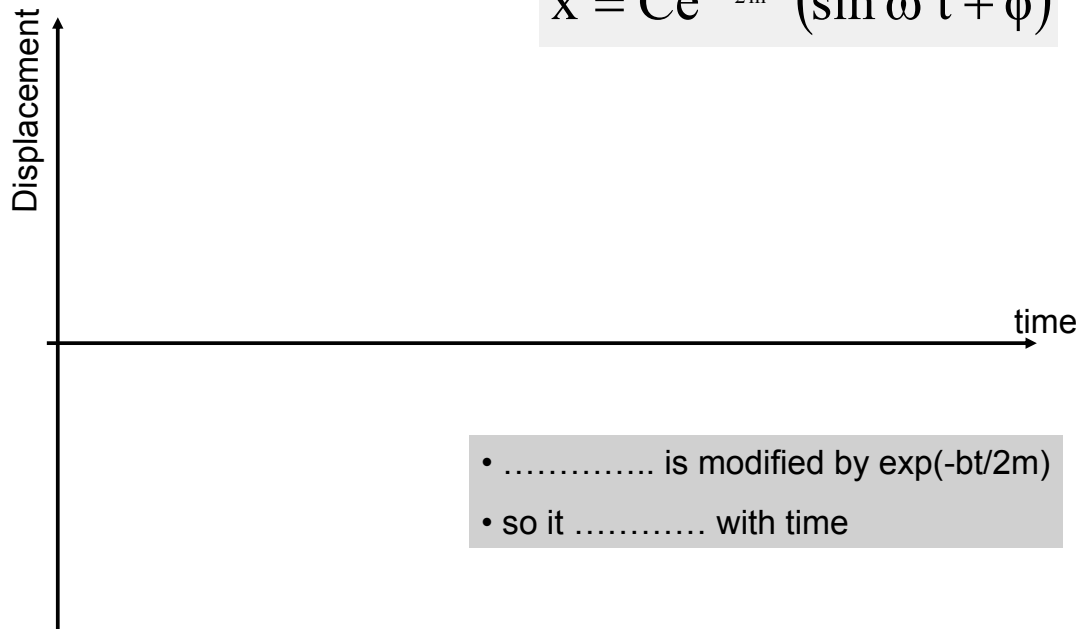


So

The displacement varies sinusoidally with time
but with a new frequency ω'

$$x = Ce^{-\frac{b}{2m}t} (\sin \omega' t + \phi)$$

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- is modified by $\exp(-bt/2m)$
- so it with time

(Diagram drawn with $\phi = 0$)

Points to note;

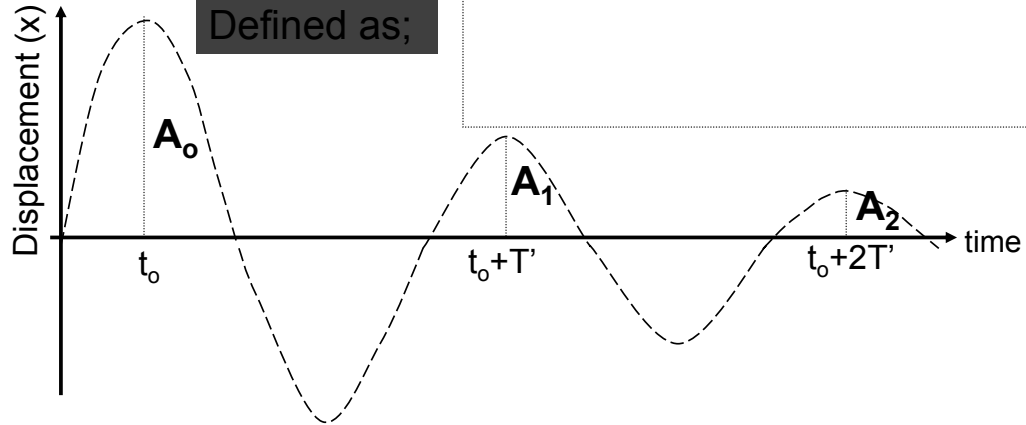
1. 'C' is the amplitude for motion with no damping.
2. 'b' is the damping coefficient of the system
3. Since energy \propto amplitude² then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{energy} &\propto \left(e^{-\frac{b}{2m}t} \right)^2 \\ &\propto e^{-\frac{b}{m}t} \end{aligned}$$

This tells us how the energy decays!

