

Now, all bells + whistles:

Forced, damped oscillator:

$$\ddot{x} + D \dot{x} + \omega_0^2 x = \frac{F_0}{m} \cos(\omega t)$$

Separate into complex conjugate parts

$$\ddot{x}_+ + D \dot{x}_+ + \omega_0^2 x_+ = \frac{F_0}{2m} e^{i\omega t}$$

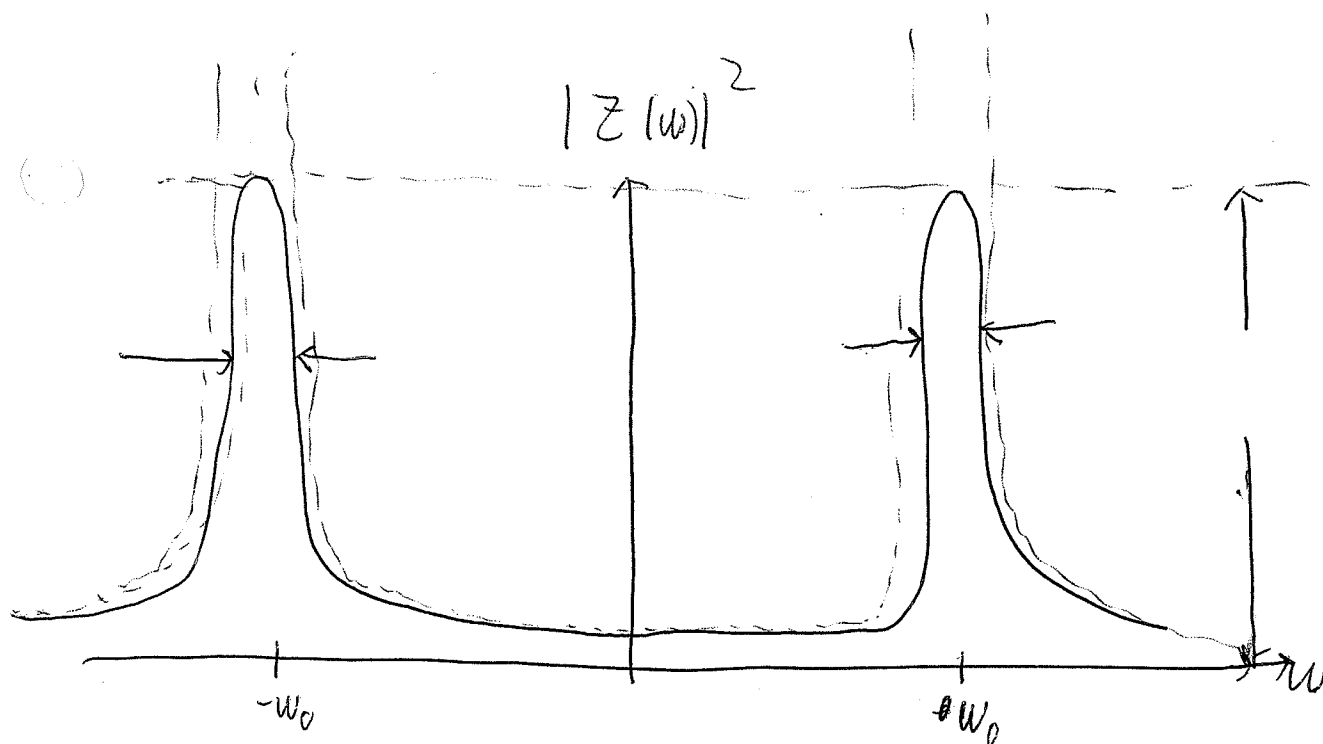
Now, particular sol'n:

Note:  $A(\omega)$  complex

$$A(\omega) \equiv Z(\omega) \frac{F_0}{2m}$$

$$Z(\omega) = \frac{1}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2 + iD\omega}$$

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for very small Damping ( $D \ll \omega_0$ )

$|Z(\omega \approx \omega_0)|^2 = \frac{1}{\dots} : \text{Lorentzian}$

Most ubiquitous function in physics

Oscillator

Particle physics  
(~~and~~ particle scattering)

Condensed matter  
physics

Peak ~~Pos~~  
position

$\omega_0$  "natural  
frequency"

