

# Linear Motion

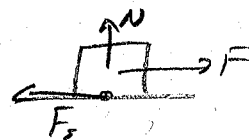
## Gravity, Friction, Air Resistance in 1D

### - Review

- Near the surface of the earth, gravity exerts an approx. constant force  $\vec{g}$  down ( $g \approx 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$ )

- Friction is a contact force between objects proportional to the normal force between them. Always opposes relative motion

- + Static friction  $F_s \leq \mu_s N$  when no relative motion. It always matches opposing force

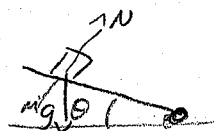


- + Kinetic friction  $F_k = \mu_k N$  against relative velocity

- Air resistance (or more generally fluid resistance) is directed against velocity relative to the air but typically  $F = kV^n$  where  $v =$  relative speed

### - Example 1. (Motion in 1D, forces in 2D)

A block is at rest on a liftable ramp.



The coefficient of static friction is  $\mu_s$ . How large an angle  $\theta$  do we need to raise the ramp to cause the block to slide

- First, work out the forces. Choose axes along the ramp and  $\perp$ .

- + Gravity is  $mg \sin \theta$  down ramp, friction  $= F_s N$  (ie, up)

- + Normal force is  $N$  up right, gravity is  $-mg \cos \theta$  (down left)

- There is no acceleration (or motion) into the ramp, so  $N = mg \cos \theta$

- Along the ramp,  $m\ddot{x} = mg \sin \theta - F_s = 0 \Rightarrow mg \sin \theta = F_s \leq \mu_s mg \cos \theta$   
 $\Rightarrow \tan \theta \leq \mu_s$ . Or,  $\theta = \tan^{-1} \mu_s$  when motion starts

## - Example 2

Consider the same block + same ramp with coefficient of kinetic friction  $\mu_k$ . What is the acceleration?

- The forces down the ramp are  $mg \sin \theta$  and  $-\mu_k N = -\mu_k mg \cos \theta$
- So  $m \ddot{x} = mg \sin \theta - \mu_k mg \cos \theta \Rightarrow \ddot{x} = g(\sin \theta - \mu_k \cos \theta)$

## - Example 3: Terminal velocity

An object is falling directly downward opposed by air resistance.

- The total force down is  $\vec{F} = m\vec{g} - \lambda |\vec{v}|^{n-1} \vec{v}$  where  $\vec{v} = \dot{x} \hat{e}$  is + down.
- There is a maximal speed at which  $F = 0$  (terminal velocity). This is given by  $v = (mg/\lambda)^{1/n}$

- For small enough velocities,  $n = 1$ . Then

$$\dot{v} + \left(\frac{\lambda}{m}\right) v = g \Rightarrow v = \frac{mg}{\lambda} (1 - e^{-\lambda t/m}) \text{ for } v=0 \text{ at } t=0$$

x from integration

## ⊙ Collisions, etc

- Consider 2 objects of masses  $m_1 + m_2$ .

- Reminder, Newton's 3<sup>rd</sup> Law is

$$m_1 \ddot{x}_1 = -F_{21} \text{ and } m_2 \ddot{x}_2 = F_{21} \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt}(p_1 + p_2) = 0$$

Momentum is conserved (constant)

- For initial velocities  $u_{1,2}$  and final velocities  $v_{1,2} \Rightarrow$   
 $m_1 u_1 + m_2 u_2 = m_1 v_1 + m_2 v_2 \Rightarrow m_1(u_1 - v_1) = m_2(v_2 - u_2)$
- Coefficient of restitution is ratio of relative speeds

$$+ v_2 - v_1 = e(u_1 - u_2) \text{ Signs are because initially they get closer } (u_2 - u_1 < 0), \text{ then they set apart}$$

+ Can solve for final velocities

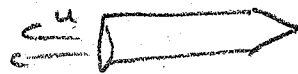
+  $e = 1$  is elastic. Typically  $e < 1$ .  $e > 1$  only for something like an explosion

— Rocket Propulsion: use of momentum conservation

• Imagine a "collision" where initial relative velocity = 0, then 2 objects move apart (due to spring, explosion, etc).

+ A rocket is the limit where 1 object has vanishing mass

+ In other words, exhaust leaves rocket at speed  $u$  relative to rocket



• Suppose rocket has total mass  $m$ , velocity  $v$

+ Loses mass  $dm < 0$  to exhaust

+ Momentum conservation

$$mv = (m+dm)(v+dv) + (-dm)(v-u)$$

$$\Rightarrow m\dot{v} + \dot{m}u = 0 \quad \text{absent ext. forces}$$

+  $-\dot{m}u$  plays the role of force. Called thrust.

$\dot{m} < 0$ , so thrust is positive.

