

Develop the SHM formulas

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For the undamped case

```
undamped = DSolve[m y''[t] + k y[t] == 0, y[t], t]
(* numbered line (3) on p. 63 *)
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$$\left\{ \left\{ y[t] \rightarrow C[1] \cos\left[\frac{\sqrt{k} t}{\sqrt{m}}\right] + C[2] \sin\left[\frac{\sqrt{k} t}{\sqrt{m}}\right] \right\} \right\}$$

```
simpfac = Simplify[undamped /.  $\frac{\sqrt{k}}{\sqrt{m}} \rightarrow \omega_0$ ]
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$$\left\{ \left\{ y[t] \rightarrow C[1] \cos[t \omega_0] + C[2] \sin[t \omega_0] \right\} \right\}$$

And a simplified version of undamped

```
simpconst =
  simpfac /. {C[1] -> A, C[2] -> B} (* numbered line (4) on p. 63 *)
{{y[t] -> A Cos[t \omega_0] + B Sin[t \omega_0]}}
```

Whereas for the damped case

```
damped = DSolve[m y''[t] + c y'[t] + k y[t] == 0, y[t], t]
(* numbered line (5) on p. 64 *)
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$$\left\{ \left\{ y[t] \rightarrow e^{\frac{1}{2} \left( -\frac{c}{m} - \frac{\sqrt{c^2 - 4 k m}}{m} \right) t} C[1] + e^{\frac{1}{2} \left( -\frac{c}{m} + \frac{\sqrt{c^2 - 4 k m}}{m} \right) t} C[2] \right\} \right\}$$

The constant  $c$  is called the damping constant. The constant  $k$  is Hook's, and  $m$  is the mass. On text p. 65 a box of cases is shown, as in the following grid.

Case I	$c^2 > 4mk$	Distinct real roots $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$	Overdamping
Case II	$c^2 = 4mk$	A real double root	Critical damping
Case III	$c^2 < 4mk$	Complex conjugate roots	Underdamping

## 1 - 10 Harmonic oscillations (undamped motion)

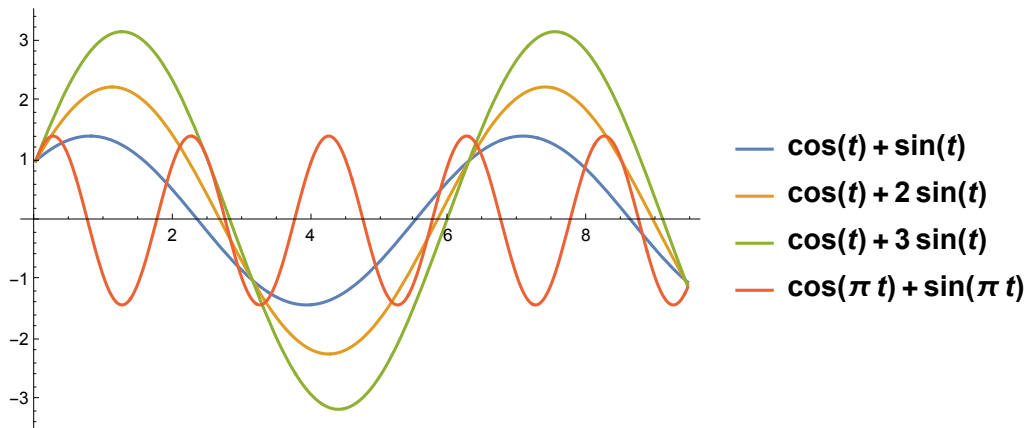
1. Initial value problem. Find the harmonic motion, numbered line (4), p. 63, that starts from  $y_0$  with initial velocity  $v_0$ . Graph or sketch the solutions for  $\omega_0 = \pi$ ,  $y_0 = 1$ , and various  $v_0$  of your choice on common axes. At what  $t$ -values do all these curves intersect? Why?

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The harmonic motion equation is  $y[t] = A \cos[\omega_0 t] + B \sin[\omega_0 t]$ . Only curves with the same  $y_0$  will work around to intersect with each other, so I limited the  $y_0$  to the one

asked for. (I don't know whether it's a plot defect, but I have to extend the interval of  $t$  slightly to get the four curves to intersect at  $t=3\pi$ .)

