

# PHYSICS OF WAVES

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# Syllabus

Review of Simple Harmonic Motion, Damped and Forced oscillations, Resonance,  
Coupled oscillations, Normal modes (6-7)

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Wave Motion, longitudinal and transverse waves, wave equation, plane waves, phase velocity, superposition, wave packets and group velocity, dispersion relations, two and three dimensional waves. Electromagnetic Waves, Energy-momentum, Poynting's theorem, reflection and refraction, Stokes relations (6-7)

Superposition of waves, Interference, Coherence, Two-beam and Multi-beam interference, Fresnel Biprism and Mirrors, Newton's rings, Michelson and Fabry-Perot Interferometers, Thin films, Diffraction, Fraunhofer single slit diffraction and Grating, Polarisation, Birefringence, Retarders (13-14)

# ....Syllabus

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Failure of classical physics, Planck spectrum, Compton Effect, Davisson-Germer and Thomson Experiments, de Broglie waves, Uncertainty principle. Observables and Hermitian Operators, Wave function and Schrodinger equation, Probability interpretation, One dimensional problems (**13-14**)

# References

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Lecture Notes & Problems bank for Physics

**R S Saraswat and G P Sastry**

Oscillations and Waves

**S Bharadwaj and S P Khastgir**

The Physics of vibrations and Waves

**H J Pain**

The Physics of Waves

**H Georgi**

Waves (Berkeley Physics Course, Volume 3)

**F S Crawford**

Optics

**E Hecht**

Fundamentals of Optics

**F A Jenkins and H E White**

Concepts of Modern Physics

**A Beiser**

Feynman Lectures on Physics-I

**R P Feynman**

*PPT slides: will be made available at regular intervals*

# Marks Break-up

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Mid-sem:	30
End-sem:	50
Class test 1 (by tutor):	10
Class test 2 (by tutor):	10
<b>Total:</b>	<b>100</b>

Less than 75 % attendance (in tutorial class) would lead to subject deregistration.

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# Review of (Simple) Harmonic Motion

At this juncture, let's recall some

# Important Notations

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$$\frac{d}{dt} = \cdot$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} = '$$

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} = ..$$

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} = ''$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \dot{x}$$

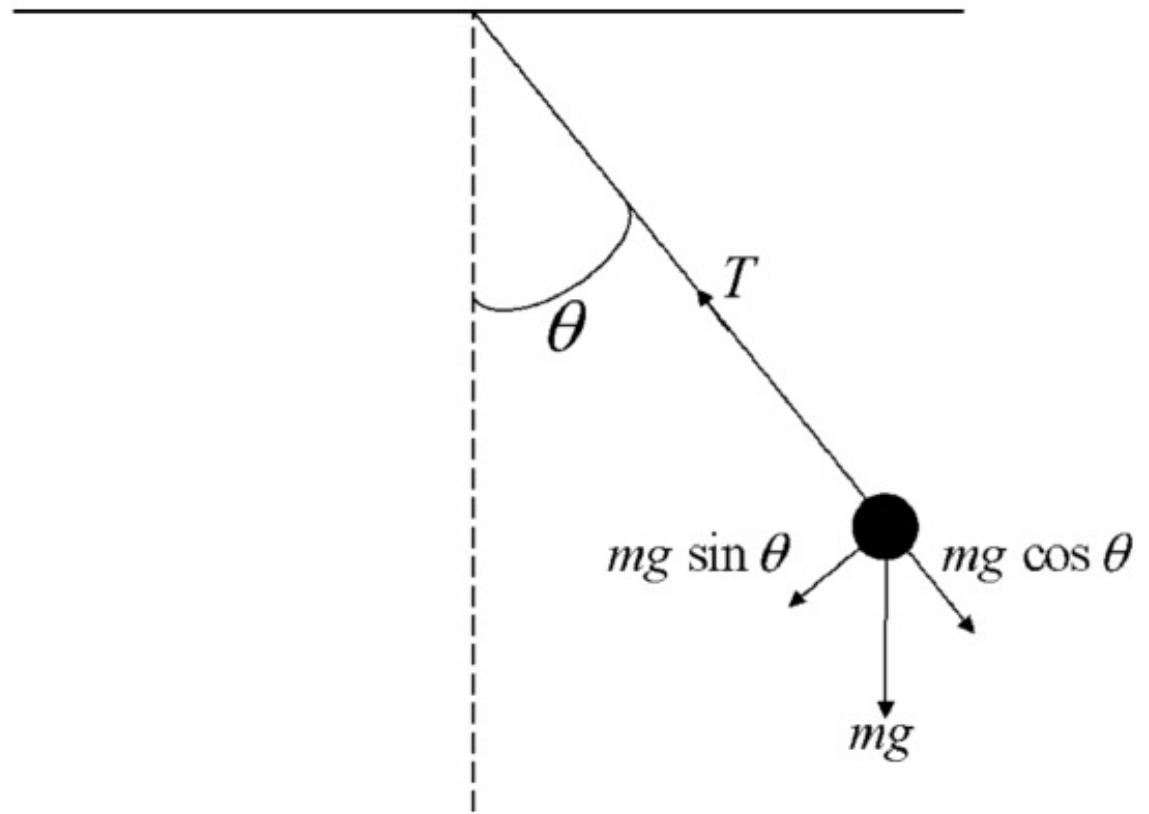
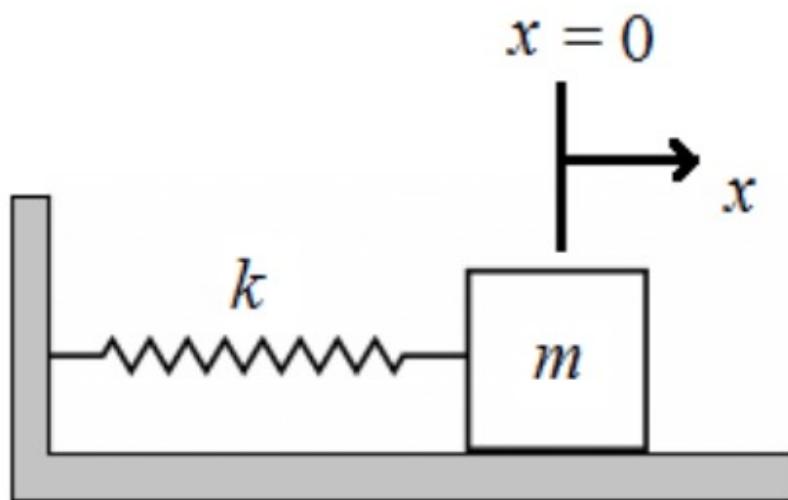
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y'$$

$$\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} = \ddot{\theta}$$

$$\frac{d^2V}{dx^2} = V''$$

# SHM: Classic Examples

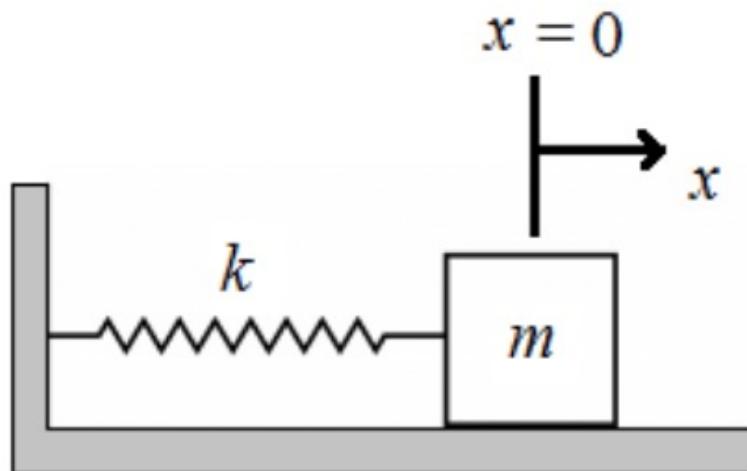
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# SHM: RECALL

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Force  $\propto$  (- displacement)



$$F(x) = m\ddot{x} = -kx$$

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$$\ddot{x} = -\omega^2 x$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

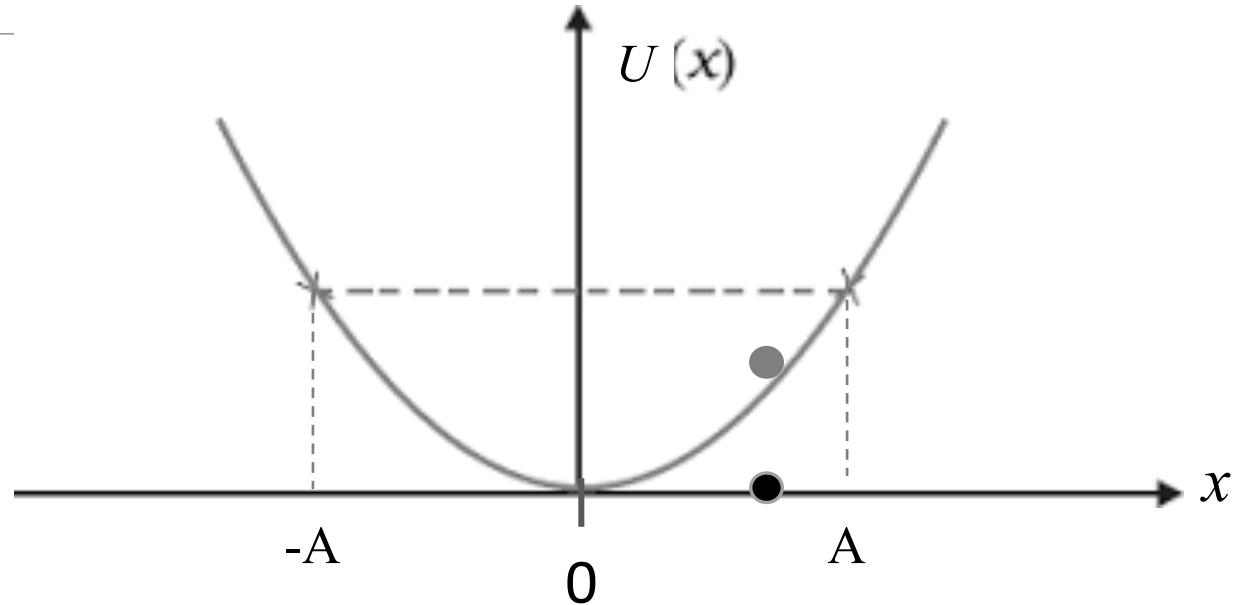
# SHM: Associated Potential

$$F(x) = m\ddot{x} = -kx$$

$$\begin{aligned} U(x) &= - \int F(x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} kx^2 + \text{constant} \end{aligned}$$

At equilibrium ( $x = 0$ ),  $U = 0$  (energy reference)

$$\Rightarrow U(x) = \frac{1}{2} kx^2$$



Equilibrium

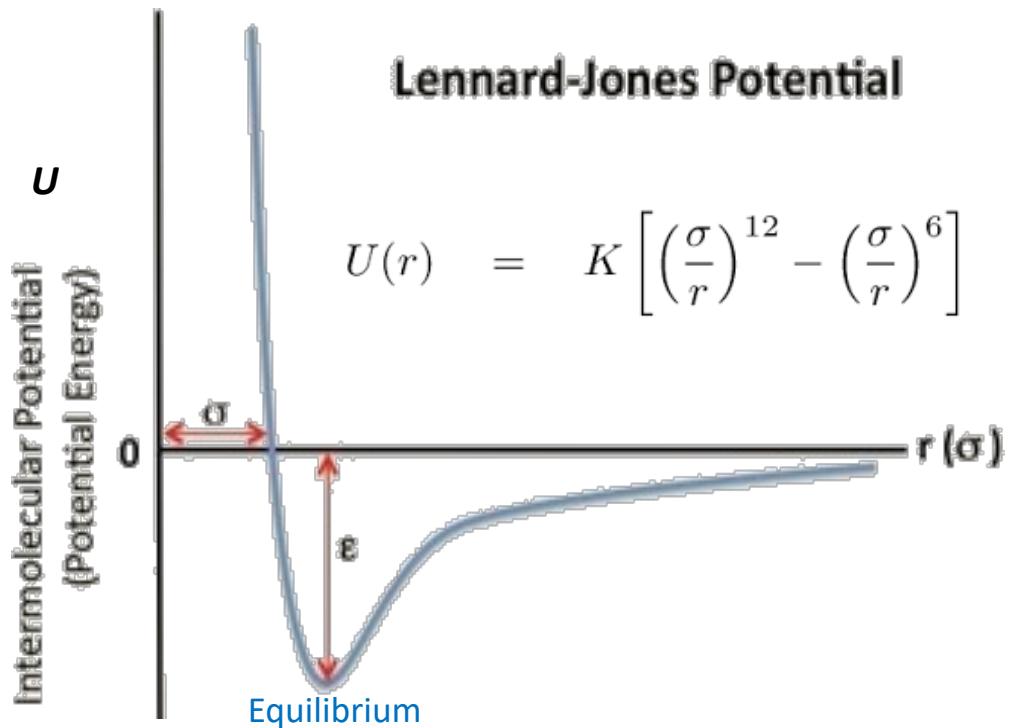
$$U'(x) = \frac{dU}{dx} = 0$$

# Harmonic Motion (Oscillation):

Occurs also for a general potential

$$U(x) \neq \frac{1}{2}kx^2$$

Example:



Any general potential: Taylor expansion around equilibrium

$$\begin{aligned} U(y) &= U(y_0) + (y - y_0)U'(y_0) + \\ &\quad \frac{1}{2}(y - y_0)^2 U''(y_0) + \dots \\ U'(y_0) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

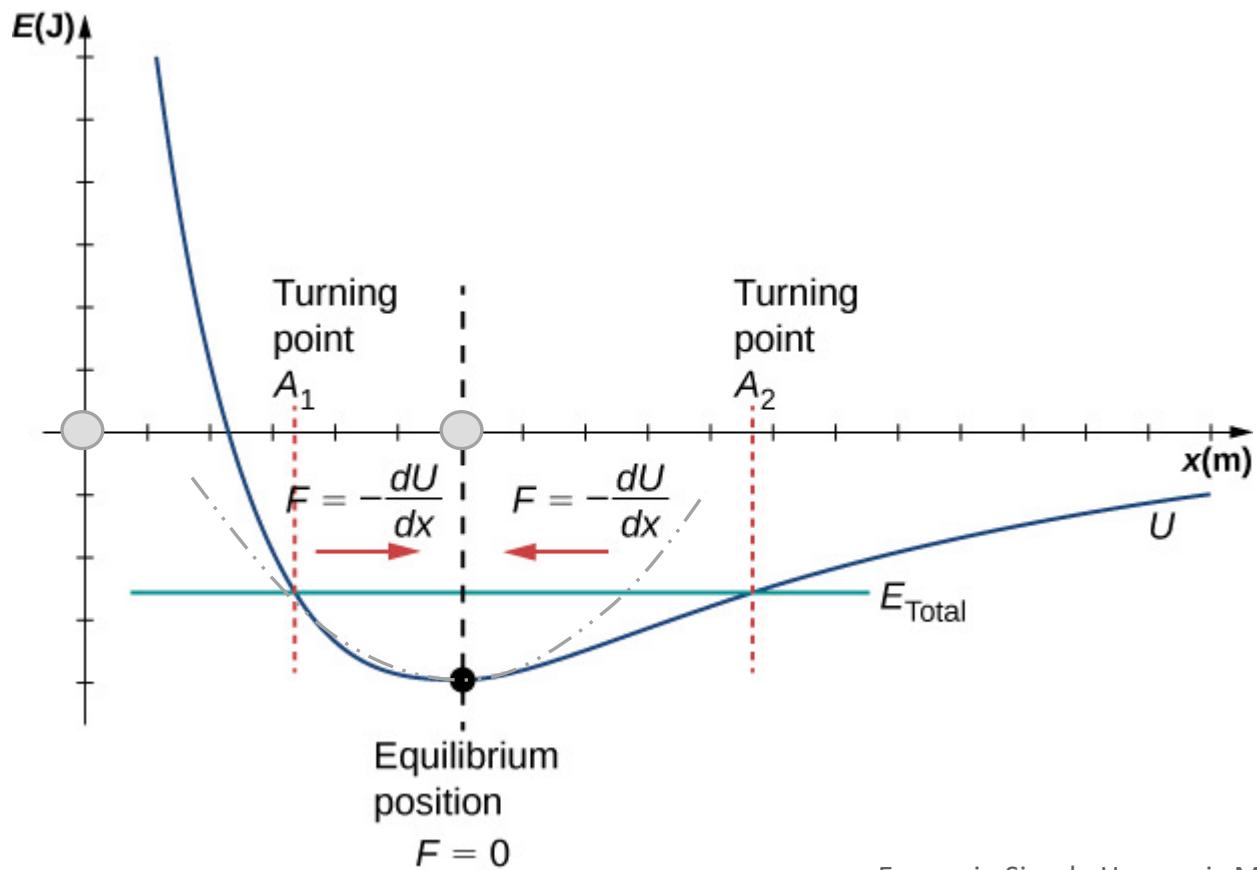
Replace  $(y - y_0)$  with  $x$ ; take  $U''(y_0) = k$ ; consider the vicinity of  $y_0$ :

$$\Rightarrow U(x) \approx U(y_0) + \frac{1}{2}kx^2$$

Take  $U(y_0)$  as the reference for energy

$$\Rightarrow U(x) \approx \frac{1}{2}kx^2 \text{ (near equilibrium)}$$

OSCILLATIONS APPEAR ALMOST EVERYWHERE IN PHYSICS



# Examples

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## Obvious Oscillations

- Water waves
- Pendula
- Musical instruments
- Suspension bridges

## Subtle Oscillations

- Heat in a solid
- Superconductivity
- Pulsars
- Neutron Stars

## Less-Obvious Oscillations

- Shock absorbers
- Lasers
- Electronic watches
- Radio antenna
- Fiber optics

More technically,

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**Oscillations form the basis for understanding**

waves and optics,  
astrophysics,  
thermal physics,  
quantum mechanics,  
condensed-matter physics,  
mechanics,  
atmospheric and planetary physics,  
etc.

**So, it is important to understand the nature and causes of oscillations.**

# Q1

A particle of mass  $m$  in the potential  $U(x) = 2e^{x^2/L^2}$  J ( $L$ , a constant) is found to behave like a SHO for small displacements from equilibrium. Determine the angular frequency of this SHO.

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## SOLUTION

For the particle to behave like a SHO around the equilibrium position, say  $x_0$ ,  $U'(x_0) = 0$ .

$$\Rightarrow 2 \cdot \frac{1}{L^2} \cdot 2x_0 \cdot e^{x_0^2/L^2} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow x_0 = 0.$$

Next, we verify whether  $x_0 = 0$  is really an equilibrium position (i.e., a minima):

$$U''(x_0) = \frac{4}{L^2} \left[ e^{x_0^2/L^2} + x_0 \cdot \frac{1}{L^2} \cdot 2x_0 \cdot e^{x_0^2/L^2} \right] = \frac{4}{L^2} > 0. \text{ So, } x_0 = 0$$

is really an equilibrium position.

# ...Q1

$$U(x) = 2e^{x^2/L^2}$$

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Now, we derive the equation of motion:

$$\begin{aligned} F = m\ddot{x} &= -U'(x) = -\frac{4x}{L^2} e^{\frac{x^2}{L^2}} = -\frac{4x}{L^2} \left[ 1 + \frac{x^2}{L^2} + \frac{x^4}{2L^4} + \dots \right] \\ &\approx -\frac{4x}{L^2} \quad (\text{for small } x \text{ near } x = 0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\ddot{x} = -\omega^2 x}$$

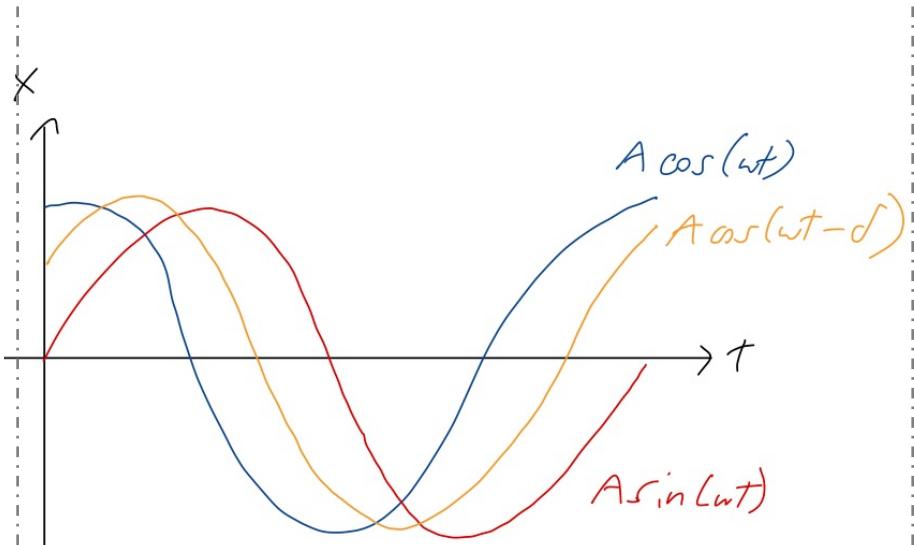
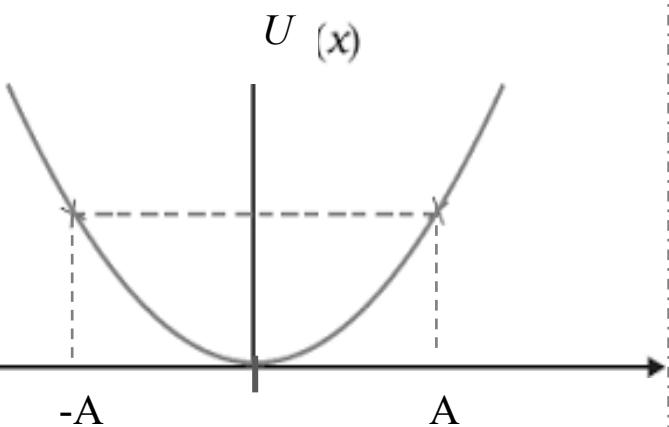
$$\Rightarrow \omega = \frac{2}{L\sqrt{m}}$$

# SHM ( $\ddot{x} = -\omega^2 x$ ): The Solution

$$x(t) = A \cos(\omega t - \delta)$$

OR

$$x(t) = A \sin(\omega t - \delta')$$



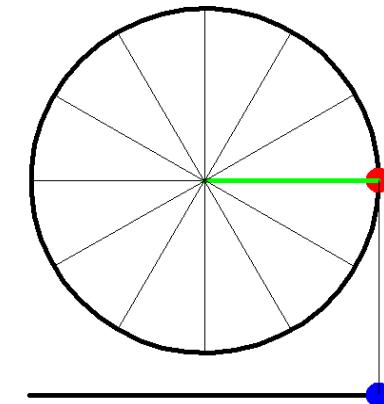
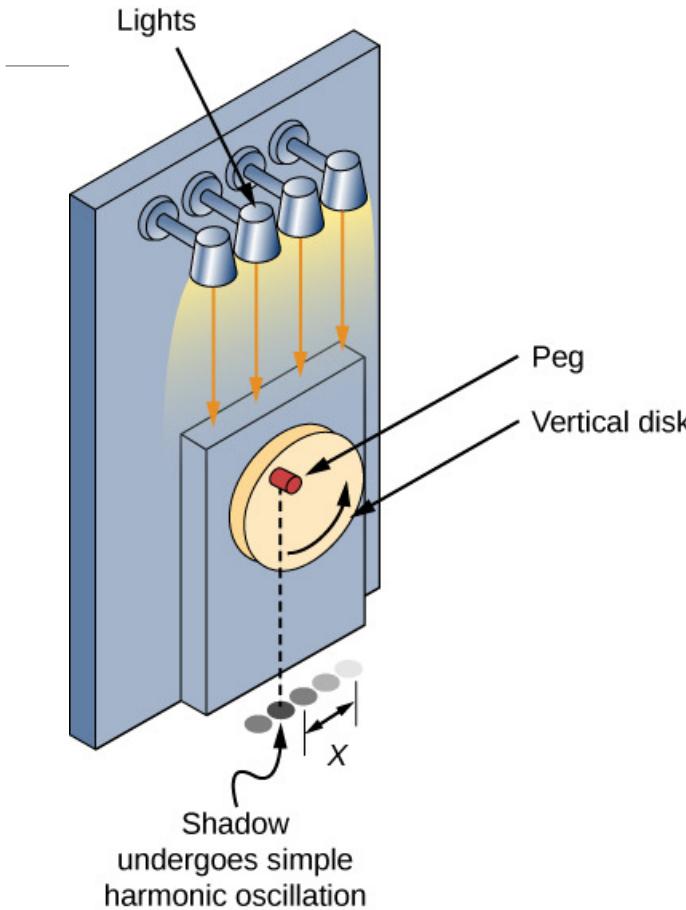
$\delta = 0$ , when the motion starts from the maximum displacement.

