

$$y y'' - 2(y')^2 + 2y' = 0$$

(auton.) note:  $y=C^1$  is  
solen

subst  $u = y' \Rightarrow y'' = u \frac{du}{dy}$

$$u \left( y \frac{du}{dy} - 2u + 2 \right) = 0$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{=0}$

...

$$\ln|u-1| = \ln(Dy^2)$$

$$D > 0$$

$\frac{u > 1}{\curvearrowright}$

$$u = 1 + \underbrace{Dy^2}_{>0} = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$\frac{u < 1}{\curvearrowright}$

$$\ln(1-u) = \ln Dy^2$$

$$u = 1 - \underbrace{Dy^2} = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$x + \hat{\hat{C}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{D}} \operatorname{arctan}(\sqrt{D} y)$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{D}} \tan(\sqrt{D}x + C) \quad (2)$$

$\leftarrow \hat{C} \sqrt{D}$

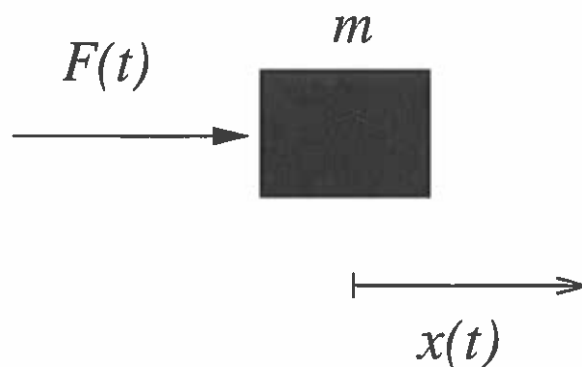
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# Everything you always wanted to know about mechanical oscillators but were afraid to ask

- The first half of MATH10222 is not directly concerned with mechanics.
- However, mechanical systems provide nice illustrations of many of the phenomena that we have discussed (or will discuss) in a more abstract mathematical setting.

## I. Newton's law for one-dimensional motion

- In words: *"The sum of all forces acting on a particle of mass  $m$  is equal to its mass times its acceleration"*

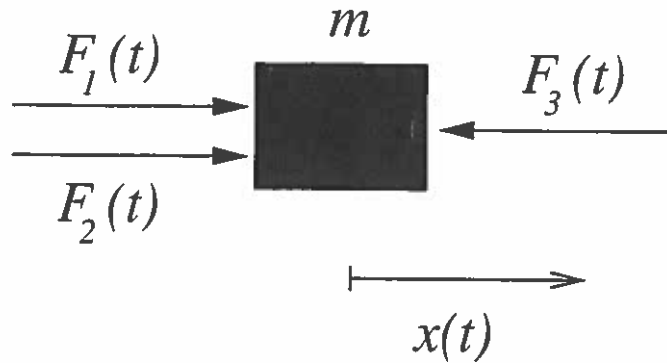


- Or, written as an equation:

$$m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = F(t)$$

# I. Newton's law for one-dimensional motion (cont.)

- Here's an example with multiple forces



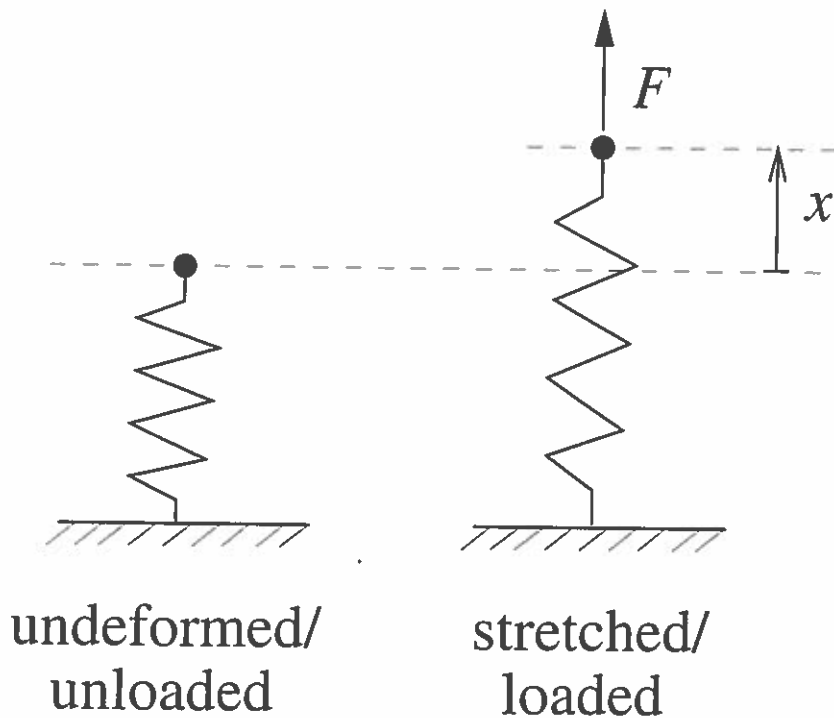
- In this case Newton's law becomes:

$$m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = F_1(t) + F_2(t) - F_3(t)$$

- Note the direction of the forces!

## II. (Linearly) elastic springs

- Observation: When a spring is loaded by a force,  $F$ , its length increases by a certain amount,  $x$ , say.



