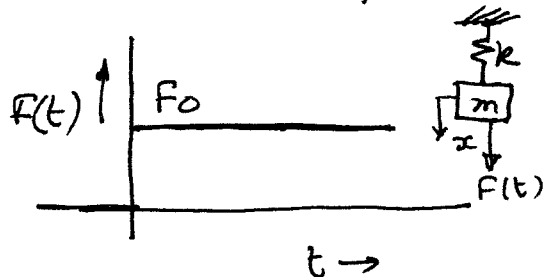


→ Note the following carefully:-

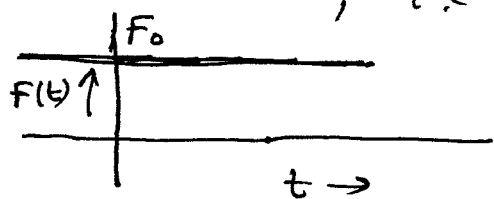


For the excitation shown in the figure, if you write down the DEOM as  $m\ddot{x} + kx = F(t) = F_0$

& then write the ss solution as  $x_{ss} = x(t) = \text{the particular integral} = \frac{F_0}{k}$ , you would be wrong. Here is the reason:-

The DEOM  $m\ddot{x} + kx = F_0$  has the PI

$x_p = x_{ss} = \frac{F_0}{k}$ . But this analytical solution has the implicit assumption that the forcing function existed before  $t=0$ , i.e. the forcing function is like



& not like the one given above.

In the above case, the forcing function is applied at  $t=0$  with zero initial

conditions ( $x(0)=0$ ,  $\dot{x}(0)=0$ ) present.

The actual response, as obtained earlier by the use of Duhamel's integral is  $x(t) = \frac{F_0}{k} [1 - \cos \omega_n t]$ .

→ To get this correct result using the ~~Particular~~ PI of  $m\ddot{x} + kx = F_0$ , you have to write the complete solution, viz.,

$$x(t) = A \sin \omega_n t + B \cos \omega_n t + \frac{F_0}{k} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

[A, B arbitrary until initial conditions imposed] The free vibration part The forced vibration part

and then impose zero initial conditions.

$x(0) = 0$  &  $\dot{x}(0) = 0$  in (1).

$x(0) = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = B + \frac{F_0}{K} \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{B = -\frac{F_0}{K}}}$

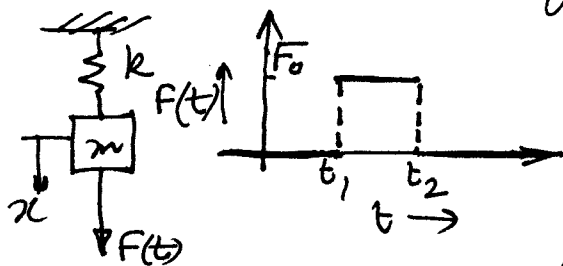
Also,  $\ddot{x} = A\omega_n \cos\omega_n t - B\omega_n \sin\omega_n t$

So,  $\ddot{x}(0) = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{0 = A}}$

Hence, from (1), we get:  $x(t) = \frac{F_0}{K} [1 - \cos\omega_n t]$ ,  
the correct answer.

→ From all this, you shouldn't think that we can do without Duhamel's integral formula. In many practical situations, it is not possible to get ~~an~~ a closed form solution such as (1) and in such situations, Duhamel's formula turns out to be very useful.

→ Next, carefully follow the following example:-



Obtain the response using Duhamel's integral formula.

Solution:-

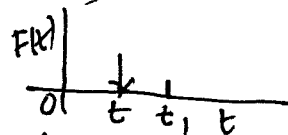
$$x(t) = \int_0^t F(\tau) g(t-\tau) d\tau$$

where  $g(t) = \frac{1}{m\omega_n} \sin\omega_n t$ .

(Note that a single expression for  $F(\tau)$  is not available for every  $t > 0$ . Hence, we must consider various subintervals as follows)

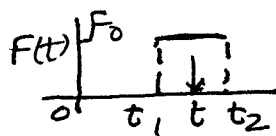
(i)  $F(t) = 0$  for  $0 \leq t \leq t_1$

Hence,  $x(t) = \int_0^t 0 \cdot g(t-\tau) d\tau = 0$  for  $0 \leq t \leq t_1$ .