$$v = \frac{dx}{dt} = -\omega A \sin(\omega t - \delta)$$

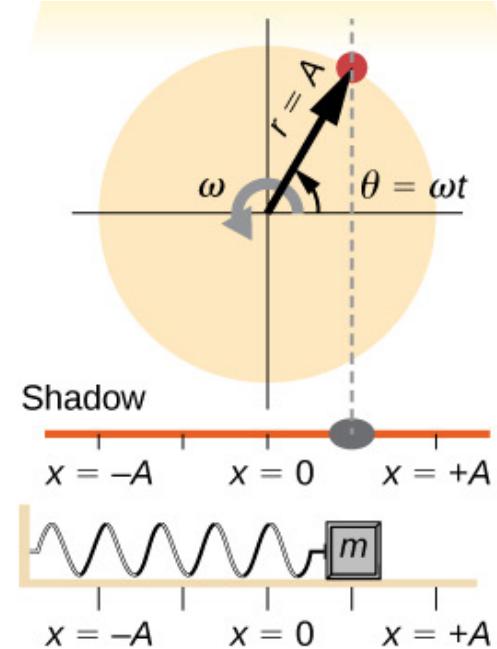
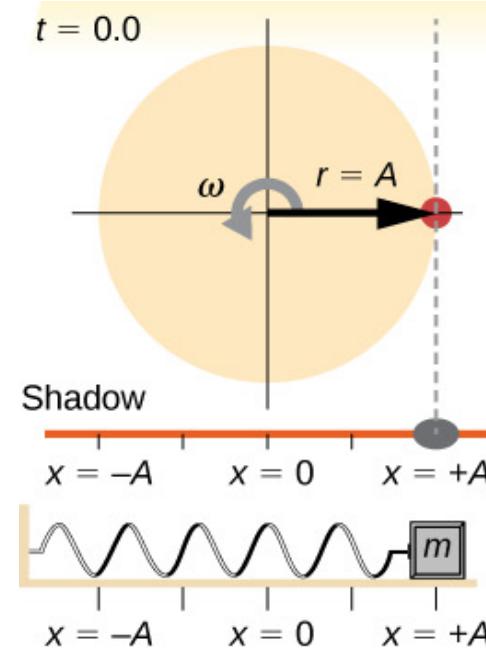
$$KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{1}{2}k(A^2 - x^2)$$

$$E = U + KE = \frac{1}{2}kA^2$$

# Comparing SHM and Circular Motion

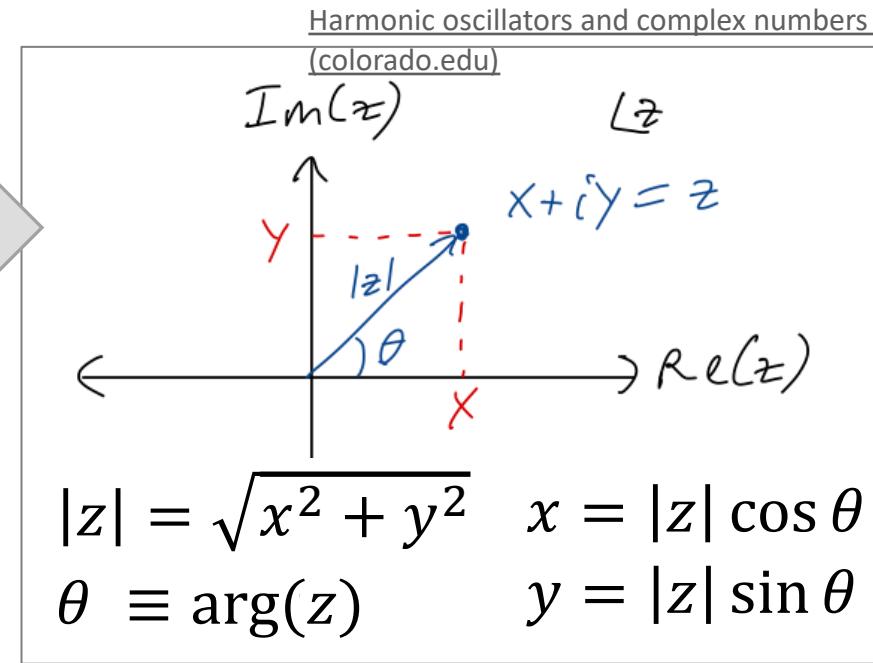
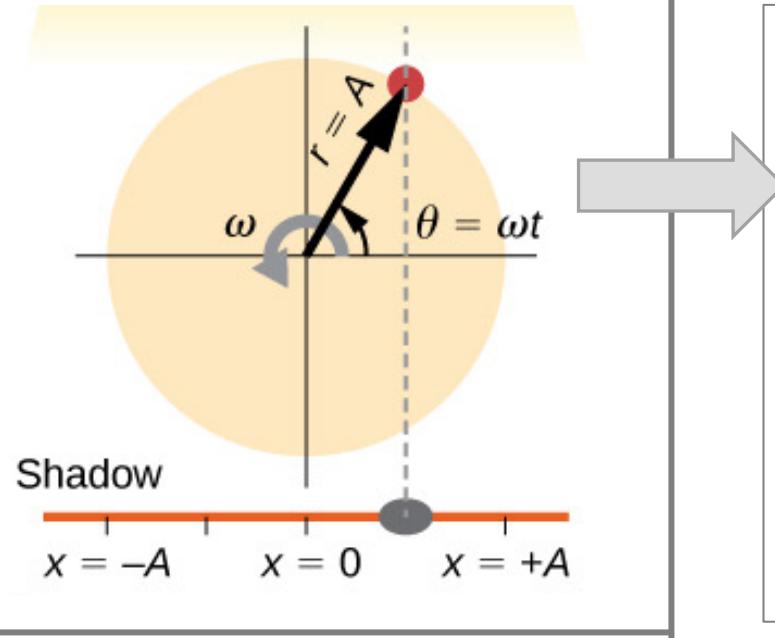


Simple Harmonic Motion and  
Circular Motion | Physics  
(uoguelph.ca)



$$x(t) = A \cos(\omega t)$$

# SHM and Complex Number



$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= A \cos(\omega t) \\ &= \operatorname{Re} [(A \cos(\omega t) + iA \sin(\omega t))] \\ &= \operatorname{Re} [A e^{i\omega t}] \end{aligned}$$

## Methodology:

Assume,  $x(t) = A e^{i\omega t}$  and use real part of the final result as the answer.

$$\begin{aligned} z &= x + iy \\ &= |z| \cos \theta + i |z| \sin \theta \\ &= |z| (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) \end{aligned}$$

## Consider Euler's formula

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$$

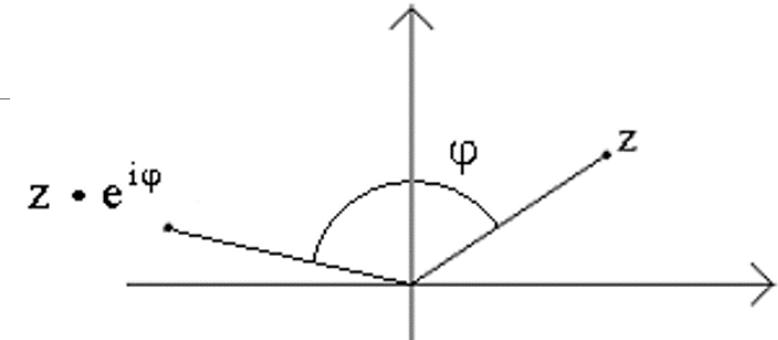
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then, } e^{i\theta} &= 1 + i\theta + \frac{(i\theta)^2}{2!} + \frac{(i\theta)^3}{3!} + \dots \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{\theta^2}{2!} + \frac{\theta^4}{4!} - \dots\right) + i\left(\theta - \frac{\theta^3}{3!} + \frac{\theta^5}{5!} - \dots\right) \\ &= \cos \theta + i \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow z = |z| e^{i\theta} = |z| e^{i \cdot \arg(z)}$$

Polar form

# Complex number properties that can be used in SHM

- Complex number of magnitude unity: **Pure Phase ( $e^{i\phi}$ )**
- **Multiplying a complex number** by a pure phase **rotates** the corresponding point in the complex plane counterclockwise by an angle equal to the phase.



## ➤ **Multiplication:**

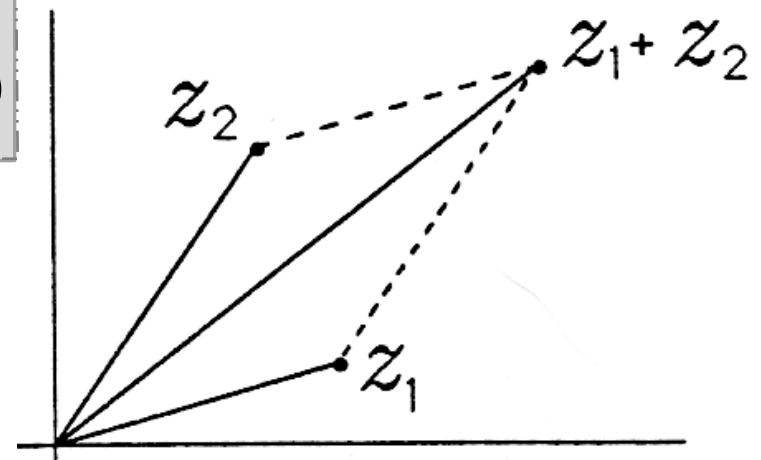
$$z_1 z_2 = (|z_1| e^{i\theta_1}) (|z_2| e^{i\theta_2}) = |z_1||z_2| e^{i(\theta_1 + \theta_2)}$$

so that

$$|z_1 z_2| = |z_1||z_2| , \arg(z_1 z_2) = \arg(z_1) + \arg(z_2)$$

**Addition:**  $z_1 + z_2 = (x_1 + x_2) + i(y_1 + y_2)$

$$\begin{aligned} |z_1 + z_2| &= [(x_1 + x_2)^2 + (y_1 + y_2)^2]^{1/2} \\ &< [(x_1)^2 + (y_1)^2]^{1/2} + [(x_2)^2 + (y_2)^2]^{1/2} \\ &= |z_1| + |z_2| \end{aligned}$$



# SHM: Complex Representation

$$x(t) = A \cos(\omega t) \equiv A e^{i\omega t}$$

More accurately,  $x(t) = A \cos(\omega t - \delta) = A \cos(\omega t + \phi) \equiv A e^{i(\omega t + \phi)}$

$$\tilde{x}(t) = A e^{i(\omega t + \phi)}$$

$$= A e^{i\phi} e^{i\omega t}$$

↑ Complex amplitude  $\tilde{A}$

$$\tilde{v}(t) = i\omega A e^{i(\omega t + \phi)}$$

$$= i\omega \tilde{A} e^{i\omega t}$$

## Complex Conjugates

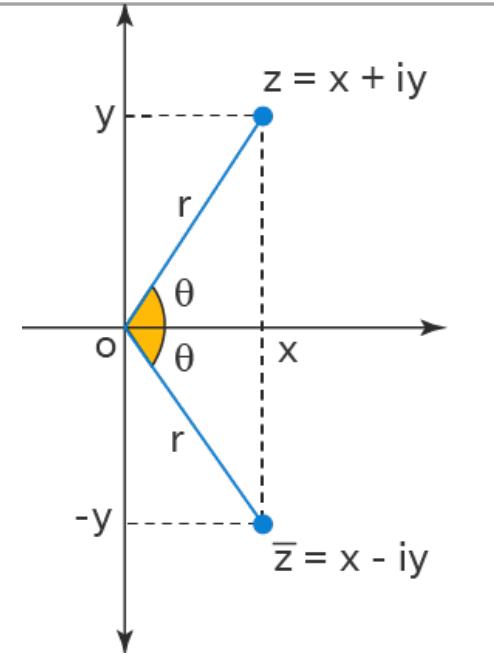
$$z = x + iy = |z|e^{i\theta}$$

$$z^* = x - iy = |z|e^{-i\theta}$$

$$\tilde{x}^*(t) = A e^{-i(\omega t + \phi)} = \tilde{A}^* e^{-i\omega t}$$

$$\tilde{x} \cdot \tilde{x}^* = \tilde{A} \cdot \tilde{A}^* = A^2$$

$$\tilde{v} \cdot \tilde{v}^* = \omega^2 \tilde{A} \cdot \tilde{A}^* = \omega^2 A^2$$



# SHM: (Energy and) Phase Space

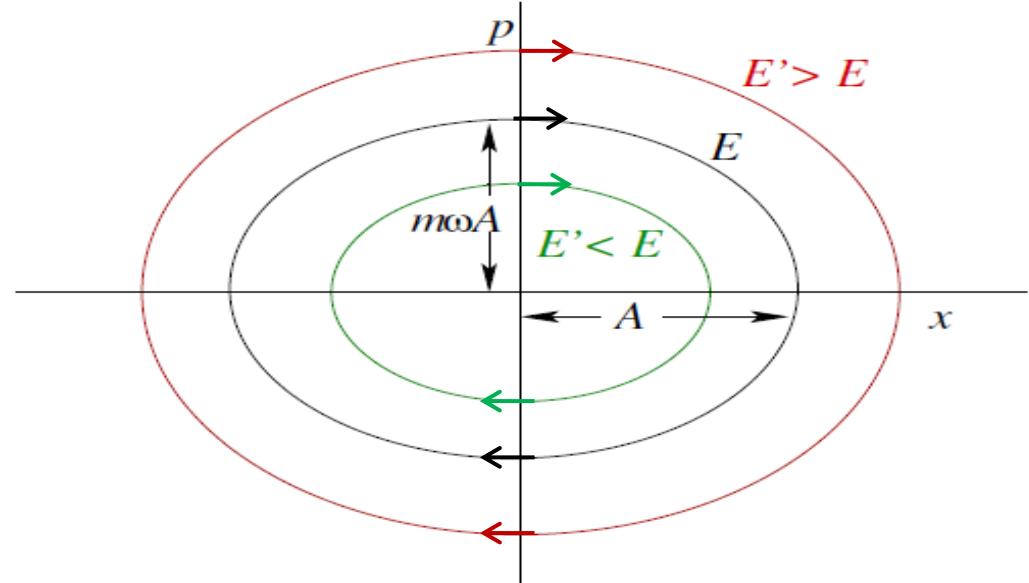
$$PE = U = \frac{1}{2} kx^2$$

$$E = U + KE = \frac{1}{2} kx^2 + \frac{p^2}{2m} = \frac{1}{2} kA^2 = \frac{1}{2} k\tilde{x}\tilde{x}^* = \frac{1}{2} m\omega^2 A^2 = \frac{1}{2} m\tilde{v}\tilde{v}^*$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{A^2} + \frac{p^2}{mkA^2} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{A^2} + \frac{p^2}{m^2\omega^2 A^2} = 1$$

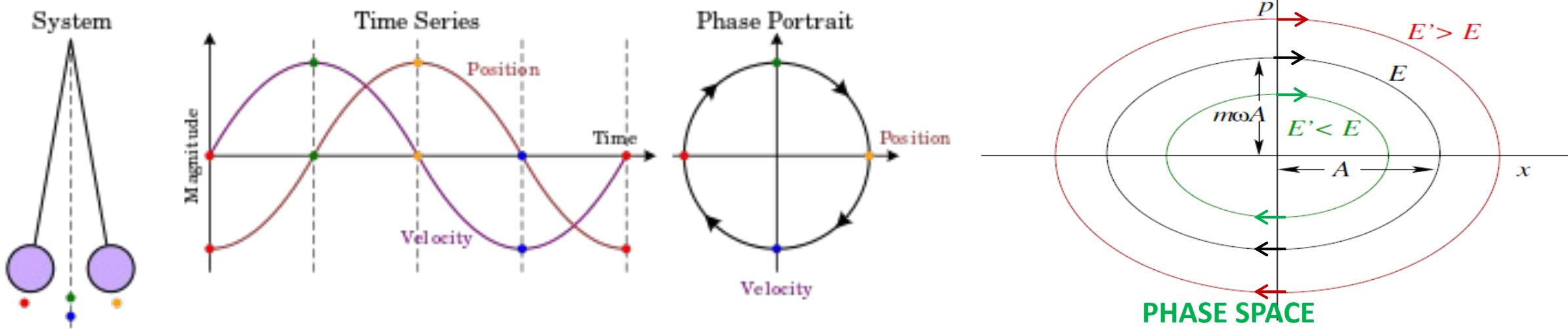
An ellipse!



PHASE SPACE

# SHM: (Energy and) Phase Space

$$\frac{x^2}{A^2} + \frac{p^2}{m^2\omega^2 A^2} = 1$$



# Complex Solution(s) of SH Oscillator Equation: The Mathematics Way

$$\ddot{x} = -\omega^2 x \Rightarrow \ddot{x} + \omega^2 x = 0$$

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**NATURE:** **2<sup>nd</sup> order ordinary homogenous linear** differential equation with constant coefficients, like

$$a_2 \ddot{x} + a_1 \dot{x} + a_0 x = 0$$

**2<sup>nd</sup> order:** because the highest derivative is second order

**ordinary:** because the derivatives are w. r. t. only one variable  $t$

**homogenous:** because  $x$  or its derivative appear in every term

**linear:** because  $x$  or its derivatives appear separately and linearly in each term

$$\ddot{x} + \omega^2 x = 0$$

## Finding the General Solution

Assume that the solution is:  $x = e^{qt}$

Then,  $\dot{x} = q e^{qt}$

$$\ddot{x} = q^2 e^{qt}$$

$$\Rightarrow (q^2 + \omega^2) e^{qt} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow q = \pm i\omega$$

$$\Rightarrow x = c_1 e^{i\omega t} + c_2 e^{-i\omega t}$$

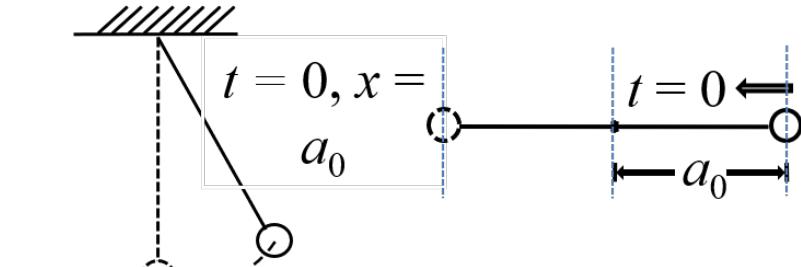
- (the general solution)

- $c_1, c_2 \equiv$  arbitrary constants  
(to be determined by initial  
conditions)

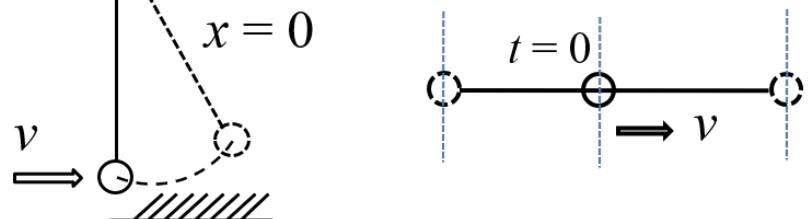
- $\dot{x} = i\omega c_1 e^{i\omega t} - i\omega c_2 e^{-i\omega t}$

Typical initial conditions:

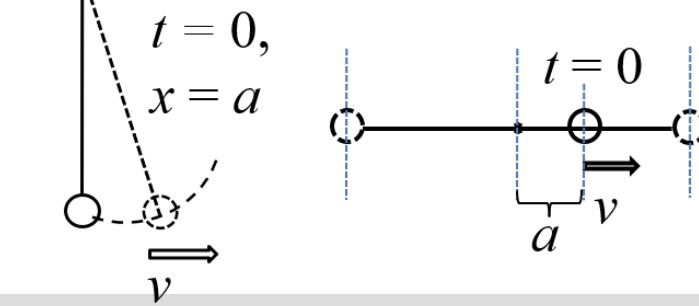
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Impulsed at equilibrium



Hit at intermediate position



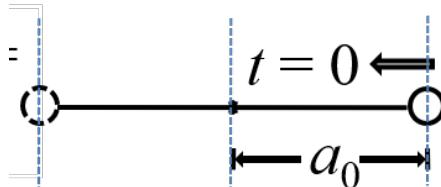
$$\ddot{x} + \omega^2 x = 0$$

## The specific solutions

$$x = c_1 e^{i\omega t} + c_2 e^{-i\omega t}$$

$$\dot{x} = i\omega c_1 e^{i\omega t} - i\omega c_2 e^{-i\omega t}$$

Released from extremity

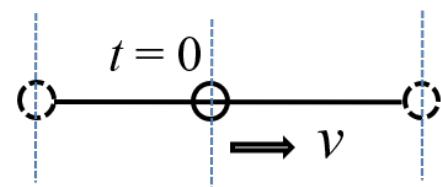


$$x(0) = a_0; \quad \dot{x}(0) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = \frac{1}{2} a_0 (e^{i\omega t} + e^{-i\omega t}) = a_0 \cos \omega t$$

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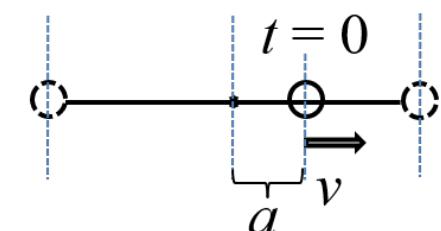
Impulsed at equilibrium



$$x(0) = 0; \quad \dot{x}(0) = v_0$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = \frac{v_0}{\omega} \frac{1}{2i} (e^{i\omega t} - e^{-i\omega t}) = \frac{v_0}{\omega} \sin \omega t$$

Hit at intermediate position



$$x(0) = a; \quad \dot{x}(0) = v$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = a \cos \omega t + \frac{v}{\omega} \sin \omega t = a_0 \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$a_0 = \sqrt{a^2 + \left(\frac{v}{\omega}\right)^2}; \quad \phi = \tan^{-1} \left(-\frac{v}{a\omega}\right)$$

GENERAL

## Q2

A simple harmonic oscillator with its angular frequency of 5 rad/s has a displacement of 1 cm and a velocity of 5 cm/s at the initial time,  $t = 0$ . Find

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- (a) total distance the oscillator moves during one cycle of its motion
- (b) the complex amplitude and
- (c) position of the oscillator at a later time  $t = \pi$  s.

### SOLUTION

$$x(0) = a = 1 \text{ cm}; \quad \dot{x}(0) = v = 5 \text{ rad/s}; \quad \omega = 5 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = a_0 \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$\Rightarrow a_0 = \sqrt{a^2 + \left(\frac{v}{\omega}\right)^2} = \sqrt{2} \text{ cm}; \quad \phi = \tan^{-1}\left(-\frac{v}{a\omega}\right) = -\frac{\pi}{4}$$

- a) Total distance moved in one oscillation =  $4a_0 = 4\sqrt{2} \text{ cm}$

...Q2

$$a_0 = \sqrt{a^2 + \left(\frac{v}{\omega}\right)^2} = \sqrt{2} \text{ cm}; \quad \phi = \tan^{-1}\left(-\frac{v}{\omega}\right) = -\frac{\pi}{4}$$

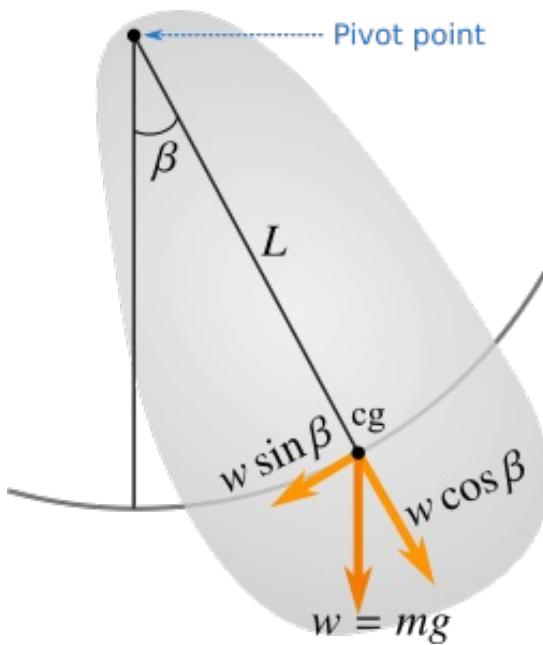
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b) Complex amplitude =  $a_0 e^{i\phi} = \sqrt{2} \text{ cm} \times e^{-i\pi/4}$

c)  $x(\pi \text{ s}) = \sqrt{2} \cos\left(5\pi - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \text{ cm} = 1.37 \text{ cm}$

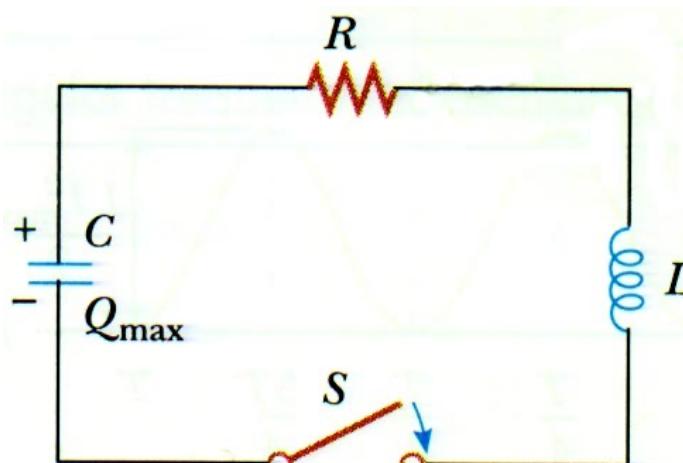
# Oscillations: Few more examples

Physical Pendulum



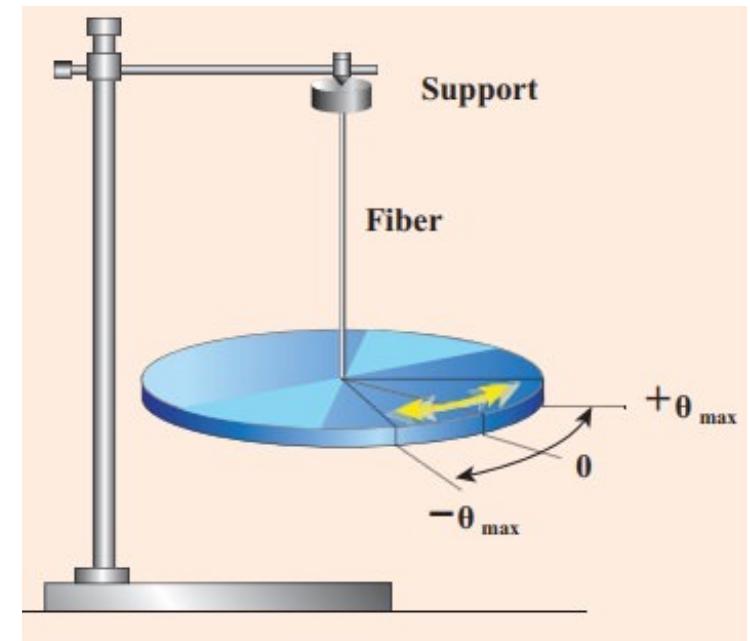
Simple and Physical Pendulums – Physics Key

Electrical Oscillator



EM Oscillations - LCR circuits - Physics 299  
(louisville.edu)

Torsional Pendulum  
(Angular SHM)



