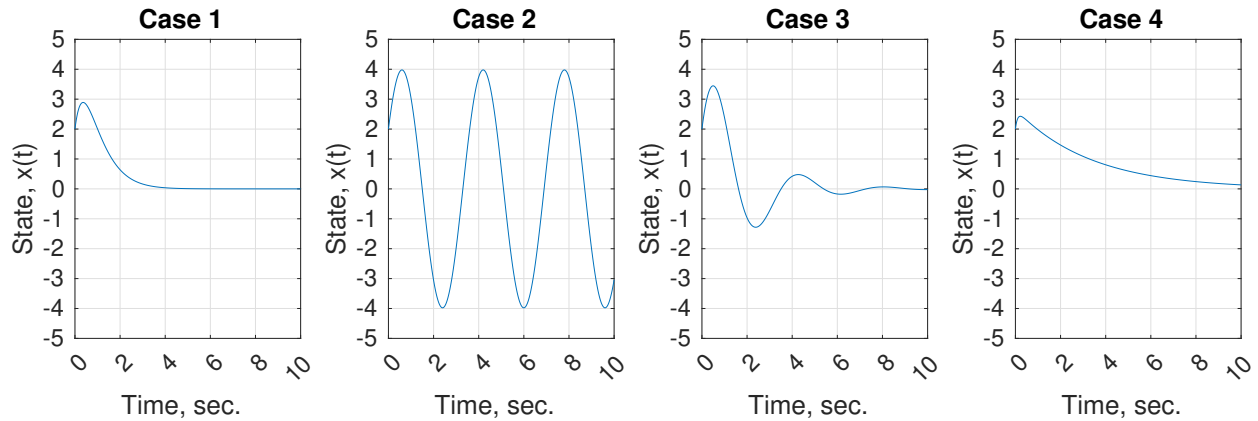


## Homework 5

### 1 Problem



Match each of the responses above to one of the following second-order system types:

- undamped
- underdamped
- critically damped
- overdamped

### Solution

- undamped: Case 2
- underdamped: Case 3
- critically damped: Case 1
- overdamped: Case 4

### 2 Problem

Consider the following transfer function:

$$G(s) = \frac{X(s)}{U(s)} = \frac{100}{s^2 + 5s + 100}.$$

By comparing the characteristic equation in the denominator of  $G(s)$  to that of a damped harmonic oscillator

$$G_{\text{DHO}}(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}$$

determine:

- the undamped natural frequency of the system (in both rad/s and Hz)
- the damping ratio of the system
- the damped natural frequency of the system (in both rad/s and Hz)

## Solution

$$G(s) = \frac{100}{s^2 + 5s + 100} \leftarrow \text{characteristic eq.}$$

Equate characteristic equation of  $G(s)$  to that of a damped harmonic oscillator

$$s^2 + 5s + 100 = s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2$$

$$s: \quad 5 = 2\zeta\omega_n$$

$$\text{const } 100 = \omega_n^2 \Rightarrow \boxed{\omega_n = 10} \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}} \text{ or } \boxed{1.59 \text{ Hz}}$$

$$\text{thus } \zeta = \frac{5}{2 \cdot 10}$$

$$\boxed{\zeta = 0.25}$$

$$\omega_d = \omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}$$

$$= 10 \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{16}}$$

$$= 10 \frac{\sqrt{15}}{\sqrt{16}}$$

$$= \frac{5\sqrt{15}}{2} \approx$$

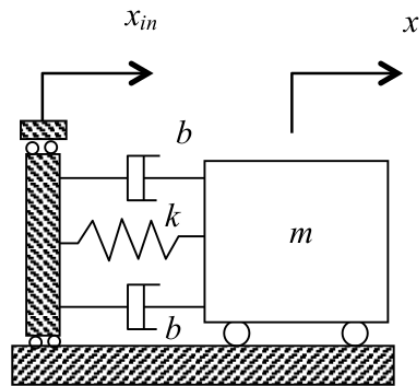
$$\boxed{9.6825 \text{ rad/s}} = \boxed{1.54 \text{ Hz}}$$

$$\frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ cycle}}{2\pi \text{ rad}} = \frac{\text{cycle}}{\text{s}} = \text{Hz}$$

## 3 Problem

Consider the following model of a mechanical system:

The system has a mass  $m$ , a linear spring with stiffness  $k$ , and two identical dampers with damping constant  $b$ . The left wall generates an input motion  $x_{in}(t)$  that causes the mass to



undergo a displacement  $x(t)$  from its equilibrium position. The initial position and velocity are zero.