$m$  : Particle mass

$q_0 = \frac{2\pi}{a}$ ,  $a$  = lattice  
constant

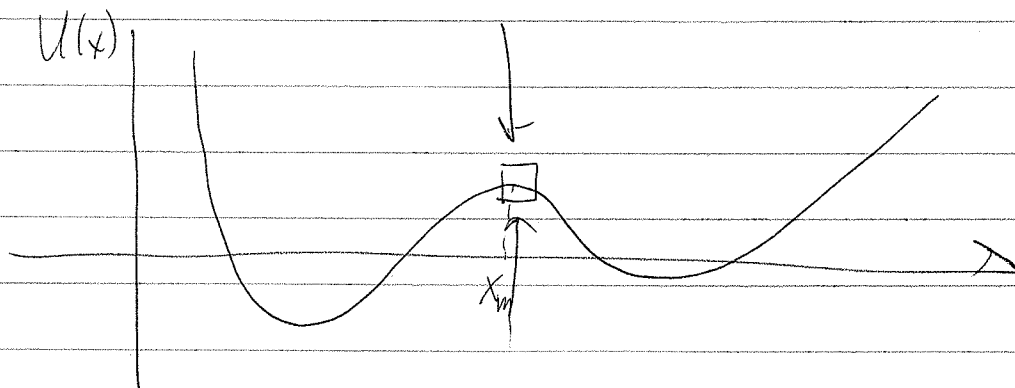
Peak  
width :  $\frac{1}{\tau}$  : lifetime

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$\frac{1}{\xi}$  : correlation  
length

# Instability:

Suppose we expand around maximum of potential?



Now what are E. O. M. for small

$x - x_m$ ?

Expand

$$U(x) = \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2}{dx^2} =$$

linear again; ~~try~~ solution?

$$X(t) = x_+ e^{\lambda t} + x_- e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$\lambda = \sqrt{\left. \frac{d^2 U}{dx^2} \right|_{x=x_m}}$$

Sign?

$\Rightarrow$  + solution unstable!

Now: Beyond 1d motion.

Many variables.

In general, we work as follows

- 1) Write Lagrangian  $\mathcal{L}(\{q_i, \dot{q}_i\})$
- 2) Find EOM's (Not 'em)  $\nwarrow$   $N$  variables  
 $(N = \# \text{ of d.o.f.})$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \right) = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial q_i} ; \quad 1 \text{ for each } i$$

3) Solve for

$$\ddot{q}_i = f_i(\{q_j, \dot{q}_j\}) \quad (1)$$

4) Despair! Can't solve  $\dot{q}_i$ .

Approach

Overcoming despair:

1) Find fixed points: (FP)

$\{q_i^*\}$  s.t.  $q_i = q_i^* = \text{constants}$   
solve (1)

What's  $\dot{q}_i$  for such sol'n?

So, FP's at  $\boxed{f(\{q_i^*, \dot{q}_i = 0\}) = 0}$

Can solve these.

Now what?

2) Expand  $f$  in  $q_i$ ,  $\delta q_i \equiv q_i(t) - q_i^*$

Usually, in energy conserving problems, this drops out

$f(\{q_i^* + \delta q_i, \dot{q}_i\}) = ?$

$$f_i(q_j^* + \delta q_j, \dot{q}_j) = \underbrace{f_i(q_j^*, 0)}_{=?} + \sum_j \left( \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial q_j} \right)_{\{q_j = q_j^*\}} \delta q_j + \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial \dot{q}_j} \bigg|_{\dot{q}_j = \dot{q}_j^*} \dot{q}_j + O((\delta q_j)^2, \delta q_j \dot{q}_j^2), \delta q_j, \dot{q}_j)$$

Note: Constants

neglect for small  
per  $t$ .

$\Rightarrow$  EOM (1) becomes

$$(2) \quad \ddot{q}_i = \sum_j \left( \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial q_j} \right)_* \delta q_j + \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial \dot{q}_j} \bigg|_* \dot{q}_j$$

N linear equations !

How do we solve 'em?

