

ME 274: Basic Mechanics II

Lecture 38: Vibrations – Damped Free Response



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Process for finding the free response vibration of an underdamped system:

EOM for the free response of a vibrating system:

$$\mathbf{M}\ddot{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{C}\dot{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{K}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$$

General solution to the homogeneous equation:

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

We can therefore rewrite our EOM as:

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

Solving for the roots of our characteristic equation:

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = \frac{-C \pm \sqrt{C^2 - 4MK}}{2M} = \left[-\zeta \pm \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1} \right] \omega_n$$

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{K}{M}}$$

$$\zeta = \frac{C}{2\sqrt{KM}}$$

For an underdamped system, $0 < \zeta < 1$, we will have **two unique, real roots**:

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = -\zeta\omega_n \pm i\omega_d, \quad \omega_d = \omega_n\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}$$

Our corresponding solution will have the form:

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

Solve for C, S , using $x(0), \dot{x}(0)$!

Using the standard form of the EOM streamlines this process:

EOM for the free response of a vibrating system:

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

Standard form:

$$\ddot{x} + \frac{C}{M}\dot{x} + \frac{K}{M}x = \frac{1}{M}f(t)$$

Knowing $\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{K}{M}}$, $\zeta = \frac{C}{2\sqrt{KM}}$:

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

If we calculate $0.5 < \zeta < 1$, our system is underdamped and the corresponding solution will have the form:

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

Solve for C, S , using $x(0)$, $\dot{x}(0)$!

What happens when we change our system?

For a demo of this concept:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IZPtFDXYQRU>

Question C6.5

Consider the free response for a damped, single-DOF system having the following differential equation of motion:

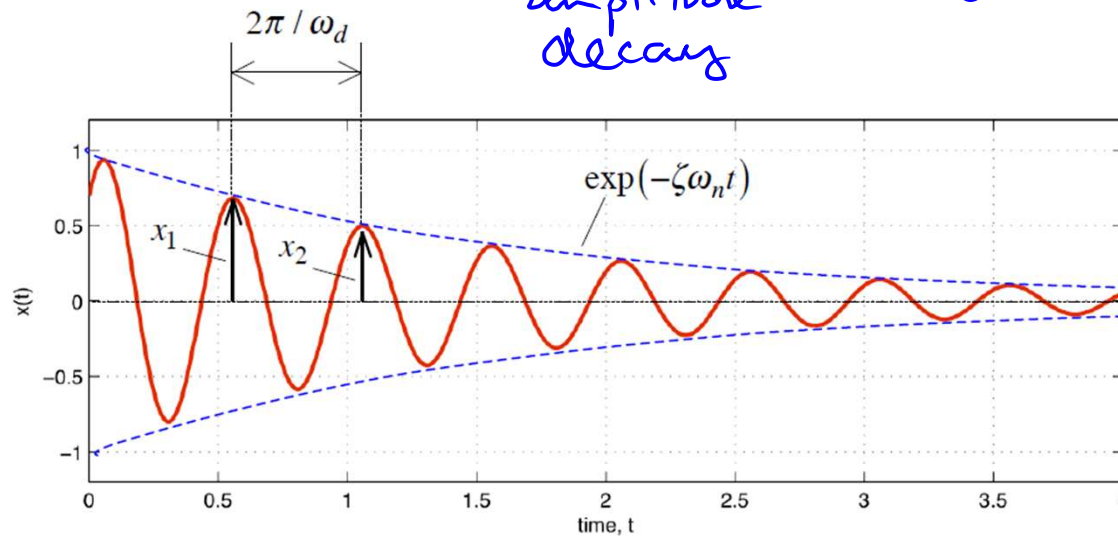
$$m\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + kx = 0 \quad \omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \quad \zeta = \frac{c}{2\sqrt{km}}$$

This system is known to have a damping ratio of $\zeta = 0.1$ and undamped natural frequency of $\omega_n = 10$ rad/s.