- Find the ODE describing the motion of the system by drawing a free-body diagram and applying Newton's 2nd Law. Your answer should be in terms of the following variables:

$$x_{in}, \dot{x}_{in}, x, \dot{x}, \ddot{x}, b, k, m$$

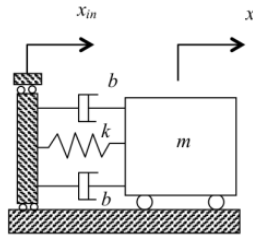
- Show that the transfer function is

$$G(s) = \frac{X(s)}{X_{in}(s)} = \frac{\frac{2b}{m}s + \frac{k}{m}}{s^2 + \frac{2b}{m}s + \frac{k}{m}}$$

When taking the Laplace transform  $\mathcal{L}[\dot{x}_{in}(t)]$  you may assume the initial (input) condition  $x_{in}(0) = 0$ .

## Solution

Since the two dampers are in parallel the equivalent damper is  $b_{eq} = 2b$



Free body diagram



$$\vec{F}_b = -b_{eq}(\dot{x} - \dot{x}_{in})\hat{i} \quad \vec{W} = -mg\hat{j}$$

$$\vec{F}_k = -k(x - x_{in})\hat{i} \quad \vec{N} = mg\hat{j}$$

Newton's 2nd Law  $\hat{i}: \sum \vec{F} = -\underbrace{b_{eq}}_{=2b}(\dot{x} - \dot{x}_{in}) - k(x - x_{in})\hat{i} = m\ddot{x}$

$$\ddot{x} + \frac{2b}{m}(\dot{x} - \dot{x}_{in}) + \frac{k}{m}(x - x_{in}) = 0$$

Laplace Transform

$$\mathcal{L}[\ddot{x}] + \frac{2b}{m}\mathcal{L}[\dot{x}] - \frac{2b}{m}\mathcal{L}[\dot{x}_{in}(t)] + \frac{k}{m}\mathcal{L}[x] - \frac{k}{m}\mathcal{L}[x_{in}(t)] = 0$$

Assume  $x_{in}(0) = 0$

Assume I.C.s are zero

$$s^2 X(s) + \frac{2b}{m}sX(s) - \frac{2b}{m}sX_{in}(s) + \frac{k}{m}X(s) - \frac{k}{m}X_{in}(s) = 0$$

$$X(s)\left(s^2 + \frac{2b}{m}s + \frac{k}{m}\right) - X_{in}(s)\left(\frac{2b}{m}s + \frac{k}{m}\right) = 0$$

Transfer :  $\frac{X(s)}{X_{in}(s)} = \frac{\left(\frac{2b}{m}s + \frac{k}{m}\right)}{\left(s^2 + \frac{2b}{m}s + \frac{k}{m}\right)}$

Plugging in  $m=1, b=4, k=97$

$$\boxed{\frac{X(s)}{X_{in}(s)} = \frac{8s + 97}{s^2 + 8s + 97}}$$

## 4 Problem

Define the transfer function from the previous problem in MATLAB using the `tf` command. The values of the constants are:  $m = 1$  kg,  $k = 97$  N/m, and  $b = 4$  N-s/m.

- Suppose the input is a unit step,  $x_{in}(t) = u(t)$ . Use your transfer function  $G(s)$  to plot the response in MATLAB.
- Suppose the input is an impulse,  $x_{in}(t) = \delta(t)$ . Use your transfer function  $G(s)$  to plot the response in MATLAB.
- Suppose the input is a chirp (a sinusoid of increasing frequency),  $x_{in}(t) = \sin(5t^2)$ . Use your transfer function  $G(s)$  to plot the response in MATLAB from time 0 to 5 seconds. To ensure the input chirp is defined with sufficient resolution, use at least 1,000 time steps to represent the time interval requested.

