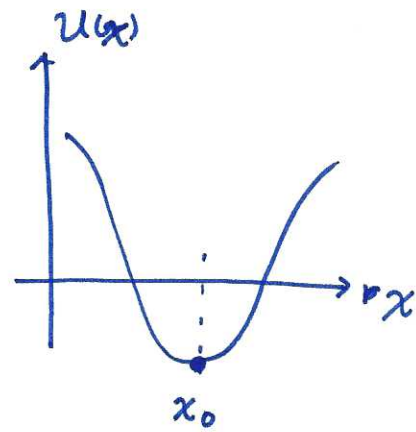


Lect 11 Oscillations (I)

For a general potential $U(x)$, its local minima are positions of local stable equilibrium. Say, around x_0 , we can expand



$$U(x) = U(x_0) + \frac{1}{2} \left. \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2} \right|_{x=x_0} (x-x_0)^2 + \dots$$

This is called harmonic approximation. Shift origin to $x = x_0$, and denote $k = \left. \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2} \right|_{x=x_0}$, we have $U(x) = \frac{1}{2} k x^2$.

Newton's 2nd law, $F = -kx = m\ddot{x}$. Define $\omega = \sqrt{k/m}$,

$$\Rightarrow \ddot{x} = -\omega^2 x.$$

Constant coefficient ODE: try solution $x \propto e^{\lambda t}$, then ODE (ordinary differential equation) \rightarrow algebra equation.

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 e^{\lambda t} = -\omega^2 e^{\lambda t}, \Rightarrow \lambda = \pm i\omega$$

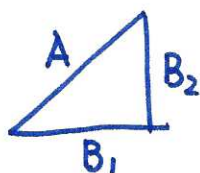
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characteristic equation

$$\Rightarrow x = C_1 e^{i\omega t} + C_2 e^{-i\omega t} \quad \leftarrow \text{superposition principle}$$

For physical reasons, x is real number, $\Rightarrow C_1 = C_2^*$

$$\text{Set } C_1 = \frac{B_1 - iB_2}{2} \Rightarrow x = B_1 \cos \omega t + B_2 \sin \omega t$$

$$x = A \cos(\omega t - \varphi) \quad \text{where} \quad A = \sqrt{B_1^2 + B_2^2}, \quad \tan \varphi = \frac{B_2}{B_1}$$



Amplitude

• energy conservation

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

$$T = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}^2 = \frac{1}{2} m A^2 \omega^2 \sin^2(\omega t - \delta) = \frac{1}{2} k A^2 \sin^2(\omega t - \delta)$$

$$\Rightarrow U + T = \frac{1}{2} k A^2, \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{U} = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T U dt = \frac{1}{4} k A^2$$

$$\bar{U} = \bar{T} = \frac{1}{4} k A^2$$

§ Two-dimensional oscillators

$\vec{F} = -k \vec{r}$ — central force field \Rightarrow angular momentum conservation \Rightarrow planar motion

We set the motion plane as the xy -plane

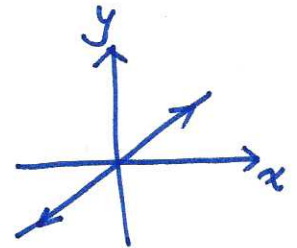
$$\left. \begin{aligned} F_x = -kx = m\ddot{x} \\ F_y = -ky = m\ddot{y} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \ddot{x} = -\omega^2 x \\ \ddot{y} = -\omega^2 y \end{cases}$$

* linear polarization basis

$$\begin{cases} x(t) = A_x \cos(\omega t - \delta_x) \\ y(t) = A_y \cos(\omega t - \delta_y) \end{cases}$$

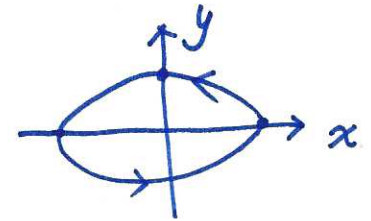
Shift the origin of time, and denote $\delta = \delta_y - \delta_x$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x(t) = A_x \cos \omega t \\ y(t) = A_y \cos(\omega t - \delta) \end{cases}$$



① if $\delta = 0 \Rightarrow$ the trajectory is a straight line.

