

Simple Harmonic Oscillator: K & K

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You already learnt a good deal of K&K Chap 10 from HRK!

These lectures will "fill in the blanks" so that you are up to speed to tackle some cool K&K problems.

I ~~to~~ SHO: Standard Form of Solution

Consider $\ddot{x} = -kx$

I told you the standard form of the solution is:

$$x = B \sin \omega_0 t + C \cos \omega_0 t.$$

where B, C are constants.

This can be more ~~conveniently~~ conveniently rewritten as:

$$x = A \cos(\omega_0 t + \phi)$$

where A, ϕ are constants (still 2 degrees of freedom).

We can show this by relating the old & new solns:

$$\begin{aligned} x &= A \cos(\omega_0 t + \phi) \\ &= A [\cos \omega_0 t \cos \phi - \sin \omega_0 t \sin \phi] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{But } x = B \sin \omega_0 t + C \cos \omega_0 t$$

$$\Rightarrow B = -A \sin \phi \quad C = A \cos \phi.$$

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$$\text{or } B^2 + C^2 = A^2 (\sin^2 \phi + \cos^2 \phi) \Rightarrow \cancel{A^2} = A^2$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \sqrt{B^2 + C^2}$$

$$\tan \phi = -\frac{B}{C}$$

We will use $x = A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$ as a more convenient & compact form
 amplitude \uparrow phase \uparrow

DAMPED OSCILLATORS

Q of an Oscillator

Q \rightarrow the quality factor
 Q is a dimensionless parameter for a damped oscillator which specifies the degree of damping.

$$Q \equiv \frac{\text{energy stored in oscillator}}{\text{energy dissipated per radian}}$$

Why 1 radian? ~~Q~~

In a period $T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$, the system oscillates through 2π radians.

Hence time to oscillate through 1 radian is

$$t = \frac{T}{2\pi} = \frac{1}{\omega}, \text{ much more convenient.}$$

For the lightly damped case, easy to calculate Q.

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Recall $E = E_0 e^{-\gamma t}$ $\gamma = \frac{b}{m}$

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = -\gamma E_0 e^{-\gamma t} \rightarrow \text{energy falls exponentially}$$

$$= -\gamma E.$$

In a short time Δt ,

$$\Delta E = \left| \frac{dE}{dt} \right| \Delta t$$

$$\approx \gamma E \Delta t$$

$$= \frac{\gamma E}{\omega_1} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \Delta t = \frac{1}{\omega_1} \text{ for one radian of} \\ \text{oscillation} \end{array} \right\}$$

Hence $Q = \frac{E}{\Delta E} = \frac{E}{\frac{\gamma E}{\omega_1}} = \frac{\omega_1}{\gamma} \approx \frac{\omega_0}{\gamma}$ ← Frequency of damped oscillator

Lightly damped $Q \gg 1$ e.g. superconducting microwave cavity $Q > 10^7$

Heavily damped low Q tuning fork $Q \sim 10^3$.

Q of Tuning Fork

Musician's tuning fork rings at $\nu_0 = 440 \text{ Hz}$
(A above middle C).

Fr. sound meter, intensity decreases by a factor of 5 in 4s.

$$\frac{E_0 e^0}{E_0 e^{-4\gamma}} = 5 \Rightarrow e^{-4\gamma} = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln e^{-4\gamma} = -\ln 5$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma = \frac{1}{4} \overset{1.6}{\ln 5} = \cancel{0.4} 0.4 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$Q = \frac{\omega_1}{\gamma} = \frac{2\pi \nu}{\gamma} = \frac{2\pi (440)}{0.4} = 7000$$

Energy loss mainly due to heating of metal as it bends (also: air friction, energy loss to mount).

Rubber band Q [NOTE: ear is poor sound meter because response is logarithmic not linear (just like eye!)]



Consider weight suspended from rubber band.

Suppose period $T = 1.2 \text{ s}$.

Amplitude A decreased by a factor of 2 after 3 s.

