

# ★ Forced Oscillations & Resonance

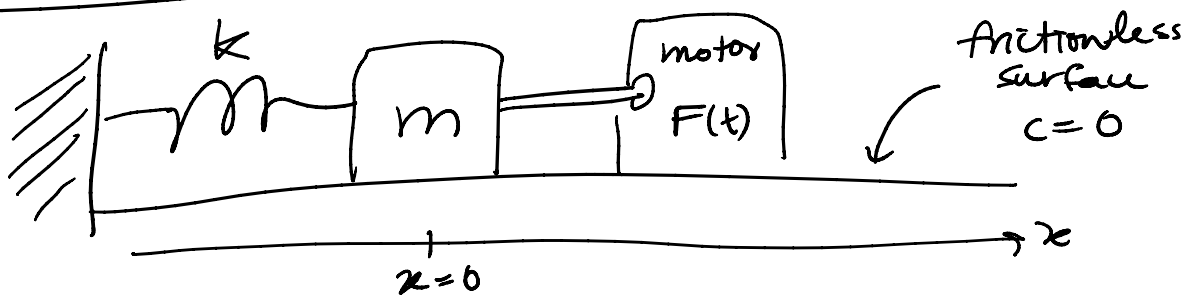
Warm-up: Consider the undamped mass-on-a-spring problem:

$$4x'' + 100x = 0$$

What is the natural frequency  $\omega_0$ ?

Ans.:  $\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{100}{4}} = \sqrt{25} = 5$

## I. Undamped Forced Oscillations



Equations of motion:

$$\begin{cases} x'' + \frac{k}{m}x = \frac{F(t)}{m} = \underline{f(t)} & \text{nonhomog} \\ x(0) = x_0, x'(0) = v_0 \end{cases}$$

Recall: natural frequency  $\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$

Common forcing terms: sinusoid

$$f(t) = A \cos(\omega t) + B \sin(\omega t)$$

$\omega$  - external frequency

Two cases:

case 1:  $\omega \neq \omega_0$

case 2:  $\omega = \omega_0$

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$$\begin{cases} x'' + 9x = 80 \cos(5t) \\ x(0) = 0, \quad x'(0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

1. Find the general soln:  $x'' + 9x = 0$   
 $\omega_0 = \sqrt{9} = 3$

$$x_c(t) = C_1 \cos(3t) + C_2 \sin(3t)$$

2. Particular soln - Method of Undetermined Coeff

Ansatz:  $x_p(t) = A \cos(5t) + B \sin(5t)$

Take derivs:  $x_p' = -5A \sin(5t) + 5B \cos(5t)$

$$x_p'' = -25A \cos(5t) - 25B \sin(5t)$$

plug into ODE:  $x'' + 9x = 80 \cos(5t)$

$$[-25A \cos(5t) - 25B \sin(5t)] + 9[A \cos(5t) + B \sin(5t)] = 80 \cos(5t)$$

collect like terms:

$$[-25A + 9A] \cos(5t) + [-25B + 9B] \sin(5t) = 80 \cos(5t)$$

$$-16A = 80$$

$$A = -5$$

$$-16B = 0$$

$$B = 0$$

so  $x_p(t) = -5 \cos(5t)$

3. Full soln:  $x = x_c + x_p$

$$x(t) = C_1 \cos(3t) + C_2 \sin(3t) - 5 \cos(5t)$$

4. Plug in initial conditions:

$$x(0) = 0 = C_1 - 5$$

$$\longrightarrow C_1 = 5$$

$$\longrightarrow C_2 = 0$$

$$x(0) = 0 = c_1 - 5 \quad \rightarrow \quad c_2 = 0$$

$$x'(0) = 0 = 3c_2$$

so the solution:

$$x(t) = 5 \cos(3t) - 5 \cos(5t)$$

Simplify further using trig identity

$$2 \sin(A) \sin(B) = \cos(A-B) - \cos(A+B)$$

to apply:  $A - B = 3t \Rightarrow A = 4t$   
 $A + B = 5t \Rightarrow B = t$

$$x(t) = 5 [\cos(3t) - \cos(5t)]$$

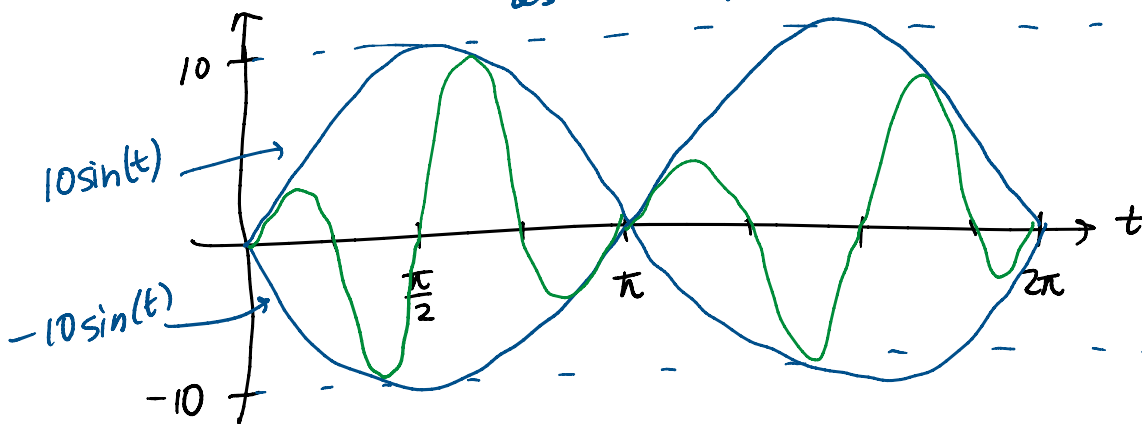
$$= 5 [2 \sin(4t) \sin(t)]$$

$$x(t) = 10 \sin(t) \sin(4t)$$

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

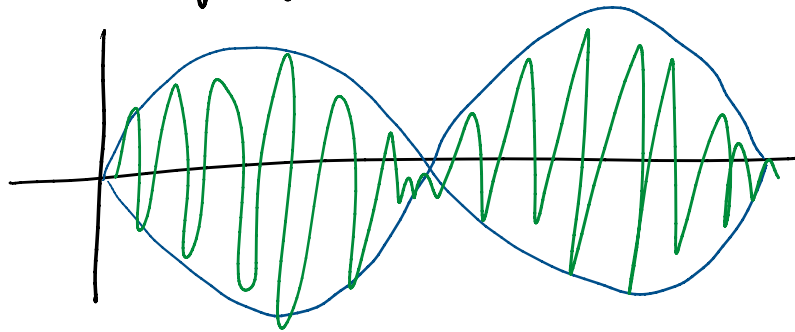
varies slowly  
 think of this  
 as an amplitude

varies rapidly  
 oscillate 4x as  
 much as



Beats: A rapid oscillation with a (comparatively) slow-varying amplitude

slow-varying amplitude



In most general case:

$$\begin{cases} x'' + \omega_0^2 x = \frac{F_0}{m} \cos(\omega t) \\ x(0) = 0, \quad x'(0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

The soln:

$$x(t) = \underbrace{\frac{2F_0}{m(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)} \sin\left(\frac{(\omega_0 - \omega)t}{2}\right)}_{\text{amplitude slow-varying}} \underbrace{\sin\left(\frac{(\omega_0 + \omega)t}{2}\right)}_{\text{fast oscillation}}$$

Case 2:  $\omega = \omega_0$

$$\text{IVP: } \begin{cases} x'' + \omega_0^2 x = \frac{F_0}{m} \cos(\omega_0 t) \\ x(0) = 0, \quad x'(0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Ex: 
$$\begin{cases} x'' + 9x = 60 \cos(3t) \\ x(0) = 0, \quad x'(0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