- For a linearly elastic spring we have

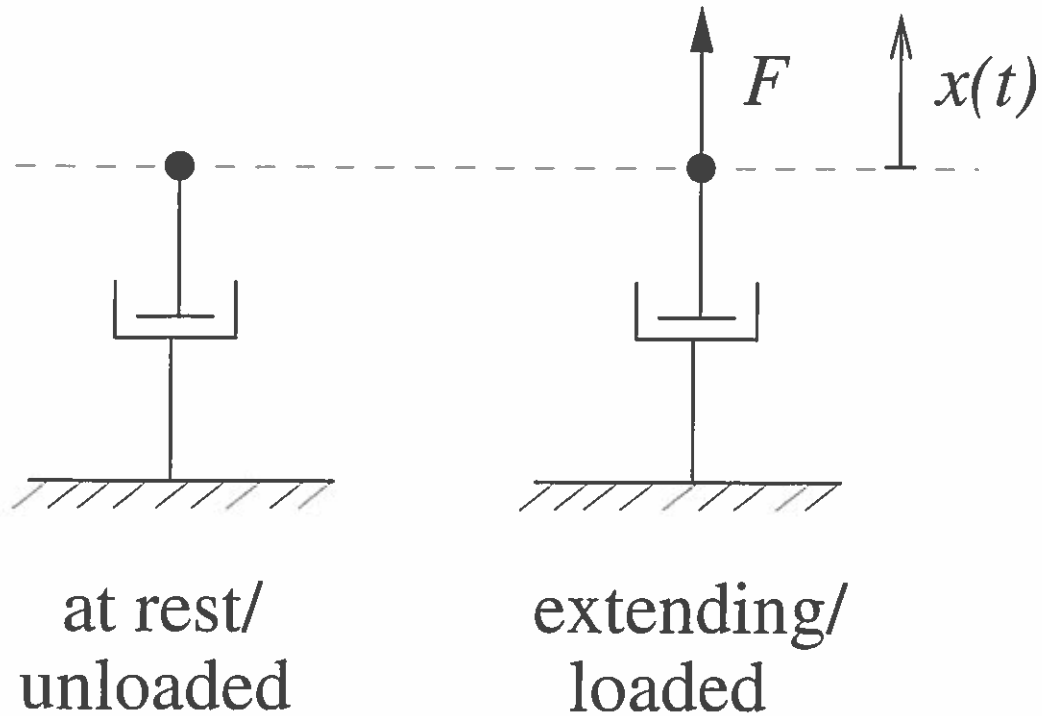
$$F = c x$$

where  $c$  is the “spring constant”, a measure of its stiffness.

- Thus  $c$  indicates how strongly the spring resists its *static* extension.

### III. (Linear) dampers

- Observation: When a damper is loaded by a force  $F$  its length increases at a rate  $dx/dt$ :



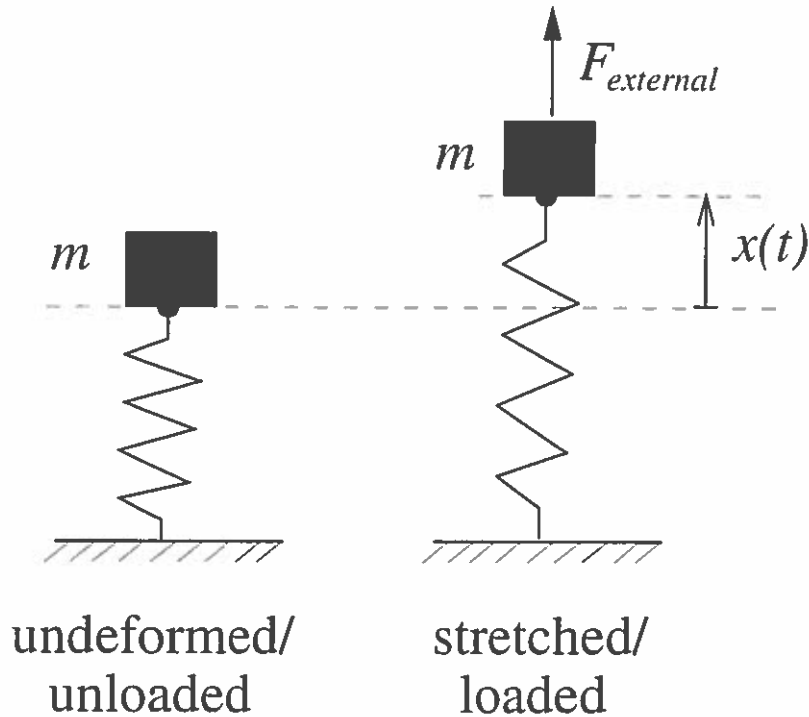
- For a linear damper we have

$$F = k \frac{dx}{dt}$$

where  $k$  is the “damping constant”, a measure of how strongly the damper resists its *dynamic* extension.

