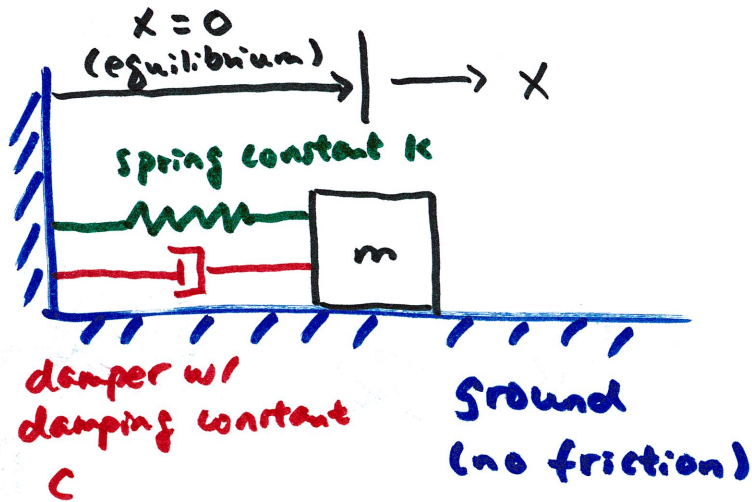


## 5.4 Mechanical Vibrations

mass - spring - damper



block mass  $m$

Spring w/ spring constant  $k$

damper (dashpot) w/  
damping constant  $c$

$x=0$  is equilibrium

Give  $x(0)$  and/or  $x'(0)$ , find  $x(t)$

spring resists displacement:  $F_s = -kx$  (Hooke's Law)

displacement from equilibrium

damper resists velocity:  $F_d = -cx'$

Newton's 2nd Law:  $\sum F = mx''$

$$-kx - cx' = mx'' \rightarrow \boxed{mx'' + cx' + kx = 0}$$

Linear constant coeff.

example

mass 8 kg

no damper

Spring such that a force of 40 N stretches it  
from equilibrium by 5 cm.

$$m x'' + c x' + k x = 0$$

$$m = 8 \quad c = 0$$

k to be found

Hooke's Law:  $F_s = k x$   $\rightarrow$  displacement from equilibrium

$$40 \text{ N} = k \cdot (0.05 \text{ m})$$

$\leftarrow$  meters

$$k = 800 \text{ N/m}$$

$$8 x'' + 800 x = 0$$

$$x'' + 100 x = 0 \quad r^2 + 100 = 0 \quad r = 10i, -10i$$

$$x(t) = C_1 \cos(10t) + C_2 \sin(10t)$$

initial conditions:  $x(0) = 0$ ,  $x'(0) = 10$   
 no initial displacement      initial velocity 10 m/s

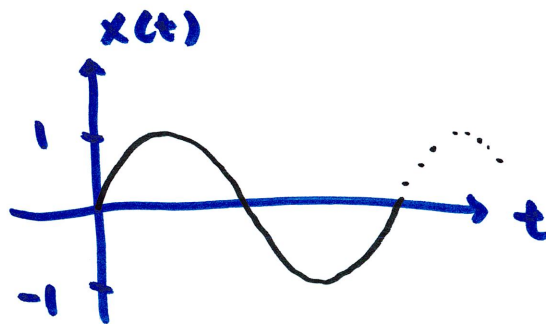
$$x(t) = C_1 \cos(10t) + C_2 \sin(10t)$$

$$x'(t) = -10 C_1 \sin(10t) + 10 C_2 \cos(10t)$$

$$x(0) = 0 \rightarrow 0 = C_1$$

$$x'(0) = 10 \rightarrow 10 = 10 C_2 \rightarrow C_2 = 1$$

$$x(t) = \sin(10t)$$



period:  $\frac{2\pi}{\text{freq}} = \frac{2\pi}{10} = \frac{\pi}{5}$  seconds

frequency: 10 rad/s  
(circular)

amplitude: 1

frequency:  $\frac{1}{\text{period}} = \frac{5}{\pi}$  cycles per second  
(linear) (Hz)

same setup, but  $x(0) = 2$  and  $x'(0) = 10$

$$x(t) = C_1 \cos(10t) + C_2 \sin(10t)$$

$$x'(t) = -10C_1 \sin(10t) + 10C_2 \cos(10t)$$

$$x(0) = 2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow C_1 = 2$$

$$x'(0) = 10 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow C_2 = 1$$

now particular solution is

$$x(t) = 2 \cos(10t) + \sin(10t)$$

same freq:  $\frac{\pi}{5}^{10}$  rad/s

same period:  $\frac{\pi}{5}$

amplitude? omega (freq)

express in alternate form:

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

$$x(t) = C \cos(\omega t - \delta)$$

amplitude

delta

(phase shift)

using the identity  $\cos(a-b) = \cos(a)\cos(b) + \sin(a)\sin(b)$

after some algebra, we get

$$C = \sqrt{A^2 + B^2}$$

$$\delta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{B}{A}\right)$$

here,  $C = \sqrt{2^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{5}$

$$\delta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \approx 0.464$$

$$x(t) = \sqrt{5} \cos(10t - 0.464)$$

Amplitude  $\sqrt{5}$

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back to  $m x'' + c x' + k x = 0$

$m, c, k \neq 0$  w/ damper

$$m r^2 + c r + k = 0$$

$$r = \frac{-c \pm \sqrt{c^2 - 4km}}{2m}$$

$c^2 - 4km$  is called the discriminant  
it determines the type of solution

if  $c^2 - 4km > 0$  ( $c^2 > 4km$  or  $c > \sqrt{4km}$ )

roots of char. eq are real and distinct

$$x(t) = C_1 e^{r_1 t} + C_2 e^{r_2 t}$$

Strong damper  $\rightarrow$  overdamped

if  $c^2 - 4km = 0$  ( $c^2 = 4km$ )

roots are real and repeated

$$x(t) = C_1 e^{rt} + C_2 t e^{rt}$$

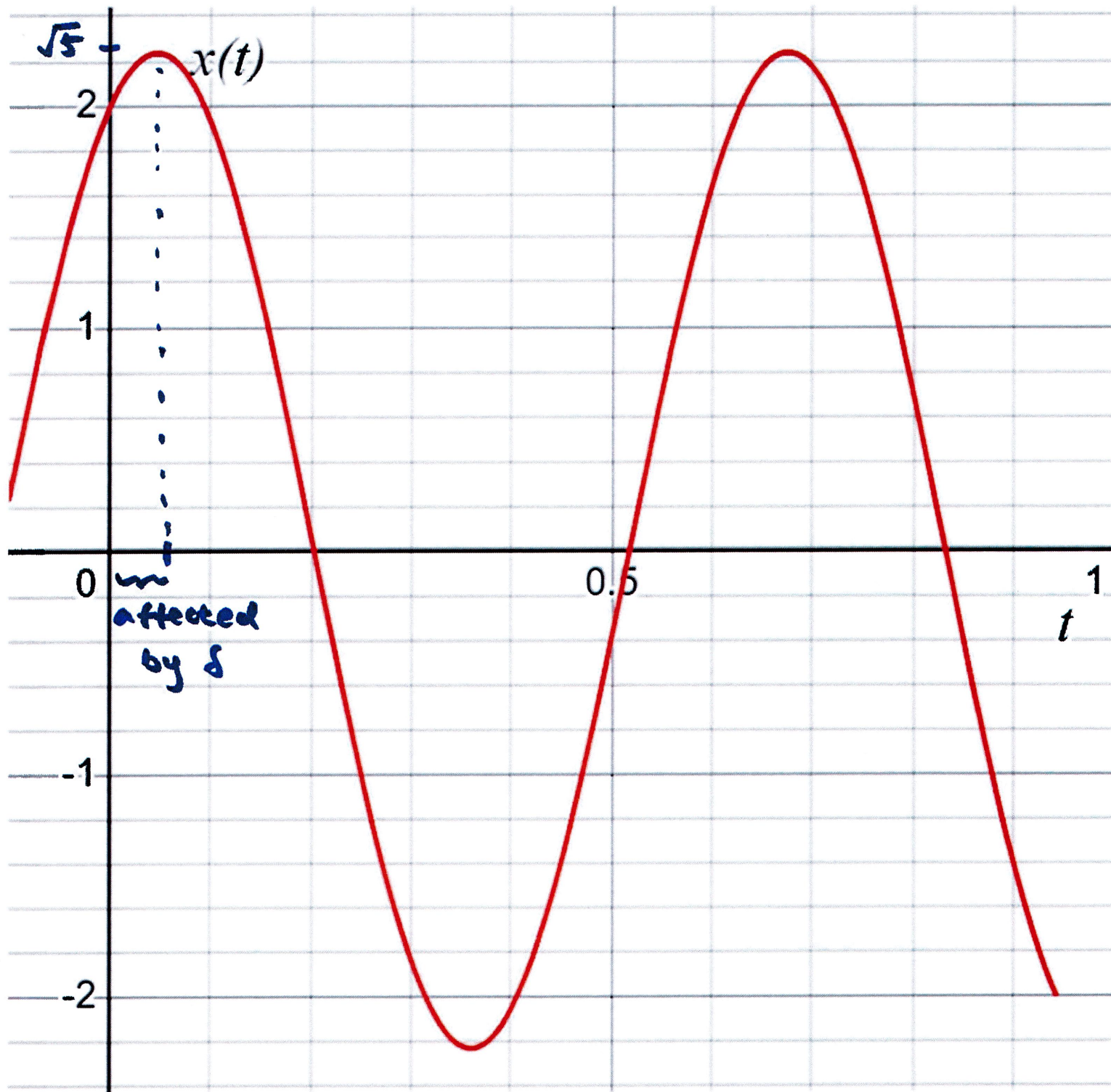
damped "just right"  $\rightarrow$  critically damped