What are the new values for the damping ratio and undamped natural frequency if:

- (a) The original value of m is doubled, the original value of k is doubled and the value of c is unchanged? $\omega_n = 10 \quad \zeta = 0.05$
- (b) The original value of m is doubled, the original value of k is halved and the value of c is unchanged? $\omega_n = 5 \quad \zeta = 0.01$
- (c) The original value of k is doubled, the original value of c is doubled and the value of m is unchanged? $\omega_n = 10\sqrt{2} \quad \zeta = 0.1\sqrt{2}$
- (d) The original value of m is doubled, the original value of c is doubled and the value of k is unchanged? $\omega_n = 5\sqrt{2} \quad \zeta = 0.1\sqrt{2}$

Response of an underdamped system - $x(t) = \underbrace{e^{-\zeta\omega_n t}}_{\text{amplitude decay}} [\underbrace{C \cos \omega_d t + S \sin \omega_d t}_{\text{oscillation}}]$



CHALLENGE QUESTION: Earlier in the chapter it was pointed out that the coefficients M , C and K in the general form of the EOM

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

must all be of the same sign. Do you now see why this must be true?

$\gamma \quad \frac{K}{M} < 0 \rightarrow \omega_n \text{ is imaginary}$
 $\gamma \quad \frac{C}{M} < 0 \rightarrow \zeta < 0 \rightarrow e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \text{ increasing amplitude w/time}$

Example 6.B.11

Given: $M\ddot{x} + C\dot{x} + Kx = f(t)$, $M = 2\text{kg}$

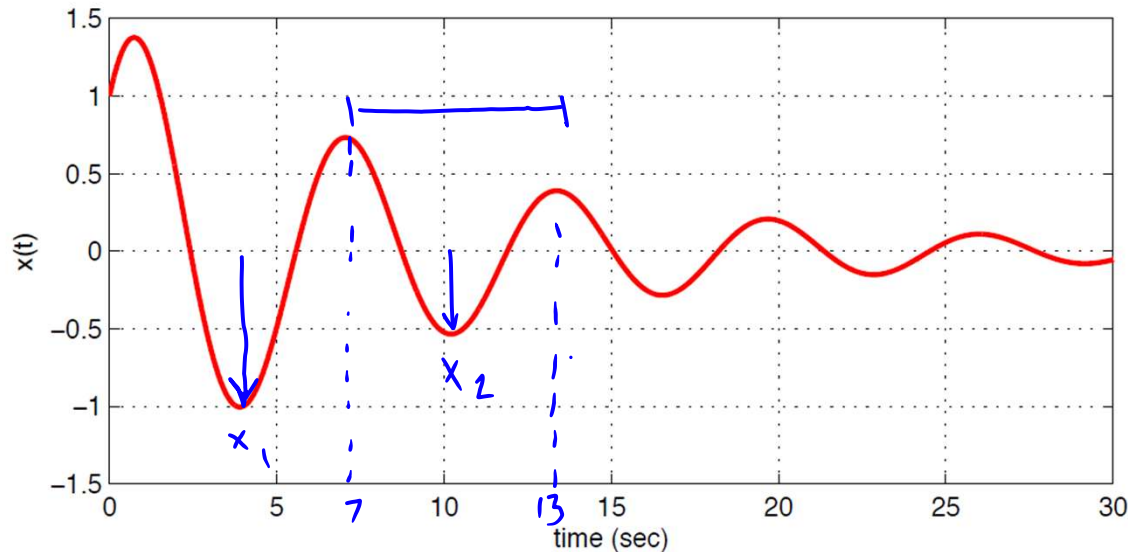
Find: the damping coefficient, C

Hint: use the concept of the logarithmic decrement!

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

$$\frac{C}{M} = 2\zeta\omega_n$$

$$\Rightarrow C = 2\zeta\omega_n M$$



$$\zeta \approx \frac{1}{2\pi} \ln \left(\frac{-1}{-0.5} \right) = 0.11$$

$$T_d = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_d} = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_n \sqrt{1-\zeta^2}} \rightarrow \omega_n = \frac{2\pi}{T_d \sqrt{1-\zeta^2}}$$

$T_d = 6$

Example 6.B.10

Given: The addition of damping to an undamped system causes the period to increase by 25 percent.