Assume all  $q_i$ 's have same

exponential dependence on  $t$ :

$$q_i(t) = \underbrace{q_i}_{N \text{ constants}} e^{\lambda t} \quad \text{same } \lambda, \text{ all } t$$

$$\lambda^2 a_i = \sum_j M_{ij}(\lambda) a_j$$

$$M_{ij}(\lambda) = \left. \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial q_j} \right|_* + \lambda \left. \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial \dot{q}_j} \right|_*$$

Write in matrix form: ~~N~~ columns

$\sqrt{N}$  component vector

$$\lambda^2 \vec{q} = \tilde{M}(\lambda) \vec{q}$$

$\tilde{M} = \begin{pmatrix} M_{11} & M_{12} & M_{13} & \dots \\ M_{21} & M_{22} & M_{23} & \dots \\ M_{31} & - & - & - \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$

$\tilde{M}$  has  $N$  rows

$N \times N$  matrix

Eigenvalue problem.

Rewrite as

$$(\tilde{M}(\lambda) - \lambda^2 \tilde{I}) \vec{q} = 0$$

$\tilde{I} = \text{identity matrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & & 1 & & \\ & & & \ddots & \end{pmatrix}$

Funny thing about eigenvalue problems:

It looks like you're solving for  $\vec{q}$ ,

given ~~all~~ eigenvalue  $\lambda$

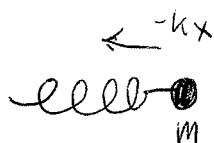
But: Really solving for  $\lambda$ .

How so?

Only for special values of  $\lambda$

the "~~all~~ eigenvalues" does  $x$  have  
any solution for  $\vec{q}$  other than  $\vec{q} = 0$ .

Why? Example: Ball on spring



$$\ddot{x} = -\frac{k}{m}x \Rightarrow \cancel{\ddot{x} + \omega_0^2 x = 0} \quad \ddot{x} + \omega_0^2 x = 0$$

$\omega_0^2 \equiv \frac{k}{m}$

try  $x(t) = x_0 e^{\lambda t}$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{(\lambda^2 + \omega_0^2) x_0 = 0}$$

$$\equiv \underline{\underline{M}} + \lambda^2 \underline{\underline{I}}$$

$$), \quad \underline{\underline{M}}, \quad \underline{\underline{I}}$$

$x_0$ : 1 component vector  
(i.e., number)

$1 \times 1$  matrices  
(i.e., numbers)



Solution for  $x_0$  for arbitrary  $\lambda$ ?

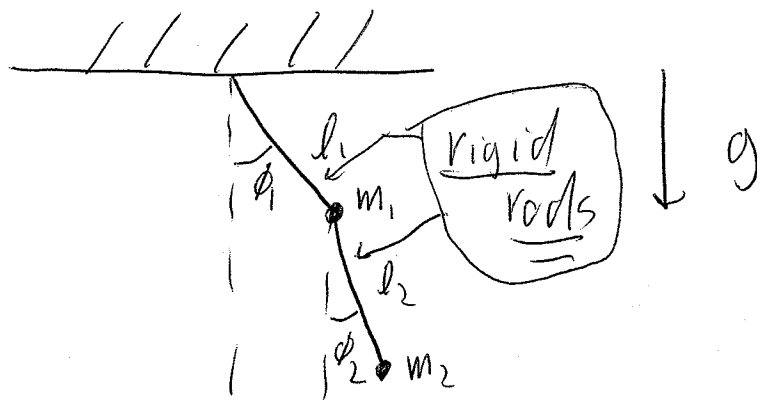
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When can we have  $x_0 \neq 0$ ?

$\Rightarrow$  This  $\lambda$  is eigenvalue for this problem.

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2x2 example: Double pendulum:



Recall (heh, heh!) equations of motion:  
(Pg. 2.10)

$$(m_1 + m_2) l_1^2 \ddot{\phi}_1 + m_2 l_1 l_2 \ddot{\phi}_2 \cos(\phi_1 - \phi_2) + \dot{\phi}_2^2 \sin(\phi_1 - \phi_2) + (m_1 + m_2) g l_1 \sin \phi_1 = 0$$


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$$m_2 l_2^2 \ddot{\phi}_2 + m_2 l_1 l_2 \ddot{\phi}_1 \cos(\phi_1 - \phi_2) - m_2 l_1 l_2 \dot{\phi}_1^2 \sin(\phi_1 - \phi_2) + m_2 g l_2 \sin \phi_2 = 0$$