What is the estimated Q?

$$E \propto A^2 \propto e^{-\gamma t} \Rightarrow A \propto e^{-\frac{\gamma t}{2}}$$

$$A = A_0 e^{-\frac{\gamma t}{2}}$$

$t = 0 \quad A = A_0$

$t = 3(1.2)$

$= 3.6 \text{ s}$

$$A = A_0 e^{-\frac{3.6\gamma}{2}} = \frac{A_0}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln e^{-\frac{1.8}{\cancel{3.6}}\gamma} = \ln \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma = \frac{1}{1.8} (\ln 2) \leftarrow 0.69$$

$$= 0.39 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = \frac{\omega_1}{\gamma} = \frac{2\pi/T}{0.39} = \frac{2\pi/1.2}{0.39} = 13$$

[N.B., we are using light damping result, which is accurate to $O(\frac{1}{Q^2})$. For $Q > 10$, error is $< 1\%$].

γ for rubber band & tuning fork are ^{very similar} ~~very different~~
 \rightarrow but Q is very different, as natural frequencies ω_1 are v. different. (so rubber band loses more energy per cycle)

losses for rubber band come fr. internal friction [coiling & uncoiling of long chain molecules].

Graphical Analysis of Damped Oscillator

[LATER... if there's time]

Forced Harmonic Oscillator

Undamped case:

$$m\ddot{x} + kx = F_0 \cos \omega t.$$

Why choose a periodic driving force?

① Fourier's theorem = any periodic function of time can be represented as a sum of sinusoidal terms
 $f(t) = \sum_n a_n \cos(\omega_n t) + b_n \sin(\omega_n t)$

② Many important cases have a sinusoidal driving force:
i) tides
ii) response of bound electron to EM field (happens in scattering of light).

Recall we found the solution

$$x = \frac{F_0}{m} \frac{1}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} \cos \omega t.$$

But this is weird! Recall our other solutions:

$$x = A \cos(\omega_0 t + \phi) \quad \text{SHO}$$

$$x = A e^{-\gamma t} \cos(\omega_d t + \phi) \quad \text{damped HO.}$$

These all have 2 ~~are~~ undetermined constants, A, ϕ , which we use to match x, v at the initial time.

But the solution we've found has no arbitrary constants! So how do we match initial x & v ?

In fact, the complete solution is

$$x = \frac{F_0}{m} \frac{1}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} \cos \omega t + B \cos(\omega_0 t + \phi)$$

particular solution to $\ddot{x} + kx = F(t)$

general soln of homogeneous eqn $\ddot{x} + kx = 0$.

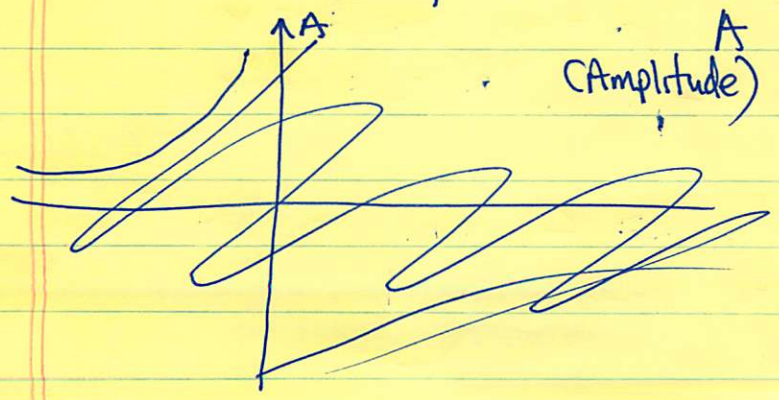
complete soln is sum of homogeneous & particular solution.

B, ϕ are arbitrary, can be used to match initial conditions

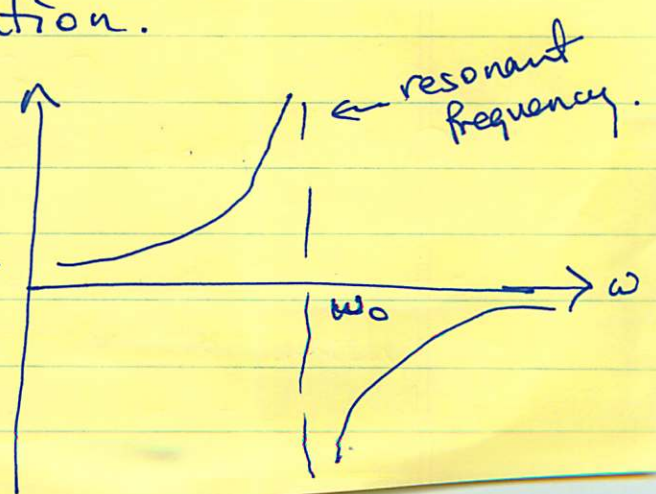
If system is damped, then ~~soln~~ B decreases exponentially with time \rightarrow can be ignored. We are left with

$$x = \frac{F_0}{m} \frac{1}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} \cos \omega t,$$

the steady-state solution.



