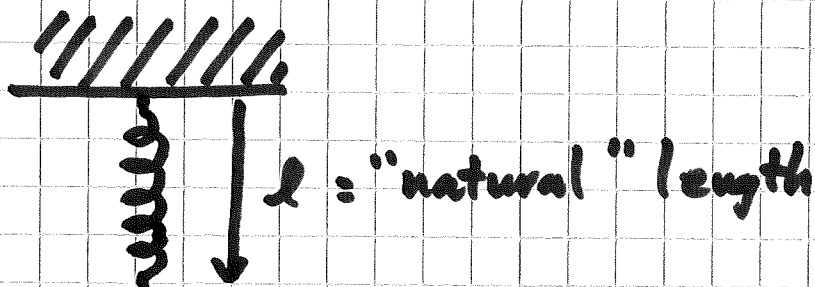


2.4 Mechanical vibrations

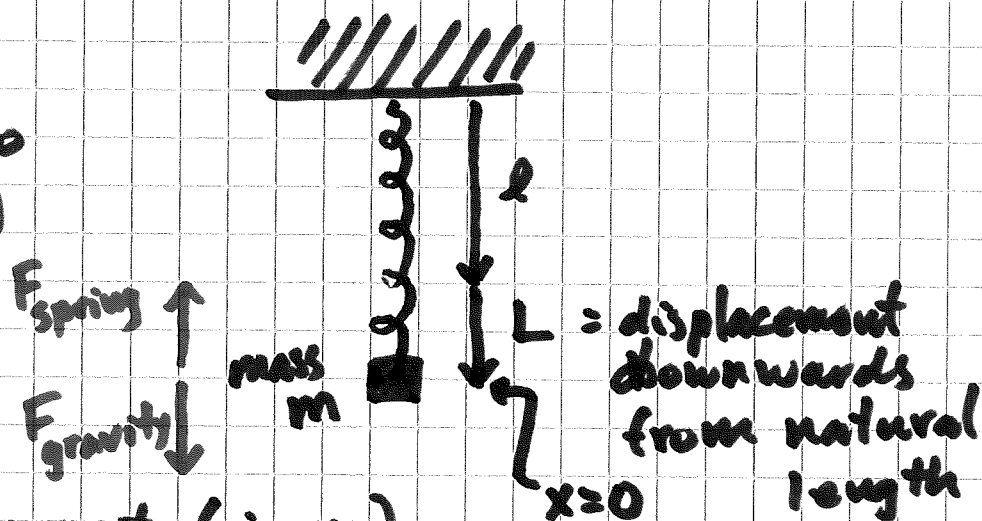
2.4.1 Some examples

(a) Mass-spring systems

Unstretched
spring
(no force)



Statically
stretched
(gravity, no
motion)



Measure displacement (in m)
positive downwards

Force of gravity $F_{\text{gravity}} = mg$ in N
positive

$g = 9.8 \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$

Hooke's "law" for spring

$F_{\text{spring}} \propto \text{displacement}$

$$F_{\text{spring}} = -k \cdot \text{displacement}$$

negative
(upwards)

$k > 0$ constant

$$\text{in } \text{N} \cdot \text{m}^{-1} = \text{kg} \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$$

e.g. if a force of 8 N stretches
a spring 4 m, then the "spring
constant" $k = \frac{8 \text{ N}}{4 \text{ m}} = 2 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^{-1}$

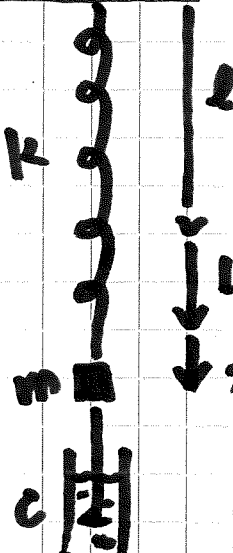
In our example, at equilibrium (no motion)
the forces balance

$$F_{\text{gravity}} + F_{\text{spring}} = 0$$

$$mg - kL = 0$$

$$k = \frac{mg}{L}$$

In motion



$x=0$

$x(t)$

$L+x$

displ.
from
natural
length

Model for damping (friction)

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$$F_{\text{damping}} = -c \frac{dx}{dt}$$

$$c \geq 0 \quad \text{constant}$$

$$\text{in } \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}}{\text{m}} = \text{kg} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$$