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~~Linearize~~ Fixed points:

Linearize about (1):

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~~Solution~~ Trial solution:

linearize

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cheat  
sheet

$$(m_1 + m_2) l_1^2 \ddot{\phi}_1 + m_2 l_1 l_2 \ddot{\phi}_2 + (m_1 + m_2) g l_1 \sin \phi_1 = 0$$

$$m_2 l_2^2 \ddot{\phi}_2 + m_2 l_1 l_2 \ddot{\phi}_1 + m_2 g l_2 \sin \phi_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (m_1 + m_2) [l_1^2 \lambda^2 + g l_1] a_1 + m_2 l_1 l_2 \lambda^2 a_2 = 0$$

$$\cancel{l_1 l_2 \lambda^2} a_1 + (\lambda^2 l_2^2 + \cancel{m_2 g l_2}) a_2 = 0$$

Solve 2nd equation for  $a_1$ :

$$a_1 = - \left( \frac{l_1}{l_2} + \frac{g l_1^2}{l_2 \lambda^2} \right) a_2$$

$$\Rightarrow (m_1 + m_2) [l_1^2 \lambda^2 + g l_1] a_1 + m_2 l_1 l_2 \left( \frac{l_1}{l_2} + \frac{g}{\lambda^2} \right) a_2 = 0$$

to it. So the fun and games will begin again as soon as Italy has remained stable enough to survive the introduction of the common currency in January. We hope you're all doing well, that Cat's new job is as good as it sounded, and that the school year is off to a positive start. Kim, please give Nadia's hellos to everyone at Olum Center. We try to get her to send emails, but you know Nadia, so this is as good as it gets. She does talk about people there, so she's thinking of them and even talking about coming back there next year. Let us know how things are going.

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$$(DP1) (m_1 + m_2) [l_1^2 \lambda^2 + m_1 g l_1] a_1 + m_2 l_1 l_2 \lambda^2 a_2 = 0$$

$$m_2 [l_2^2 \lambda^2 + g l_2]$$

$$(DP2) \quad m_2 l_1 l_2 \lambda^2 a_1 + m_2 [l_2^2 \lambda^2 + g l_2] a_2 = 0$$

How can we write this in canonical form

$$\underline{N}(\lambda) \equiv \underline{M}(\lambda) - \lambda^2 \underline{I} = 0 \quad ?$$

$$\underline{N}(\lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} & \\ & \end{pmatrix}$$

~~Solution~~ Solving DP1 + DP2 for  $a_1, a_2$

$$a_2 = - \frac{l_1 l_2 \lambda^2}{l_2^2 \lambda^2 + g l_2} a_1$$

DP3

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Stick into (1)

$$\Rightarrow a_1 \left[ (m_1 + m_2) (l_1^2 \lambda^2 + g l_1) - \frac{m_2 l_1^2 l_2 \lambda^4}{\lambda^2 l_2^2 + g l_2} \right] = 0$$

~~When can  $a_1$  be  $\neq 0$ ?~~

~~Only when~~

Define  $\frac{m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \equiv \alpha$ ,  $W_{1,2}^2 \equiv \frac{g}{l_{1,2}}$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 \left[ \lambda^2 + W_1^2 - \frac{\alpha \lambda^4}{\lambda^2 + W_2^2} \right] = 0$$

When can  $a_1$  be  $\neq 0$ ?

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$$\frac{m_2}{m_1+m_2} \equiv \alpha < 1, \quad \frac{g}{d_1} \equiv \omega_1^2, \quad \frac{g}{d_2} \equiv \omega_2^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \Rightarrow (\lambda^2 + \omega_1^2) = \frac{\alpha \lambda^4}{\lambda^2 + \omega_2^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda^2 + \omega_1^2)(\lambda^2 + \omega_2^2) - \alpha \lambda^4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-\alpha)\lambda^4 + (\omega_1^2 + \omega_2^2)\lambda^2 + \omega_1^2\omega_2^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 = \frac{-(\omega_1^2 + \omega_2^2) \pm \sqrt{(\omega_1^2 + \omega_2^2)^2 - 4(1-\alpha)\omega_1^2\omega_2^2}}{2(1-\alpha)}$$

$$\alpha \rightarrow 0, \quad \lambda^2 \rightarrow \frac{-(\omega_1^2 + \omega_2^2) \pm \sqrt{(\omega_1^2 - \omega_2^2)^2}}{2} = \begin{cases} -\omega_1^2, & - \text{root} \\ -\omega_2^2, & + \text{root} \end{cases}$$

Make sense?

$$\alpha \neq 0, \quad \lambda^2 = \frac{-(\omega_1^2 + \omega_2^2) \pm \sqrt{(\omega_1^2 - \omega_2^2)^2 + 4\alpha\omega_1^2\omega_2^2}}{2(1-\alpha)}$$

Always stable?