## Solution

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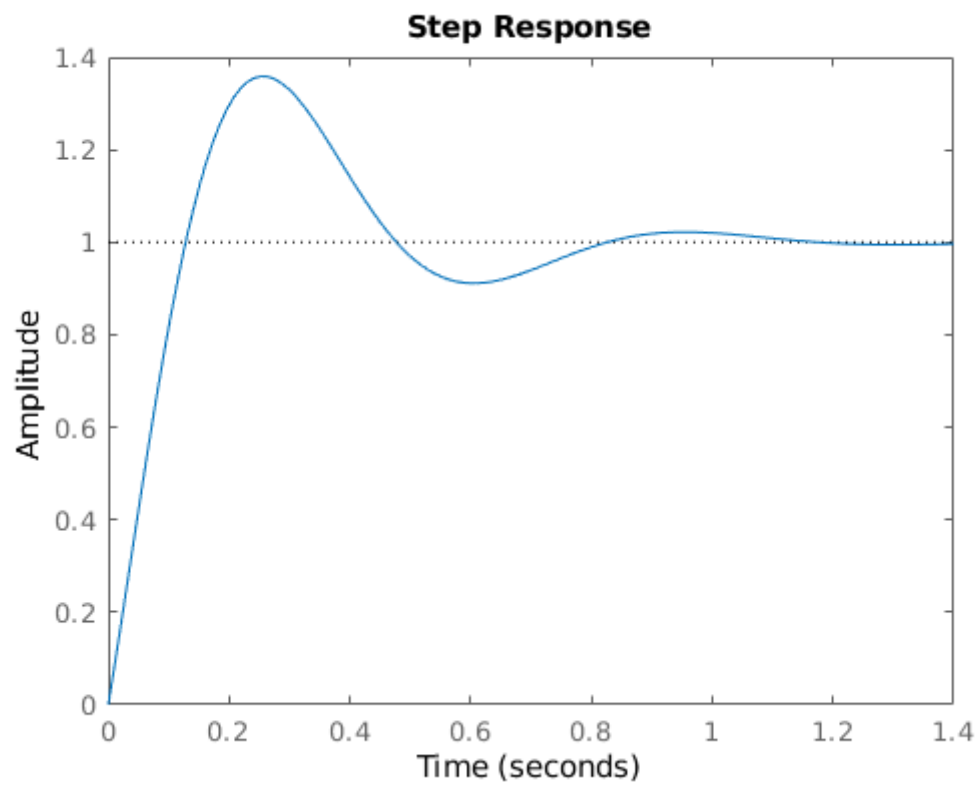
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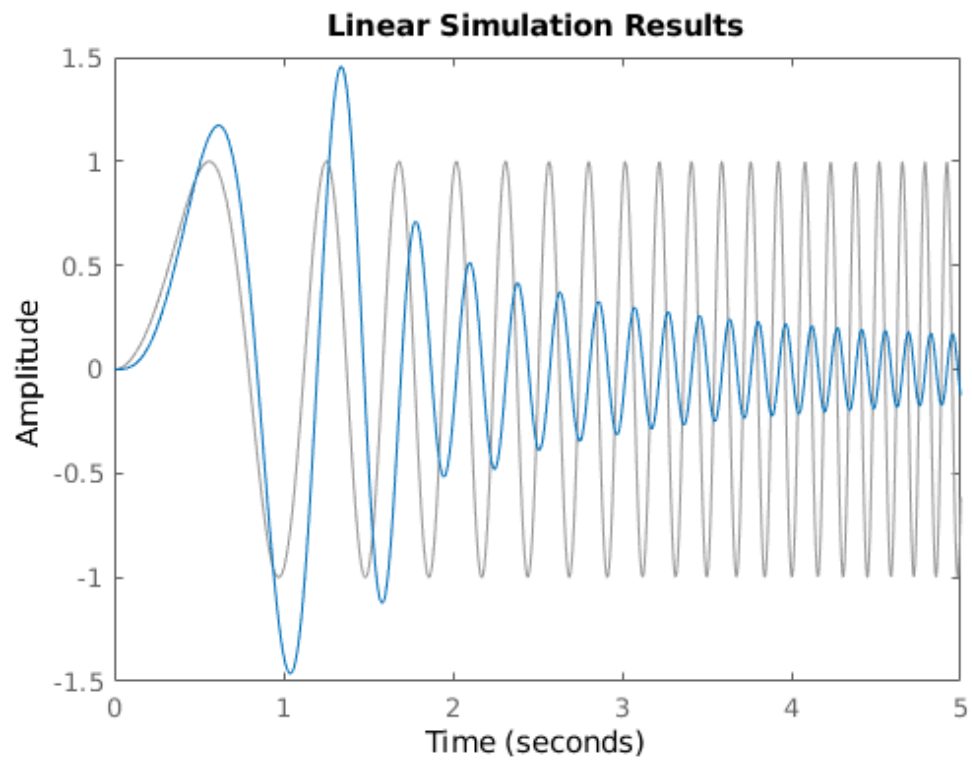
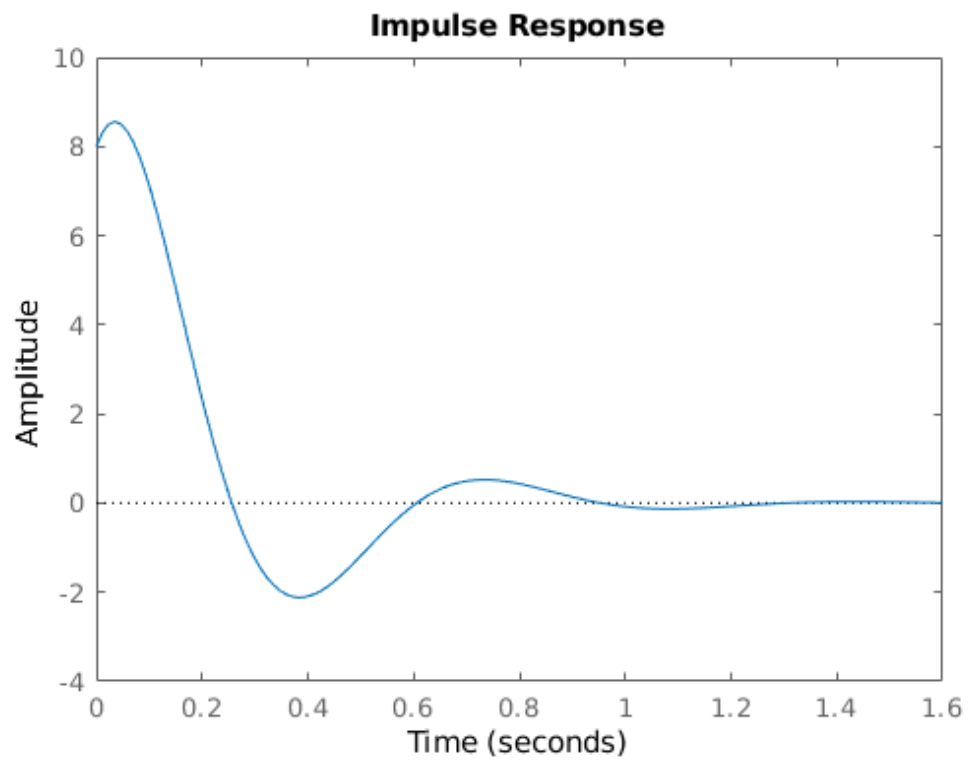
num = [8 97];
den = [1 8 97];
sys = tf(num,den);