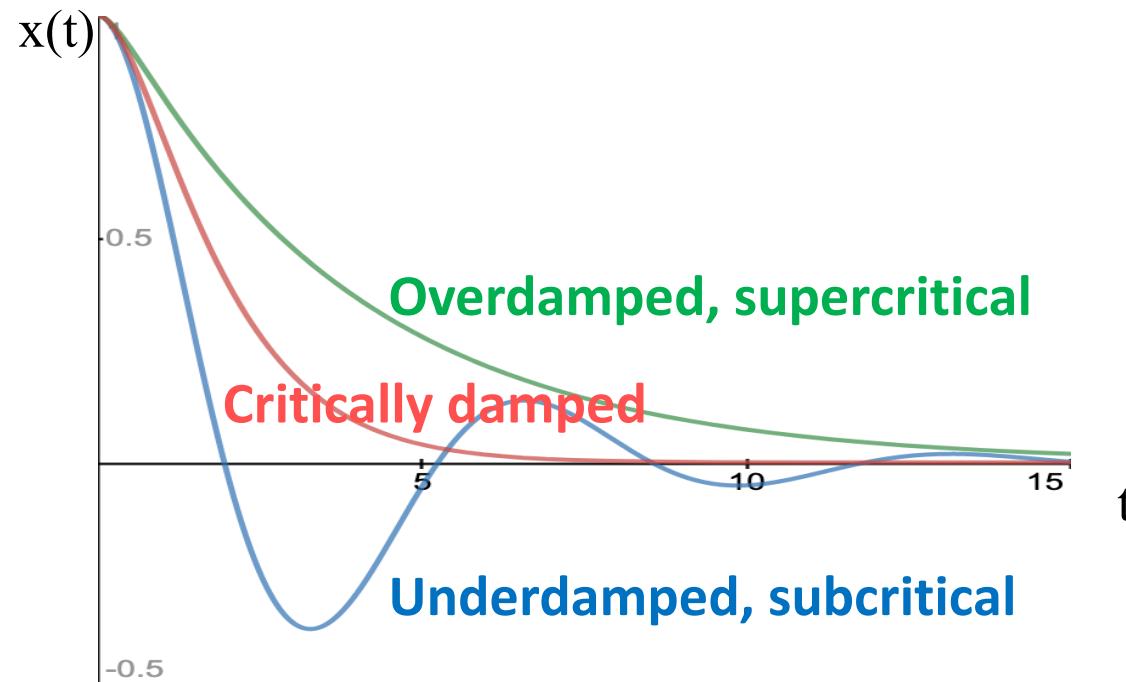
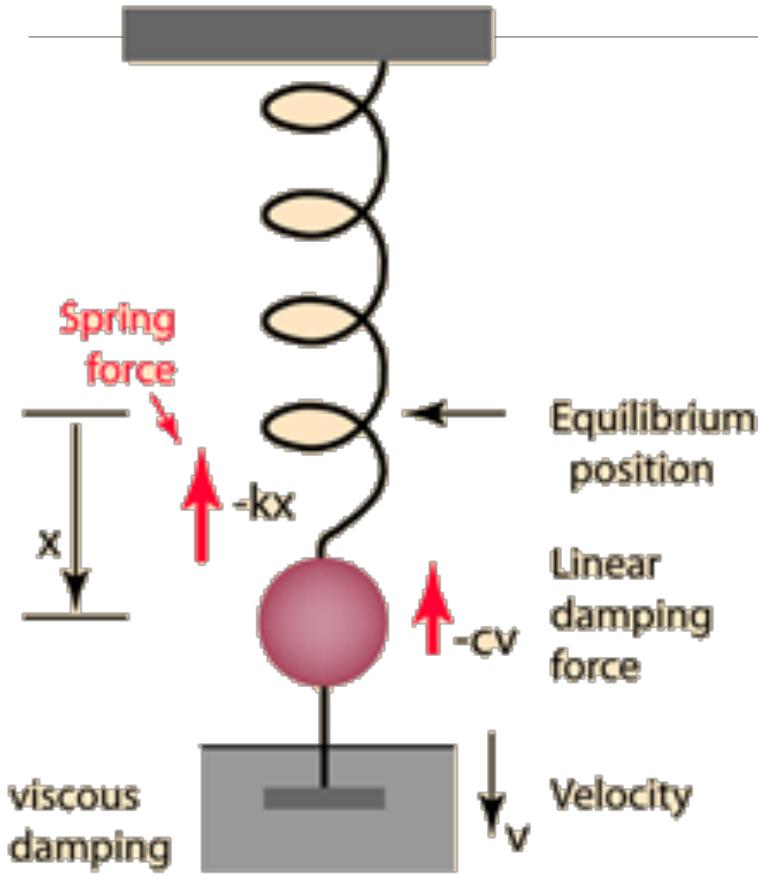
Time period and frequency of angular  
SHM(Simple Harmonic Motion) (brainkart.com)

# OSCILLATIONS

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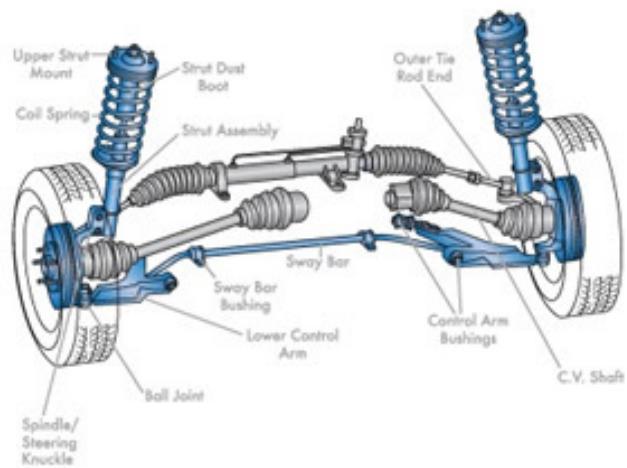
- 1. Simple Harmonic (Free) Oscillations - Just studied
- 2. Damped Oscillations - Some familiarity
- 3. Forced Oscillations - Some familiarity

# DAMPED OSCILLATIONS

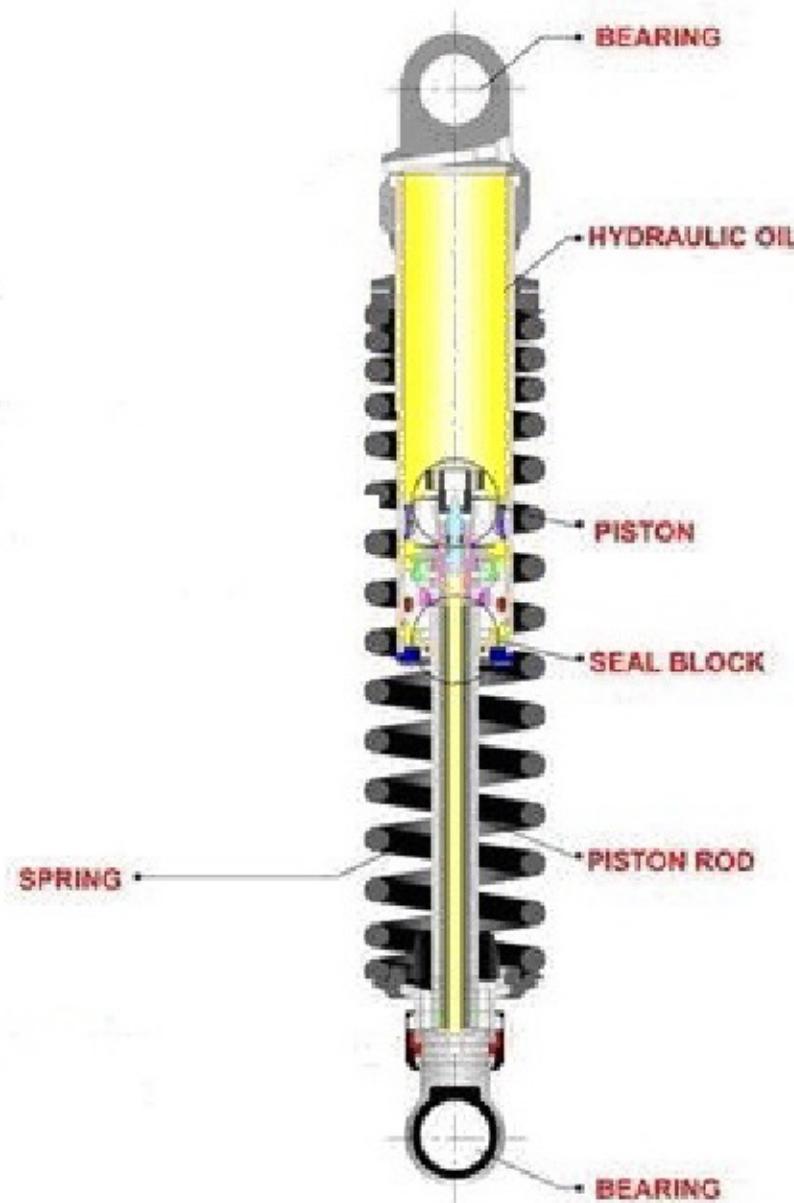


# Examples

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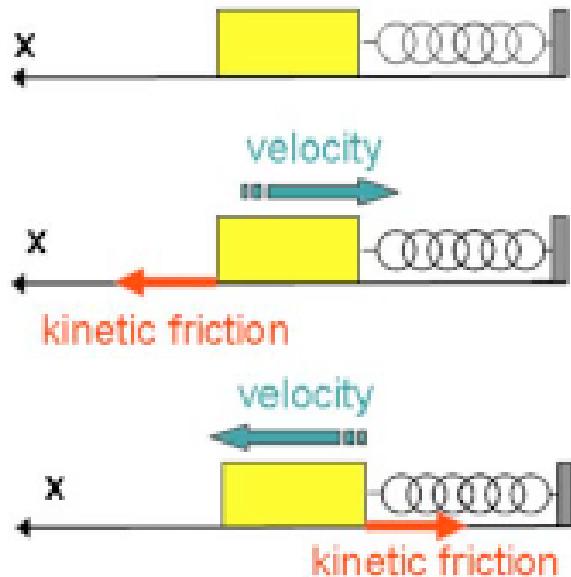
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# Examples

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[Damped oscillations and equilibrium in a mass-spring system subject to sliding friction forces: Integrating experimental and theoretical analyses: American Journal of Physics: Vol 78, No 11 \(scitation.org\)](#)



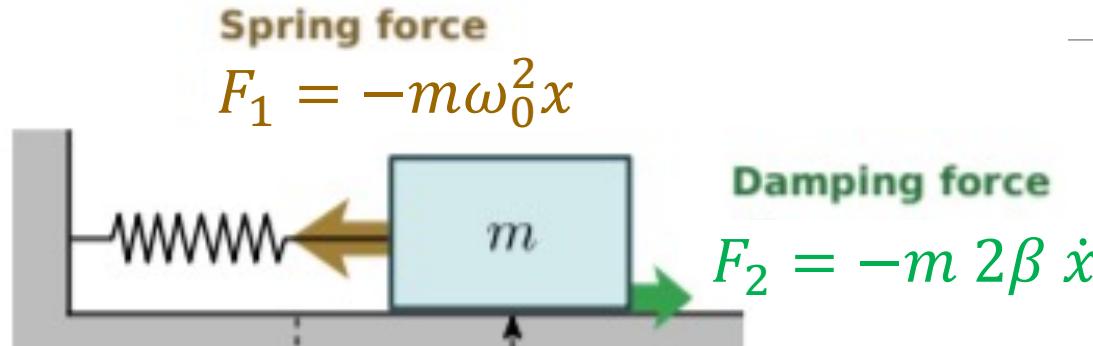
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# Damped Oscillations: The Force Equation and Analysis

5.1: The Damped Harmonic Oscillator - Physics LibreTexts



$$\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

**Force equation:**  $m\ddot{x} = -m\omega_0^2 x - m 2\beta \dot{x}$

$$\Rightarrow \ddot{x} + 2\beta \dot{x} + \omega_0^2 x = 0$$

- A 2<sup>nd</sup> order linear homogenous equation with constant coefficients

**For solution,** take  $x = e^{qt}$

$$\Rightarrow q^2 + 2\beta q + \omega_0^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow q = -\beta \pm \sqrt{\beta^2 - \omega_0^2}$$

Let  $\omega^2 = \omega_0^2 - \beta^2$  Altered frequency

Stiffness term Damping resistance term

$$\Rightarrow q_1 = -\beta + i\omega, \quad \text{and} \quad q_2 = -\beta - i\omega$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = c_1 e^{(-\beta+i\omega)t} + c_2 e^{(-\beta-i\omega)t}$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = (c_1 e^{i\omega t} + c_2 e^{-i\omega t}) e^{-\beta t}$$

Oscillatory? Exponentially decaying

## Damped Oscillations: General solution with initial conditions

$$x(t) = (c_1 e^{i\omega t} + c_2 e^{-i\omega t}) e^{-\beta t}$$

$$\dot{x}(t) = [(-\beta + i\omega)c_1 e^{i\omega t} + (-\beta - i\omega)c_2 e^{-i\omega t}]e^{-\beta t}$$

Then, at  $t = 0$ ,

$$c_1 + c_2 = x(0) \quad \text{and}$$

$$[(-\beta + i\omega)c_1 + (-\beta - i\omega)c_2] = \dot{x}(0)$$

Solving for  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  gives

$$c_1 = \frac{\dot{x}(0) + (\beta + i\omega)x(0)}{2i\omega} \quad \text{and}$$

$$c_2 = \frac{-\dot{x}(0) - (\beta - i\omega)x(0)}{2i\omega}$$

## Damped Oscillations: General solution contd...

$$x(t) = (c_1 e^{i\omega t} + c_2 e^{-i\omega t}) e^{-\beta t}$$

$$\omega^2 = \omega_0^2 - \beta^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = \left( \frac{\dot{x}(0) + (\beta + i\omega) x(0)}{2i\omega} e^{i\omega t} + \frac{-\dot{x}(0) - (\beta - i\omega) x(0)}{2i\omega} e^{-i\omega t} \right) e^{-\beta t}$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = \left( \left\{ \frac{x(0)}{2} - i \frac{\dot{x}(0) + \beta x(0)}{2\omega} \right\} e^{i\omega t} + \left\{ \frac{x(0)}{2} + i \frac{\dot{x}(0) + \beta x(0)}{2\omega} \right\} e^{-i\omega t} \right) e^{-\beta t}$$

$$\frac{\tilde{A}}{2} = \frac{a_0}{2} e^{i\alpha}$$

$$\frac{\tilde{A}^*}{2} = \frac{a_0}{2} e^{-i\alpha}$$

considering  $\omega$  to be real

$$a_0 = \sqrt{\{x(0)\}^2 + \left\{ \frac{\dot{x}(0) + \beta x(0)}{\omega} \right\}^2} ; \quad \alpha = \tan^{-1} \left\{ - \frac{\dot{x}(0) + \beta x(0)}{\omega x(0)} \right\}$$

## Damped Oscillations: General solution contd...

$$x(t) = (c_1 e^{i\omega t} + c_2 e^{-i\omega t}) e^{-\beta t}$$

$$\omega^2 = \omega_0^2 - \beta^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = \left( \frac{a_0}{2} e^{i\alpha} e^{i\omega t} + \frac{a_0}{2} e^{-i\alpha} e^{-i\omega t} \right) e^{-\beta t}$$

$$= \frac{a_0}{2} \{ e^{i(\alpha+\omega t)} + e^{-i(\alpha+\omega t)} \} e^{-\beta t}$$

$$= \frac{a_0}{2} \{ \cos(\omega t + \alpha) + i \sin(\omega t + \alpha) + \cos(\omega t + \alpha) - i \sin(\omega t + \alpha) \} e^{-\beta t}$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = a_0 \cos(\omega t + \alpha) e^{-\beta t}$$

$\omega \equiv \text{Real} \Rightarrow \omega_0 > \beta$   
 $\Rightarrow \text{Small damping}$   
 $\Rightarrow \text{Underdamped oscillations}$

$$a_0 = \sqrt{\{x(0)\}^2 + \left\{ \frac{\dot{x}(0) + \beta x(0)}{\omega} \right\}^2}$$

$$\alpha = \tan^{-1} \left\{ - \frac{\dot{x}(0) + \beta x(0)}{\omega x(0)} \right\}$$

# Underdamped Oscillations

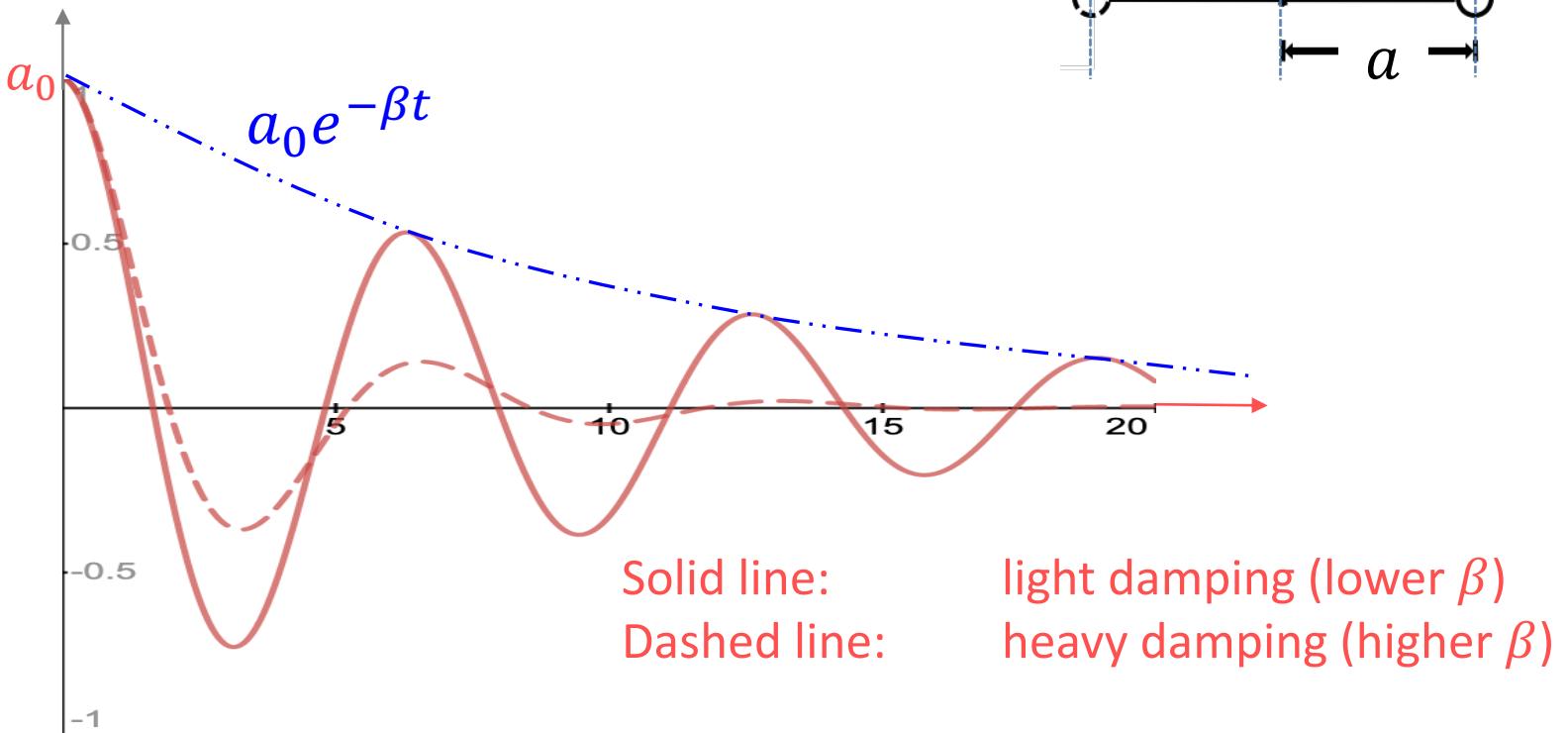
$$(\omega_0 > \beta) \Rightarrow x(t) = a_0 \cos(\omega t + \alpha) e^{-\beta t}$$

(a) The mass is pulled to one side and released from rest at  $t = 0$

$$x(0) = a; \quad \dot{x}(0) = 0$$

$$a_0 = \sqrt{a^2 + \left\{ \frac{\beta}{\omega} a \right\}^2}$$

$$\alpha = \tan^{-1} \left\{ -\frac{\beta}{\omega} \right\}$$



# Underdamped Oscillations

$$(\omega_0 > \beta) \Rightarrow x(t) \equiv a_0 \cos(\omega t + \alpha) e^{-\beta t}$$

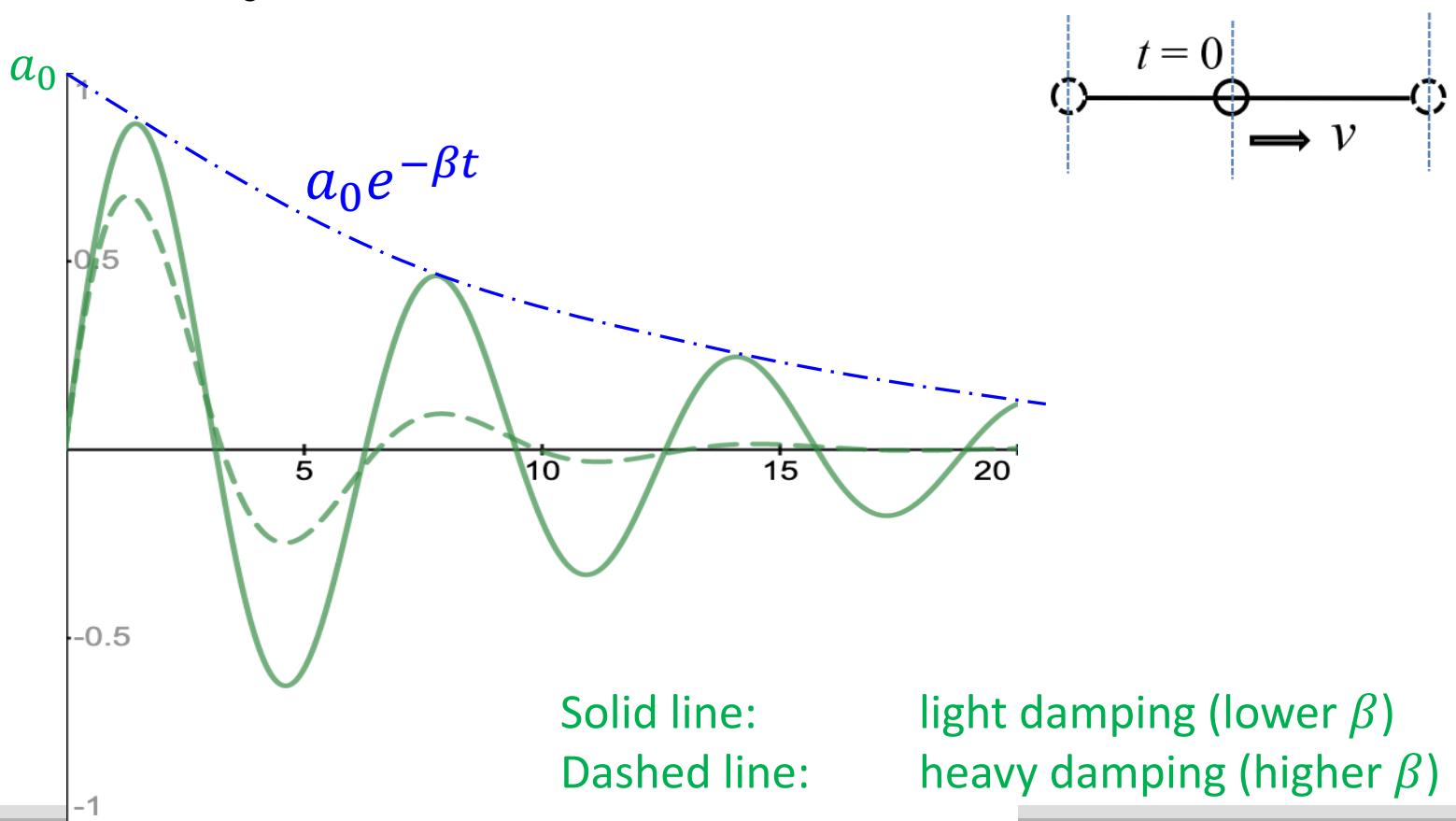
(b) The mass is hit and is given a speed  $v_0$  at its equilibrium position at  $t = 0$

$$x(0) = 0; \quad \dot{x}(0) = v_0$$

$$a_0 = \frac{v_0}{\omega}$$

$$\alpha = \tan^{-1}\{-\infty\} \Rightarrow \alpha = -\frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = a_0 \sin(\omega t) e^{-\beta t}$$



## Damped Oscillations: Different cases

### Case 2: Dominant damping (Overdamping) ( $\omega_0 < \beta$ )

Look back:

$$\ddot{x} + 2\beta\dot{x} + \omega_0^2 x = 0$$

$$x = e^{qt}$$

$$\Rightarrow q^2 + 2\beta q + \omega_0^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow q = -\beta \pm \sqrt{\beta^2 - \omega_0^2}$$

$$\text{Let } \Omega^2 = \beta^2 - \omega_0^2$$

$$\Rightarrow q = -\beta \pm \Omega$$



$$x(t) = (c_1 e^{\Omega t} + c_2 e^{-\Omega t}) e^{-\beta t}$$

No oscillations, only decay

# Overdamped Oscillations

$$x(t) = (c_1 e^{\Omega t} + c_2 e^{-\Omega t}) e^{-\beta t}$$

$$\Omega^2 = \beta^2 - \omega_0^2$$

- (a) The mass is pulled to one side and released from rest at  $t = 0$

$$x(0) = a; \quad \dot{x}(0) = 0$$

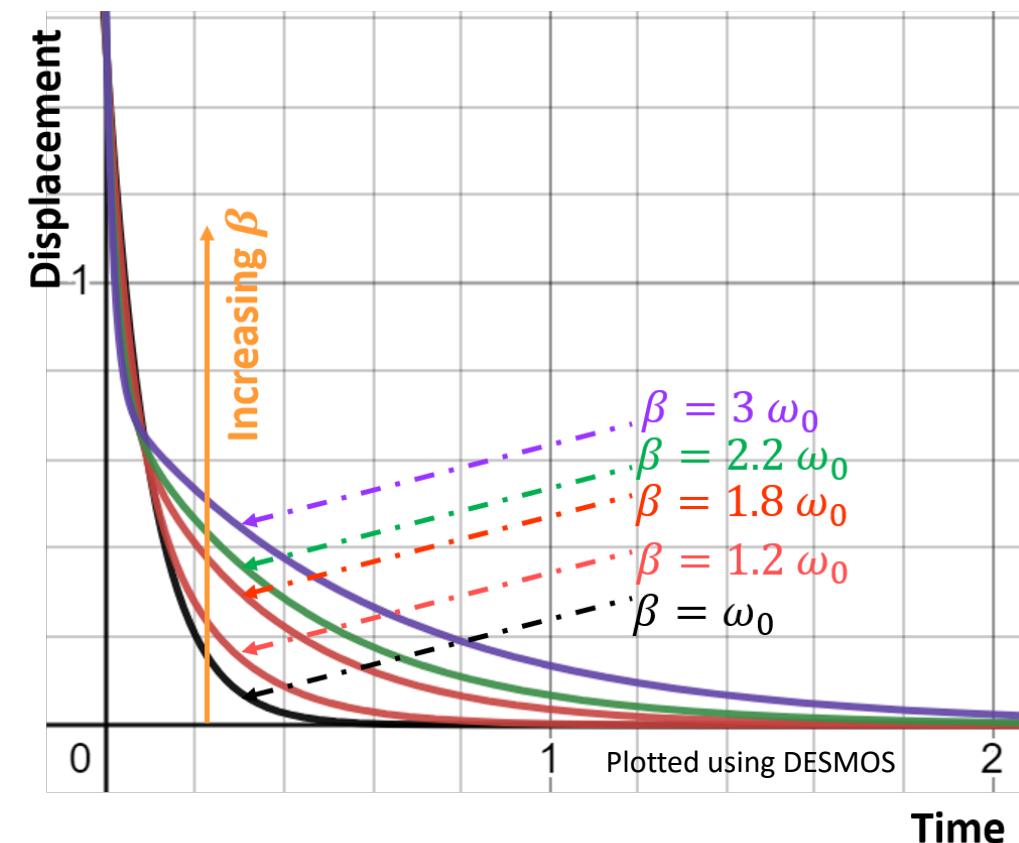
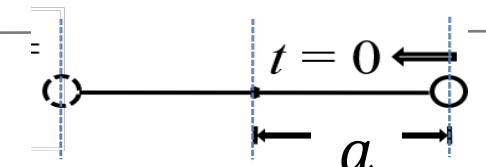
$$\Rightarrow c_1 + c_2 = a \text{ and } c_1 - c_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = c_2 = \frac{a}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = a \left( \frac{e^{\Omega t} + e^{-\Omega t}}{2} \right) e^{-\beta t}$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = a \cosh \Omega t e^{-\beta t}$$