Find: Find the value of the damping ratio after the addition of damping.

$$T_0 = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_n}$$

$$T_d = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_d} = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_n \sqrt{1-\zeta^2}} = 1.25 T_0$$

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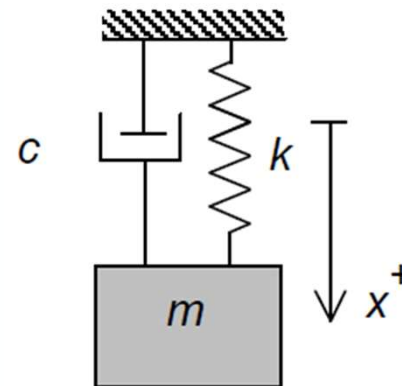
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}} = \frac{5}{4} \rightarrow 1-\zeta^2 = \frac{16}{25}$$
$$\zeta^2 = \frac{9}{25} \rightarrow \boxed{\zeta = \frac{3}{5}}$$

Example 6.B.12

Given: The system shown below is released from rest under the action of gravity.

Find: Determine the initial overshoot past the static equilibrium state of the system.

Use the following parameters in your analysis: $m = 5 \text{ kg}$, $c = 6 \text{ N-s/m}$ and $k = 180 \text{ N/m}$.



$$\text{EOM: } \downarrow \Sigma F_x = m\ddot{x}$$

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

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

redefine from x_{st}

$$\text{@ eq. } \dot{x} = \ddot{x} = 0 \rightarrow kx_{st} = mg \quad x_{st} = \frac{mg}{k}$$

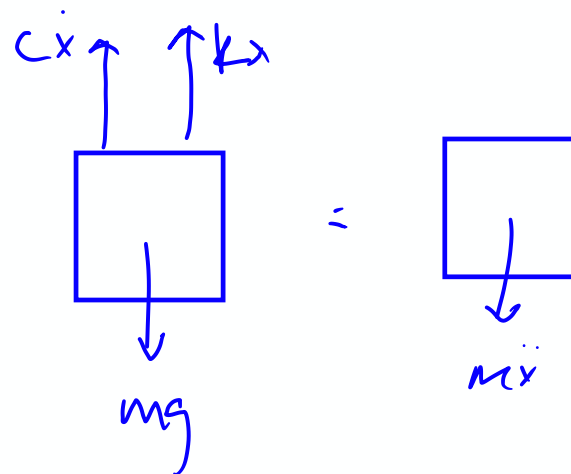
$$z = x - x_{st}, \quad \dot{z} = \dot{x}, \quad \ddot{z} = \ddot{x}$$

new EOM in terms of z :

$$m\ddot{z} + c\dot{z} + kz = 0 \rightarrow \omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

$$\rightarrow \zeta = \frac{c}{2\omega_n m}$$

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



response $z(t)$:

$$z(t) = e^{-\zeta \omega_n t} (A \cos \omega_d t + B \sin \omega_d t)$$

$$x(0) = 0 \Rightarrow z = \overset{e^0}{x} - x_{st} \rightarrow z = -x_{st}$$

$$\dot{z}(0) = 0$$

calculate A & B

$$z(0) = -x_{st} = e^0 (A \cos 0 + B \sin 0) = A \rightarrow A = -x_{st}$$

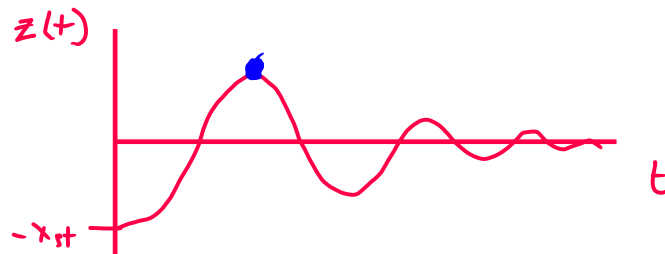
$$\dot{z}(t) = -\zeta \omega_n e^{-\zeta \omega_n t} (A \cos \omega_d t + B \sin \omega_d t) + e^{-\zeta \omega_n t} (-A \omega_d \sin \omega_d t + B \omega_d \cos \omega_d t)$$

