

# Episode 11

## Free Vibration of Un-Damped Systems Part 1

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# Topics for todays class

## Free Vibration of Un-damped Systems

1. Examples of vibrations and their consequences
2. Typical vibration response, simple harmonic motion
3. The harmonic oscillator
4. Natural frequencies and vibration (normal) modes
5. Counting degrees of freedom and vibration modes

# 5 VIBRATIONS

## 5.1 Features of a typical vibration response

Time for 1 cycle (period)  $T$

Frequency  $f = 1/T$  (Hertz)

Angular frequency  $\omega = 2\pi f$   
(rad/sec)

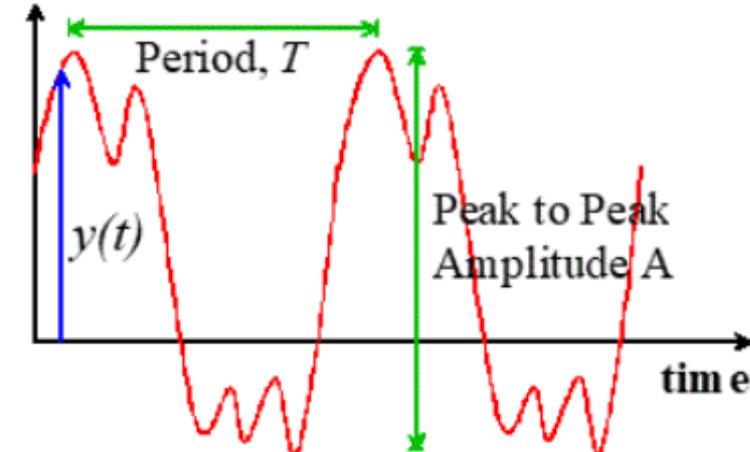
Peak-peak amplitude  $y_{max} - y_{min}$

RMS amplitude

$$\langle y \rangle = \left\{ \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T (y - \bar{y})^2 dt \right\}^{1/2}$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T y dt$$

Displacement  
or  
Acceleration



## 5.2 Simple Harmonic Motion

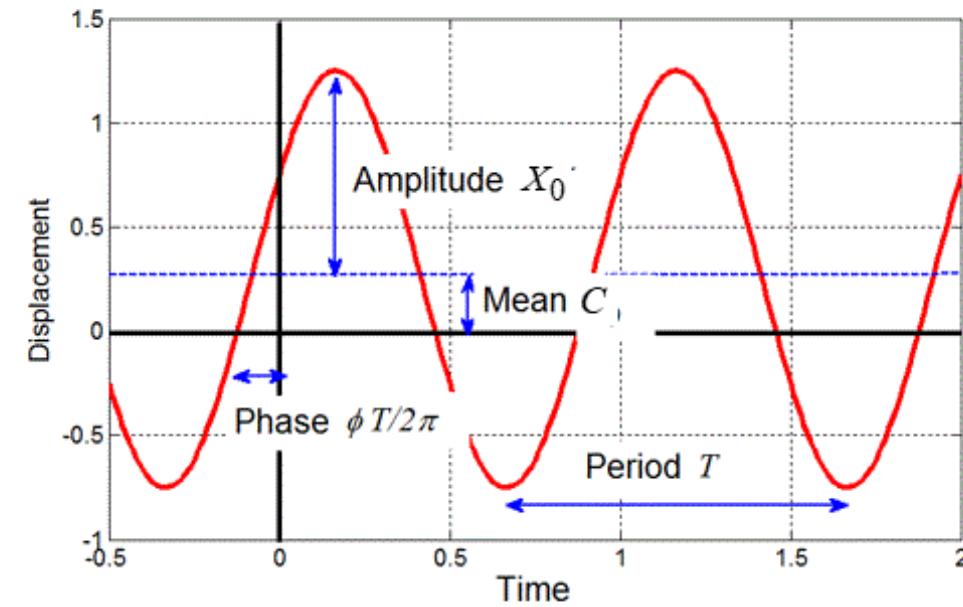
$$x = C + X_0 \sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

