

## Section 4.4 – Second-Order System & Mechanical Applications

### Second-Order Homogeneous Linear systems

#### Theorem

Let matrix  $A$  ( $n \times n$ ), If  $A$  has distinct negative eigenvalues  $-\omega_1^2, -\omega_2^2, \dots, -\omega_n^2$  with associated real eigenvectors  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n$ , then a general solution of

$$\vec{x}'' = A\vec{x}$$

Is given by

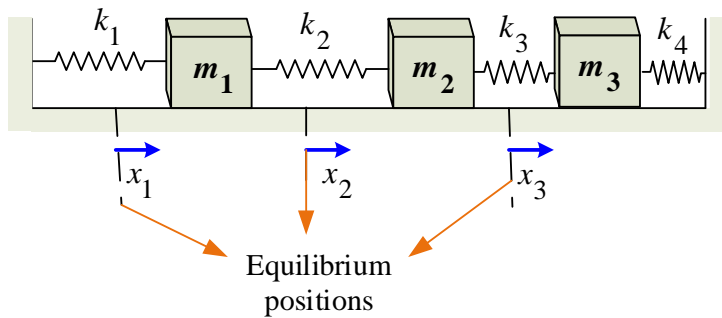
$$\vec{x}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i \cos \omega_i t + b_i \sin \omega_i t) \vec{v}_i$$

With  $a_i$  and  $b_i$  arbitrary constants.

In the special case of a nonrepeated zero eigenvalue  $\lambda_0$  with associated eigenvector  $\vec{v}_0$

$$\vec{x}_0(t) = (a_0 + b_0 t) \vec{v}_0$$

#### Example



Consider the mass-and-spring systems, as shown above. Three masses connected to each other and to two walls by 4 indicated springs. Assume the masses slide without friction and each spring obeys Hooke's law ( $F = -kx$ ).

By applying Newton's law  $F = ma$  to the 3-masses:

$$m_1 x_1'' = -k_1 x_1 + k_2 (x_2 - x_1)$$

$$m_2 x_2'' = -k_2 (x_2 - x_1) + k_3 (x_3 - x_2)$$

$$m_3 x_3'' = -k_3 (x_3 - x_2) - k_4 x_3$$

The displacement vector: 
$$\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

The mass matrix

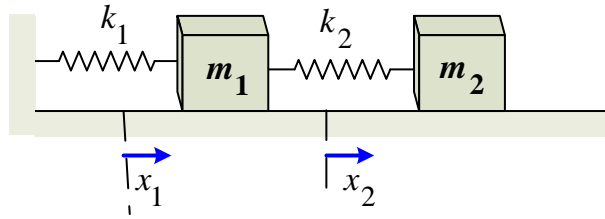
$$M = \begin{pmatrix} m_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & m_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

The stiffness matrix

$$K = \begin{pmatrix} -k_1 - k_2 & k_2 & 0 \\ k_2 & -k_2 - k_3 & k_3 \\ 0 & k_3 & -k_3 - k_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

### Example

Consider the mass-and-spring system.



Where  $m_1 = 2$ ,  $m_2 = 1$ ,  $k_1 = 100$ ,  $k_2 = 50$  and  $M\ddot{x} = K\vec{x}$

### Solution

$$\begin{cases} m_1 \ddot{x}_1 = -k_1 x_1 + k_2 (x_2 - x_1) \\ m_2 \ddot{x}_2 = -k_2 (x_2 - x_1) \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} m_1 \ddot{x}_1 = (-k_1 - k_2) x_1 + k_2 x_2 \\ m_2 \ddot{x}_2 = k_2 x_1 - k_2 x_2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \ddot{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -150 & 50 \\ 50 & -50 \end{pmatrix} \vec{x} \quad M = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow M^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\ddot{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -150 & 50 \\ 50 & -50 \end{pmatrix} \vec{x} \quad M^{-1}M\ddot{x} = M^{-1}K\vec{x}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -75 & 25 \\ 50 & -50 \end{pmatrix} \vec{x} \quad \ddot{x} = A\vec{x}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -75 & 25 \\ 50 & -50 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |A - \lambda I| &= \begin{vmatrix} -75 - \lambda & 25 \\ 50 & -50 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (-75 - \lambda)(-50 - \lambda) - 1250 \\ &= \lambda^2 + 125\lambda + 2500 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