Yes!  $\Rightarrow \lambda = \pm i\omega$

$$\omega_{\pm}^2 = \frac{\omega_1^2 + \omega_2^2 \pm \sqrt{(\omega_1^2 - \omega_2^2)^2 + 4\alpha \omega_1^2 \omega_2^2}}{2}$$

So, what's general solution for  $\phi_1(t), \phi_2(t)$   
near this Fixed Point?

How many independent parameters?

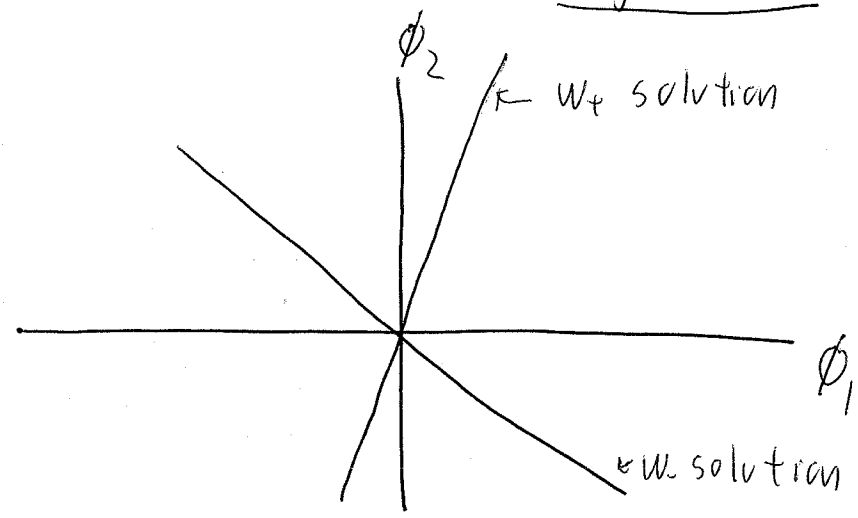
" " " initial conditions?

How do we reduce above to right #?

Answer: D P3

Determines direction of eigenvector  $\vec{x}_\pm(\lambda_\pm)$

Note: depends on eigenvalue



Simple numbers:  $\frac{d_2}{d_1} = \frac{4}{3}$ ,  $m_1 = m_2 \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{1}{2}$

$$w_2^2 = \frac{g}{d_2} = \frac{3}{4} \frac{g}{d_1} = \frac{3}{4} w_1^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \lambda_\pm^2 &= -\left(w_1^2 + \frac{3}{4}w_1^2\right) \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{w_1^2}{4}\right)^2 + 2w_1^2\left(\frac{3}{4}w_1^2\right)} \\ &= w_1^2 \left[ -\frac{7}{4} \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{16} + \frac{3}{2}} \right] = w_1^2 \left[ -\frac{7}{4} \pm \frac{5}{4} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\lambda_+^2 = -\frac{w_1^2}{2}, \quad \lambda_-^2 = -3w_1^2}$$



$\Rightarrow$  DP3 reads

$$a_2 = - \frac{\lambda^2}{\frac{4}{3}\lambda^2 + \frac{g}{l_1}} a_1 =$$

$$- \frac{\lambda^2}{\frac{4}{3}\lambda^2 + \omega_1^2} a_1 = a_2$$

$$\lambda_+ : a_{2+} = \frac{-(-\frac{\omega_1^2}{2})}{\frac{4}{3}(-\frac{\omega_1^2}{2}) + \omega_1^2} a_{1+} =$$

$$\frac{3}{2} a_{1+} = a_{2+}$$

$$\lambda_- : a_{2-} = \frac{-(-3\omega_1^2)}{\frac{4}{3}(-3\omega_1^2) + \omega_1^2} a_{1-} =$$