$$\textcircled{2} \text{ if } \delta = \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x(t) = A_x \cos \omega t \\ y(t) = A_y \sin \omega t \end{cases}$$



for general values of δ : $\frac{y}{A_y} = \cos \omega t \cos \delta + \sin \omega t \sin \delta$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{y}{A_y} - \frac{x}{A_x} \cos \delta \right) = \sin \omega t \sin \delta$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{y}{A_y} - \frac{x}{A_x} \cos \delta \right)^2 + \left(\frac{x}{A_x} \sin \delta \right)^2 = \sin^2 \delta$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{y^2}{A_y^2} + \frac{x^2}{A_x^2} - \frac{2xy}{A_x A_y} \cos \delta = \sin^2 \delta$$

$$\Delta = \frac{4}{A_x^2 A_y^2} [\cos^2 \delta - 1] < 0 \Rightarrow \text{ellipsis}$$

* Circular polarization basis

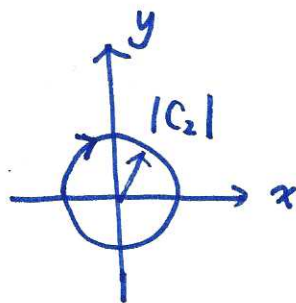
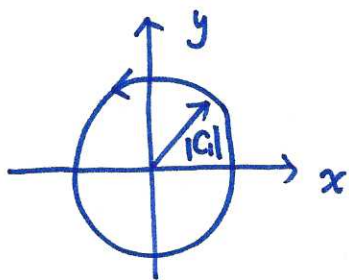
Define $z = x + iy \Rightarrow \ddot{z} = -\omega^2 z$

$\Rightarrow z = C_1 e^{i\omega t} + C_2 e^{-i\omega t} \leftarrow z \text{ is complex}$

$C_1 e^{i\omega t} = |C_1| e^{i(\omega t - \phi_1)} = |C_1| [\cos(\omega t - \phi_1) + i \sin(\omega t - \phi_1)]$

① $C_1 e^{i\omega t}$ represent a counter-clockwise rotation with a radius $|C_1|$ and phase ϕ_1

② $C_2 e^{-i\omega t}$ represent a clockwise rotation.

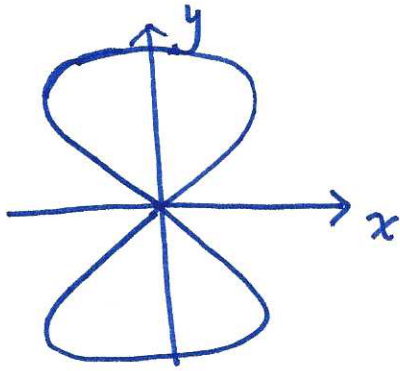


* Oscilloscope - different frequencies along x and y

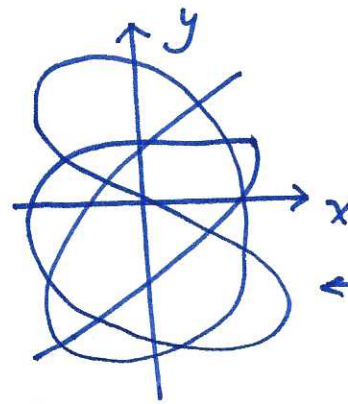
$$\begin{cases} \ddot{x} = -\omega_x^2 x \\ \ddot{y} = -\omega_y^2 y \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} x(t) = A_x \cos \omega_x t \\ y(t) = A_y \cos(\omega_y t - \delta) \end{cases}$$

① if ω_x/ω_y is rational, - commensurate, the motion is still periodic. There ~~are~~ ^{exists} common period.

② if ω_x/ω_y is irrational - incommensurate, There doesn't exist a common period



$$\omega_x = 2\omega_y$$



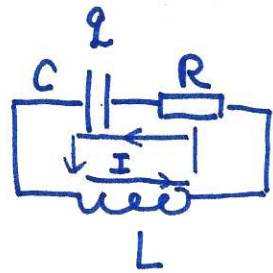
← difficult to draw.

$$\omega_x = \sqrt{2}\omega_y$$

§ Damped oscillations

① $F = -kx - b\dot{x} \Rightarrow m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = 0.$

② LC oscillators



the emf generated by the inductance

$$\mathcal{E} = -L \frac{dI}{dt}$$

$$\mathcal{E} = IR + \frac{q}{C}$$

$$\Rightarrow L \frac{dI}{dt} + IR + \frac{q}{C} = 0, \text{ plug in } I = \dot{q}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{L\ddot{q} + R\dot{q} + \frac{q}{C} = 0}$$

define $\omega_0 = \sqrt{k/m}$, $\beta = b/m$ for oscillator

$\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC}}$, $\beta = R/L$ for LC-circuit

The damped oscillating systems can be described by the same ODES.