```
Plot[{Evaluate@Table[Cos[t] + B Sin[t], {B, 1, 3}], Cos[π t] + Sin[π t]},
{t, 0, 3.01 π}, PlotLegends → "Expressions"]
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3. Frequency. How does the frequency of the harmonic oscillation change if we (i) double the mass, (ii) take a spring of twice the modulus? First find qualitative answers by physics, then look at formulas.

By increasing the mass it will increase inertia, lowering the frequency. By increasing the  $k$ -factor, it decreases the range of motion, which speeds up the frequency. Looking at the formula  $\frac{\sqrt{k/m}}{2\pi}$ , doubling  $m$  reduces the frequency by  $\sqrt{2}$ , and doubling  $k$  increases it by the same amount.

5. Springs in parallel. What are the frequencies of vibration of a body of mass  $m = 5$  kg (i) on a spring of modulus  $k_1 = 20$  nt/m, (ii) on a spring of modulus  $k_2 = 45$  nt/m, (iii) on the two springs in parallel? See the figure below.

For part (i)

Setting the problem up is easy since I already have the mass and the  $k$  factor, it being simply

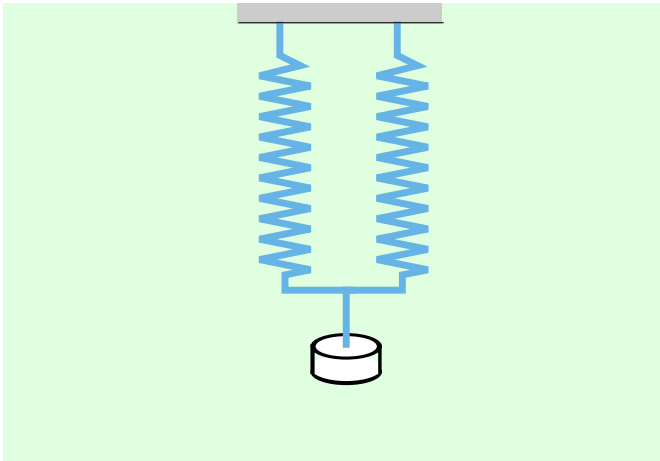
$$\frac{\sqrt{20/5}}{2\pi}$$

$$\frac{1}{\pi}$$

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N[%] (* hertz *)
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0.31831
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For part (ii), with  $k = 45$



$$\frac{\sqrt{90/5}}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}\pi}$$

**N[%] (\* hertz \*)**

**0.675237**

For part (iii), I am informed by Wikipedia that the spring constants are additive, thus

$$\frac{\sqrt{65/5}}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{13}}{2\pi}$$

**N[%]**

**0.573841**

The answers in the green cells above match those of the text.

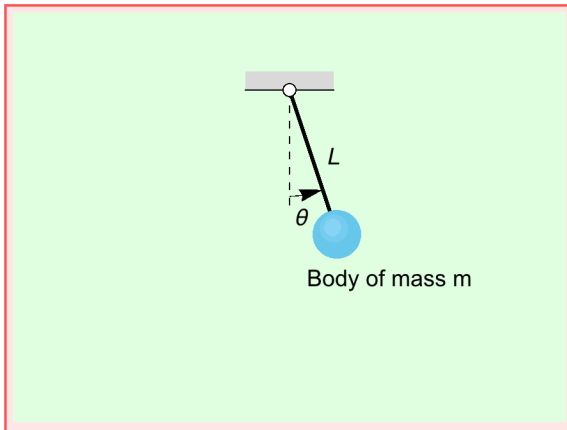
7. Pendulum. Find the frequency of oscillation of a pendulum of length  $L$ , neglecting air resistance and the weight of the rod, and assuming  $\theta$  to be so small that  $\sin[\theta]$  practically equals  $\theta$ . See the figure below.

