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**Introduction to vibration**  
  
**Module 15 Lecture 36**  
**Free Vibration**

Today, I am going to speak on free vibration. The study of vibration is concerned with the oscillatory motion of bodies and the forces associated with them.

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The study of vibration is concerned with the oscillatory motion of bodies and the forces associated with them. There are two general classes of vibration- free and forced. Free vibration takes place when a system oscillates under the action of forces inherent in the system itself, and when external impressed forces are absent. The system under free vibration will vibrate at one or more of its natural frequencies, which are properties of the dynamical system established by its mass and stiffness distribution.

You might have seen number of bodies which will keep on oscillating. In some bodies, even if there is absence of force, they keep vibrating for sometime. For example, if you have a tight string and you displace it slightly, then after you remove the force also, your hand will keep vibrating for sometime. Similarly, if you have a spring mass system and you displace the mass slightly, it will start oscillating. These are examples that without of presence of any force, the body is vibrating, but at the same time, you may have another example that there is disturbing force.

The force is like, if you would have travelled in a bus, the bus is travelling, the road is rough. So, because of the rough road, the forces are transmitted through your tyres and they come up to the seat. So, you feel those types of vibrations. There are vibrations; they may be because of some external force, or without external forces also, that body can oscillate between two positions. The study of vibration is divided into two general classes; free vibration and forced vibration. Free vibrations take place when a system oscillates under action of forces inherent in the system itself and when external impressed forces are absent.

If there are no forces, then body, obviously will be in equilibrium. Therefore, there must be some forces which will cause the acceleration of the body and body's velocity, if we change like that it will keep vibrating. However, there are no external forces. The system under free vibration will vibrate at one or more of its natural frequencies.

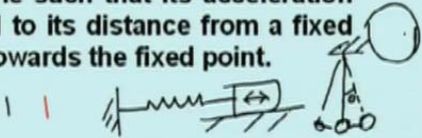
If we take a spring mass system and disturb it free, for some distance, that means we displace the mass by some amount, then in that case, there is where motion of the mass starts and this is called free vibration. There, the spring force is always present and at the same time, you have inertia force, bodies under equilibrium, under the spring force and inertia force. So, it can be seen that it starts with two, with one particular natural frequency. That natural frequency, the property of the system is independent of the how much you have displaced. We are interested to find out the natural frequency.

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**Simple Harmonic Motion :**

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A vibrating body can vibrate in a number of ways. However, first we will study that very simple case, that is called simple harmonic motion, in which that displacement can be represented by a sin function or a cosine function, because  $\sin \theta$  is equal to  $\cos 90^\circ + \theta$ . So, simple harmonic motion, a body is said to have simple harmonic motion, if it moves in a straight line such that its acceleration is always proportional to its distance from a fixed point and is directed towards the fixed point. This is one definition of simple harmonic motion.

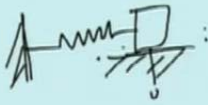
In this, let us pay attention to each and every part. The body has to move in straight line; that means, if you have a spring mass system, mass may vibrate and it may move. It moves in a

straight line. Therefore, this is satisfied. So, this type of motion can qualify for simple harmonic motion. Acceleration is always proportional to its distance from the fixed point. That is another condition and is directed towards the fixed point. If the acceleration is not directed towards the fixed point or at least one particular point, then body will not come back to that point. The vibrations will not take place. So, that condition is also required.

Suppose you might have done one experiment, seen, this pendulum. A pendulum is attached, if you slightly disturb it, it goes to new position and then if you release, it comes back but it overshoots the material position and reaches here. It keeps oscillating. Naturally, this ball is moving on the arc and it is not moving in a straight line. So, it should not be a simple harmonic motion. However, you can see that if angle theta is very small then it can be considered a straight line only. This segment, if you take a bigger circle and cut it here then the small portion that will appear is more or just like very close to a straight line. Therefore, approximately, simple harmonic motion can be obtained by this.

