

# Sound

Lecture No. 3

Topic: Damped Oscillation

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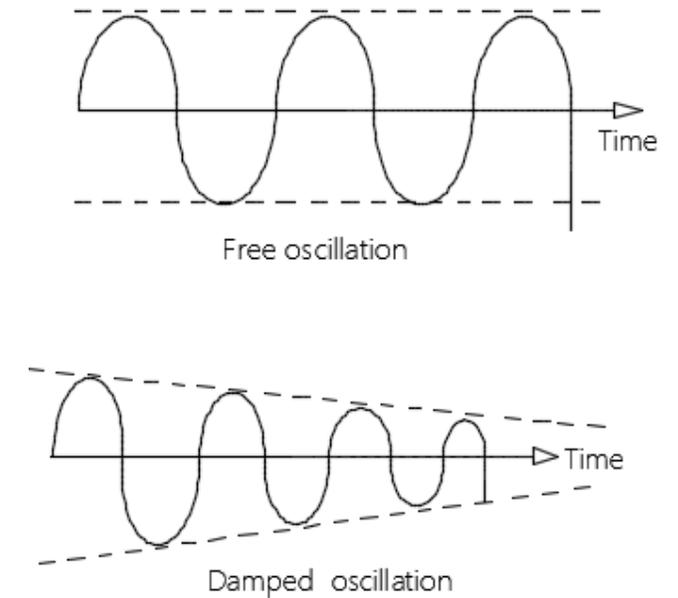
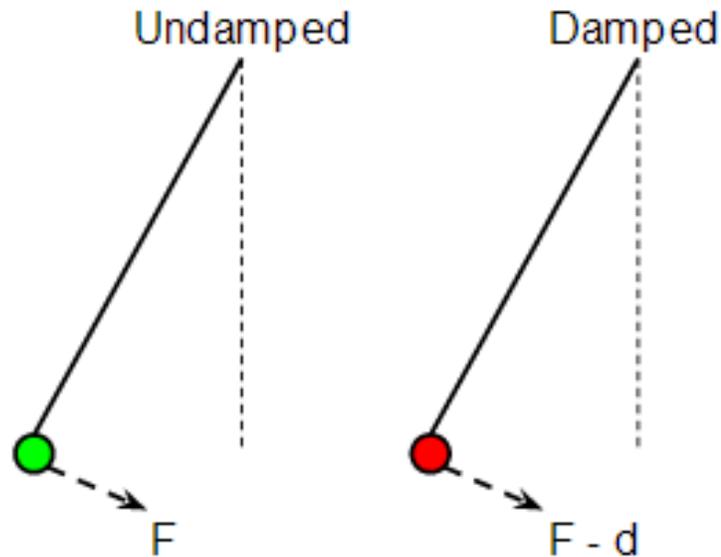
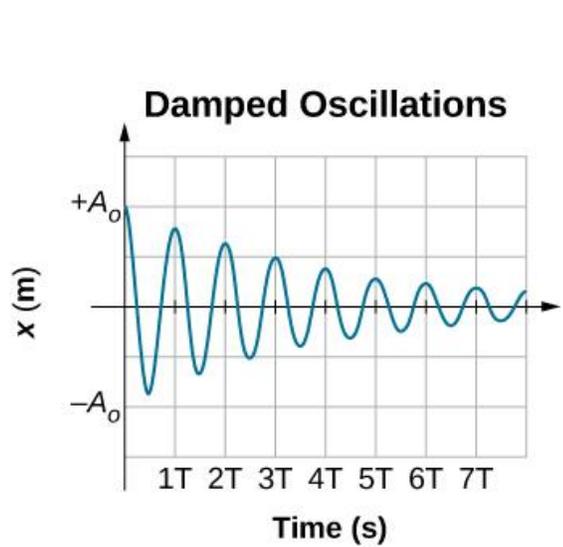
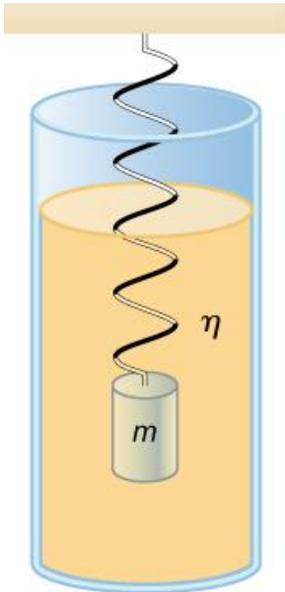
# Free Oscillation and Damped Oscillation

- If an oscillation occurs flawlessly without any resistive force acting on it is called free oscillation.
- Any oscillation occurring in an air medium, experiences frictional force and consequent energy dissipation occurs.
- The amplitude of oscillation decays continuously with time and finally diminishes. Such oscillation is called damped oscillation.
- The dissipated energy appears as heat either within the oscillating system itself or in the surrounding medium.

