

# Lecture 16: Damped Simple Harmonic Motion

The liquid exerts a damping force,  $F_d \propto \text{velocity}, v$  of vane and liquid  
[if vane moves slowly]

$F_d \propto v$  [Let rod and vane = massless]

$F_d = -bv$  [b = damping constant]

$F_s = -kx$

Newton's second law for components  
along the x axis  $F_{\text{net}, x} = ma_x$

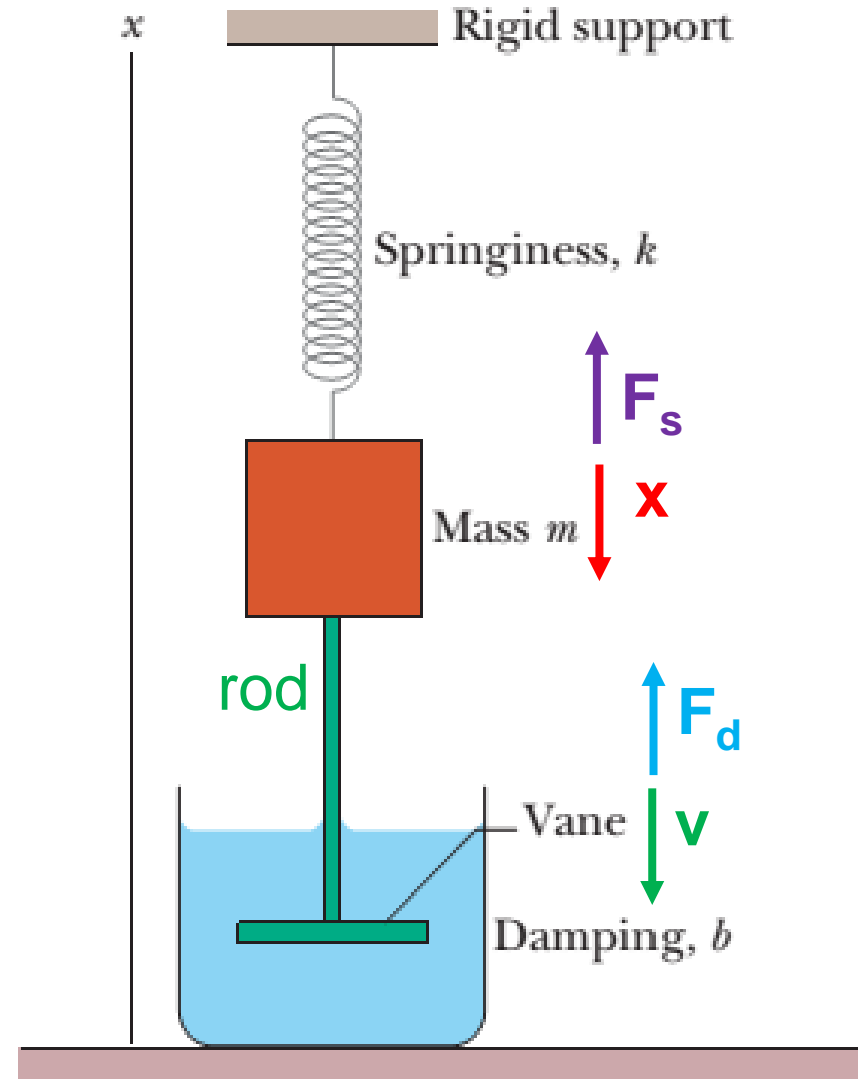
$$F_d + F_s = ma$$

$$-bv - kx = ma$$

$$-b \frac{dx}{dt} - kx = m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}$$

$$m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + b \frac{dx}{dt} + kx = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \left(\frac{b}{m}\right) \frac{dx}{dt} + \left(\frac{k}{m}\right)x = 0$$



The displacement of damped simple harmonic oscillator:

$$x(t) = \left[ x_m e^{-\left(\frac{b}{2m}\right)t} \right] \cos(\omega' t + \varphi)$$

The amplitude,  $x_m e^{-\left(\frac{b}{2m}\right)t}$  decreases **exponentially** with **time**.