The eigenvalues are:  $\lambda_1 = -100$ ,  $\lambda_2 = -25$

By the theorem, the natural frequencies:  $\omega_1 = 10$  and  $\omega_2 = 5$

For  $\lambda_1 = -100 \Rightarrow (A + 100I)V_1 = 0$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 25 & 25 \\ 50 & 50 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow a = -b \rightarrow V_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

For  $\lambda_2 = -25 \Rightarrow (A + 25I)V_2 = 0$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -50 & 25 \\ 50 & -25 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow 2a = b \rightarrow V_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

The free oscillation of the mass-and-spring system, follows by:

$$\vec{x}(t) = (a_1 \cos 10t + b_1 \sin 10t)V_1 + (a_2 \cos 5t + b_2 \sin 5t)V_2$$

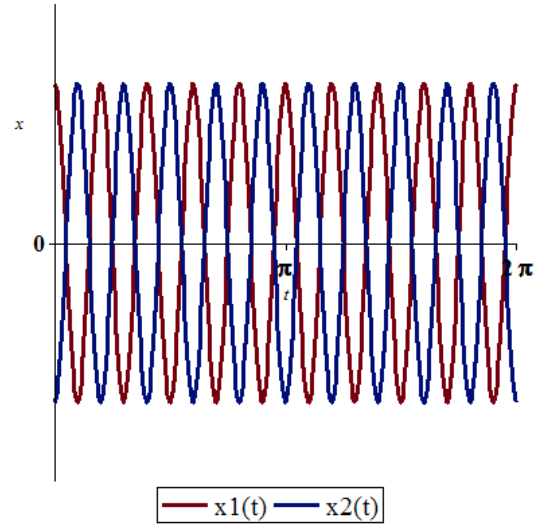
The natural mode:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{x}_1(t) &= (a_1 \cos 10t + b_1 \sin 10t)V_1 \\ &= c_1 \cos(10t - \alpha_1) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Where  $c_1 = \sqrt{a_1^2 + b_1^2}$ ;  $\cos \alpha_1 = \frac{a_1}{c_1}$   $\sin \alpha_1 = \frac{b_1}{c_1}$

Which has the scalar equations:

$$\begin{cases} x_1(t) = c_1 \cos(10t - \alpha_1) \\ x_2(t) = -c_1 \cos(10t - \alpha_1) \end{cases}$$



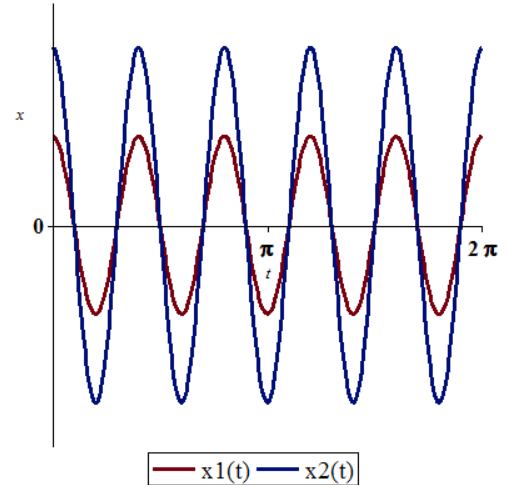
The second part:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{x}_2(t) &= (a_2 \cos 5t + b_2 \sin 5t)V_2 \\ &= c_2 \cos(5t - \alpha_2) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Where  $c_2 = \sqrt{a_2^2 + b_2^2}$ ;  $\cos \alpha_2 = \frac{a_2}{c_2}$   $\sin \alpha_2 = \frac{b_2}{c_2}$

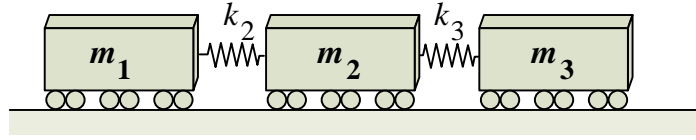
Which has the scalar equations:

$$\begin{cases} x_1(t) = c_2 \cos(5t - \alpha_2) \\ x_2(t) = 2c_2 \cos(5t - \alpha_2) \end{cases}$$



### Example

Three railway cars are connected by buffer springs that react when compressed, but disengage instead of stretching.



