

# HWA Prob. 1

$$m = 15 \text{ g}, f_0 = 4.0 \text{ Hz}$$

$$a) \omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = 2\pi f_0 \rightarrow k = 4\pi^2 f_0^2 m$$

$$k = 4\pi^2 (4.0)^2 (0.015) \approx \boxed{9.5 \text{ N/m} = k} \quad (\text{or } \left[\frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}}\right] = \left[\frac{\text{kg}}{\text{s}^2}\right])$$

b) Need to be a bit careful here about the coefficients. Assume we start w

$$m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = 0 \rightarrow \ddot{x} + \gamma\dot{x} + \omega_0^2 x = 0$$

$$[\text{where } \gamma \equiv b/m]$$

• From our notes we know one solution is  $x(t) = A_0 e^{-\gamma t/2} \cos(\omega t + \alpha)$  where  $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m} - \frac{b^2}{4m^2}}$  and  $A_0 = |x(0)|$  (assuming  $\dot{x}(0) = 0$ )

• Thus  $A(t) = A_0 e^{-t\gamma/2}$ . Note that this is no longer SHM (as the problem originally prescribed) and we do not know  $A_0$  (it's not given!)

$$0.5 = A_0 e^{-4.0\gamma/2}$$

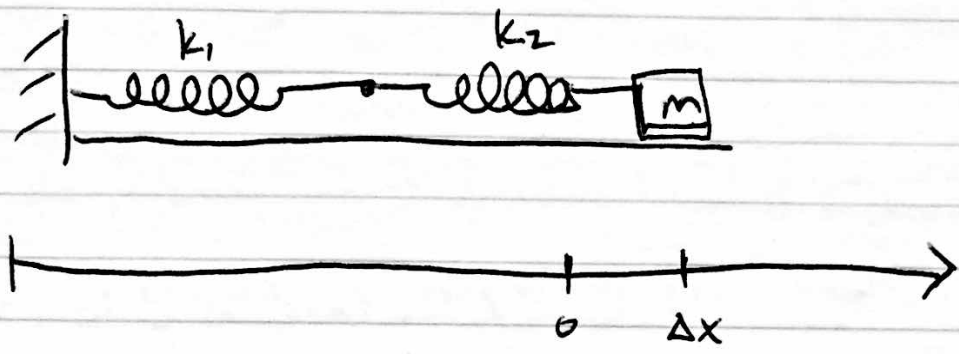
Best we can say:  $\boxed{\gamma = -\frac{1}{2} \ln\left(\frac{0.5}{A_0}\right)}$

$\Rightarrow$  Can't solve part b)  
as stated better than that

NOTE: If instead problem had "decreases by  $\frac{1}{2}$  over 4.0 s", the unknown would cancel (by virtue of becoming a ratio)

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Prob. 2



□ Assume the mass is pulled some distance  $\Delta X$  from equilibrium, stretching the springs (let spring 1 be extended  $\Delta X_1$  and spring 2 by  $\Delta X_2$  such that  $\Delta X = \Delta X_1 + \Delta X_2$ )

□ Let  $k_T$  be the total effective stiffness of the combined springs. Then the total force acting on the mass is

$$F_m = -k_T \Delta X$$

□ BUT the force acting on the ~~spring~~<sup>mass</sup> is also acting on spring 2. Which in turn is acting on spring 1. That is, the force extending spring 1 is the same as that extending spring 2 (and also that acting on the mass). Thus Newton's 3rd law tells us that

$$F_m = -k_1 \Delta X_1 = -k_2 \Delta X_2$$

□ So then:  $\Delta X = \Delta X_1 + \Delta X_2 = -\frac{F_m}{k_1} + \frac{F_m}{k_2} = -\frac{k_1 + k_2}{k_1 k_2} F_m$

□ But  $F_m = -k_T \Delta X \Rightarrow \boxed{k_T = \frac{k_1 k_2}{k_1 + k_2}}$

NOTE springs in "series" is directly equivalent to capacitors in series!