$$\omega' = \sqrt{\omega^2 - \gamma^2}$$

[ $\omega'$  = angular frequency of the **damped** oscillator and  
 $\omega$  = angular frequency of the **undamped** oscillator]

$$\omega' = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m} - \left(\frac{b}{2m}\right)^2}$$

$$\left[ \omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \right]$$

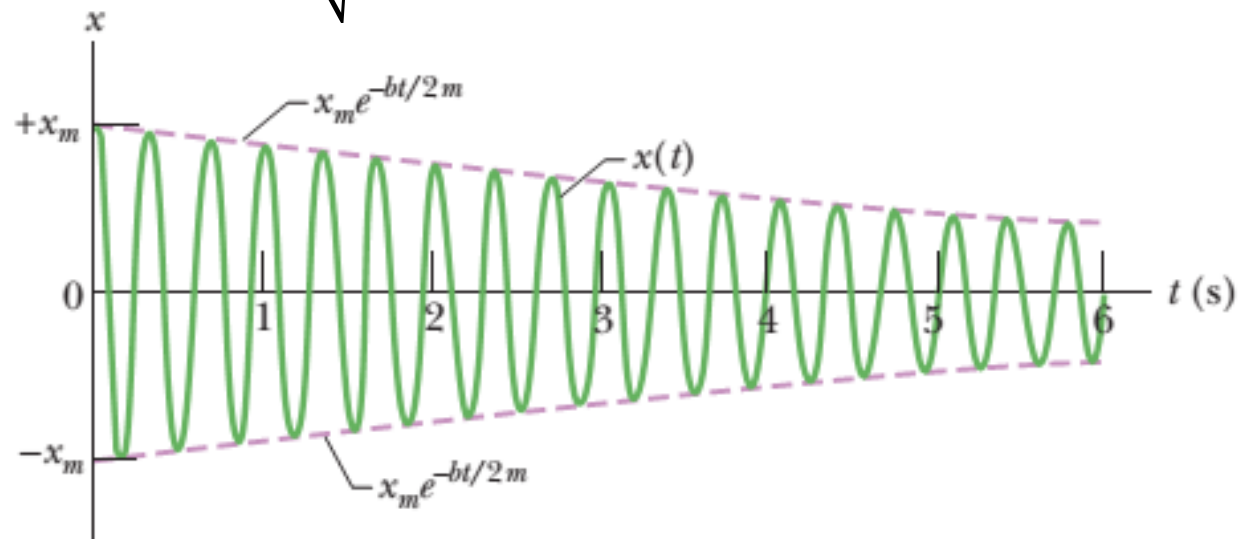
$$\gamma = \frac{b}{2m}$$

$$\omega' = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m} - \frac{b^2}{4m^2}}$$

If there is **no damping**,  $b = 0$  :

$$\omega' = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m} - \frac{0^2}{4m^2}}$$

$$\omega' = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = \omega$$



[angular frequency of an undamped oscillator]

The displacement of **undamped** simple harmonic oscillator becomes  $x(t) = x_m \cos(\omega t + \varphi)$ .

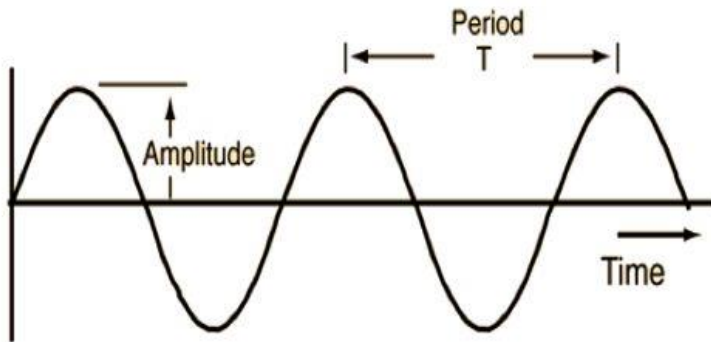
For the **undamped simple harmonic motion**, the amplitude  $x_m$  **does not change** with **time**.

## Damped mechanical energy:

The mechanical energy for an **undamped** oscillator is constant,  $E = \frac{1}{2} k x_m^2$

If damping ( $b$ ) is very small,  $x_m \approx x_m e^{-\left(\frac{b}{2m}\right)t}$

The mechanical energy for a **damped** oscillator decreases as a function of time,  $E \approx \frac{1}{2} k \left\{ x_m e^{-\left(\frac{b}{2m}\right)t} \right\}^2$



$$E \approx \frac{1}{2} k x_m^2 e^{-\left(\frac{b}{m}\right)t}$$

**58.** For the damped oscillator system shown in Fig. 15-16, with  $m = 250 \text{ g}$ ,  $k = 85 \text{ N/m}$ , and  $b = 70 \text{ g/s}$ ,  $T' = 0.34 \text{ s}$ , what is the ratio of the oscillation amplitude at the end of 20 cycles to the initial oscillation amplitude?