$\ddot{x} + 2\beta \dot{x} + \omega_0^2 x = 0$ — homogenous constant coefficient ODE

try $x \propto e^{\lambda t} \Rightarrow \lambda^2 + 2\beta\lambda + \omega_0^2 = 0$ — characteristic Eq

$\lambda_{1,2} = -\beta \pm \sqrt{\beta^2 - \omega_0^2}$

$\Rightarrow x(t) = e^{-\beta t} [C_1 e^{\sqrt{\beta^2 - \omega_0^2} t} + C_2 e^{-\sqrt{\beta^2 - \omega_0^2} t}]$

Discussions

1) $\beta = 0$, — undamped oscillation

$x(t) = C_1 e^{i\omega_0 t} + C_2 e^{-i\omega_0 t}$

2) $\beta < \omega_0$ — underdamped

$x(t) = e^{-\beta t} [C_1 e^{i\sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \beta^2} t} + C_2 e^{-i\sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \beta^2} t}]$

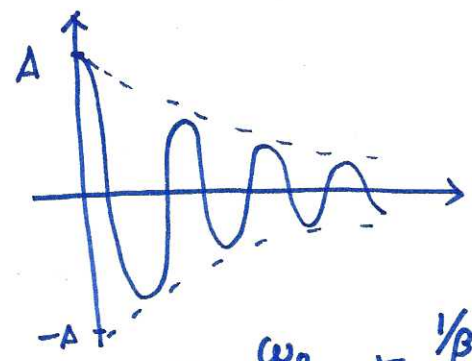
→ real part $x(t) = A e^{-\beta t} \cos[\omega' t - \delta]$

with $\omega' = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \beta^2}$

define $\frac{\omega_0}{2\beta} = Q$

quality factor

$Q \sim$ # of oscillation period in the decay time. $\times \pi$.

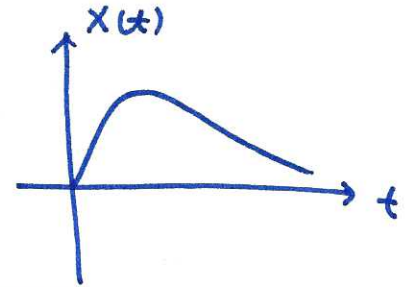


$Q = \frac{\omega_0}{2\beta} = \pi \frac{1/\beta}{2\pi/\omega_0} = \pi \frac{\text{decay time}}{\text{period}}$

③ over damped $\beta > \omega_0$

$$x(t) = C_1 e^{-(\beta - \sqrt{\beta^2 - \omega_0^2})t} + C_2 e^{-(\beta + \sqrt{\beta^2 - \omega_0^2})t}$$

decay time $\sim 1/(\beta - \sqrt{\beta^2 - \omega_0^2})$



if $x(t)=0 \Rightarrow C_1 = -C_2 = C$

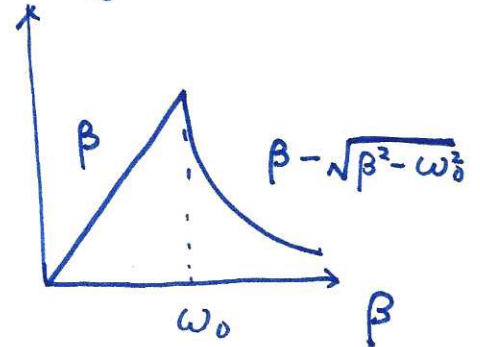
$$x(t) = C e^{-(\beta - \sqrt{\beta^2 - \omega_0^2})t} [1 - e^{-2\sqrt{\beta^2 - \omega_0^2}t}]$$

④ Critical damping $\beta = \omega_0$, then

$$x(t) = C_1 e^{-\beta t} + C_2 t e^{-\beta t}$$

damping parameter β

decay parameter



\Rightarrow The motion dies out most quickly at critical damping

The dissipation rate is strongest at $\beta = \omega_0$.

The dissipation power $\vec{f} \cdot \vec{v} = 2m\beta v^2$

at when increasing β , \bar{v}^2 also drops, \Rightarrow the strongest damping is reached at intermediate level of β .