(This is obvious too. No forcing function, no response, that's all.)  
(with zero initial conditions)

(ii) For  $t_1 < t \leq t_2$ ,  $F(t) = F_0$



$$\text{So, } x(t) = \int_0^t F(\tau) g(t-\tau) d\tau$$

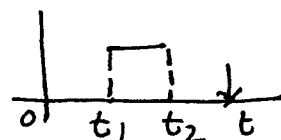
$$= \int_0^{t_1} F(\tau) g(t-\tau) d\tau + \int_{t_1}^t F(\tau) g(t-\tau) d\tau$$

$$= 0 + \int_{t_1}^t F_0 \cdot \frac{1}{m\omega_n} \sin \omega_n(t-\tau) d\tau \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$= \frac{F_0}{m\omega_n^2} \left[ \cos \omega_n(t-\tau) \right]_{t_1}^t \quad \text{check}$$

$$= \frac{F_0}{k} [1 - \cos \omega_n(t-t_1)] \quad \text{--- (ii) Ans.}$$

(iii) For  $t > t_2$ ,  $F(t) = 0$



Again,  $x(t) = \int_0^t F(\tau) g(t-\tau) d\tau$

$$= \int_0^{t_1} F(\tau) g(t-\tau) d\tau + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} F(\tau) g(t-\tau) d\tau + \int_{t_2}^t 0 \cdot g(t-\tau) d\tau$$

$$= \int_{t_1}^{t_2} F_0 \cdot \frac{1}{m\omega_n} \sin \omega_n(t-\tau) d\tau \quad \text{--- (ii')}$$

\* At this step, be a little careful. Don't think the above integral =  $\frac{F_0}{k} [1 - \cos \omega_n(t_2-t_1)]$  just because the upper limit in (ii) is  $t_2$  instead of upper limit  $t$  in (i) & so, all you need to do is put  $t_2$  in place of  $t$  in (ii). Well, you may think you'd never

$\tau$  is the variable of integration, not  $t$  & so, you can't touch the  $t$  in the integrand

④ do it yourself, but many guys are seen to commit this mistake. From another point of view also this can be seen.

$$x(t) = \frac{F_0}{k} [1 - \cos(\omega_n(t-t_1))] = \text{a constant.}$$

But at  $t=t_2$ , we have  $x(t_2)$  &  $\dot{x}(t_2)$  non-zero & after  $t=t_2$ , a 'free-vibration' response occurs. Hence, it must be a function of time, not a constant.)

So, for  $t > t_2$ ,  $x(t) = \frac{F_0}{m\omega_n^2} \left[ \cos\omega_n(t-t_2) - \cos\omega_n(t-t_1) \right]_{t_1}^{t_2}$

(check)

$$= \frac{F_0}{k} [\cos\omega_n(t-t_2) - \cos\omega_n(t-t_1)]$$

Ans.

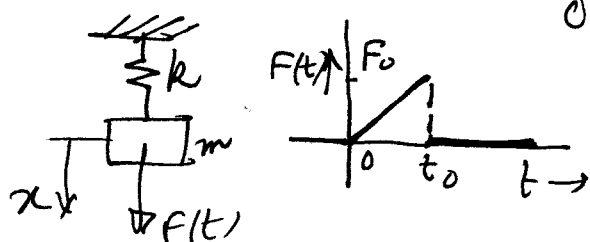
→ To sum up:

$$x(t) = 0 \quad \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq t_1$$

$$x(t) = \frac{F_0}{k} [1 - \cos\omega_n(t-t_1)] \quad \text{for } t_1 \leq t \leq t_2$$

$$\& \quad x(t) = \frac{F_0}{k} [\cos\omega_n(t-t_2) - \cos\omega_n(t-t_1)] \quad \text{for } t > t_2$$

Example:-



Obtain  $x(t)$  by using the convolution integral formula.