## IV. Putting it all together: “Action = Reaction”

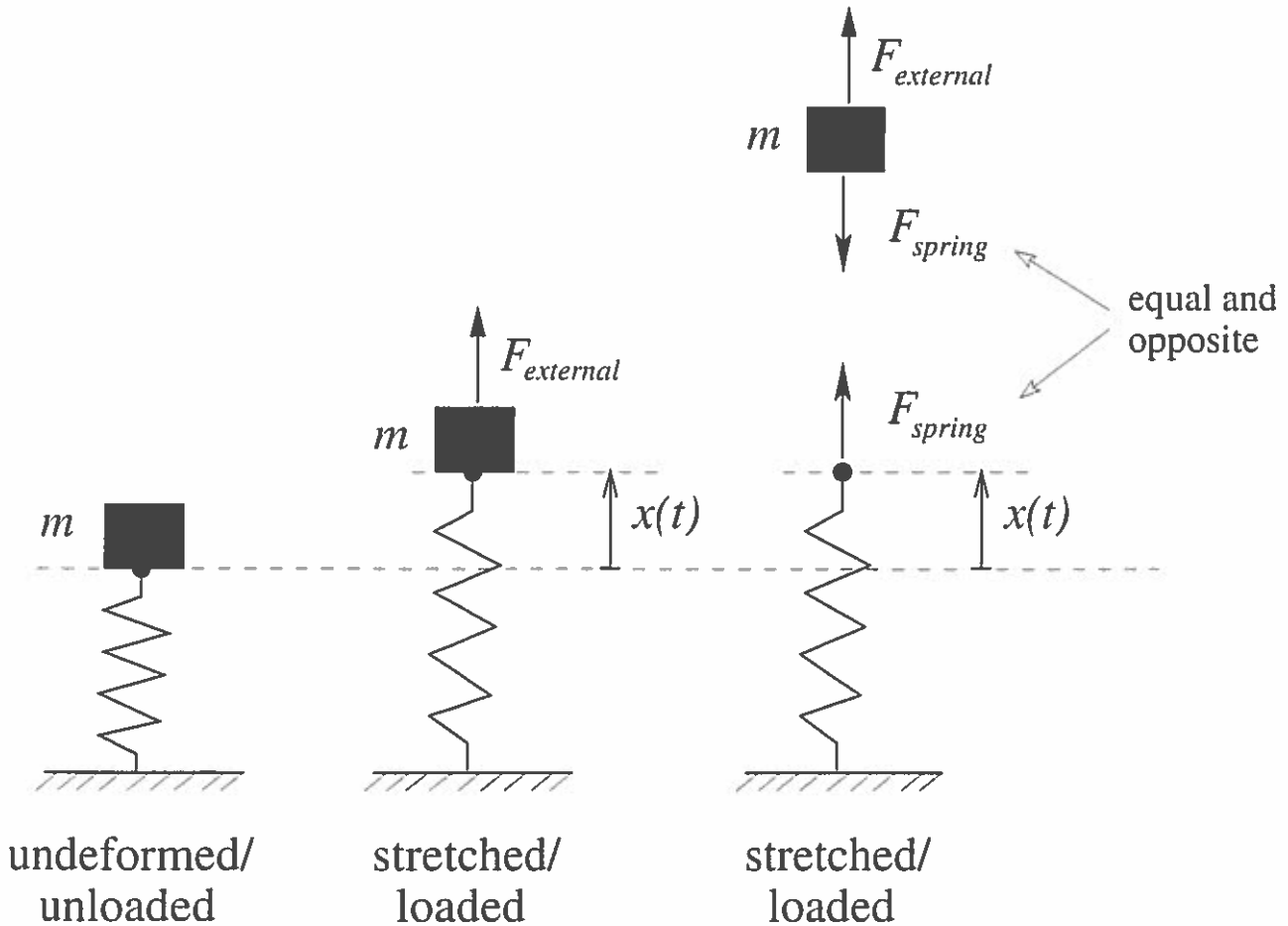
- Here is a mass  $m$ , attached to a spring of stiffness  $c$ , and loaded by a force,  $F_{external}$ .



- What is the equation of motion for the mass?
- Write down Newton's law for the mass.
- $\implies$  What forces act on the mass?

## IV. Putting it all together (cont.)

- “Action = Reaction”: The spring pulls the mass and mass pulls the spring (in the opposite direction, obviously!):



- Thus Newton's law states

$$m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = F_{external} - F_{spring},$$

or, using what we've just learned about linear springs:

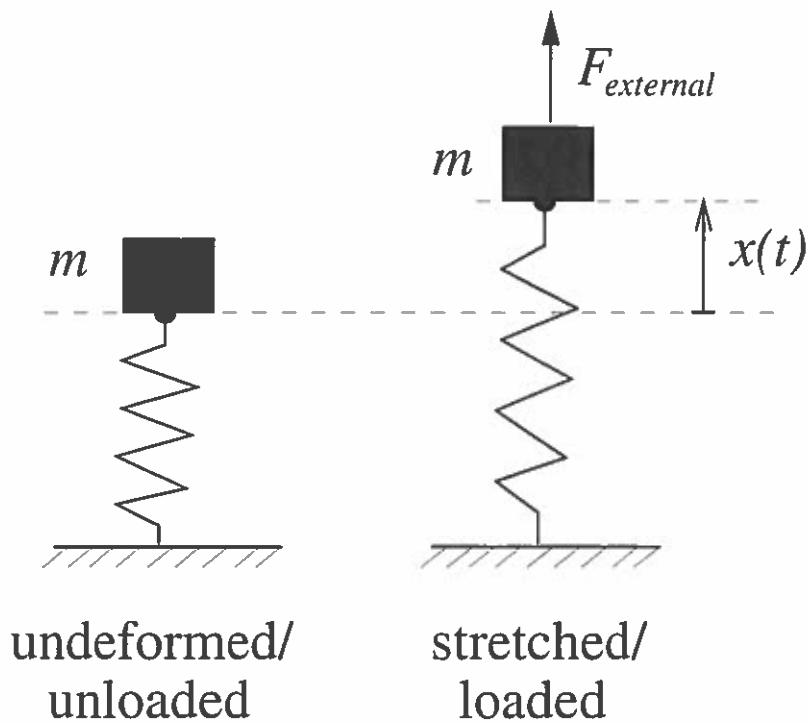
$$m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = F_{external} - cx.$$