# Characteristics of Damped Oscillation

- Frictional force acting on a body opposite to the direction of its motion is called damping force.
- Damping force reduces the velocity and the kinetic energy of the moving body.
- Damping or dissipative forces generally arises due to the viscosity or friction in the medium and are non-conservative in nature.
- When velocities of body are not high, damping force is found to be proportional to velocity ( $v$ ) of the particle
- The frequency of damped oscillator is always less than that of its natural or undamped frequency.
- Amplitude of oscillation does not remain constant, rather it decays with time

# Free Oscillation and Damped Oscillation



Free and damped oscillations

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# Differential equation of a damped oscillator

If damping is taken into consideration for an oscillator, then oscillator experiences

(i) Restoring Force :  $F_r = -ky$ ;  $k$ =force constant

(ii) Damping Force :  $F_d = -b\frac{dy}{dt}$ ;  $b$ =damping constant

Where,  $y$  is the displacement of oscillating system and  $v$  is the velocity of this displacement.

We, therefore, can write the equation of the damped harmonic oscillator as,  $F = F_d + F_r$

From Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> law of motion,  $F = m\frac{d^2y}{dt^2}$

Combination of Hook's law and Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> law of motion:

$$m\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = -ky - b\frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + \frac{k}{m}y + \frac{b}{m}\frac{dy}{dt} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 2p\frac{dy}{dt} + \omega^2y = 0 \quad (4.1)$$

$2p = \frac{b}{m}$  = damping co-efficient of the medium.

$p$  has the dimension of frequency referred to as damping frequency.

**Solution:**

To solve equation (4.1) let us take the trial solution,

$$y = Ae^{m't} \quad (4.2)$$

Substituting this solution in equation (4.1) we get,

$$m'^2Ae^{m't} + 2pm'Ae^{m't} + \omega^2Ae^{m't} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m'^2y + 2pm'y + \omega^2y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m'^2 + 2pm' + \omega^2 = 0; \text{ [Quadratic equation]}$$

Solving this equation for  $m'$  we get,

$$m' = -\frac{2p \pm \sqrt{4p^2 - 4\omega^2}}{2} = -p \pm \sqrt{p^2 - \omega^2}$$

# Various Conditions of Damped Oscillation

Then, the general solution of equation (4.1) is,

$$y = e^{-pt} [Ae^{(\sqrt{p^2 - \omega^2})t} + Be^{-(\sqrt{p^2 - \omega^2})t}] \quad (4.3)$$

## Case. I (Overdamped motion)

If  $p^2 > \omega^2$ , the indices of “e” are real and we get,

$$y = e^{-pt} [Ae^{\alpha t} + Be^{-\alpha t}] \quad (4.4)$$

Where,  $\alpha = \sqrt{p^2 - \omega^2}$

Now, let us replace  $A$  and  $B$  by two other constants  $C$  and  $\delta$

such that we can write,  $A = \frac{C}{2} e^{\delta}$  and  $B = \frac{C}{2} e^{-\delta}$

$$\text{Here, } A+B = \frac{C}{2} e^{\delta} + \frac{C}{2} e^{-\delta} = \frac{C}{2} (e^{\delta} + e^{-\delta}) = \frac{C}{2} 2 \cosh \delta$$

$$\therefore A + B = C \cosh \delta$$

$$\frac{A}{B} = \frac{\frac{C}{2} e^{\delta}}{\frac{C}{2} e^{-\delta}} = e^{2\delta}$$

Using the new constants in equation (4.4),

$$y = e^{-pt} \left[ \frac{C}{2} e^{\delta} e^{\alpha t} + \frac{C}{2} e^{-\delta} e^{-\alpha t} \right]$$