1. General soln:  $\omega_0 = 3$   
$$x_c(t) = C_1 \cos(3t) + C_2 \sin(3t)$$

2. Find the particular soln:  
undetermined coeff.



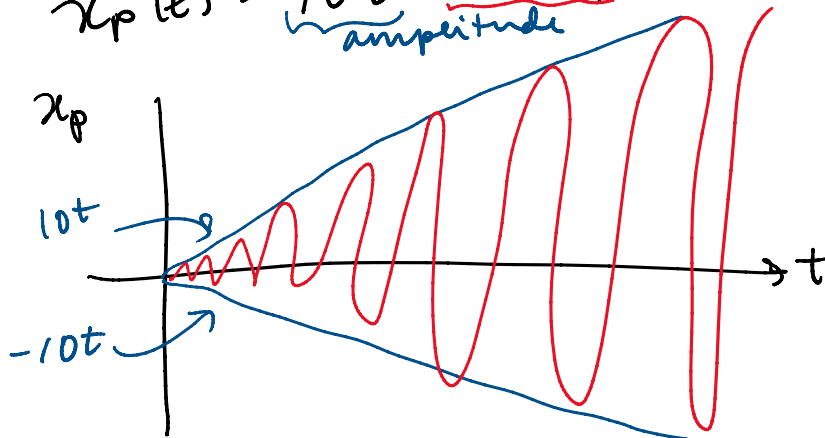
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Method of undetermined coeff.

Ansatz:  $x_p(t) = t [A \cos(3t) + B \sin(3t)]$

→ plug into ODE.

$$A=0, \quad B=10$$

$$x_p(t) = \underbrace{10t}_{\text{amplitude}} \sin(3t)$$



→ amplitude increases without bound  
when  $\omega = \omega_0 \rightarrow$  pure resonance

Ex: Tacoma Bridge disaster

## II. Damped Forced Oscillations:

$$m\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + kx = F_0 \cos(\omega t)$$

1. Find the general soln:  $x_c(t)$ 
  - underdamped, overdamped, critically damped
  - all cases,  $x_c(t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$
  - $x_c(t)$  is a transient solution  
dies out as  $t \rightarrow \infty$

steady. ...

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2. Particular soln  $x_p(t)$  ← steady periodic soln

3. Full soln:  $x(t) = x_h + x_p \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} x_p(t)$

→ Find particular soln:

Ansatz:  $x_p(t) = A \cos(\omega t) + B \sin(\omega t)$   
plug into ODE

$$A = \frac{(k - m\omega^2)F_0}{(k - m\omega^2)^2 + (c\omega)^2}$$

$$B = \frac{c\omega F_0}{(k - m\omega^2)^2 + (c\omega)^2}$$

We want simplify to:

$$x_p(t) = C \cos(\omega t - \alpha)$$

where:

$$C = \frac{F_0}{\sqrt{(k - m\omega^2)^2 + (c\omega)^2}}$$

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{c\omega}{k - m\omega^2} \quad \text{with } 0 < \alpha < \pi$$

$$\alpha = \begin{cases} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{c\omega}{k - m\omega^2}\right) & \text{if } k > m\omega^2 \\ \pi + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{c\omega}{k - m\omega^2}\right) & \text{if } k < m\omega^2 \\ \frac{\pi}{2} & \text{if } k = m\omega^2 \end{cases}$$

$$x_p(t) = C \cos(\omega t - \alpha)$$

$$r = \frac{F_0}{\dots} < \infty$$

$$C = \frac{F_0}{\sqrt{(k-m\omega^2)^2 + (c\omega)^2}} < \infty$$

always finite

but  $C = C(\omega)$  is a function of  $\omega$

Def: The practical resonance occurs when  $C = C(\omega)$  achieves a maximum value as function of  $\omega$ .

Ex: Consider the case:  
 $m=1$ ,  $c=2$ ,  $k=26$ ,  $F_0=82$

$$C = \frac{F_0}{\sqrt{(k-m\omega^2)^2 + (c\omega)^2}} = \frac{82}{\sqrt{(26-\omega^2)^2 + (2\omega)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{82}{\sqrt{676 - 48\omega^2 + \omega^4}}$$

so to find the practical resonance

set  $C'(\omega) = 0$

$$\frac{dC}{d\omega} = 0 \text{ and solve for } \omega$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{24} \approx 4.9$$

