

ME 274: Basic Mechanics II

Lecture 37: Vibrations – Damped Free Response



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Solution to the Homogeneous Form of the EOM

From your studies of linear diff. eq., remember that the solution to the EOM $\mathbf{M}\ddot{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{C}\dot{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{K}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{f}(t)$ is
$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{x}_c(t) + \mathbf{x}_p(t)$$

$\mathbf{x}_c(t)$:

- complimentary (homogeneous) solution
- General form of the solution corresponding to $\mathbf{f}(t) = 0$
- Free vibration response

$\mathbf{x}_p(t)$:

- Particular solution
- $\mathbf{f}(t) \neq 0$

Still only looking at free response

General solution to the homogeneous equation:

$$x(t) = Ae^{\lambda t}$$

We can therefore rewrite our EOM as:

$$\lambda^2 MAe^{\lambda t} + \lambda CAe^{\lambda t} + K Ae^{\lambda t} = 0$$
$$(\lambda^2 M + \lambda C + K) Ae^{\lambda t} = 0$$

Characteristic eqn.

Solution to the Homogeneous Form of the EOM

Our Characteristic Equation for the homogeneous form of our EOM is a quadratic in the form:

$$\lambda^2 M + \lambda C + K = 0$$

gives us all the info we need
to tell how our system
behaves

To solve our EOM, we need to find the roots of the characteristic eqn.:

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = \frac{-C \pm \sqrt{C^2 - 4MK}}{2M}$$

What do these roots tell us about the behavior of our system?

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = \frac{-C \pm \sqrt{C^2 - 4MK}}{2M}$$

$$= -\frac{C}{2M} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{C}{2M}\right)^2 - \frac{K}{M}}$$

$$= \left[-\frac{C}{2M} \sqrt{\frac{M}{K}} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{C}{2M}\right)^2 \frac{M}{K} - 1} \right] \sqrt{\frac{K}{M}}$$

$$= \left[-\frac{C}{2\sqrt{KM}} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{C}{2\sqrt{KM}}\right)^2 - 1} \right] \sqrt{\frac{K}{M}}$$

$$= \left[-\zeta \pm \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1} \right] \underbrace{\left(\sqrt{\frac{K}{M}} \right)}_{\omega_n} \leftarrow \text{natural frequency}$$

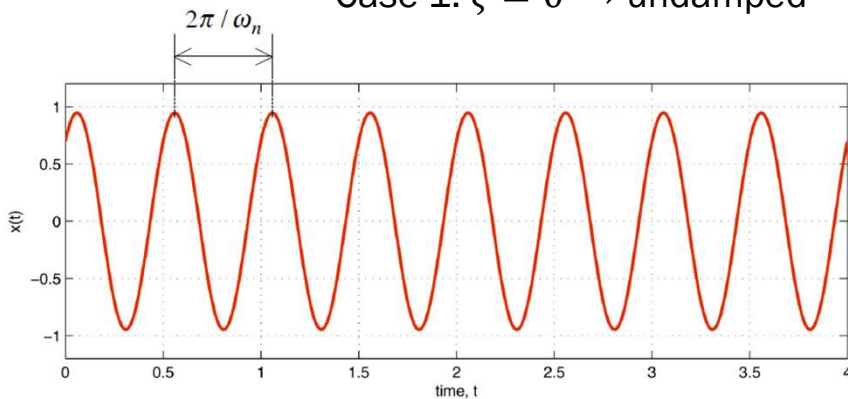
$$\zeta = \frac{C}{2\sqrt{KM}} \leftarrow \text{damping ratio}$$

Discussion: Damping Ratio - ζ

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = \left[-\zeta \pm \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1} \right] \sqrt{\frac{K}{M}}$$

ζ is a normalized measure of the amount of damping in your system - $\zeta = \frac{\text{actual damping}}{\text{critical damping}}$