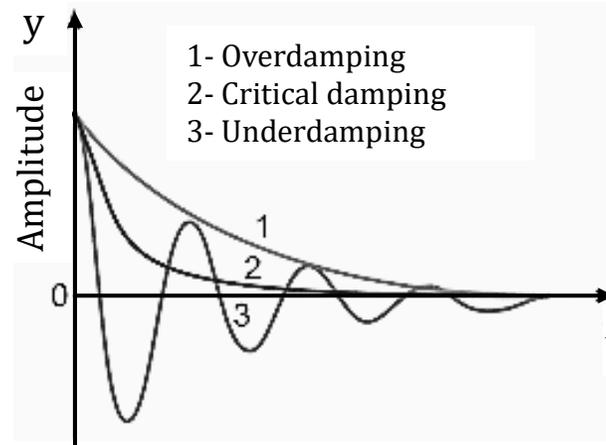
$$= \frac{C}{2} e^{-pt} [e^{(\alpha t + \delta)} + e^{-(\alpha t + \delta)}]$$

$$= \frac{C}{2} e^{-pt} \times 2 \cosh(\alpha t + \delta)$$

$$= C e^{-pt} \cosh(\alpha t + \delta)$$

$$\text{So, } y = C e^{-pt} \cosh \left[ \left( \sqrt{p^2 - \omega^2} t \right) + \delta \right] \quad (4.5)$$

Negative power of “e” indicates exponential decrease of  $y$  that means the particle does not oscillate. Equation (4.5) represents a continuous return of  $y$  from its maximum value to zero at  $t = \infty$  without oscillation. This type of motion is called the overdamped or dead beat or aperiodic motion.



Example:

Dead beat galvanometer,  
pendulum oscillating in a  
viscous fluid, etc.

Then, the general solution of equation (4.1) is,

$$y = e^{-pt} [Ae^{(\sqrt{p^2 - \omega^2})t} + Be^{-(\sqrt{p^2 - \omega^2})t}] \quad (4.3)$$

### Case. II (Underdamped motion)

If  $p^2 < \omega^2$ , the indices of “e” are imaginary and we get,

Where,  $\theta = \sqrt{(\omega^2 - p^2)}$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= e^{-pt} [Ae^{i\theta t} + Be^{-i\theta t}] \\ &= e^{-pt} [A\cos\theta t + iA\sin\theta t + B\cos\theta t - iB\sin\theta t] \\ &= e^{-pt} [(A + B)\cos\theta t + i(A - B)\sin\theta t] \end{aligned} \quad (4.5)$$

Let,  $(A+B) = a\cos\gamma$  and  $i(A-B) = a\sin\gamma$

$$a = \sqrt{a^2\cos^2\gamma + a^2\sin^2\gamma} = \sqrt{(A + B)^2 + i^2(A - B)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{A^2 + 2AB + B^2 - A^2 + 2AB - B^2} = \pm 2\sqrt{AB}$$

$$\tan\gamma = \frac{a\sin\gamma}{a\cos\gamma} = \frac{i(A-B)}{(A+B)}$$

Using the new constants in equation (4.5),

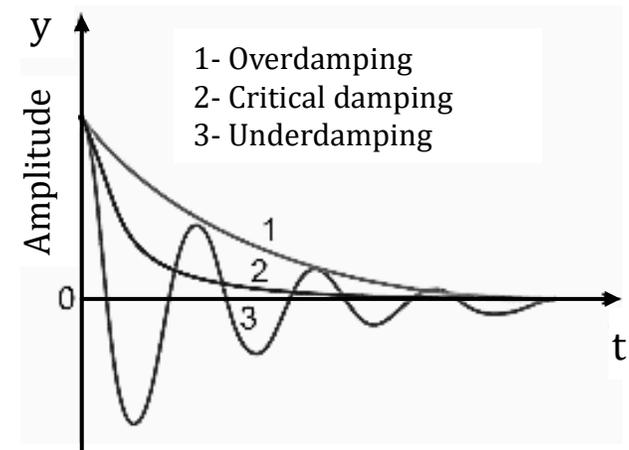
$$y = e^{-pt} [a\cos\gamma\cos\theta t + a\sin\gamma\sin\theta t]$$

$$y = ae^{-pt} [\cos\theta t\cos\gamma + \sin\theta t\sin\gamma]$$

$$= ae^{-pt} \cos(\theta t - \gamma)$$

$$y = ae^{-pt} \cos[\sqrt{(\omega^2 - p^2)}t - \gamma] \quad (4.6)$$

In this case  $y$  alternates in sign and we have periodic motion but the amplitude continuously diminishes due to the factor  $e^{-pt}$ . This situation is called underdamping with the amplitude  $ae^{-pt}$  and the frequency  $\sqrt{(\omega^2 - p^2)}$ .