figure;
step(sys)

figure;
impz(sys)

figure;
t = linspace(0,5,1E3);
f = sin(5*t.^2);
lsim(sys,f,t)
```









## 5 Problem

Consider the damped harmonic oscillator shown below and modeled by the system:

$$\ddot{x} + \left(\frac{b}{m}\right) \dot{x} + \left(\frac{k}{m}\right) x = 0 \quad (1)$$

with mass  $m = 1$  kg, spring stiffness  $k = 100$  N/m, and initial conditions  $x(t_0) = 0.1$  m and  $\dot{x}(t_0) = 0$ , where  $x(t)$  is the displacement of the mass from the nominal (unstretched) spring position. Four dashpots are being considered for this system: D1, D2, D3 and D4 have damping coefficients  $b_1 = 3$ ,  $b_2 = 10$ ,  $b_3 = 20$ , and  $b_4 = 50$  N/(m/s), respectively.



You are tasked with selecting the correct dashpot that renders the system critically damped and to determine the response of the system over a two second interval from the initial condition. To perform your analysis, include the following:

- A single plot with all five curves showing the response of the system to the initial conditions for each dashpot over a two second interval, and for the case of no dashpot  $b = 0$ . Each curve should be plotted with a different color with time on the abscissa and the displacement  $x(t)$  on the ordinate axis. Label your axes and include a legend.
- Determine the damping ratio (numerical value) for Case 0 (no dashpot) and for Cases 1-4 with dashpots D1, D2, D3, and D4. For each case specify whether it is critically damped, overdamped, undamped, or underdamped.
- Make your final recommendation on which dashpot to choose

**MATLAB Hints (optional):**

- To avoid repeating the same code for each of the five cases you are encouraged to encapsulate it in a function of the form below.