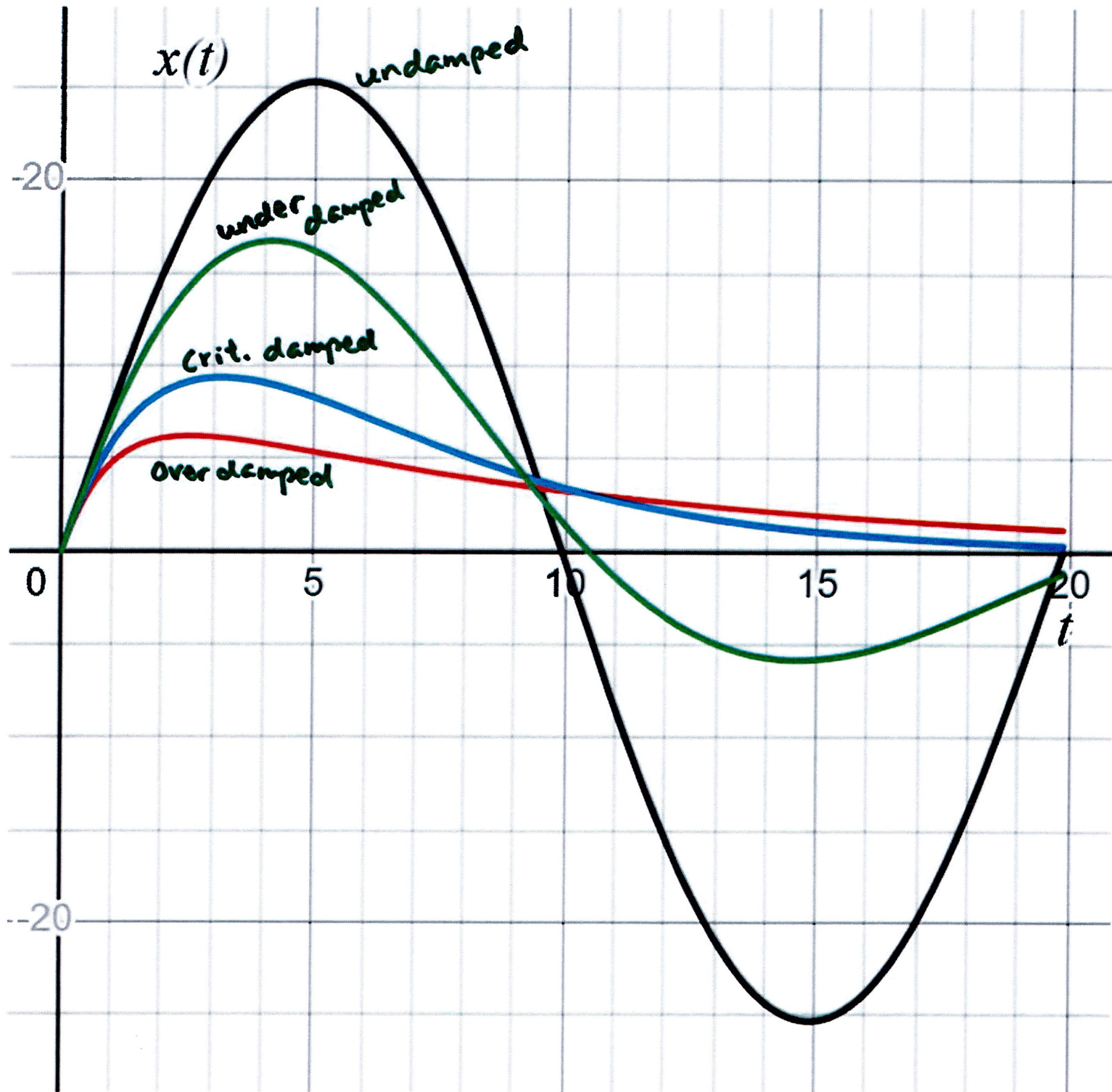
if  $c^2 - 4km < 0$  ( $c^2 < 4km$ )

