

Wednesday October 3. Forced Oscillation & Resonance.

$$Mx'' + cx' + kx = F(t): \text{ Now we can handle } F!$$

Ex. No damping,  $F = F_0 \cos \omega t$ .

$$\hookrightarrow x'' + \frac{k}{m} x = F_0 \cos \omega t$$

$$x'' + \omega_0^2 x = F_0 \cos \omega t$$

$\omega_0 =$  natural response  
frequency of system

Solve with undetermined coefficients ...

$$x(t) = \underbrace{c_1 \cos \omega_0 t + c_2 \sin \omega_0 t}_{\text{Natural response}} + \underbrace{\frac{F_0/k}{1 - (\frac{\omega}{\omega_0})^2} \cos \omega t}_{\text{Amplified!}}$$

If  $\omega \approx \omega_0$ , the response is large and the input signal is greatly amplified. Damping decreases this:

Ex.  $x'' + 2px' + \omega_0^2 x = \frac{F_0}{m} \cos \omega t$ .

Underdamped case, e.g. two complex roots: Solution is of the form

$$x = \underbrace{c_1 (e^{-pt} \cos \omega_d t) + c_2 (e^{-pt} \sin \omega_d t)}_{\text{transient - amplitude} \rightarrow 0 \text{ due to exponentials.}} + \underbrace{c_3 \cos \omega t + c_4 \sin \omega t}_{\text{Steady periodic} \equiv \text{Long-term behavior.}}$$

The closer  $\omega$  is to the ~~natural frequency~~ <sup>practical resonant</sup>, the stronger the response. Applications: Radio tuners, driving on a washboard road, structural failures, etc.!