+ Solution  $v = v_0 + u \ln(m_0/m)$ . ( $m_0, v_0 =$  initial values)

• See reading about stages + gravity

## © Energy + Conservation

— Derivatives of law by  $\dot{x}$

• Multiply 2<sup>nd</sup> law by  $\dot{x}$ , or  $m\dot{x}\ddot{x} = F\dot{x}$

• This is  $\frac{d}{dt}(T)$ , where  $T \equiv \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}^2$  is kinetic energy

• Change in  $KE$  is  $\int F dx$  with  $F$  evaluated as it is on object's motion

— Conservation of energy.  $\uparrow$  work done by  $F$

• If  $F$  depends only on position  $x$ , we can define potential energy  $V(x) \equiv -\int F(x) dx$  ← constant of integration sets zero.

• Then Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> law says  $E = T + V$  is conserved or constant.

+ Such forces are conservative

+ Friction, drag, etc are dissipative. Energy in these

cases is still conserved in total if we include heat (or eventually electromagnetic fields.)

- Thinking back:

• Elastic collisions conserve kinetic energy. Start with this.

+ Recall momentum  $m_1(u_1 - v_1) = m_2(v_2 - u_2)$

+ KE conservation is  $\frac{1}{2} m_1(u_1^2 - v_1^2) = \frac{1}{2} m_2(v_2^2 - u_2^2)$

+ Dividing,  $u_1 + v_1 = u_2 + v_2$ , or  $u_1 - u_2 = v_2 - v_1 \Rightarrow e = 1$ .

• Gravity has potential energy  $V(x) = mgx$ , where  $x$  increases up.

+ A ball dropped from height  $h$  has velocity given by  $\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = mgh$  at  $x=0$ .

+ More generally,  $|v| = \sqrt{\frac{2E}{m} - gx}$  for motion in gravity.

+ Can combine this with usual constant force solution

$$x = x_0 + v_0 t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2 \text{ as appropriate}$$

## • Harmonic Oscillators

- Importance

• You may remember these have  $F(x) = -kx$ ,  $V(x) = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$   
Why so important?

• Consider a particle near equilibrium point (chosen to be  $x=0$ ),  
which means  $F(0) = -\frac{dV}{dx} = 0$

+ For small motion,  $V(x) \approx V(0) + V'(0)x + \frac{1}{2}V''(0)x^2 + \dots$

+  $V(0)$  does not contribute to force,  $V'(0) = 0$  by assumption.

+ So  $V(x) = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$  ( $k = V''(0)$ ) is a good approximation near an equilibrium point for (almost) any potential.

• For total energy  $E$ , motion is oscillation between

$$x = \pm \sqrt{2E/k}. \text{ Max speed is } v = \pm \sqrt{2E/m} \text{ at } x=0.$$

assuming  $k > 0$  ( $x=0$  is a minimum).

• Example: Charge  $q$  moving between 2 identical fixed charges at  $x = \pm a$ .

$$V(x) = \frac{q^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{1}{a-x} + \frac{1}{x+a} \right) \approx \dots \text{ Also pendulum}$$

## - Solution via ODE

• Newton's 2nd law gives  $\ddot{x} + (k/m)x = 0$ .

+ 2nd order eqn, so should be 2 indep. sol'n's.

+ Linear, so any linear superposition of sol'n's is a solution

• + Guess a solution  $x = A e^{pt}$  for  $A, p$  constants.

+ For  $k < 0$ , the equilibrium is at a max. of  $V(x)$ .

We find  $p = \pm \sqrt{|k|/m}$ , or  $x = A e^{pt} + B e^{-pt} \rightarrow A e^{pt} \rightarrow t \uparrow$ .

Makes sense for unstable equilibrium.

+ For potential min  $k > 0$ ,  $p = \pm i\sqrt{k/m} \equiv \pm i\omega$ .

Solution  $x = A e^{i\omega t} + B e^{-i\omega t}$ . Often just write  $x = A e^{i\omega t}$

• Meaning of complex solution.

+ Of course, the true solution  $x(t)$  must be real.

By linearity, the real + imaginary parts of  $A e^{i\omega t}$  are solutions.

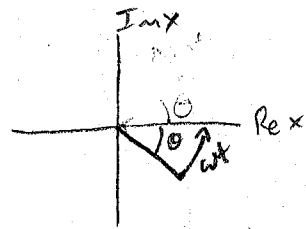
+ For  $A = \frac{1}{2} a e^{-i\theta}$ ,  $a$  real, these are  $x = a \cos(\omega t - \theta)$

and  $x = a \sin(\omega t + \theta)$

+  $\omega =$  (angular) frequency of motion

$\theta =$  phase of motion.

Period of motion  $T = 2\pi/\omega$ .



