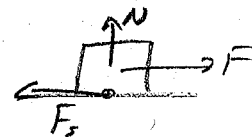


Linear Motion

● Gravity, Friction, Air Resistance in 1D

- Review

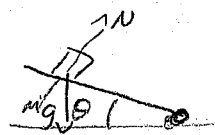
- Near the surface of the earth, gravity exerts an approx. constant force \vec{g} down ($g \approx 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$)
- Friction is a contact force between objects proportional to the normal force between them. Always opposes relative motion
 - + Static friction $F_s \leq \mu_s N$ when no relative motion. 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 $F \propto v^n$ 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 μ_s . How large an angle θ 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 μ_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 $\vec{F} = m\vec{g} - \lambda |\vec{v}|^n \vec{v}$ 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 3rd 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

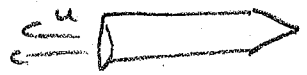
+ $e = 1$ is elastic. Typically $e < 1$. $e > 1$ only for something like an explosion

— 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

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

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

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

$m < 0$, so thrust is positive.

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

• See reading about stages + gravity

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— Derivation of 2nd law by \dot{x}

• Multiply 2nd 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 path of motion

— Conservation of energy.

• 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 2nd 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 to collisions:

• 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, $|v| = \sqrt{\frac{2E}{m} - 2gx}$ 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

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

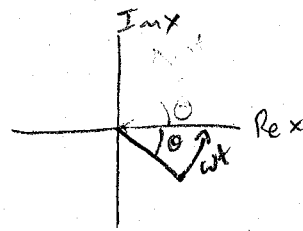
assuming $k > 0$ ($x=0$ is a minimum).

• 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, γ_- 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 γ_- 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

+ θ is the phase lag: Once per period, $F(t)$ starts increasing. How much of a period later does x start increasing? $\theta = 0$ as $\omega = 0$ (in phase) and goes to π 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 γ . 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

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

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 $F(t) = F_0$ for $0 \leq t < T/2$ and $= 0$ for $T/2 \leq t < T$. Then $F_n = (F_0/i\pi n)[1 - (-1)^n]$

+ 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 δ -function forces. See KB.