

## Section 11: Linear Mechanical Equations

We can consider the application of an external driving force (with or without damping). Assume a time dependent force  $f(t)$  is applied to the system. The ODE governing displacement becomes

$$m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = -\beta \frac{dx}{dt} - kx + f(t), \quad \beta \geq 0.$$

Divide out  $m$  and let  $F(t) = f(t)/m$  to obtain the nonhomogeneous equation

$$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + 2\lambda \frac{dx}{dt} + \omega^2 x = F(t)$$

## Forced Undamped Motion and Resonance

Consider the case  $F(t) = F_0 \cos(\gamma t)$  or  $F(t) = F_0 \sin(\gamma t)$ , and  $\lambda = 0$ .  
Two cases arise

$$(1) \quad \gamma \neq \omega, \quad \text{and} \quad (2) \quad \gamma = \omega.$$

**Pure Resonance:** If the exciter frequency  $\gamma$  is equal to the natural frequency  $\omega$ , the system experiences pure resonance. This results in a steady state with a growing (unbounded) amplitude.

▶ [Forced Motion and Resonance Applet](#)

Choose "Elongation diagram" to see a plot of displacement. Try exciter frequencies close to  $\omega$ .

## Example

A 2 slug object is attached to a spring whose spring constant is 162 lb/ft. The system is undamped, and an external driving force of  $f(t) = -4 \cos(\gamma t)$  is applied. Assume that the driving force induces pure resonance. If the object starts from rest at equilibrium, determine the displacement for  $t > 0$ . If the spring has a maximum stretched length of 4 ft, after how many seconds will the amplitude of the oscillations exceed the maximum spring length?

### Note on Initial Conditions:

*starts from equilibrium* means  $x(0) = 0$ ,

*starts from rest* means  $x'(0) = 0$ .

$$m x'' + k x = f(t)$$

$$\text{undamped} \Rightarrow \beta = 0$$

$$m = 2, \quad k = 162$$

$$\text{resonance} \Rightarrow \gamma = \omega$$

Example:  $m = 2$ ,  $k = 162$ ,  $f(t) = -4 \cos(\gamma t)$

and  $\gamma = \omega$

$$2x'' + 162x = -4 \cos(\gamma t)$$

$$x'' + 81x = -2 \cos(\gamma t)$$

$$\omega^2 = 81 \Rightarrow \omega = 9, \gamma = 9$$

Charac. eqn  $r^2 + 81 = 0 \Rightarrow r = \pm 9i$

$$x_c = C_1 \cos(9t) + C_2 \sin(9t)$$

$$F(t) = -2 \cos(9t)$$

Using undetermined coef.

$$x_p = (A \cos(9t) + B \sin(9t)) \cdot t$$

$$= A t \cos(9t) + B t \sin(9t)$$

After some computations

$$x_p'' = -81(A t \cos(9t) + B t \sin(9t)) \\ -18A \sin(9t) + 18B \cos(9t)$$

$$x_p'' + 81x_p = -2 \cos(9t)$$

$$-18A \sin(9t) + 18B \cos(9t) = -2 \cos(9t)$$

$$A=0, \quad B = \frac{1}{9}$$

$$\text{So } x_p = -\frac{1}{9} t \sin(9t) \text{ and}$$

$$x = c_1 \cos(9t) + c_2 \sin(9t) - \frac{1}{9} t \sin(9t)$$

The initial conditions were

$$x(0) = 0, \quad x'(0) = 0$$

Turns out,  $c_1 = c_2 = 0$

The displacement  $x(t) = \frac{-1}{9} t \sin(9t)$

The spring has a maximum length of 4 ft.

When does  $x$  exceed this 4 ft?