## - Damped Oscillators

• Suppose an oscillator is also subject to air resistance.

At low velocities, this is an additional force  $F = -\lambda \dot{x}$

(Note: friction is actually a bit more complicated)

• 2nd law gives

$$\ddot{x} + \left(\frac{\lambda}{m}\right)\dot{x} + \left(\frac{k}{m}\right)x = 0$$

+ This eqn also appears other places in physics, as  
in description of LRC circuits

+ Guess  $x = A e^{pt}$ . Then  $p^2 + \frac{d}{m} p + \frac{k}{m} = 0 \Rightarrow p = -\gamma \pm \sqrt{\gamma^2 - \omega_0^2}$

where  $\gamma = \frac{d}{2m}$ ,  $\omega_0 = \sqrt{k/m}$  = natural or undamped frequency.

• 3 cases (given some initial conditions)

+ Overdamped  $x = A e^{-\gamma_+ t} + B e^{-\gamma_- t}$ ,  $\gamma_{\pm} = \gamma \pm \sqrt{\gamma^2 - \omega_0^2}$  for  $\gamma > \omega_0$

Solution dies off exponentially. At late times,  $\gamma_-$  controls lifetime.

+ Underdamped If  $\omega_0 > \gamma$ , the power is complex  $p = -\gamma \pm i\sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \gamma^2}$

Solution is oscillation of frequency  $\bar{\omega} = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \gamma^2}$  w/exp. envelope

$$x = A e^{-\gamma t} e^{i\bar{\omega} t} \quad (\text{or real/imaginary part})$$

+ Critically damped  $\omega_0 = \gamma$ . The power is a double root, so the

solution is  $x = (A + Bt) e^{-\gamma t}$ . The exponential decay is faster than  $\gamma_-$  of any overdamped case.

- Forced (Driven) Oscillators: Adding an additional external force

• Let's take an extra force  $F(t) = F e^{i\omega t}$  (really cos, or sin)

+ The EOM is now  $\ddot{x} + \frac{d}{m} \dot{x} + \frac{k}{m} x = \frac{F}{m} e^{i\omega t}$

+ Take  $x = A e^{i\omega t}$  as a particular solution. Then

$$A(-\omega^2 + 2i\gamma\omega + \omega_0^2) = F/m$$

+ Take  $A = |A| e^{-i\theta}$ . In magnitude  $|A| = \frac{F/m}{\sqrt{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + 4\gamma^2\omega^2}}$

and in phase  $\tan\theta = 2\gamma\omega / (\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)$ . Assuming  $F > 0$ ,  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$

+ The general sol'n needed for initial conditions includes the two appropriate un-forced sol'ns from above.

• Physics of the solution:

+ The un-forced parts are transients that die off exponentially

+  $\theta$  is the phase lag: Once per period,  $F(t)$  starts increasing. How much of a period later does  $x$  start increasing?  $\theta = 0$  if  $\omega = 0$  (in phase) and goes to  $\pi$  for  $\omega \rightarrow \infty$  (out of phase).

+ Resonance: For a given oscillator, the frequency  $\omega = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - 2\gamma^2}$  that maximizes the amplitude is resonance. For underdamped  $\omega < \omega_0$ . Resonance gives a peak in amplitude with half-width  $\gamma$ . The quality factor  $Q = \omega_0/2\gamma$  measures sharpness of peak and is ratio of amplitude at  $\omega = \omega_0$  to  $\omega = 0$ . Important in circuits + engineering (examples).

• More general forcing:

+ Suppose  $F(t)$  is periodic with period  $T$ . We can write it as a Fourier series

$$F(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} F_n e^{in\omega t} \quad \text{with } \omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} \text{ and } F_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T dt F(t) e^{-in\omega t}$$

By linearity of the FOM,

$$x(t) = (\text{transients}) + \sum_n \frac{F_n/m e^{in\omega t - i\phi_n}}{\sqrt{(\omega_0^2 - n^2\omega^2)^2 + 4\gamma^2 n^2 \omega^2}}$$

Unless  $F_n$  gets larger for large  $|n|$ , the amplitude coefficients fall off.

Example Square wave force of period  $T$  with  $F(t) = F$  for  $0 \leq t < T/2$  and  $= 0$  for  $T/2 \leq t < T$ . Then  $F_n = (F/i\pi n) [1 - (-1)^n]$

+ Similarly, we can solve for the response to a general  $F(t)$  using a Fourier transform (review from Math. Phys.)

+ Alternately, consider the response to  $F(t) = \Delta p \delta(t)$ . The sol'n is the same as the transient for init. cond.  $x=0, \dot{x} = \Delta p/m$ .

Then build up any force as a superposition (integral) of  $\delta$ -function forces. See KB.