

Homework 2

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Prove that

$$x = A e^{-\frac{b}{2m}t} \cos(\omega t + \phi_0) \quad \text{with} \quad \omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m} - \frac{b^2}{4m^2}} \quad \text{is the same as}$$

$$\ddot{x} + \frac{b}{m} \dot{x} + \frac{k}{m} x = 0$$

Answer: Find $x'(t)$ and $x''(t)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow x'(t) &= \frac{d}{dt} \left(A e^{-\frac{b}{2m}t} \cos(\omega t + \phi_0) \right) \\ &= A \left(\frac{d}{dt} e^{-\frac{b}{2m}t} \cos(\omega t + \phi_0) \right) \\ &= A \left(\left(-\frac{b}{2m} e^{-\frac{b}{2m}t} \right) (\cos(\omega t + \phi_0)) + (e^{-\frac{b}{2m}t}) (-\omega \sin(\omega t + \phi_0)) \right) \\ &= -A e^{-\frac{b}{2m}t} \left(\frac{b}{2m} \cos(\omega t + \phi_0) + \omega \sin(\omega t + \phi_0) \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow x''(t) &= \frac{d^2}{dt^2} -A e^{-\frac{b}{2m}t} \left(\frac{b}{2m} \cos(\omega t + \phi_0) + \omega \sin(\omega t + \phi_0) \right) \\ &= -A \frac{d}{dt} e^{-\frac{b}{2m}t} \left(\frac{b}{2m} \cos(\omega t + \phi_0) + \omega \sin(\omega t + \phi_0) \right) \\ &= -A \left(\left(-\frac{b}{2m} e^{-\frac{b}{2m}t} \right) \left(\frac{b}{2m} \cos(\omega t + \phi_0) + \omega \sin(\omega t + \phi_0) \right) + \left(e^{-\frac{b}{2m}t} \right) \left(-\frac{b}{2m} \omega \sin(\omega t + \phi_0) + \omega^2 \cos(\omega t + \phi_0) \right) \right) \\ &= -A \left(-\frac{b^2}{4m^2} e^{-\frac{b}{2m}t} \cos(\omega t + \phi_0) - \frac{b}{2m} e^{-\frac{b}{2m}t} \omega \sin(\omega t + \phi_0) - \frac{b}{2m} e^{-\frac{b}{2m}t} \omega \sin(\omega t + \phi_0) + e^{-\frac{b}{2m}t} \omega^2 \cos(\omega t + \phi_0) \right) \\ &= A e^{-\frac{b}{2m}t} \left(\frac{b^2}{4m^2} \cos(\omega t + \phi_0) + \frac{b}{2m} \omega \sin(\omega t + \phi_0) + \frac{b}{2m} \omega \sin(\omega t + \phi_0) - \omega^2 \cos(\omega t + \phi_0) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Now, Substitute the equation into $\ddot{x} + \frac{b}{m}\dot{x} + \frac{k}{m}x = 0$

$$\dot{x} = -A e^{-\frac{b}{2m}t} \left(\frac{b}{2m} \cos(\omega t + \phi_0) + \omega \sin(\omega t + \phi_0) \right)$$

$$\ddot{x} = A e^{-\frac{b}{2m}t} \left(\frac{b^2}{4m^2} \cos(\omega t + \phi_0) + \frac{b}{m} \omega \sin(\omega t + \phi_0) - \omega^2 \cos(\omega t + \phi_0) \right)$$

Now, let say that : $\cos(\omega t + \phi_0) = u$

$$\sin(\omega t + \phi_0) = v$$

So, the final substitution form will be

$$\ddot{x} + \frac{b}{m}\dot{x} + \frac{k}{m}x = 0$$

$$= A e^{-\frac{b}{2m}t} \left(\frac{b^2}{4m^2} u + \frac{b}{m} \omega v - \omega^2 u \right) + \frac{b}{m} \left(-A e^{-\frac{b}{2m}t} \left(\frac{b}{2m} u + \omega v \right) \right) + \frac{k}{m} A e^{-\frac{b}{2m}t} u = 0$$

$$= A e^{-\frac{b}{2m}t} \frac{b^2}{4m^2} u + \cancel{A e^{-\frac{b}{2m}t} \omega v} - A e^{-\frac{b}{2m}t} \omega^2 u - A e^{-\frac{b}{2m}t} \frac{b^2}{2m^2} u - \cancel{A e^{-\frac{b}{2m}t} \frac{b}{m} \omega v} + \frac{k}{m} A e^{-\frac{b}{2m}t} u = 0$$

$$= A e^{-\frac{b}{2m}t} \left(-\frac{b^2}{4m^2} u - A e^{-\frac{b}{2m}t} \omega^2 u + \frac{k}{m} A e^{-\frac{b}{2m}t} u \right) = 0$$

$$= A e^{-\frac{b}{2m}t} u \left(-\frac{b^2}{4m^2} - \omega^2 + \frac{k}{m} \right) = 0$$

$$-\frac{b^2}{4m^2} - \left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m} - \frac{b^2}{4m^2}} \right)^2 + \frac{k}{m} = 0$$

$$\cancel{-\frac{b^2}{4m^2}} - \frac{k}{m} + \cancel{\frac{b^2}{4m^2}} + \frac{k}{m} = 0$$

$0 = 0$ proves.