Here,  $m = 250 \text{ g} = 0.250 \text{ kg}$

$k = 85 \text{ N/m}$

$b = 70 \text{ g/s} = 0.070 \text{ kg/s}$

$T' = 0.34 \text{ s}$

The displacement of the damped oscillation is

$$x(t) = \left[ x_m e^{-\left(\frac{b}{2m}\right)t} \right] \cos(\omega' t + \varphi)$$

Time for 20 cycles,  $t = 20 T'$

$$\text{Amplitude} = x_m e^{-\left(\frac{b}{2m}\right)t} = x_m e^{-\left(\frac{b}{2m}\right)20T'} = x_m e^{-\left(\frac{b}{m}\right)10T'}$$

$t = 0,$

$$\text{Amplitude} = x_m e^{-\left(\frac{b}{2m}\right)t} = x_m e^{-\left(\frac{b}{2m}\right)0} = x_m e^{-0} = x_m (1) = x_m$$

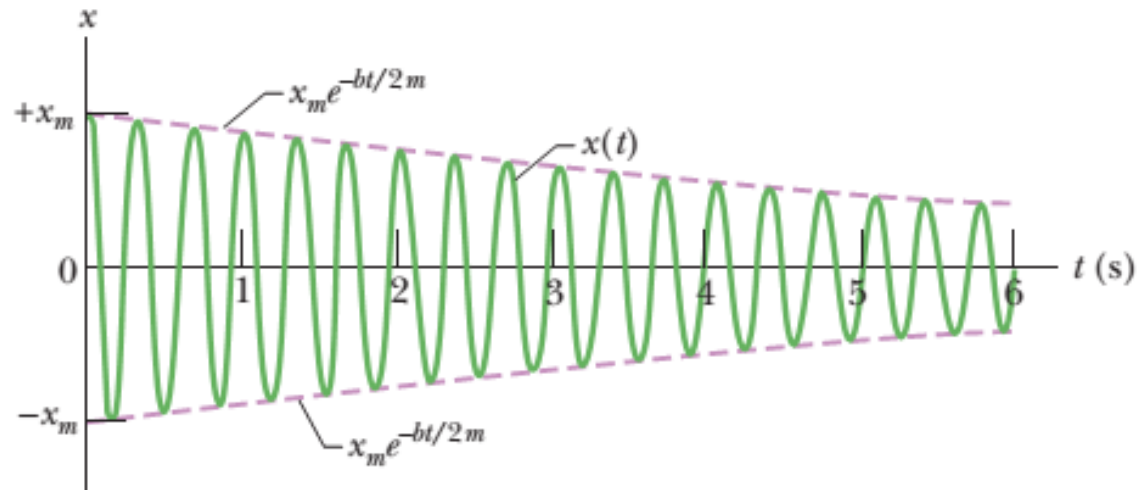
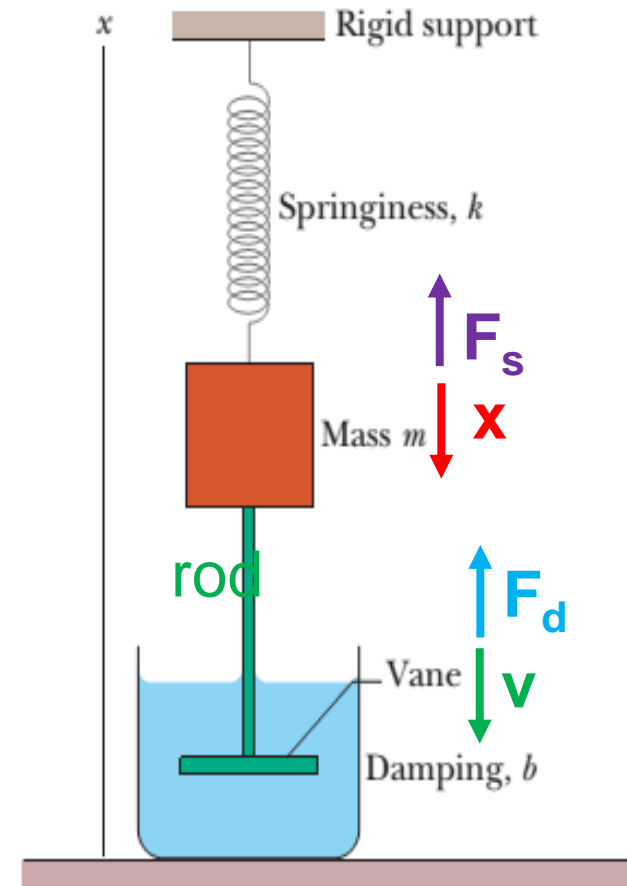
$$\text{Ratio of amplitudes} = \frac{x_m e^{-\left(\frac{b}{m}\right)10T'}}{x_m} = e^{-\left(\frac{b}{m}\right)10T'}$$