Case 1: $\zeta = 0 \rightarrow$ undamped

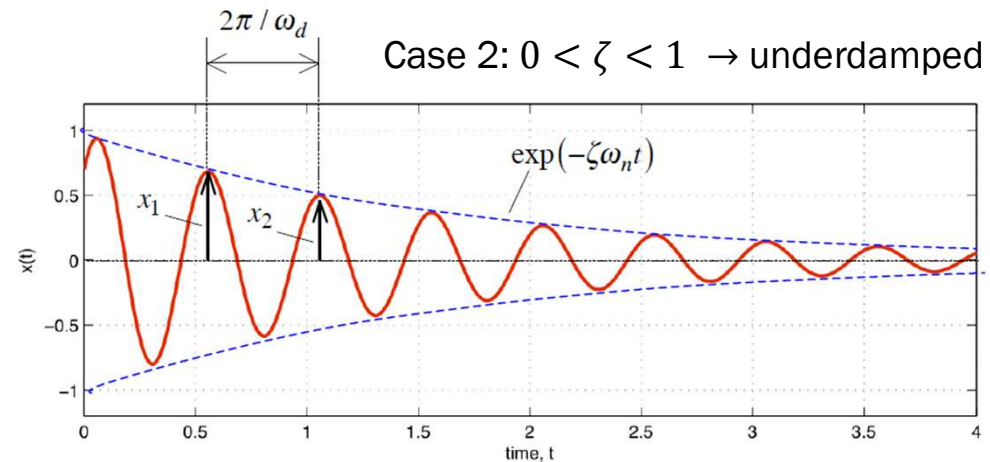


$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = \pm i\omega_n, \quad \omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{K}{M}}$$

2 imaginary roots

system oscillates forever @ natural frequency with no amplitude decay

Case 2: $0 < \zeta < 1 \rightarrow$ underdamped



$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = -\zeta\omega_n \pm i\omega_d,$$

$$\omega_d = \omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}$$

2 complex roots

new parameter $\omega_d \rightarrow$ "damped" natural frequency:

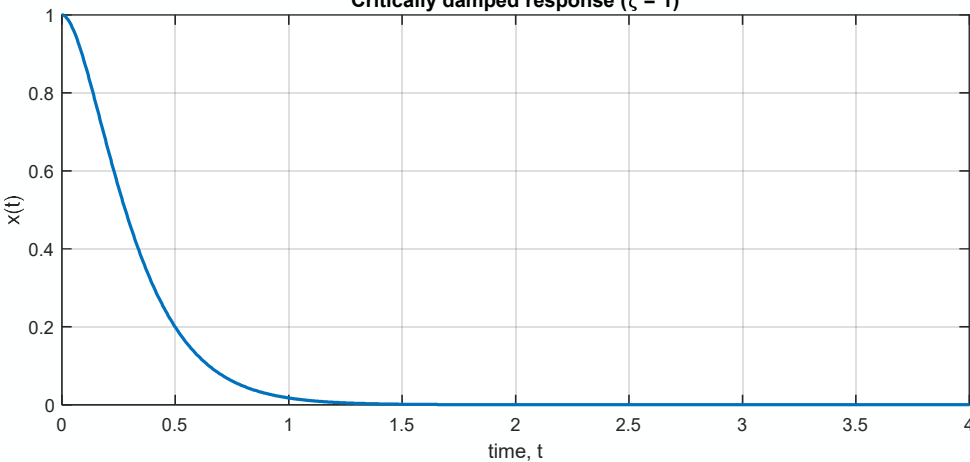
Oscillation & decay, most systems we're looking at

Discussion: Damping Ratio - ζ

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Case 3: $\zeta = 1 \rightarrow \text{critically damped}$

Critically damped response ($\zeta = 1$)

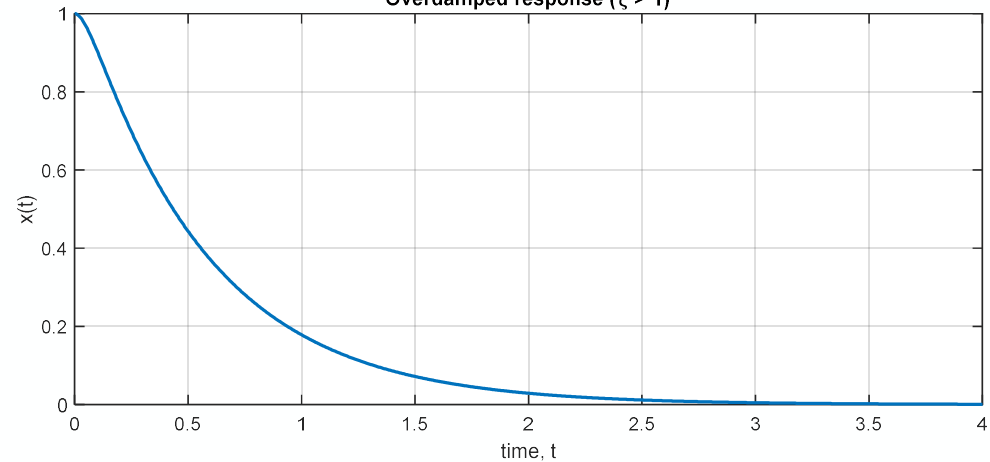


$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = -\omega_n$$

repeated real roots $\rightarrow -\omega_n$
 $\rightarrow$ system moves to eq. as quickly
as possible w/o oscillating