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I just took the following off a site, [https://www.school-for-champions.com/science/pendulum\\_equation-s.htm#XOnkD9NKjOQ](https://www.school-for-champions.com/science/pendulum_equation-s.htm#XOnkD9NKjOQ). It turns out that the assumption about small  $\theta$  is necessary, since otherwise the simple-looking problem cannot be solved in closed form. When it is necessary to deal with larger angles, going with NDSolve is apparently a common option.

$$\text{freq} = \frac{\sqrt{g/L}}{2\pi}$$

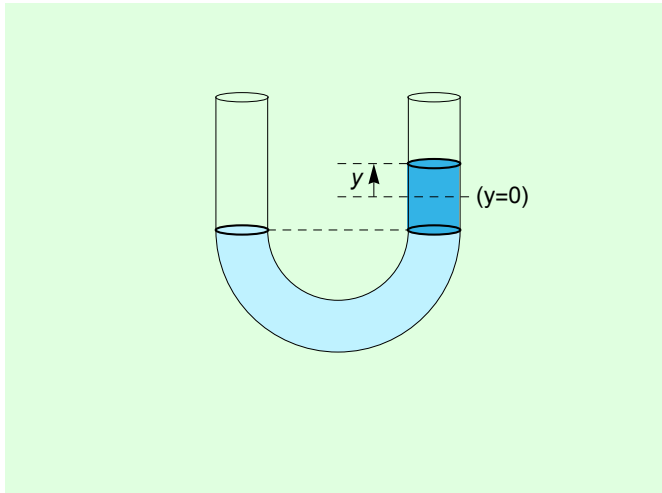
$$\frac{\sqrt{\frac{g}{L}}}{2\pi}$$



9. Vibration of water in a tube. If 1 liter of water (about 1.06 US quart) is vibrating up and down under the influence of gravitation in a U-shaped tube of diameter 2 cm, what is the frequency? Neglect friction. See figure below.

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I found this same problem developed at [https://web.mit.edu/8.01t/www/materials/InClass/WE\\_Sol\\_W13D1-2.pdf](https://web.mit.edu/8.01t/www/materials/InClass/WE_Sol_W13D1-2.pdf). The following is a combination of that site and the text answer. The site description supposes that a quickly retracting piston initiates the height offset. I've also seen an influx of air pressure described as the initiator in this type of problem. It should be noted that the  $y$ -dimension and  $y=0$  level exactly demarcate the halfway point on the excess right side height.



$\gamma$  = weight of a cubic meter of water = 1000 kg = 9800 nts force

The problem description gives the information that one liter of water is sloshing around. However, it may not be clear whether that liter comprises the total volume or just the darker-colored, 2y slug. If it was just the slug, then the y dimension could be calculated exactly based on the pipe diameter. However, the text leaves the y length unstated, implying that the liter volume is the whole thing. Anyway, I guess the whole mass is involved in the oscillation. But the  $\pi(0.01)^2 \cdot 2y$  meter<sup>3</sup> plug mass is the cause of the restoring force under examination, that force tagged by the text answer as equal to (a  $\gamma y$ ). As for the equation that will result in the frequency, how about

$$\text{eqn} = y''[t] + \omega_0^2 y[t] == 0$$

$$\omega_0^2 y[t] + y''[t] == 0$$

The following is the solution to the equation, and though it reassuringly shows the form of SHM, it will not be used to crack the numerical value of the frequency.

```
sol = DSolve[eqn, y, t]
```

