

Diff. Eq. - § 16 - Mechanical & Electrical Vibrations



Hooke's Law: $F = -ku$
 u - displacement from equilibrium
 But then $ma = mu'' = F$

$$mu'' = -ku ; mu'' + ku = 0, u = u(t).$$

If there is also friction $F_{fr} = -f u'(t)$; and there might be an external force $F(t)$.
 (viscous resistance).

$$ma = mu'' = -ku - f u'(t) + F(t)$$

$$m u''(t) + f u'(t) + k u(t) = F(t)$$

$m, f, k > 0$; m - mass; f - damping constant; k - spring const.

We are also given initial position and initial velocity:

$$u(0) = u_0, u'(0) = v_0.$$

Undamped Free Vibrations. Suppose $F(t) = 0$; $f = 0$.

$$m u'' + k u = 0 \Rightarrow m r^2 + k = 0 \Rightarrow r = \pm i \sqrt{k/m}$$

Let $\omega_0 = \sqrt{k/m}$. The general solution is

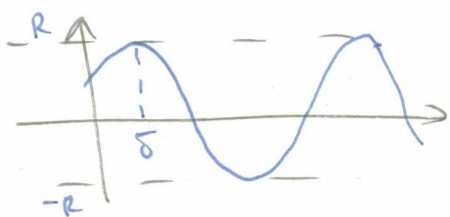
$$u(t) = A \cos \omega_0 t + B \sin \omega_0 t \quad (1)$$

It is convenient to rewrite eq. (1) as

$$u(t) = R \cos(\omega_0 t - \delta) \text{ or}$$

$$u(t) = R \cos \delta \cos \omega_0 t + R \sin \delta \sin \omega_0 t$$

Thus $A = R \cos \delta$, $B = R \sin \delta$; $R = \sqrt{A^2 + B^2}$, $\tan \delta = B/A$



The period of the motion is:

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_0} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}} ; \omega_0 - \text{natural frequency}$$

R - amplitude; δ - phase.

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Ex. A 10 kg mass is attached to a spring with $k = 600 \text{ N/cm}$. The mass is displaced 10 cm from equilibrium and let go with no initial push. Solve the equations of motion.

$$m = 10 \quad k = 600 \quad \omega_0 = \sqrt{k/m} = \sqrt{60} \approx 7.75$$

$$u(t) = A \cos \sqrt{60} t + B \sin \sqrt{60} t$$

$$u'(t) = -A \sqrt{60} \sin \sqrt{60} t + B \sqrt{60} \cos \sqrt{60} t$$

$$u(0) = 0.1 = A \quad ; \quad 0 = u'(0) = B \sqrt{60} \Rightarrow B = 0$$

$$u(t) = 0.1 \cos \sqrt{60} t.$$

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{10}{600}} = 0.811 \text{ s.} \quad ; \quad R = 0.1 \text{ m} \quad ; \quad \delta = 0$$

Damped Free Vibrations.

$$m u'' + f u' + k u = 0 \Rightarrow m r^2 + f r + k = 0$$

$$r_{1,2} = \frac{-f \pm \sqrt{f^2 - 4km}}{2m} = \frac{f}{2m} \left(-1 \pm \sqrt{1 - \frac{4km}{f^2}} \right).$$

Case 1: overdamped $f^2 > 4km$; $u(t) = A e^{r_1 t} + B e^{r_2 t}$; $r_1, r_2 < 0$ (1)

Case 2: critically damped $f^2 = 4km$; $u(t) = (A + Bt) e^{-\delta t / 2m}$ (2)

Case 3: $f^2 < 4km$; $u(t) = e^{-\delta t / 2m} (A \cos \mu t + B \sin \mu t)$ (3)

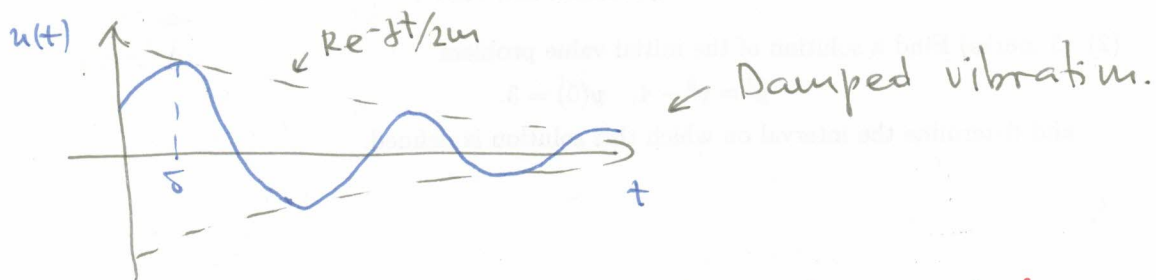
$$\mu = \frac{\sqrt{4km - f^2}}{2m} > 0.$$

Notice that in all cases $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(t) = 0$.

rem: The most important case is the 3rd one in which the damping is small. Let again $A = R \cos \delta$ and $B = R \sin \delta$, then (3) becomes

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$$u(t) = R e^{-\delta t/2m} \cos(\mu t - \delta).$$