Given that  $k_2 = k_3 = k = 3000 \text{ lb / ft}$  and  $m_1 = m_3 = 750 \text{ lbs}$  and  $m_2 = 500 \text{ lbs}$

Suppose that the leftmost car is moving to the right with velocity  $v_0$  and at time  $t = 0$  strikes the other 2 cars. The corresponding initial conditions are:

$$\begin{aligned} x_1(0) &= x_2(0) = x_3(0) = 0 \\ x'_1(0) &= v_0 \quad x'_2(0) = x'_3(0) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

### Solution

$$m_1 x''_1 = k_2 (x_2 - x_1)$$

$$m_2 x''_2 = -k_2 (x_2 - x_1) + k_3 (x_3 - x_2)$$

$$m_3 x''_3 = -k_3 (x_3 - x_2)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} m_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & m_3 \end{pmatrix} \vec{x}'' = \begin{pmatrix} -k & k & 0 \\ k & -2k & k \\ 0 & k & -k \end{pmatrix} \vec{x}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 750 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 500 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 750 \end{pmatrix} \vec{x}'' = \begin{pmatrix} -3000 & 3000 & 0 \\ 3000 & -6000 & 3000 \\ 0 & 3000 & -3000 \end{pmatrix} \vec{x} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 750 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 500 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 750 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{750} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{500} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{750} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{x}'' = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{750} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{500} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{750} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -3000 & 3000 & 0 \\ 3000 & -6000 & 3000 \\ 0 & 3000 & -3000 \end{pmatrix} \vec{x}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 4 & 0 \\ 6 & -12 & 6 \\ 0 & 4 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \vec{x}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 4 & 0 \\ 6 & -12 & 6 \\ 0 & 4 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} -4 - \lambda & 4 & 0 \\ 6 & -12 - \lambda & 6 \\ 0 & 4 & -4 - \lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (-4 - \lambda)^2 (-12 - \lambda) - 24(-4 - \lambda) - 24(-4 - \lambda)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (-4 - \lambda) [48 + 16\lambda + \lambda^2 - 48] \\
&= \lambda(-4 - \lambda)(\lambda + 16) = 0
\end{aligned}$$

The eigenvalues are:  $\lambda_1 = 0 \rightarrow \omega_1 = 0$ ,  $\lambda_2 = -4 \rightarrow \omega_2 = 2$ ,  $\lambda_3 = -16 \rightarrow \omega_3 = 4$

For  $\lambda_1 = 0$  ( $\omega_1 = 0$ )  $\Rightarrow (A - 0I)V_1 = 0$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -4 & 4 & 0 \\ 6 & -12 & 6 \\ 0 & 4 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} a = b \\ b = c \end{matrix} \rightarrow V_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \vec{x}_1(t) = (a_1 + b_1 t) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

For  $\lambda_2 = -4$  ( $\omega_2 = 2$ )  $\Rightarrow (A + 4I)V_2 = 0$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 6 & -8 & 6 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} b = 0 \\ a = -c \end{matrix} \rightarrow V_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \vec{x}_2(t) = (a_2 \cos 2t + b_2 \sin 2t) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

For  $\lambda_3 = -16$  ( $\omega_3 = 4$ )  $\Rightarrow (A + 16I)V_3 = 0$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 12 & 4 & 0 \\ 6 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 4 & 12 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} 3a = -b \\ b = -3c \end{matrix} \rightarrow V_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \vec{x}_3(t) = (a_3 \cos 4t + b_3 \sin 4t) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{x}(t) = a_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + b_1 t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + a_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \cos 2t + b_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \sin 2t + a_3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cos 4t + b_3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \sin 4t$$

$$\begin{cases} \vec{x}_1(t) = a_1 + b_1 t + a_2 \cos 2t + b_2 \sin 2t + a_3 \cos 4t + b_3 \sin 4t \\ \vec{x}_2(t) = a_1 + b_1 t - 3a_3 \cos 4t - 3b_3 \sin 4t \\ \vec{x}_3(t) = a_1 + b_1 t - a_2 \cos 2t - b_2 \sin 2t + a_3 \cos 4t + b_3 \sin 4t \end{cases}$$

