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## **Week9: Oscillations (Part 2)**

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# Content

1. Types of oscillation

2. Simple Harmonic Motion (SHM)

3. Variation with time:  $x$ ,  $v$ ,  $a$  vs  $t$ .  
**Two types:**  
(1) Starts at  $x = 0$  at  $t = 0$   $x = x_0 \sin \omega t$   
(2) Starts at  $x = x_0$  or  $x = -x_0$  at  $t = 0$   
 $x = x_0 \cos \omega t$   $x = -x_0 \cos \omega t$

4. Variation with displacement:  $v$ ,  $a$  vs  $x$ .

- *Energy vs time (KE, PE, TE [Total energy] vs  $t$ )*

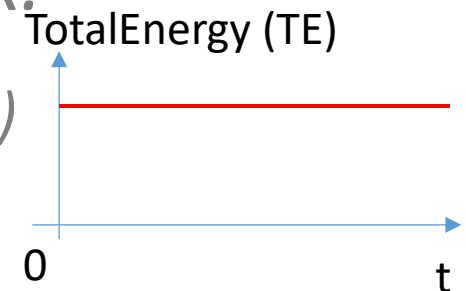
5. Damped Oscillations

6. Forced Oscillations

$$x = x_0 \sin \omega t$$

$$v = \frac{dx}{dt} = x_0 \omega \cos \omega t$$

$$a = -\omega^2 x$$



# 1. Intro Free, Damped & Forced Oscillations

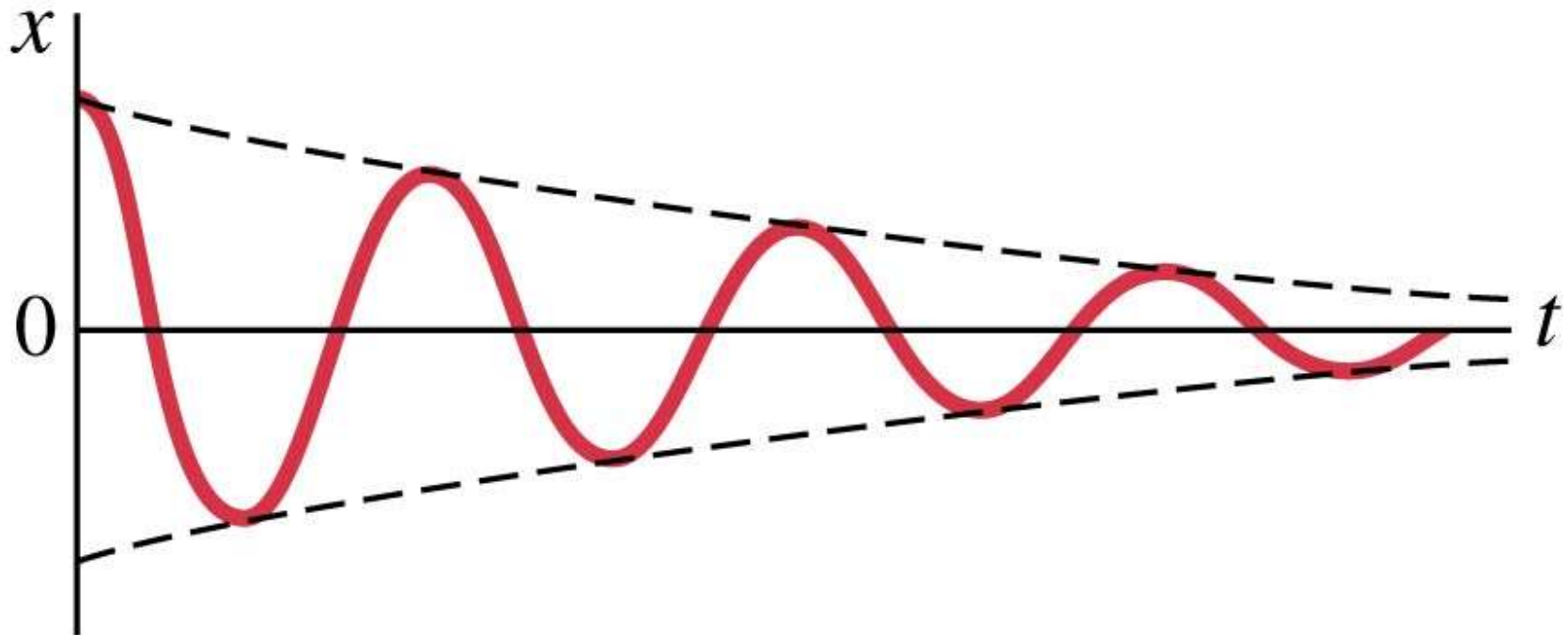
Oscillations will go on forever if undamped.

