

# LECTURE 2 - FREE VIBRATION

## CE 225

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# UNDAMPED FREE VIBRATION

Initial Conditions (IC's):  $u(0) = u_0$  ;  $\dot{u}(0) = \dot{u}_0$

**EOM:**

$$m\ddot{u} + ku = 0$$

$$\ddot{u} + \frac{k}{m}u = 0$$

$$\ddot{u} + \omega_n^2 u = 0$$

**Solution:**  $u(t) = A \cos \omega_n t + B \sin \omega_n t$

$$\text{@ } t = 0 \quad \rightarrow u_0 = A(1) + B(0) \quad \rightarrow A = u_0$$

$$\rightarrow \dot{u}(t) = -A\omega_n \sin \omega_n t + B\omega_n \cos \omega_n t \quad \rightarrow \dot{u}_0 = B\omega_n$$

$$u(t) = u_0 \cos(\omega_n t) + \frac{\dot{u}_0}{\omega_n} \sin(\omega_n t)$$

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**natural frequency [rad/s]**

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

**natural frequency [Hz] =  
cycles/sec**

$$f_n = \frac{\omega_n}{2\pi}$$

**natural period [s] = sec/cycle**

$$T_n = \frac{1}{f_n} = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_n}$$

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Alternatively: 
$$u(t) = \sqrt{u_0^2 + \left(\frac{\dot{u}_0}{\omega_n}\right)^2} \cos(\omega_n t - \phi)$$

$\phi = \text{phase angle} = f(u_0, \dot{u}_0)$

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## EXAMPLE

**Find EOM and free vibration response when released from rest (horizontal)**

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$$u(t) = \frac{g}{\omega_n^2} \cos(\omega_n t) + 0$$

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## EQUATION OF MOTION

$$m\ddot{u} + c\dot{u} + ku = 0$$

$$\ddot{u} + \frac{c}{m}\dot{u} + \frac{k}{m}u = 0$$

$$\text{define} \longrightarrow \zeta = \frac{c}{2m\omega_n} = \frac{c}{c_v}$$

$$\longrightarrow \ddot{u} + 2\zeta\omega_n\dot{u} + \omega_n^2u = 0$$

Underdamped (subcritical)

$$\zeta < 1$$

Critically Damped

$$\zeta = 1$$

Overdamped (hypercritical)

$$\zeta > 1$$

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## SOLUTION TO EOM

$\zeta < 1 \rightarrow$  Solution to EOM:  $u(t) = e^{-\zeta\omega_n t}(A \cos \omega_d t + B \sin \omega_d t) \rightarrow$  where  $\omega_d = \omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}$

Initial Conditions:  $u(0) = u_0$ ;  $\dot{u}(0) = \dot{u}_0$

$$u(t) = e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \left( u_0 \cos \omega_d t + \left( \frac{\dot{u}_0 + \zeta\omega_n u_0}{\omega_d} \right) \sin \omega_d t \right) = e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \sqrt{A^2 + B^2} \cos(\omega_d t - \phi)$$

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## LOGARITHMIC DECREMENT

One way to find damping:

$$\text{At time } t : u(t) = e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \left( u_0 \cos \omega_d t + \left( \frac{\dot{u}_0 + \zeta\omega_n u_0}{\omega_d} \right) \sin \omega_d t \right)$$

$$j \text{ cycles later : } u(t + jT_D) = e^{-\zeta\omega_n(t+jT_D)} \left( u_0 \cos \omega_d(t + jT_D) + \left( \frac{\dot{u}_0 + \zeta\omega_n u_0}{\omega_d} \right) \sin \omega_d(t + jT_D) \right)$$

$$\longrightarrow \frac{u(t)}{u(t + jT_D)} = \frac{e^{-\zeta\omega_n t}}{e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \cdot e^{-\zeta\omega_n jT_D}} = e^{\zeta\omega_n jT_D} \quad \text{Recall: } T_D = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_D} = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}}$$

$$\longrightarrow \ln \left( \frac{u_i}{u_{i+j}} \right) = \frac{2\pi\zeta j}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \approx 2\pi\zeta j$$

$$\zeta = \frac{\ln \frac{u_i}{u_{i+j}}}{2\pi j} \quad \text{for } \zeta < 0.2$$



## NOTE ON ENERGY

$$\text{Undamped: } E_{total} = KE + PE = E_{initial} = \frac{1}{2}ku_0^2 + \frac{1}{2}m\dot{u}_0^2$$

$$\text{Damped: } E_{total} = E_{initial} - E_{Damping}$$

$$E_{Damping} = \int f_D du = \int (c\dot{u})(\dot{u}dt) \longrightarrow E_d = \int_0^t c\dot{u}^2 dt$$