Then, the general solution of equation (4.1) is,

$$y = e^{-pt} [Ae^{(\sqrt{p^2 - \omega^2})t} + Be^{-(\sqrt{p^2 - \omega^2})t}] \quad (4.3)$$

### Case. III (Critical damping motion)

If  $p^2 = \omega^2$ ,  $(p^2 - \omega^2) = 0$ ; So,  $p^2 = \omega^2$ ,  $p = \omega$

From equation (4.3) we can write,

$$\begin{aligned} y &= e^{-\omega t} [Ae^0 + Be^0] \\ &= e^{-\omega t} [A + B] \end{aligned}$$

It implies that the oscillation is decaying without any damping factor.

**It is not possible.** So, the solution breaks down. Now, we have to consider that  $p^2$  is not quite equal to  $\omega^2$ , but very close to each other.

Thus  $\sqrt{p^2 - \omega^2} = h \approx 0$  (close to zero but not zero).

From equation (Using the new constants in equation (4.3)),

$$y = e^{-pt} [Ae^{ht} + Be^{-ht}] = e^{-pt} \left[ A \left( 1 + ht + \frac{h^2 t^2}{2!} + \frac{h^3 t^3}{3!} + \dots \right) + B \left( 1 - ht + \frac{h^2 t^2}{2!} - \frac{h^3 t^3}{3!} + \dots \right) \right] = e^{-pt} [A(1 + ht)] + B(1 - ht)]$$

$$y = e^{-pt} [(A + B) + (A - B)ht] \quad (4.7)$$

Let,  $A+B=A'$  and  $(A-B)h=B'$

$$y = e^{-pt} [A' + B't] \quad (4.8)$$

At amplitude,  $y = y_{max} = a$  (at  $t=0$ )

Applying these two conditions in equation (4.8),

$$a = e^0 (A' + B' \times 0) \Rightarrow A' = a$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -pe^{-pt} (A' + B't) + e^{-pt} B'$$

$$\left[ \frac{dy}{dt} \right]_{t=0} = -pe^0 (A' + B' \times 0) + e^0 B' = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -pA' + B' = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow B' = pa$$

So, from equation (4.8)

$$y = e^{-pt} [a + pat]$$

$$y = ae^{-pt} [1 + pt] \quad (4.9)$$

This solution represents a continuous return of  $y$  from its amplitude to zero. Although it looks like overdamped motion it is a boundary between underdamped and overdamped motion. Under this condition oscillatory motion changes over to dead beat motion and vice versa. Hence, this is called critical damping motion.

# The Logarithmic Decrement

In the case of an underdamped motion the amplitude of the motion reduces with time following a particular fashion. Let us calculate the decrement of the successive amplitudes at the intervals of time  $t = \frac{T}{2} = \frac{\pi}{\omega}$ . Let the magnitudes of successive amplitudes be  $A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4$ , etc. Using the expression of amplitude  $ae^{-pt}$  we get,

$$\text{At time } t=0, \quad A_1 = ae^0 = a$$

$$\text{At time } t = \frac{T}{2} = \frac{\pi}{\omega}, \quad A_2 = ae^{-\frac{pT}{2}}$$

$$\text{At time } t = T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}, \quad A_3 = ae^{-pT}$$

$$\text{At time } t = \frac{3T}{2} = \frac{3\pi}{\omega}, \quad A_4 = ae^{-\frac{3pT}{2}}$$

$$\therefore \frac{A_1}{A_2} = \frac{A_2}{A_3} = \frac{A_3}{A_4} = \dots = e^{\frac{pT}{2}} = \text{constant}$$

Since,  $p$  and  $T$  are constants for a given motion.