The logarithmic decrement provides a variable
which tells us how quickly the motion decays.

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From previous equations, we can write the following;

Now, taking the ratio associated with the logarithmic decrement;

$$\frac{x_0}{x_1} =$$

This simplifies to; $\frac{x_0}{x_1} =$

And so finally; $\delta =$

ie. δ is the logarithmic decrement with;

δ is the logarithm of the ratio of the amplitudes over a period.

1. The formula also reduces to $\frac{x_0}{x_n} = e^{\frac{nb}{2m}T'}$

So a plot of $\log_e (x_0/x_n)$ versus n gives a straight line of slope $bT'/2m$.

$$\log_e \frac{x_0}{x_n} = n \frac{b}{2m} T' \quad \longrightarrow \quad y = mx$$

I.5 Quality factor or Q-value of a damped SH oscillator

The Q-factor gives a measure of the
..... in the system.

(Note. If little energy is lost per cycle, then Q will be high).

From other theory;

$$E \propto (\text{amplitude})^2 \propto$$

Therefore;

The in the system
decays with time.

We can produce a simpler equation for the Q-factor.

Start with; $E = E_0 e^{-\frac{b}{m}t}$

Differentiate;

Substitute and re-arrange;

But we call $dt = T'$; which is time for one full period

Remember; $Q = 2\pi \frac{\text{energy in system}}{\text{energy lost per cycle}} =$

Remember also; $\omega' = \frac{2\pi}{T'}$

So finally;

We could also show that;

Energy dissipation in damped SHM

For no damping, the energy in a system is constant.

$$E = KE + PE = \text{constant}$$

$$E = \frac{1}{2} m\dot{x}^2 + \frac{1}{2} kx^2$$

But with damping, the energy decreases with time.

$$\frac{dE}{dt} \neq 0$$

Differentiating the energy expression;

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{2} m\dot{x}^2 + \frac{1}{2} kx^2 \right)$$

$$= \dot{x}m\ddot{x} + xk\dot{x}$$

$$= \dot{x}(m\ddot{x} + xk)$$

(But previously we had $m\ddot{x} + kx = -b\dot{x}$)

$$\text{So; } \frac{dE}{dt} = -\dot{x}(b\dot{x}) = -b\dot{x}^2 = -bv^2$$

i.e. Energy dissipation in damped SHM

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = -bv^2$$

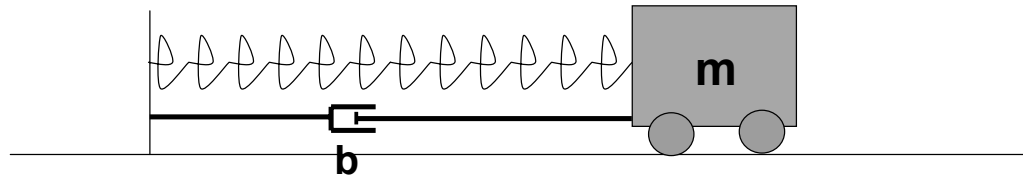
The right side of the equation is always negative, even when the velocity is positive.

This means that the energy continually decreases.

End of Section I

II. 1 The Forced Oscillator

Consider the situation;



The spring / mass system;

- i) Spring constant
- ii) velocity damping term
- iii) and driving force

Balancing forces for this situation;

$$m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = F_0 \cos \omega t \longrightarrow \text{Equation of motion for a forced oscillator}$$

The complete solution consists of two contributions.

1. A term; This part of the solution has been done already. (The solution to $m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = 0$)
It comprises and

2. term; This describes the behaviour of the oscillator.

In this section we are interested in the steady state term!

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

Harmonic oscillators can be conveniently represented by $\exp(j\omega t)$.



e.g. for a.c. driving voltages,

$$V_0 e^{j\omega t}$$

e.g. for sinusoidal forces,

$$F_0 e^{j\omega t}$$

In addition to mathematical convenience, j is an operator which is associated with

i.e. multiply a complex number (or any number) by j and you its phase by degrees (..... radians).