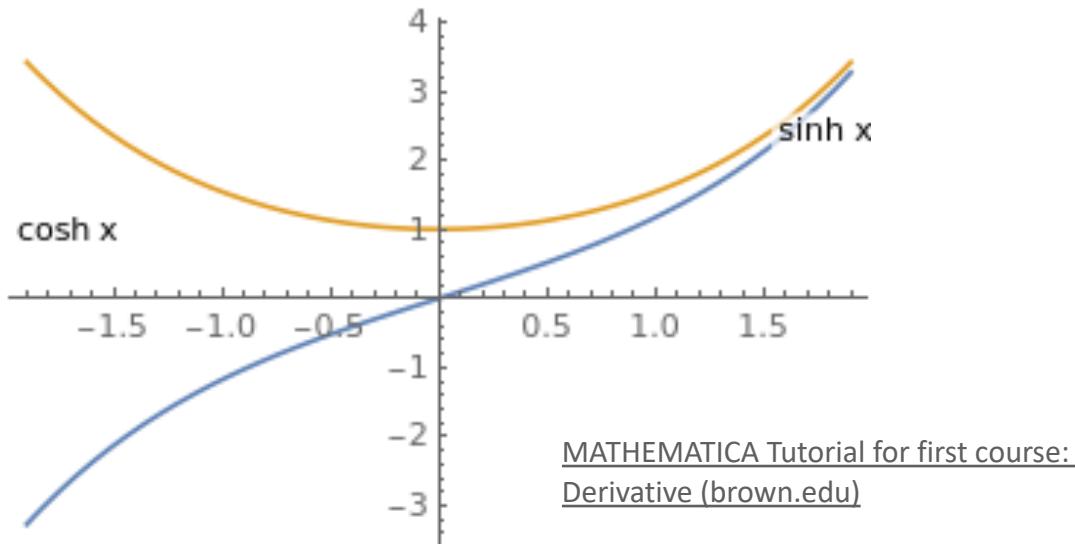
$$\Rightarrow x(t) = a \cosh \left\{ \left( \sqrt{\beta^2 - \omega_0^2} \right) t \right\} e^{-\beta t}$$



# Overdamped Oscillations

MODIFIED SLIDE  
(Informatory)

$$x(t) = a \cosh \Omega t e^{-\beta t}$$



[hyperbolicfunctions.dvi \(mathcentre.ac.uk\)](#)

$$\cosh x = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cosh(ix) = \cos x$$

$$\sinh x = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sinh(ix) = i \sin x$$

$$\cosh^2 x - \sinh^2 x = 1$$

$$\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x = 1$$

[MATHEMATICA Tutorial for first course:  
Derivative \(brown.edu\)](#)

$$\cosh(x + y) = \cosh x \cosh y + \sinh x \sinh y$$

$$\cos(x + y) = \cos x \cos y - \sin x \sin y$$

$$A \cosh x + B \sinh x = R \cosh(x + \delta)$$

$$R = \sqrt{B^2 - A^2}$$

$$\tanh \delta = \frac{B}{A}$$

Prove yourself.

Take help from:

[mc-TY-rcostheta-alpha-2009-1.dvi \(mathcentre.ac.uk\)](#)  
[hyperbolicfunctions.dvi \(mathcentre.ac.uk\)](#)

# Overdamped Oscillations

$$x(t) = (c_1 e^{\Omega t} + c_2 e^{-\Omega t}) e^{-\beta t}$$

$$\Omega^2 = \beta^2 - \omega_0^2$$

(a) Impulsed at equilibrium

$$x(0) = 0; \quad \dot{x}(0) = v_0$$

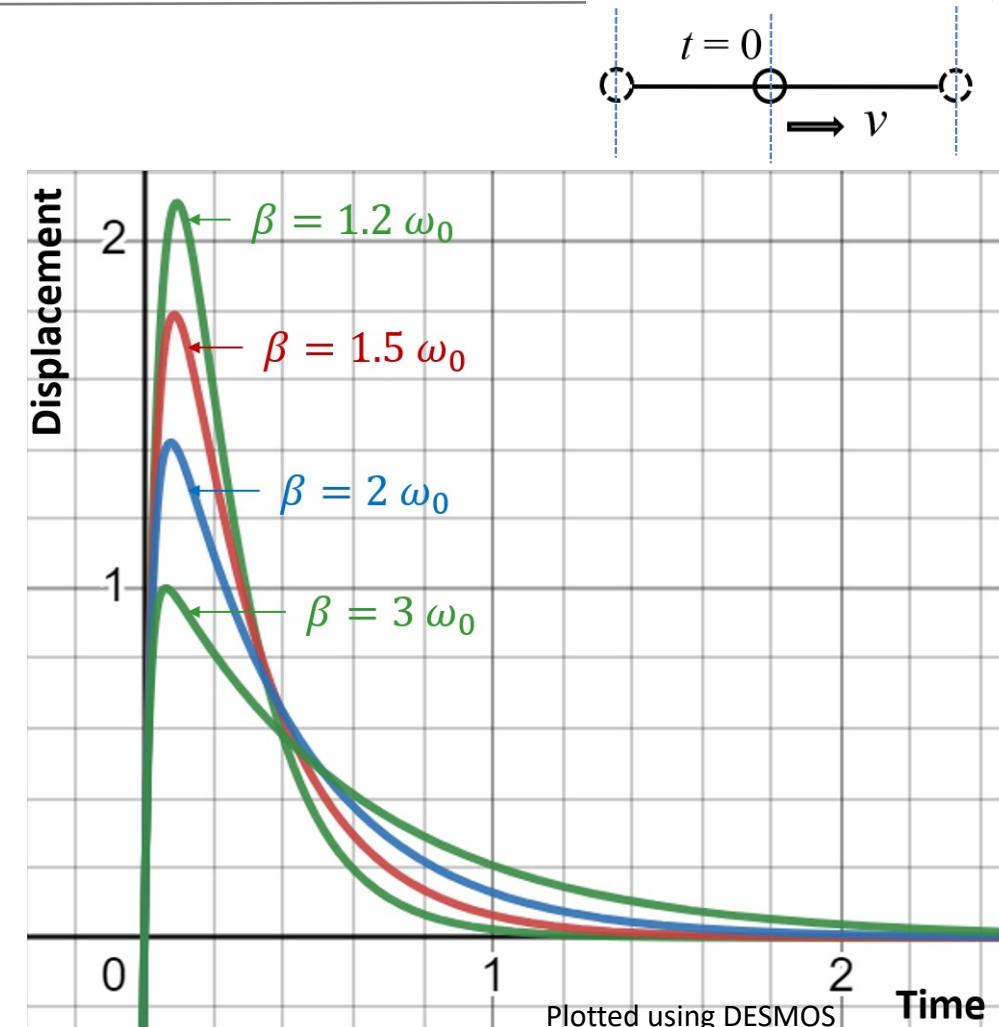
$$\Rightarrow c_1 + c_2 = 0 \text{ and } \Omega(c_1 - c_2) = v_0$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = -c_2 = \frac{v_0}{2\Omega}$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = \frac{v_0}{\Omega} \left( \frac{e^{\Omega t} - e^{-\Omega t}}{2} \right) e^{-\beta t}$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = \frac{v_0}{\Omega} \sinh \Omega t e^{-\beta t}$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = \frac{v_0}{\sqrt{\beta^2 - \omega_0^2}} \sinh \left\{ \left( \sqrt{\beta^2 - \omega_0^2} \right) t \right\} e^{-\beta t}$$



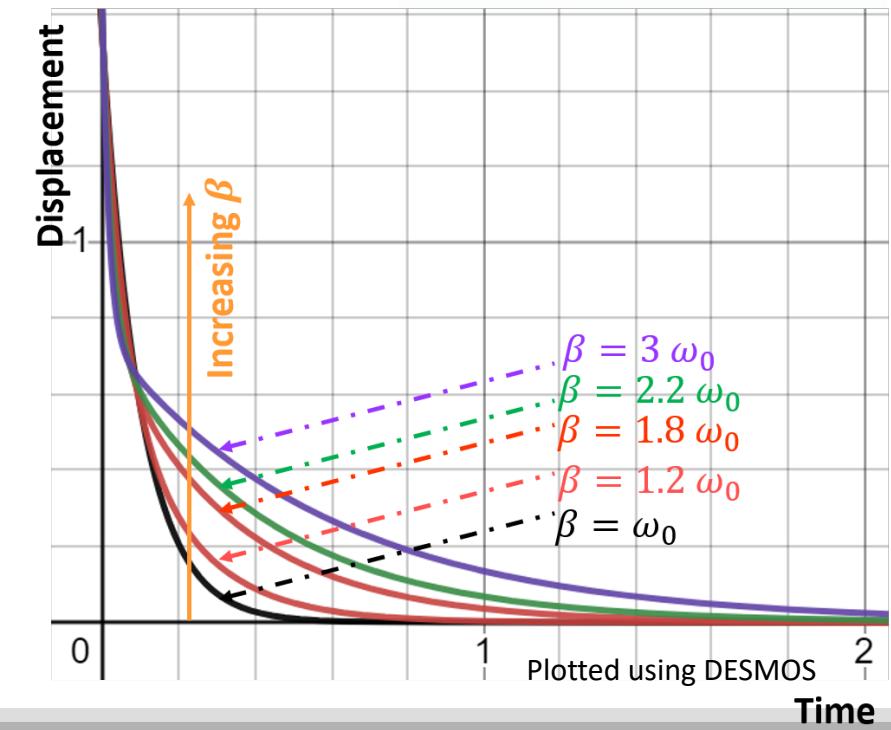
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# Overdamped Oscillators: Examples

- Push-button water faucet shut-off valves



- Door closer



## Damped Oscillations: Different cases

**Case 3: Equal stiffness and damping (Critical Damping)** ( $\omega_0 \approx \beta \Rightarrow \omega \rightarrow 0$ )

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Consider the general solution

$$\begin{aligned}x(t) &= \left( \left\{ \frac{x(0)}{2} - i \frac{\dot{x}(0) + \beta x(0)}{2\omega} \right\} e^{i\omega t} + \left\{ \frac{x(0)}{2} + i \frac{\dot{x}(0) + \beta x(0)}{2\omega} \right\} e^{-i\omega t} \right) e^{-\beta t} \\&= \left\{ x(0) \frac{e^{i\omega t} + e^{-i\omega t}}{2} + \frac{\dot{x}(0) + \beta x(0)}{\omega} \cdot \frac{e^{i\omega t} - e^{-i\omega t}}{2i} \right\} e^{-\beta t} \\&= \left[ x(0) \cos \omega t + \{ \dot{x}(0) + \beta x(0) \} \frac{\sin \omega t}{\omega t} t \right] e^{-\beta t} \\&= [x(0) + \{ \dot{x}(0) + \beta x(0) \} t] e^{-\beta t} \quad , \text{ for } \omega \rightarrow 0\end{aligned}$$

# Critically Damped Oscillations

$$\omega_0 \approx \beta \Rightarrow \omega \rightarrow 0$$

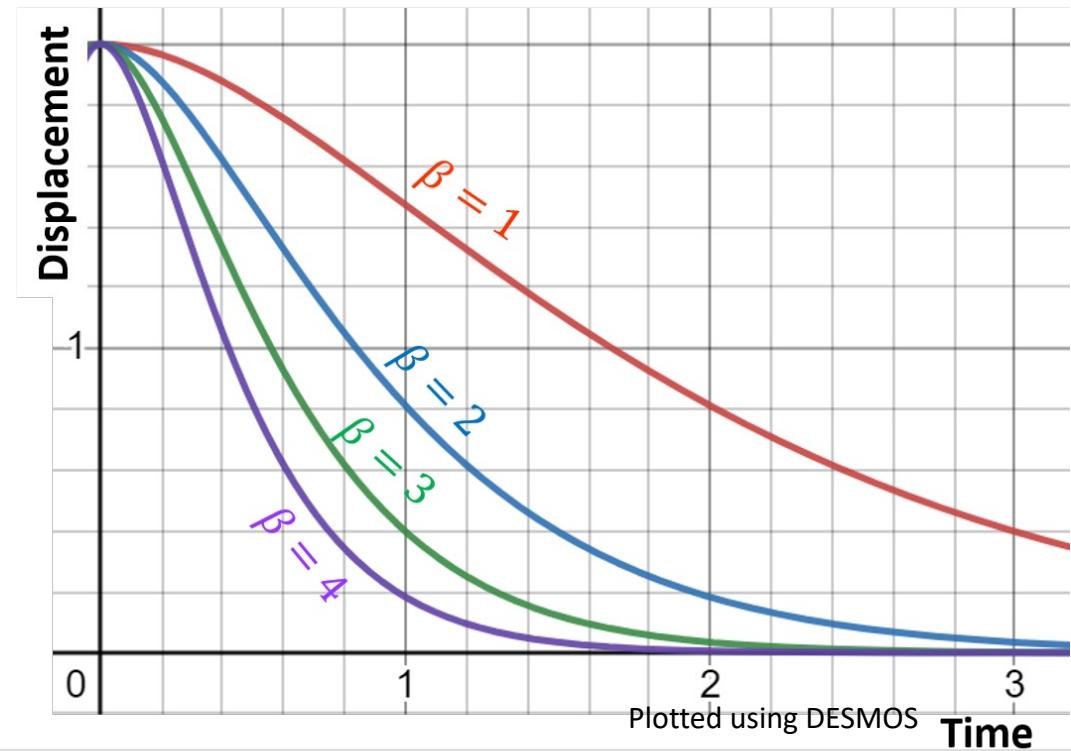
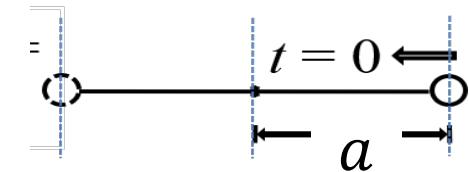
$$x(t) = [x(0) + \{\dot{x}(0) + \beta x(0)\}t] e^{-\beta t}$$

(a) The mass is pulled to one side and released from rest at  $t = 0$

$$x(0) = a; \quad \dot{x}(0) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = a(1 + \beta t)e^{-\beta t}$$

- a product of a linearly increasing term and an exponentially decreasing term
- The linear term dominates initially and is taken over later by the exponential decay term.



# Critically Damped Oscillations

$$\omega_0 \approx \beta \Rightarrow \omega \rightarrow 0$$

$$x(t) = [x(0) + \{\dot{x}(0) + \beta x(0)\}t] e^{-\beta t}$$

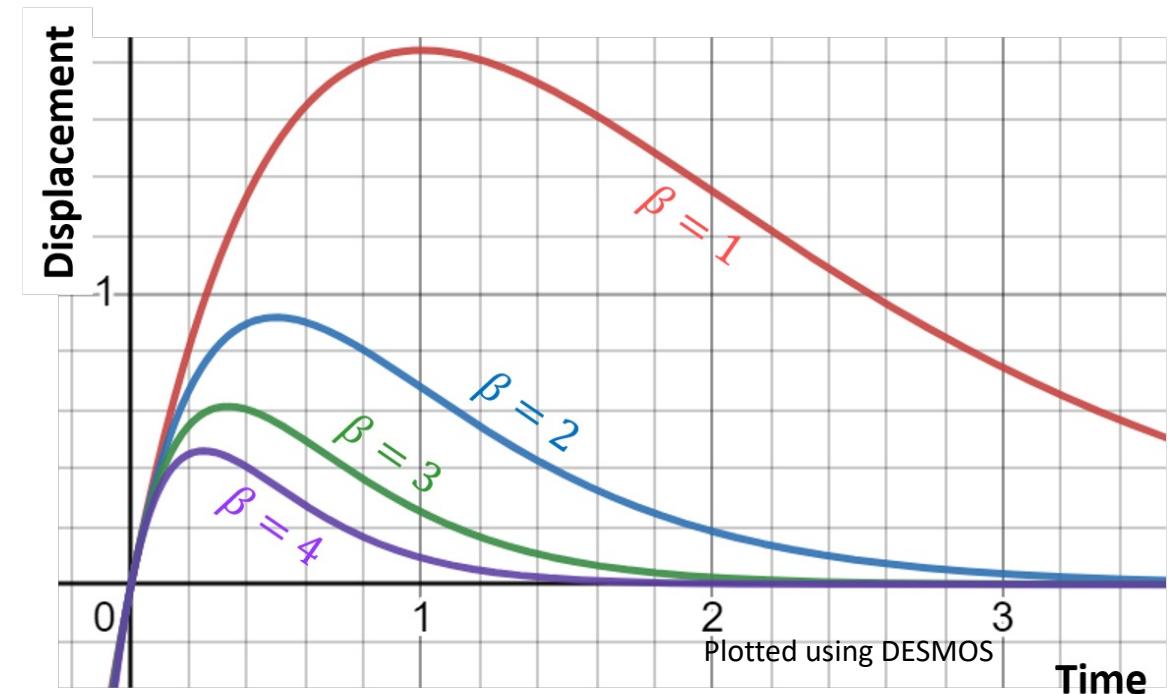
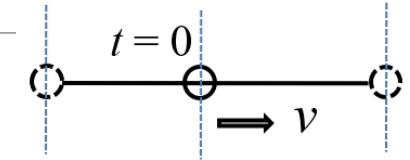
(b) Impulsed at equilibrium

$$x(0) = 0$$

$$\dot{x}(0) = v_0$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = v_0 t e^{-\beta t}$$

- a product of a linearly increasing term and an exponentially decreasing term
- The linear term dominates initially and is taken over later by the exponential decay term.



# Critically Damped Oscillators: Examples

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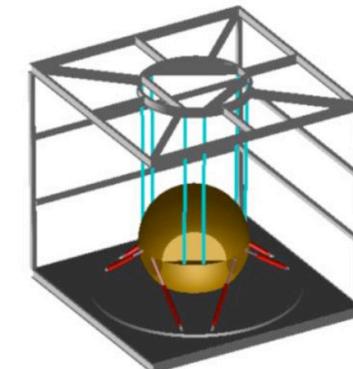
➤ Shock absorbers



➤ Wire bridges

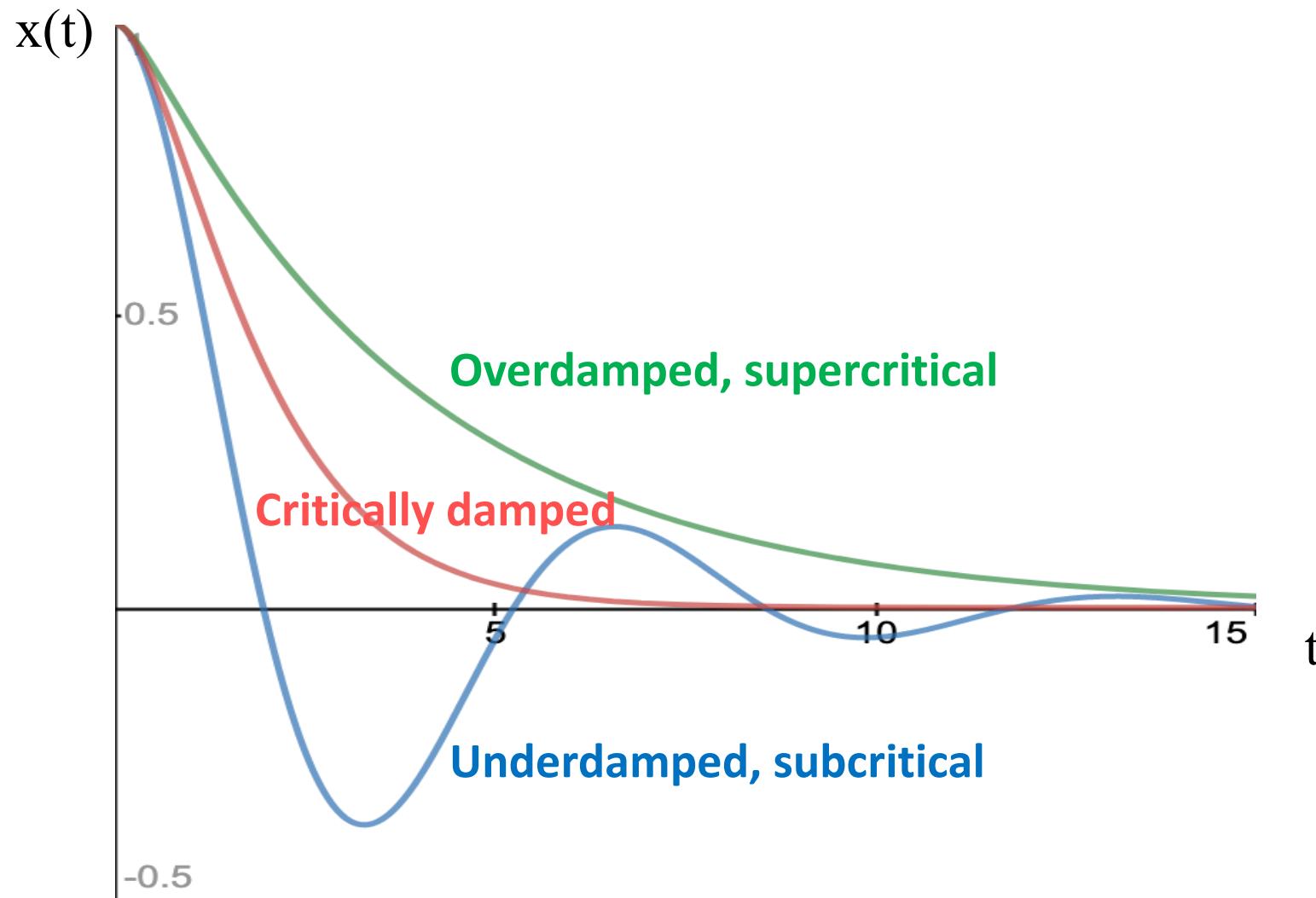


➤ Speedometer



➤ Skyscraper buildings

# Damped Oscillations: Summary



# Damped Oscillations: Further considerations

Energy in Underdamping

$$x(t) = a_0 \cos(\omega t + \alpha) e^{-\beta t}$$

$$U = \frac{1}{2} k x^2(t) = \frac{1}{2} m \omega_0^2 a_0^2 \cdot e^{-2\beta t} \cdot \cos^2(\omega t + \alpha) = \frac{1}{2} m \omega_0^2 a_0^2 \cdot e^{-2\beta t} \cdot \left[ \frac{1 + \cos\{2(\omega t + \alpha)\}}{2} \right]$$

Exponential decay  
in amplitude with  
decay constant  $-2\beta$

Oscillations with  
frequency  $2\omega$

$$\langle U \rangle = \frac{1}{2} m \omega_0^2 a_0^2 \cdot e^{-2\beta t} \left\langle \frac{1 + \cos\{2(\omega t + \alpha)\}}{2} \right\rangle = \frac{1}{4} m \omega_0^2 a_0^2 \cdot e^{-2\beta t}$$

DIY for SHM

# Damped Oscillations: Further considerations

Energy in Underdamping

$$x(t) = a_0 \cos(\omega t + \alpha) e^{-\beta t}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}(t) &= -a_0 e^{-\beta t} [\beta \cos(\omega t + \alpha) + \omega \sin(\omega t + \alpha)] \\ &= a_0 e^{-\beta t} \kappa \cos(\omega t + \alpha - \epsilon) \quad \kappa = \sqrt{\omega^2 + \beta^2} = \omega_0; \tan \epsilon = -\omega/\beta \\ &= a_0 \omega_0 e^{-\beta t} \cos(\omega t + \alpha - \epsilon)\end{aligned}$$

$$KE = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}^2(t) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} m \omega_0^2 a_0^2}_{\text{constant}} \cdot e^{-2\beta t} \cdot \left[ \underbrace{\frac{1 + \cos\{2(\omega t + \alpha - \epsilon)\}}{2}}_{\text{oscillating term}} \right]$$

$$\langle KE \rangle = \frac{1}{2} m \omega_0^2 a_0^2 \cdot e^{-2\beta t} \left\langle \frac{1 + \cos\{2(\omega t + \alpha - \epsilon)\}}{2} \right\rangle = \frac{1}{4} m \omega_0^2 a_0^2 \cdot e^{-2\beta t} = \langle U \rangle$$

# Damped Oscillations: Further considerations

Energy in Underdamping

$$x(t) = a_0 \cos(\omega t + \alpha) e^{-\beta t}$$

$$U = \frac{1}{2} m \omega_0^2 a_0^2 \cdot e^{-2\beta t} \cdot \left[ \frac{1 + \cos\{2(\omega t + \alpha)\}}{2} \right]$$

$$KE = \frac{1}{2} k \dot{x}^2(t) = \frac{1}{2} m \omega_0^2 a_0^2 \cdot e^{-2\beta t} \cdot \left[ \frac{1 + \cos\{2(\omega t + \alpha - \epsilon)\}}{2} \right];$$

$$\epsilon = \tan^{-1} \left( -\frac{\omega}{\beta} \right) = \tan^{-1} \left( -\frac{\sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \beta^2}}{\beta} \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m \omega_0^2 a_0^2 = E_0$$

