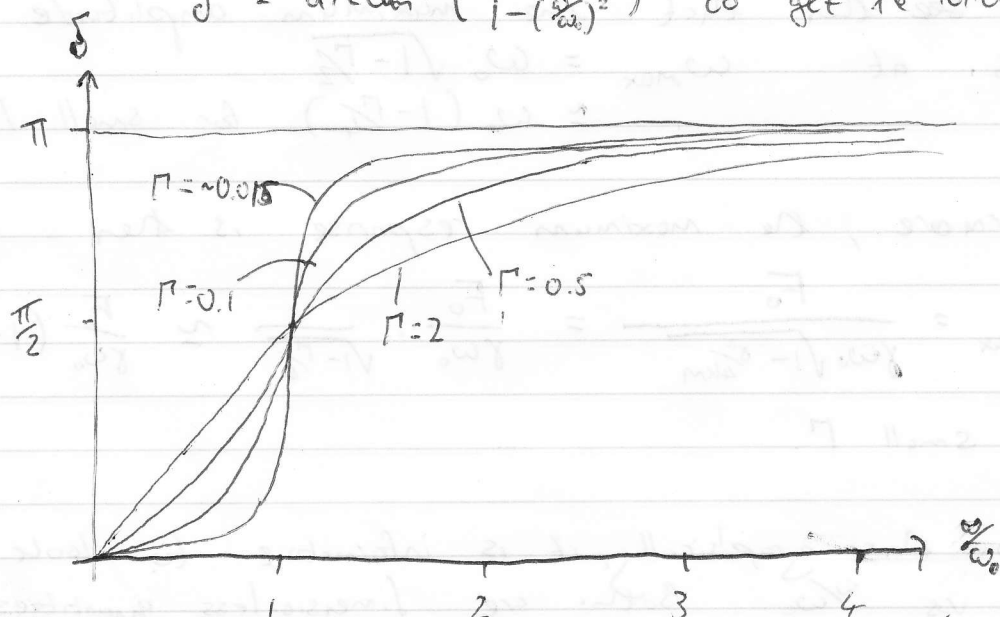
Graph



It's clear then that we get resonance for ω around ω_0 ; the strength of that resonance (vs. ω_0) is a function of the quantity $\Gamma = \frac{\gamma^2}{m k}$.

Furthermore, we can show

$$\delta = \arctan\left(\frac{\sqrt{\Gamma} \cdot (\omega/\omega_0)}{1 - (\omega/\omega_0)^2}\right) \text{ to get the following graph}$$



Thus the switch from $\delta \approx 0$ to $\delta \approx \pi$ get more rapid as $\Gamma \rightarrow 0$.