$$-a_{1-} = a_{2-}$$

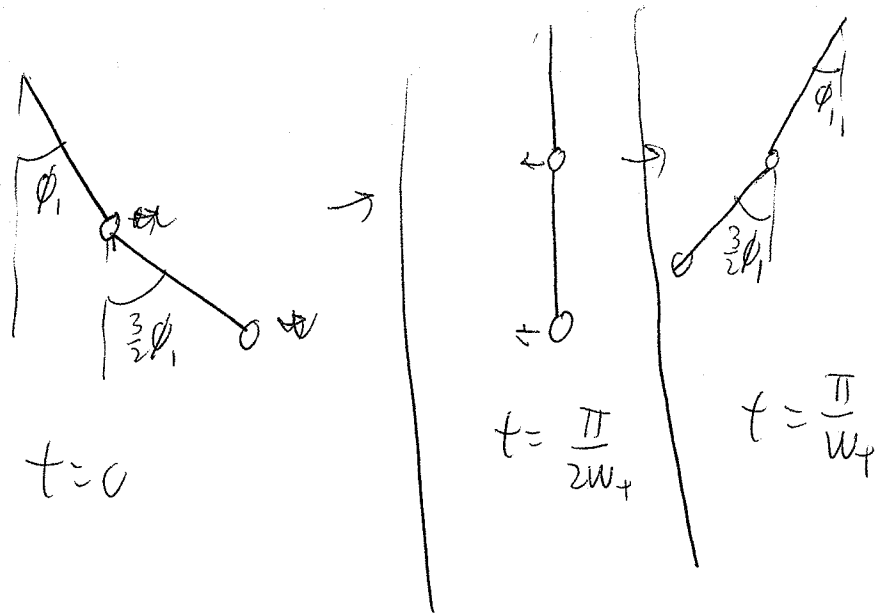
General solution:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \end{bmatrix} = a_+ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix} e^{i\omega_+ t} + b_+ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} e^{i\omega_- t} + c_+ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix} e^{-i\omega_+ t} \\ + d_+ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-i\omega_- t}$$

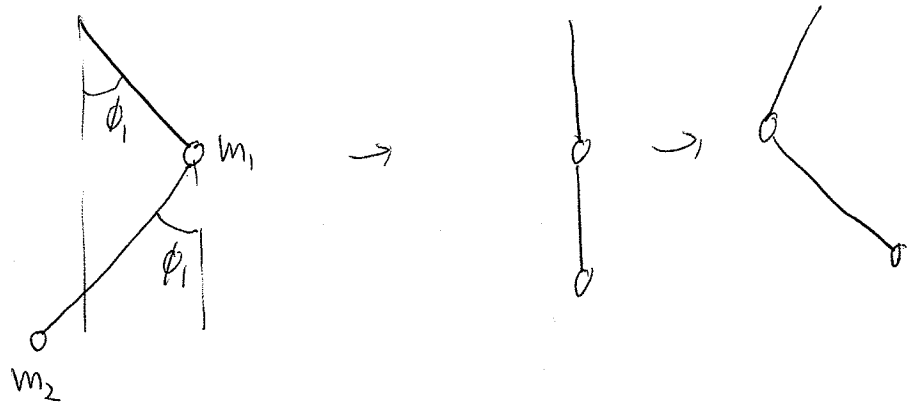
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix} a_+ \cos(\omega_+ t + \phi_+) + b_+ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \cos(\omega_- t + \phi_-)$$

What's motion look like?

$\omega_+$ :



$\omega_-$ :



"Normal modes": Motion with oscillation (or, more generally, oscillation, decay, ~~and~~ or growth) at 1 particular frequency

Always has particular eigenvector associated with it.

(Characteristic form of motion.)

General linear algebraic formalism  
for this:

When does  $\underset{\sim}{M} \vec{x} = 0$  have a  
non-zero solution for  $\vec{x}$ ?

1st,  $2 \times 2$  case :  $\underset{\sim}{M} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$

$$a x_1 + b x_2 = 0$$

$$c x_1 + d x_2 = 0$$

Solve (2):

Stick into (1):

~~Only~~ non-zero solution exists iff  $a$

$$\det \underset{\sim}{M} \equiv \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc = 0$$