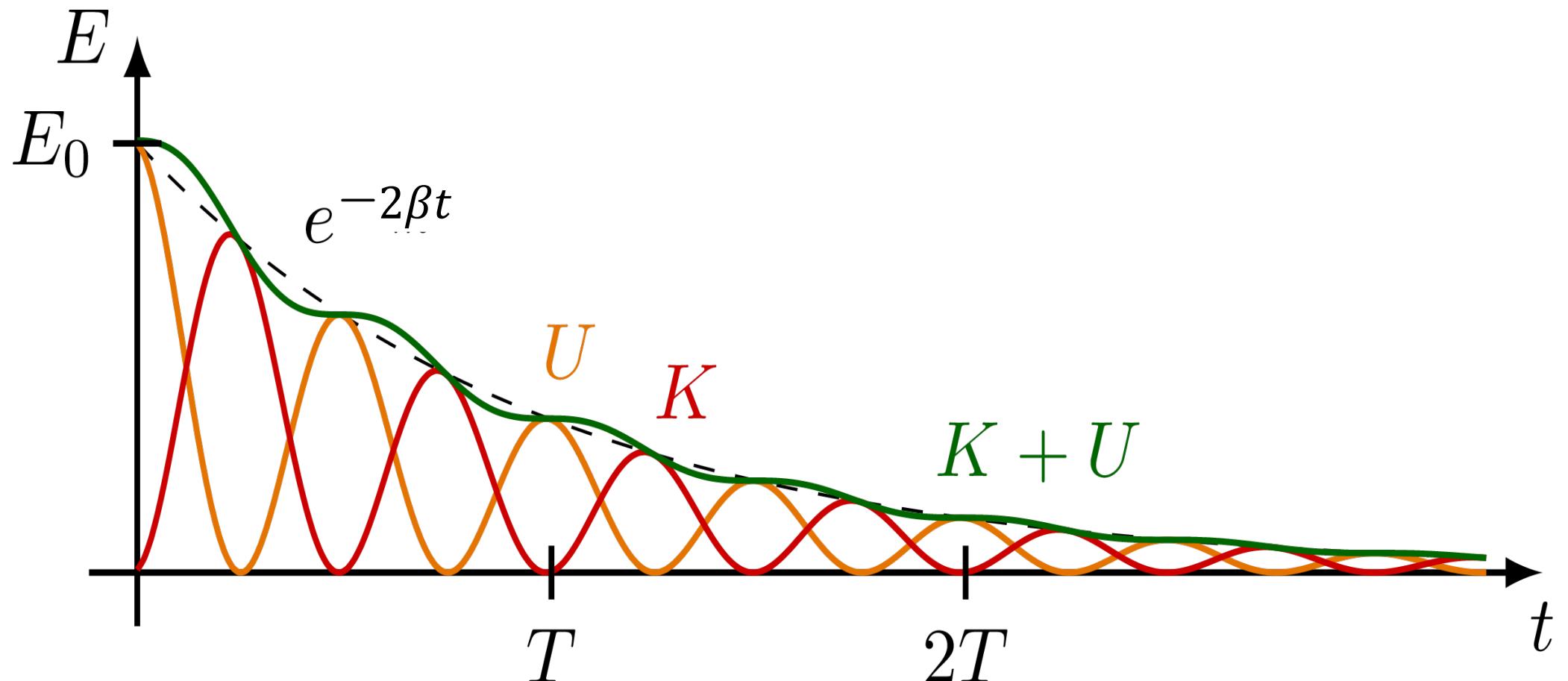
$$\Rightarrow E = U + KE = \frac{1}{2} m \omega_0^2 a_0^2 \cdot e^{-2\beta t} [\underbrace{\cos\{2(\omega t + \alpha)\}}_{\text{Initial Energy}} + \underbrace{\cos\{2(\omega t + \alpha - \epsilon)\}}_{\text{Energy Loss}}]$$

$$\langle E \rangle = \langle U \rangle + \langle KE \rangle = \frac{1}{2} m \omega_0^2 a_0^2 \cdot e^{-2\beta t} = E_0 e^{-2\beta t}$$

# Damped Oscillations: Further considerations

Energy in Underdamping

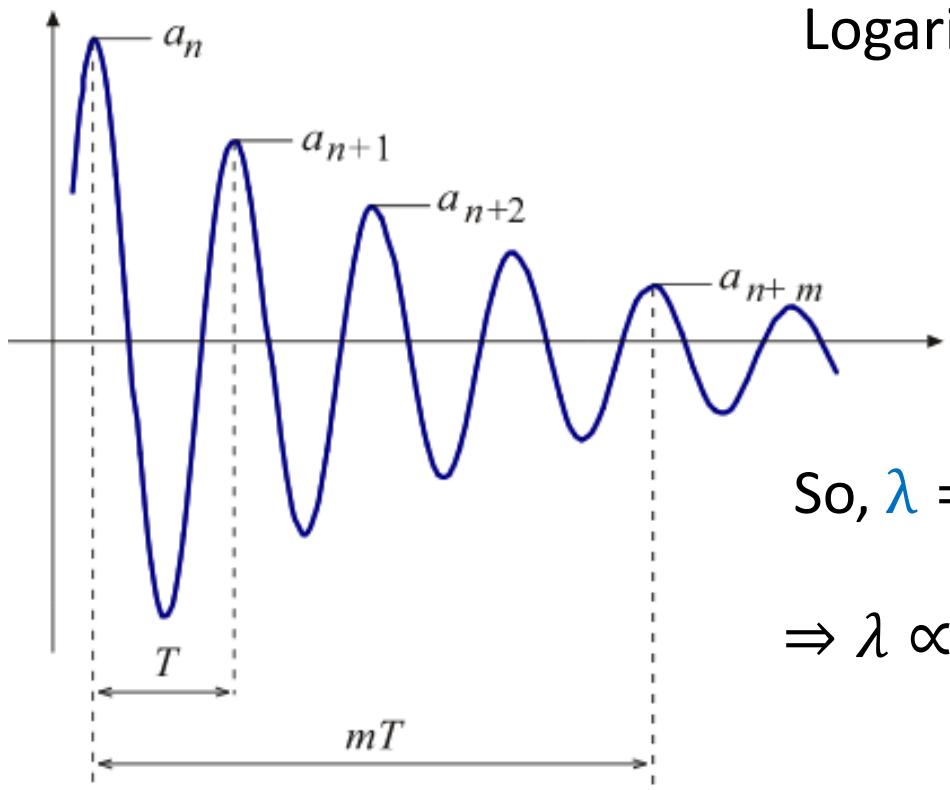
$$x(t) = a_0 \cos(\omega t + \alpha) e^{-\beta t}$$



# Damped Oscillations: Further considerations

Logarithmic decrement (Underdamping)

$$x(t) = a_0 \cos(\omega t + \alpha) e^{-\beta t}$$



$$\text{Logarithmic decrement } \lambda \equiv \ln \left( \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} \right) = \frac{1}{m} \ln \left( \frac{a_n}{a_{n+m}} \right)$$

If  $a_n = a_0 e^{-\beta t}$ , then  $a_{n+1} = a_0 e^{-\beta(t+T)}$  and

$$a_{n+m} = a_0 e^{-\beta(t+mT)}$$

$$\text{So, } \lambda = \ln \left( \frac{a_0 e^{-\beta t}}{a_0 e^{-\beta(t+T)}} \right) = \frac{1}{m} \ln \left( \frac{a_0 e^{-\beta t}}{a_0 e^{-\beta(t+mT)}} \right) = \beta T$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda \propto \beta$$

- A measure of how fast the amplitude decreases.

$$\text{Further, } \lambda = \beta T = \frac{2\pi\beta}{2\pi/T} = \frac{2\pi\beta}{\omega}$$

# Damped Oscillations: Further considerations

Quality Factor (Underdamping)

$$\langle E(t) \rangle = E_0 e^{-2\beta t}$$

Decay time  $\tau$  = The time in which the total energy decays by  $1/e$  =  $\frac{1}{2\beta}$

- The quality factor Q defined as

$$Q \equiv 2\pi \frac{\tau}{T} = \omega \tau = \frac{\omega}{2\beta} = \frac{\pi}{\lambda}$$

is a convenient measure of how much longer the decay time is compared to the period. It is a measure of how many oscillations take place during the time the energy decays by the factor of  $1/e$ .

- Informally, the quality factor **represents the number of cycles completed by the oscillator before it "rings down" or "runs out of energy".**
- Lightly damped oscillations are referred to as high Q, and heavier damped oscillations, as low Q.

## Damped Oscillations: Further considerations

### Quality Factor (Underdamping)

$$Q \equiv \frac{\omega}{2\beta}$$

In terms of energy (for high Q or low  $\beta$ ),

$$Q = 2\pi \frac{\langle E(t) \rangle}{\langle E(t) \rangle - \langle E(t+T) \rangle} \equiv 2\pi \frac{\langle E(t) \rangle}{\Delta \langle E(t) \rangle} = 2\pi \frac{\text{Average energy stored}}{\text{Energy lost per cycle}}$$

$$\langle E(t) \rangle = E_0 e^{-2\beta t}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \Delta E(t) \rangle &= E_0 e^{-2\beta t} - E_0 e^{-2\beta(t+T)} = E_0 e^{-2\beta t} [1 - e^{-2\beta T}] \approx E_0 e^{-2\beta t} [1 - \{1 - 2\beta T + \dots\}] \\ &= 2\beta T E_0 e^{-2\beta t}\end{aligned}$$

For small  $\beta$

$$\Rightarrow 2\pi \frac{\langle E(t) \rangle}{\Delta \langle E(t) \rangle} = \frac{2\pi}{T} \cdot \frac{1}{2\beta} = \frac{\omega}{2\beta} = Q$$

## Damped Oscillations: Further considerations

### Quality Factor (Underdamping)

$$Q \equiv \frac{\omega}{2\beta}$$

In terms of displacement (for high Q or low  $\beta$ ),

$$Q = \pi \frac{x(t)}{x(t) - x(t + T)} \equiv \pi \frac{x(t)}{\Delta x(t)}$$

$$= \pi \frac{\text{displacement at any instant}}{\text{reduction in the displacement in the next one cycle}}$$

- Verify yourself

# Damped Oscillations: Further considerations

Phase diagram

## Underdamped

$$x(t) = a_0 \cos(\omega t + \alpha) e^{-\beta t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{x}(t) = -a_0 \omega_0 \cos(\omega t + \delta) e^{-\beta t}$$

## Overdamped

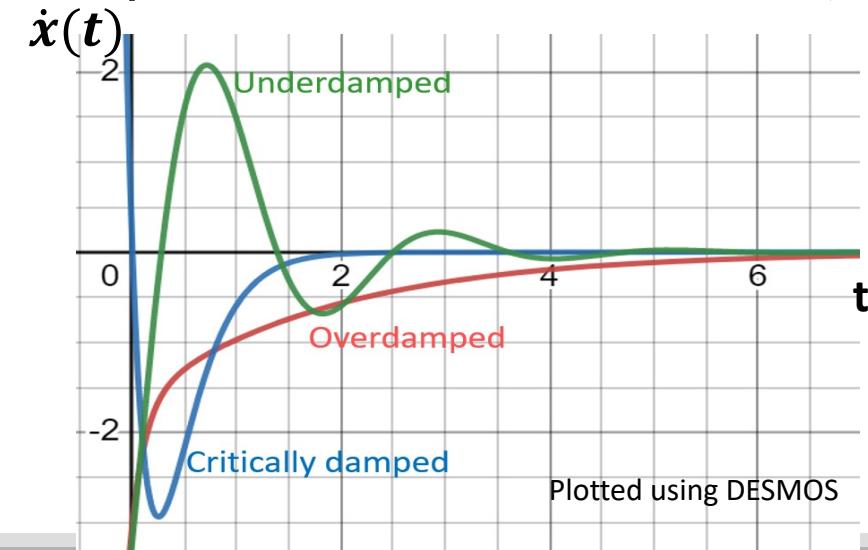
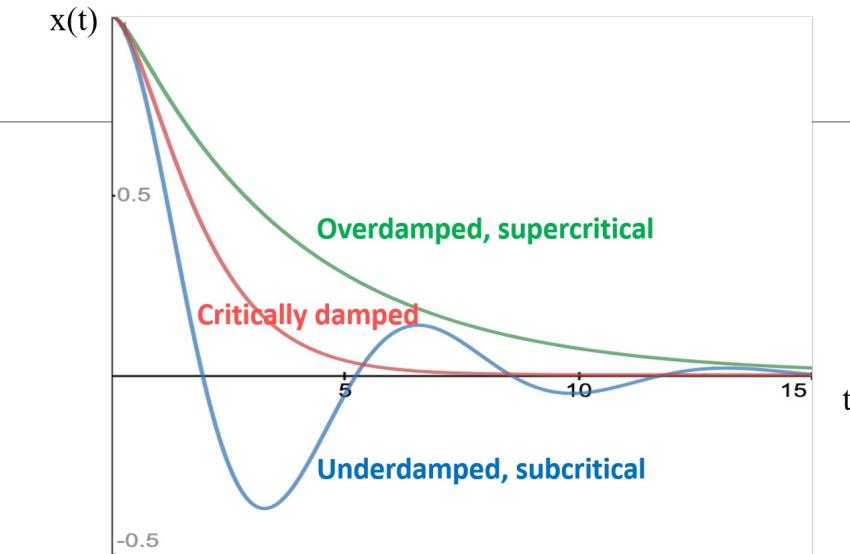
$$x(t) = a \cosh \Omega t e^{-\beta t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{x}(t) = -\omega_0 a \cosh(\Omega t - \varepsilon) e^{-\beta t}$$

## Critically damped

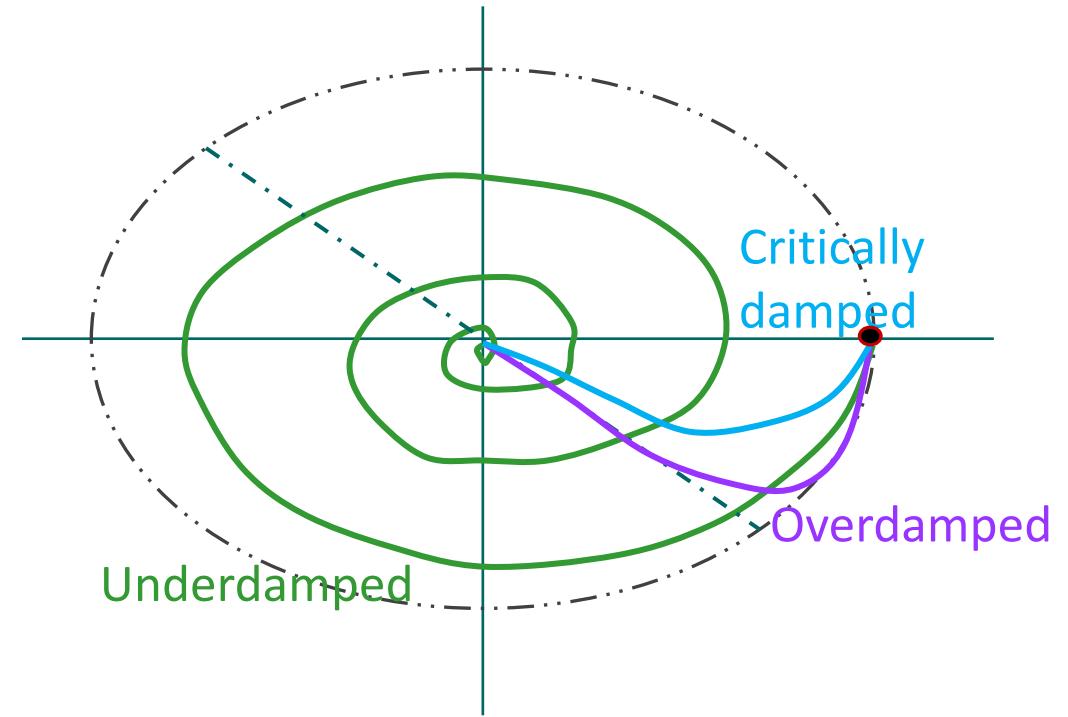
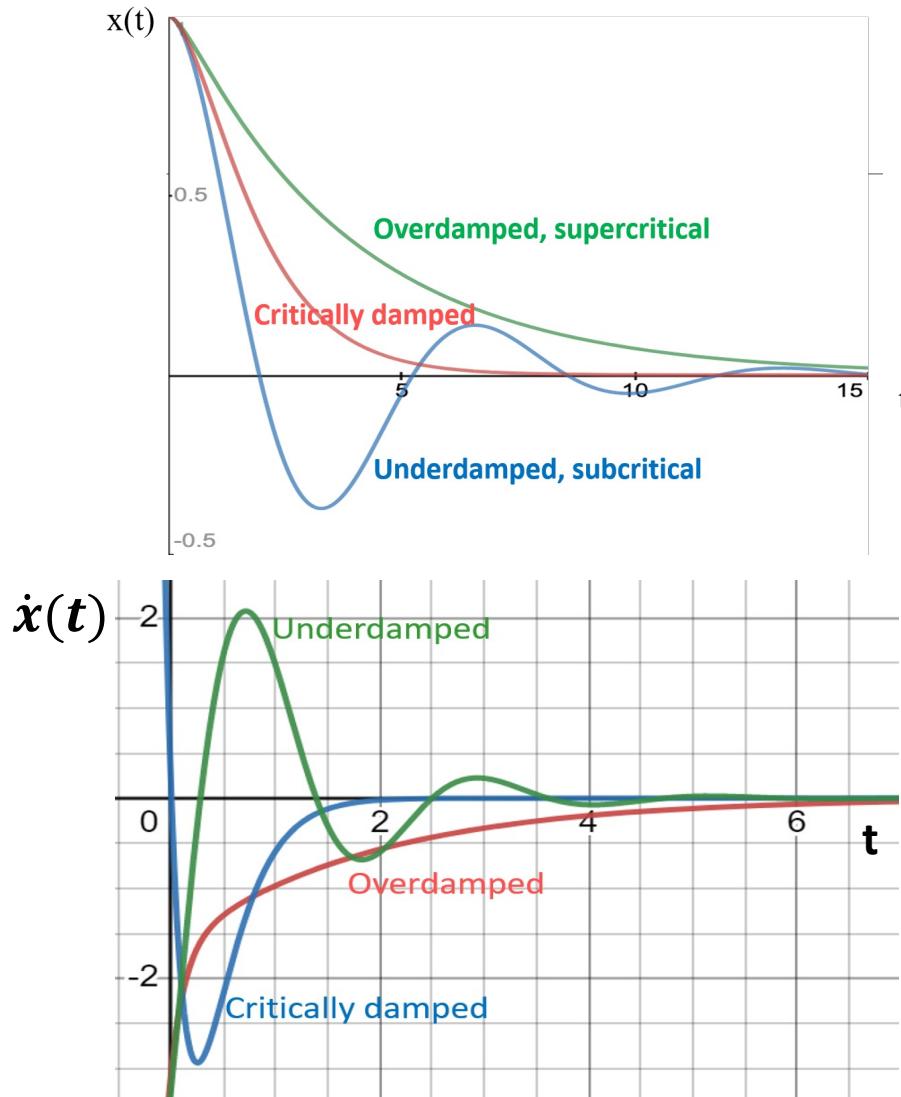
$$x(t) = a(1 + \beta t)e^{-\beta t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{x}(t) = -\beta^2 a t e^{-\beta t}$$



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# Damped Oscillations: Phase diagrams



Further reading (verification):  
[L06\\_321A.pdf \(uvic.ca\)](http://L06_321A.pdf(uvic.ca))

# FORCED OSCILLATIONS

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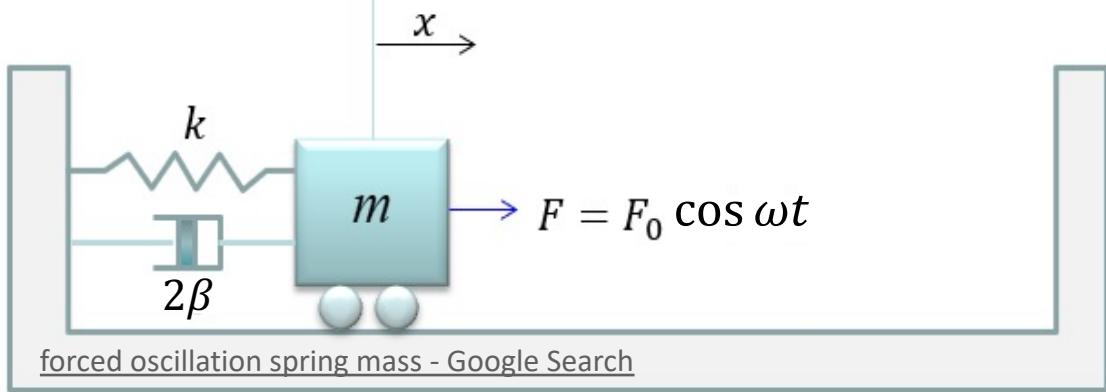
Occur when an oscillating system is driven by a periodic force that is external to the oscillating system.

In such a case, the oscillator is compelled to move at the frequency  $\omega$  of the driving force.

The physically interesting aspect of a forced oscillator is its response—how much it moves due to the imposed driving force.



# FORCED OSCILLATIONS



Two entities of importance:

## 1. The oscillator

Frequency =  $\omega_0$  (without damping) =  $\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$

## 2. The periodic force

Frequency =  $\omega$  (not the same as frequency with damping)

$$\ddot{x} + 2\beta\dot{x} + \omega_0^2 x = \frac{F_0}{m} \cos \omega t = f_0 \cos \omega t$$

- An **inhomogeneous** differential equation.

# Forced Oscillations: Solution

[Microsoft Word - Notes-2nd order ODE pt2 \(psu.edu\)](#)

$$\ddot{x} + 2\beta\dot{x} + \omega_0^2 x = f_0 \cos \omega t$$

## Strategy

$$x = x_C + x_P$$

### Complementary solution

- Solution of the corresponding homogeneous equation

$$\ddot{x} + 2\beta\dot{x} + \omega_0^2 x = 0$$

- Never a solution of the full inhomogeneous equation

Dies out with time  
(damped oscillations)

Insignificant at long times

### Particular solution

- Necessarily a solution of the full inhomogeneous equation for some particular initial conditions

Survives at long times  
Solution of interest

# Forced Oscillations: The Complementary Solution

$$\ddot{x} + 2\beta\dot{x} + \omega_0^2 x = 0$$

Recall:

Assume  $x = e^{qt}$ , that leads to  $q^2 + 2\beta q + \omega_0^2 = 0 \Rightarrow q = -\beta \pm \sqrt{\beta^2 - \omega_0^2}$

Say,  $q_1 = -\beta + \sqrt{\beta^2 - \omega_0^2}$ , and  $q_2 = -\beta - \sqrt{\beta^2 - \omega_0^2}$

**CASE 1:** Complex  $q$ 's

$$q_1 = a + ib; \quad q_2 = a - ib = q_1^*$$

The solution is:

$$x_C(t) = (C_1 \cos bt + C_2 \sin bt) e^{at}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_C(t) = C \cos(bt + \alpha) e^{at}$$

UNDERDAMPING

$$q = -\beta \pm i\omega$$

=

$$x(t) = a_0 \cos(\omega t + \alpha) e^{-\beta t}$$

# Forced Oscillations: The Complementary Solution

$$\ddot{x} + 2\beta\dot{x} + \omega_0^2 x = 0$$

Recall:

Assume  $x = e^{qt}$ , that leads to  $q^2 + 2\beta q + \omega_0^2 = 0 \Rightarrow q = -\beta \pm \sqrt{\beta^2 - \omega_0^2}$

Say,  $q_1 = -\beta + \sqrt{\beta^2 - \omega_0^2}$ , and  $q_2 = -\beta - \sqrt{\beta^2 - \omega_0^2}$

**CASE 2:** Real and distinct  
(unequal)  $q$ 's

$$q_1 = a + b;$$

$$q_2 = a - b$$

The solution is:

$$x_C(t) = C_3 e^{q_1 t} + C_4 e^{q_2 t}$$

OVERDAMPING

$$q = -\beta \pm \Omega$$

$\equiv$

$$x(t) = \left( \begin{array}{l} \left\{ \frac{x(0)}{2} - \frac{\dot{x}(0) + \beta x(0)}{2\Omega} \right\} e^{-\Omega t} \\ + \left\{ \frac{x(0)}{2} + \frac{\dot{x}(0) + \beta x(0)}{2\Omega} \right\} e^{\Omega t} \end{array} \right) e^{-\beta t}$$

## Forced Oscillations: The Complimentary Solution

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**CASE 3:** Real and equal  $q$ 's

$$q_1 = q_2 = a$$

**CRITICAL DAMPING**

$$q \rightarrow -\beta$$

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The solution is:

$$x_C(t) = (C_5 + C_6 t) e^{qt}$$

$$x(t) = [x(0) + \{\dot{x}(0) + \beta x(0)\}t] e^{-\beta t}$$

## Forced Oscillations: The Particular Solution

$$\ddot{x} + 2\beta\dot{x} + \omega_0^2 x = f_0 \cos \omega t$$

For the sake of mathematical simplicity, let us write the equation in its ‘complex’ form as:

$$\ddot{z} + 2\beta\dot{z} + \omega_0^2 z = f_0 e^{i\omega t} \quad \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

Observe the **behavior of the function at RHS**:

- It **doesn't change on taking first or second derivative**, except for the constant coefficients.

Then, the solution can be taken as a general form of the function at RHS. Say,

$$z(t) = A e^{i(\omega t - \phi)} \quad \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

The solution, then, will be:

$$x_P(t) = \operatorname{Re}[z(t)] = A \cos(\omega t - \phi) \quad \dots\dots\dots(3)$$

## Forced Oscillations: The Particular Solution

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$$\ddot{z} + 2\beta\dot{z} + \omega_0^2 z = f_0 e^{i\omega t} \quad \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$z(t) = A e^{i(\omega t - \phi)} \quad \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

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Putting (2) in (1)

$$\Rightarrow (-\omega^2 + 2i\beta\omega + \omega_0^2)A e^{i(\omega t - \phi)} = f_0 e^{i\omega t}$$

$$\Rightarrow (-\omega^2 + 2i\beta\omega + \omega_0^2)A = f_0 e^{i\phi} = f_0 \cos \phi + i f_0 \sin \phi$$

Equating real and imaginary parts:

$$\Rightarrow (-\omega^2 + \omega_0^2)A = f_0 \cos \phi \quad \text{and} \quad 2\beta\omega A = f_0 \sin \phi$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{f_0}{\sqrt{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + (2\beta\omega)^2}} \quad \text{and} \quad \phi = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2\beta\omega}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} \right)$$

$x_P(t) = A \cos(\omega t - \phi)$  – an oscillations with the frequency of the periodic force

This is the solution which survives after some time.