$\omega$  : angular frequency

$$\omega = 2\pi/T$$

$X_0$  : amplitude

$\phi$  : phase



### Velocity

$$\begin{aligned} v &= dx/dt = \omega X_0 \cos(\omega t + \phi) \\ &= \bar{V}_0 \cos(\omega t + \phi) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Acceleration } a &= dv/dt = -\omega \bar{V}_0 \sin(\omega t + \phi) = -\omega^2 X_0 \sin(\omega t + \phi) \\ &= -A_0 \sin(\omega t + \phi) \end{aligned}$$

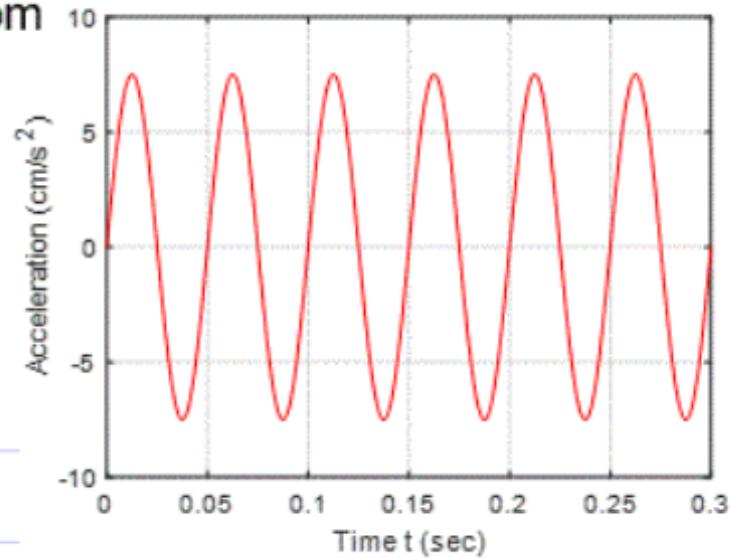
### Amplitude formulas

$$\bar{V}_0 = \omega \bar{X}_0 \quad A_0 = \omega \bar{V}_0 = \omega^2 \bar{X}_0$$

5.3: Example: The figure shows a vibration measurement from

an accelerometer. Calculate

- (a) The amplitude of the acceleration
- (b) The period of oscillation
- (c) The angular frequency of oscillation (in rad/s)
- (d) The amplitude of the velocity
- (e) The amplitude of the displacement



From graph :  $A_0 = 7.5 \text{ cm/s}^2$

Period : 6 cycles in 0.3s  $\Rightarrow T = 0.3/6 = 0.05 \text{ s}$

$$\omega = 2\pi/T = 40\pi \text{ rad/s} \quad (\text{or } f = 1/T \text{ cycles/s})$$

Formula  $V_0 = A_0/\omega = 7.5/(40\pi) \text{ cm/s}$

$$X_0 = V_0/\omega = 7.5/(40\pi)^2 \text{ cm}$$

## 5.4 Free vibration of un-damped systems

"Free"  $\Rightarrow$  no time dependent external forces

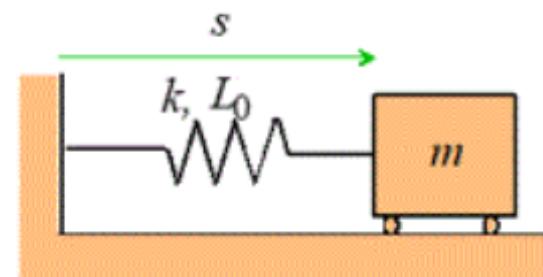
"Undamped"  $\Rightarrow$  energy is constant

### 5.4.1 Vibratim of a 1 degree of freedom system

1 DOF  $\Rightarrow$  motion can be described by 1 coord

**Canonical vibration problem:** The spring-mass system is released with speed  $v_0$  from position  $s_0$  at time  $t=0$ . Find  $s(t)$