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{ {y -> Function[{t}, C[2] Cos[t \omega_0] + C[1] Sin[t \omega_0]] } }
```

An equivalence or two from the text answer are unclear to me, so I will switch over to the the online site mentioned above to get a different perspective by grabbing the following.

$$\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{2g}{L}}$$

Working now in meters, cubic meters, and kilograms. Area of liquid surface times length equals volume equivalent to one thousandth of a cubic meter, according to the problem description.

**Solve** $\left[\pi * 0.01^2 * L == 0.001, L\right]$   
 $\{\{L \rightarrow 3.1831\}\}$

And using the length I can solve for the frequency “kernel”.

$\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{2g}{L}}$  /.  $\{L \rightarrow 3.1831, g \rightarrow 9.80665\}$   
**2.48228**

And convert to numerically expressed frequency.

$\frac{2.481434947631652}{2\pi}$  (\* hertz \*)  
**0.394933**

The answer in the yellow cell above is close to the text answer of 0.4.

### 11 - 20 Damped motion

11. Overdamping. Show that for numbered line (7), p. 65 to satisfy initial conditions  $y(0) = y_0$  and  $v(0) = v_0$  we must have  $c_1 = [(1 + \alpha/\beta)y_0 + v_0/\beta]/2$  and  $c_2 = [(1 - \alpha/\beta)y_0 - v_0/\beta]/2$ .

13. Initial value problem. Find the critical motion, numbered line (8), p. 66, that starts from  $y_0$  with initial velocity  $v_0$ . Graph solution curves for  $\alpha = 1$ ,  $y_0 = 1$  and several  $v_0$  such that (i) the curve does not intersect the t-axis, (ii) it intersects it at  $t = 1, 2, \dots, 5$ , respectively.

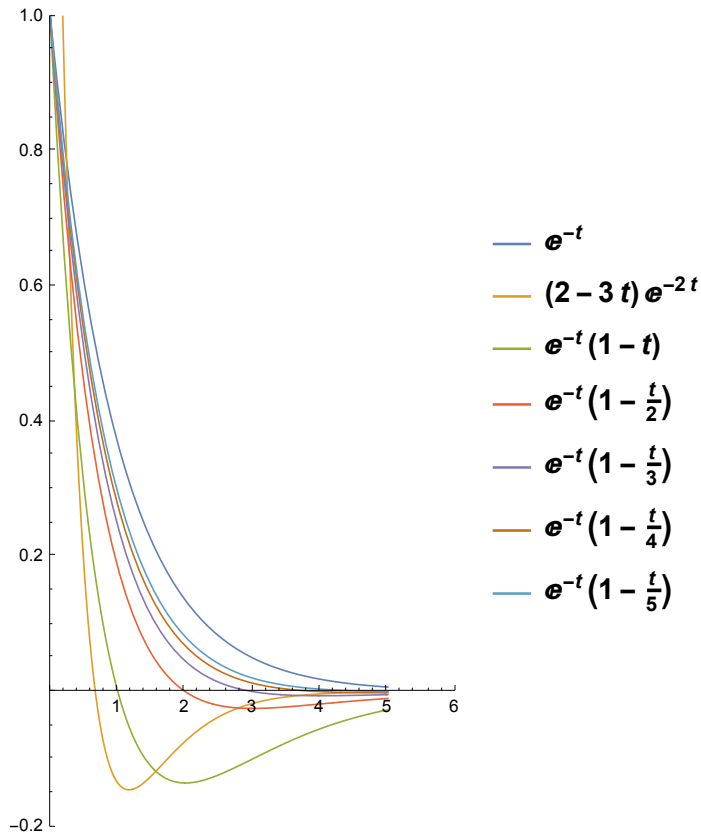
For this one it looks like I’m expected to work directly with numbered line (8),  
 $y[t] = (c_1 + c_2 t) e^{-\alpha t}$

It may be as well to let  $c_1$  remain equal to 1, and let  $c_2$  evolve around it.

**Table** $\left[\text{Solve}\left[(1 + c_2 t) e^{-t} == 0, \{c_2\}\right], \{t, 1, 5\}\right]$   
 $\{\{\{c_2 \rightarrow -1\}\}, \{\{c_2 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{2}\}\}, \{\{c_2 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{3}\}\}, \{\{c_2 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{4}\}\}, \{\{c_2 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{5}\}\}\}$

The consolidated plot below is equivalent to the text answer. In the first curve in the legend,  $y_0=1$  and  $\alpha = 1$ ; the second curve has a different  $y_0$  and  $c_1=2$ ,  $c_2=3$ ; the other curves in the legend meet the intersection requirements of the problem description.

```
Plot[{e^-t, (2 - 3 t) e^-2 t,
      Evaluate@Table[{(1 + c2 * t) * e^-t}, {c2, {-1, -1/2, -1/3, -1/4, -1/5}}]},
{t, 0, 5}, PlotLegends -> "Expressions", PlotRange -> {{0, 6}, {-0.2, 1}},
AspectRatio -> 2, PlotStyle -> Thickness[0.004]]
```



15. Frequency. Find an approximation formula for  $\omega^*$  in terms of  $\omega_0$  by applying the binomial theorem in numbered line (9) p. 67, and retaining only the first two terms. How good is the approximation in example 2, section III, p. 68?

Here is an example of using the binomial command in a series setting.

```
Sum[Binomial[1/2, k] (1 + x)^k, {k, 0, 2}]
```

$$1 + \frac{1+x}{2} - \frac{1}{8} (1+x)^2$$

And an example of a series with binomial persuasion.

