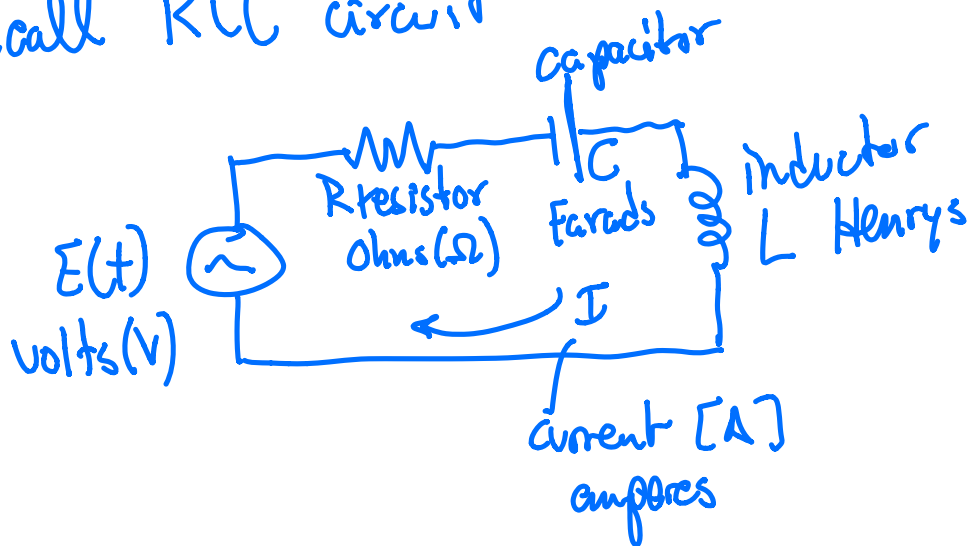


3.7 MECHANICAL & ELECTRICAL OSCILLATIONS

Recall RLC circuit



$$V_R = IR \quad \text{voltage drop in } R$$

$$V_L = L \frac{dI}{dt} \quad \text{voltage drop in } L$$

$$V_C = \frac{Q}{C} \quad \text{(charge) voltage drop in } C$$

$$[Q] \text{ Coulombs}$$

$$\frac{dV_c}{dt} = \frac{1}{C} \frac{dQ}{dt} = \frac{1}{C} I$$

Since $\frac{dQ}{dt} = I$ the current.