Applying the initial values

$$\vec{x}_1(0) = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = 0$$

$$\vec{x}_2(0) = a_1 - 3a_3 = 0$$

$$a_1 = 3a_3$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{a_1 = a_2 = a_3 = 0}$$

$$\vec{x}_3(0) = a_1 - a_2 + a_3 = 0 \quad (1) \& (3) \rightarrow 2a_1 + 2a_3 = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} \vec{x}_1(t) = b_1 t + b_2 \sin 2t + b_3 \sin 4t \\ \vec{x}_2(t) = b_1 t - 3b_3 \sin 4t \\ \vec{x}_3(t) = b_1 t - b_2 \sin 2t + b_3 \sin 4t \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \vec{x}'_1(t) = b_1 + 2b_2 \cos 2t + 4b_3 \cos 4t \\ \vec{x}'_2(t) = b_1 - 12b_3 \cos 4t \\ \vec{x}'_3(t) = b_1 - 2b_2 \cos 2t + 4b_3 \cos 4t \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \vec{x}'_1(0) = b_1 + 2b_2 + 4b_3 = v_0 \\ \vec{x}'_2(0) = b_1 - 12b_3 = 0 \\ \vec{x}'_3(0) = b_1 - 2b_2 + 4b_3 = 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} 12b_3 + 16b_3 + 4b_3 = v_0 \\ b_1 = 12b_3 \\ 2b_2 = 16b_3 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} b_3 = \frac{1}{32}v_0 \\ b_1 = \frac{3}{8}v_0 \\ b_2 = \frac{1}{4}v_0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \vec{x}_1(t) = \frac{1}{32}v_0(12t + 8\sin 2t + \sin 4t) \\ \vec{x}_2(t) = \frac{1}{32}v_0(12t - 3\sin 4t) \\ \vec{x}_3(t) = \frac{1}{32}v_0(12t - 8\sin 2t + \sin 4t) \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} \vec{x}'_1(t) = \frac{1}{32}v_0(12 + 16\cos 2t + 4\cos 4t) \\ \vec{x}'_2(t) = \frac{1}{32}v_0(12 - 12\cos 4t) \\ \vec{x}'_3(t) = \frac{1}{32}v_0(12 - 16\cos 2t + 4\cos 4t) \end{cases}$$

For these equations to hold, only when the 2 buffer springs remain compressed; that is, while both

$$x_2 - x_1 < 0 \quad \text{and} \quad x_3 - x_2 < 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_2(t) - x_1(t) &= \frac{1}{32}v_0(12t - 3\sin 4t) - \frac{1}{32}v_0(12t + 8\sin 2t + \sin 4t) \\ &= \frac{1}{32}v_0(-8\sin 2t - 4\sin 4t) \\ &= -\frac{1}{8}v_0(2\sin 2t + 2\sin 2t \cos 2t) \\ &= -\frac{1}{4}v_0 \sin 2t(1 + \cos 2t) < 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sin 2t = 0 \Rightarrow (2t = 0, \pi) \rightarrow \underline{t = 0, \frac{\pi}{2}} \quad \cos 2t = -1 \rightarrow (2t = \pi) \rightarrow \underline{t = \frac{\pi}{2}}$$

$$x_2 - x_1 < 0 \Rightarrow t \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_3(t) - x_2(t) &= \frac{1}{32}v_0(12t - 8\sin 2t + \sin 4t) - \frac{1}{32}v_0(12t - 3\sin 4t) \\ &= \frac{1}{32}v_0(-8\sin 2t + 4\sin 4t) \\ &= -\frac{1}{8}v_0(2\sin 2t - 2\sin 2t \cos 2t) \\ &= -\frac{1}{4}v_0(\sin 2t)(1 - \cos 2t) < 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sin 2t = 0 \Rightarrow (2t = 0, \pi) \rightarrow \underline{t = 0, \frac{\pi}{2}} \quad \cos 2t = 1 \rightarrow (2t = 0) \rightarrow \underline{t = 0}$$

$$x_3 - x_2 < 0 \Rightarrow t \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$x_2 - x_1 < 0 \quad \text{and} \quad x_3 - x_2 < 0 \quad \text{until} \quad \underline{t = \frac{\pi}{2} \approx 1.57 \text{ sec}}$$

$$x_1\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = x_2\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = x_3\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{32}v_0\left(12\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \underline{\frac{3\pi}{16}v_0}$$

$$x'_1\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = x'_2\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0 \quad x'_3\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{32}v_0(32) = \underline{v_0}$$