Damping: Resistive forces acting on oscillation.

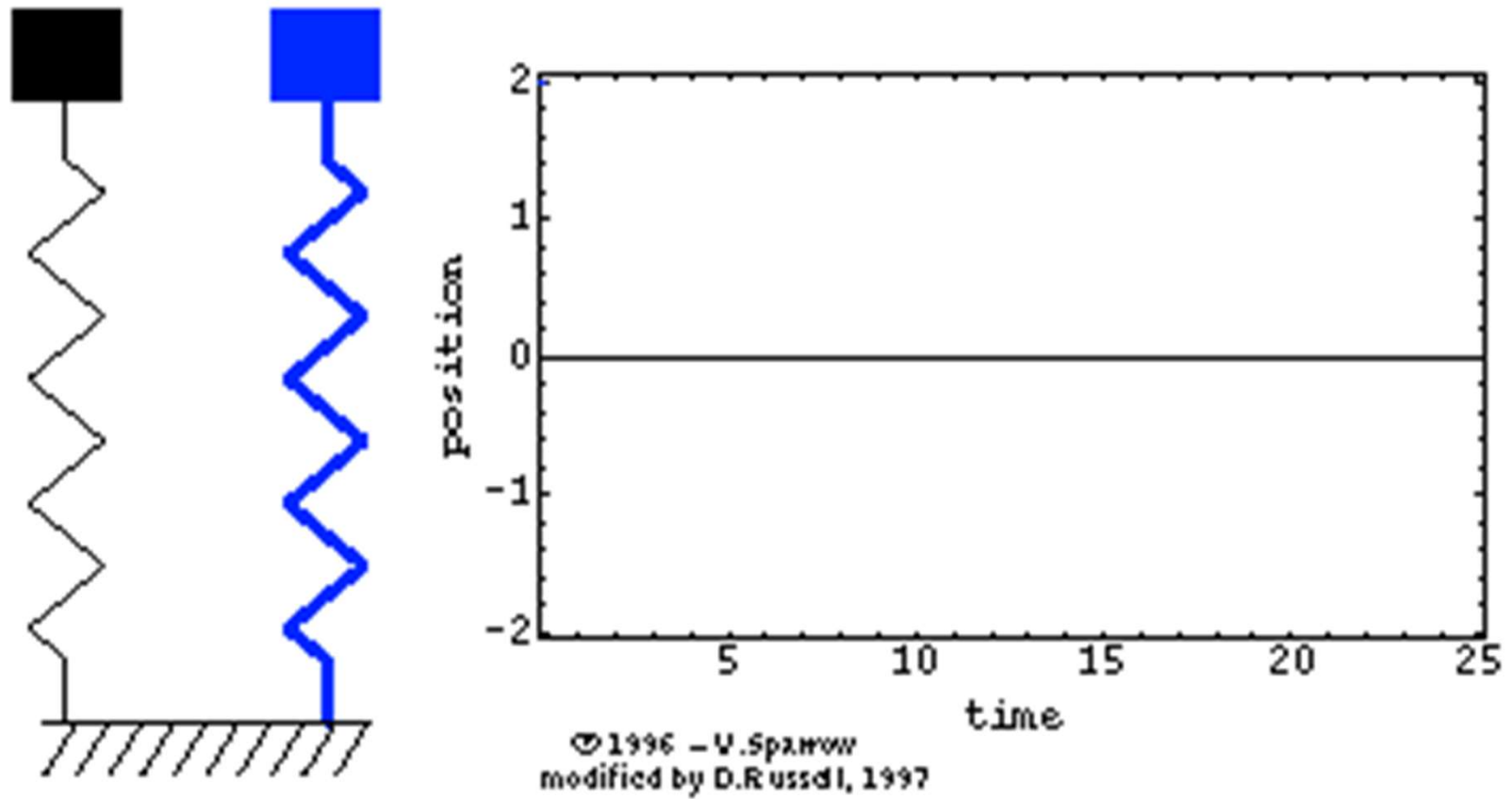
1. Free Oscillations – w/o external stimuli
2. Damped Oscillations - **amplitude** ( $x_0$ ) of oscillation decreases with time  
Cause: Resistive forces from surroundings (eg air resistance).
3. **Forced Oscillations** - Oscillations driven by external oscillatory forces with varying frequencies are known as forced oscillations. (Eg driven by Earthquake)