## IV. Putting it all together (cont.)

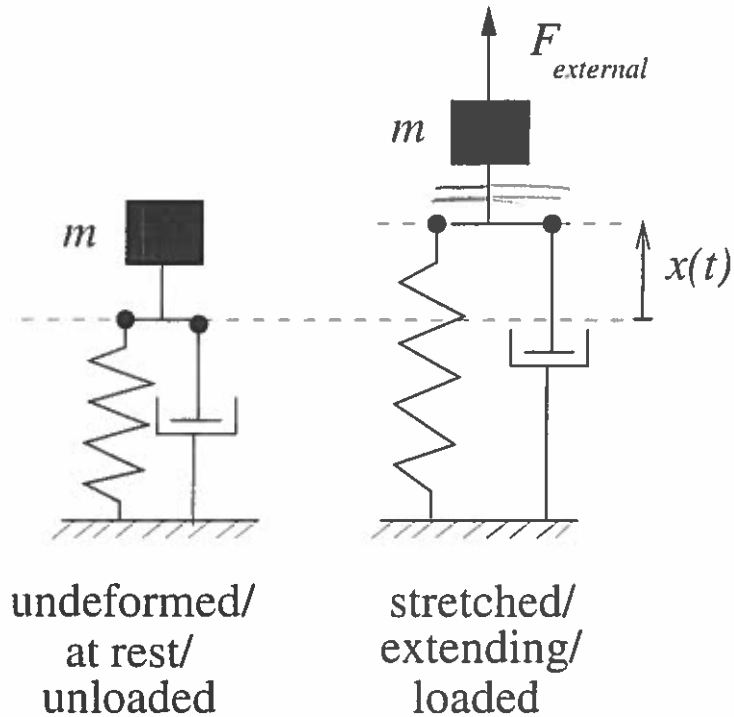
- Rewrite to the standard form of a second-order ODE for  $x(t)$ :

$$m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + cx = F_{external}.$$



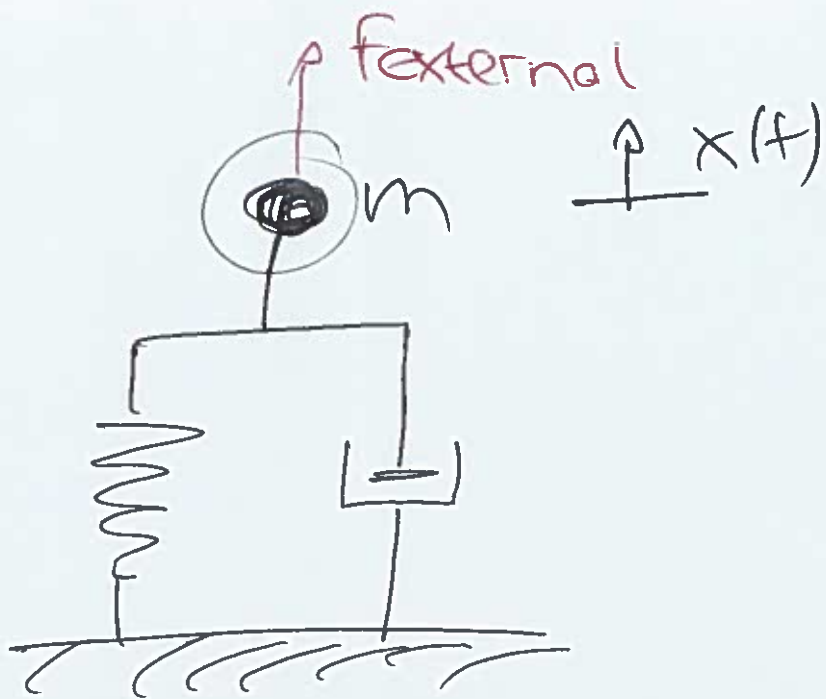
## Exercise: Try it for yourself

- Here is a mass  $m$ , attached to a spring of stiffness  $c$ , and a damper (damping constant  $k$ ), loaded by a force  $F_{external}$ .