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Oscillatory motion may repeat itself regularly, such as spring mass or display considerable irregularity, as in earthquakes. When the motion is repeated in equal intervals of time  $T$ , it is called periodic motion. The repetition time  $T$  is called the period of the oscillation and its reciprocal  $f = \frac{1}{T}$  is called the frequency. If the motion is designated by the function  $x(t)$ , then a periodic motion must satisfy the relationship

$$x(t) = x(t+T)$$


Oscillatory motions may repeat itself regularly. Suppose you have force vibration such as spring mass. This is or even if that in free vibration, you have a spring mass system and it may repeat regularly. We know that it goes, and after from 0 second it was here, at 5 second it went there, after 5 second 5 more second it came here then it went here. So, this type of behavior keeps

continuing or it may display considerable irregularity like in earthquake, earthquake vibrations are there, but they are irregular.

When the motion is repeated in equal intervals of time, it is called periodic motion. That equal interval of time, when you have periodic motion, the repetition of time  $t$  is called the period of the oscillation. Its reciprocal  $f$  is equal to  $1/T$  is called the frequency. So,  $T$  is the time period,  $f$  is the frequency. If the motion is designated by the function  $x(t)$  then a periodic motion must satisfy the relationship,  $x(t)$  is equal to  $x(t + T)$ ,  $T$  is the time period. At time period  $T$ , it should come back to the same position. So,  $x(t)$  is equal to  $x(t + T)$ , and that is the condition for a periodic motion.

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Simple harmonic motion is often represented as the projection on a straight line of a point that is moving on a circle at constant speed. With the angular speed of the line OP designated by  $\omega$ , the displacement  $x$  (here vertical diameter is treated as  $x$ -axis) can be written as,

$$x = A \sin \omega t$$

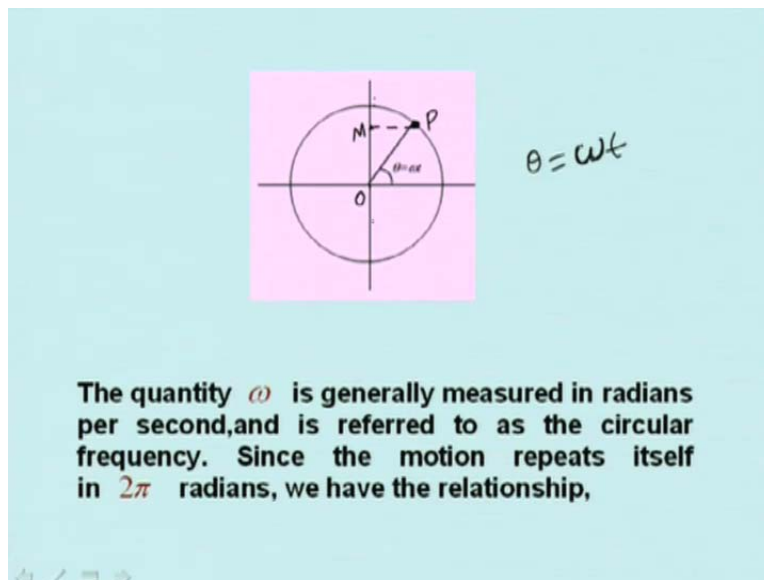
The acceleration is

$$\ddot{x} = -A\omega^2 \sin \omega t = -\omega^2 x$$

Thus, a characteristic of simple harmonic motion is that the acceleration is proportional to displacement pointing opposite to the displacement.

Simple harmonic motion which is a periodic motion is represented as the projection on a straight line of a point that is moving on a circle at constant speed with the angular speed of the line OP designated by omega that means the simple harmonic motion.

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There is a circle on which a particle is moving. It is connected by a string. You can assume that in a horizontal plane, we attach this string with the mass and it is moving in the circle. So, if it starts at time  $t$  is equal to 0, then  $\theta$  at time  $t$  is equal to  $\omega t$ , because we have said that it is moving. So, its angular position at any instant is indicated by  $\theta$  is equal to  $2\pi$   $\theta$  is equal to  $\omega t$ . Why  $\theta$  is equal to  $\omega t$ ? Because, at any point it is moving with a uniform velocity, so, at any point between two time intervals, the displacement should be same. So,  $\omega$  must be some constant. So,  $\theta$  is equal to some constant times time.

Then, what you do that draw a projection. So, this point may be called O, this may be called P and this is may be M. Now, study the motion of M, how the point M moves. Do not study the motion of P, study the motion of M and see what type of motion is this. P is obviously moving in the same way it is going, but M is like this. In the beginning, M was here because P was here; so P. Then, as it moves here (Refer Slide Time: 13:52 min), the M keeps rising and finally when P is here, then P and M coincide and M goes here. After that, P goes from here to here, then M will move from top position to here. Then P goes from here to here; M goes from here to here; then, P goes from here to here; then M goes from here to here (Refer Slide Time: 14:16 min).