## 2. Damped Harmonic Motion

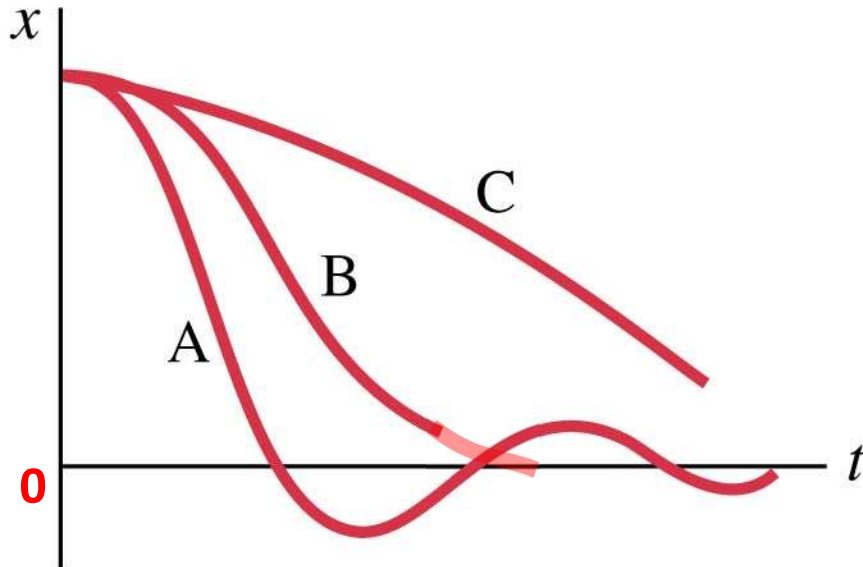
- Damped harmonic motion is harmonic motion with a frictional or drag force.
- If damping is **small**, we can treat it as an “envelope” that modifies un-damped oscillation. (Oscillation with **DECREASING** amplitudes with time)



<https://www.acs.psu.edu/drussell/Demos/SHO/damp.html>



## 2. Damped Harmonic Motion



But, if damping is **large**, it no longer resembles SHM at all.

**A: under-damping** (light damping): there are a few small oscillations before oscillator comes to rest.

For B & C, **NO Oscillations**

**B: critical damping**: fastest way to get to equilibrium ( $x = 0$ ).

**C: over-damping** (heavy damping): system is slowed so much that it takes a **long time (even infinity)** to get to equilibrium ( $x = 0$ ).

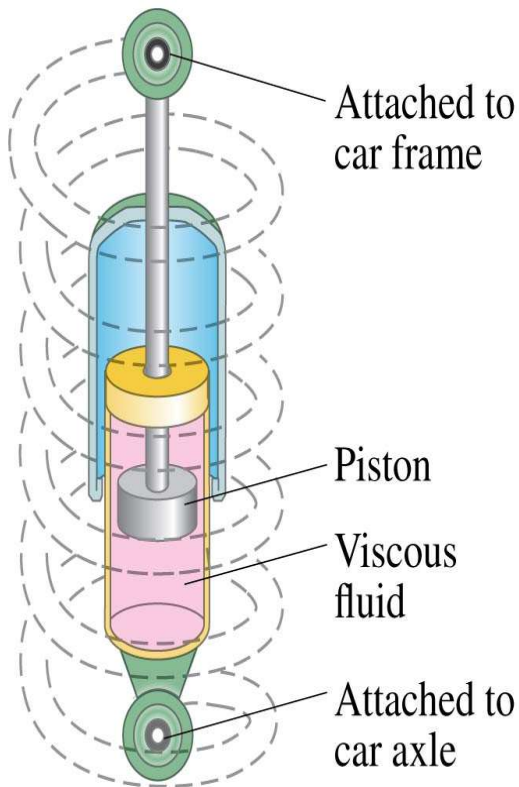
Notice **ONLY** Graph A has oscillation about  $x = 0$ .