Putting,  $\frac{pT}{2} = \lambda$  we have

$$\frac{A_1}{A_2} = \frac{A_2}{A_3} = \frac{A_3}{A_4} = \dots = e^{\lambda}$$

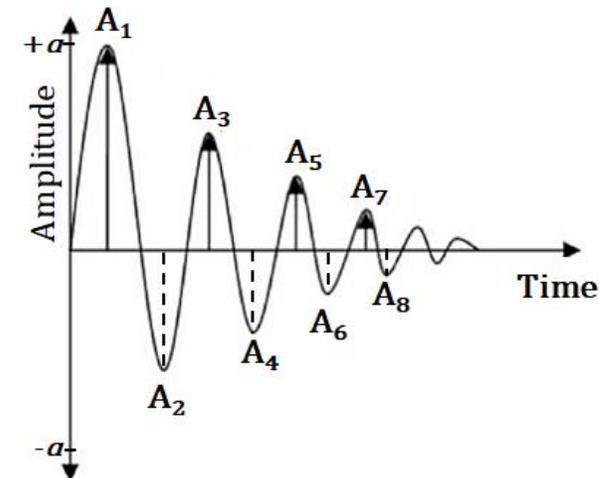
$$\frac{A_1}{A_2} \times \frac{A_2}{A_3} \times \frac{A_3}{A_4} \times \dots \times \frac{A_{n-1}}{A_n} \times \frac{A_n}{A_{n+1}} = e^{\lambda} \times e^{\lambda} \times e^{\lambda} \times \dots \times e^{\lambda} \text{ up to } n\text{th term ; Here, } n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

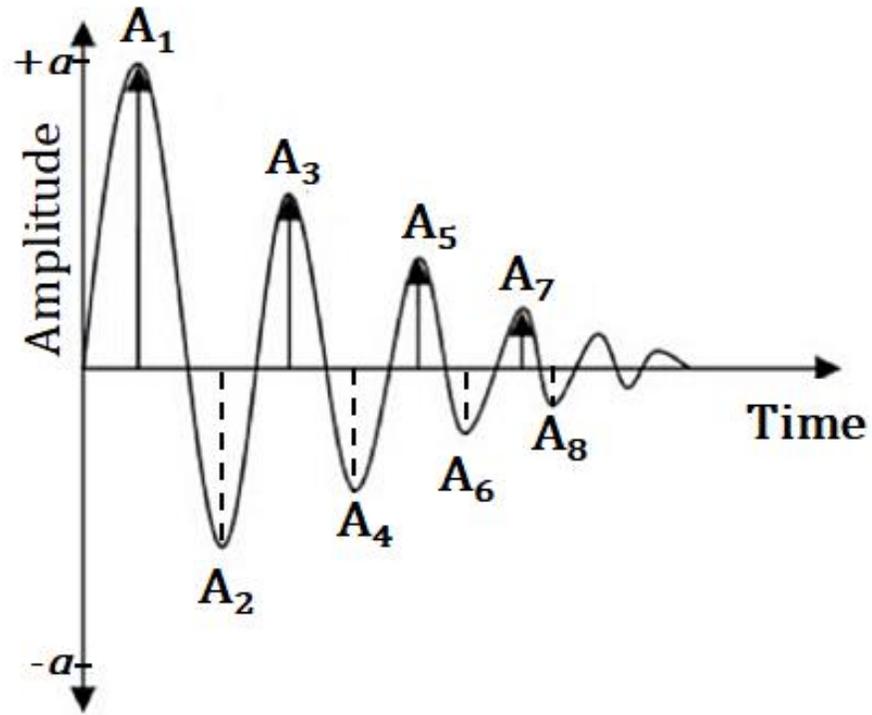
$$\therefore \frac{A_1}{A_{n+1}} = e^{\lambda + \lambda + \lambda + \dots \text{ up to } n\text{th term}} \Rightarrow \frac{A_1}{A_{n+1}} = e^{n\lambda}$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_e \frac{A_1}{A_{n+1}} = n\lambda$$

$$\therefore \lambda = \frac{1}{n} \log_e \frac{A_1}{A_{n+1}} \quad (4.10)$$

$\lambda$  in equation (4.10) is called the logarithmic decrement.





- Angular frequency of a damped oscillator,  $\omega' = \sqrt{\omega^2 - p^2}$
- Since,  $\omega^2 = \frac{k}{m}$  and  $2p = \frac{b}{m}$ ;  $\omega' = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m} - \frac{b^2}{4m^2}}$
- Mechanical energy of a free oscillator,  $E = \frac{1}{2}ka^2 = \text{constant}$
- Mechanical energy of a damped oscillator,  $E = \frac{1}{2}ka^2 e^{-2pt} = \frac{1}{2}ka^2 e^{-\frac{b}{m}t}$ ; [reduces with exponentially with time]