```
function xhist = simulateMassSpringDamper(tvals,x0,xdot0,k,m,b)

% simulate system (your code here)

end
```

This function can then be called five times in your main script to simulate each case (with a different input value for  $b$ ).

```
b_vec = [0 3 10 20 50];  
% Simulate (changing b value each time)  
xhist0 = simulateMassSpringDamper(t,x0,xdot0,k,m,b_vec(1)); %  
xhist1 = simulateMassSpringDamper(t,x0,xdot0,k,m,b_vec(2)); %  
xhist2 = simulateMassSpringDamper(t,x0,xdot0,k,m,b_vec(3)); %  
xhist3 = simulateMassSpringDamper(t,x0,xdot0,k,m,b_vec(4)); %  
xhist4 = simulateMassSpringDamper(t,x0,xdot0,k,m,b_vec(5)); %
```

- You can animate/verify your solution by downloading the `playMassSpringDamper.m` file from Canvas, placing it in your working directory, and running the following commands once your simulation is complete:

```
playMassSpringDamper(thist,xhist)
```

The above command assumes `xhist` is a  $1 \times N$  vector of displacements, and `thist` is a  $1 \times N$  vector of corresponding times (from 0 to 2 seconds) where a value of around  $N=100$  was used to produce the animations posted on Canvas.

## Solution

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```

clear; close all; clc; % prepare workspace

% User Inputs
%  $x'' + (b/m)x + (k/m)x = f$ 
k = 100; % N/m
m = 1; % kg
x0 = 0.1; % x(0) IC, initial position
xdot0 = 0; % x'(0) IC, initial speed
t = [0:1/50:2]; % simulation time 50 frames per second
b_vec = [0 3 10 20 50];

% Simulate (changing c value each time)
xhist0 = simulateMassSpringDamper(t,x0,xdot0,k,m,b_vec(1)); %
xhist1 = simulateMassSpringDamper(t,x0,xdot0,k,m,b_vec(2)); %
xhist2 = simulateMassSpringDamper(t,x0,xdot0,k,m,b_vec(3)); %
xhist3 = simulateMassSpringDamper(t,x0,xdot0,k,m,b_vec(4)); %
xhist4 = simulateMassSpringDamper(t,x0,xdot0,k,m,b_vec(5)); %

% Calculate natural frequency
omega_n = sqrt(k/m)/(2*pi);
fprintf('The natural frequency and period of the system are %3.3f Hz
and %3.3f seconds, respectively. \n', omega_n, 1/omega_n);

% Calculate damping ratio
zeta_vec = b_vec/(2*sqrt(k*m));
omegad_vec = omega_n*sqrt(1-zeta_vec.^2);

for i = 1:length(b_vec)
fprintf('The damping ratio for Case %d is : %3.3f sec \n', i-1,
zeta_vec(i));
end
disp('Case 0 has no damping since the damping ratio = 0');
disp('Case 1 is underdamped since the damping ratio < 1');
disp('Case 2 is underdamped since the damping ratio < 1');
disp('Case 3 is critically damped since the damping ratio = 1');
disp('Case 4 is overdamped since the damping ratio > 1');

% Plot
figure;
plot(t,xhist0,'r','linewidth',2); hold on;
plot(t,xhist1,'k','linewidth',2)
plot(t,xhist2,'b','linewidth',2)
plot(t,xhist3,'g','linewidth',2)
plot(t,xhist4,'m','linewidth',2)
set(gca,'FontSize',14);
xlabel('Time (sec)')
ylabel('Displacement (m)')
legend('Case 0','Case 1','Case 2','Case 3','Case 4');
grid on;
hold on;

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axis tight;

% % optional:
% close all;
% playMassSpringDamper(t,xhist5)

```

The natural frequency and period of the system are 1.592 Hz and 0.628 seconds, respectively.