Case 4:

Overdamped response ($\zeta > 1$)



Two distinct real roots

also does not oscillate,
takes longer to reach
equilibrium

Discussion: Underdamped systems

The solution to the homogeneous ODE for the underdamped case is:

$$x(t) = A_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + A_2 e^{\lambda_2 t}$$

Substituting our roots in: $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = -\zeta \omega_n \pm i \omega_d$

$$x(t) = A_1 e^{(-\zeta \omega_n - i \omega_d)t} + A_2 e^{(-\zeta \omega_n + i \omega_d)t}$$

$$= e^{-\zeta \omega_n t} [A_1 e^{-i \omega_d t} + A_2 e^{i \omega_d t}]$$

$$= e^{-\zeta \omega_n t} [A_1 (\cos \omega_d t - i \sin \omega_d t) + A_2 (\cos \omega_d t + i \sin \omega_d t)]$$

$$= e^{-\zeta \omega_n t} [(A_1 + A_2) \cos \omega_d t + i (-A_1 + A_2) \sin \omega_d t]$$

$$= e^{-\zeta \omega_n t} [C \cos \omega_d t + S \sin \omega_d t]$$

rewrite using Euler's formula

controls decay in amplitude

controls oscillation

Note the difference between ω_n and ω_d :

- $\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{K}{M}}$ → natural frequency – the frequency the system would oscillate at if there was no damping
- $\omega_d = \omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}$ → damped natural frequency – the actual frequency of the oscillations

now to find C & S:

$$x(0) = e^0 [C \cos 0 + S \sin 0] = C \quad \leftarrow \text{initial position}$$

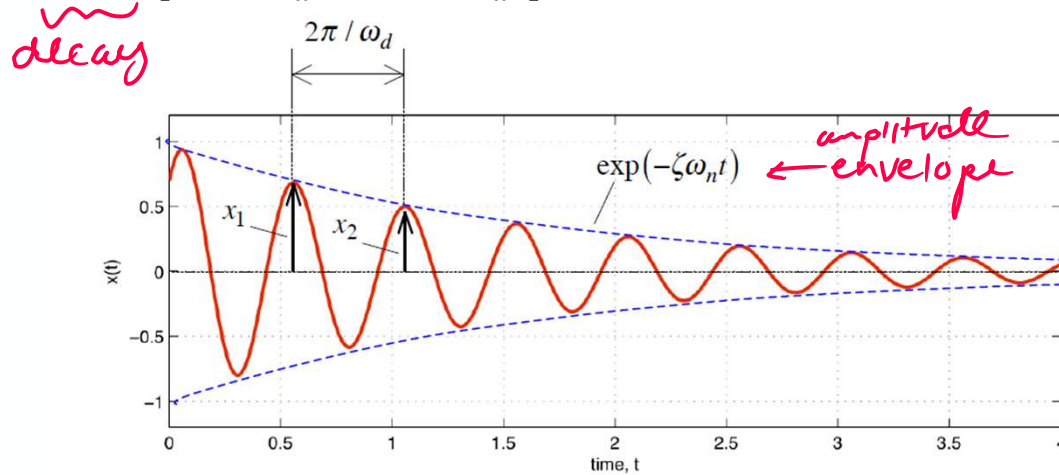
$$v(t) = -\zeta \omega_n e^{-\zeta \omega_n t} [C \cos \omega_d t + S \sin \omega_d t] + e^{-\zeta \omega_n t} [-C \omega_d \sin \omega_d t + S \omega_d \cos \omega_d t]$$

$$\Rightarrow v(0) = -\zeta \omega_n C + S \omega_d$$

→ solve for S using v_0

Discussion: Underdamped systems

Plotting our solution: $x(t) = e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} [C \cos \omega_d t + S \sin \omega_d t]$



The natural log of the ratio of amplitudes for successive peaks is called the Logarithmic Decrement:

$$\delta = \ln \frac{x_1}{x_2} = \frac{2\pi\zeta}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}}$$

Which can be approximated for small damping ($\zeta \ll 1$) as:

$$\zeta \approx \frac{\delta}{2\pi} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \ln \frac{x_1}{x_2}$$