Naturally, when it is completing a circle, by that time M has gone from this point to this point, came back from this point to this point, came back from this point up to this point and then went to this point (Refer Slide Time: 15:00 min). So this motion is oscillatory motion type in one evaluation itself it went from here.

Naturally, when it is completing a circle by that time M has gone from this point to this point came back from this point to this point came back from this point up to this point and then went to this point. So, this motion is oscillatory motion type. In one reevaluation itself it went from here, came here then this this like that so this type of motion will repeat. Therefore, with the angular speed of the line OP designated by  $\omega$  the displacement  $x$  can be written as  $x$  is equal to  $A \sin \omega t$ . That we can write, displacement of this point can be written  $x$ , because  $A \sin \omega t$ . If  $A$  is the radius then this is naturally, this will be  $A \sin \omega t$ .  $\theta$  is equal to  $\omega t$ . Therefore, acceleration is  $x$  double dot is equal to minus  $A \omega^2 \sin \omega t$  is equal to minus  $\omega^2 x$ .

Thus, characteristic of simple harmonic motion is that the acceleration is always proportional to displacement pointing opposite to this displacement. If  $x$  is equal to  $A \sin \omega t$  then  $x$  double dot acceleration will be minus  $A \omega^2 \sin \omega t$  that is minus  $\omega^2 x$ . Therefore, in a simple harmonic motion, acceleration is proportional to displacement pointing opposite to the displacement and it is that is the this thing that means pointing towards the origin whatever you have taken.

The quantities  $\omega$ , is generally measured in radians per second and is referred to as the circular frequency. Sometimes, term circular is dropped and it is just called frequency.

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$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} = 2\pi f$$

**In every actual case of free vibration, there exists some retarding or damping force which tends to distinguish the motion. Common damping forces are due to mechanical and fluid friction.**

**If the damping forces are small enough, they can be neglected.**

$$\sin \omega t = \sin \omega (t + T) = \sin (\omega t + 2\pi)$$
$$2\pi = \omega T \quad \omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

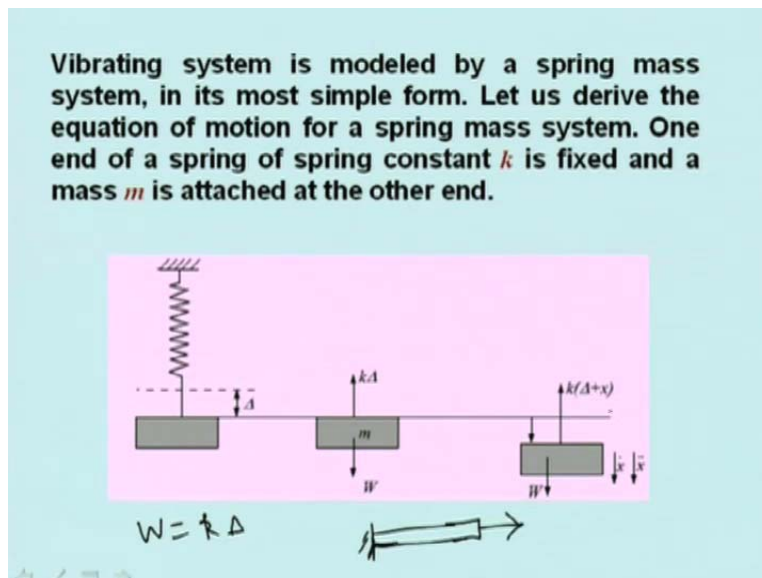
→ diminish

Since the motion repeats itself in  $2\pi$  radians, we have the following relation;  $\omega$  is equal to  $2\pi$  by  $T$  is equal to  $2\pi f$ .  $\omega t$  must be same as  $\omega t + T$ , where  $T$  is the time period and not  $\omega t$ . It is  $\sin \omega t$ , because we know that, it is same as  $\sin \omega t + 2\pi$ . So, what happens that you have  $2\pi$  is equal to  $\omega T$ , where  $T$  is the time period. Therefore,  $\omega$  is equal to  $2\pi$  by  $T$ ,  $1$  by  $T$  is called the frequency. Therefore, this can be written as  $2\pi f$ .