```
Normal[Series[(1 + a)^(1/2), {a, 0, 2}]]
```

$$1 + \frac{a}{2} - \frac{a^2}{8}$$

In numbered line (9) the focus is on the following expression for  $\omega^*$ , which assents to factoring.

$$\omega^* == \left( \frac{k}{m} - \frac{c^2}{4 m^2} \right)^{1/2} == \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \left( 1 - \frac{c^2}{4 m k} \right)^{1/2}$$

And the factored form can be expressed as a series.

$$\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \text{Simplify}[\text{Normal}[\text{Series}\left[\left(1 - \frac{c^2}{4 m k}\right)^{1/2}, \{c, 0, 2\}\right]]]$$

$$\left(1 - \frac{c^2}{8 k m}\right) \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

Applying the particular criteria of example 2, case III, I get

$$\text{N}\left[\left(1 - \frac{c^2}{8 k m}\right) \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} /. \{c \rightarrow 10, m \rightarrow 10, k \rightarrow 90\}\right]$$

2.95833

The number in the green cell above matches the answer in the text.

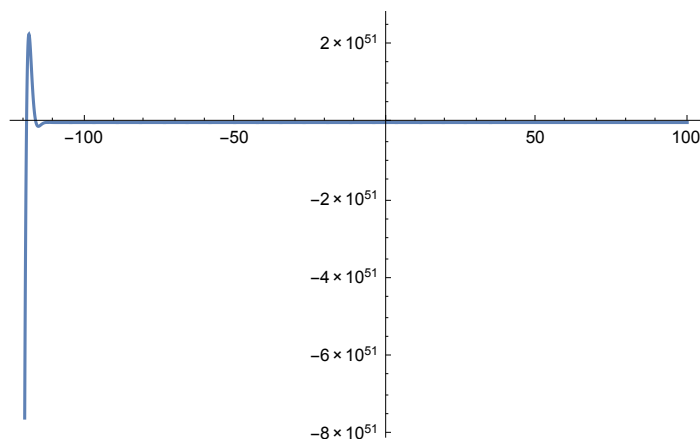
17. Underdamping. Determine the values of  $t$  corresponding to the maxima and minima of the oscillation  $y(t) = e^{-t} \sin[t]$ . Check your result by graphing  $y(t)$ .

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I do not understand the text answer regarding  $\text{Tan}[t]$ . I tried the command `ExpToTrig`, and `Tan` didn't fall out. I just will plug around with some plots.

If a long view is taken of the function, a gigantic spike is seen out around  $t=-120$ .

`Plot[E-t Sin[t], {t, -120, 100}, PlotRange -> All]`





```
N[Maximize[{e-t Sin[t], -120 < t < -110}, t]]  
{2.26304 × 1051, {t → -118.595}}
```

The adjacent minimum goes into deep water.

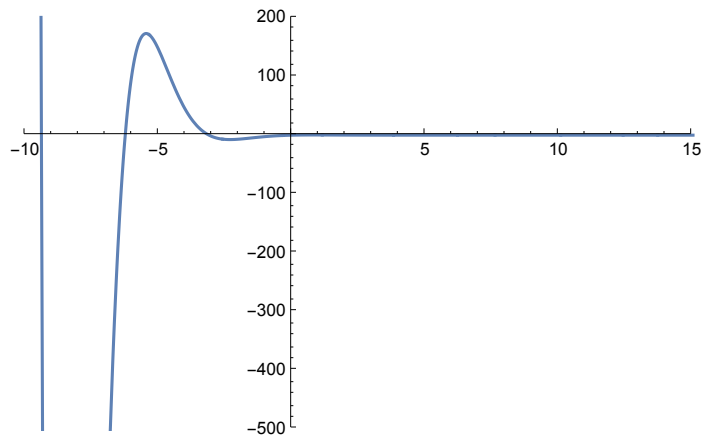
```
N[Minimize[{e-t Sin[t], -120 < t < -110}, t]]
```

Minimize::wksol: Warning: there is no minimum in the region in which the  
objective function is defined and the constraint is satisfied, returning a result on the boundary >>

```
{-7.57222 × 1051, {t → -120.}}
```

There is another notable maximum close to negative zero.