"Harmonic Oscillator"



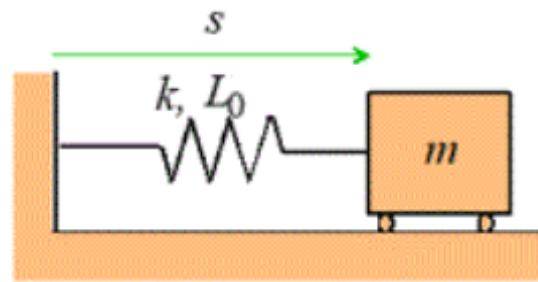
Approach

(1)  $F = ma$

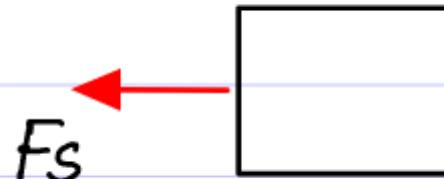
(2) Differential eq for  $s$

(3) Look up solution in tables

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FBD



$$F = ma \Rightarrow -F_s = m \frac{d^2s}{dt^2}$$

Spring Formula  $F_s = k(s - L_0)$

$$\Rightarrow -k(s - L_0) = m \frac{d^2s}{dt^2}$$

Rearrange:

$$\frac{m}{k} \frac{d^2s}{dt^2} + s = L_0$$

↑ Constants on RHS  
No coefficient in front of s

Look up solution in tables

# List of standard ODEs for vibration problems

Case I  $\frac{1}{\omega_n^2} \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + x = C$

Case II  $\frac{1}{\alpha^2} \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} - x = -C$

Case III  $\frac{1}{\omega_n^2} \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \frac{2\zeta}{\omega_n} \frac{dx}{dt} + x = C$

Case IV  $\frac{1}{\omega_n^2} \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \frac{2\zeta}{\omega_n} \frac{dx}{dt} + x = C + KF(t)$  with  $F(t) = F_0 \sin \omega t$

Case V  $\frac{1}{\omega_n^2} \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \frac{2\zeta}{\omega_n} \frac{dx}{dt} + x = C + K \left( y + \frac{2\zeta}{\omega_n} \frac{dy}{dt} \right)$  with  $y(t) = Y_0 \sin \omega t$

Case VI  $\frac{1}{\omega_n^2} \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \frac{2\zeta}{\omega_n} \frac{dx}{dt} + x = C - \frac{K}{\omega_n^2} \frac{d^2y}{dt^2}$  with  $y(t) = Y_0 \sin \omega t$

Case VII  $\frac{1}{\omega_n^2} \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \frac{2\zeta}{\omega_n} \frac{dx}{dt} + x = K \left( \frac{\lambda^2}{\omega_n^2} \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + \frac{2\zeta}{\omega_n} \frac{dy}{dt} + y \right)$  with  $y(t) = Y_0 \sin \omega t$

Our eq:  $\frac{m}{k} \frac{d^2s}{dt^2} + s = L_0$   
 $\frac{1}{\omega_n^2} \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + x = C$

Hence  $s \equiv x$   $L_0 \equiv C$   $\frac{1}{\omega_n^2} = \frac{m}{k} \Rightarrow$

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

## Solution to Case I (From handout)

Equation  $\frac{1}{\omega_n^2} \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + x = C$       Initial Conditions  $x = x_0$        $\frac{dx}{dt} = v_0$        $t = 0$

Solution  $x = C + X_0 \sin(\omega_n t + \phi)$        $X_0 = \sqrt{(x_0 - C)^2 + v_0^2 / \omega_n^2}$        $\phi = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{v_0 / \omega_n}{\sqrt{(x_0 - C)^2 + v_0^2 / \omega_n^2}} \right)$

Or  $x(t) = C + (x_0 - C) \cos \omega_n t + \frac{v_0}{\omega_n} \sin \omega_n t$