The damping ratio for Case 0 is : 0.000 sec

The damping ratio for Case 1 is : 0.150 sec

The damping ratio for Case 2 is : 0.500 sec

The damping ratio for Case 3 is : 1.000 sec

The damping ratio for Case 4 is : 2.500 sec

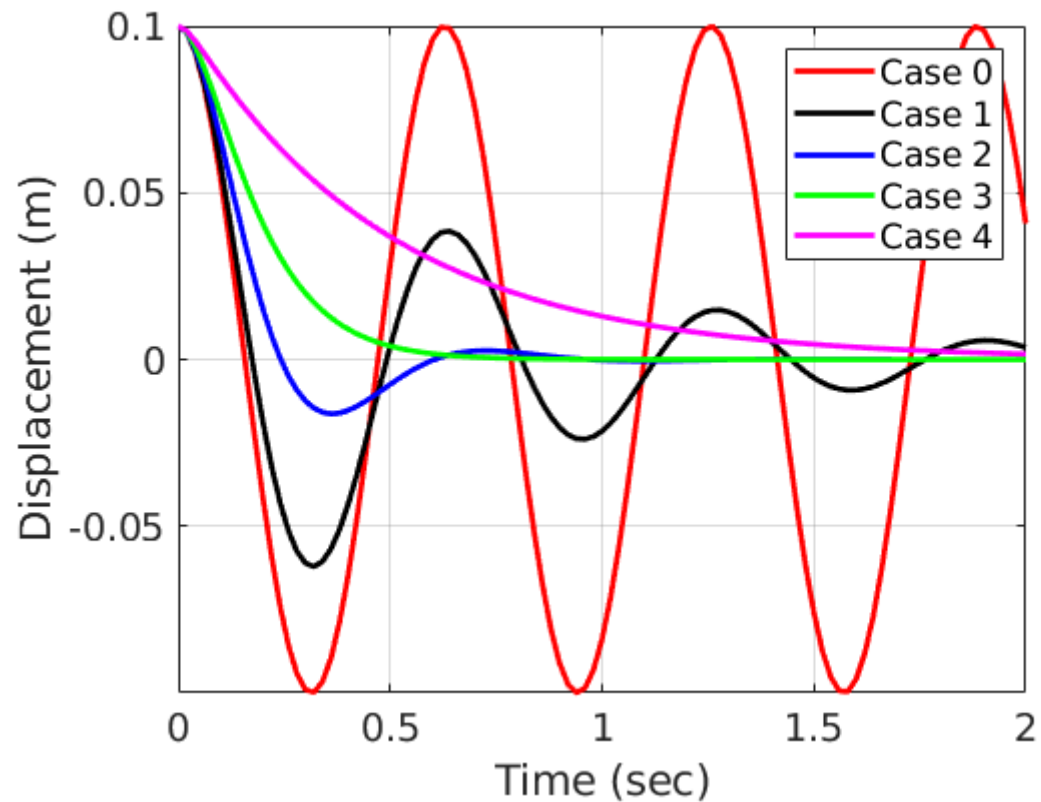
Case 0 has no damping since the damping ratio = 0

Case 1 is underdamped since the damping ratio < 1

Case 2 is underdamped since the damping ratio < 1

Case 3 is critically damped since the damping ratio = 1

Case 4 is overdamped since the damping ratio > 1



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For each case of damper parameter the following function was called

```
function xhist = simulateMassSpringDamper(tvals,x0,xdot0,k,m,c)

syms X s x t f; % define symbolic variables
f = 0; % forcing function (could make this an input, if desired, but set to be zero
      for now)
F = laplace(f,t,s); % take laplace transform
X1 = s*X - x0; % laplace transform of x-dot
X2 = s^2*X - s*x0 - xdot0; % laplace transform of x-double-dot
Xsol = solve(X2 + c/m*X1 + k/m*X == F/m, X); % solve for X(s)
x = ilaplace(Xsol); % take inverse in MATLAB for x(t)
xhist = eval(subs(x,tvals)); % evaluate x(t) for tvals given

end
```