$$[\omega' = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m} - \frac{b^2}{4m^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{85}{0.250} - \frac{(0.070)^2}{4(0.250)^2}}$$

$$\omega' = 18.44 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$T' = \frac{2\pi}{\omega'} = 0.34 \text{ s}]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ratio of amplitudes} &= e^{-\left(\frac{0.070}{0.250}\right)10(0.34)} \\ &= e^{-0.952} = 0.39 \end{aligned}$$



60. The suspension system of a 2000 kg automobile “sags” 10 cm when the chassis is placed on it. Also, the oscillation amplitude decreases by 50% each cycle. Estimate the values of (a) the spring constant  $k$  and (b) the damping constant  $b$  for the spring and shock absorber system of one wheel, assuming each wheel supports 500 kg.

(a) Hooke's law,  $F = kx$  [magnitude only]

$$mg = kx$$

One quarter of the vehicle mass,  $m = 2000/4 \text{ kg} = 500 \text{ kg}$

$$x = 10 \text{ cm} = 0.10 \text{ m}$$

$$k = mg/x = 500(9.8)/0.10 = 49000 \text{ N/m}$$

[The displacement is downward and the spring force is upward]

For one cycle,  $t = T' \text{ s}$

$$(b) x_m e^{-\frac{bT'}{2m}} = 50\% x_m$$

$$e^{-\frac{bT'}{2m}} = 0.50$$

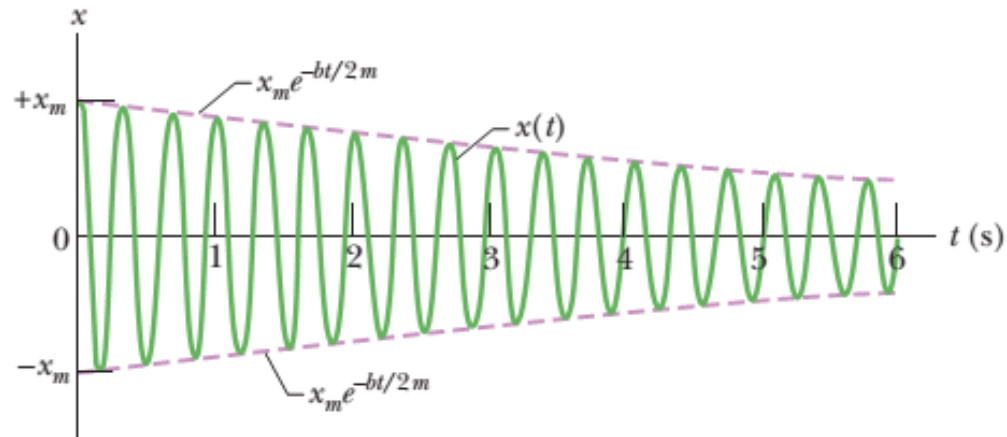
$$\ln [e^{-\frac{bT'}{2m}}] = \ln (0.50)$$

$$-\frac{bT'}{2m} = -0.69$$

$$\frac{bT'}{2m} = 0.69$$

Time period of a damped SHM,  $T' = \frac{2\pi}{\omega'}$

$$T' = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{\frac{k}{m} - \frac{b^2}{4m^2}}}$$