Example: Car/Motorcycle suspensions uses **Critical Damping**

## 2. Damped Harmonic Motion

### Application of damping

There are systems where damping is unwanted, such as clocks and watches.



automobile shock absorbers



earthquake protection for buildings

Then there are systems in which it is wanted, and often needs to be as close to **critical damping** as possible, such as automobile shock absorbers and earthquake protection for buildings.

Include **weighing scales** and **analog voltmeters/ammeters**.



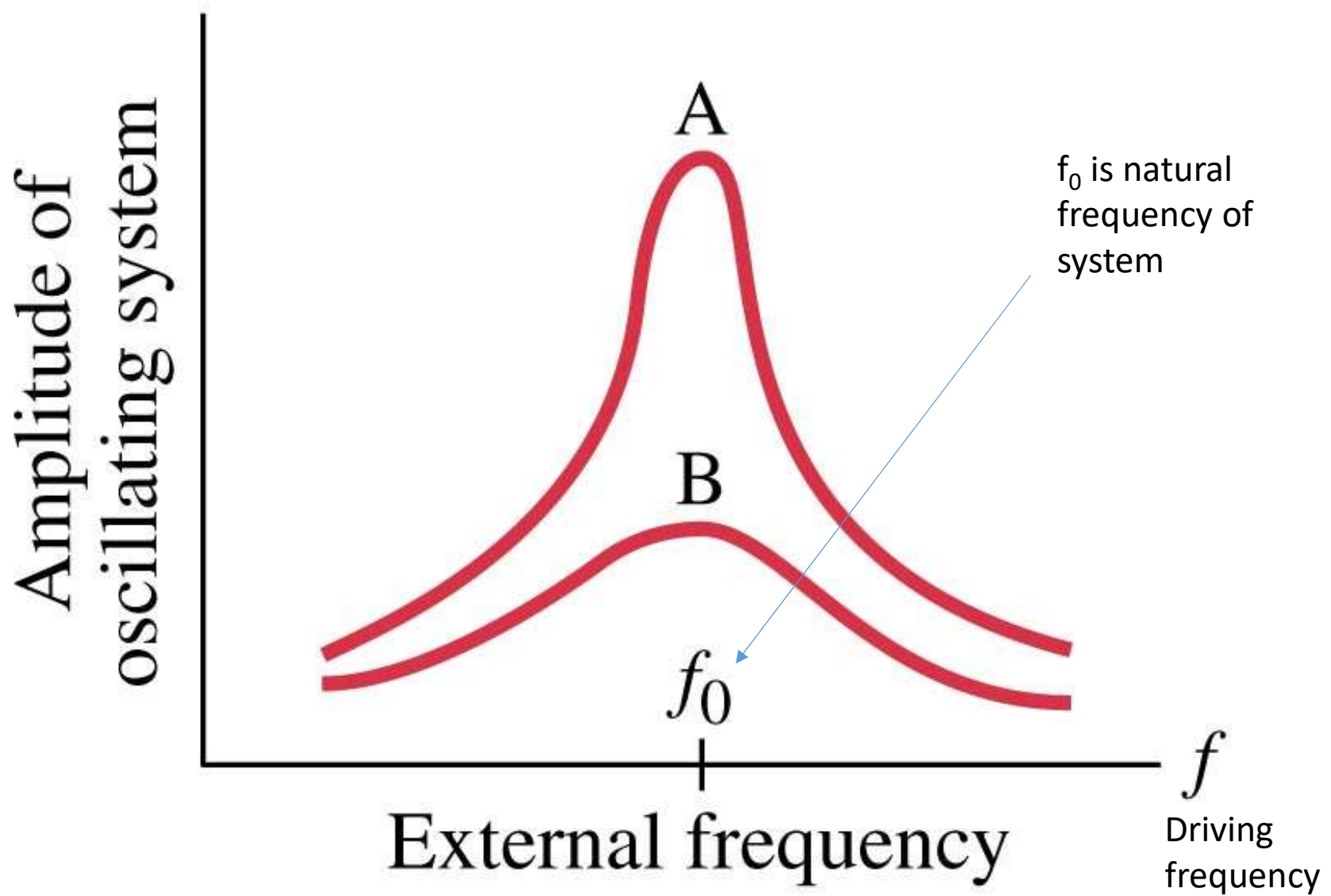
### 3. Forced Oscillations; Resonance

- Occurs when there is a periodic driving force.  
Driving force **may or may not have** same period as **natural frequency** of system.
- Resonance: If **driving frequency** same as **natural frequency**, amplitude becomes quite large.

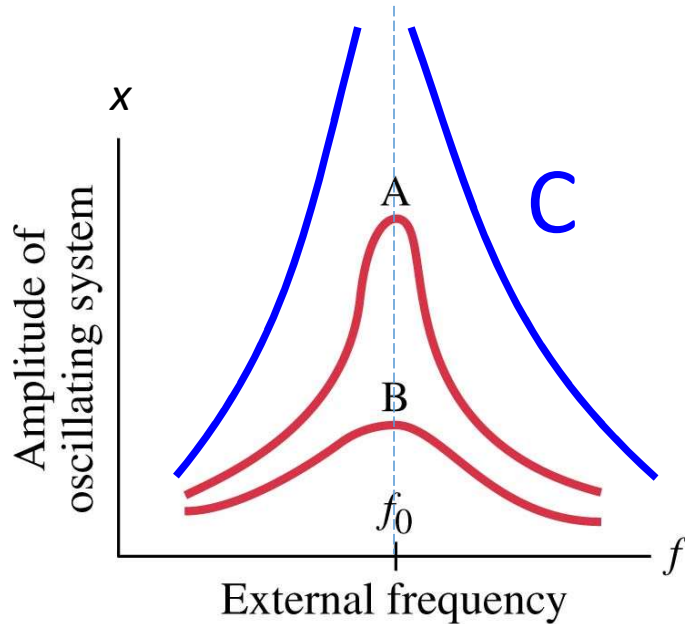


## Resonant frequency breaks glass





### 3. Forced Oscillations; Resonance



A: Small damping

B: Heavy damping

C: No damping

\*Critical damping between A and B

#### C: No damping

- **Sharpness** of resonant peak depends on the damping.
- If damping is **small** (A), it can be quite sharp; if **damping is larger** (B), it is less sharp.
- Like damping, resonance can be wanted or unwanted. **Musical instruments and TV/radio receivers** depend on it.
- Another application: Microwave Oven.

## 4. Example

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**Under-damped** oscillation's period is approximately equal to Period of an **un-damped** oscillation.

Period  $T$  is related to mass & spring constant in equation below.

To measure period of oscillation, you can push down on car's bumpers and time the oscillation period:  $T$

Solving equation gives effective spring constant  $k$  (of 4 springs – one for each wheel).

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{k_{\text{effective}}}} \rightarrow k_{\text{effective}} = m \left( \frac{2\pi}{T} \right)^2$$

