

**IIT Mandi**  
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*IC-121: Mechanics of particles and waves*  
*Tutorial – 3*

- 1) A certain oscillator satisfy the the equation  $\ddot{x} + 4x = 0$  . Initially the particle is at the point  $x = \sqrt{3}$  when it is projected toward the origin with speed  $2$  . Show that the subsequent motion is given by the equation  $x = \sqrt{3} \cos 2t - \sin 2t$  . Deduce the amplitude of the oscillation. How long it will take the particle to first reach the origin?
- 2) Arrive at equation of motion for a simple pendulum from principle of conservation of energy with length of the pendulum  $l$  and having mass  $m$  . The pendulum is released from an angle  $\theta$  to the vertical.
- 3) In the problem mentioned above find the equations of motion from balancing of the balance of torques.
- 4) A mass  $m$  oscillate on a spring with spring constant  $k$  . The amplitude is  $d$  at  $t=0$  . At the moment when the mass is at position  $x = d/2$  while moving right it collides and sticks to another mass  $m$ . What is the amplitude of the new oscillation.
- 5) A particle of mass 5 kg moves along the  $x$  direction under the influence of two forces
  - 1) A force toward the origin with the value  $40 \text{ N/m}$  and a frictional forces of  $200 \text{ N}$  for  $v = 10 \text{ m/s}$  . Let  $x(t=0) = 20 \text{ m}$  and velocity  $\dot{x}(t=0) = 0 \text{ m/s}$  . Find the differential equation of motion, and the solution of the problem. Find also amplitude, period and frequency of the vibration, ratio's of two successive amplitudes.
- 6) An over damped harmonic oscillator satisfies the equation  $\ddot{x} + 10\dot{x} + 16x = 0$  At time  $t=0$  the particle is projected from the point  $x=1$  toward the origin with speed  $u$  . Find the solution of the problem. Show that the particle will reach the origin at some later time  $t$  if  $\frac{u-2}{u-8} = e^{6t}$  . How large must  $u$  such that the particle pass through the origin?
- 7) The exponential damping factor  $\gamma$  of a spring of a suspension system is one tenth of the critical value. If the damping frequency is  $\omega_0$  , (a) find the resonance frequency (b) quality factor (c) phase angle  $\phi$  , when the system is driven at a frequency  $\omega = \omega_0/2$  , (d) steady state amplitude of this frequency.
- 8) A critically damped oscillator with natural frequency  $\omega$  and damping coefficient  $\gamma$  starts at position  $x_0 > 0$  . What is the maximum initial speed directed toward the origin and not to cross origin?
- 9) Find the driven response of the of the damped linear oscillator for the case in which driving force  $F(t)$  is periodic with period  $2\pi$  and takes the values  $F(t) = F_0$  in the interval  $(0 < t < \pi)$  and  $F(t) = -F_0$  in the interval  $(\pi < t < 2\pi)$  .
- 10) A particle  $P$  of mass  $3m$  is suspended from a fixed point  $O$  by a light linear spring with strength  $\alpha$  . A second particle  $Q$  of mass  $2m$  is in turn suspended from  $P$  by a second

spring of same strength . The system moves in the vertical straight line through  $O$  . Find the normal frequencies and the form of normal modes of the system.

- 11) Consider two masses  $m$  connected to each other and to two walls by springs. The three springs have the same spring constant  $k$  . Find the most general solution for the positions of masses as function to time. What are the normal coordinates? What are normal modes?

- 12) Derive the equation of motion for system of  $n$  springs of spring constant  $k$  connected to each other by a mass point having mass  $m$  . Let the length of the each spring be  $h$  by balancing of the forces on each mass. Express the equation of motion in terms of  $x$  in terms of the total length of the system  $L$  effective spring constant  $K$  total mass of the  $n$  masses  $M$  . In the limit of the distance between masses approaches zero show that this equation of

motion lead to wave equation 
$$\frac{\partial^2 u(x,t)}{\partial t^2} = \frac{KL^2}{M} \frac{\partial^2 u(x,t)}{\partial x^2} .$$