Hence  $s = L_0 + X_0 \sin(\omega_n t + \phi)$

$$X_0 = \sqrt{(s_0 - L_0)^2 + v_0^2 / \omega_n^2} \quad \phi = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{v_0}{\omega_n X_0} \right)$$

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

Simple Harmonic Motion @ frequency  $\omega_n$

# How to solve the case I vibration equation

Solve:  $\frac{1}{\omega_n^2} \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + x = C$        $x = x_0$        $\frac{dx}{dt} = v_0$        $t = 0$

General approaches: (1) Guess solution, substitute into ODE; or  
(2) Rearrange into form with known solution (eq transforms)

Use (1) here – vibration problem so guess  $x = A \sin \lambda t + B \cos \lambda t + C$

Substitute into ODE:  $\frac{1}{\omega_n^2} (-\lambda^2 A \sin \lambda t - \lambda^2 B \cos \lambda t) + A \sin \lambda t + B \cos \lambda t + C = C$

$$\Rightarrow \left( -\frac{\lambda^2}{\omega_n^2} + 1 \right) (A \sin \lambda t + B \cos \lambda t) = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow -\frac{\lambda^2}{\omega_n^2} + 1 = 0 \rightarrow \boxed{\lambda = \omega_n}$$

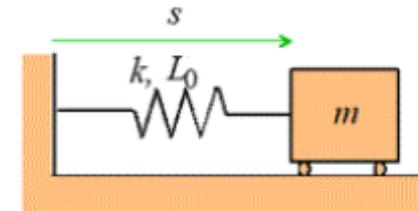
Find A,B from initial conditions:

$$x = A \sin(0) + B \cos(0) + C = x_0 \quad (t = 0) \rightarrow B + C = x_0 \rightarrow B = x_0 - C$$
$$\frac{dx}{dt} = A \omega_n \cos(0) - B \omega_n \sin(0) = v_0 \rightarrow A \omega_n = v_0 \rightarrow A = v_0 / \omega_n$$

$$\boxed{x = \frac{v_0}{\omega_n} \sin \omega_n t + (x_0 - C) \cos \omega_n t + C}$$

# Summary

**Canonical vibration problem:** The spring-mass system is released with speed  $v_0$  from position  $s_0$  at time  $t=0$ . Find  $s(t)$



$$s = L_0 + X_0 \sin(\omega_n t + \phi)$$

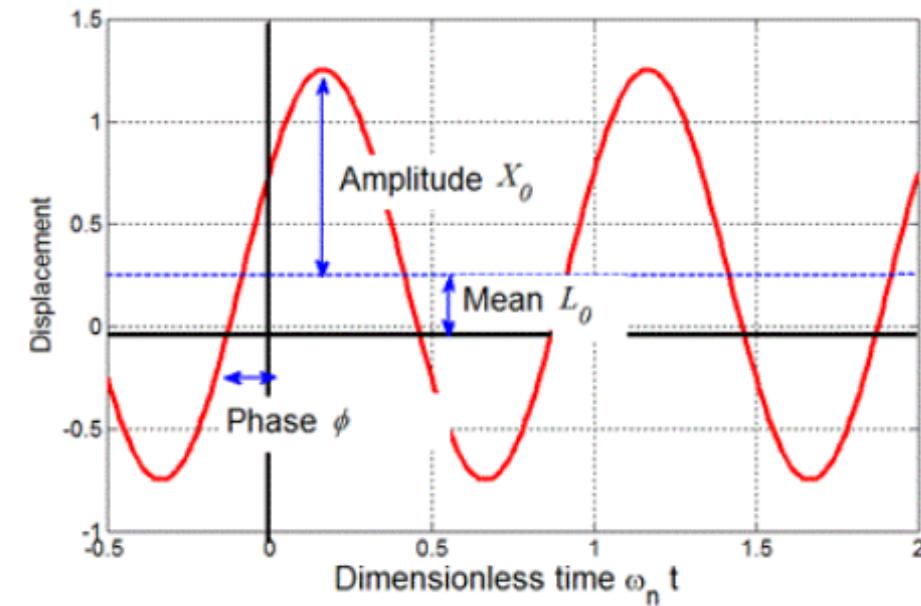
Notes :