$$E(t) = R \frac{dQ}{dt} + \frac{Q}{C} + L \frac{d^2Q}{dt^2}$$

2nd order linear ode for $Q(t)$

Constant Coefficients

$$\frac{d^2Q}{dt^2} + \frac{R}{L} \frac{dQ}{dt} + \frac{Q}{LC} = \frac{E}{L}$$

with solution

$$Q(t) = Q_H + Q_P$$

Use HVC or Variation of parameters to

find Q_P

As an IVP

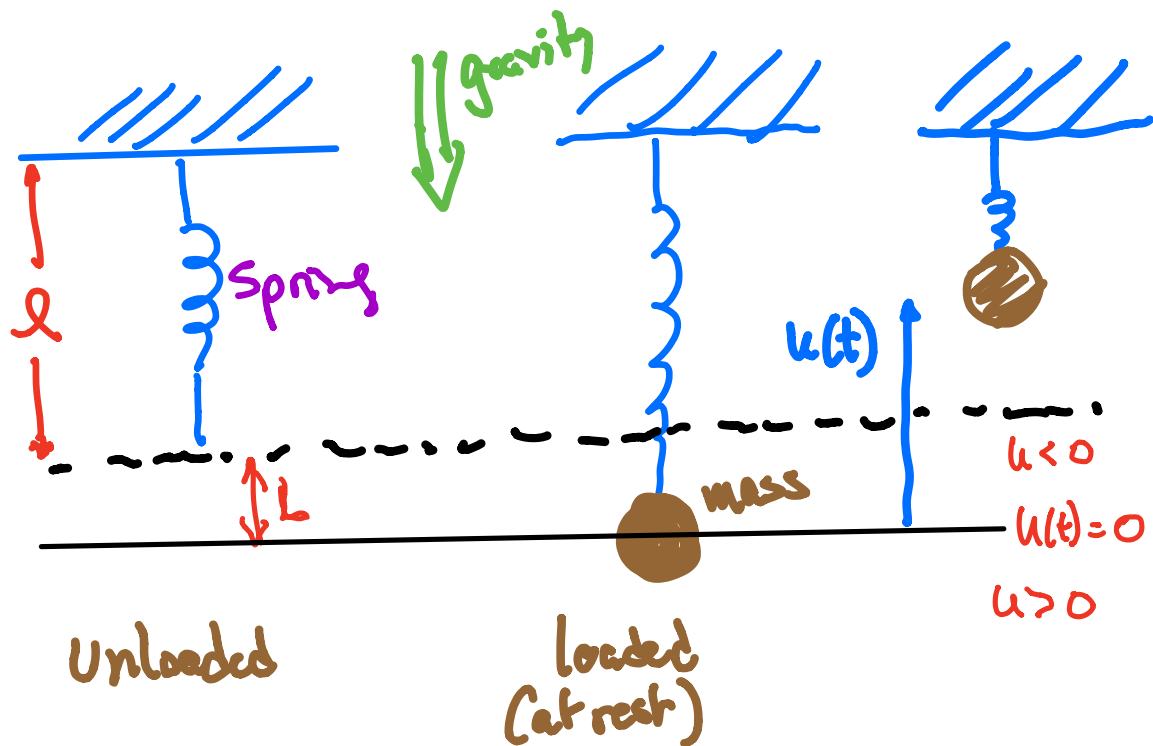
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{d^2 Q}{dt^2} + \frac{R}{L} \frac{dQ}{dt} + \frac{Q}{LC} = \frac{E(t)}{L} \quad (\text{\$}) \\ Q(t_0) = Q_0, \quad I(t_0) = \left. \frac{dQ}{dt} \right|_{t=t_0} = I_0 \end{array} \right.$$

If we differentiate $(\text{\$})$ since $I = dQ/dt$:

$$\frac{1}{L} \frac{dE}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{dI}{dt} + \frac{R}{L} I + \frac{Q}{LC} \right]$$

$$\frac{1}{L} \frac{dE}{dt} = \frac{d^2 I}{dt^2} + \frac{R}{L} \frac{dI}{dt} + \frac{1}{LC} I //$$

MECHANICAL VIBRATIONS



Newton's Second Law

Let $u(t)$ be the displacement at time t . The units are $[u(t)] = \text{length}$ and $[t] = \text{time}$.
 We'll adopt the convention that $u(t) > 0$

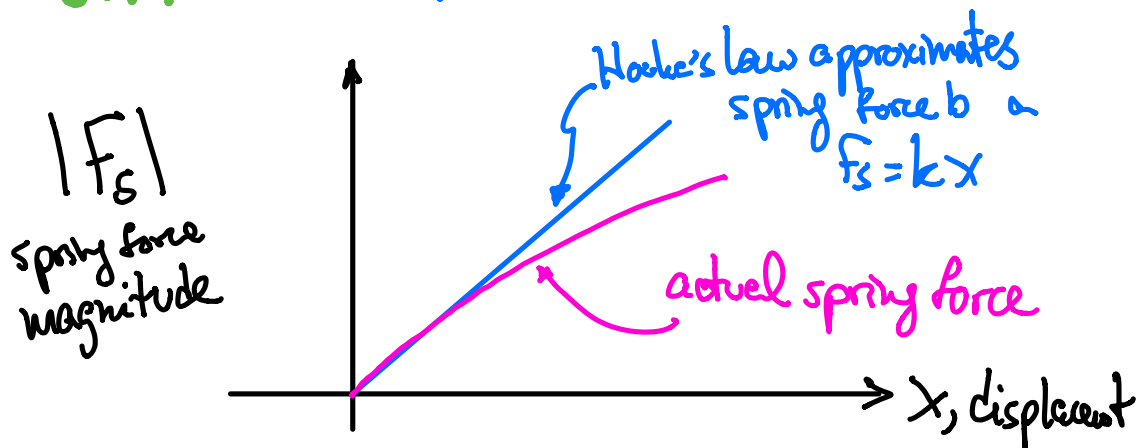
Force balance:

(†)

$$m u''(t) = \underbrace{mg}_{m a} - k [u(t) + L]$$

mg is the gravitational force
 $-k[u(t)+L]$ is the spring force

SPRING FORCE (Hooke's Law)



Hooke's law: assumes that the spring force F_s can be approximated by kx (OK, for small x)

k is the spring constant (slope of linear approximation).

k large "stiff spring"

k small "non-stiff spring"

k has units $[k] = \text{force/length}$

If mass is "at rest", $u=0$ for all t ,

$$mg = kL \quad (*)$$

if $(*)$ holds then $\left(\frac{1}{t}\right)$ is

$$m u''(t) = -k u(t)$$

$$\text{or } u''(t) + \frac{k}{m} u(t) = 0$$

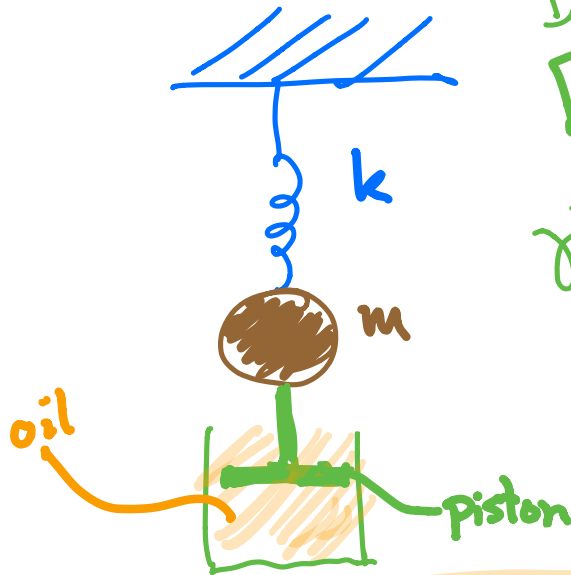
$$\text{let } \omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \quad \text{natural frequency}$$

$$\therefore u''(t) + \omega^2 u(t) = 0$$

SHO equation

simple harmonic oscillator equation

Adding Damping Force:



Damping force
 $F_d = -\gamma u'$

γ is a constant
(damping constant)

units $[\gamma] = \frac{\text{force}}{\text{velocity}}$

$$u''(t) + \beta u' + \omega^2 u = 0$$

$$\beta = \frac{\gamma}{m} \quad \omega^2 = \frac{k}{m}$$

Unforced, Damped, Simple harmonic oscillator

Add initial conditions to form an IVP:

$$u(t_0) = u_0, \quad u'(t_0) = u_1$$

Add External force $F(t)$:

$$u'' + \beta u' + \omega^2 u = f(t)$$

$$f(t) = \frac{F(t)}{m}$$

$F(t)$ is the external force (given)

Forced Oscillator	RLC
$\beta = \frac{\gamma}{m}$ "damping"	$\beta = \frac{R}{L}$
$\omega^2 = \frac{k}{m}$ "natural freq squared"	$\omega^2 = \frac{1}{LC}$
$f(t) = \frac{F(t)}{m}$ "external forcing"	$f(t) = \frac{E(t)}{L}$
u is displacement	Q charge
$u(t_0)$ initial displacement	$Q(t_0)$ initial charge
$u'(t_0)$ initial velocity	$Q'(t_0)$ initial current

GENERAL SOLUTION:

$$\text{IVP} \begin{cases} y'' + \beta y' + \omega^2 y = f(t), t > 0 \\ y(0) = Y_0, \quad y'(0) = Y_1 \end{cases}$$

$$y(t) = y_h(t) + y_p(t)$$

$$y_h = c_1 y_1(t) + c_2 y_2(t)$$

Remark: don't forget to find c_1 & c_2 after finding y_p .