roots :  $r = a \pm bi$

$$x(t) = C_1 e^{at} \cos(bt) + C_2 e^{at} \sin(bt)$$

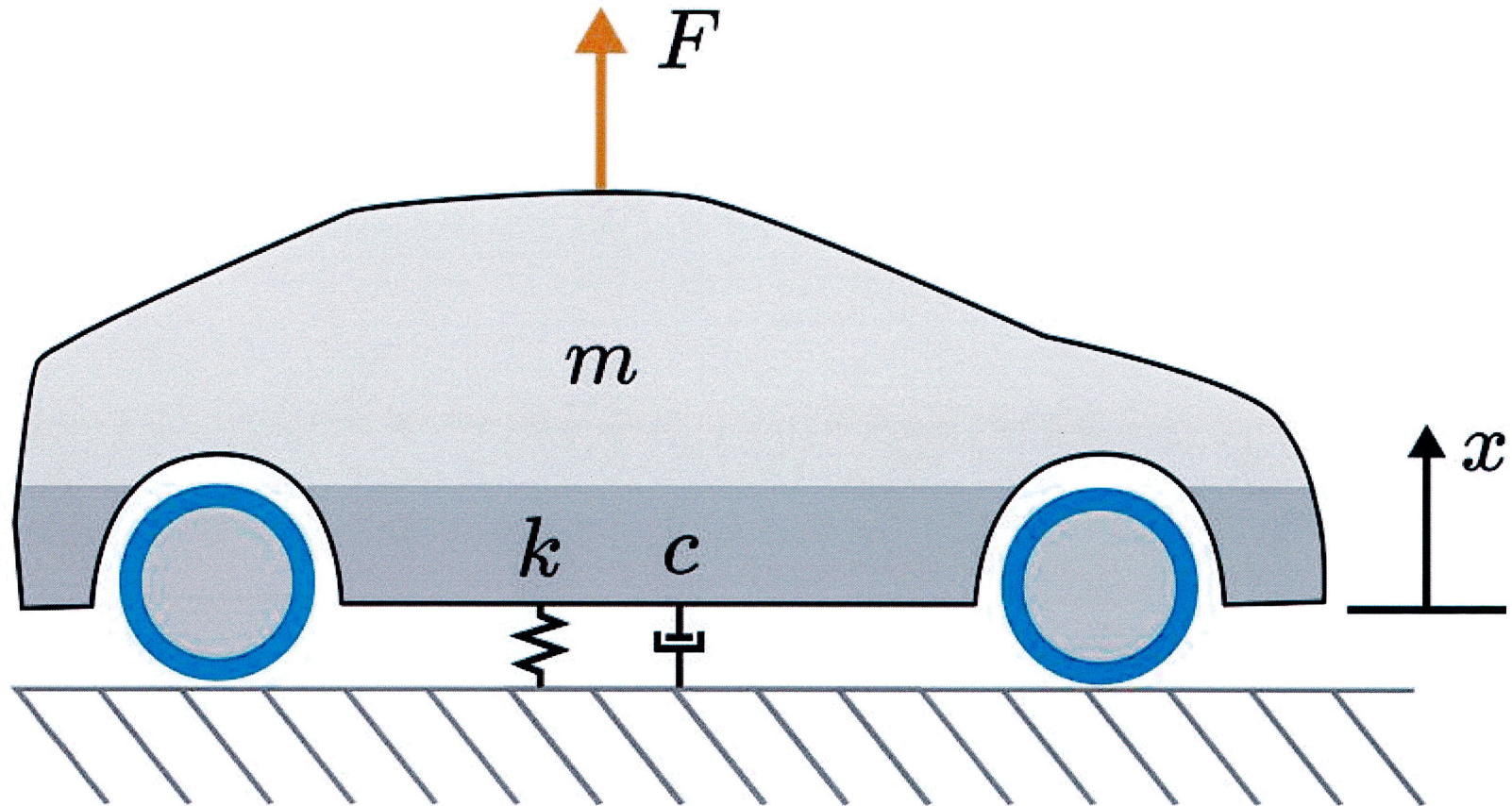
weak damper  $\rightarrow$  underdamped only case w/  
oscillations