(Amplitude)



There is a phase change of 180° through resonance!
 $\omega < \omega_0 \rightarrow$ displacement in phase w/ driving force
 $\omega > \omega_0 \rightarrow$ displacement 180° out of phase w/
 driving force (when force is max,
 displacement is min & vice versa)

Resonance \rightarrow can use it to get large response from
 a small driving force: i) organ pipes.
 ii) radio (resonant electrical
 circuits).

But also want to damp resonance sometime (springs of car)
 \hookrightarrow shock absorber.

Forced Damped Harmonic Oscillator \leftarrow new! Not
 covered in
 HRK.

$$F = m\ddot{x} = F_{\text{spring}} + F_{\text{damp}} + F_{\text{drive}}$$

$$= -kx - b\dot{x} + F_0 \cos \omega t$$

~~$m\ddot{x} = -kx - b\dot{x} + F_0 \cos \omega t$~~

$$m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = F_0 \cos \omega t.$$

$$\Rightarrow \ddot{x} + \gamma \dot{x} + \omega_0^2 x = \frac{F_0}{m} \cos \omega t$$

$$\gamma = \frac{b}{m}, \quad \omega_0^2 = \frac{k}{m}.$$

Try $x = A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$ as solution.

Then

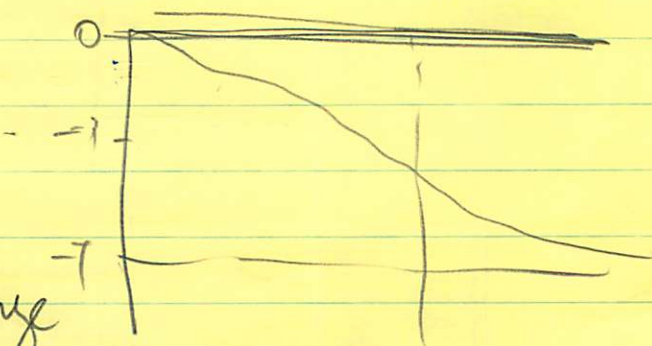
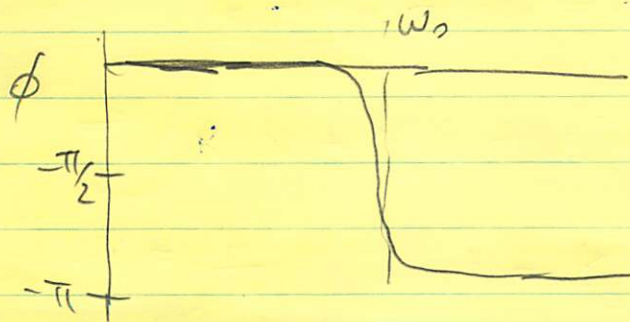
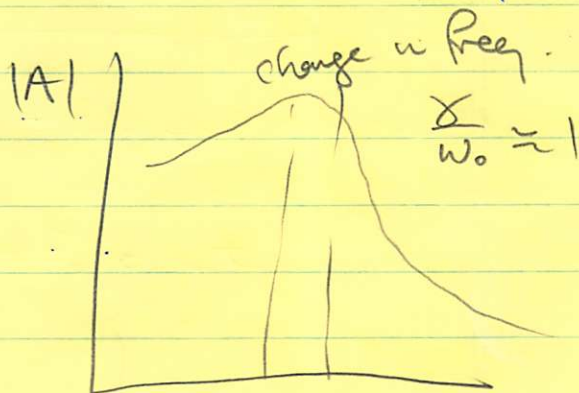
~~$\omega^2 A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$~~

$$-\omega^2 A \cos(\omega t + \phi) - \gamma A \omega \sin(\omega t + \phi) + \omega_0^2 A \cos(\omega t + \phi) = \frac{F_0}{m} \cos \omega t$$

$$\Rightarrow A \cos(\omega t + \phi) [-\omega^2 - \gamma \omega \tan(\omega t + \phi) + \omega_0^2] = \frac{F_0}{m} \cos \omega t$$

$$A = \frac{F_0}{m} \frac{1}{[(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + (\gamma \omega)^2]^{1/2}}$$

$$\phi = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\gamma \omega}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} \right) \quad \text{is solution}$$