} practical way to estimate damping from measured experimental data

tells us how much the amplitude shrinks from one cycle to the next

Standard Form for the EOM of a Single-Degree-of-Freedom System

We can now express our EOM in a form that gives us immediate information about the behavior of our system:

$$M\ddot{x} + C\dot{x} + Kx = f(t)$$

$$\ddot{x} + \frac{C}{M}\dot{x} + \frac{K}{M}x = \frac{1}{M}f(t) \quad \leftarrow \text{mass normalize}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_n &= \sqrt{K/M} & \zeta &= C/2\sqrt{KM} & \frac{C}{M} &= \frac{2\zeta\sqrt{KM}}{M} \\ & & & & &= 2\zeta\sqrt{\frac{K}{M}} \\ & & & & &= 2\zeta\omega_n \end{aligned}$$

$$\ddot{x} + 2\zeta\omega_n\dot{x} + \omega_n^2x = \frac{1}{M}f(t)$$

$$\ddot{x} + \frac{c}{m} \dot{x} + \frac{k}{m} x = 0$$

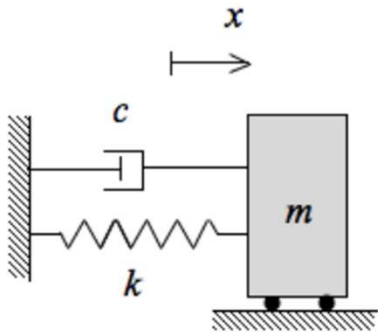
$$\omega_n^2 = 100$$

$$2\zeta\omega_n = 10$$

$$\ddot{\theta} + \frac{2c}{5m} \dot{\theta} + \frac{2k}{5m} \theta = 0$$

$$\omega_n^2 = \frac{2(2500)}{5(10)} = 100$$

$$2\zeta\omega_n = \frac{2(250)}{5(10)} = 10$$



$$\omega_n = 10 \text{ rad/s}$$

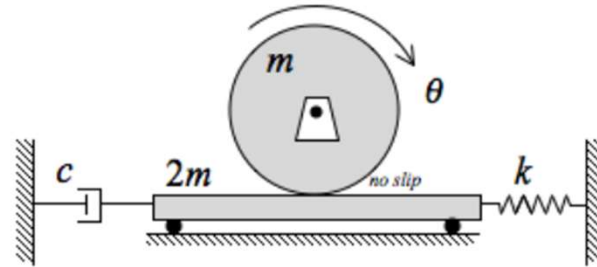
$$\zeta = 0.5$$

$$m\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + kx = 0$$

$$m = 10 \text{ kg}$$

$$c = 100 \text{ kg/sec}$$

$$k = 1000 \text{ N/m}$$

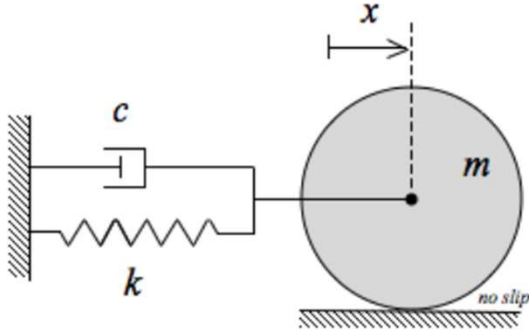


$$\frac{5m}{2}\ddot{\theta} + c\dot{\theta} + k\theta = 0$$

$$m = 10 \text{ kg}$$

$$c = 250 \text{ kg/sec}$$

$$k = 2500 \text{ N/m}$$

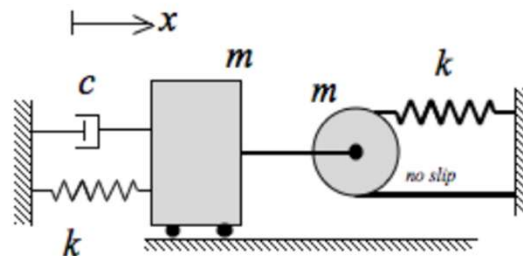


$$\frac{3m}{2}\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + kx = 0$$

$$m = 10 \text{ kg}$$

$$c = 150 \text{ kg/sec}$$

$$k = 1500 \text{ N/m}$$



$$\frac{5m}{2}\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + 5kx = 0$$

$$m = 10 \text{ kg}$$

$$c = 250 \text{ kg/sec}$$

$$k = 500 \text{ N/m}$$

→ all have the same ω_n , ζ → will have the same $x(t)$ with same IC

Example 6.B.8

Given: The system shown below consists of a block of mass m , which rests upon a smooth inclined surface, that is connected to ground by two springs of stiffness $4k$ and k , respectively, and a dashpot with damping constant c .