(1) Vibration frequency

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{k/m}$$

is a property of system

- (2) Amplitude depends on initial conditions
- (3) Phase depends on initial conditions



These apply to all undamped 1 DOF stable systems

## 5.4.2 Vibration of systems with many DOF

- (1) In general motion will not be harmonic
- (2) There are special initial conditions that cause harmonic vibrations
- (3) Usually each special initial displacement causes vibration at a different frequency
- (4) Special frequencies are called "natural frequencies"
- (5) Special initial displacements are called "mode shapes" or "normal modes"

A single mode behaves like a 1DOF system

### 5.4.3 Counting DOF and vibration modes

Approach #1 Count # coords needed to describe motion

Approach #2 Let:

- $r = \# \text{ rigid bodies}$
- $p = \# \text{ particles}$
- $c = \# \text{ constraints}$

Then :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For 3D system} \quad \# \text{DOF} &= 6r + 3p - c \\ \text{For 2D system} \quad \# \text{DOF} &= 3r + 2p - c \end{aligned}$$

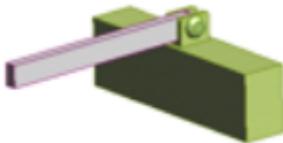
$$\# \text{vibration modes} = \# \text{DOF} - \# \text{"rigid body modes"}$$

"Rigid body mode" is non vibration motion  
 - translation or rotation @ const speed

# Examples of 3D constraints

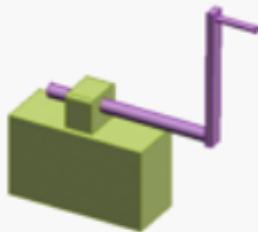
## Pinned joint

(5 constraints – prevents all motion, and prevents rotation about two axes)



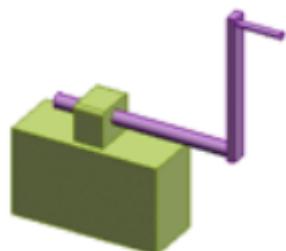
## Roller bearing

(5 constraints – prevents all motion, and prevents rotation about two axes)



## Sleeve

(4 constraints – prevents motion in two directions, and prevents rotation about two axes)



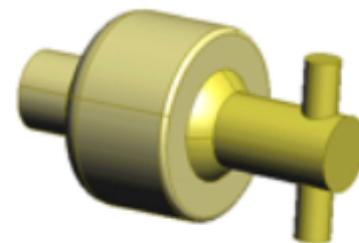
## Swivel joint

4 constraints (prevents all motion, prevents rotation about 1 axis)

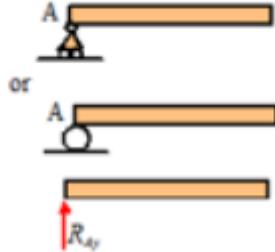
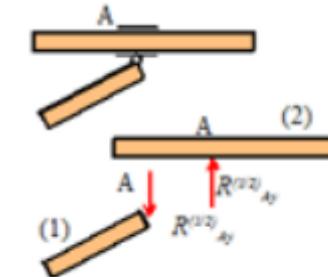
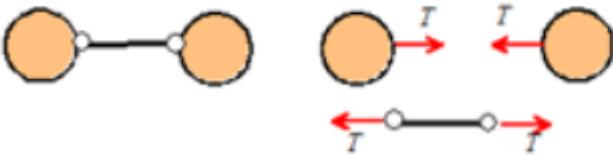
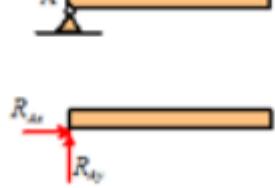
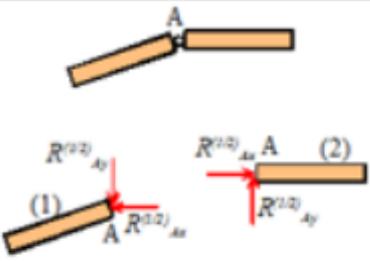


## Ball and socket joint

3 constraints – prevents all motion.



