

Section 11: Linear Mechanical Equations

Driven Motion: 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

We considered the case that the forcing was a simple sine (or cosine).

$$x'' + \omega^2 x = F_0 \sin(\gamma t).$$

The complementary solution is

$$x_c = c_1 \cos(\omega t) + c_2 \sin(\omega t),$$

and the particular solution will look like

$$x_p = A \cos(\gamma t) + B \sin(\gamma t) \quad \text{if } \gamma \neq \omega, \text{ or}$$

$$x_p = At \cos(\omega t) + Bt \sin(\omega t) \quad \text{if } \gamma = \omega.$$

Forced Undamped Motion and Resonance

For $F(t) = F_0 \sin(\gamma t)$ starting from rest at equilibrium:

$$\text{Case (1): } x'' + \omega^2 x = F_0 \sin(\gamma t), \quad x(0) = 0, \quad x'(0) = 0$$

$$x(t) = \frac{F_0}{\omega^2 - \gamma^2} \left(\sin(\gamma t) - \frac{\gamma}{\omega} \sin(\omega t) \right)$$

If $\gamma \approx \omega$, the amplitude of motion could be rather large!

Pure Resonance

Case (2): $x'' + \omega^2 x = F_0 \sin(\omega t)$, $x(0) = 0$, $x'(0) = 0$

$$x(t) = \frac{F_0}{2\omega^2} \sin(\omega t) - \frac{F_0}{2\omega} t \cos(\omega t)$$

Note that the amplitude, α , of the second term is a function of t :

$$\alpha(t) = \frac{F_0 t}{2\omega}$$

which grows without bound!

► Forced Motion and Resonance Applet

Choose "Elongation diagram" to see a plot of displacement. Try exciter frequencies close to ω .

Section 12: LRC Series Circuits

Potential Drops Across Components:

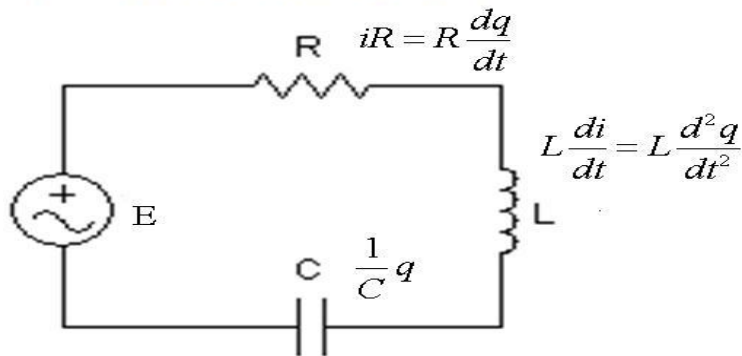


Figure: Kirchhoff's Law: The charge q on the capacitor satisfies $Lq'' + Rq' + \frac{1}{C}q = E(t)$.

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

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

2 real roots

critically damped if

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

1 real root

underdamped if

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

complex roots

Steady and Transient States

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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.

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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.

Steady state current $i_p = \frac{dq_p}{dt}$

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

Here, $L = \frac{1}{2}$, $R = 10$, $C = 4 \cdot 10^{-3}$

$$\frac{1}{2} q'' + 10 q' + \frac{1}{4 \cdot 10^{-3}} q = 5 \cos(10t)$$

The steady state current is $i_p = \frac{dq_p}{dt}$. $\frac{1}{4 \cdot 10^{-3}} = \frac{10^3}{4}$

In standard form

$$= 250$$

$$q'' + 20 q' + 500 q = 10 \cos(10t)$$

Look @ g_c : The characteristic equation

is $m^2 + 20m + 500 = 0$

$$m^2 + 20m + 100 - 100 + 500 = 0$$

$$(m + 10)^2 = -400$$

$$m = -10 \pm 20i$$

Hence

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

Find g_p : $g(t) = 10 \cos(10t)$

Using undetermined coefficients

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

This has no terms in common w/ q_c , so it's the correct form.

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

$$q_p' = -10A \sin(10t) + 10B \cos(10t)$$

$$q_p'' = -100A \cos(10t) - 100B \sin(10t)$$

Sub into $q_p'' + 20q_p' + 500q_p = 10 \cos(10t)$

$$\begin{aligned} & -100A \cos(10t) - 100B \sin(10t) + 20(-10A \sin(10t) + 10B \cos(10t)) \\ & + 500(A \cos(10t) + B \sin(10t)) = 10 \cos(10t) \end{aligned}$$

Collect $\cos(10t)$ and $\sin(10t)$

$$\cos(10t) (-100A + 200B + 500A) + \sin(10t) (-100B - 200A + 500B)$$

$$= 10 \cos(10t) + \overset{\text{zero}}{0} \sin(10t)$$

$$400A + 200B = 10$$

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

$$40A + 20B = 1$$

$$-A + 2B = 0 \Rightarrow A = 2B$$

$$40(2B) + 20B = 1 \Rightarrow 100B = 1 \Rightarrow B = \frac{1}{100}$$

$$A = \frac{2}{100} = \frac{1}{50} \text{ and } B = \frac{1}{100}$$

The steady state charge

$$q_p = \frac{1}{50} \cos(10t) + \frac{1}{100} \sin(10t)$$

The steady state current

$$i_p = \frac{dq_p}{dt} = \frac{-10}{50} \sin(10t) + \frac{10}{100} \cos(10t)$$

$$i_p = \frac{1}{10} \cos(10t) - \frac{1}{5} \sin(10t)$$

Problem 9. A 64 lb object stretches a spring 6 inches in equilibrium. The surrounding medium provides a damping force of β lbs for each ft/sec of velocity.

- (a) Find the mass m in slugs and the spring constant k , and write out the equation $mx'' + \beta x' + kx = 0$.
- (b) Taking into account that $\beta \geq 0$, determine the values of β for which the resulting system would be underdamped, overdamped, and critically damped.

$$mx'' + \beta x' + kx = f(t)$$

no driving $\Rightarrow f(t) = 0$ no damping $\Rightarrow \beta = 0$

The weight $W = 64 \text{ lb}$, displacement in equilibrium $\Delta x = 6 \text{ in.}$

The mass $m = \frac{W}{g} = \frac{64 \text{ lb}}{32 \text{ ft/sec}^2} = 2 \text{ slugs}$

a) The spring constant $k = \frac{W}{\Delta x} = \frac{64 \text{ lb}}{\frac{1}{2} \text{ ft}} = 128 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}}$

The ODE is

$$2x'' + \beta x' + 128x = 0$$

we want the values of β for which the system is under, critically and over damped.

Standard form:

$$x'' + \frac{\beta}{2}x' + 64x = 0$$

The characteristic equation is

$$r^2 + \frac{\beta}{2}r + 64 = 0$$

w/ roots