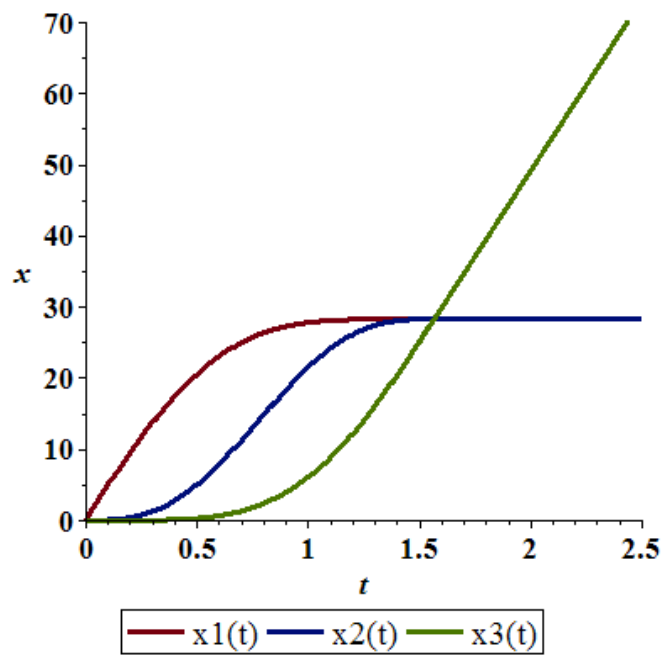
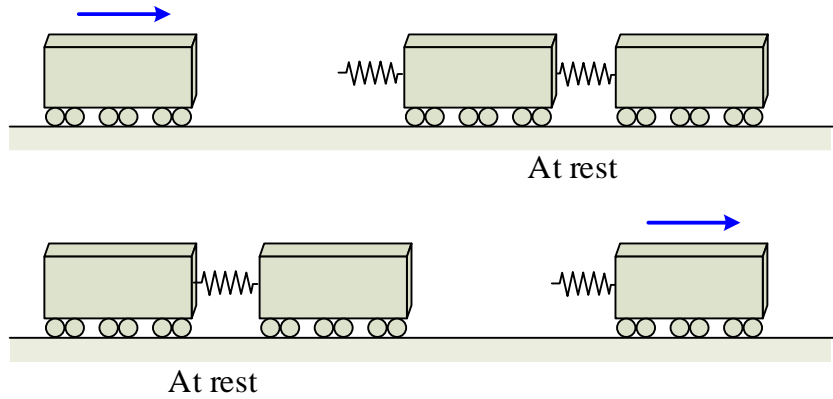
We conclude that the 3 railway cars remain engaged and moving to the right until disengagement occurs at time  $t = \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

At  $t > \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$x_1(t) = x_2(t) = \frac{3\pi}{16} v_0$$

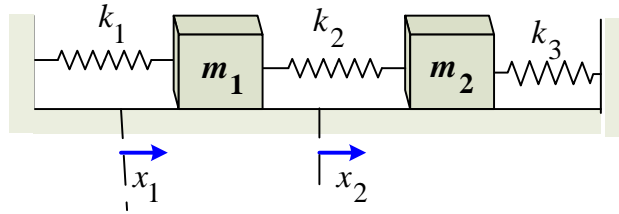
$$\frac{3\pi}{16} v_0 = v_0 \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \beta \right) \rightarrow \beta = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{3\pi}{16} = \frac{5\pi}{16}$$

$$x_3(t) = v_0 \left( t - \frac{5\pi}{16} \right) = v_0 t - \frac{5\pi}{16} v_0$$



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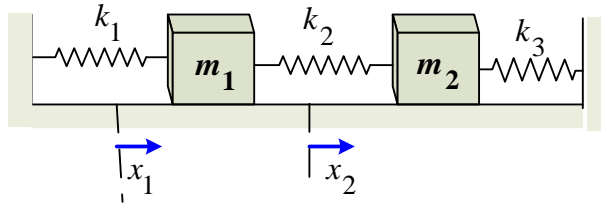
Consider the mass-and-spring system shown below and with the given masses and spring constants values.