$$\dot{z}(0) = -\zeta \omega_n A + B \omega_d = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow B = \frac{-\zeta \omega_n x_{st}}{\omega_d}$$

$$z(t) = e^{-\zeta \omega_n t} \left(-x_{st} \cos \omega_d t + \frac{-\zeta \omega_n x_{st}}{\omega_d} \sin \omega_d t \right)$$

To find our max overshoot find the max value of $z(t)$ after initial pt.
how?



1) derivative $\dot{z}(t) = 0$

2) plot

Example 6.B.14

Given: The system shown below, consisting of a homogenous bar of mass m which is pinned to ground at point O, moves in a horizontal plane. Let θ represent the angular orientation of the bar, measured in a counterclockwise positive sense.

Find: Find the value of c for critical damping. Assume small oscillations, that is, assume $\sin \theta \approx \theta$.

$$\sum M_O = I_O \ddot{\theta} \quad \hookrightarrow \quad \zeta = 1$$

$$-aF_{sp} - bF_d = I_O \ddot{\theta}$$

$$-ka^2\theta - cb^2\dot{\theta} = I_O \ddot{\theta} = (I_G + m(\frac{b}{2})^2)\ddot{\theta}$$

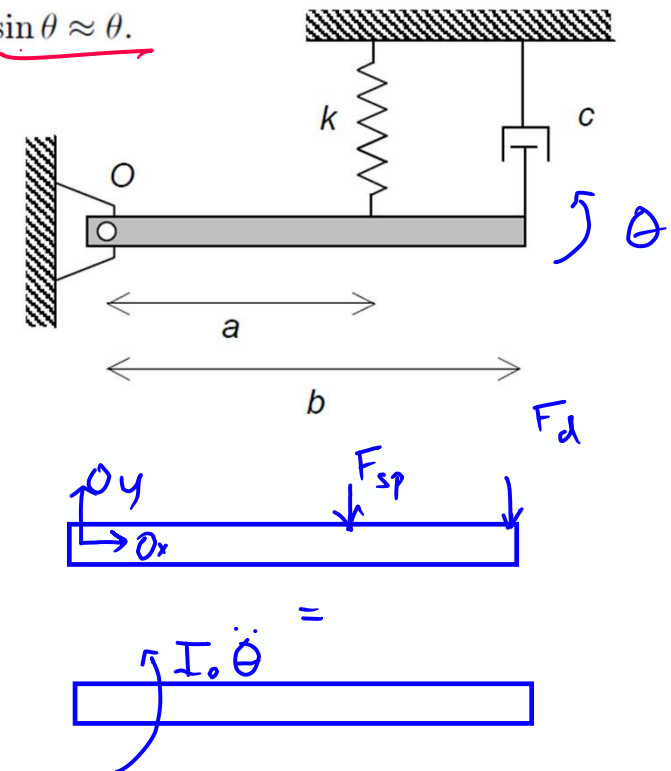
$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{3}mb^2\ddot{\theta} + cb^2\dot{\theta} + ka^2\theta = 0$$

mass normalize

$$\ddot{\theta} + \frac{3c}{m}\dot{\theta} + \frac{3ka^2}{mb^2}\theta = 0$$

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{3ka^2}{mb^2}} \quad 2\zeta\omega_n = \frac{3c}{m}$$

$$2\sqrt{\frac{3ka^2}{mb^2}} = \frac{3c_{cr}}{m} \rightarrow c_{cr} = \frac{2m}{3} \sqrt{\frac{3ka^2}{mb^2}}$$



θ $a\theta$ $b\theta$
arc length approximation