

Driven Harmonic Oscillator III [pmln1]

No damping and arbitrary driving force.

Equation of motion: $m\ddot{x} + \omega_0^2 x = F(t)$,

Complex variable: $\xi(t) \doteq \dot{x}(t) + i\omega_0 x(t) \Rightarrow \dot{\xi}(t) - i\omega_0 \xi(t) = F(t)/m$.

Ansatz: $\xi(t) = B(t)e^{i\omega_0 t} \Rightarrow \dot{B}(t) = \frac{1}{m}F(t)e^{-i\omega_0 t}$.

Solution: $x(t) = \frac{1}{\omega_0} \Im[\xi(t)]$, $\xi(t) = e^{i\omega_0 t} \left[\frac{1}{m} \int_0^t dt' F(t') e^{-i\omega_0 t'} + \xi_0 \right]$.

Instantaneous energy at time t or total energy absorbed at time t if oscillator is initially at equilibrium ($x_0 = \dot{x}_0 = 0$):

$$E(t) = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}^2 + \frac{1}{2}m\omega_0^2 x^2 = \frac{1}{2}m|\xi(t)|^2 = \frac{1}{2m} \left| \int_0^t dt' F(t') e^{-i\omega_0 t'} \right|^2.$$

Constant force switched on: $F(t) = F_0 \Theta(t)$.

$$x(t) = \frac{F_0}{m\omega_0^2} (1 - \cos \omega_0 t), \quad E(t) = \frac{F_0^2}{m\omega_0^2} (1 - \cos \omega_0 t).$$

Force performs positive and negative work in alternation.

Fading force switched on: $F(t) = F_0 e^{-\alpha t} \Theta(t)$.

$$x(t) = \frac{F_0}{m(\omega_0^2 - \alpha^2)} \left[e^{-\alpha t} - \cos \omega_0 t + \frac{\alpha}{\omega_0} \sin \omega_0 t \right].$$

$$E(t) = \frac{F_0^2}{2m(\omega_0^2 + \alpha^2)} \left[1 + e^{-2\alpha t} - 2e^{-\alpha t} \cos \omega_0 t \right].$$

Constant force switched on and then off: $F(t) = F_0 \Theta(t) \Theta(T - t)$.

$$x(t) = \frac{F_0}{m\omega_0^2} \left[\cos \omega_0(t - T) - \cos \omega_0 t \right] \quad (t \geq T).$$

$$E(t) = \frac{2F_0^2}{m\omega_0^2} \sin^2 \frac{\omega_0 T}{2} = \text{const} \quad (t \geq T).$$