

3.8: Mechanical and Electrical Vibrations

Trig background:

$$\cos(y \mp x) = \cos(x \mp y) = \cos(x)\cos(y) \pm \sin(x)\sin(y)$$

Let $A = R\cos(\delta)$, $B = R\sin(\delta)$ in

$$\begin{aligned} & A\cos(\omega_0 t) + B\sin(\omega_0 t) \\ &= R\cos(\delta)\cos(\omega_0 t) + R\sin(\delta)\sin(\omega_0 t) \\ &= R\cos(\omega_0 t - \delta) \end{aligned}$$

Amplitude = R

frequency = ω_0 (measured in radians per unit time).

$$\text{period} = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_0}$$

phase (displacement) = δ

Mechanical Vibrations:

$$mu''(t) + \gamma u'(t) + ku(t) = F_{external}, \quad m, \gamma, k \geq 0$$
$$mg - kL = 0, \quad F_{viscous}(t) = \gamma u'(t)$$

m = mass,

k = spring force proportionality constant,

γ = damping force proportionality constant

$g = 9.8$ m/sec

Electrical Vibrations:

$$L \frac{dI(t)}{dt} + RI(t) + \frac{1}{C}Q(t) = E(t), \quad L, R, C \geq 0 \text{ and } I = \frac{dQ}{dt}$$

L = inductance (henrys),

R = resistance (ohms)

C = capacitance (farads)

$Q(t)$ = charge at time t (coulombs)

$I(t)$ = current at time t (amperes)

$E(t)$ = impressed voltage (volts).

1 volt = 1 ohm · 1 ampere = 1 coulomb / 1 farad =
1 henry · 1 amperes/ 1 second

$$mu''(t) + \gamma u'(t) + ku(t) = F_{external}, \quad m, \gamma, k \geq 0$$

$$r_1, r_2 = \frac{-\gamma \pm \sqrt{\gamma^2 - 4km}}{2m}$$

$$\gamma^2 - 4km > 0: u(t) = Ae^{r_1 t} + Be^{r_2 t} + \psi(t)$$

$$\gamma^2 - 4km = 0: u(t) = (A + Bt)e^{r_1 t} + \psi(t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma^2 - 4km < 0: u(t) &= e^{-\frac{\gamma t}{2m}} (A \cos \mu t + B \sin \mu t) + \psi(t) \\ &= e^{-\frac{\gamma t}{2m}} R \cos(\mu t - \delta) + \psi(t) \\ &\text{where } A = R \cos(\delta), B = R \sin(\delta) \end{aligned}$$

$\mu = \text{quasi frequency}, \frac{2\pi}{\mu} = \text{quasi period}$

Note if $\gamma = 0$, then

Critical damping: $\gamma = 2\sqrt{km}$

Overdamped: $\gamma > 2\sqrt{km}$

Suppose a mass weighs 64 lbs stretches a spring 4 ft. If there is no damping and the spring is stretched an additional foot and set in motion with an upward velocity of $\sqrt{8}$ ft/sec, find the equation of motion of the mass.

$$\text{Weight} = mg: m = \frac{\text{weight}}{g} = \frac{64}{32} = 2$$

$$mg - kL = 0 \text{ implies } k = \frac{mg}{L} = \frac{64}{4} = 16$$

$$mu''(t) + \gamma u'(t) + ku(t) = F_{\text{external}}$$

$$[\gamma^2 - 4km < 0: u(t) = e^{-\frac{\gamma t}{2m}} (A \cos \mu t + B \sin \mu t)$$

Hence $u(t) = A \cos \mu t + B \sin \mu t$ since $\gamma = 0$].

$$2u''(t) + 16u(t) = 0$$

$$u''(t) + 8u(t) = 0$$

$$u(0) = 1, u'(0) = -\sqrt{8}$$

$$r^2 + 8 = 0 \rightarrow r^2 = -8 \rightarrow r = \sqrt{-8} = i\sqrt{8} = 0 + i\sqrt{8}$$