Find the 2 natural frequencies of the system and describe its natural modes of oscillation.

1.  $m_1 = m_2 = 1$ ;  $k_1 = 0, k_2 = 2, k_3 = 0$  (no walls)
2.  $m_1 = m_2 = 1$ ;  $k_1 = 1, k_2 = 2, k_3 = 1$
3.  $m_1 = m_2 = 1$ ;  $k_1 = 2, k_2 = 1, k_3 = 2$
4.  $m_1 = 1, m_2 = 2$ ;  $k_1 = 2, k_2 = k_3 = 4$

Consider the mass-and-spring system shown below and with the given masses and spring constants values.



The mass-and-spring system is set in motion from rest  $x'_1(0) = x'_2(0) = 0$  in its equilibrium position  $x_1(0) = x_2(0) = 0$ .

Find the 2 natural frequencies of the system and describe its natural modes of oscillation.

For the given external forces  $F_1(t)$  and  $F_2(t)$  acting on the masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ , respectively.

Find the resulting motion of the system and describe it as a superposition of oscillations at three different frequencies.

5.  $m_1 = m_2 = 1$ ;  $k_1 = 1, k_2 = 4, k_3 = 1$   $F_1(t) = 96\cos 5t, F_2(t) = 0$
6.  $m_1 = 1, m_2 = 2$ ;  $k_1 = 1, k_2 = k_3 = 2$ ;  $F_1(t) = 0, F_2(t) = 120\cos 3t$
7.  $m_1 = m_2 = 1$ ;  $k_1 = 4, k_2 = 6, k_3 = 4$ ;  $F_1(t) = 30\cos t, F_2(t) = 60\cos t$

8. Consider a mass-and-spring system containing two masses  $m_1 = m_2 = 1$  whose displacement functions  $x(t)$  and  $y(t)$  satisfy the differential equations

$$x'' = -40x + 8y$$

$$y'' = 12x - 60y$$

- a) Describe the two fundamental modes of free oscillation of the system.

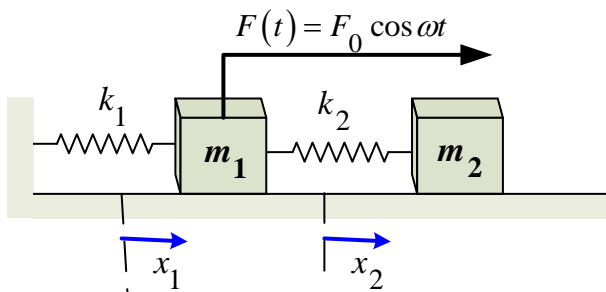


b) Assume that the two masses start in motion with the initial conditions

$$x(0)=19, \quad x'(0)=12 \quad \text{and} \quad y(0)=3, \quad y'(0)=6$$

And are acted on by the same force,  $F_1(t) = F_2(t) = -195\cos 7t$ . Describe the resulting motion as a superposition of oscillations at three different frequencies.

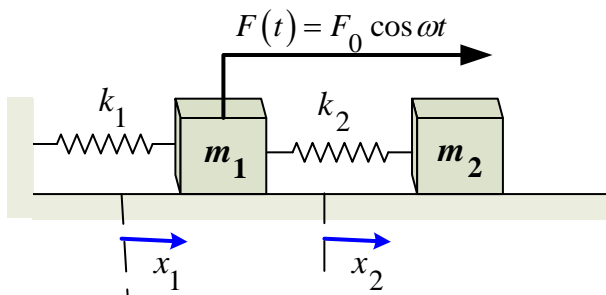
9. Consider a mass-and-spring system shown below. Assume that  $m_1 = 1$ ;  $k_1 = 50$ ;  $F_0 = 5$  in mks units, and that  $\omega = 10$ . Then find  $m_2$  so that in the resulting steady periodic oscillations, the mass  $m_1$  will remain at rest (!).