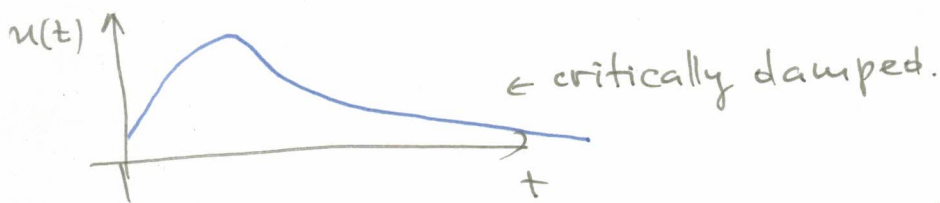
The motion is not truly periodic; μ - quasi-frequency, and $T_d = 2\pi/\mu$ - quasi-period. Comparing T_d to the period T of the undamped motion we have:

$$\frac{T_d}{T} = \frac{2\pi/\mu}{2\pi/\omega_0} = \frac{\omega_0}{\mu} = \frac{\sqrt{k/m}}{(\sqrt{4km - \delta^2})/2m} = \left(1 - \frac{\delta^2}{4km}\right)^{-1/2} \approx \left(1 + \frac{\delta^2}{8km}\right).$$

When $\frac{\delta^2}{4km}$ is small, then damping has a small effect on the "quasi-period".

As $\delta^2 \rightarrow 4km$, $\mu \rightarrow 0$ and $T_d \rightarrow \infty$.

At $\delta^2 = 4km$ the motion is critically damped: $u(t) = (A+Bt)e^{-\delta t/2m}$



At $\delta^2 > 4km$ the motion is overdamped. $u(t) = A e^{r_1 t} + B e^{r_2 t}$, $r_1, r_2 < 0$

Ex: The motion of a certain spring-mass system is governed by

$$u'' + \frac{1}{8}u' + u = 0, \quad u(0) = 2, \quad u'(0) = 0.$$

Solve for $u(t)$. Find the quasi-period.

Sol: $r^2 + \frac{1}{8}r + 1 = 0$ $r_{1,2} = \frac{-1/8 \pm \sqrt{1/64 - 4}}{2} = -\frac{1}{16} \pm \frac{\sqrt{255}}{16}i$

$$u(t) = e^{-t/16} \left[A \cos \frac{\sqrt{255}}{16} t + B \sin \frac{\sqrt{255}}{16} t \right]$$

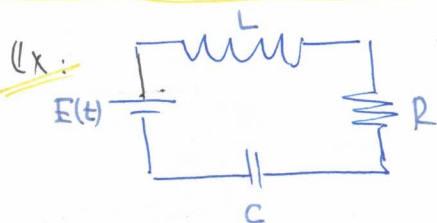
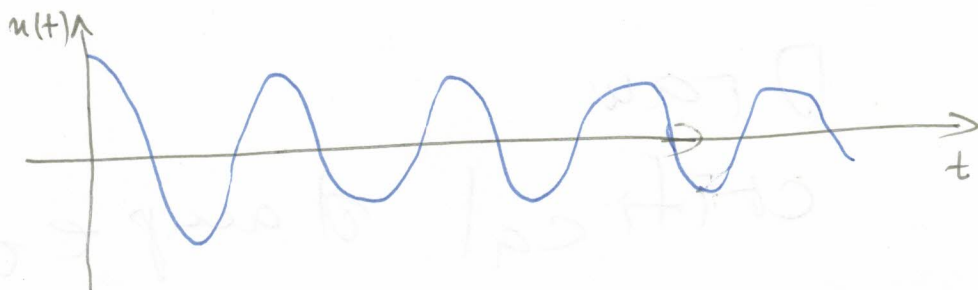
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$$2 = u(0) = A \quad ; \quad 0 = u'(0) = -\frac{1}{16}A + \frac{\sqrt{255}}{16}B \quad , \quad B = \frac{2}{\sqrt{255}}$$

$$u(t) = e^{-t/16} \left(2 \cos \frac{\sqrt{255}}{16} t + \frac{2}{\sqrt{255}} \sin \frac{\sqrt{255}}{16} t \right) =$$

$$= \frac{32}{\sqrt{255}} e^{-t/16} \cos \left(\frac{\sqrt{255}}{16} t - \delta \right) \quad ; \quad \delta = \arctan \frac{1}{\sqrt{255}} \approx 0.06$$

$$M_d = \frac{\sqrt{255}}{16} \quad , \quad T_d = 2\pi/\mu \approx 6.3 \text{ (sec.)}$$



The voltage drops across the inductor, resistor and capacitor add up to Kirchhoff's law

$$L \frac{di}{dt} + Ri + \frac{1}{c} q = E(t) \quad , \quad i = \frac{dq}{dt}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{L \frac{d^2q}{dt^2} + R \frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{1}{c} q = E(t)}$$

Charact. equation is $Lr^2 + Rr + 1/c = 0$

$R^2 - 4L/c > 0$ - overdamped ; $R^2 - 4L/c = 0$ - critically damped

$R^2 - 4L/c < 0$ - underdamped.

(Ex: Find the charge $q(t)$ on the capacitor in an LRC circuit with $L = 0.25 \text{ H}$, $R = 10 \Omega$, $C = 0.001 \text{ F}$, $E(t) = 0$, $q(0) = 6 \text{ C}$, $i(0) = 0 \text{ A}$.

$$\text{Sol: } \frac{1}{4} q'' + 10q' + 1000q = 0 \rightarrow q'' + 40q' + 4000q = 0$$

$$r_{1,2} = \frac{-40 \pm \sqrt{1600 - 16000}}{2} = -20 \pm 60i$$

$$q(t) = c_1 e^{-20t} \cos 60t + c_2 e^{-20t} \sin 60t, \quad 6 = q(0) = c_1; \quad 0 = q'(0) = -20c_1 + 60c_2$$

$$q(t) = 6 e^{-20t} \cos 60t + 2 e^{-20t} \sin 60t = 2\sqrt{10} e^{-20t} \cos(60t - 0.322)$$