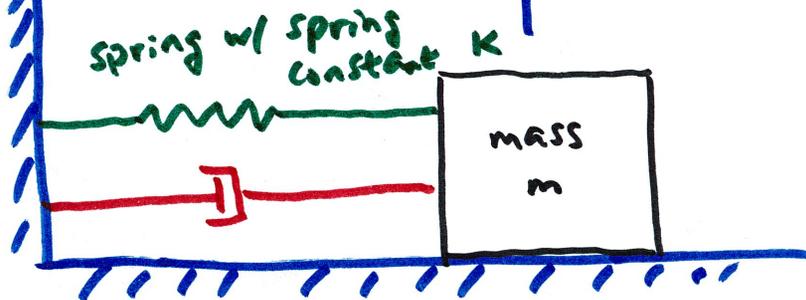


## 5.4 Mechanical Vibrations

mass-spring-damper system

$x=0$  (equilibrium)

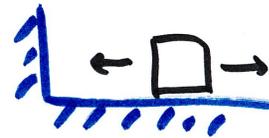
wall  $\rightarrow x$  (positive to the right)



damper w/  
damping constant  $C$

Ground  
(no friction)

if displaced or given a velocity  
from equilibrium, the block  
will have a certain motion



spring provides a force in the opposite direction of the  
displacement

Hook's Law:  $F_s = -Kx$

damper resists velocity  $F_d = -Cx'$

equation of motion: Newton's 2nd Law

$$\sum F = m x''$$

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

constant coeff linear eq.

Example

mass 8 kg, no damper

spring such that a force of 40 N stretches it by 5 cm.

Initial displacement  $\rightarrow x(0) = 0$

Initial velocity  $\rightarrow x'(0) = 10 \text{ m/s}$

$$mx'' + \cancel{c}x' + kx = 0 \quad m = 8$$

k: Hooke's Law

$$F_s = kx$$

(no negative here  
because we are  
dealing w/ magnitude)

$$40 = k \cdot (0.05)$$

$\leftarrow$  5 cm in m

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

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

$$x'' + 100x = 0$$

$$\text{char. eq: } r^2 + 100 = 0 \quad r = 10i, \quad r = -10i$$

$$x(t) = C_1 \cos(10t) + C_2 \sin(10t) \quad \text{general}$$

$$x(0) = 0$$

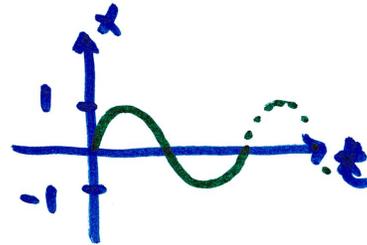
$$x'(0) = 10$$

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

$$x(0) = 0 \rightarrow 0 = C_1 \cos(0) + C_2 \sin(0) = C_1$$

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

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



Amplitude: 1

circular frequency: 10 rad/s

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

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

change initial conditions:  $x(0) = 2$ ,  $x'(0) = 10$

same gen. solution

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

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

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

$$x'(0) = 10 \rightarrow 10 = -20 \sin(0) + 10C_2 \rightarrow C_2 = 1$$

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

same freq:  $\frac{2\pi}{10} = \frac{\pi}{5}$  rad/s

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

amplitude changed

to find amplitude, we rewrite ~~it as~~ a

$$x(t) = A \cos(\omega t) + B \sin(\omega t) \quad \leftarrow \text{omega (circ. freq)}$$