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## Prob. 2 (cont)

□ Since  $\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k_T}{m}}$ , we have  $\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k_1 k_2}{m(k_1 + k_2)}} = 2\pi f_0$

□ But we need  $f_0$  in terms of  $f_1$  and  $f_2$

$$\omega_1^2 = k_1/m \rightarrow k_1 = m\omega_1^2 = m4\pi^2 f_1^2$$

$$\omega_2^2 = k_2/m \rightarrow k_2 = m\omega_2^2 = m4\pi^2 f_2^2$$

$$\Rightarrow f_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{(m4\pi^2)^2 f_1^2 f_2^2}{m(m4\pi^2)(f_1^2 + f_2^2)}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{4\pi^2 \frac{f_1^2 f_2^2}{f_1^2 + f_2^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_0 = \sqrt{\frac{f_1^2 f_2^2}{f_1^2 + f_2^2}}$$

### HW 4 Prob. 3

□ SHO  $\rightarrow$  energy is conserved

□ Known:  $x_1, \dot{x}_1, x_2$  and  $\dot{x}_2 \Rightarrow$  Determine  $\omega_0$  and  $A$

□ Conserv. of energy reqs.  $\frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}kx_1^2 = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}_2^2 + \frac{1}{2}kx_2^2$

$$k(x_1^2 - x_2^2) = m(\dot{x}_2^2 - \dot{x}_1^2)$$

$$\rightarrow \omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = \left[ \frac{\dot{x}_2^2 - \dot{x}_1^2}{x_1^2 - x_2^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} = \omega_0$$

□ Now the total energy of the system (call it  $E$ ) is equivalent to the condition when the mass is at rest and the spring fully extended/compressed (i.e.  $x = \pm A$ ). Thus

$$\frac{1}{2}kA^2 = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}kx_1^2 = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}_2^2 + \frac{1}{2}kx_2^2$$

So

$$A^2 = \frac{m}{k} \dot{x}_1^2 + x_1^2 = \dot{x}_1^2 \left( \frac{\dot{x}_2^2 - \dot{x}_1^2}{\dot{x}_2^2 - \dot{x}_1^2} \right) + x_1^2$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \left[ \frac{\dot{x}_1^2 \dot{x}_2^2 - \dot{x}_1^2 x_2^2 + x_1^2 (\dot{x}_2^2 - \dot{x}_1^2)}{\dot{x}_2^2 - \dot{x}_1^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \left[ \frac{x_1^2 \dot{x}_2^2 - \dot{x}_1^2 x_2^2}{\dot{x}_2^2 - \dot{x}_1^2} \right]$$

$\therefore$

## HW4 Prob 4

□ Assume solution of the form  $x(t) = Ae^{-\gamma t/2} \cos(\omega t + \alpha)$   
where  $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m} - \frac{\gamma^2}{4}}$

□ Now  $\frac{dx}{dt} = -\frac{\gamma}{2} Ae^{-\gamma t/2} \cos(\omega t + \alpha) - \omega Ae^{-\gamma t/2} \sin(\omega t + \alpha) = 0$   
at extremas. Thus

$$\frac{\gamma}{2} \cos(\omega t + \alpha) + \omega \sin(\omega t + \alpha) = 0 \rightarrow \tan(\omega t + \alpha) = -\frac{\gamma}{2\omega}$$

which repeats after the interval  $T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$

□ Let  $x_i$  and  $x_{i+1}$  be the positions of two successive maxima. Then

$$x_i = Ae^{-\gamma t/2} \cos(\omega t + \alpha) \quad \text{and} \quad x_{i+1} = Ae^{-\gamma(t+T)/2} \cos[\omega(t+T) + \alpha]$$

Note that  $\cos(\omega t + \alpha) = \cos[\omega(t+T) + \alpha]$

□ Thus we have

$$\frac{x_i}{x_{i+1}} = \frac{e^{-\gamma t/2}}{e^{-\gamma(t+T)/2}} = \frac{e^{-\gamma t/2}}{e^{-\gamma t/2} \cdot e^{-\gamma T/2}} = e^{\gamma T/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{x_i}{x_{i+1}} = e^{\gamma \pi / \omega}} \quad (\text{which is a const.})$$

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NOTE: Another common assumed form of sol. is  $x(t) = Ae^{-\gamma t} \cos(\omega t + \alpha)$ ,  
which leads to  $\frac{x_i}{x_{i+1}} = e^{\gamma T} = e^{\gamma 2\pi / \omega}$ . Really just hinges  
on assumed form of ODE (i.e.  $\ddot{x} + 2\gamma\dot{x} + \omega_0^2 x = 0$  vs  $\ddot{x} + \gamma\dot{x} + \omega_0^2 x = 0$ )

## HW 4 Prob. 5

$$\square \omega_d = 2\pi f_d = 200\pi \text{ Hz (since } f_d = 100 \text{ Hz)}$$