```
Plot[e-t Sin[t], {t, -11, 15}, PlotRange → {{-10, 15}, {-500, 200}}]
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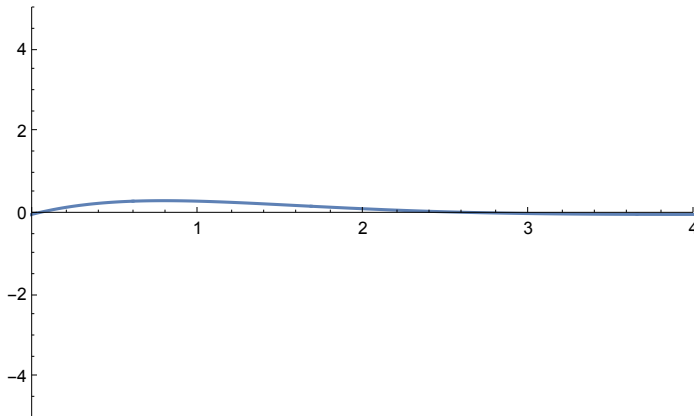
```
N[Maximize[{e-t Sin[t], -6 < t < 4}, t]]  
{172.641, {t → -5.49779}}
```

And a mild minimum is located to the right of it.

```
N[Minimize[{e-t Sin[t], -6 < t < 0}, t]]  
{-7.46049, {t → -2.35619}}
```

Whereas, if I'm interested in the positive domain

```
Plot[E-t Sin[t], {t, -1, 10}, PlotRange → {{0, 4}, {-5, 5}}]
```



A little hump is the tallest there is in this neighborhood.

```
N[Maximize[{E-t Sin[t], 0 < t < 10}, t]]
{0.322397, {t → 0.785398}}
```

And there is a little undercurl for a minimum.

```
N[Minimize[{E-t Sin[t], 0 < t < 10}, t]]
{-0.013932, {t → 3.92699}}
```

19. Damping constant. Consider an underdamped motion of a body of mass  $m = 0.5$  kg. If the time between two consecutive maxima is 3 sec and the maximum amplitude decreases to  $\frac{1}{2}$  its initial value after 10 cycles, what is the damping constant of the system?

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Looks like the frequency is 0.3333 hertz.

So I should be able to claim that

$$\omega^* = \text{freq} (2 \pi)$$

or

$$\omega^* = \text{N}[0.3333 (2 \pi)]$$

$$2.09419$$

But I also have that

$$\omega^* = \left( \frac{k}{m} - \frac{c^2}{4 m^2} \right)^{1/2}$$

from up around problem 15. So if I knew what  $k$  was, I could calculate  $c$  directly. Aha, Wikipedia to the rescue (article on simple harmonic motion).

**Solve**  $\left[ 3 == 2 \pi \sqrt{\frac{0.5}{k}}, k \right]$   
 $\{ \{k \rightarrow 2.19325\} \}$

and I can plug that k-value in

$$2.09419 = \left( \frac{k}{m} - \frac{c^2}{4m^2} \right)^{1/2}$$

and solve for c.

**Solve**  $\left[ \left( \frac{2.19325}{0.5} - \frac{c^2}{1} \right)^{0.5} == 2.09419, c \right]$

Solve::ifun:

Inverse functions are being used by Solve, so some solutions may not be found; use Reduce for complete solution information >>

$\{ \{c \rightarrow -0.029466\}, \{c \rightarrow 0.029466\} \}$

However, the above values of c look somewhat different than the text answer. The text answer says that  $c = 0.0231$ , less than what shows in yellow. But what if I use the text answer c-value to work backward to the k-value.

**Solve**  $\left[ \left( \frac{k}{0.5} - \frac{(0.0231)^2}{1} \right)^{0.5} == 2.09419, k \right]$

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$\{ \{k \rightarrow 2.19308\} \}$

Now, comparing 2.18913 with 2.19325, they do not look that far apart. The ratio

$$\frac{2.19325}{2.19308}$$

$$1.00008$$

looks pretty close. It appears that the damping constant is insanely sensitive to the k-factor. The following plot is not related to the problem, but maybe someday I will come back and shape it up.

```
Plot[{e-0.2 x Sin[3. x], e-0.2 x, -e-0.2 x}, {x, 0, 25},  
PlotRange → All, PlotStyle → {{Thickness[0.002]},  
{Dashed, Thickness[0.002]}, {Dashed, Thickness[0.002]}}
```