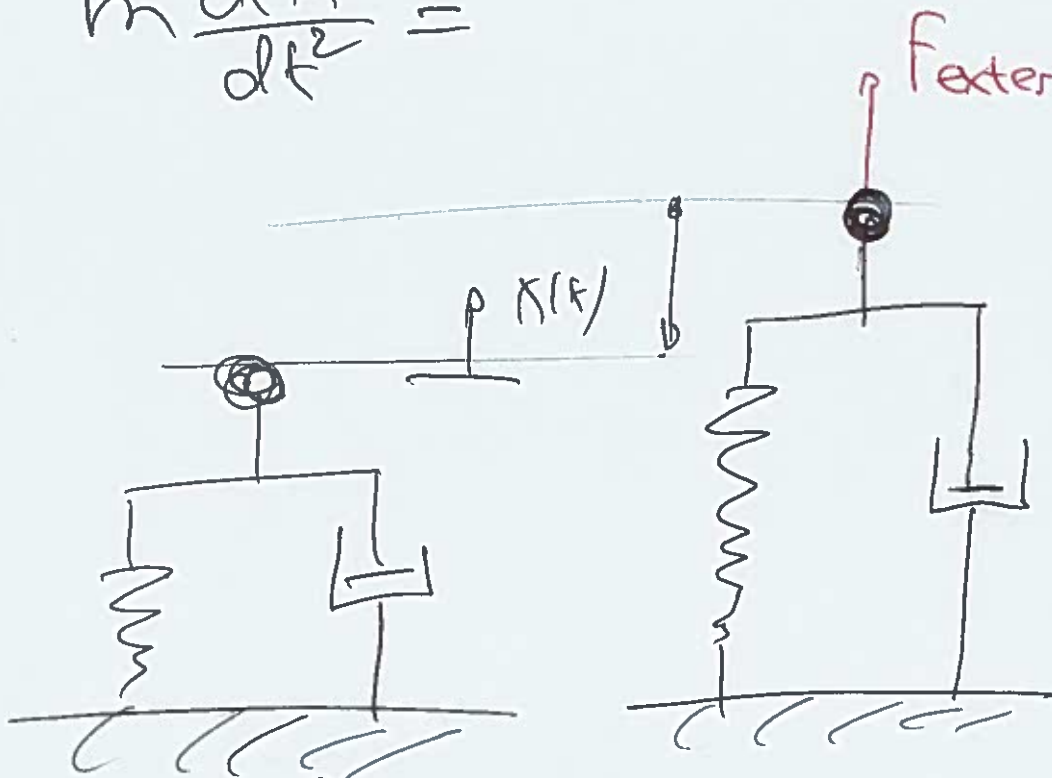
- Show that the equation of motion for the mass is

$$m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + k \frac{dx}{dt} + cx = F_{external}$$



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



$$m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = F_{\text{external}} - \underbrace{F_{\text{spring}}}_{c x(t)} - \underbrace{F_{\text{damp}}}_{k \frac{dx}{dt}}$$

$$m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + k \frac{dx}{dt} + c x = F_{\text{external}}(t)$$

Rewrite in standard form:

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$$\ddot{x} + 2\delta \dot{x} + \omega^2 x = f(t)$$

$$\delta = \frac{k}{2m} > 0$$

$$\omega^2 = \frac{c}{m} > 0$$

$$f(t) = \frac{f_{\text{external}}(t)}{m}$$

IC:  $x(t=0) = X_0$  initial position

$$\left. \frac{dx}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = V_0 \quad \text{initial velocity}$$

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The unforced case:  $f(t) = 0$

(Eigenfrequencies)

$$\ddot{x} + 2\delta \dot{x} + \omega^2 x = 0$$

$$\lambda_{1,2} = -\delta \pm \sqrt{\delta^2 - \omega^2}$$

# Four cases:

## ① Purely damped motion:

$$\underline{\delta > \omega}$$

$$x(t) = A e^{(-\delta + \sqrt{\delta^2 - \omega^2})t} + B e^{(-\delta - \sqrt{\delta^2 - \omega^2})t}$$

both  $\lambda_{1,2}$  are negative:

$x \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$

without any oscillation

## ② Critically damped motion:

$$\underline{\delta = \omega}$$

repeated roots:  $\lambda_{1,2} = -\delta$

$$x(t) = A e^{-\delta t} + B t e^{-\delta t}$$

$x \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  with

at most one overshoot depending on ICs.

### ③ Damped oscillations

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$$\underline{\delta < \omega}$$

$$\lambda_{1,2} = -\delta \pm i\sqrt{\omega^2 - \delta^2}$$

$$x(t) = e^{-\delta t} \left( A \cos(\sqrt{\omega^2 - \delta^2} t) + B \sin(\sqrt{\omega^2 - \delta^2} t) \right)$$

damped oscillation with frequency  $\sqrt{\omega^2 - \delta^2}$  whose amplitude decays  $\sim e^{-\delta t}$ .

$\delta$  is the timescale over which the oscillation decays.

### ④ Undamped oscillation: $\delta = 0$

$$\lambda_{1,2} = \pm i\omega$$

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

Periodic undamped oscillation with frequency  $\omega$ .