$x$  has amplitude  $A = \left| \frac{-1}{9} t \right| = \frac{t}{9}$

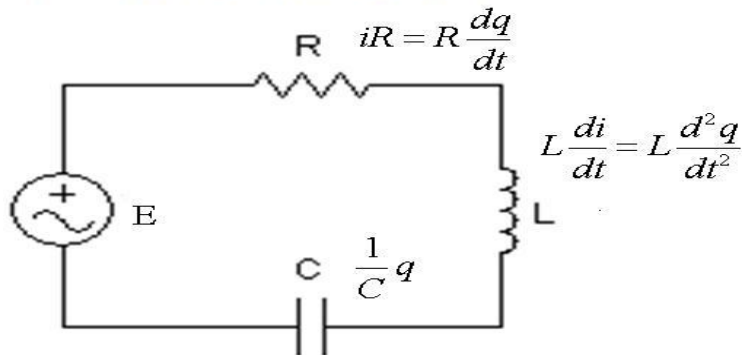
$$\frac{t}{9} > 4 \Rightarrow t > 36$$

The length exceeds 4 ft when  $t = 36$  sec.



## Section 12: LRC Series Circuits

Potential Drops Across Components:



**Figure:** Kirchhoff's Law: The charge  $q$  on the capacitor satisfies  $Lq'' + Rq' + \frac{1}{C}q = E(t)$ .

This is a second order, linear, constant coefficient nonhomogeneous (if  $E \neq 0$ ) equation.

## LRC Series Circuit (Free Electrical Vibrations)

$$L \frac{d^2 q}{dt^2} + R \frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{1}{C} q = 0$$

If the applied force  $E(t) = 0$ , then the **electrical vibrations** of the circuit are said to be **free**. These are categorized as

**overdamped** if

$$R^2 - 4L/C > 0,$$

**critically damped** if

$$R^2 - 4L/C = 0,$$

**underdamped** if

$$R^2 - 4L/C < 0.$$

*2 real roots  
one repeated  
complex*

## Steady and Transient States

Given a nonzero applied voltage  $E(t)$ , we obtain an IVP with nonhomogeneous ODE for the charge  $q$

$$Lq'' + Rq' + \frac{1}{C}q = E(t), \quad q(0) = q_0, \quad q'(0) = i_0.$$

From our basic theory of linear equations we know that the solution will take the form

$$q(t) = q_c(t) + q_p(t).$$

The function of  $q_c$  is influenced by the initial state ( $q_0$  and  $i_0$ ) and will decay exponentially as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . Hence  $q_c$  is called the **transient state charge** of the system.

## Steady and Transient States

Given a nonzero applied voltage  $E(t)$ , we obtain an IVP with nonhomogeneous ODE for the charge  $q$

$$Lq'' + Rq' + \frac{1}{C}q = E(t), \quad q(0) = q_0, \quad q'(0) = i_0.$$

From our basic theory of linear equations we know that the solution will take the form

$$q(t) = q_c(t) + q_p(t).$$

The function  $q_p$  is independent of the initial state but depends on the characteristics of the circuit ( $L$ ,  $R$ , and  $C$ ) and the applied voltage  $E$ .  $q_p$  is called the **steady state charge** of the system.

## Example

An LRC series circuit has inductance 0.5 h, resistance 10 ohms, and capacitance  $4 \cdot 10^{-3}$  f. Find the steady state current of the system if the applied force is  $E(t) = 5 \cos(10t)$ .

The ODE is

$$0.5q'' + 10q' + \frac{1}{4 \cdot 10^{-3}}q = 5 \cos(10t) \implies$$
$$q'' + 20q' + 500q = 10 \cos(10t)$$

with characteristic polynomial and roots

$$r^2 + 20r + 500 = 0 \implies r = -10 \pm 20i.$$

So the transient state

$$q_c = c_1 e^{-10t} \cos(20t) + c_2 e^{-10t} \sin(20t).$$

$$\frac{E(t)}{h} = 10 \cos(10t)$$

$$i_p = A \cos(10t) + B \sin(10t)$$

Upon substitution into the ODE we  
get

$$400A + 200B = 10$$

$$-200A + 400B = 0$$

$$A = \frac{2}{100}, \quad B = \frac{1}{100}$$

The steady state current is

$$g_p = 0.02 \cos(10t) + 0.01 \sin(10t)$$