
Simple harmonic oscillations and damped oscillations

AC oscillation circuit: resistance, coil and capacitor in series.

Kirchoff's law: $U_L + U_R + U_C = 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow L I' + R I + Q/C = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow L Q'' + R Q' + \frac{1}{C} Q = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow Q'' + \frac{R}{L} Q' + \frac{1}{LC} Q = 0$$

This is called a second degree, linear, homogenous differential equation with constant coefficients.

All circuits can be described by this kind of equations.

To get a unique solution, we have to know two initial conditions, which determine the integration constants.

Theory

1. For equation $y'' + b y' + c y = 0$ the solutions are of form e^{rt}

2. Substitution gives $r^2 e^{rt} + b r e^{rt} + c e^{rt} = (r^2 + b r + c) e^{rt} = 0$

3. This is possible only for r satisfying *characteristic polynomial*

$$r^2 + b r + c = 0$$

4. This polynomial has two roots

Case 1: If $b = 0$ and $c > 0$, roots are $r = \pm i \sqrt{c}$. Using $\omega = \sqrt{c}$
solution: $y = A e^{i\omega t} + B e^{-i\omega t}$ or using trig. form $C \sin(\omega t + \varphi)$

Case 2: If $b \neq 0$, we have two roots $r = -\frac{b}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{b^2 - 4c}}{2}$
When $b^2 > 4c$, there is no imaginary part \Rightarrow there is no oscillations, just "damping"

$$\text{solution: } y = A e^{r_1 t} + B e^{r_2 t}$$

When $b^2 < 4c$, there is real part and imaginary part, there is a damping and oscillation

$$\text{solution: } y = A e^{r_1 t} + B e^{r_2 t} = e^{-\frac{b}{2} t} (C_1 e^{i\omega t} + C_2 e^{-i\omega t}) = e^{-\frac{b}{2} t} (C \sin(\omega t + \varphi),$$

$$\text{where oscillation } \omega = \sqrt{c - b^2/4}$$

LRC oscillation circuit

1) If resistance $R = 0$, we have simple harmonic oscillation $Q'' + \frac{1}{LC}Q = 0$.

Solution is $Q = Q_0 \sin(\omega t + \varphi)$,

where $\omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$ and frequency $f = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{LC}}$, $\varphi = \text{phase}$

In exponential form $Q = Q_0 e^{j(\omega t + \varphi)}$

2) If resistance $R > 0$, we have simple harmonic oscillation $Q'' + \frac{R}{L}Q' + \frac{1}{LC}Q = 0$.

Solution is $Q = Q_0 e^{-\frac{R}{2L}t} \sin(\omega t + \varphi)$, where $\omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC - \frac{R^2}{4L^2}}}$ and $\varphi = \text{phase}$

Notice: Damping resistance R seems to change also the oscillation frequency.

Amplitude decreases according to $e^{-\frac{R}{2L}t}$

Animation

In this animation parameter $c = 10000$. So we expect that $\omega = 100$, $f = 15.92$ and $T = 0.063$ sec

Damping parameter b is changed from 0 to 500.

One would expect that when $\frac{b^2}{4} = c = 10000$, which means that $b = 200$, the oscillations vanish.

Already before that oscillation frequency tends to go down and T tends to increase towards infinity.