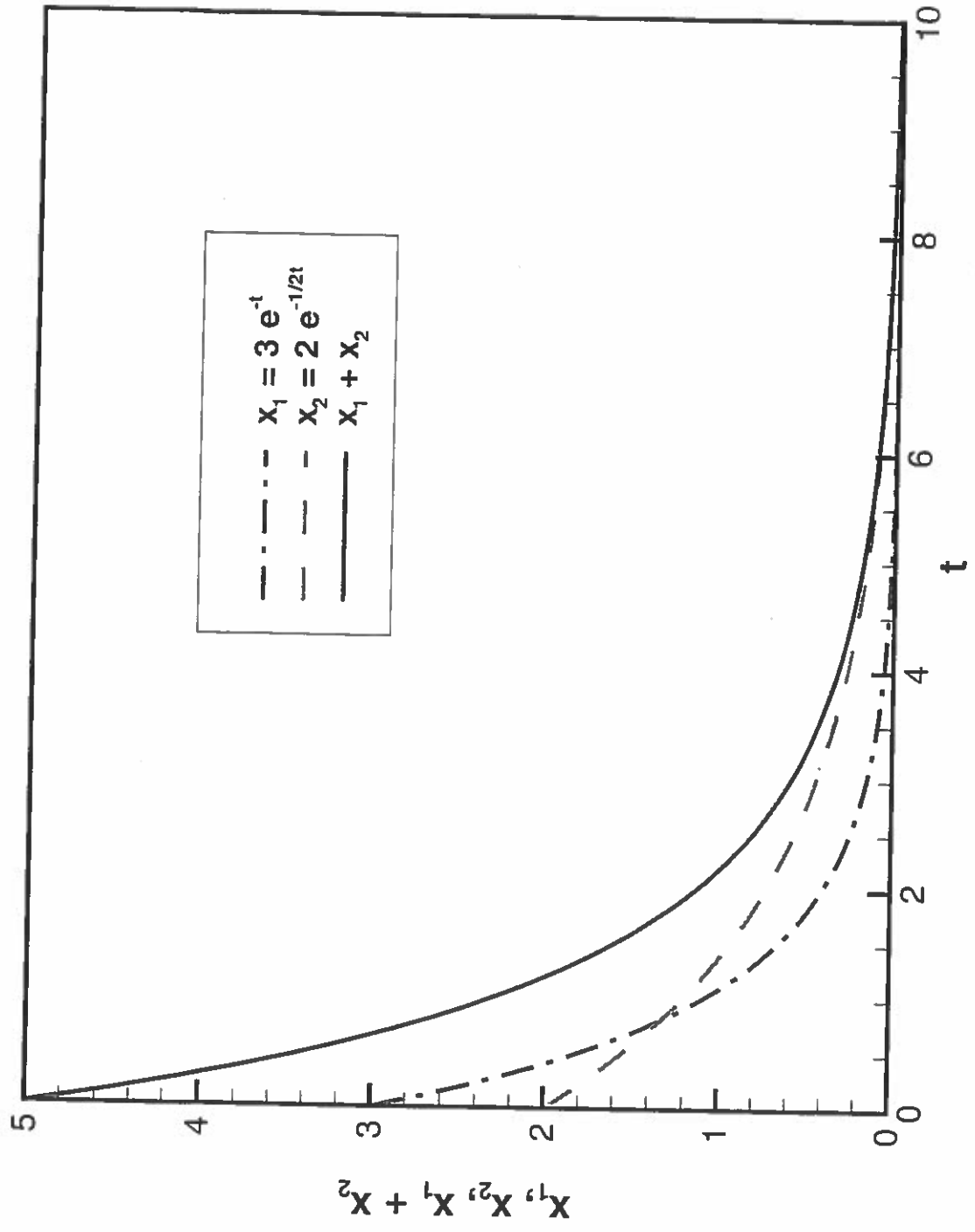


Figure 1: Illustration of a purely damped motion. The mass approaches its equilibrium position  $x = 0$  monotonically.

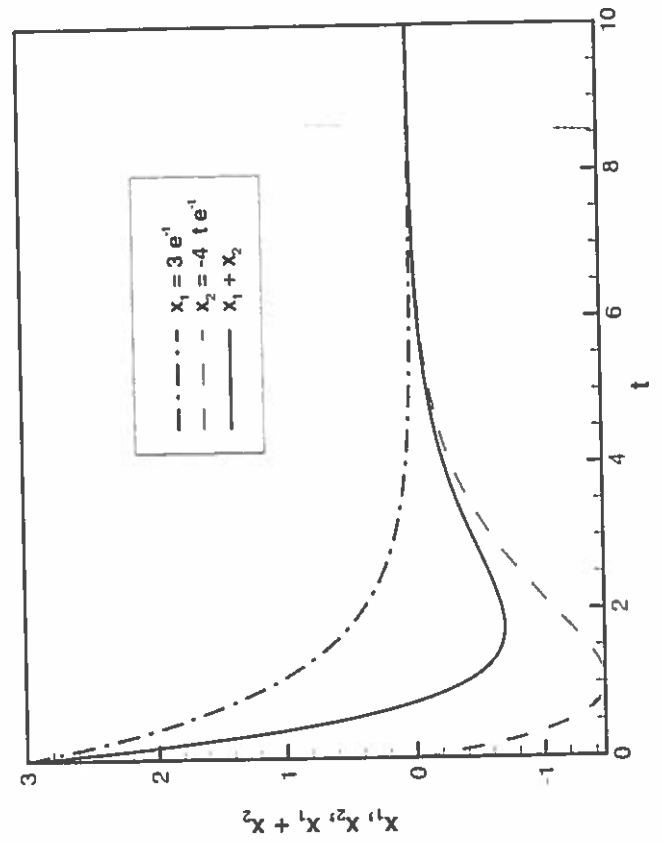
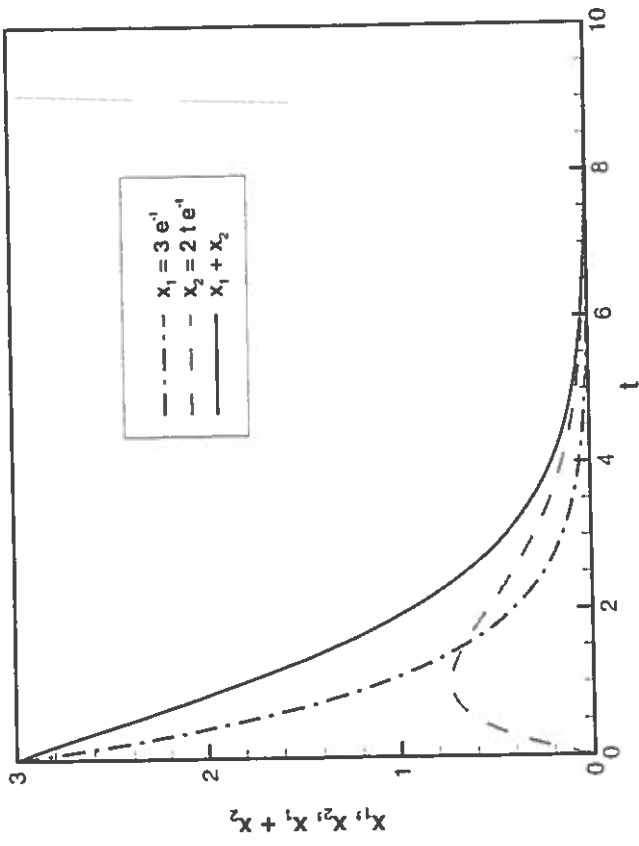