As $\gamma \rightarrow 0$, phase change occurs more abruptly

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Resonance in Lightly Damped Forced Oscillator

Let's calculate the quality factor Q here for steady-state motion, amplitude is constant in time.

$$x = A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$\dot{x} = -A\omega \sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$K(t) = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 A^2 \sin^2(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$U(t) = \frac{1}{2} k x^2 = \frac{1}{2} k A^2 \cos^2(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$E(t) = K(t) + U(t)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} A^2 [m\omega^2 \sin^2(\omega t + \phi) + k \cos^2(\omega t + \phi)]$$

\uparrow
 $m\omega_0^2$

$$= \frac{1}{2} A m \omega^2$$

$$\langle K(t) \rangle = \frac{1}{2} A^2 m \omega^2 \langle \sin^2(\omega t + \phi) \rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} A m \omega^2$$

$$\langle U(t) \rangle = \frac{1}{2} A^2 m \omega_0^2 \langle \cos^2(\omega t + \phi) \rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} A m \omega_0^2$$

$$\langle E(t) \rangle = \frac{1}{4} m A (\omega^2 + \omega_0^2)$$

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$$\langle E(t) \rangle = \frac{1}{4} \frac{F_0^2}{m^2} \frac{1}{[\omega_0^2 - \omega^2]^2 + (\omega\gamma)^2} \quad \cancel{m(\omega^2 + \omega_0^2)}$$

Consider light damping, $\gamma \ll \omega_0$.

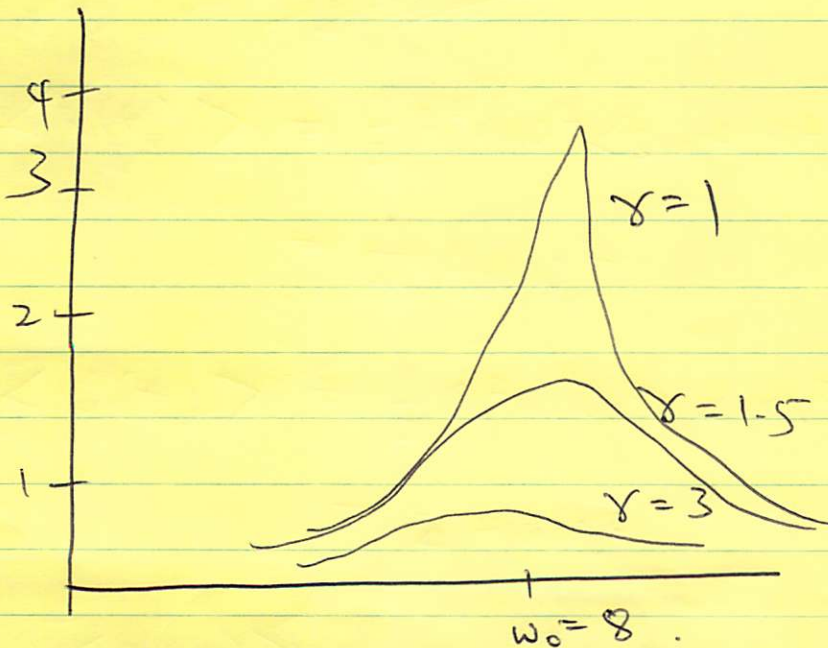
$$\omega_1 = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \frac{\gamma^2}{4}} \approx \omega_0$$

Except for $(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2) \approx (\omega_0 + \omega)(\omega_0 - \omega)$
 $\approx 2\omega_0(\omega_0 - \omega)$

$$\Rightarrow \langle E(t) \rangle = \frac{1}{4} \frac{F_0^2}{m} \frac{2\omega_0^2}{\omega_0^2 \gamma^2 + 4\omega_0^2 (\omega - \omega_0)^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} \frac{F_0^2}{m} \left(\frac{1}{(\omega - \omega_0)^2 + (\frac{\gamma}{2})^2} \right)$$