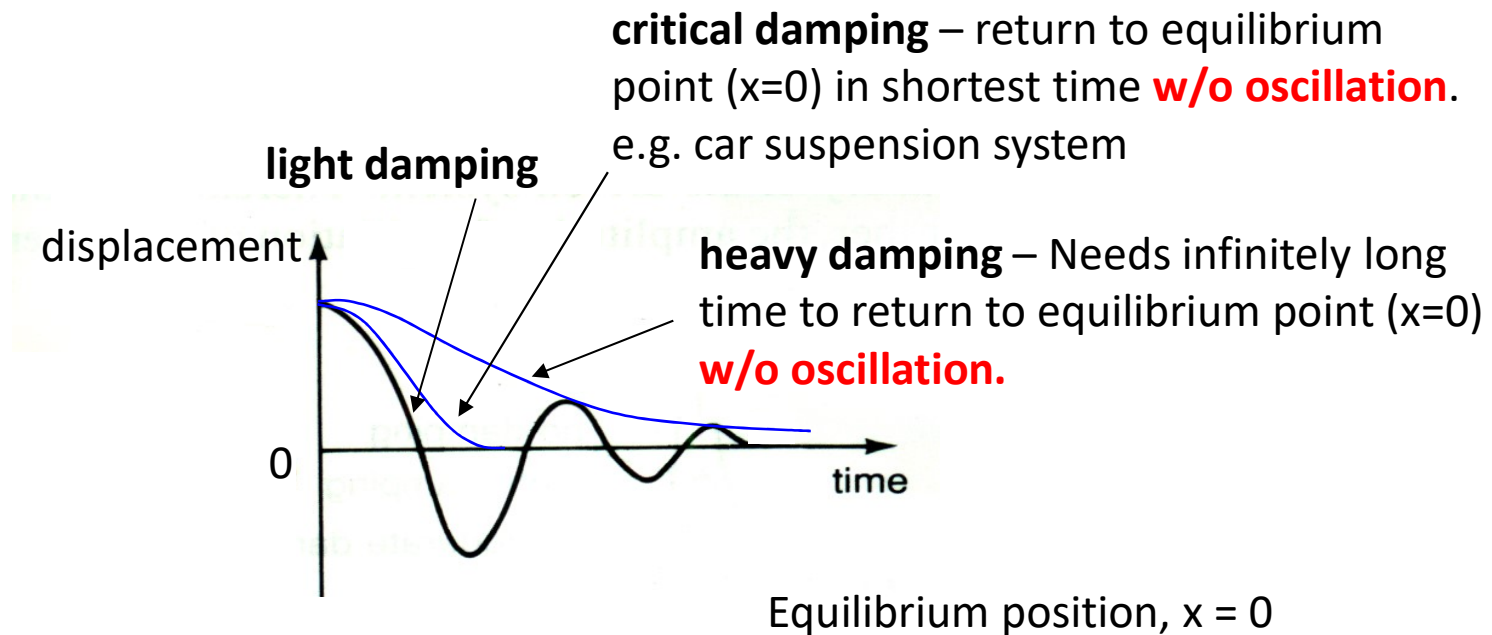
Effective spring constant is for four springs acting together.

To determine spring constant  $k_1$  of each individual spring, divide by four.

$$k_1 = \frac{1}{4} k_{\text{effective}} = \frac{m}{4} \left( \frac{2\pi}{T} \right)^2 = \frac{m\pi^2}{T^2}$$

