

Lecture Notes

Section 5.1.2 mass/Spring System FREE Damped Motion

I Schematic/Equation

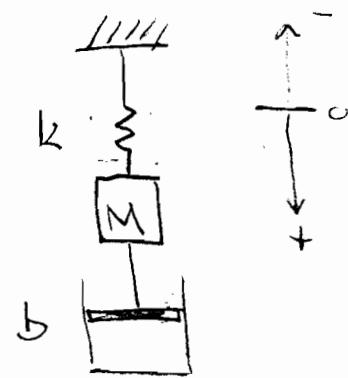
k = spring constant

m = mass

b = damping coefficient

$$mx'' + bx' + kx = 0$$

\uparrow damping factor resists velocity



II Solutions

$$(mD^2 + bD + k) x = 0$$

$$D = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4mk}}{2m}$$

- a) $b=0 \Rightarrow$ undamped motion (imaginary root $\pm Bi$)
- b) $b^2 - 4mk > 0 \Rightarrow$ overdamped motion (2 real roots r_1, r_2)
- c) $b^2 - 4mk = 0 \Rightarrow$ critically damped
(2 repeated roots ' r')
- d) $b^2 - 4mk < 0 \Rightarrow$ underdamped
(complex roots $\alpha \pm Bi$)

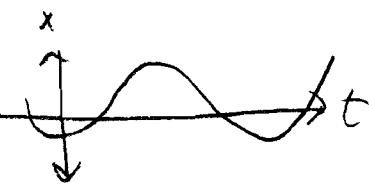
Note: since $m, b, k > 0$ then r_1, r_2, r, α
above are all less than 0

III Characteristics of Solutions

a) undamped

$$x = C_1 \sin(\beta x) + C_2 \cos(\beta x)$$

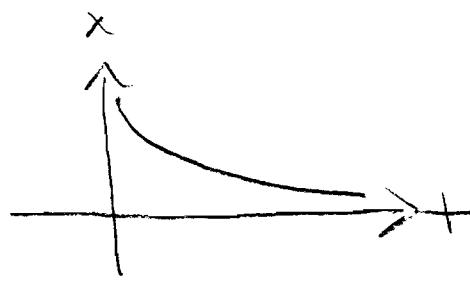
$$= A \sin(\beta x + \phi)$$



b) overdamped

$$x = C_1 e^{r_1 x} + C_2 e^{r_2 x}$$

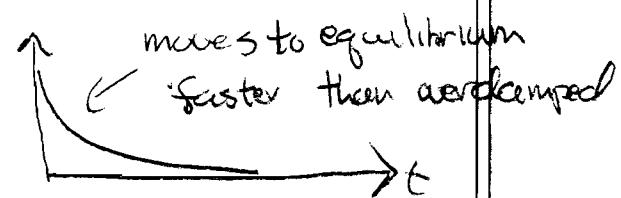
$$r_1, r_2 < 0$$



c) critically damped

$$x = C_1 e^{rx} + C_2 x e^{rx}$$

$$r < 0$$



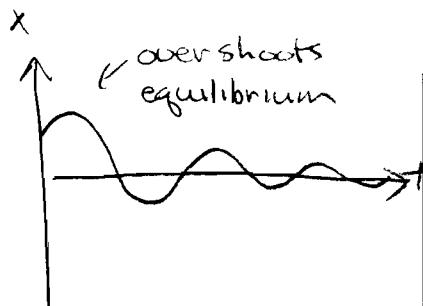
d) underdamped

$$x = C_1 e^{\alpha x} \sin(\beta x) + C_2 e^{\alpha x} \cos(\beta x)$$

$$= e^{\alpha x} (C_1 \sin(\beta x) + C_2 \cos(\beta x))$$

$$= A e^{\alpha x} \sin(\beta x + \phi)$$

$$\alpha < 0$$



IV

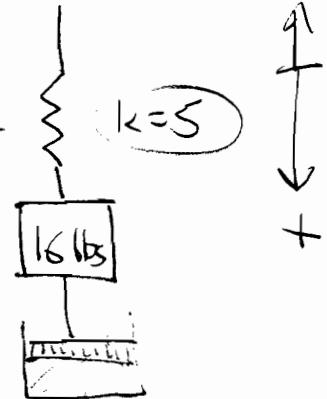
Example 5 (p 188)

16 lbs stretches spring (8.2-5) ft find k

$$\therefore F = kx \Rightarrow 16 = 3.2k \Rightarrow k = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow mx'' + bx' + kx = 0$$

$$b=1$$



$$m = W/g = 16/32 = 0.5$$

$$\therefore 0.5x'' + x' + 5x = 0 \Rightarrow x'' + 2x' + 10x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (D^2 + 2D + 10)x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow D = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 40}}{2} = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{-36}}{2} = \frac{-2 \pm 6i}{2} = 1 \pm 3i$$

$$\Rightarrow x = C_1 e^{-t} \sin(3t) + C_2 e^{-t} \cos(3t)$$

initial conditions: $\begin{cases} x(0) = -2 \\ x'(0) = 0 \end{cases}$

$$x(0) = C_1 e^0 \sin(0) + C_2 e^0 \cos(0) = -2$$

$$x = C_1 e^{-t} \sin(3t) - 2e^{-t} \cos(3t)$$

$$x' = -C_1 e^{-t} \sin(3t) + 3C_2 e^{-t} \cos(3t)$$

$$+ 2e^{-t} \cos(3t) + 6e^{-t} \sin(3t)$$

$$\Rightarrow x'(0) = 3C_2 + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow C_2 = -\frac{2}{3}$$

$$\therefore x = e^{-t} \left(-\frac{2}{3} \sin(3t) - 2 \cos(3t) \right)$$

put in combined form

$$A = \left(2^2 + \left(\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}\right)^2\right)^{1/2} = \left(4 + \frac{4}{9}\right)^{1/2} = \left(\frac{40}{9}\right)^{1/2} = \frac{2\sqrt{10}}{3}$$

$$\phi = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{C_{\cos}}{C_{\sin}}\right) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{-2}{-2\sqrt{3}}\right) = \tan^{-1}(3)$$

$$= 1.249 + \pi = 4.391$$

since $C_{\sin} < 0$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x = \frac{2\sqrt{10}}{3} e^{-t} \sin(3t + 4.391)}$$