as

$$x(t) = C \cos(\omega t - \delta) \quad \leftarrow \text{delta (phase shift)}$$

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

after a bit of algebra, we get

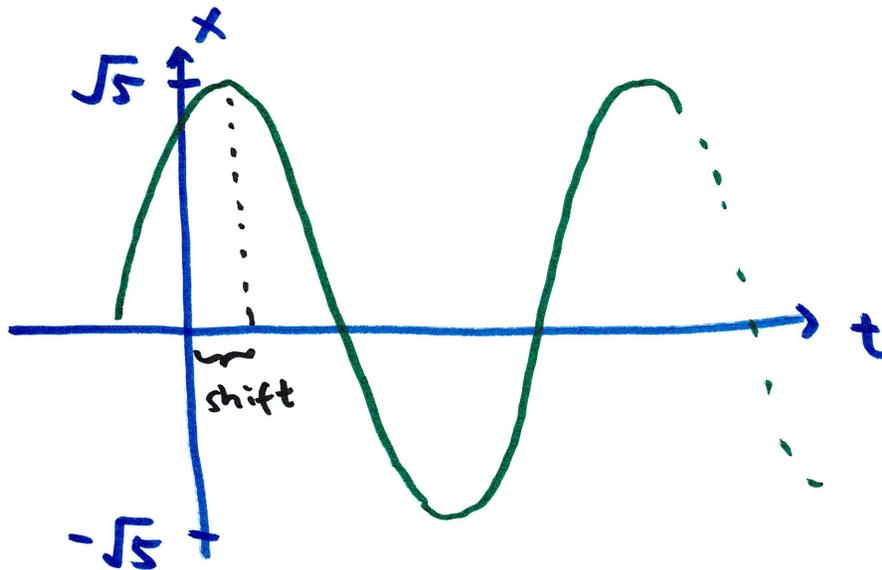
$$C = \sqrt{A^2 + B^2}$$

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

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

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

amplitude  $\sqrt{5}$



w/o damper, the oscillation lasts forever

now let's add the damper

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

$$m, c, k \neq 0 \text{ (all } > 0)$$

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

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

$c^2 - 4km \rightarrow$  discriminant  
it determines the type  
of solution

if  $c^2 - 4km > 0 \rightarrow c^2 > 4km$

roots are real and distinct  $r_1, r_2$

$$x(t) = c_1 e^{r_1 t} + c_2 e^{r_2 t}$$

overdamped (strong damper)