In every actual case of free vibrations, there exists some retarding or damping force which tends to diminish the motion. Otherwise, the body will always keep oscillating. You have seen that if you take a tight string and displace it slightly, it keeps vibrating for some time, but after that it stops. Why? Because of the presence of damping. Similarly, if you take that simple pendulum and displace it slightly, it keeps oscillating for some time and after that it stops. Why? Because of the damping. Therefore, if the damping forces are small enough, they can be neglected, because they are very small. So, sometime, we can study for considerable period of time, the motion keeps taking place and it can be neglected.

Moreover, from designer's point of view, it is conservative first to study the motion without damping. After that we see, what is the effect of damping. Damping will have effect on reducing the vibration.

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A vibrating system is modeled by a spring mass system, in its most simple form. You can take a spring and hang it from a ceiling. At the other end, if you put a mass, it becomes a spring mass system and you can study this one. But it is not that the study of this spring mass system is limited only to this type of thing. Many other systems can be approximated by a spring mass system. You can always say that this is something like a spring. Suppose tight string is there and you displace. So, middle point behaves like, as if there is some spring. Similarly, if you have a rod and you have continuous rod, and if you are opposing by a force  $P$ , it displaces because of Hooke's law, elasticity is removed, the force goes back. So, it is basically a type of spring, the rod also can be modeled by a spring.

Similarly, the mass may be distributed, but mass, you can concentrate at one point. So, you can make a simple model of that real system. Let us derive the equation of motion for a spring of spring constant,  $k$ . Here, one end of a spring, of a spring constant  $k$  is fixed and a mass is attached at the other end. When you put the mass, there is a displacement. This is the static displacement,  $\Delta$ . This is the equilibrium position. At this point,  $W$  will be equal to  $k\Delta$ . Make the free body diagram of this one.

This is mass, this is  $W$  and this  $k\Delta$ . So, it is in equilibrium. Now, disturb it slightly. You give the motion  $x$ . Then what happens, that the total restoring force is what spring has stretched by an

amount  $k \Delta + x$ . Therefore, this is  $k \Delta + x$  is equal to  $W$  and this is  $x \dot{\phantom{x}}$ , this is  $x \ddot{\phantom{x}}$ ,  $x \dot{\phantom{x}}$  denotes velocity of that mass.  $x \ddot{\phantom{x}}$  denotes the acceleration of that. Those forces have been shown here.  $W$  and  $k \Delta + W_x$ .

We see that  $W$  is equal to  $k \Delta$ , but here, there is a force  $W$  and other side, the force is  $k \Delta + x$ . Naturally, it is unbalanced. So, unbalanced amount is  $kx$ . So, that is a restoring force. That will try to bring it back to the original position.

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The mass is being pulled by gravitation force  $W$  of magnitude  $mg$ . Due to this, spring stretches.

The free body diagram of the mass is shown in the middle of the figure. The mass is balanced due to gravitational force and spring force. If the static deflection of the spring is  $\Delta$ , then

$$k\Delta = W = mg$$

In the free body, let us summarize, the mass is being pulled by gravitational force  $W$  of magnitude  $mg$ , due to this spring stretches. The free body diagram of the mass is shown in the middle of this figure. The mass is balanced due to gravitational force and spring force. If the static deflection of the spring is  $\Delta$ , then  $k \Delta$  is equal to  $W$  is equal to  $mg$ .

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Now, if the mass is pulled down by a distance  $x$ , the spring force becomes  $k(\Delta + x)$ , however the gravitational force is  $mg$  only, which is equal to  $\Delta$ . Thus there will be a net vertical force upward, which will start the motion of the mass.

Applying Newton's second law of motion,

$$m\ddot{x} = \sum F = \omega - k(\Delta + x)$$

$$m\ddot{x} = -kx \quad \ddot{x} = -\frac{k}{m}x$$

This is the equation of motion.

