

# Differential Equations

The first order differential equations.

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = f(v)g(t)$$

For the first order differential equations separate the variables on each side of the equation, and integrate

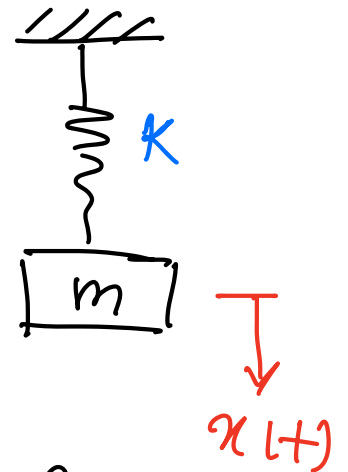
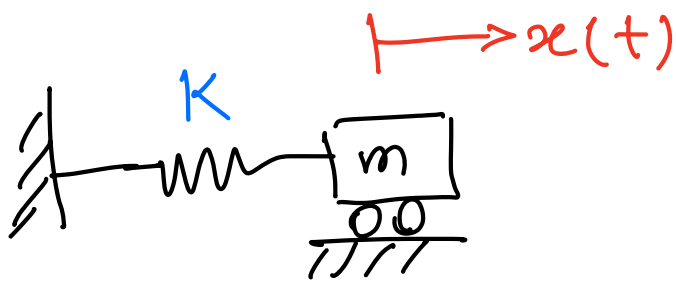
$$\frac{dv}{f(v)} = g(t) dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{f(v)} dv = \int g(t) dt$$

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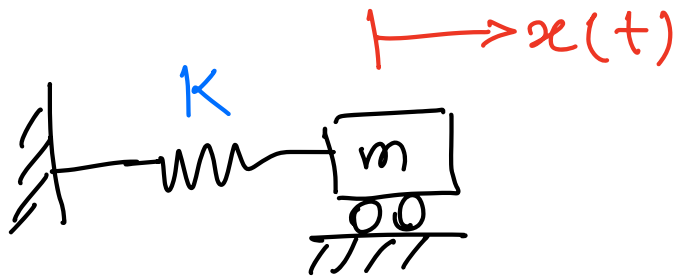
# 2nd order differential equations

Free vibration of a mass-spring system is shown in the example below.

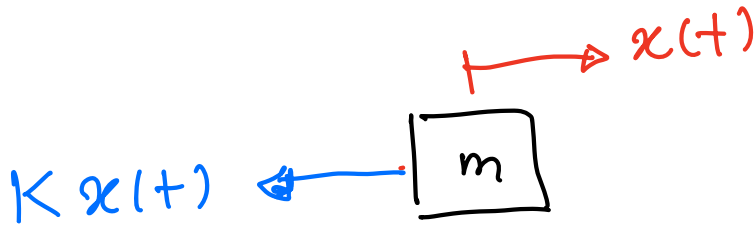


If the initial displacement of  $x(0)$  at time equal to zero is  $x(0) = A$ , and the initial velocity is zero ( $\dot{x}(0) = 0$ ) (Initial means time  $t = 0$ ).

Find the response of the mass  $x(t) = ?$

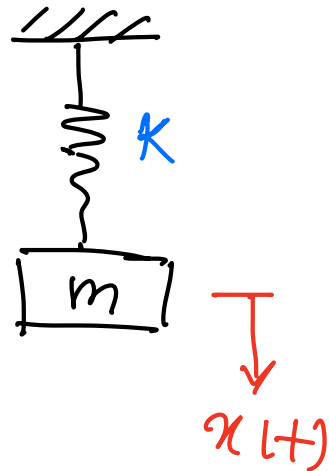


Freebody diagram (F.B.D.)

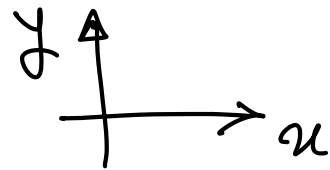
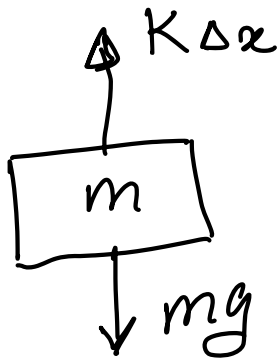


$$\overset{+}{\rightarrow} \Sigma F = m\ddot{x} \Rightarrow -Kx(t) = m\ddot{x}(t)$$