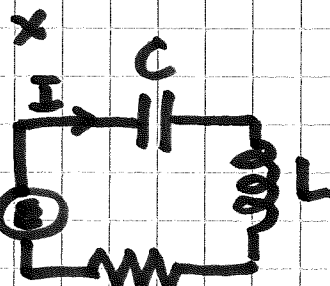
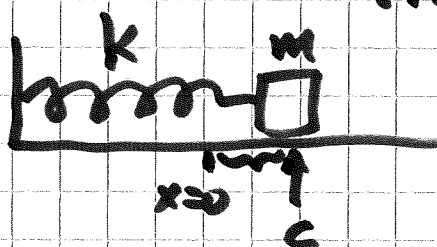
Dynamic force balance (Newton's "law")

$$ma = F_{\text{gravity}} + F_{\text{damping}} + F_{\text{spring}} + F_{\text{external}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} mx'' &= mg - cx' - k(L+x) + F(t) \\ &= \cancel{mg} - cx' - \cancel{kL} - kx + F(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$mx'' + cx' + kx = F(t)$$

Same ODE for horizontal mass-spring system
 $x(t)$ = displacement from equilibrium (rightward)
 (natural length)

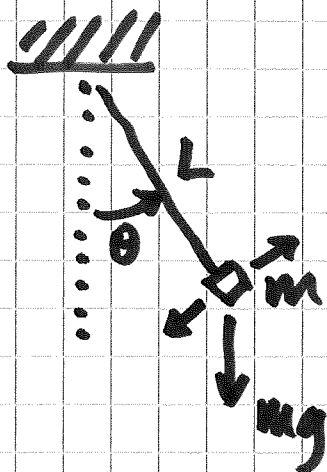


Current $I(t)$

(b) Electric circuit

$$LI'' + RI' + \frac{1}{C}I = E'(t)$$

(c) Pendulum



$$mL\theta'' = -mg \sin(\theta)$$

$$\theta'' + \frac{g}{L} \sin(\theta) = 0$$

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(\theta)}{\theta} = 1 \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \theta \approx \sin(\theta) \quad \text{if } \theta \text{ is near } 0$$

$$\boxed{\theta'' + \frac{g}{L} \theta = 0} \quad (\text{if } \theta \text{ is near } 0)$$

$$\underbrace{F(t) \equiv 0} \quad \underbrace{c \equiv 0} \quad (\text{ignoring damping})$$

2.4.2 Free undamped motion

$$mx'' + kx = 0 \quad (m > 0, k > 0)$$

In standard form

$$x'' + \frac{k}{m} x = 0$$

Compare with Example 2.2.D

angular frequency of vibration

$$\omega_0^2 = \frac{k}{m}$$
$$\boxed{\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}}$$

$$x(t) = A \cos(\omega_0 t) + B \sin(\omega_0 t)$$

amplitude

$$= C \cos(\omega_0 t - \gamma)$$

phase shift

Example 2.4.A A mass of 10 g hangs from a spring, stretching the spring 2.45 cm. The mass is lifted 2 cm from its equilibrium position and released from rest. Assume accel. due to gravity is 9.8 m.s^{-2} . Find the amplitude and phase shift of the resulting motion.

DDE: $m x'' + k x = 0$

$m = 0.01 \text{ kg}$

$k = \frac{mg}{L} = \frac{(0.01)(9.8)}{0.0245} = 4 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}$

x in m
 t in s
 m in kg

$$0.01 x'' + 4x = 0$$

$$x'' + 400x = 0$$

Angular freq. $\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = \sqrt{400} = 20 \text{ s}^{-1}$

Initial conditions:

$$x(0) = -0.02 \text{ m}, \quad x'(0) = 0 \text{ m.s}^{-1}$$

Solu. (see Ex. 2.2.D)

$$x(t) = A \cos(20t) + B \sin(20t)$$

$$x'(t) = -20A \sin(20t) + 20B \cos(20t)$$

At $t=0$:

$$x(0) = A = -0.02 \text{ m}$$

$$x'(0) = 20B = 0 \Leftrightarrow B = 0$$

$$x(t) = -0.02 \cos(20t)$$

$$= C \cos(20t - \gamma)$$

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