If the mass is pulled down by a distance  $x$ , the spring force becomes  $k \Delta + x$ . However, the gravitational force is  $mg$  only, which is equal to  $\Delta$ . Thus, there will be a net vertical force upward, which will start the motion of the mass. Applying Newton's second law of motion,  $m \ddot{x} = \sum F = \omega - k(\Delta + x)$  or  $m \ddot{x}$  is equal to net force acting on the particle, that is  $W$  minus  $k \Delta + x$  or  $m \ddot{x}$  is equal to  $-kx$ . This is the equation of the motion. So, we observe here that  $\ddot{x}$  is equal to  $-\frac{k}{m}x$ ,  $\frac{k}{m}$  is a constant. It is a system property,  $k$  is the spring stiffness of the system and  $m$  is the mass of the system. So, this is constant. Therefore, acceleration is, where minus constant times  $x$ , acceleration is proportional to  $x$  and it is directed towards origin, because it is negative sign and the motion is obviously in a straight line, because we are talking about  $x$ -coordinate. If the motion was in two coordinates, then we would have used  $x, y$ . So, this is the simple harmonic motion.

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Defining the circular frequencies  $\omega_n$  by the equation,

$$\omega_n^2 = \frac{k}{m}$$

The equation of motion becomes,

$$\ddot{x} + \omega_n^2 x = 0$$

or

$$\ddot{x} = -\omega_n^2 x$$

If we just define the circular frequency  $\omega_n$  by the equation  $\omega_n^2 = k/m$ , or consider that since  $k/m$  is a constant, therefore, let me represent it by  $\omega_n^2$ . Time being let us consider it a constant. The equation of motion becomes,  $\ddot{x} + \omega_n^2 x = 0$  or  $\ddot{x} = -\omega_n^2 x$ .

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Since the acceleration is proportional to displacement from the fixed point, the motion is harmonic. It has the following general solution:

$$x = A \sin \omega_n t + B \cos \omega_n t$$

The constant A and B can be determined from the boundary conditions.

For example,

At  $t = 0, x = x(0)$   $x(0) = B$   
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 $\sin \omega_n t = \sin \omega_n (t + T)$   
 $\omega_n T = 2\pi$   
or  $\omega_n = \frac{2\pi}{T}$

It has the following general solution. If you solve this equation, this will be  $x$  is equal to  $A \sin \omega_n t$  plus  $B \cos \omega_n t$ ; that is the general solution of this type of problem. You can get this from differential equation or substitute this equation into that previous equation. You see that the equation is satisfied. So, the general solution of this equation is basically  $A \sin \omega_n t$  plus  $B \cos \omega_n t$ . The constants  $A$  and  $B$  can be determined from the boundary condition.

For example, at  $t$  is equal to  $x$  is equal to  $x(0)$ , if you put that boundary condition then  $x(0)$  will be equal to  $B$ , because what will happen, put  $t$  is equal to 0; so  $x(0)$ ,  $x$  at 0 is equal to 0. This becomes  $B \cos \omega_n t$ . So,  $x(0)$  is equal to  $B$ . So, that is one thing. It is basically  $\sin \omega_n t$ . This naturally has got a period of  $2\pi \omega_n$ , because  $\omega_n$  must be... So, this must be the frequency, because  $\omega_n$  repeats.

So,  $\sin \omega_n t$  is equal to  $\sin \omega_n t$  plus  $T$ . Therefore, we can say  $\omega_n$  into  $t$  is equal to  $2\pi$  or  $\omega_n$  is equal to  $2\pi$  by  $t$ , where this is time period. So, time period is equal to  $2$  by  $\omega_n$ .

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**Also,**

$$\dot{x} = A\omega_n \cos \omega_n t + B\omega_n \sin \omega_n t$$

**At**

$$t = 0, \dot{x} = \dot{x}(0)$$

**Hence,**

$$\dot{x}(0) = A\omega_n$$

$$A = \frac{\dot{x}(0)}{\omega_n}$$

Let us say, at  $t$  is equal to 0,  $x$  is equal to 0 and  $x(0)$  is equal to  $B$ . Similarly,  $\dot{x}$  is equal to  $A \omega_n \cos \omega_n t$  plus  $B \omega_n \sin \omega_n t$  at  $t$  is equal to 0  $\dot{x}$  is equal to  $\dot{x}(0)$ .

Therefore,  $\dot{x}(0)$  is equal to  $A \omega_n$ . If you put this thing, because this term, at  $t$  is equal 0 is 0 therefore,  $A$  is equal to  $\dot{x}(0)$  and divided by  $\omega_n$ .

