

Klassische Teilchen und Felder

Präsenzübung, Sheet 01

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[P1] Linearer harmonic oscillator

A mass point of mass m moves in one dimension under the influence of a force $F_{\text{HO}} = -kx$. The initial conditions at $t = 0$ are $x(0) = 0$ and $\dot{x}(0) = v_0$. Determine $x(t)$ for $t > 0$.

[P2] Free damped oscillator

Every real oscillator will eventually come to rest because of frictional forces. We model this process with the frictional force

$$F_{\text{Re}} = -\alpha\dot{x} \quad .$$

Let $\beta = \frac{\alpha}{2m}$ and $\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$ then following equation of motion holds for the mass point:

$$\ddot{x} + 2\beta\dot{x} + \omega_0^2 x = 0 \quad .$$

– Use the ansatz $x(t) = e^{\lambda t}$ and look for possible values of λ .

Determine the general solution for $x(t)$.

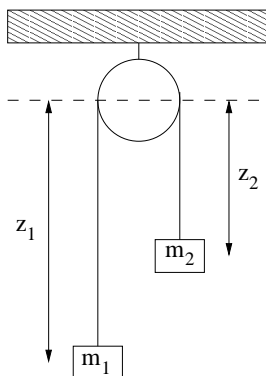
– If $\beta < \omega_0$ (weak damping) you need to find $x(t) = e^{-\beta t} \left[x_0 \cos \omega t + \left(\frac{v_0 + \beta x_0}{\omega} \right) \sin \omega t \right]$ with $\omega = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \beta^2}$.

Rewrite $x(t)$ as $x(t) = Ae^{-\beta t} \cos(\omega t - \phi)$.

– If $\beta > \omega_0$ (strong damping) you need to find $x(t) = -e^{-\beta t} [a_1 e^{\gamma t} + a_2 e^{-\gamma t}]$ with $\gamma = \sqrt{\beta^2 - \omega_0^2}$.

[P3] Atwood's machine

Two masses m_1 and m_2 (w.l.o.g. let $m_1 \leq m_2$) are coupled with a string of constant length L . The gravitational force acts in z -direction. Remember that one has to consider the string tension S to use Newton's second law. The string tension acts against gravity and keeps the length L constant.



a) Determine the equations of motion for m_1 and m_2 .

b) Calculate the accelerations \ddot{z}_1 and \ddot{z}_2 .

c) What value takes the string tension S ?

d) For what ratio of $\frac{m_1}{m_2}$ is S maximal?

Abgabe der Ausarbeitungen der Hausübungen ist **Dienstags VOR** der Vorlesung, d.h. bis **08:15 Uhr**. Eine spätere Abgabe ist nicht möglich!