Here  $F(t) = \frac{F_0}{t_0} t$  for  $0 \leq t \leq t_0$   
 $= 0$  for  $t > t_0$

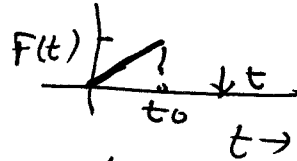
i) For  $0 \leq t \leq t_0$ ,

$$x(t) = \int_0^t F(\tau) g(t-\tau) d\tau = \int_0^t \frac{F_0}{t_0} \tau \cdot \frac{1}{m\omega_n} \sin\omega_n(t-\tau) d\tau$$

(5)

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{F_0}{t_0 m \omega_n} \int_0^t \tau \sin \omega_n(t-\tau) d\tau \quad (\text{integrating by parts}) \\
&= \frac{F_0}{t_0 m \omega_n} \left[ \frac{1}{\omega_n} \tau \cos \omega_n(t-\tau) \Big|_0^t - \frac{1}{\omega_n} \int_0^t 1 \cdot \cos \omega_n(t-\tau) d\tau \right] \\
&= \frac{F_0}{t_0 m \omega_n} \left[ \frac{t}{\omega_n} + \frac{1}{\omega_n^2} \sin \omega_n(t-\tau) \Big|_0^t \right] \\
&= \frac{F_0}{t_0 m \omega_n^2} \left[ t - \frac{1}{\omega_n} \sin \omega_n t \right] = \frac{F_0}{k t_0} \left[ t - \frac{\sin \omega_n t}{\omega_n} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

check

(ii) For  $t > t_0$ 

$$\begin{aligned}
x(t) &= \int_0^t F(\tau) g(t-\tau) d\tau \\
&= \int_0^{t_0} F(\tau) g(t-\tau) d\tau + \int_{t_0}^t F(\tau) g(t-\tau) d\tau \\
&= \frac{F_0}{t_0 m \omega_n} \left[ \frac{t}{\omega_n} + \frac{1}{\omega_n^2} \sin \omega_n(t-\tau) \Big|_0^{t_0} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

(Using previous integration)

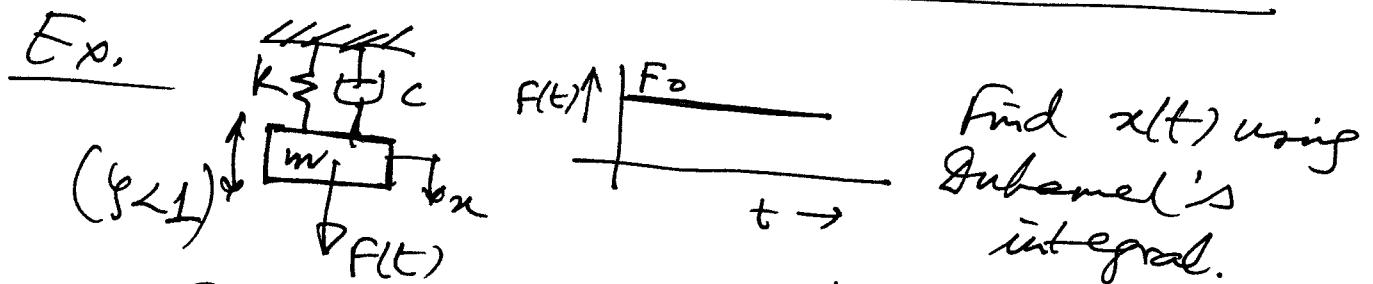
$$= \frac{F_0}{k t_0} \left[ t + \frac{1}{\omega_n} \{ \sin \omega_n(t-t_0) - \sin \omega_n t \} \right]$$

check

Important:- For the sake of simplicity, we have taken an undamped system in the above examples. In the next example, damping is considered & integrations become more complicated. So, you may find it convenient to remember the following results

instead of using integration by parts to obtain the values of integrals like  $\int_0^t e^{at} \sin bt \, dt$  etc. (6)

Remembs: -  
check from a Calculus book.  
 $\int e^{at} \sin bt \, dt = \left( \frac{e^{at}}{a^2 + b^2} \right) (a \sin bt - b \cos bt)$   
 $\int e^{at} \cos bt \, dt = \left( \frac{e^{at}}{a^2 + b^2} \right) (b \sin bt + a \cos bt)$



Solution:-  $x(t) = \int_0^t F(\tau) g(t-\tau) \, d\tau$

where  $g(t) = \frac{1}{m\omega_d} e^{-\gamma\omega_n t} \sin \omega_d t$ .

Hence,  $x(t) = \int_0^t \frac{F_0}{m\omega_d} e^{-\gamma\omega_n(t-\tau)} \sin \omega_d(t-\tau) \, d\tau$   
etc.

→ Complete the solution

Question:- For above example,  
will it be more convenient to  
use  $x(t) = \int_0^t F(t-\tau) g(\tau) \, d\tau$ ?

check.