$$T'^2 = \frac{4\pi^2}{\frac{k}{m} - \frac{b^2}{4m^2}} = \frac{4\pi^2}{\frac{4mk - b^2}{4m^2}}$$

$$T'^2 = \frac{16\pi^2 m^2}{4mk - b^2}$$

$$\frac{bT'}{2m} = \mathbf{0.69}$$

$$\frac{b^2 T'^2}{4m^2} = \mathbf{0.48}$$

$$\frac{b^2}{4m^2} \left( \frac{16\pi^2 m^2}{4mk - b^2} \right) = \mathbf{0.48}$$

$$b^2 \left( \frac{4\pi^2}{4mk - b^2} \right) = \mathbf{0.48}$$

$$4\pi^2 b^2 = 0.48(4mk - b^2)$$



$$4\pi^2 b^2 = 1.92mk - 0.48b^2$$

$$4\pi^2 b^2 + 0.48b^2 = 1.92mk$$

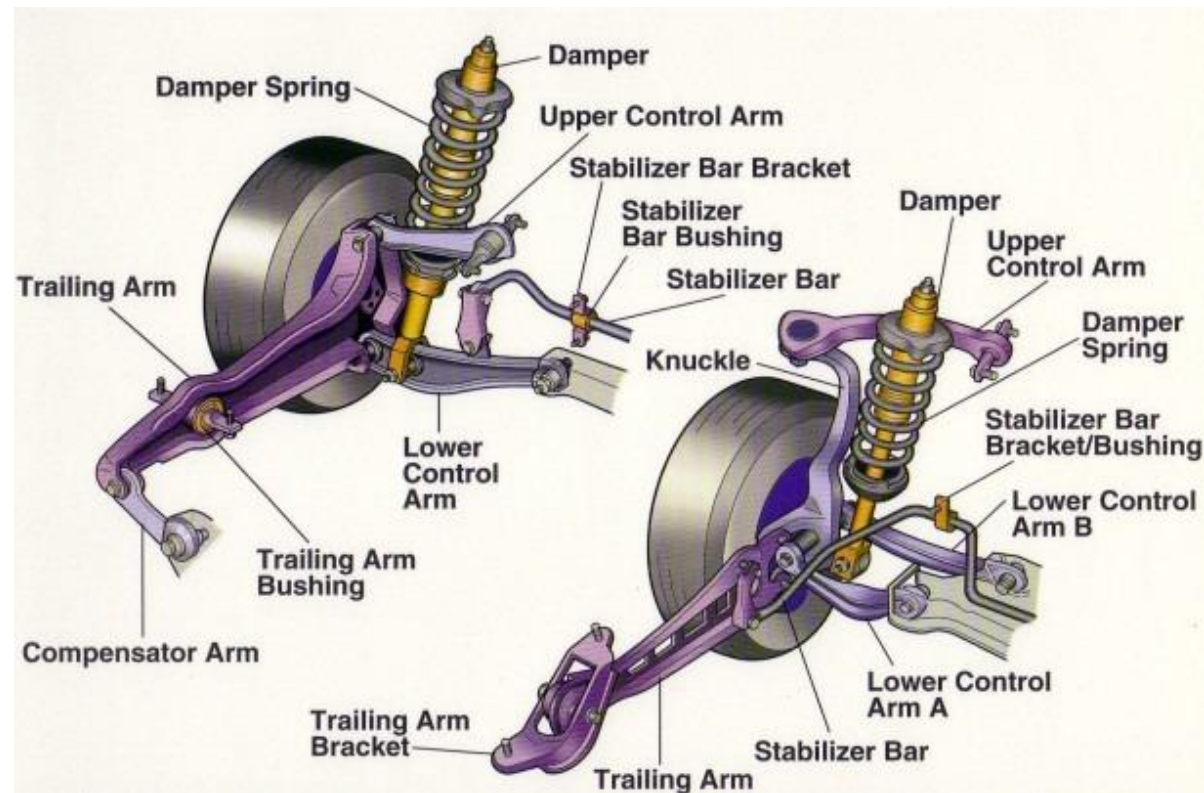
$$b^2(4\pi^2 + 0.48) = 1.92(500)(49000)$$

$$39.96b^2 = 47040000$$

$$b^2 = 1177177.18$$

$$b = \sqrt{1177177.18}$$

$$b = 1084.98 \text{ kg/s}$$



Additional problem:

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