Resonance curve, or
Lorentzian



Consider Lorentzian

$$L = \frac{1}{(\omega - \omega_0)^2 + \left(\frac{\gamma}{2}\right)^2}$$

$$L_{\max} \text{ when } \omega = \omega_0 \Rightarrow L_{\max} = \frac{4}{\gamma^2}$$

$$L = \frac{1}{2} L_{\max} = \frac{2}{\gamma^2} = \frac{1}{(\omega - \omega_0)^2 + \left(\frac{\gamma}{2}\right)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\omega - \omega_0)^2 + \left(\frac{\gamma}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{\gamma^2}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\omega - \omega_0)^2 = \frac{\gamma^2}{4} = \left(\frac{\gamma}{2}\right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega - \omega_0 = \pm \frac{\gamma}{2}$$

~~FWHM~~ Full width at half max

$$\Delta \omega = 2(\omega - \omega_0) = \gamma$$

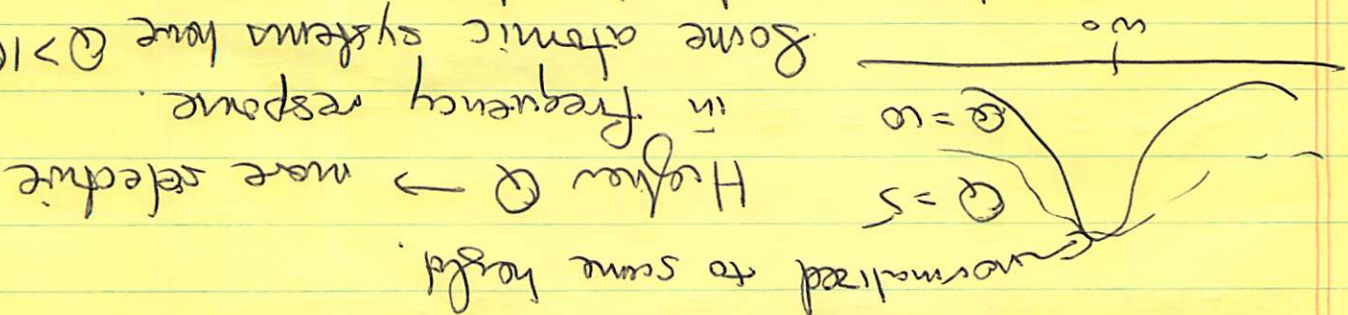
↳ As γ decreases, $\Delta \omega$ falls and resonance becomes sharper in frequency.

This sharpness in frequency is equivalent to the quality factor $Q =$

$$Q = \frac{\omega_0}{\gamma} = \frac{\omega_0}{\Delta \omega} = \frac{\text{resonance freq.}}{\text{frequency width of resonance curve}}$$

for lightly damped oscillator.

This is the main use of Q → even though it is defined in terms of energy, mainly used to characterize the frequency response of a system.



→ only respond unless driven w. close to resonant frequency (which is determined by "fundamental constants")
→ used as "atomic clocks"

RESPONSE IN TIME vs RESPONSE IN FREQUENCY

← damping is decreased

oscillator → energy more slowly dissipated
→ becomes more frequency selective
There 2 aspects are related! [Q 9]

Energy of damped oscillator w/out driving.

$$E = E_0 e^{-\gamma t}$$

damping time $\tau = 1/\gamma$

Suppose now drive w/ force $F_0 \cos \omega t$.
Then $\Delta \omega = \gamma$

$\Rightarrow \Delta\omega = \tau^{-1} \Rightarrow (\Delta\omega)\tau = 1.$

Cannot design oscillator where $\Delta\omega, \tau$ are independently specified \rightarrow one determines the other!

Consequences \rightarrow if γ is low

\hookrightarrow will be highly frequency selective and will oscillate for long time

if perturbed \rightarrow take long time to reach steady state when driving force is applied.

Fundamental in quantum mechanics
Related to Heisenberg's uncertainty principle