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Thus,

$$x = \frac{\dot{x}(0)}{\omega_n} \sin \omega_n t + x(0) \cos \omega_n t$$

The natural period of the oscillation is established from,

$$\omega_n T = 2\pi$$

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$$

Thus, the general solution of this problem can be written as  $x$  is equal to  $\dot{x}(0)$  divided by  $\omega_n$  multiplied by  $\sin \omega_n t$  plus  $x(0) \cos \omega_n t$ . Here, we see that this is the general solution of the problem. If initial velocity is 0 then this will be the solution. If initial displacement is 0 only you provide the velocity and this will be the solution. The natural period of the oscillation is  $\omega_n$  into  $T$  is equal to  $2\pi$  or  $T$  is equal to  $2\pi$  divided by  $\omega_n$  that means under root  $m$  by  $k$ . Therefore, what happens, the time period is proportional to 1 by under root  $k$ . It is proportional to under root  $m$ .

If you take a spring mass system and suppose the spring is very stiff, and  $k$  is very high then time period will be almost 0, that means motion it will immediately come back to the same position. So, time period is 0. It vibrates and if  $k$  is equal to very small then time period becomes very high similarly about the mass. So, it is like this.

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**Natural frequency is given by,**

$$f_n = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

**Viscously Damped Free Vibration:**

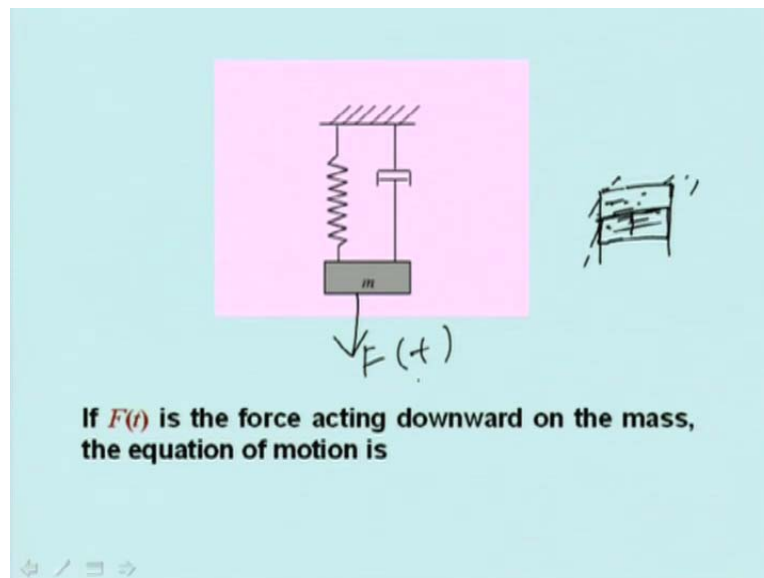
**Viscous damping force is expressed by the equation:**

$$F = c\dot{x}$$

**where  $\dot{x}$  is the velocity of the spring-dashpot system.**

Natural frequency is given by  $f_n$  is equal to  $1/T$  that means it is  $1/2\pi$  under root  $k/m$ . So, this is the type of motion and it keeps occurring. These are the simple equations of that. Now, we have to talk about viscously damped free vibration. In previous example, we considered only the restoring force of the spring that is  $kx$ . Now, we are going to consider a damping also. Viscous damping force is expressed by the equation,  $f$  is equal to  $c\dot{x}$ , where  $\dot{x}$  is the velocity of the system. We should also put minus  $c\dot{x}$ , because it is opposite direction. So, this is that way.

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Then we represent this system in which viscous damping, viscous damping means there is damping; that means, resistance is proportional to the velocity, but in the negative direction minus  $cx$ . So, that means acceleration is proportional to this is force, damping force is proportional to  $F(t)$ . Take the mass then represent by a spring. Then again, we have a dashpot.

Dashpot is one thing that suppose you take a system part which is filled with oil, and in this a piston is moving. So, this type of system is called dashpot. Here, the force is proportional to the velocity more, because you know that in a viscous material, if this object is moving, therefore, the force is proportional to velocity. Here, we can put  $F(t)$  as the force acting downward on the mass. Actually, you will not observe that in a system we always have dashpot but we are only modeling. That effect, the same type of effect which this dashpot provides, may be provided by some other mechanism. If a cantilever beam is vibrating, so many particles are having that influence. So, this is very complicated, but we can actually put like this.