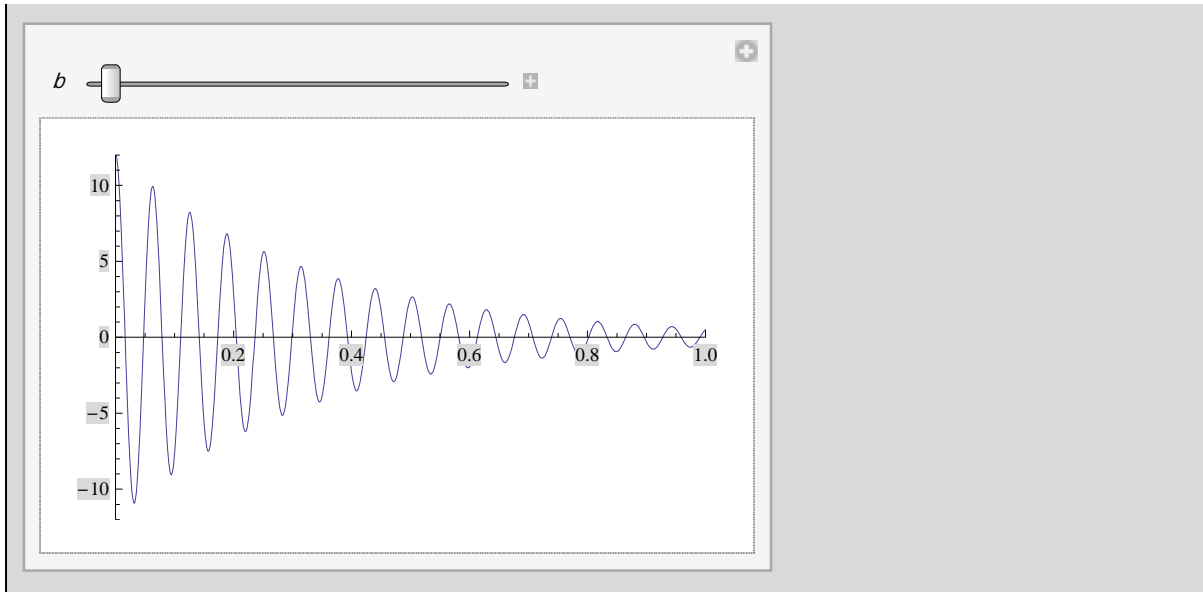
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In[7]:= mySHM[b_] := Module[{} ,
  solu = DSolve[{y''[t] + b y'[t] + 10^4 y[t] == 0, y[0] == 12, y'[0] == 0}, y[t], t];
  Plot[Re[y[t] /. solu], {t, 0, 1}, PlotRange -> {{0, 1}, {-12, 12}}]
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Solutions of $y'' + b y' + c y = 0$, where $c = 10000$

In the model below the value of damping parameter b is changed dynamically.

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In[8]:= Manipulate[mySHM[b], {b, 0, 500}]
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Out[8]=
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In the next dynamic model, we change b and follow the change of the roots of the **characteristic polynomial**.
If roots are imaginary, then ω = the imaginary part of the roots and the coefficient α in the damping factor $e^{-\alpha t}$ is the real part of the roots

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In[1]:= (* Roots of characteristic polynomial  $r^2 + b r + c = 0$  *)
c = 10 000;
Manipulate[{{-b/2 - sqrt(b^2 - 4 c)/2, -b/2 + sqrt(b^2 - 4 c)/2} // Chop, {b, 0, 500}]
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Out[2]=
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Examples:

$b = 0$	$y = A \sin(100 t + \varphi)$	$\omega = 100 \text{ rad/s}$
$b = 51$	$y = A e^{-25.5 t} \sin(96.7 t + \varphi)$	$\omega = 96.7 \text{ rad/s}$
$b = 151$	$y = A e^{-75.5 t} \sin(65.6 t + \varphi)$	$\omega = 65.6 \text{ rad/s}$
$b = 200$	$y = A e^{-200 t} + B e^{-50 t}$	no oscillation anymore

Summary

As we saw, the behavior of a system depends only on the roots of the characteristic polynomial.

- 2 purely imaginary roots $\pm i \omega$ \Leftrightarrow simple harmonic oscillations $y = A \cos(\omega t + \varphi)$
- 2 complex roots with real parts $\alpha \pm i \omega$ \Leftrightarrow damped oscillations $y = A e^{-\alpha t} \cos(\omega t + \varphi)$
- real double root $r_1 = r_2 = r < 0$ \Leftrightarrow critically damped system $y = A e^{r t} + B t e^{r t}$
- 2 distinct negative real roots r_1 and r_2 \Leftrightarrow over damped system $y = A e^{r_1 t} + B e^{r_2 t}$

Example: Solve $y'' + 2y + 4 = 0$

Solve the root of characteristic polynomial

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In[6]:= r^2 + 2 r + 4 == 0. // Solve
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Out[6]= {{r -> -1. - 1.73205 i}, {r -> -1. + 1.73205 i}}
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Solution is $y = A e^{-t} \cos(1.732 t + \varphi)$.

Amplitude A and phase φ are determined using some initial condition , like knowing $y(0)$ and $y'(0)$