# Examples of 2D constraints

<p><b>Roller joint</b></p> <p>1 constraint (prevents motion in one direction)</p>	 
<p><b>Rigid (massless) link</b> (if the link has mass, it should be represented as a rigid body)</p> <p>1 constraint (prevents relative motion parallel to link)</p>	
<p><b>Nonconformal contact</b> (two bodies meet at a point)</p> <p>No friction or slipping: 1 constraint (prevents interpenetration)</p> <p>Sticking friction 2 constraints (prevents relative motion)</p>	
<p><b>Conformal contact</b> (two rigid bodies meet along a line)</p> <p>No friction or slipping: 2 constraint (prevents interpenetration and rotation)</p> <p>Sticking friction 3 constraints (prevents relative motion)</p>	
<p><b>Pinned joint</b> (generally only applied to a rigid body, as it would stop a particle moving completely)</p> <p>2 constraints (prevents motion horizontally and vertically)</p>	 

## 5.4.4 Examples of counting DOF & vibration modes

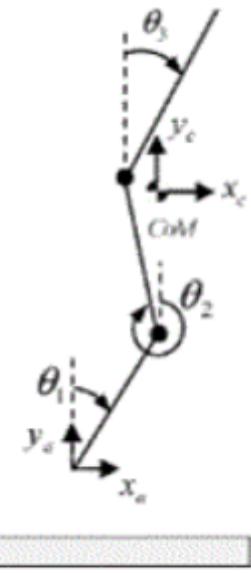
5.4.4(a) Example: Find the number of DOF and vibration modes for the 'hopping robot' shown in the figure

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Approach #1 :  $\{x_c, y_c, \theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3\}$  are DOF  
 $\Rightarrow$  5 DOF

Approach #2 :  $r = 3$   $\phi = 0$

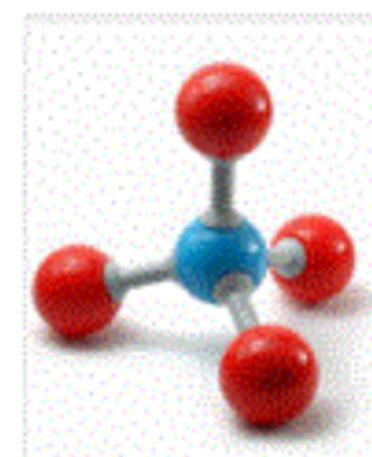
Constraints: 2 fin joints, with  
 2 constraints each  $\Rightarrow c = 4$



$$\# \text{DOF} = 3r + 2\phi - c = 9 - 4 = 5$$

3 rigid body modes (2 translation, 1 rotation)  $\Rightarrow$  # Vibe modes = 2

**5.4.4(b) Example:** Find the number of DOF and vibration modes for the methane molecule shown in the figure



Approach 2

$$r=0$$

$$P=5$$

$$C=0$$

$$\Rightarrow \# \text{ DDF} = 6r + 3P - C = 15$$

# rigid body modes = 6  
(3 translation, 3 rotation)

$$\Rightarrow \# \text{ vibration modes} = 9$$

5.4.4(c) Example: Find the number of DOF and vibration modes for the 'Stewart platform' shown in the figure

Base is fixed

# rigid bodies :

$$\text{Platform} + 12 \text{ members} = 13$$

Constraints :

6 spherical joints, 3 constraints each

6 universal joints, 4 constraints each

6 prismatic joints, 5 constraints each

$$\# \text{DOF} = 6r + 3p - c = 6(13 - 3 - 4 - 5) = 6$$

No rigid body modes (base prevents any motion @ const speed)

$$\Rightarrow \# \text{vibration modes} = 6$$