HOMOGENEOUS PROBLEM:

Propose solution to $y_h \sim e^{mt}$

$$m^2 + \beta m + \omega^2 = 0$$

characteristic equation

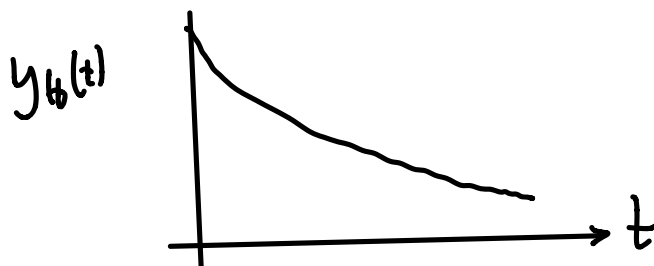
physics dictate that $\beta \geq 0$. $\omega^2 \geq 0$

$$m_{1,2} = -\frac{\beta}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\beta^2 - 4\omega^2}$$

if $\beta^2 > 4\omega^2$ **OVERDAMPED**

$$y_H = C_1 e^{m_1 t} + C_2 e^{m_2 t}$$

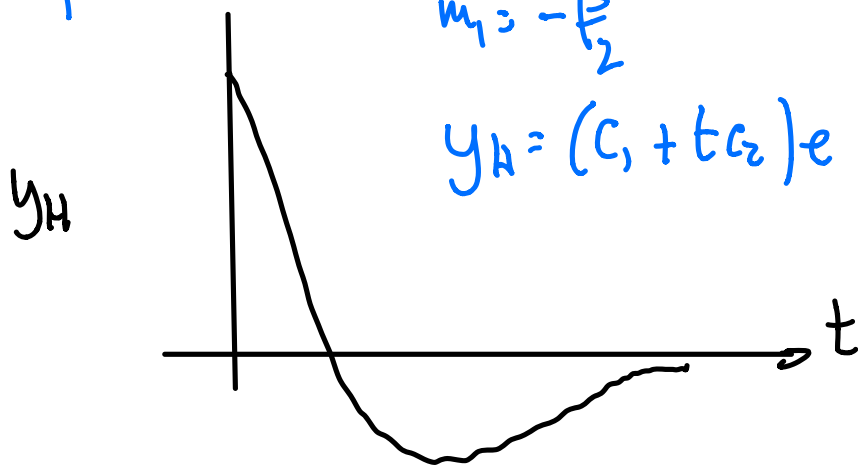
$m_{1,2}$ are real & distinct



if $\beta^2 = 4\omega^2$ **CRITICALLY DAMPED**

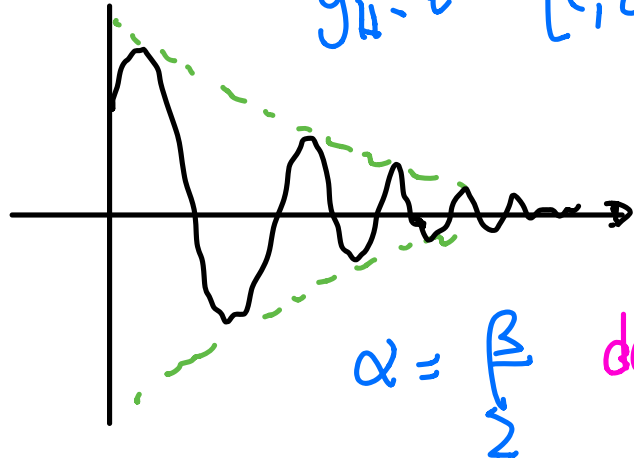
$$m_1 = -\frac{\beta}{2}$$

$$y_H = (C_1 + t C_2) e^{m_1 t}$$



if $\beta^2 < 4\omega^2$ **UNDERDAMPED**

$$y_H = e^{-\alpha t} [C_1 \cos \omega_d t + C_2 \sin \omega_d t]$$



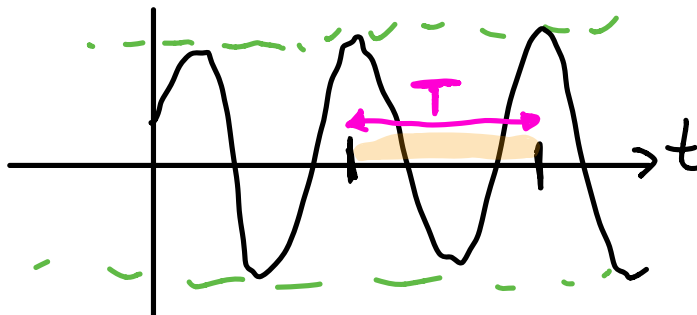
$$\alpha = \frac{\beta}{2} \text{ damping rate}$$

$$\omega_d = \sqrt{4\omega^2 - \beta^2} \text{ damped frequency}$$

if $\beta = 0$ **UNDAMPED**

$$y_H = C_1 \cos \omega t + C_2 \sin \omega t$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \text{ the natural frequency}$$