Find: Determine the value of the damping constant c , such that the system has 50 percent of critical damping.

$$\Sigma F_x = m\ddot{x}$$

$$-kx - 4kx - c\dot{x} + mg\sin\theta = m\ddot{x}$$

$$m\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + 5kx = mg\sin\theta \quad \leftarrow \text{mass normalize}$$

$$\ddot{x} + \frac{c}{m}\dot{x} + \frac{5k}{m}x = g\sin\theta$$

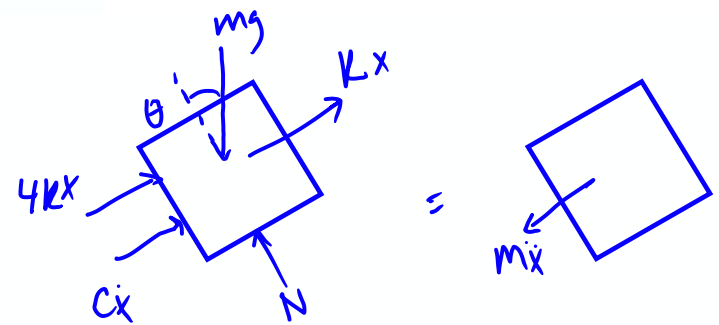
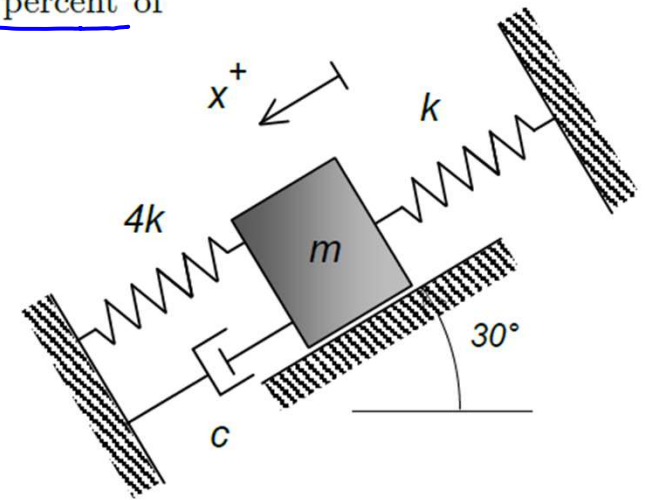
$$2\zeta\omega_n = \frac{c}{m} \quad \omega_n^2 = \frac{5k}{m}$$

$$50\% \text{ of crit. damping} \rightarrow \zeta = 0.5$$

$$\omega_n = \frac{c}{m} \rightarrow \frac{c}{m} = \sqrt{\frac{5k}{m}}$$

$$c = \sqrt{5km}$$

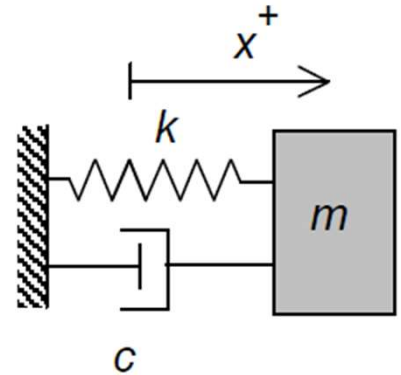
$\leftarrow$ note result is the same regardless of angle of incline



Example 6.B.9

Given: The system shown below. *assume horiz. planes*

Find: Find the free response of the system corresponding to $x(0) = x_0$ and $\dot{x}(0) = 0$.



$$\sum F_x = m\ddot{x}$$

$$-kx - c\dot{x} = m\ddot{x}$$

$$m\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + kx = 0$$

$$\ddot{x} + \frac{c}{m}\dot{x} + \frac{k}{m}x = 0$$

$$\omega_n^2 = \frac{k}{m} \Rightarrow \omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

$$2\zeta\omega_n = \frac{c}{m} \Rightarrow \zeta = \frac{c}{2\sqrt{km}}$$

$$\omega_d = \omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \sqrt{1 - \frac{c^2}{4km}}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} kx \\ \leftarrow \\ c\dot{x} \end{array} \boxed{} = \boxed{} \begin{array}{c} \rightarrow \\ m\ddot{x} \end{array}$$

General Solution :

$$x(t) = e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} [C \cos \omega_d t + S \sin \omega_d t]$$

$$x(0) = x_0 = C$$

$$\begin{aligned} v(0) = \dot{x}(0) = 0 &\Rightarrow 0 = -\zeta\omega_n C + \omega_d S \\ \Rightarrow S &= \frac{\zeta\omega_n C}{\omega_d} = \frac{\zeta\omega_n x_0}{\omega_d} \end{aligned}$$

$$x(t) = e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \left[x_0 \cos \omega_d t + \frac{\zeta\omega_n x_0}{\omega_d} \sin \omega_d t \right]$$