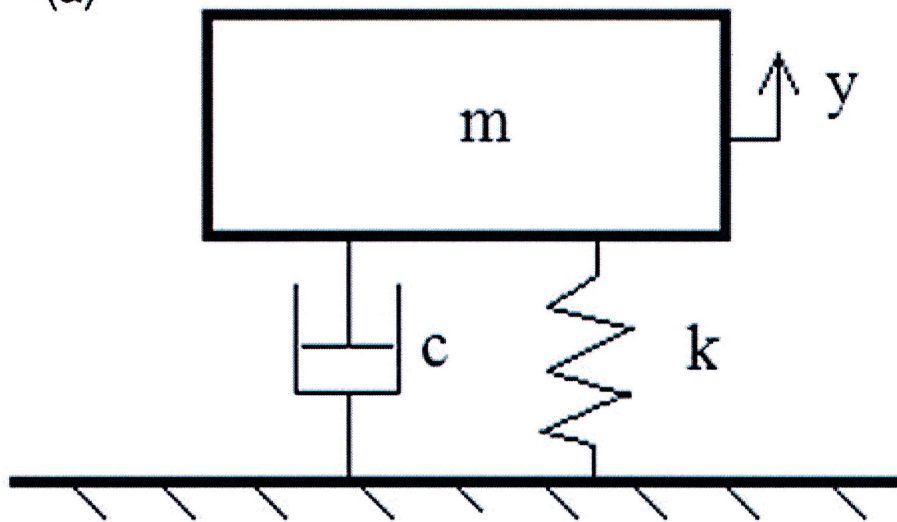
Suspension modeled as  
mass-spring-damper



mass-spring-damper

RLC circuit

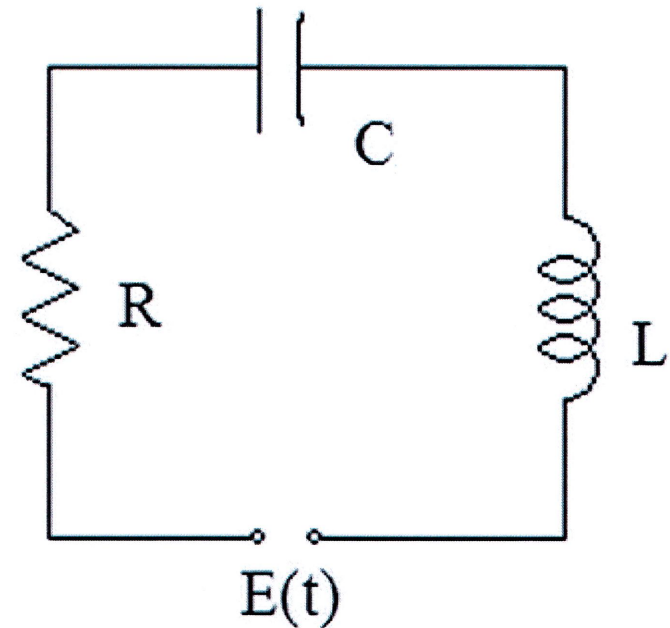
(a)



$$my'' + cy' + ky = F(t)$$

↑  
external  
force

(b)



$$LQ'' + RQ' + \frac{1}{C}Q = E(t)$$

Q : charge