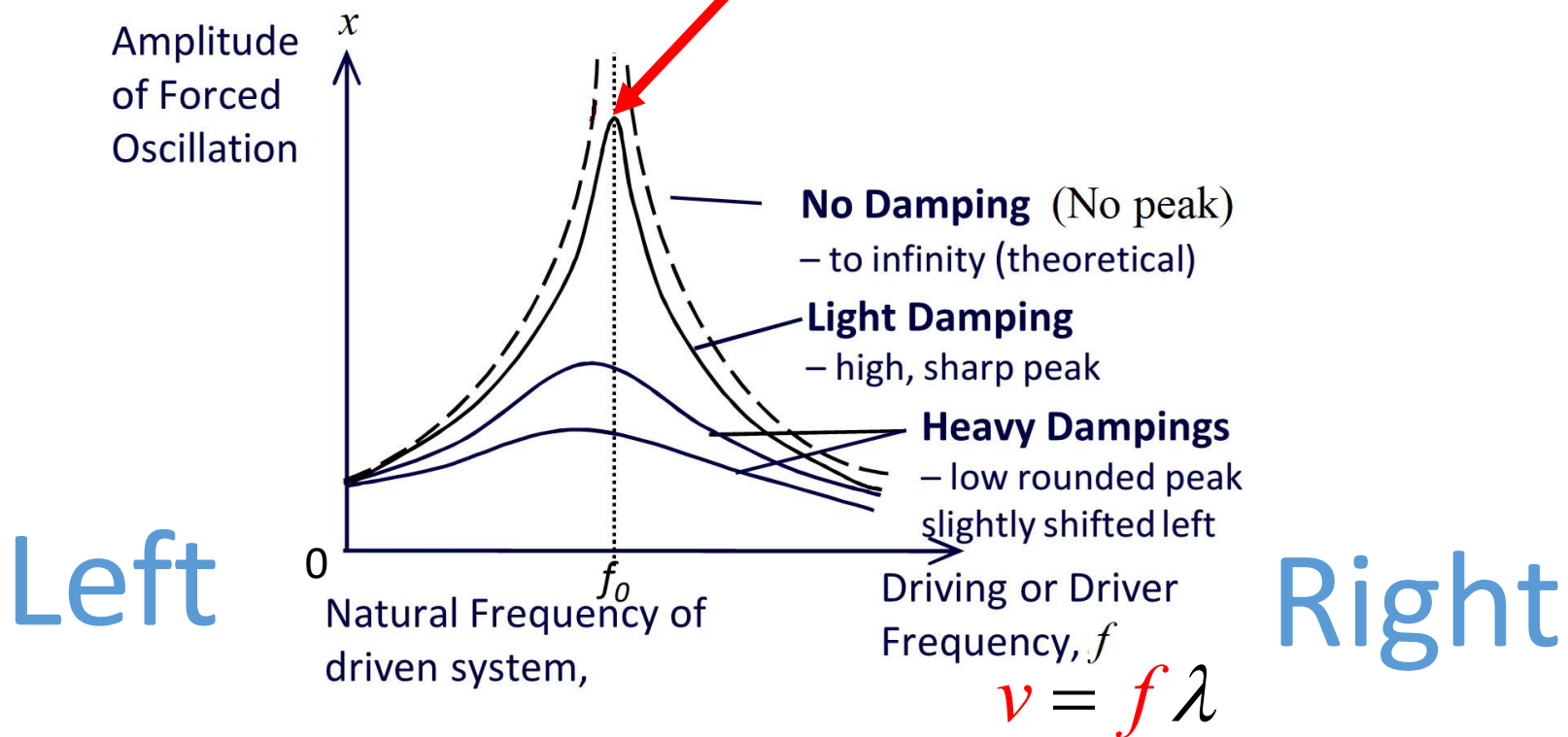
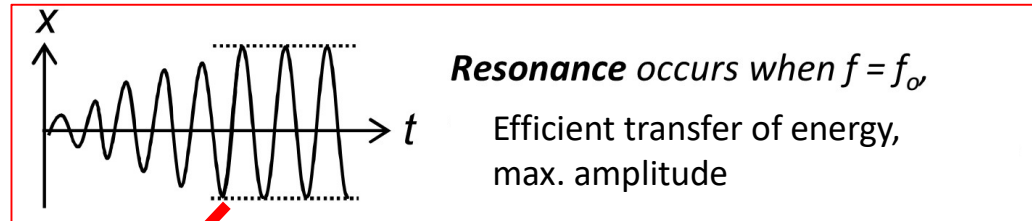
# Summary

## 1. Damping:



## Summary

### 2. Forced Oscillation:



## SPRINGS: SERIES VERSUS PARALLEL

Spring constant  $k$ : Larger  $k$  means harder to extend spring

### PARALLEL SPRINGS

- One spring requires  $F$  to extend to  $x$ .
- Two identical such springs in PARALLEL requires a force LARGER than  $F$  to extend to  $x$
- **Means effective spring constant of // springs is HIGHER.**

Parallel springs (4 springs):  $k_{\text{effective}} = k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + k_4$

### SERIES SPRINGS

- One spring requires  $F$  to extend to  $x$ .
- Two identical such springs in SERIES requires a force SMALLER than  $F$  to extend to  $x$
- **Means effective spring constant of series springs is SMALLER.**

Series springs (4 springs):  $\frac{1}{k_{\text{effective}}} = \frac{1}{k_1} + \frac{1}{k_2} + \frac{1}{k_3} + \frac{1}{k_4}$

FORCE: (HOOKE'S LAW):  $F = k x$



## SPRINGS: SERIES VERSUS PARALLEL

### PARALLEL SPRINGS

Parallel springs (4 identical springs):  $k_{\text{effective}} = k + k + k + k$

Parallel springs (4 identical springs):  $k_{\text{effective}} = 4k$