both roots are real  
so no oscillation

if  $c^2 - 4km = 0 \rightarrow c^2 = 4km$

roots are real and repeated

$$x(t) = c_1 e^{rt} + c_2 t e^{rt}$$

critically damped (damped "just right" to eliminate oscillation)

if  $c^2 - 4km < 0 \rightarrow c^2 < 4km$

roots are complex:  $r = a + bi$

$$x(t) = c_1 e^{at} \cos(bt) + c_2 e^{at} \sin(bt)$$

underdamped (weak damper)

the only case w/ oscillations

Example  $m\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + kx = 0$   $x(0) = 0, \dot{x}(0) = 8$

case 1:  $c = 11, m = 10, k = 1$   $c^2$  vs  $4km$

overdamped

$$x(t) = \frac{80}{9} e^{-1/10 t} - \frac{80}{9} e^{-t}$$

as  $t \rightarrow \infty, x \rightarrow 0$  (equilibrium) no oscillations

case 2:  $c = \sqrt{40}, m = 10, k = 1$

critically damped

$$x(t) = 8t e^{-t/\sqrt{10}}$$

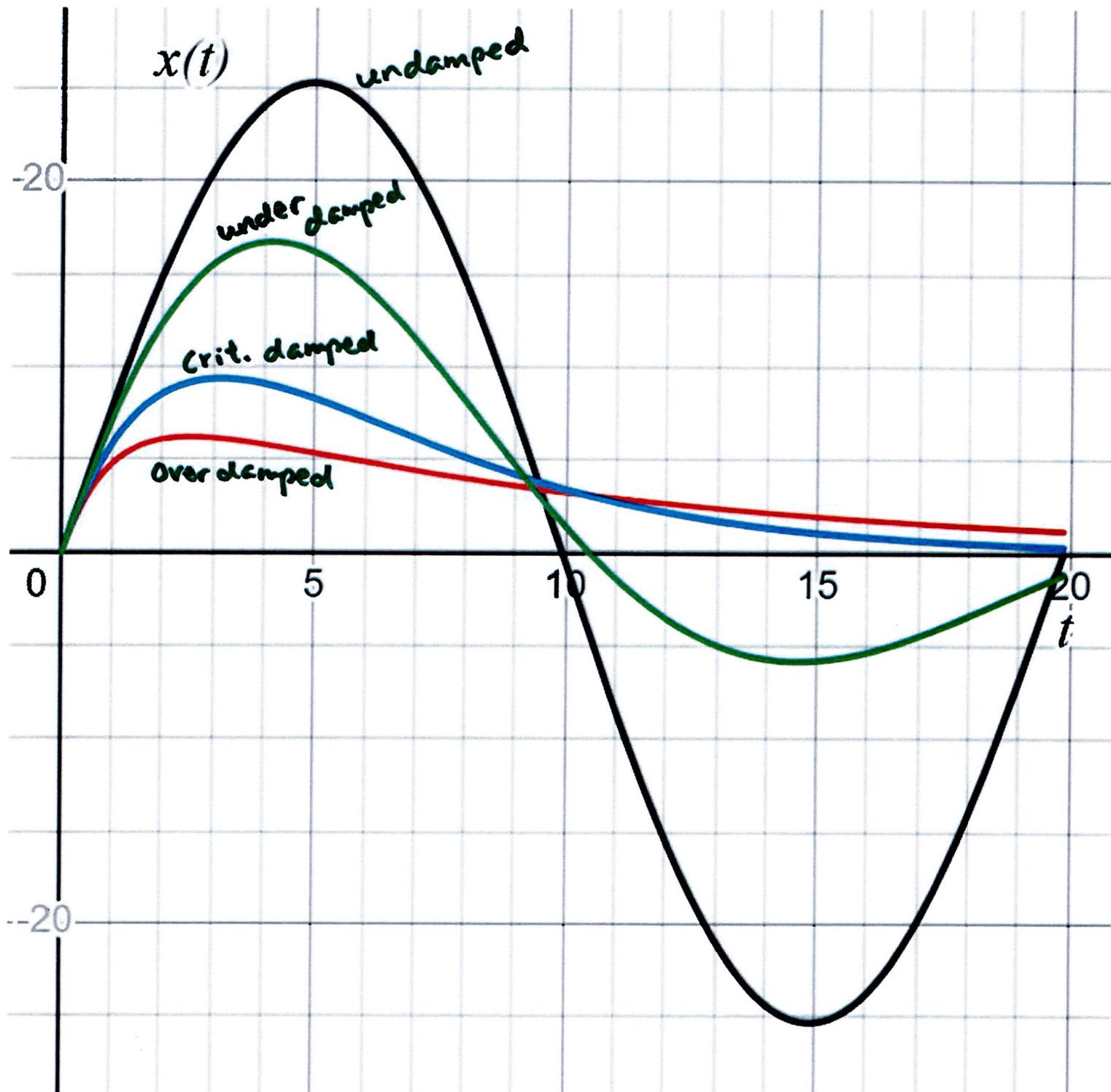
again,  $t \rightarrow \infty, x \rightarrow 0$  no oscillations