Static:  
Mass is not moving



FBD  
for static  
equilibrium

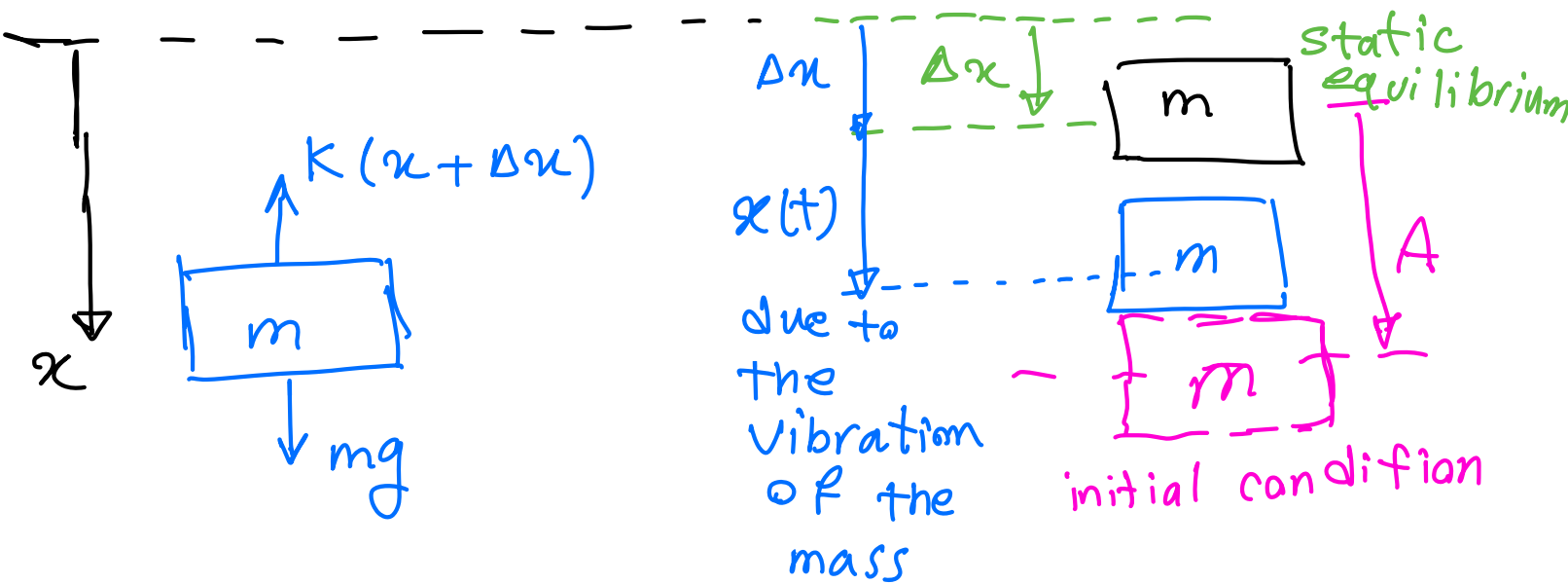


$$\overset{+}{\uparrow} \Sigma F_y = 0$$

$$K\Delta x - mg = 0 \Rightarrow K\Delta x = mg \quad (*)$$

Repeat the problem for dynamics  
when mass  $m$  is moving.

F. B. D (Dynamics: when the mass is moving)



$$\uparrow \Sigma F = m \ddot{x}(t)$$

$$K(x + \Delta x) - mg = -m \ddot{x}(t)$$

$$Kx + \underbrace{K\Delta x - mg}_0 = -m \ddot{x}(t)$$

$\otimes$   $\Rightarrow$   $Kx = -m \ddot{x}(t)$

$$m \ddot{x}(t) + Kx = 0$$

The Equation of motion is:

$$-Kx(t) = m\ddot{x}(t)$$

Rearrang:

$$m\ddot{x}(t) + Kx(t) = 0$$

Let's assume that the solution is in the following form:

$$x(t) = C e^{st}$$

"s" is a constant

"C" is a constant

If we find "C" and "s" then we know the solution. We can substitute this solution into the equation of motion:

$$\ddot{x} = \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}$$

Acceleration

$$m\ddot{x}(t) + Kx(t) = 0$$

$$x(t) = ce^{st} \Rightarrow \ddot{x}(t) = cs^2e^{st}$$

substitute:

$$mcs^2e^{st} + Kce^{st} = 0$$

$$ms^2 + K = 0 \Rightarrow s^2 = -K/m$$

$$\Rightarrow s = \pm\sqrt{-K/m}$$

$$\Rightarrow s = \pm i\sqrt{\frac{K}{m}}$$

$$\begin{cases} s_1 = i\sqrt{\frac{K}{m}} & (i = \sqrt{-1}) \\ s_2 = -i\sqrt{\frac{K}{m}} \end{cases}$$

$$x(t) = ce^{st}$$

$$x(t) = Ce^{\pm i\sqrt{\frac{K}{m}}t}$$

$$x(t) = C_1 e^{i\sqrt{k/m}t} + C_2 e^{-i\sqrt{k/m}t}$$

Initial conditions:

$$x(0) = A \quad \dot{x}(0) = 0$$

substitute into  $x(t)$ .

$$x(0) = C_1 + C_2 = A$$

$$e^0 = 1$$

$$\dot{x}(0) = 0$$

$$\dot{x}(t) = C_1 i\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} e^{i\sqrt{k/m}t} - C_2 i\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} e^{-i\sqrt{k/m}t}$$

$$\dot{x}(0) = C_1 i\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} - C_2 i\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = 0$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} C_1 + C_2 = A \\ C_1 - C_2 = 0 \Rightarrow C_1 = C_2 \end{array} \right.$$

$$C_1 = C_2 = A/2$$

Therefore the solution is:

$$x(t) = c_1 e^{i\sqrt{k/m}t} + c_2 e^{-i\sqrt{k/m}t}$$

$$x(t) = \frac{A}{2} e^{i\sqrt{k/m}t} + \frac{A}{2} e^{-i\sqrt{k/m}t}$$

we can rewrite  $x(t)$  as a function of sin and cos:

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos\theta + i\sin\theta$$

$$x(t) = \frac{A}{2} \left[ \cos\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}t + i\sin\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}t \right]$$

$$+ \left[ \cos\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}t - i\sin\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}t \right]$$

$$x(t) = A \cos\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}t$$





$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t_2 = 2\pi$$

$$t_2 = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{k/m}}$$

The time for one full cycle:

$$t_2 = T \quad (\text{The period of oscillation})$$

$$f \text{ (frequency in Hz)} = \frac{1}{T}$$

$$f = \frac{1}{\frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{k/m}}} = \frac{\sqrt{k/m}}{2\pi}$$

Angular frequency:

$$\omega = 2\pi f \quad (\text{rad/s})$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \quad \text{rad/s}$$