Thus the effect of the second mass-and-spring pair will be to neutralize the effect of the force on the first mass. This is an example of a dynamic damper. It has an electrical analogy that some cable companies use to prevent your reception of certain cable channels.

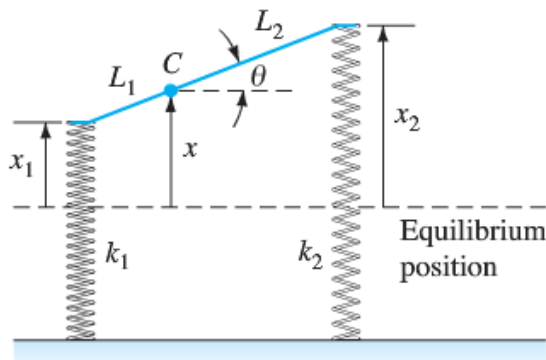
10. Consider a mass-and-spring system shown below. Assume that

$$m_1 = 2, \quad m_2 = \frac{1}{2}; \quad k_1 = 75, \quad k_2 = 25; \quad F_0 = 100 \quad \text{and} \quad \omega = 10 \quad (\text{in mks units}).$$



Find the solution of the system  $M\ddot{\mathbf{x}} = K\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{F}$  that satisfies the initial conditions  $\vec{x}(0) = \vec{x}'(0) = \mathbf{0}$

11. A car with two axles and with separate front and rear suspension systems.



We assume that the car body acts as would a solid bar of mass  $m$  and length  $L = L_1 + L_2$ . It has moment of inertia  $I$  about its center of mass  $C$ , which is at distance  $L_1$  from the front of the car. The car has front and back suspension springs with Hooke's constants  $k_1$  and  $k_2$ , respectively. When the car is in motion, let  $x(t)$  denote the vertical displacement of the center of mass of the car from equilibrium; let  $\theta(t)$  denote its angular displacement (in radians) from the horizontal. Then Newton's laws of motion for linear and angular acceleration can be used to derive the equations.

$$mx'' = -(k_1 + k_2)x + (k_1 L_1 - k_2 L_2)\theta$$

$$I\theta'' = (k_1 L_1 - k_2 L_2)x - \left(k_1 L_1^2 + k_2 L_2^2\right)\theta$$

Suppose that  $m = 75 \text{ slugs}$  (the car weighs  $2400 \text{ lb}$ ),  $L_1 = 7 \text{ ft}$ ,  $L_2 = 3 \text{ ft}$  (it's a rear engine car),  $k_1 = k_2 = 2000 \text{ lb/ft}$ , and  $I = 1000 \text{ ft}\cdot\text{lb}\cdot\text{s}^2$ .

- Find the two natural frequencies  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  of the car.
- Now suppose that the car is driven at a speed of  $v \text{ ft/sec}$  along a washboard surface shaped like a sine curve with a wavelength of  $40 \text{ ft}$ . The result is a periodic force on the car with frequency  $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{40}v = \frac{\pi}{20}v$ . Resonance occurs when  $\omega = \omega_1$  or  $\omega = \omega_2$ . Find the corresponding two critical speeds of the car (in  $\text{ft/sec}$ )

The system is taken as a model for an undamped car with the given parameters in  $\text{fps}$  units.

- Find the two natural frequencies  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  of the car (in hertz).
- Assume that his car is driven along a sinusoidal washboard surface with a wavelength of  $40 \text{ ft}$ . The result is a periodic force on the car with frequency  $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{40}v = \frac{\pi}{20}v$ . Resonance occurs when  $\omega = \omega_1$  or  $\omega = \omega_2$ . Find the corresponding two critical speeds of the car (in  $\text{ft/sec}$ )

- $m = 100$ ;  $I = 800$ ;  $L_1 = L_2 = 5$ ;  $k_1 = k_2 = 2000$
- $m = 100$ ;  $I = 1000$ ;  $L_1 = 6$ ,  $L_2 = 4$ ;  $k_1 = k_2 = 2000$
- $m = 100$ ;  $I = 800$ ;  $L_1 = L_2 = 5$ ;  $k_1 = 1000$ ,  $k_2 = 2000$