# Forced Oscillations: The Particular Solution

$$x_P(t) = A \cos(\omega t - \phi)$$

$$A = \frac{f_0}{\sqrt{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + (2\beta\omega)^2}}$$

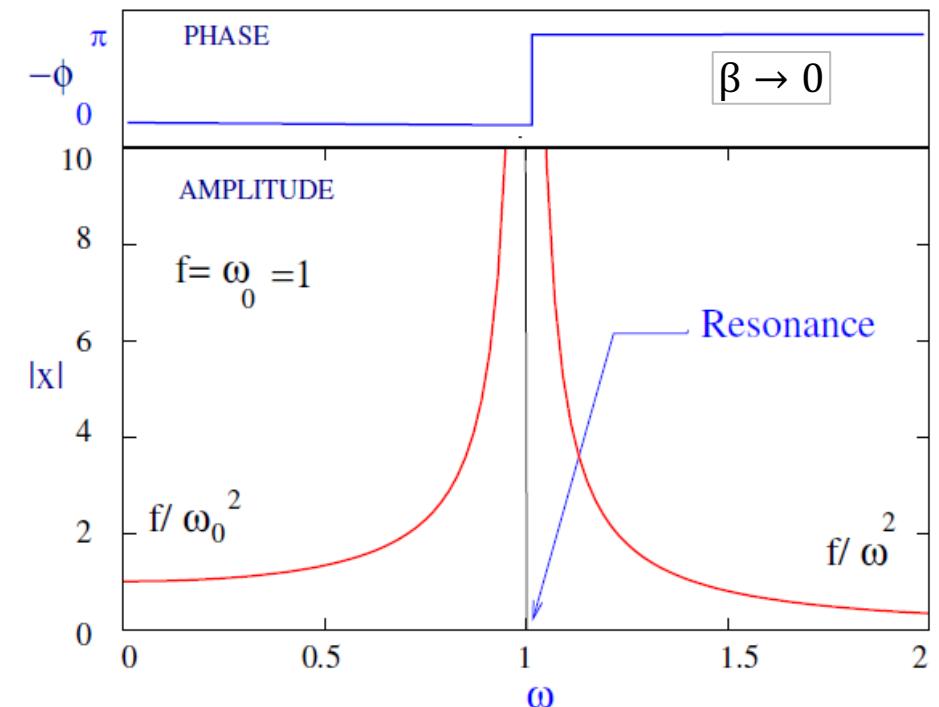
$$\phi = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2\beta\omega}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} \right)$$

Specific points:

1. When  $\omega \rightarrow 0$ ,  $A = \frac{F_0}{m\omega_0^2} = \frac{F_0}{k}$ ,  $\phi = 0$

2. When  $\omega \rightarrow \omega_0$ ,  $A = \frac{F_0}{m2\beta\omega_0} = \frac{F_0}{m\omega_0^2} \frac{\omega_0}{2\beta} = \frac{F_0}{k} Q$ ,  $\phi = \frac{\pi}{2}$

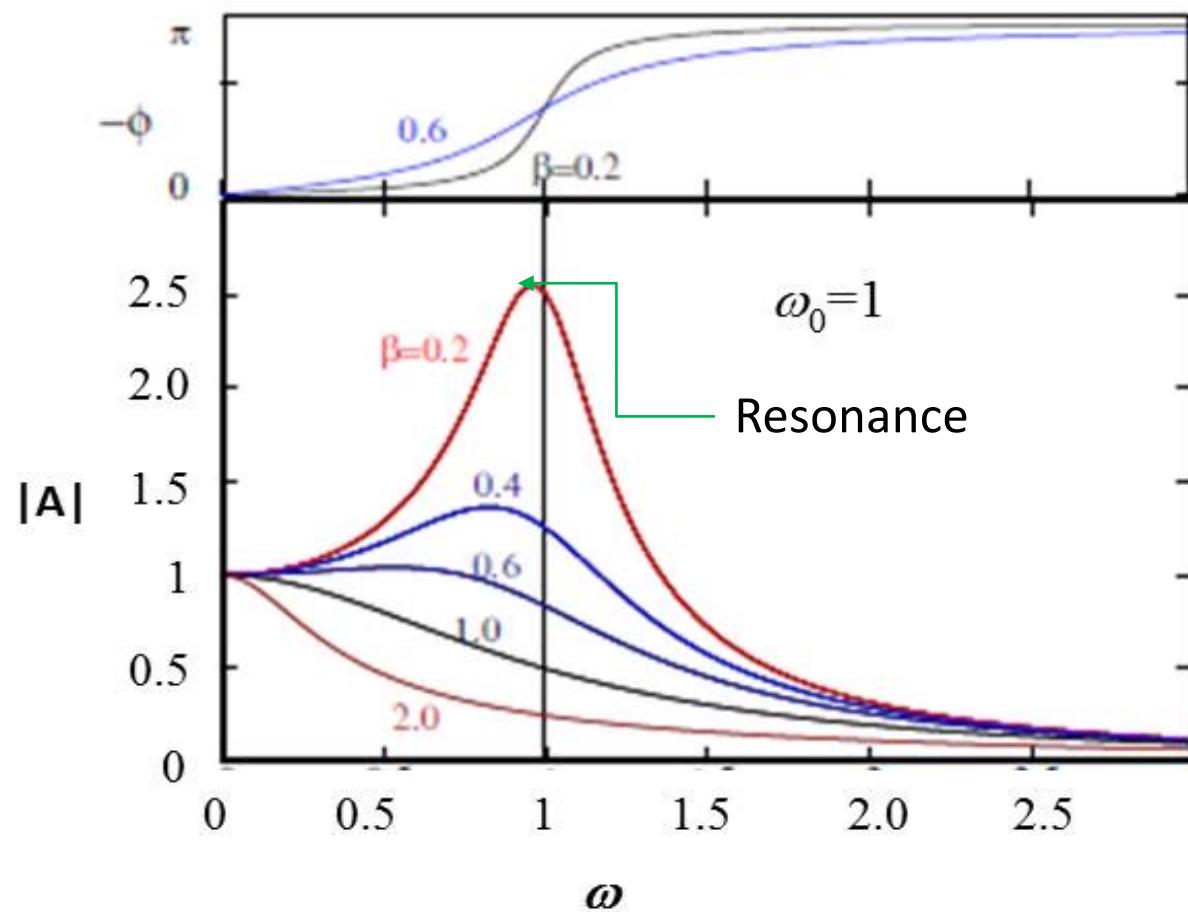
3. When  $\omega \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $A \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\phi = \pi$



- Remember  $Q = \frac{\omega}{2\beta}$  for underdamped oscillations

# Forced Oscillations: The Particular Solution

Finite  $\beta$



$$A = \frac{f_0}{\sqrt{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + (2\beta\omega)^2}}$$

$$\phi = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2\beta\omega}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} \right)$$

The damping ensures that the amplitude does not blow up at  $\omega = \omega_0$  and it is finite for all values of  $\omega$ .

The amplitude is maximum at

$$\omega = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - 2\beta^2}$$

Verify yourself.

# Forced Oscillations: The Full Solution

$$x = x_C + x_P$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = a_0 \cos(\omega t + \alpha) e^{-\beta t} + A \cos(\omega t - \phi)$$



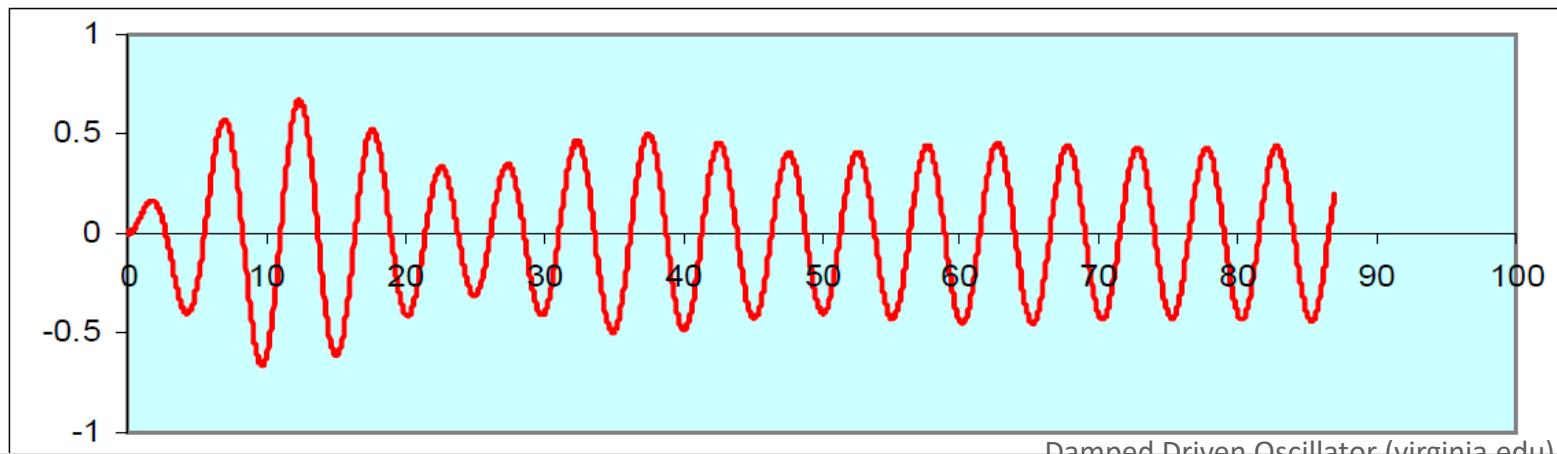
Corresponds to (under)damped oscillation  $\equiv \omega_D$



The frequency of the forced oscillator  $\equiv \omega_F$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) \equiv \underbrace{a_0 \cos(\omega_D t + \alpha_D) e^{-\beta t}}_{\text{Beats in the beginning (transients)}} + \underbrace{A \cos(\omega_F t - \phi_F)}_{\text{Oscillations later (steady state)}}$$

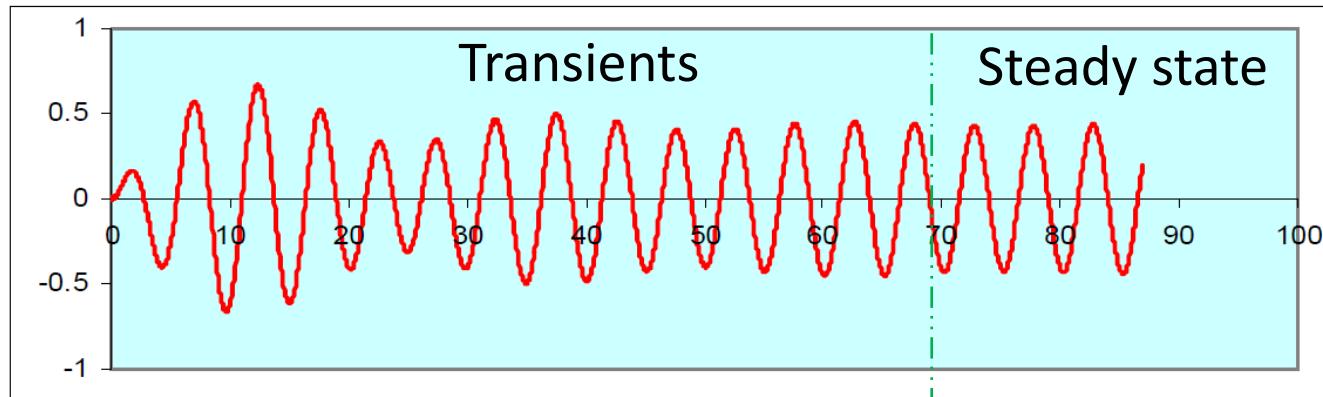
Beats in the beginning (transients)      Oscillations later (steady state)



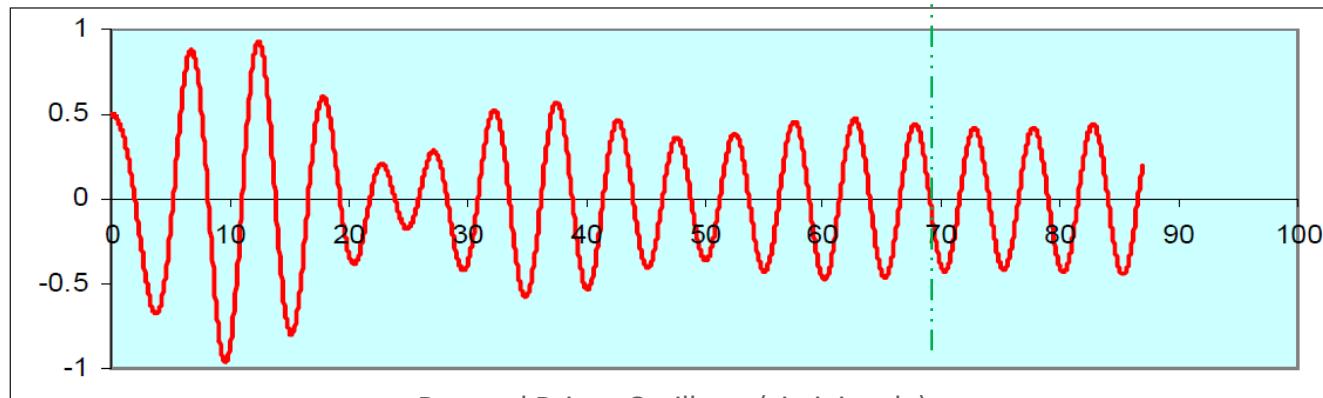
# Forced Oscillations: The Full Solution

$$x(t) \equiv a_0 \cos(\omega_D t + \alpha_D) e^{-\beta t} + A \cos(\omega_F t - \phi_F)$$

Transients      Steady state



Here's a pair of examples: the same driven damped oscillator, started with zero velocity, once from the origin and once from 0.5.



Notice that after about 70 seconds, the two curves are the same, both in amplitude and phase.

# Forced Oscillations: The Quality Factor (Q-factor)

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Remember

$$Q = \frac{\omega_0}{2\beta}$$

$Q = \frac{\omega}{2\beta}$  for underdamped oscillations

and

$$\ddot{x} + 2\beta\dot{x} + \omega_0^2 x = f_0 \cos \omega t$$

The Q factor is a measure of the ‘quality’ of an oscillator.

It is a measure of how many oscillations take place during the time the energy decays by the factor of  $1/e$ .

# Forced Oscillations: The Amplitude at Resonance

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$$x_P(t) = A \cos(\omega t - \phi)$$

$$A = \frac{f_0}{\sqrt{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + (2\beta\omega)^2}}$$

The amplitude is maximum ( $A_{res}$ ) at

$$\omega = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - 2\beta^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow A_{res} = \frac{f_0}{\sqrt{(\omega_0^2 - \omega_0^2 + 2\beta^2)^2 + (2\beta)^2(\omega_0^2 - 2\beta^2)}}$$

$$\Rightarrow A_{res} = \frac{f_0}{2\beta\sqrt{1 + \omega_0^2 - 2\beta^2}} \approx \frac{f_0}{2\beta\omega_0}$$

# Forced Oscillations: The Average Energy

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$$x_P(t) = A \cos(\omega t - \phi)$$

$$U(\omega, t) = \frac{1}{2} k x^2(t)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m \omega_0^2 A^2 \cos^2(\omega t - \phi)$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle U(\omega) \rangle = \frac{1}{2} m \omega_0^2 A^2 \langle \cos^2(\omega t - \phi) \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle U(\omega) \rangle = \frac{1}{4} m \omega_0^2 A^2$$

$$\dot{x}(t) = -A\omega \sin(\omega t - \phi)$$

$$KE(\omega, t) = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}^2(t)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 A^2 \sin^2(\omega t - \phi)$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle KE(\omega) \rangle = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 A^2 \langle \sin^2(\omega t - \phi) \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle KE(\omega) \rangle = \frac{1}{4} m \omega^2 A^2$$

# Forced Oscillations: The Average Energy....

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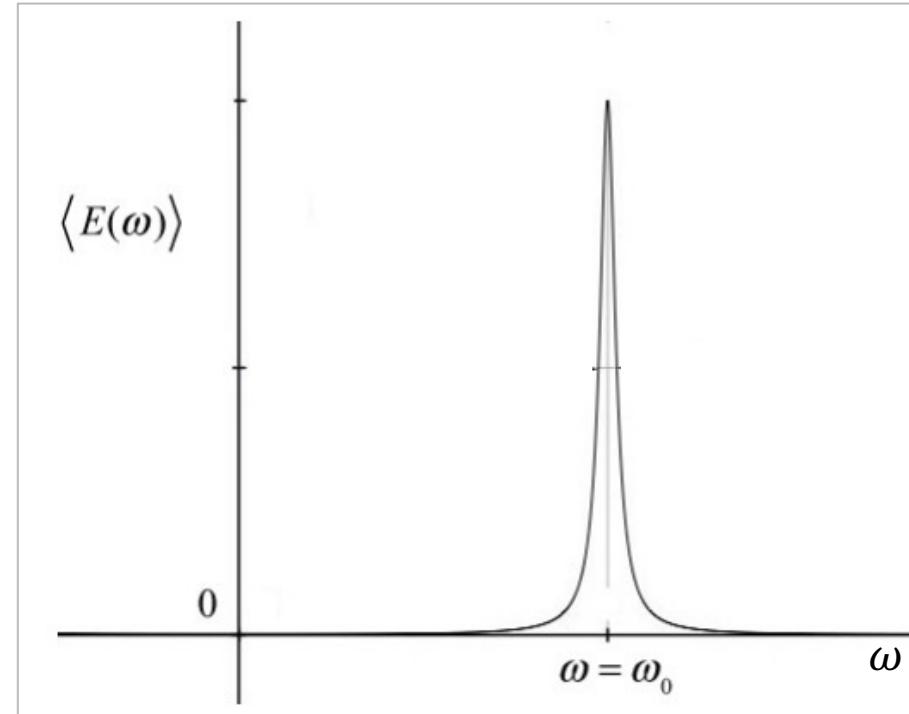
$$\langle U(\omega) \rangle = \frac{1}{4} m \omega_0^2 A^2$$

$$\langle KE(\omega) \rangle = \frac{1}{4} m \omega^2 A^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle E(\omega) \rangle = \langle U(\omega) \rangle + \langle KE(\omega) \rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} m (\omega^2 + \omega_0^2) A^2$$

$$= \frac{m f_0^2}{4} \frac{(\omega^2 + \omega_0^2)}{[(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + 4\beta^2 \omega^2]}$$



## Forced Oscillations: Average Power put in the system by Driving Force

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$$\dot{x}(t) = v = -A\omega \sin(\omega t - \phi)$$

Work done:  $dW = \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{x}$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Power: } P(\omega, t) = \frac{dW}{dt} = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{v} = Fv = -F_0 \omega A \sin(\omega t - \phi) \cos \omega t$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle P(\omega) \rangle = -F_0 \omega A \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T dt \sin(\omega t - \phi) \cos \omega t$$

$$2 \sin A \cos B = \sin(A + B) + \sin(A - B)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= F_0 \omega A \frac{\sin \phi}{2} \\ &= \frac{F_0^2 \omega \sin \phi}{2m \sqrt{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + (2\beta\omega)^2}} \end{aligned}$$

## Forced Oscillations: Average Power put in the system by Driving Force...

$$\langle P(\omega) \rangle = -\frac{F_0^2 \omega \sin \phi}{2m \sqrt{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + (2\beta\omega)^2}}$$

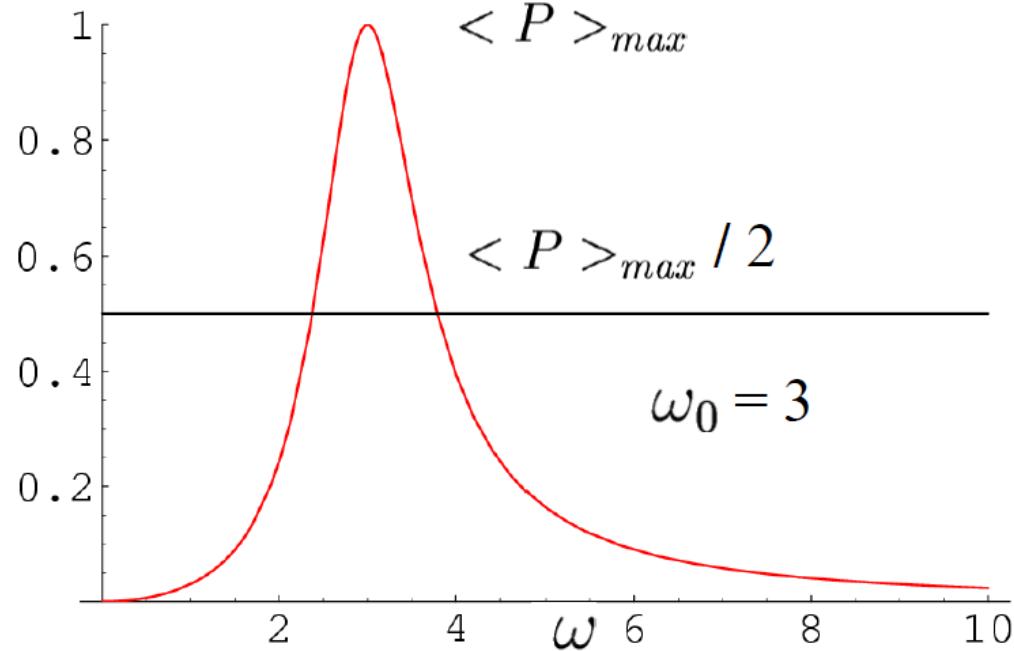
Width at half-peak power =  $2\beta$

Verify yourself

Remember

$$\ddot{x} + 2\beta\dot{x} + \omega_0^2 x = f_0 \cos \omega t$$

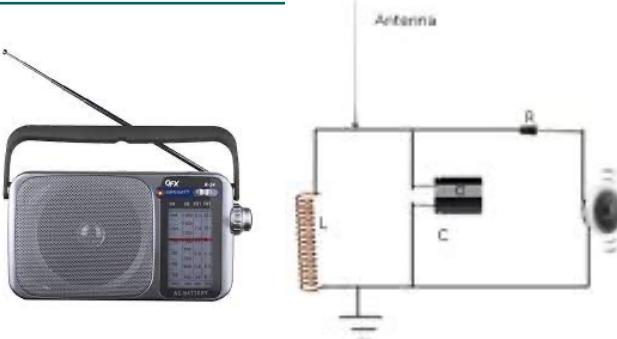
Averaged power absorbed =  $\langle P \rangle$



# Forced Oscillations: Examples

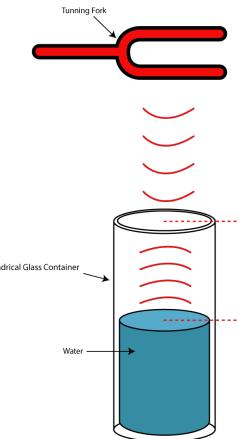
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## 1. Electrical resonance

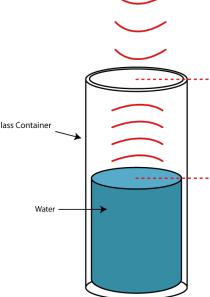


When we turn the knob, the capacitance keeps on changing till the resonant frequency becomes equal to the frequency of the channel which we want to hear.

## 3. Pohl's pendulum



## 2. Acoustic resonance



4. Optical resonance
5. Nuclear magnetic resonance

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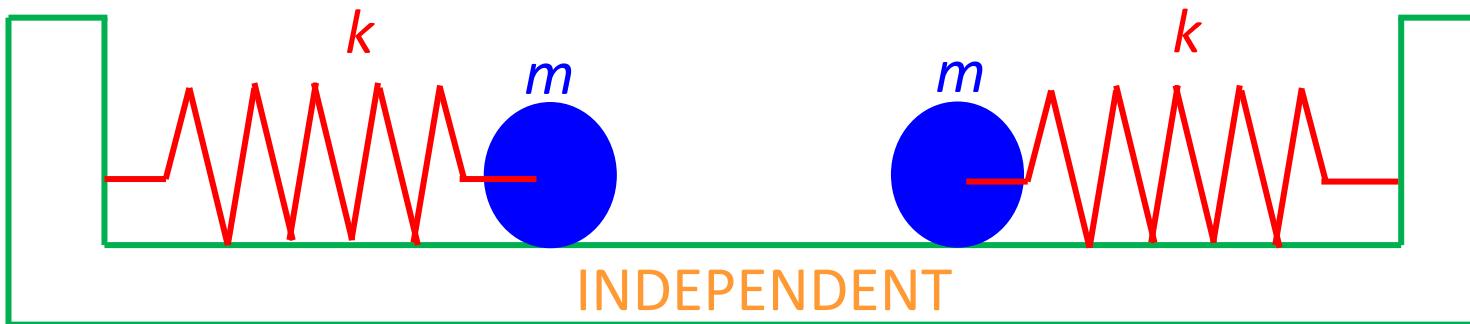
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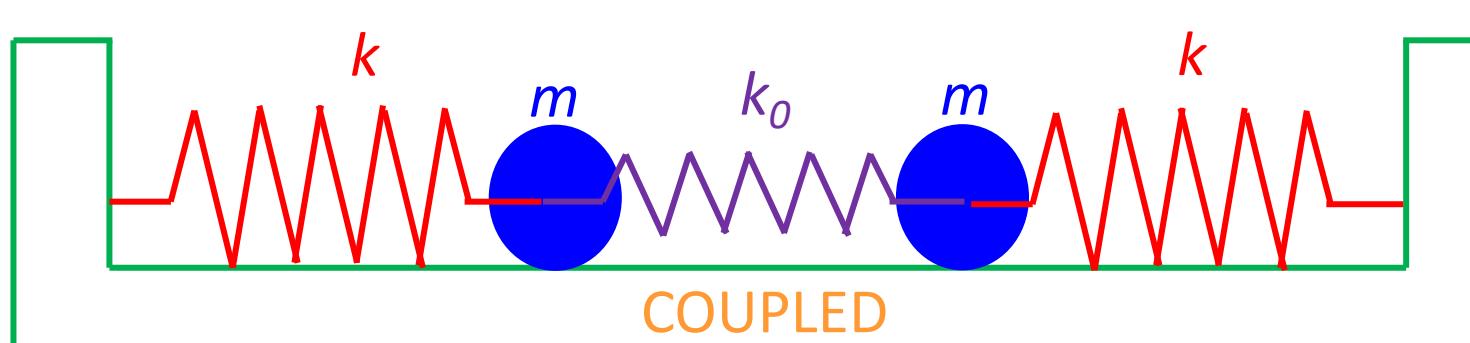
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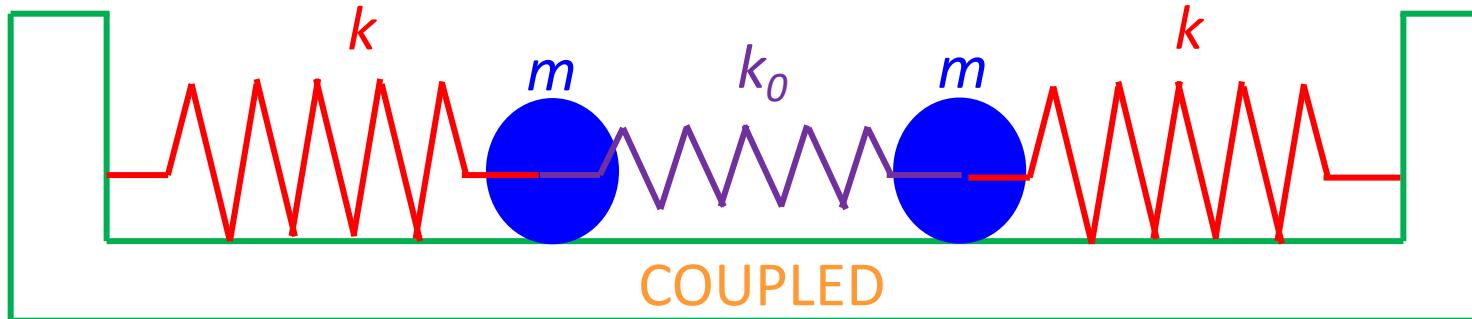


Each individual system (oscillator) executes SHM.



