

Lecture 4

Damping



Damper force is same direction as for spring

Use solution #3:

$$x = Ge^{\lambda t} \Rightarrow \dot{x} = \lambda Ge^{\lambda t}, \ddot{x} = \lambda^2 Ge^{\lambda t}$$

$$(m\lambda^2 + c\lambda + k)Ge^{\lambda t} = 0$$

$G \neq 0$ generally, so part in brackets = 0.

Characteristic equation: $m\lambda^2 + c\lambda + k = 0$

Quadratic equation: $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = -\frac{c}{2m} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{c}{2m}\right)^2 - \frac{k}{m}}$

Solution: $x = Ge^{\lambda_1 t} + He^{\lambda_2 t}$

Useful notation:

$$\omega_n^2 = \frac{k}{m} \quad (\text{undamped natural frequency})$$

$$\zeta = \frac{c}{2\sqrt{km}} \quad (\text{Damping factor})$$

$$\omega_d = \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} \omega_n \quad (\text{Damped natural frequency})$$

Rewrite quadratic solution:

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = \frac{-c}{2\sqrt{km}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{k}{m}\right) \left[\left(\frac{c}{2\sqrt{km}}\right)^2 - 1 \right]}$$

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = \left(-\zeta \pm i\sqrt{1-\zeta^2} \right) \omega_n$$

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = -\zeta \omega_n \pm i\omega_d \Rightarrow 3 \text{ solutions, } \zeta \leq 1$$

Underdamping ($\zeta < 1$) \rightarrow Oscillation

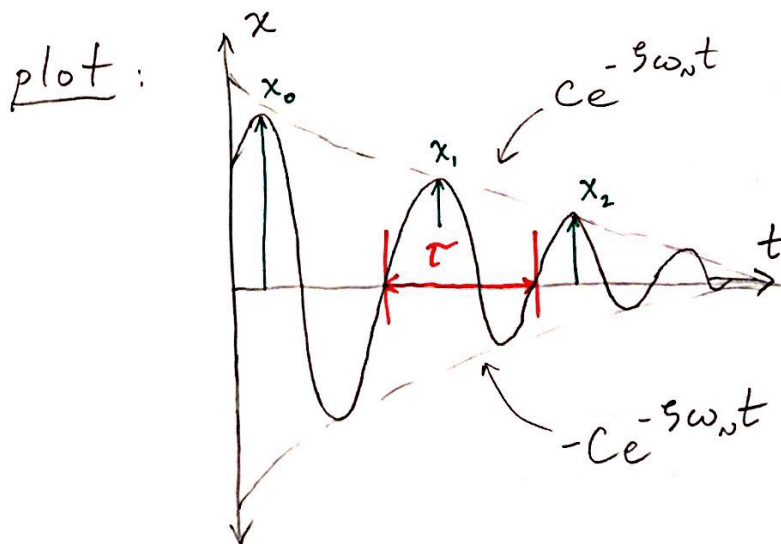
$$x = G e^{(-\zeta + i\sqrt{1-\zeta^2})\omega_n t} + H e^{(-\zeta - i\sqrt{1-\zeta^2})\omega_n t}$$

$$x = e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} (G e^{i\omega_d t} + H e^{-i\omega_d t})$$

$$x = e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} (A \cos(\omega_d t) - B \sin(\omega_d t)) \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{cases} A = H + G \\ B = i(H - G) \end{cases}$$

$$x = e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} [C \cos(\omega_d t + \phi)]$$

decay time \swarrow w/ amplitude \swarrow oscillation \swarrow phase



$$\omega_d = \frac{2\pi}{\tau}$$

τ is period

x_0 is an amplitude

Logarithmic decrement

$$x = C e^{-\zeta \omega_n t} (\cos(\omega_d t + \phi))$$

$$\frac{x_0}{x_n} = \frac{C e^{-\zeta \omega_n t_0} (\cos(\omega_d t_0 + \phi))}{C e^{-\zeta \omega_n t_n} (\cos(\omega_d t_n + \phi))}$$

$$\frac{x_0}{x_n} = \frac{(C e^{-\zeta \omega_n t_0}) (\cos(\omega_d t_0 + \phi))}{[C e^{-\zeta \omega_n (t_0 + \frac{2\pi n}{\omega_d})}] \cos(\omega_d t_0 + 2\pi n + \phi)}$$

$$\frac{x_0}{x_n} = \frac{(C e^{-\zeta \omega_n t_0}) (\cos(\omega_d t_0 + \phi))}{(C e^{-\zeta \omega_n t_0}) (e^{-\frac{\zeta \omega_n 2\pi n}{\omega_d}}) (\cos(\omega_d t_0 + \phi))}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{x_0}{x_n} = e^{2\pi n \zeta \left(\frac{\omega_n}{\omega_d}\right)}}$$

Define logarithmic decrement, δ

$$\delta = \frac{1}{n} \ln\left(\frac{x_0}{x_n}\right)$$

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

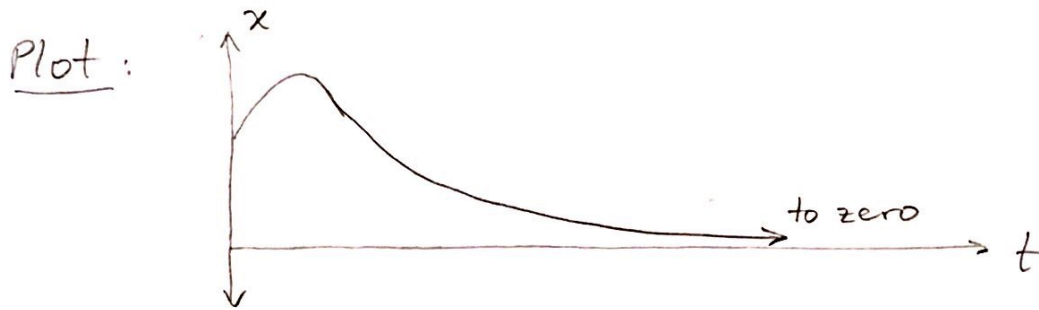
$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\zeta = \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{4\pi^2 + \delta^2}} \approx \frac{\delta}{2\pi}}$$

for small δ

Overdamping ($\zeta > 1$) \rightarrow No oscillation

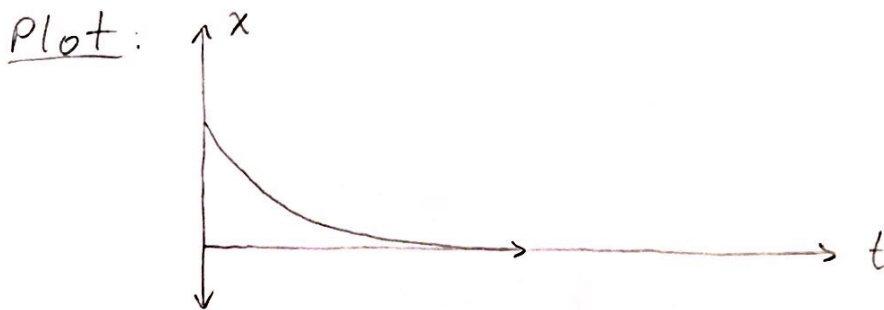
$$x = Ge^{\lambda_1 t} + He^{\lambda_2 t}$$

$$x = Ge^{-(\zeta + \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1})\omega_n t} + He^{-(\zeta - \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1})\omega_n t}$$



Critical Damping ($\zeta = 1$) \rightarrow Quickest to equilibrium

$$x = (G + Ht)e^{-\omega_n t}$$



Forced Response (next lecture)