Figure 2: Illustration of critically damped motions. The mass approaches its equilibrium position,  $x = 0$ , with at most one "overshoot".



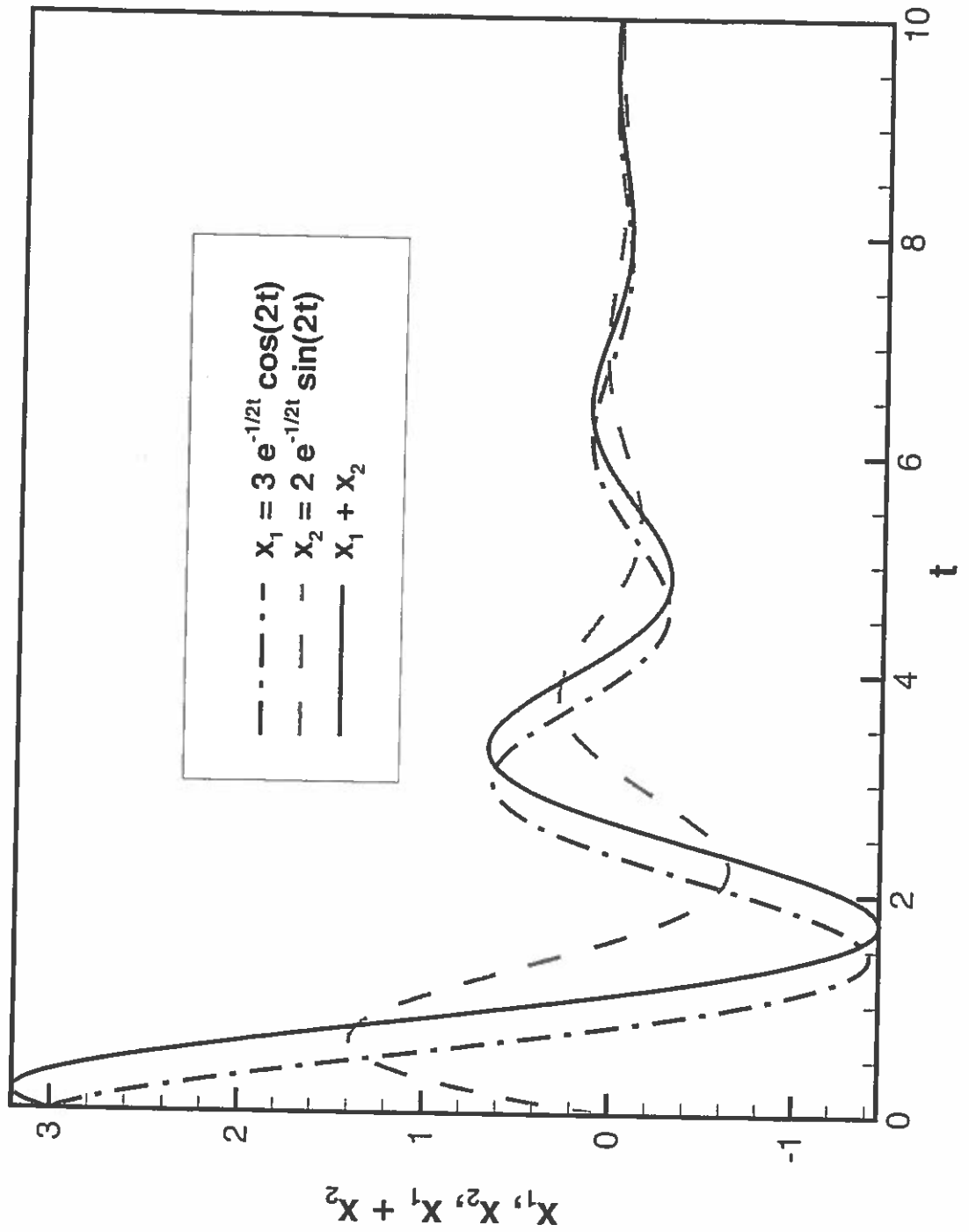


Figure 3: Illustration of a damped oscillation. The mass oscillates about its equilibrium position  $x = 0$  and the amplitude of the oscillations decays exponentially.