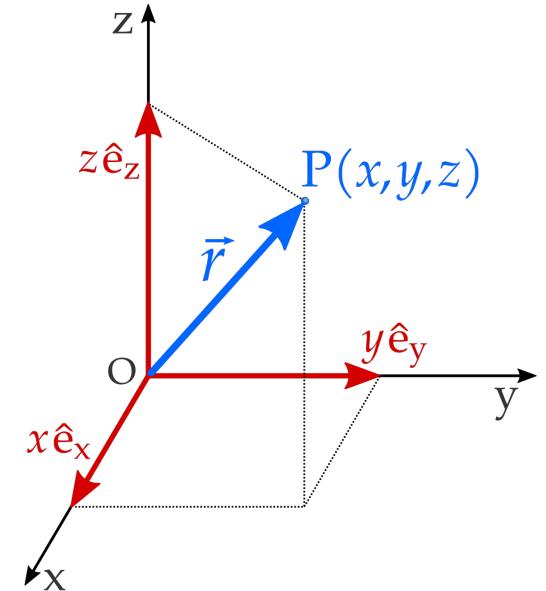
Oscillators get coupled.  
Motion of one mass affects the other.  
**Chaotic motion** of individual oscillators as well as of the combined system.

# COUPLED OSCILLATIONS



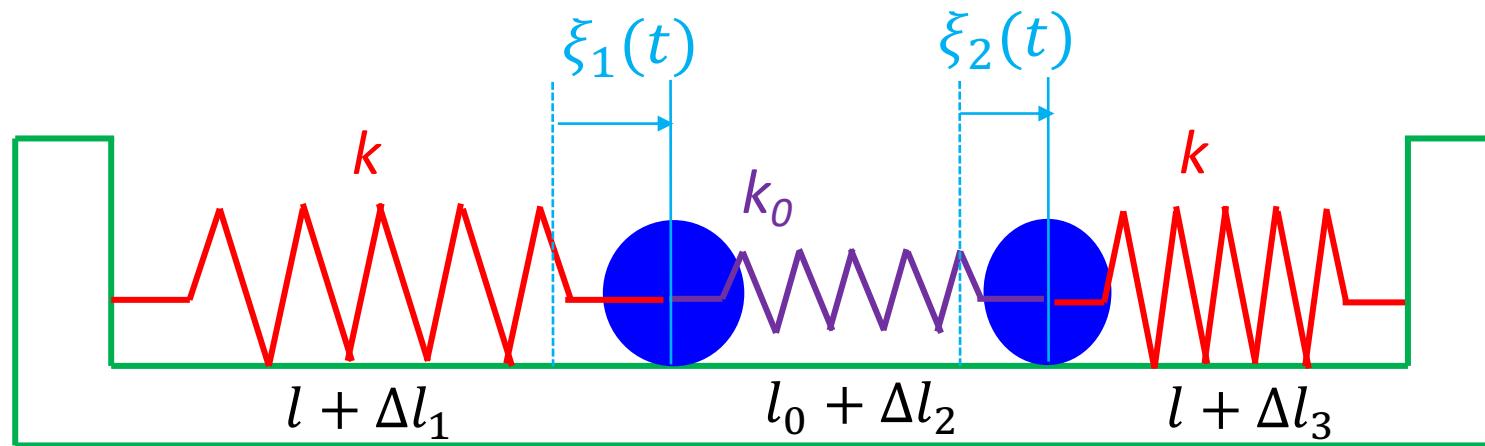
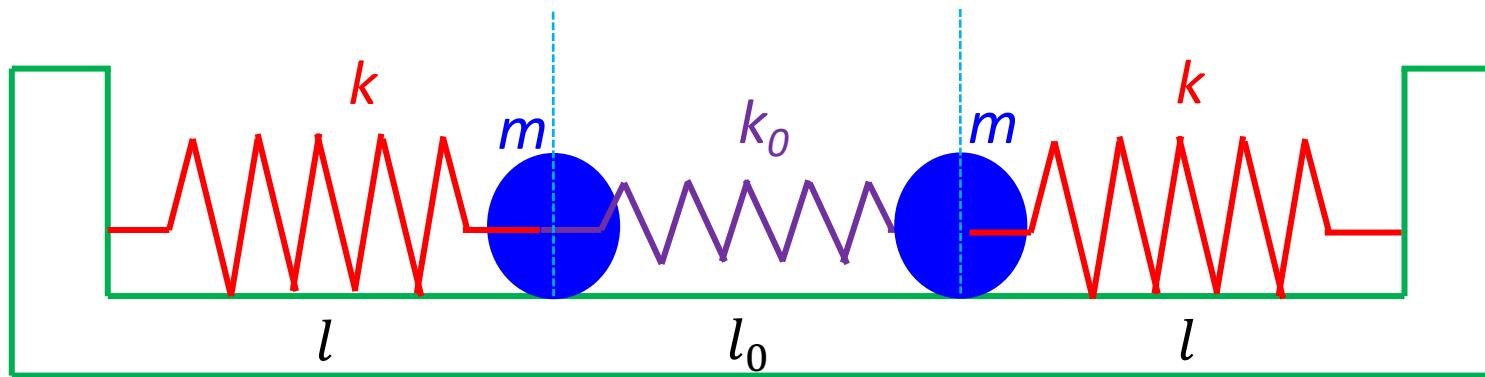
**CHAOTIC MOTION:** Can it be resolved into two (or more) simple, but mutually independent components (oscillations, modes)? Like vectors?

Need to analyse it mathematically.



vectors - Google Search

# The displacements

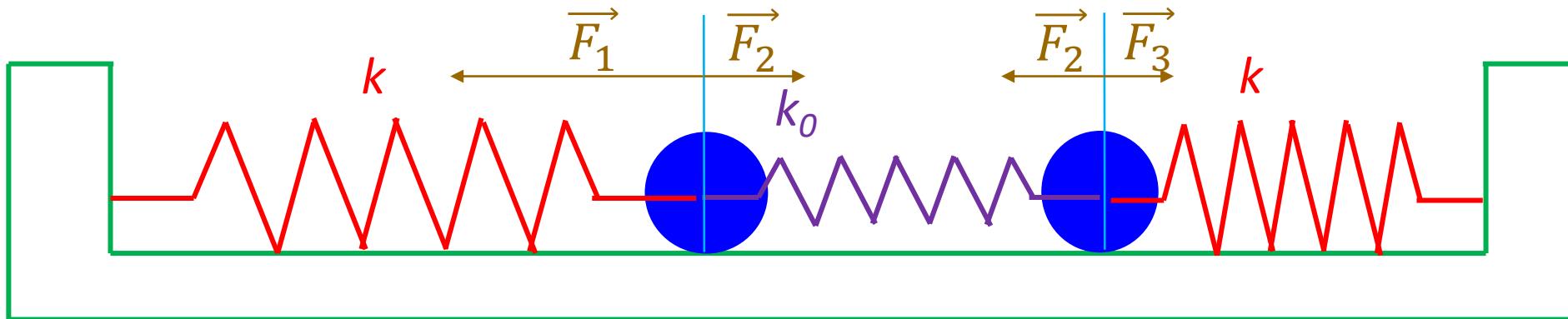
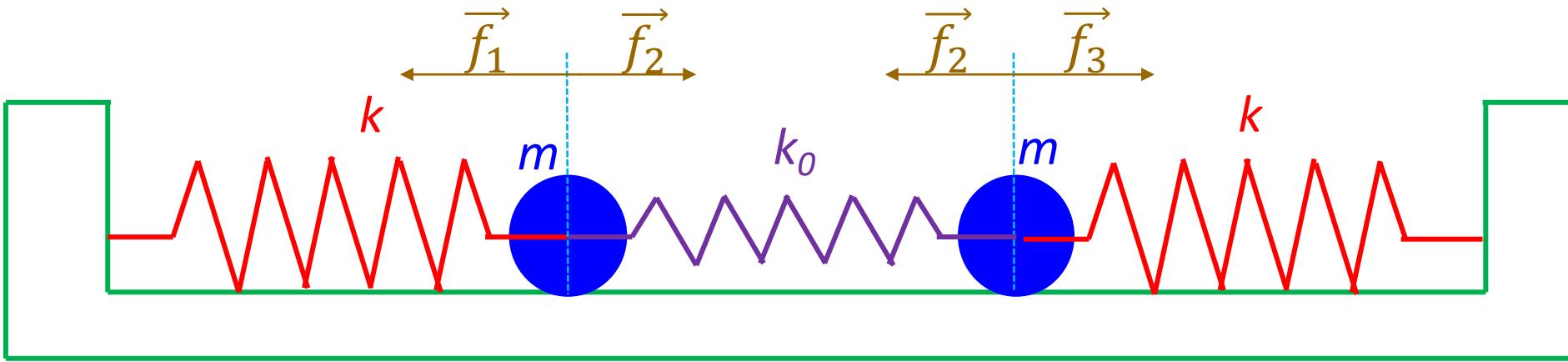


$$\Delta l_1 = \xi_1$$

$$\Delta l_2 = \xi_2 - \xi_1$$

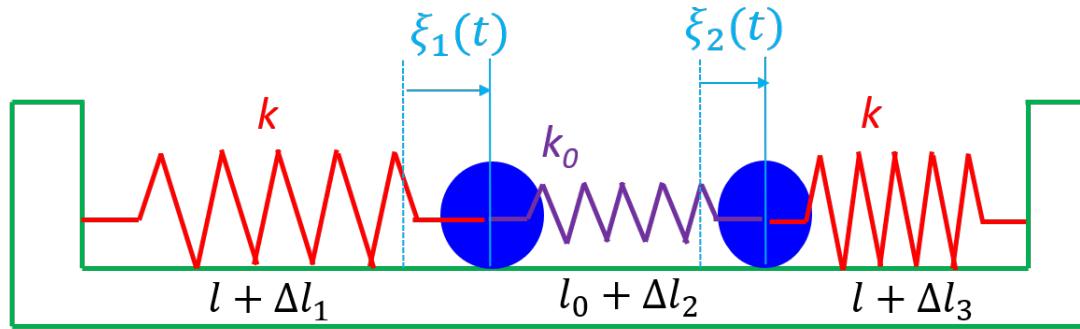
$$\Delta l_3 = -\xi_2$$

# The forces (consider stretched condition)



In non-equilibrium, the amounts of forces will change, but the directions of the forces will not change.

# The force equations

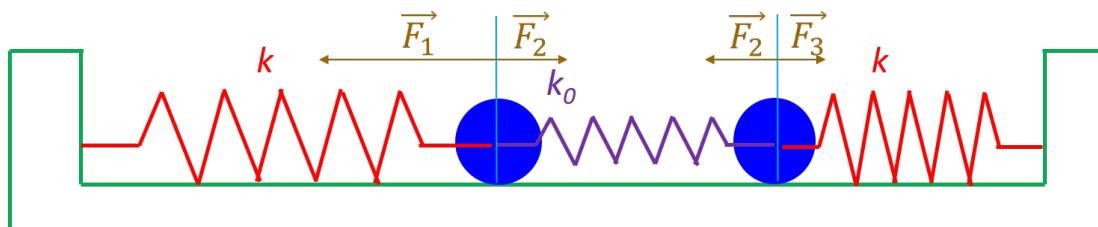


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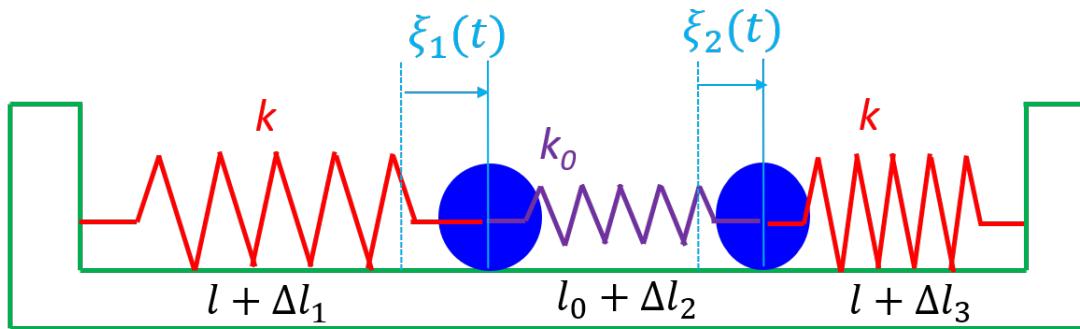
$$\begin{aligned} m\ddot{\xi}_1 &= -F_1 + F_2 \\ &= -k\xi_1 + k_0(\xi_2 - \xi_1) \\ \Rightarrow m\ddot{\xi}_1 + (k + k_0)\xi_1 - k_0\xi_2 &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad \dots\dots(1)$$



$$\begin{aligned} m\ddot{\xi}_2 &= -F_2 + F_3 \\ &= -k_0(\xi_2 - \xi_1) - k\xi_2 \\ \Rightarrow m\ddot{\xi}_2 + (k + k_0)\xi_2 - k_0\xi_1 &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad \dots\dots(2)$$

**(1) and (2):** a coupled system of linear second order differential equations

# The force equations: an alternative way



$$\Delta l_1 = \xi_1$$

$$\Delta l_2 = \xi_2 - \xi_1$$

$$\Delta l_3 = -\xi_2$$

$$U = \frac{1}{2}k(\Delta l_1)^2 + \frac{1}{2}k_0(\Delta l_2)^2 + \frac{1}{2}k(\Delta l_3)^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}k\xi_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}k_0(\xi_2 - \xi_1)^2 + \frac{1}{2}k(-\xi_2)^2$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Force on the 1st mass} &= m\ddot{\xi}_1 = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial \xi_1} \\ &= -k\xi_1 + k_0(\xi_2 - \xi_1)\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow m\ddot{\xi}_1 + (k + k_0)\xi_1 - k_0\xi_2 = 0 \quad \dots\dots(1)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Force on the 2nd mass} &= m\ddot{\xi}_2 = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial \xi_2} \\ &= -k_0(\xi_2 - \xi_1) - k\xi_2\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow m\ddot{\xi}_2 + (k + k_0)\xi_2 - k_0\xi_1 = 0 \quad \dots\dots(2)$$

**(1) and (2):** a coupled system of linear second order differential equations

# Solving the force equations

$$m\ddot{\xi}_1 + (k + k_0)\xi_1 - k_0\xi_2 = 0 \quad \dots\dots(1)$$

$$m\ddot{\xi}_2 + (k + k_0)\xi_2 - k_0\xi_1 = 0 \quad \dots\dots(2)$$

## Method 1: ADD and SUBTRACT

$$(1) + (2) \Rightarrow m(\ddot{\xi}_1 + \ddot{\xi}_2) + k(\xi_1 + \xi_2) = 0 \quad \dots\dots(3)$$

- a differential equation exclusively in a single variable  $(\xi_1 + \xi_2) \equiv Y_1$

$$(1) - (2) \Rightarrow m(\ddot{\xi}_1 - \ddot{\xi}_2) + (k + 2k_0)(\xi_1 - \xi_2) = 0 \quad \dots\dots(4)$$

- a differential equation exclusively in another single variable  $(\xi_1 - \xi_2) \equiv Y_2$

Then, (3)  $\Rightarrow m\dot{Y}_1 + kY_1 = 0 \Rightarrow Y_1 = Y_{10} \cos(\omega_1 t + \phi_1)$  - Mode 1

and (4)  $\Rightarrow m\dot{Y}_2 + (k + 2k_0)Y_2 = 0 \Rightarrow Y_2 = Y_{20} \cos(\omega_2 t + \phi_2)$  - Mode 2

SLOW  
 $\omega_1 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$

FAST  
 $\omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{(k + 2k_0)}{m}}$

$$\xi_1 = \frac{Y_1 + Y_2}{2}$$

- a linear combination

$$\xi_2 = \frac{Y_1 - Y_2}{2}$$

- a linear combination

## Solving the force equations: More Appropriately

$$(1) + (2) \Rightarrow m(\ddot{\xi}_1 + \ddot{\xi}_2) + k(\xi_1 + \xi_2) = 0 \quad \dots\dots(3)$$

- a differential equation exclusively in a single variable  $(\xi_1 + \xi_2) \equiv \sqrt{2}X_1$

$$(1) - (2) \Rightarrow m(\ddot{\xi}_1 - \ddot{\xi}_2) + (k + 2k_0)(\xi_1 - \xi_2) = 0 \quad \dots\dots(4)$$

- a differential equation exclusively in another single variable  $(\xi_1 - \xi_2) \equiv \sqrt{2}X_2$

Then, (3)  $\Rightarrow m\dot{X}_1 + kX_1 = 0 \Rightarrow X_1 = X_{10} \cos(\omega_1 t + \phi_1)$  - Mode 1

and (4)  $\Rightarrow m\dot{X}_2 + (k + 2k_0)X_2 = 0 \Rightarrow X_2 = X_{20} \cos(\omega_2 t + \phi_2)$  - Mode 2

SLOW

$$\omega_1 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

FAST

$$\omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{(k + 2k_0)}{m}}$$

$$\xi_1 = \frac{X_1 + X_2}{\sqrt{2}}$$

- a linear combination

$$\xi_2 = \frac{X_1 - X_2}{\sqrt{2}}$$

- a linear combination

# Solving the force equations

$$m\ddot{\xi}_1 + (k + k_0)\xi_1 - k_0\xi_2 = 0 \quad \dots\dots(1)$$

$$m\ddot{\xi}_2 + (k + k_0)\xi_2 - k_0\xi_1 = 0 \quad \dots\dots(2)$$

## Method 2: The MATRIX method

Assume  $\xi_1(t) = A_1 e^{i\omega t}$  and  $\xi_2(t) = A_2 e^{i\omega t}$

- same frequency to start with.
- Find  $A_1, A_2$  and roots of  $\omega$ .

Putting in (1) and (2):

$$-\omega^2 m A_1 + (k + k_0)A_1 - k_0 A_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \{-\omega^2 m + (k + k_0)\}A_1 + (-k_0)A_2 = 0 \quad \dots\dots(5)$$

and

$$-\omega^2 m A_2 + (k + k_0)A_2 - k_0 A_1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (-k_0)A_1 + \{-\omega^2 m + (k + k_0)\}A_2 = 0 \quad \dots\dots(6)$$

# Solving the force equations

$$\{-\omega^2 m + (k + k_0)\}A_1 + (-k_0)A_2 = 0 \dots\dots(5)$$

$$(-k_0)A_1 + \{-\omega^2 m + (k + k_0)\}A_2 = 0 \dots\dots(6)$$

Write in the matrix form

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\omega^2 m + (k + k_0) & -k_0 \\ -k_0 & -\omega^2 m + (k + k_0) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The solution exist only when the determinant of the coefficient matrix vanishes.

$$\Rightarrow \{-\omega^2 m + (k + k_0)\}^2 = k_0^2 \quad \Rightarrow -\omega^2 m + (k + k_0) = \pm k_0$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega_1 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}, \quad \text{and} \quad \omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{(k + 2k_0)}{m}}$$

Putting  $\omega_1$  in the matrix, we get  $A_2 = A_1$ , i. e., **in-phase** oscillations (mode 1).

Putting  $\omega_2$  in the matrix, we get  $A_2 = -A_1$ , i. e., **out-of-phase** oscillations (mode 2).

# Solving the force equations

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$$\omega_1 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}, \quad \text{and} \quad \omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{(k + 2k_0)}{m}}$$

Normal mode frequencies/  
Characteristic frequencies/  
Eigenfrequencies/  
Frequency eigenvalues

In-phase mode

$$A_2 = A_1$$

Out-of-phase mode

$$A_2 = -A_1$$

Eigenvectors  $\begin{pmatrix} [A_1] \\ [A_2] \end{pmatrix}$

Eigenvector of in-phase mode

$$E_1 \equiv \begin{bmatrix} A_1 \\ A_1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ (normalized)}$$

Eigenvector of out-of-phase mode

$$E_2 \equiv \begin{bmatrix} A_1 \\ -A_1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ (normalized)}$$

# Solving the force equations

## INNER PRODUCTS

$$\langle E_1, E_1 \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [1 \quad 1] \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 1$$

$\Rightarrow E_1$  is normalized.

$$\langle E_2, E_2 \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [1 \quad -1] \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = 1$$

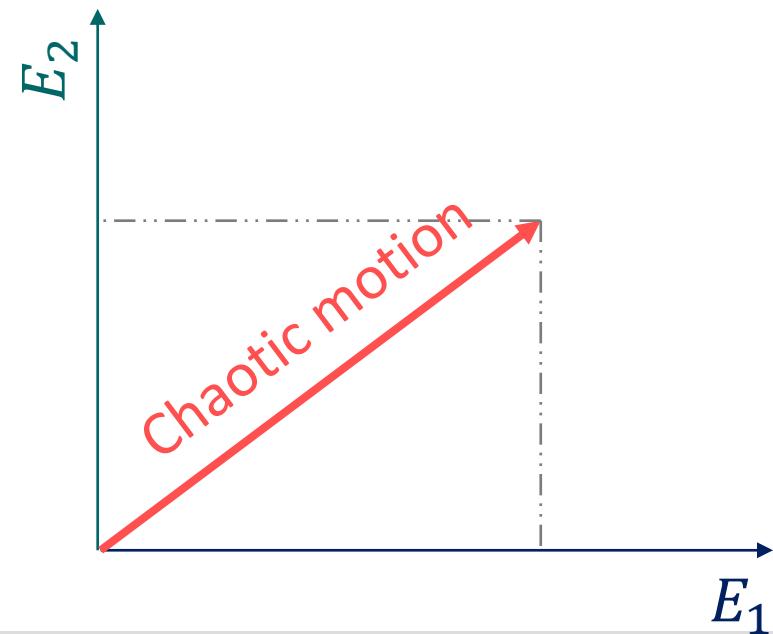
$\Rightarrow E_2$  is normalized.

$$\langle E_1, E_2 \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [1 \quad 1] \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$\Rightarrow E_1$  and  $E_2$  are orthogonal.

This is the reason the two modes  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are called ‘NORMAL’ modes.

- The differential equations are linear, so any linear combination of the two normal mode solutions is also a solution.
- In fact, the most general solution of the equations is an arbitrary linear combination of the two normal modes.



# Detailed solutions for different cases

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Remember

$$X_1 = X_{10} \cos(\omega_1 t + \phi_1)$$

$$X_2 = X_{20} \cos(\omega_2 t + \phi_2)$$

$$\xi_1 = \frac{X_1 + X_2}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [X_{10} \cos(\omega_1 t + \phi_1) + X_{20} \cos(\omega_2 t + \phi_2)]$$

$$\xi_2 = \frac{X_1 - X_2}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [X_{10} \cos(\omega_1 t + \phi_1) - X_{20} \cos(\omega_2 t + \phi_2)]$$

# Detailed solutions for different cases

$$\xi_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [X_{10} \cos(\omega_1 t + \phi_1) + X_{20} \cos(\omega_2 t + \phi_2)]$$

$$\xi_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [X_{10} \cos(\omega_1 t + \phi_1) - X_{20} \cos(\omega_2 t + \phi_2)]$$

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**Case 1:** Both the masses are displaced to one side by the same amount and released

$$\Rightarrow \xi_1(0) = \xi_2(0) = A \text{ (say)} \dots\dots (7)$$

$$\text{and } \dot{\xi}_1(0) = \dot{\xi}_2(0) = 0 \dots\dots (8)$$

$$(7) \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [X_{10} \cos \phi_1 + X_{20} \cos \phi_2] \dots\dots (9) \quad \text{and}$$

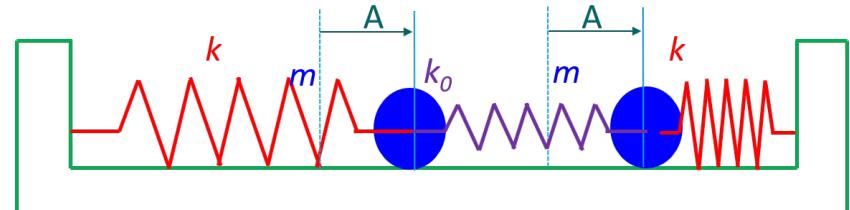
$$A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [X_{10} \cos \phi_1 - X_{20} \cos \phi_2] \dots\dots (10)$$

$$(9)+(10) \Rightarrow 2A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [2X_{10} \cos \phi_1] \Rightarrow X_{10} \cos \phi_1 = \sqrt{2}A \dots\dots (11)$$

$$(9)-(10) \Rightarrow X_{20} \cos \phi_2 = 0 \dots\dots (12)$$

Then,

$$\boxed{\xi_1 = \frac{X_{10}}{\sqrt{2}} \cos(\omega_1 t + \phi_1) = \xi_2}$$



# Detailed solution: Case 1

$$\dot{\xi}_1(0) = \dot{\xi}_2(0) = 0 \dots\dots(8)$$

$$X_{10} \cos \phi_1 = \sqrt{2}A \dots\dots(11)$$

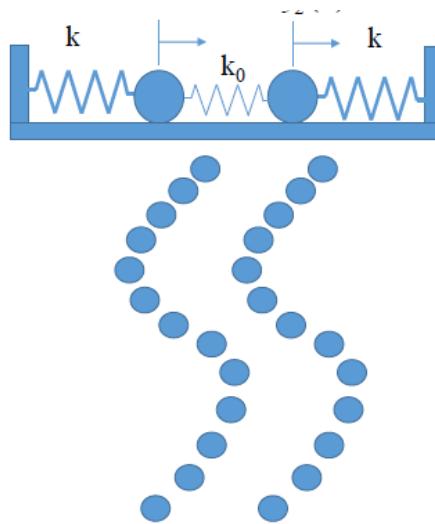
$$\xi_1 = \frac{X_{10}}{\sqrt{2}} \cos(\omega_1 t + \phi_1) = \xi_2$$

$$\omega_1 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

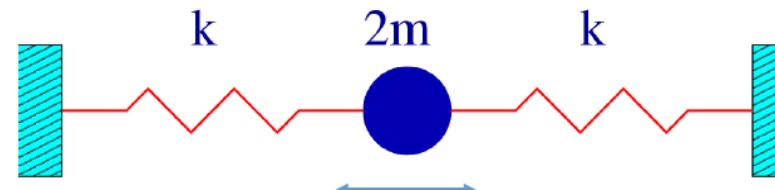
$$(8) \Rightarrow -\frac{\omega_1 X_{10}}{\sqrt{2}} \sin \phi_1 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \phi_1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow X_{10} = \sqrt{2}A \quad \text{using (11)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \xi_1 = A \cos \omega_1 t = \xi_2 \equiv \text{NORMAL MODE 1}$$



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Oscillations of center of mass at frequency  $\sqrt{\frac{2k}{2m}}$ .