case 3:  $c = 2, m = 10, k = 1$

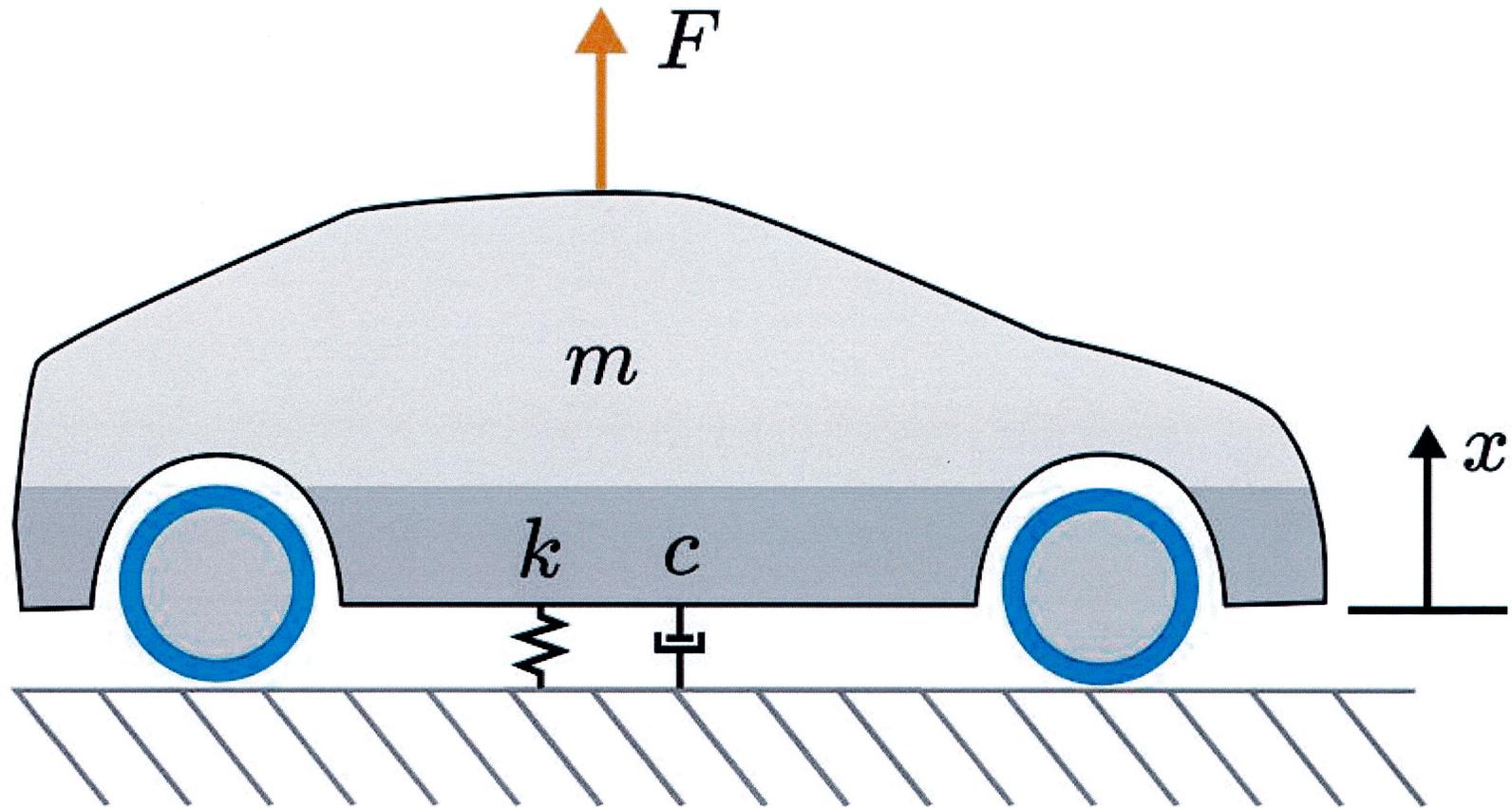
underdamped

$$x(t) = \frac{80}{3} e^{-1/10 t} \sin\left(\frac{3}{10} t\right)$$

$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x = 0$  but w/ oscillations

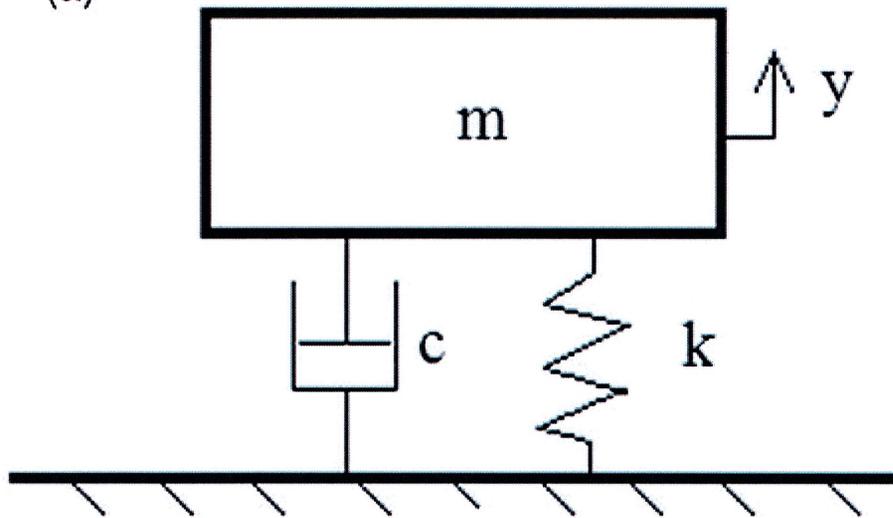


Suspension modeled as  
mass-spring-damper



mass-spring-damper

(a)

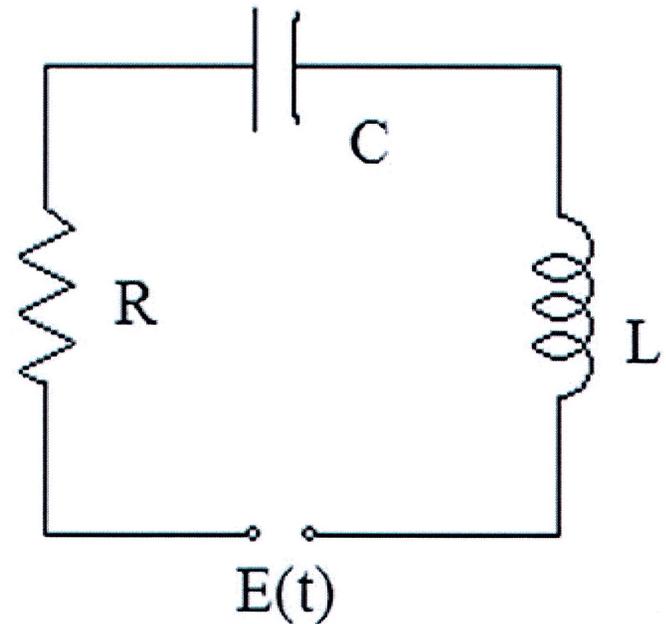


$$my'' + cy' + ky = F(t)$$

↑  
External  
force

RLC circuit

(b)



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

Q : charge