$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} \text{ period}$$

ex) A mass weighing 2 lbs stretches a spring 6 inches. At $t=0$ the mass is released 8 inches below equilibrium ($u=0$) with an upward velocity of $\frac{4}{3}$ ft/sec. There is no external forcing. Find the displacement as a function of time:

① Find k : when the system is at rest

$$mg = kL \quad mg = 2 \text{ lbs}$$

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \text{ ft}$$

$$\therefore k = \frac{L}{mg} = \frac{1}{4} \text{ lb/ft}$$

Hint: in the English system of units weight is a force, hence $mg = \text{weight}$.

The unit of mass is **SLUG**, the acceleration of gravity is approximately 32 ft/sec^2 .

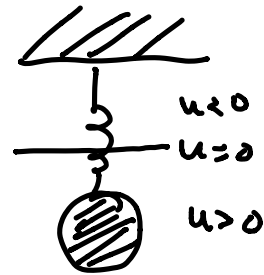
Since no forcing or damping ($\beta=0$)

$$u'' + \omega^2 u = 0$$

$$\omega^2 = \frac{k}{m} = 64$$

$$m = 2 \text{ lbs} / 32 \text{ ft/sec}^2 = \frac{1}{16} \text{ slugs.}$$

$$\begin{cases} u'' + 64u = 0 \\ u(0) = \frac{2}{3} \quad u'(0) = -\frac{4}{3} \end{cases}$$



$$u(t) = A \cos 8t + B \sin 8t \quad \omega = 8$$

$$u(0) = \frac{2}{3} = A$$

$$u'(t) = -8A \sin 8t + 8B \cos 8t$$

$$u'(0) = -\frac{4}{3} = 8B \Rightarrow B = -\frac{1}{6}$$

$$\therefore u(t) = \frac{2}{3} \cos 8t - \frac{1}{6} \sin 8t$$

We can write

$$y = A \cos \omega t + B \sin \omega t$$

$$y = R \cos(\omega t + \delta)$$

$$R = \sqrt{A^2 + B^2}$$

$$\tan \delta = -\frac{B}{A}$$

$$R = \sqrt{\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \left(-\frac{1}{6}\right)^2} \approx 0.687$$

$$\tan \delta = \frac{1/6}{2/3} \Rightarrow \delta \approx 0.245$$

$$u(t) = 0.687 \cos(8t + 0.245) //$$

Ex) Find the current in an RLC circuit with $L = 0.5 \text{ H}$, $R = 15 \Omega$, $C = 2 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ F}$. The circuit was charged to a steady state $Q(0) = Q_0$. There is no power source after $t = 0$.

$$\beta = \frac{R}{L} = \frac{15}{0.5} = 30$$

$$\omega^2 = \frac{1}{LC} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot 0.5 \cdot 10^{-3}} = 10^3$$

$$\therefore \begin{cases} Q'' + 30Q' + 10^3Q = 0 \\ Q(0) = Q_0 \quad Q'(0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

This follows from $\leftarrow$ assuming that the circuit was in a steady state before $t = 0$.

$$Q \sim e^{mt} \Rightarrow m^2 + 30m + 10^3 = 0$$

$$m = -15 \pm i5\sqrt{3}$$

$$\therefore Q(t) = e^{-15t} \left[A \cos 5\sqrt{3}t + B \sin 5\sqrt{3}t \right]$$

$$Q(0) = Q_0 = A$$

$$Q'(0) = 0 \Rightarrow B = 0$$

$$\therefore Q(t) = [e^{-15t} \cos 5\sqrt{31}t] Q_0$$