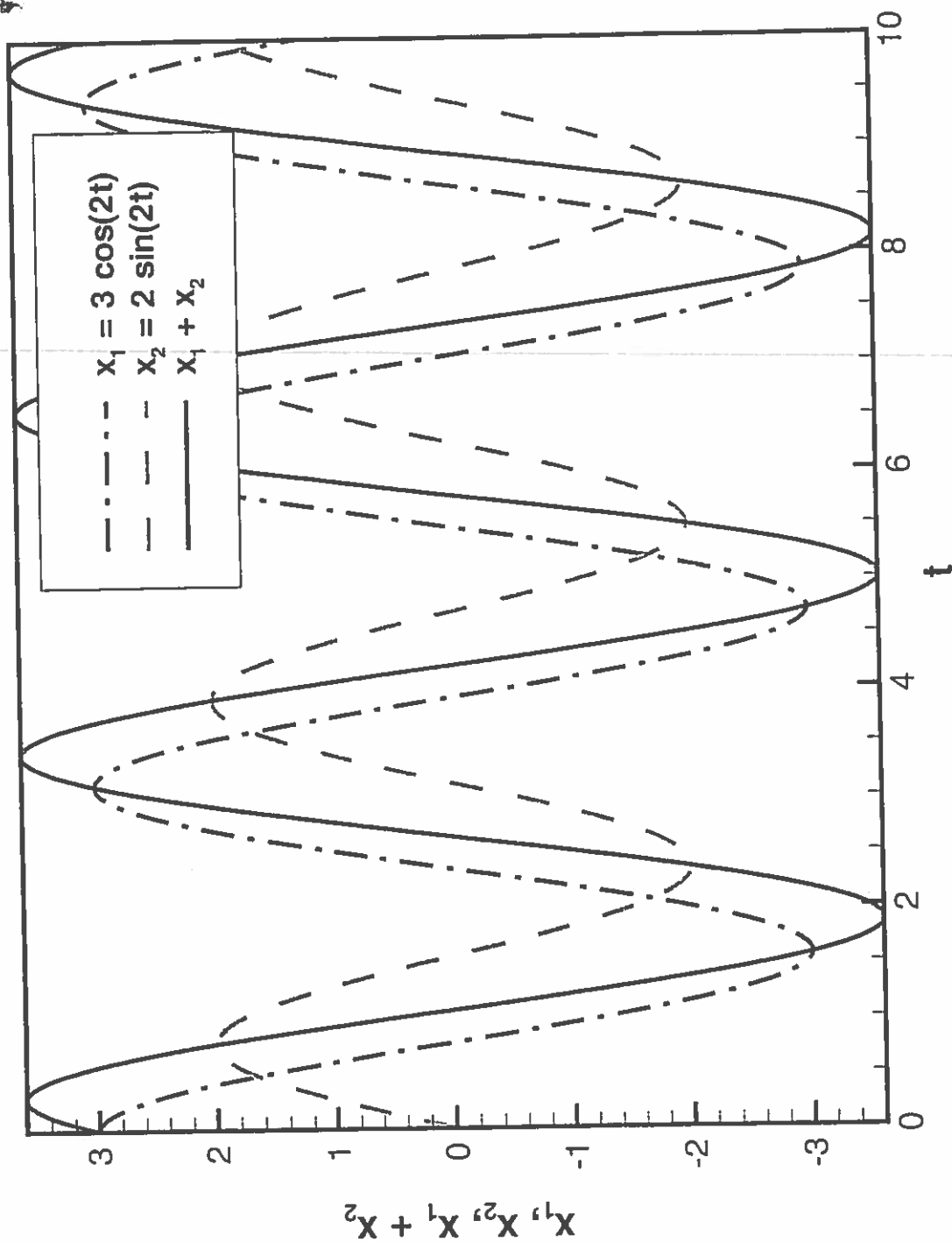


Figure 4: Illustration of an undamped oscillation. The mass performs harmonic oscillations about its equilibrium position  $x = 0$ .

# Periodic forcing & resonance (7)

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$$\ddot{x} + 2\delta \dot{x} + \omega^2 x = f(t)$$

of particular interest:  
periodic forcing

$$f(t) = \hat{f} \sin(\Omega t) \quad \text{or} \quad \hat{f} \cos(\Omega t)$$

↑  
given

Can do both cases by  
considering

$$f(t) = \hat{f} e^{i\Omega t}$$

then extract real part of  
solution for  $\cos(\Omega t)$  & imag.  
part for  $\sin(\Omega t)$ .

$$\ddot{x} + 2\delta \dot{x} + \omega^2 x = \hat{f} e^{i\Omega t}$$

Ansatz for particular soln:  $\omega$

$$x_p = \hat{x} e^{i\Omega t}$$

$$\dot{x}_p = i\Omega \hat{x} e^{i\Omega t}$$

$$\ddot{x}_p = -\Omega^2 \hat{x} e^{i\Omega t}$$

into ODE

$$\cancel{\hat{x} e^{i\Omega t}} (-\Omega^2 + 2\delta i\Omega + \omega^2) = \hat{f} e^{i\Omega t}$$

$$\cancel{\hat{f} e^{i\Omega t}}$$

$$\hat{x} = \frac{\hat{f}}{(\omega^2 - \Omega^2) + i(2\delta\Omega)}$$

is complex!

$$\hat{x} = \hat{x}_{\text{real}} + i \hat{x}_{\text{imag}} = \underbrace{|\hat{x}|}_{\text{polar form}} e^{i\varphi}$$

$$\varphi = \arg(\hat{x})$$

of most interest is

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$$|X| = \frac{\hat{f}}{\sqrt{(\omega^2 - \Omega^2)^2 + (2\sigma\Omega)^2}}$$

This is the amplitude of the oscillation in response to the forcing of magnitude  $\hat{f}$