

## Derivation of Position for Driven and Damped Oscillator

Consider a spring-block system with a block of mass  $m$ , spring constant  $k$ , and drag coefficient  $b$ , driven by  $F_{\text{drive}} = F_d \sin(\omega t)$ , where  $x(0) = x_0$  and  $v(0) = v_0$ . What is  $x(t)$ ?

We recall Newton's Law:

$$\sum_i F_i = ma$$

Now, this is:

$$-kx - bv + F_d \sin(\omega t) = ma$$

Equivalently:

$$m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = F_d \sin(\omega t)$$

Now, from the theory of differential equations, the solution of a non-homogeneous linear differential equation is the sum of the solution to the homogeneous differential equation (the steady state behavior), and a solution to the "particular" non-homogeneous equation (the transient behavior):

$$x(t) = x_h(t) + x_p(t)$$

The homogeneous equation may be solved using the method of characteristic equations. The roots are:

$$\lambda_{\pm} = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4mk}}{2m}$$

So we have:

$$x_h(t) = \alpha_+ e^{\lambda_+ t} + \alpha_- e^{\lambda_- t}$$

Now, for the particular solution, we note  $\sin(\omega t) = (e^{+i\omega t} - e^{-i\omega t})/2i$ , so we assume a solution of the form:

$$x_p(t) = A_+ e^{+i\omega t} + A_- e^{-i\omega t}$$

Where:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_p(t) &= A_+ i\omega e^{+i\omega t} - A_- i\omega e^{-i\omega t} \\ \ddot{x}_p(t) &= A_+ i^2 \omega^2 e^{+i\omega t} + A_- i^2 \omega^2 e^{-i\omega t} \end{aligned}$$

So, with  $i^2 = -1$ :

$$m[-A_+ \omega^2 e^{+i\omega t} - A_- \omega^2 e^{-i\omega t}] + b[A_+ i\omega e^{+i\omega t} - A_- i\omega e^{-i\omega t}] + k[A_+ e^{+i\omega t} + A_- e^{-i\omega t}] = F_d \frac{e^{+i\omega t} - e^{-i\omega t}}{2i}$$

Thus we have a system of four equations and four unknowns (boundary values and equating terms):

$$\begin{aligned} x_0 &= \alpha_+ + \alpha_- + A_+ + A_- \\ v_0 &= \alpha_+ \lambda_+ + \alpha_- \lambda_- + A_+ i\omega - A_- i\omega \\ \frac{F_d}{2i} &= m[-A_+ \omega^2] + b[A_+ i\omega] + k[A_+] \\ -\frac{F_d}{2i} &= m[-A_- \omega^2] + b[-A_- i\omega] + k[A_-] \end{aligned}$$

Whose solutions are:

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\pm} &= \pm \frac{iF_d}{2(m\omega^2 \mp bi\omega - k)} \\ \alpha_{\pm} &= \pm \frac{v_0 + (A_+ + A_- - x_0)\lambda_{\mp} + (A_- - A_+)i\omega}{\lambda_+ - \lambda_-} \end{aligned}$$

Which is a long expression, however the qualitative behavior is explained online and in many textbooks.