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$$m\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + kx = F(t)$$

For free vibrations  $F(t) = 0$

Hence,

$$m\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + kx = 0$$

Let us assume that  $x = Ae^{st}$ . Putting this in the equation

$$(ms^2 + cs + k)e^{st} = 0$$

Therefore, equation of motion is  $m \ddot{x} + c \dot{x} + kx$  is equal to  $F(t)$ . That means, because if we can apply the D'Alembert's principle, we can say, the  $F$  applied force, or we can say  $m \ddot{x}$ . Newton's law mass times acceleration is equal to  $F(t)$  minus  $c \dot{x}$  minus  $kx$ . Now for free vibrations  $F(t)$  is equal to 0. Hence,  $m \ddot{x} + c \dot{x} + kx$  is equal to 0 for free vibration. This is the equation for free vibrations in the absence of damping.

Let us assume that  $x$  is equal to  $A$  into  $e$  to the power  $st$ , where  $s$  is any number. So, it is any variable you define. Let us assume that, one solution is  $x$  is equal to  $A$  to the power  $st$  of this solution. So, see what happens, we have to put this value in this expression then  $ms^2$  plus  $cs$  plus  $k$   $e$  to the power  $st$ , is equal to 0.

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which is satisfied for all values of  $t$ , when

$$s^2 + \frac{c}{m}s + \frac{k}{m} = 0$$

The above equation is known as characteristic equation. It has two roots  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  given by,

$$s_1 = -\frac{c}{2m} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{c}{2m}\right)^2 - \frac{k}{m}}$$

This equation has been put which is satisfied for all values of  $t$ , when  $s$  square plus  $c$  by  $m$   $s$  plus  $k$  by  $m$  is equal to 0. Then it is satisfied for all values of  $t$ . So, this is that type of a thing. Otherwise, because  $e^{st}$  cannot be 0,  $e$  to the power  $st$  cannot be 0, except when  $t$  becomes minus infinity. This cannot be 0. Therefore, this must be equal to 0. If this equation is known as characteristic equation, it has two roots  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  given by  $s_1$  is equal to minus  $c$  by  $2m$  plus under root  $c$  by  $2m$  whole square minus  $k$  by  $m$ . This is one root  $s_1$ .

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$$s_2 = -\frac{c}{2m} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{c}{2m}\right)^2 - \frac{k}{m}}$$

Since,

$$e^{\pm \sqrt{\frac{k}{m} - \left(\frac{c}{2m}\right)^2} t} = \cos \sqrt{\frac{k}{m} - \left(\frac{c}{2m}\right)^2} t \pm i \sin \sqrt{\frac{k}{m} - \left(\frac{c}{2m}\right)^2} t$$

**the term within the parentheses are oscillatory.  
This is called under damped case.**

Similarly,  $s_2$  will be equal to minus  $c$  by  $2m$  plus under root  $c$  by  $2m$  square minus  $k$  by  $m$ . Let me show you some more steps. Now, you have got two roots of this problem; that means both are the solutions.

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$$x = A e^{s_1 t}$$

$$x = A e^{s_1 t} + B e^{s_2 t}$$

$$x = e^{-\frac{c}{2m} t} \left[ A e^{\sqrt{\left(\frac{c}{2m}\right)^2 - \frac{k}{m}} t} + B e^{-\sqrt{\left(\frac{c}{2m}\right)^2 - \frac{k}{m}} t} \right]$$

$$\left(\frac{c}{2m}\right)^2 < \frac{k}{m}$$

UNDER - DAMPED CASE

$$\pm \sqrt{\frac{k}{m} - \left(\frac{c}{2m}\right)^2}$$

$$x = x_0 e^{-\frac{c}{2m} t} [$$

We assumed that the solution was  $x$  is equal to  $A e$  to the power  $s_1 t$ , but it has got two roots. So, the solution will be what? That solution can be written as  $A e$  to the power  $s_1 t$ ; this is also

