

- $m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = 0$  ( $\beta = \frac{b}{2m}$ ,  $\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$ )
- Let  $\omega^2 = \beta^2 - \omega_0^2$ 
  1. underdamped:  $\omega^2 < 0$
  2. critically damped:  $\omega^2 = 0$
  3. overdamped:  $\omega^2 > 0$