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$\square$  Now from the last problem, we know that  $\frac{x_i}{x_{i+1}} = e^{-\delta T/2} = \frac{1}{2}$   
(i.e. we assume the ODE of the form  $\ddot{x} + \delta \dot{x} + \omega_0^2 x = 0$  such that  $\delta = \frac{b}{m}$  from  $m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = 0$ , not  $\delta = \frac{b}{2m}$ )

$$\text{Thus } \ln(e^{-\delta T/2}) = -\frac{\delta T}{2} = \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = -\ln 2 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta = \frac{1}{T} \cdot 2 \ln 2 = f_d \cdot 2 \ln 2 = 138.6$$

$$\square \text{ Now } \omega_d^2 = \omega_0^2 - \frac{\delta^2}{4}$$

$$\text{so } \omega_0^2 = (2\pi f_0)^2 = \omega_d^2 + \frac{\delta^2}{4} = (2\pi f_d)^2 + \frac{\delta^2}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{4\pi^2 (100)^2 + \frac{(138.6)^2}{4}} \approx 100.6 \text{ Hz} = f_0$$

$\square$  For  $\omega_r$  (the resonant freq.), we have

$$\omega_r^2 = \omega_0^2 - \frac{\delta^2}{2} \Rightarrow f_r = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{(2\pi f_0)^2 - \frac{\delta^2}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{4\pi^2 \cdot 100.6^2 - \frac{138.6^2}{2}}$$

$$\approx 99.4 \text{ Hz} = \omega_r$$

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## HW4 Prob. 6

□ Eqn. of motion is  $m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = F_0 e^{-\alpha t} \cos \omega t = F_{ext}$

□ Note that from the hint:  $\beta \equiv -\alpha + i\omega \rightarrow \operatorname{Re}(e^{\beta t}) = \frac{F_{ext}}{F_0}$

□ Let us assume a solution of the form:  $z(t) = A e^{\beta t - i\phi}$   
(such that  $x = \operatorname{Re}(z)$ ). Plugging into our ODE, we obtain:

$$z = A e^{\beta t - i\phi} = A e^{\beta t} e^{-i\phi}$$

$$\dot{z} = \beta A e^{\beta t - i\phi} = \beta z \quad \rightarrow \quad z(\beta^2 m + b\beta + k) = F_0 e^{\beta t}$$

$$\ddot{z} = \beta^2 z$$

or  $A e^{\beta t} e^{-i\phi} (m\beta^2 + b\beta + k) = F_0 e^{\beta t} \rightarrow m\beta^2 + b\beta + k = \frac{F_0}{A} e^{i\phi}$

$\rightarrow$  Goal now is to solve for  $A$  and  $\phi$  (in terms of  $\beta$ ,  $m$ ,  $b$  and  $k$ )  
Couple approaches to do this, below just being one

$$\beta^2 = (-\alpha + i\omega)(-\alpha + i\omega) = \alpha^2 - \omega^2 - i2\alpha\omega$$

so  $m\beta^2 + b\beta + k = m(\alpha^2 - \omega^2) - i2m\alpha\omega - b\alpha + i b\omega + k$

$$= \frac{F_0}{A} \cos \phi + i \frac{F_0}{A} \sin \phi$$

$$= [m(\alpha^2 - \omega^2) - b\alpha + k] + i [b\omega - 2m\alpha\omega]$$

$\rightarrow$  Can equate real and imaginary parts:

$$m(\alpha^2 - \omega^2) - b\alpha + k = \frac{F_0}{A} \cos \phi$$

$$\omega [b - 2m\alpha] = \frac{F_0}{A} \sin \phi$$

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## HW4 Prob. 6 (cont)

□ Can divide two equations to obtain

$$\frac{\sin \phi}{\cos \phi} = \tan \phi = \frac{\omega [b - 2m\alpha]}{m(\alpha^2 - \omega^2) - b\alpha + k}$$

$$\rightarrow \phi = \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{\omega (b - 2m\alpha)}{m(\alpha^2 - \omega^2) - b\alpha + k} \right]$$

□ To find  $A$ , we note that we must have  $\sin^2 \phi + \cos^2 \phi = 1$ . Thus

$$\left(\frac{A}{F_0}\right)^2 [\omega (b - 2m\alpha)]^2 + \left(\frac{A}{F_0}\right)^2 [m(\alpha^2 - \omega^2) - b\alpha + k]^2 = 1$$

⇒ Rearranging:

$$A = \frac{F_0}{\left\{ [\omega (b - 2m\alpha)]^2 + [m(\alpha^2 - \omega^2) - b\alpha + k]^2 \right\}^{1/2}}$$