**CENTRE OF MASS MODE**

# Detailed solutions for different cases

$$\xi_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [X_{10} \cos(\omega_1 t + \phi_1) + X_{20} \cos(\omega_2 t + \phi_2)]$$

$$\xi_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [X_{10} \cos(\omega_1 t + \phi_1) - X_{20} \cos(\omega_2 t + \phi_2)]$$

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**Case 2:** The masses are displaced to either side by the same amount and released

$$\Rightarrow \xi_1(0) = -\xi_2(0) = A \dots\dots (7')$$

$$\text{and } \dot{\xi}_1(0) = \dot{\xi}_2(0) = 0 \dots\dots (8')$$

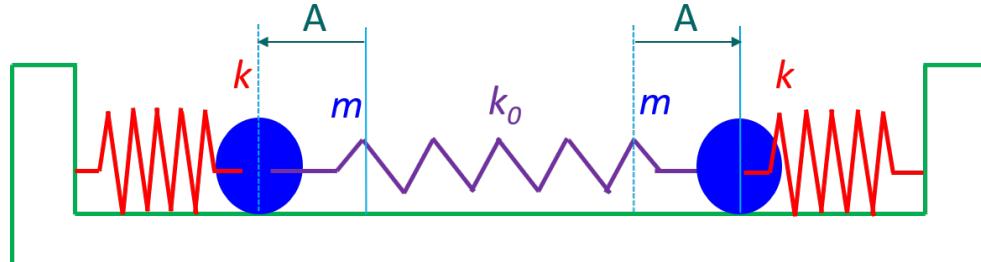
$$(7') \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [X_{10} \cos \phi_1 + X_{20} \cos \phi_2] \text{ and}$$

$$-A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [X_{10} \cos \phi_1 - X_{20} \cos \phi_2]$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [2X_{10} \cos \phi_1] \Rightarrow \cos \phi_1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \xi_1 = -\xi_2 = \frac{X_{20}}{\sqrt{2}} \cos(\omega_2 t + \phi_2)$$

$$\text{Next, } X_{20} \cos \phi_2 = \sqrt{2}A$$



## Detailed solution: Case 2

$$\dot{\xi}_1(0) = \dot{\xi}_2(0) = 0 \dots\dots (8')$$

$$\xi_1 = -\xi_2 = \frac{X_{20}}{\sqrt{2}} \cos(\omega_2 t + \phi_2)$$

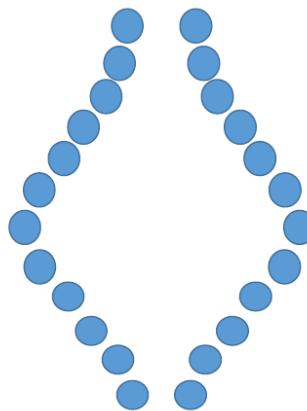
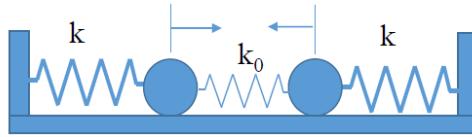
$$\omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{(k + 2k_0)}{m}}$$

$$X_{20} \cos \phi_2 = \sqrt{2}A$$

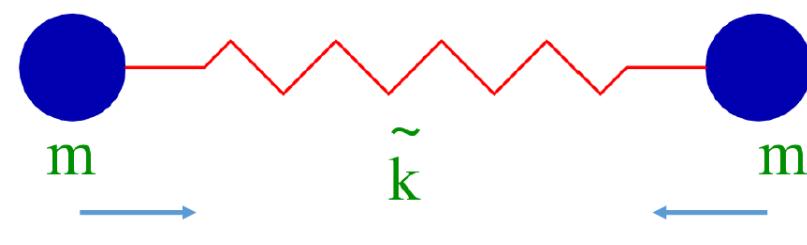
$$(8') \Rightarrow -\frac{\omega_2 X_{20}}{\sqrt{2}} \sin \phi_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \phi_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow X_{20} = \sqrt{2}A \quad \text{using (11)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \xi_1 = A \cos \omega_2 t = -\xi_2 \equiv \text{NORMAL MODE 2}$$



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$$\tilde{k} = \frac{1}{2}(k + 2k_0)$$

Center of mass remains fixed.

**BREATHING MODE**

# Detailed solutions for different cases

$$\xi_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [X_{10} \cos(\omega_1 t + \phi_1) + X_{20} \cos(\omega_2 t + \phi_2)]$$

$$\xi_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [X_{10} \cos(\omega_1 t + \phi_1) - X_{20} \cos(\omega_2 t + \phi_2)]$$

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**Case 3:** Pull one mass either left or right and other at zero displacement and release

$$\Rightarrow \xi_1(0) = 0; \xi_2(0) = A \dots\dots (7'')$$

$$\text{and } \dot{\xi}_1(0) = \dot{\xi}_2(0) = 0 \dots\dots (8'')$$

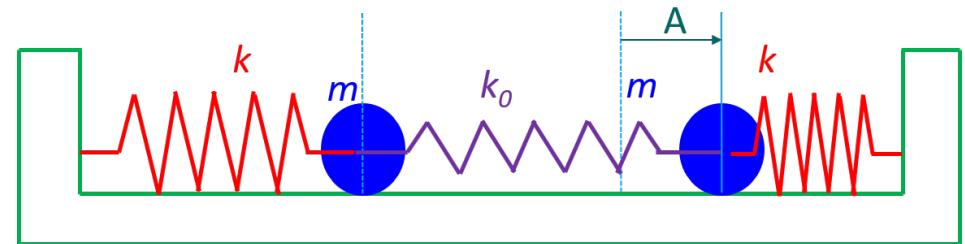
$$(7'') \Rightarrow X_{10} \cos \phi_1 = -X_{20} \cos \phi_2 = \frac{A}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \text{and}$$

$$(8'') \Rightarrow \phi_1 = \phi_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow X_{10} = -X_{20} = \frac{A}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \xi_1 = \frac{A}{2} [\cos \omega_1 t + \cos \omega_2 t];$$

$$\xi_2 = \frac{A}{2} [\cos \omega_1 t - \cos \omega_2 t]$$



Verify yourself.

## Detailed solution: Case 3

$$\xi_1 = \frac{A}{2} [\cos \omega_1 t + \cos \omega_2 t]; \quad \xi_2 = \frac{A}{2} [\cos \omega_1 t - \cos \omega_2 t]$$

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$$\Rightarrow \xi_1 = A \left[ \cos \left( \frac{\omega_1 + \omega_2}{2} \right) t \cdot \cos \left( \frac{\omega_1 - \omega_2}{2} \right) t \right] \quad \text{- Beats}$$

$$\xi_2 = A \left[ \sin \left( \frac{\omega_1 + \omega_2}{2} \right) t \cdot \sin \left( \frac{\omega_2 - \omega_1}{2} \right) t \right] \quad \text{- Beats}$$

Consider weak coupling:  $k_0 \ll k$

$$\Rightarrow \omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{k + 2k_0}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m} \left( 1 + 2 \frac{k_0}{k} \right)} \Rightarrow \omega_2 - \omega_1 \approx \frac{k_0}{\sqrt{km}}; \omega_1 + \omega_2 \approx 2\omega_1 \quad (\text{Taylor's expansion})$$

$$\Rightarrow \xi_1 = A \left[ \cos \left( \frac{k_0}{2\sqrt{km}} t \right) \cdot \cos \omega_1 t \right]$$

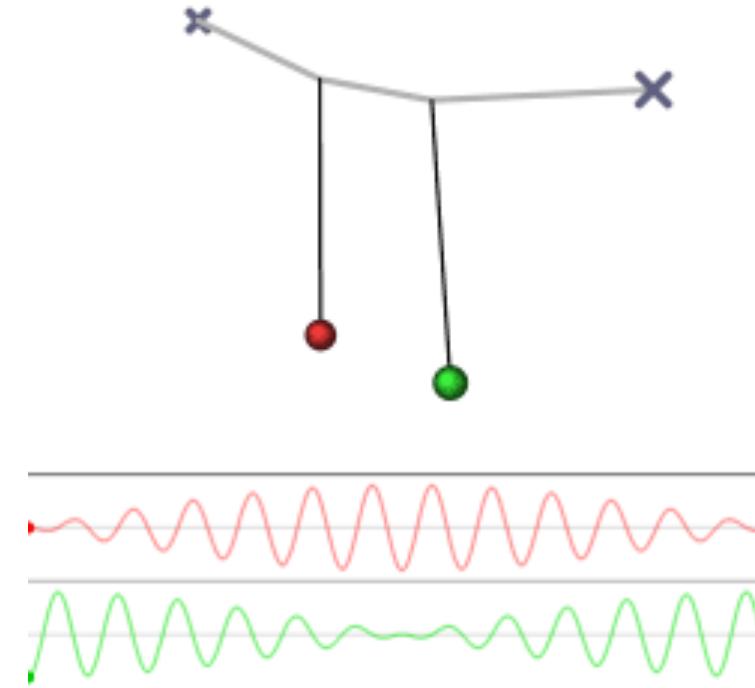
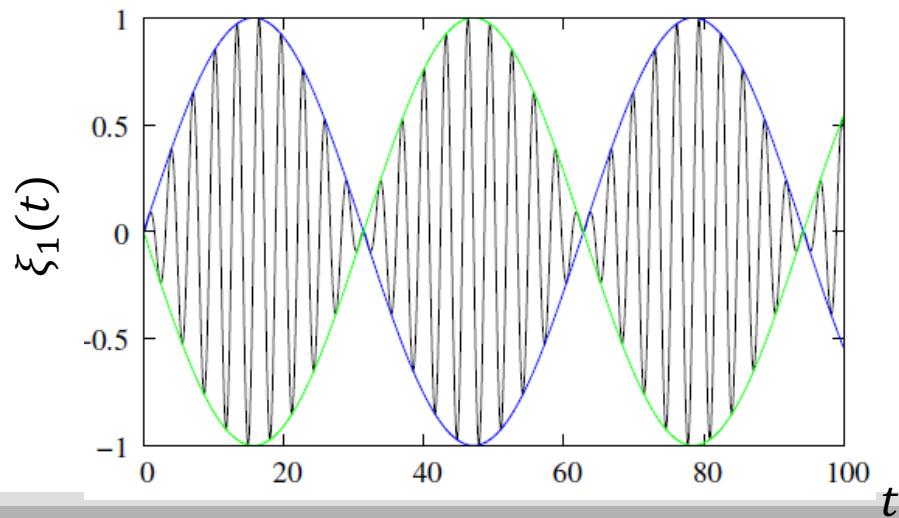
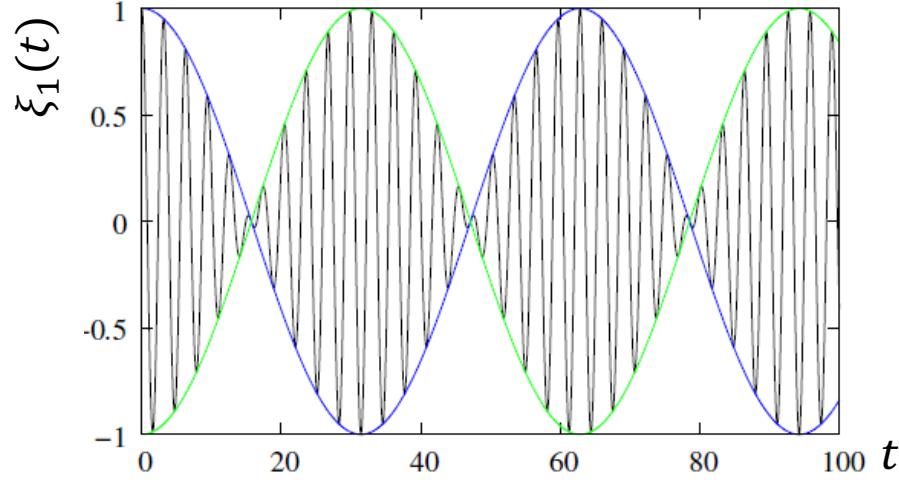


$$\xi_2 = A \left[ \sin \left( \frac{k_0}{2\sqrt{km}} t \right) \cdot \sin \omega_1 t \right]$$

# Detailed solution: Case 3 (RESONANCE)

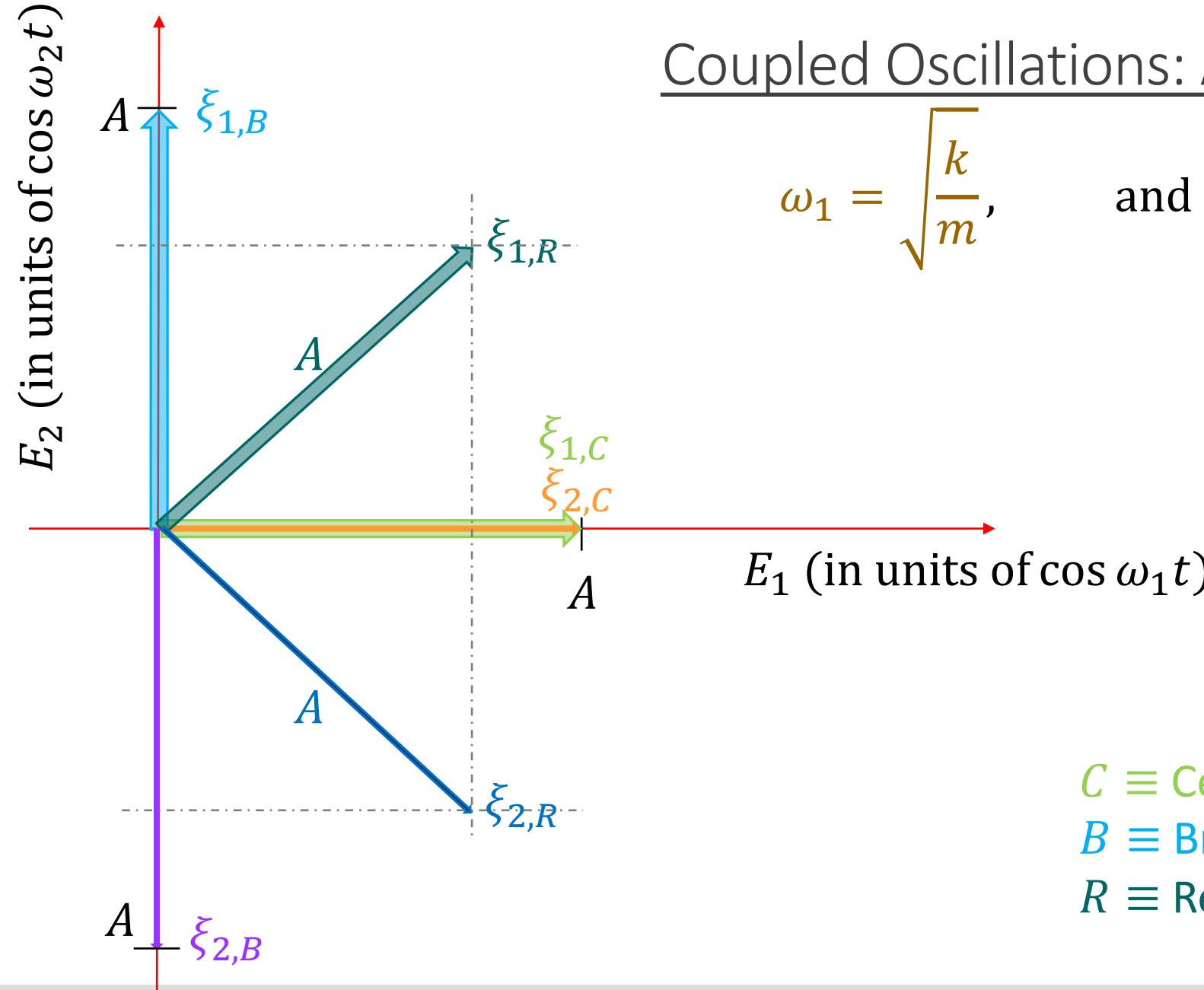
$$\xi_1 = A \left[ \cos\left(\frac{k_0}{2\sqrt{km}}\right) t \cdot \cos \omega_1 t \right]$$

$$\xi_2 = A \left[ \sin\left(\frac{k_0}{2\sqrt{km}}\right) t \cdot \sin \omega_1 t \right]$$



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## Coupled Oscillations: A symbolic view



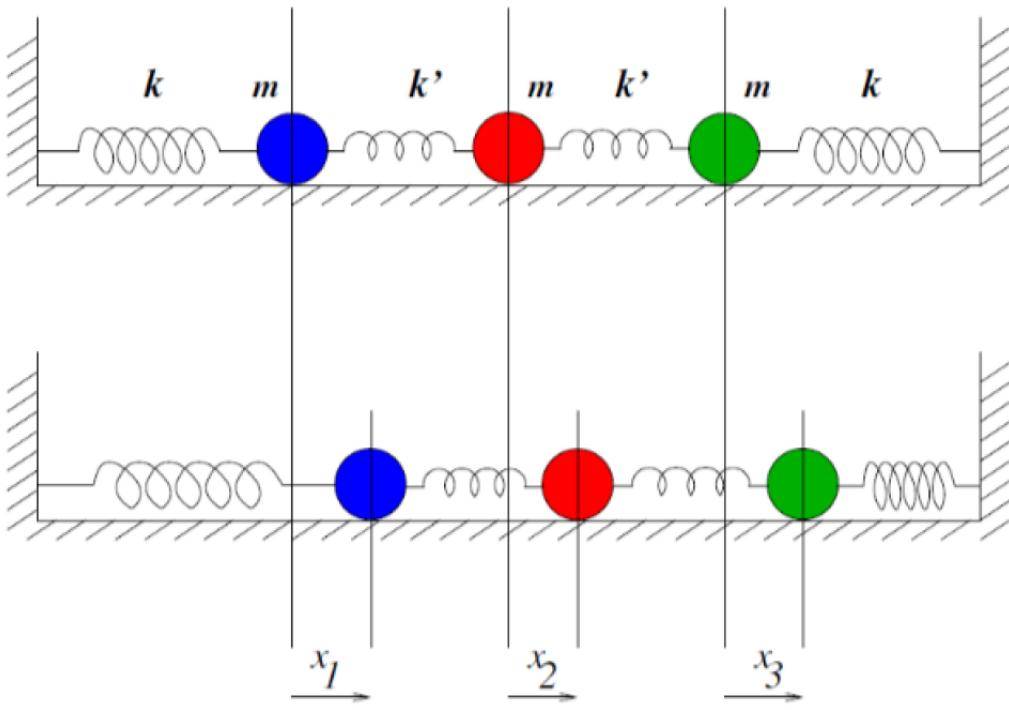
$$\omega_1 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}},$$

$$\text{and} \quad \omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{(k + 2k_0)}{m}}$$

$C \equiv$  Centre of mass Mode  
 $B \equiv$  Breathing Mode  
 $R \equiv$  Resonance

# 3-Coupled Oscillators

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$$m\ddot{x}_1 = -kx_1 - k'(x_1 - x_2)$$

$$m\ddot{x}_2 = -k'(x_2 - x_1) - k'(x_2 - x_3)$$

$$m\ddot{x}_3 = -k'(x_3 - x_2) - k x_3$$

Assume

$$x_1(t) = A e^{i\omega t}$$

$$x_2(t) = B e^{i\omega t}$$

$$x_3(t) = C e^{i\omega t}$$

# 3-Coupled Oscillators

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The Matrix Equation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \omega^2 m - k - k' & k' & 0 \\ k' & \omega^2 m - 2k' & k' \\ 0 & k' & \omega^2 m - k - k' \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \\ C \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

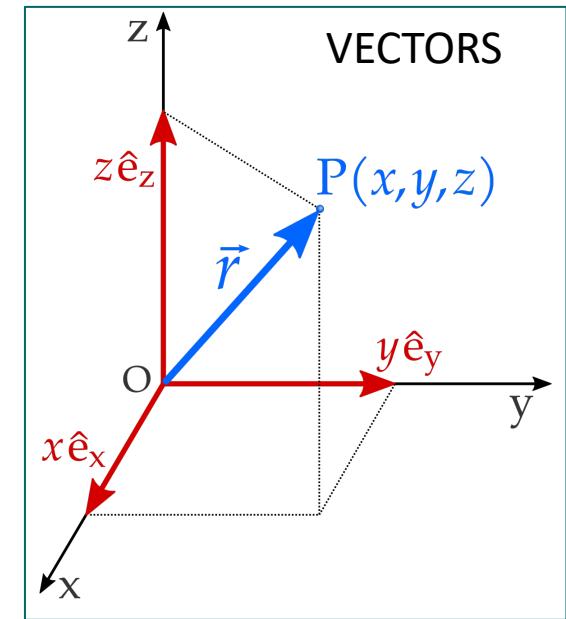
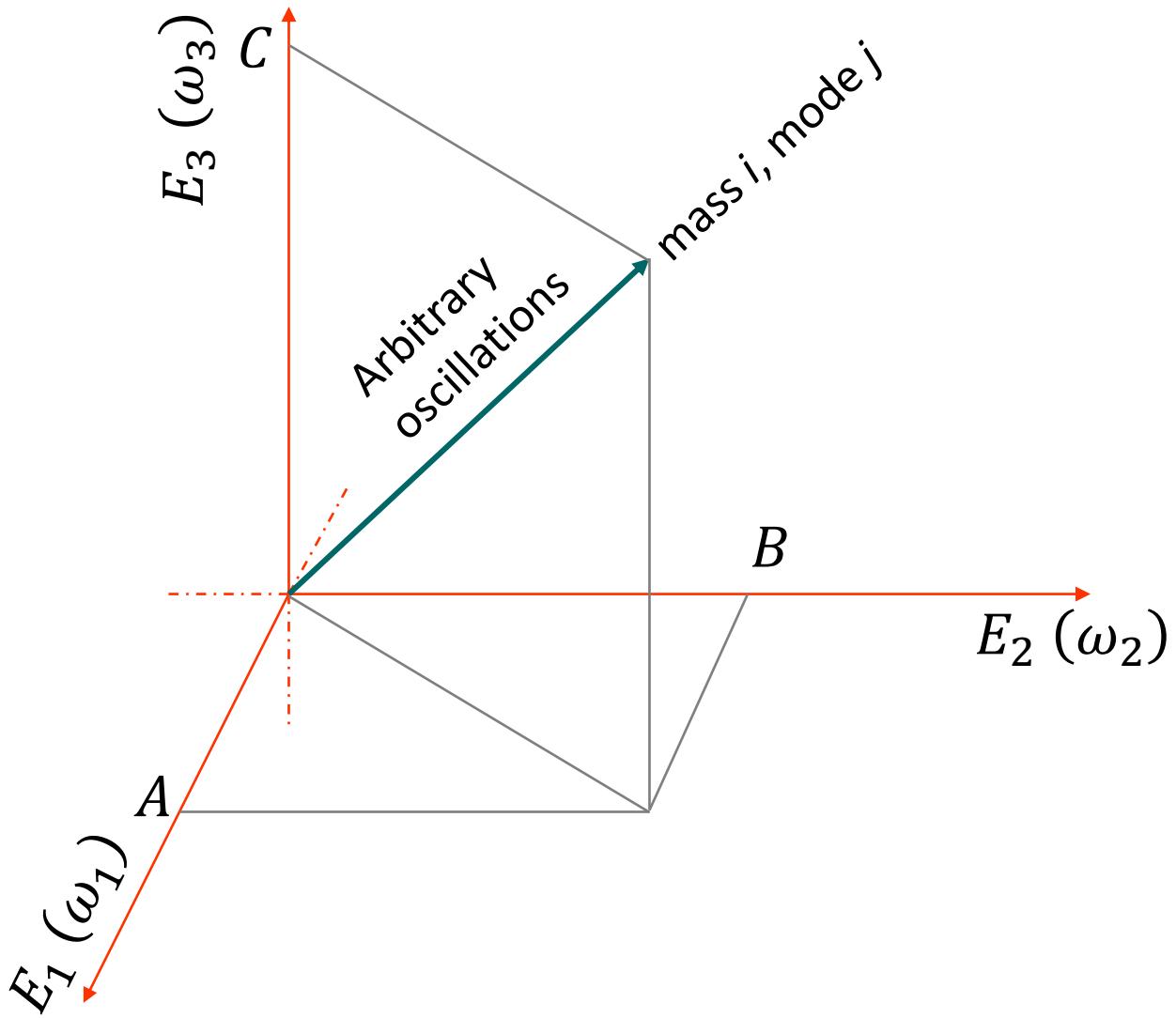
⇒ Three Eigenfrequencies

$$\omega_0^2 = \frac{k + k'}{m}$$

$$\omega_{\pm}^2 = \frac{1}{2m} \left[ (k + 3k') \pm \sqrt{(k + 3k')^2 - 8kk'} \right]$$

# 3-Coupled Oscillators

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## N-coupled Oscillators

⇒ N Eigenfrequencies (N Modes)

$N \rightarrow \infty$

⇒ Waves