□ Thus our solution is  $x(t) = Ae^{-\alpha t} \cos(\omega t - \phi)$  where  $A$  and  $\phi$  are noted above

NOTE: This last bit stems from  $x = \operatorname{Re}(z) = \operatorname{Re}(Ae^{-i\phi} e^{-\alpha t} e^{i\omega t})$   
 $= \operatorname{Re}[Ae^{-\alpha t} \cdot e^{i(\omega t - \phi)}] = Ae^{-\alpha t} \cos(\omega t - \phi)$

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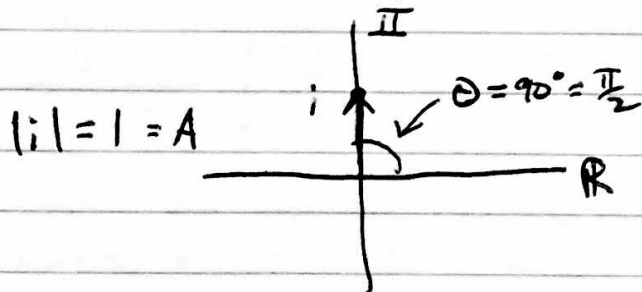
# HW4 Prob. 7

NOTE:  $i = j = \sqrt{-1}$

□ The key to this is to re-write  $i$  as a complex exponential

$$i = Ae^{i\theta} = 1 \cdot e^{i\pi/2} = e^{i\pi/2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus } i^i &= (e^{i\pi/2})^i \\ &= e^{-\pi/2} \end{aligned}$$



□ Two ways to figure out what  $x$  is for  $x = e^{-\pi/2}$

a) calculator  $\rightarrow x \approx 0.208$

b)  $x \approx e^{-1.57} \approx \frac{1}{e^{1.57}} \approx \frac{1}{2.72^{1.57}} \approx [\text{ANS} \cdot 2.75 \cdot \sqrt{2.75}]^{-1}$   
 $\approx [2.75 \cdot 1.65]^{-1} \approx \frac{1}{4.53} \approx \frac{1}{4.5} \approx 0.22$   
(good practice to do this back-of-the-envelope!)

$\rightarrow$  Either way: Yes, buy the object from the mathematician.  
But only really for memories sake (as it is chiefly "worth" 20k, so you get what you pay for)

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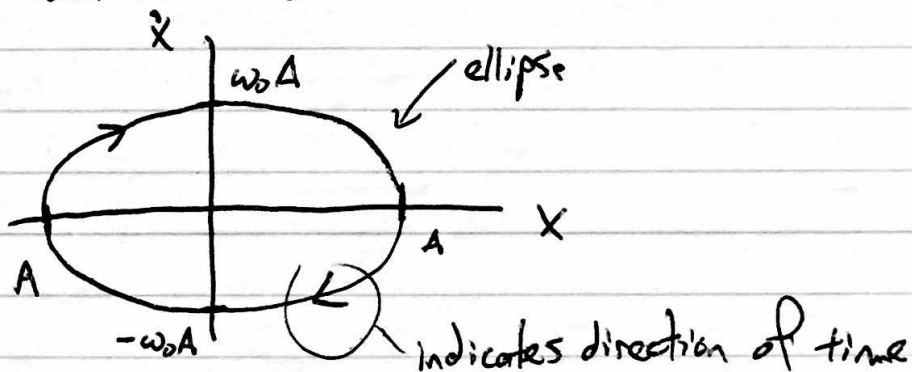
## HW4 Prob. 8

□ For SHO, energy is conserved such that

$$\frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}^2 + \frac{1}{2} k x^2 = E = \frac{1}{2} k A^2 \quad \rightarrow \quad x \in [-A, A]$$
$$\dot{x} \in \left[-\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} A, \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} A\right]$$

□ Another way to see this is that if we assume  $x(t) = A \cos(\omega t + \theta)$ , then  $\dot{x}(t) = -\omega_0 A \sin(\omega t + \theta)$ , where  $\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$ . Thus,  $x$  takes on values between  $-A$  and  $A$  while  $\dot{x}$  takes on values between  $-\omega_0 A$  and  $\omega_0 A$

□ Either way:



□ If there is damping, the system will lose energy, meaning that the max/min values for  $x$  and  $\dot{x}$  slowly decrease. Since the system is autonomous, Existence + Uniqueness theorem guarantees that orbits in the phase plane do not cross. Putting all that together, we have an inward-going spiral