satisfied and  $B e^{s_2 t}$ , that will also satisfy. Therefore, we can say  $A e^{s_1 t} + B e^{s_2 t}$  also satisfies this one and if you want only this, put  $A$  is equal to 0. If you want only this, put  $B$  is equal to 0.  $A$  and  $B$  are just constants. Therefore, putting the value of  $s_1$  and  $s_2$ ,  $x$  can be written as  $e^{-\frac{c}{2m}t} \left( A \cos \sqrt{\frac{k}{m} - \frac{c^2}{4m^2}} t + B \sin \sqrt{\frac{k}{m} - \frac{c^2}{4m^2}} t \right)$ . This is  $A e^{\text{to the power under root } \frac{k}{m} - \frac{c^2}{4m^2} \text{ whole square minus } k \text{ by } m \text{ multiplied by } t} + B e^{\text{to the power minus under root } \frac{k}{m} - \frac{c^2}{4m^2} \text{ square minus } k \text{ by } m, \text{ and } t \text{ outside this square root term.}}$

We get this type of term; let us see what happens. When the damping term  $\frac{c^2}{4m^2}$  is larger than  $\frac{k}{m}$ , it is larger than  $\frac{k}{m}$  then the exponent in the above equations are real numbers. This is  $A$  to the power some real number  $t$  and this is equal to this one and in this case there are no oscillations are possible. It cannot provide the oscillatory motion. This case is called over damped case; this is over damped. So, no oscillations are possible in over damped case.

When the damping term  $\frac{c^2}{4m^2}$  is smaller than  $\frac{k}{m}$  that means this is smaller. If it is smaller then this will be called under damped case. This is under damped case. In this case, this is square root of a negative number. Therefore, it becomes imaginary number this is this one. Therefore the exponent becomes basically you can say in this case I can write exponent becomes plus minus under root  $\frac{k}{m} - \frac{c^2}{4m^2}$  whole square. So, this becomes like this;  $k \text{ by } m \text{ minus } \frac{c^2}{4m^2} \text{ whole square}$  and this is imaginary number.

Therefore, in this case what happens? See you have got  $s_1$  then  $s_2$  is equal to this one. Now you consider  $e^{s_1 t} + e^{s_2 t}$  this one this can be written as  $\cos \sqrt{\frac{k}{m} - \frac{c^2}{4m^2}} t + \sin \sqrt{\frac{k}{m} - \frac{c^2}{4m^2}} t$ , because  $e^{i\theta}$  is equal to  $\cos \theta + i \sin \theta$ . You have to use that relation.

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In the limiting case between the oscillatory and non oscillatory motions,  $\left(\frac{c}{m}\right)^2 = \frac{k}{m}$  and the radical is zero.

The damping corresponding to this case is called critical damping.,  $c_c$ .

$$c_c = 2m\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = 2m\omega_n = 2\sqrt{km}$$

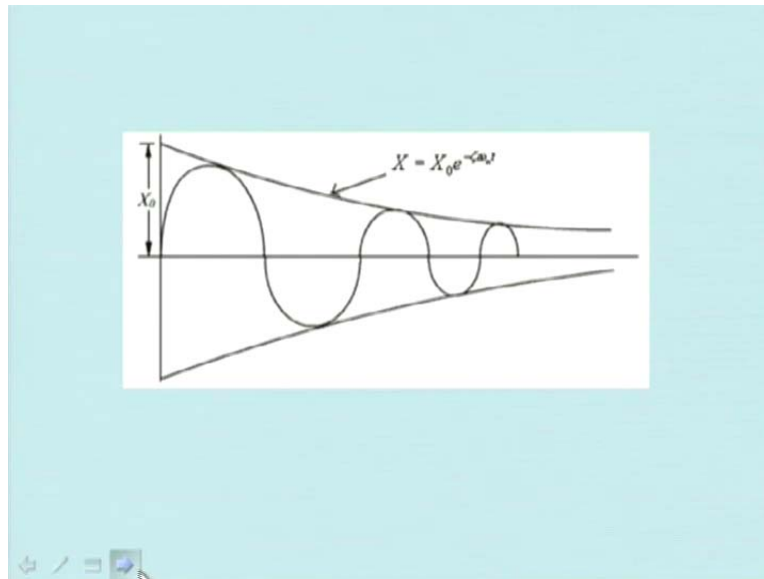
Any damping can be expressed in terms of the critical damping by a non dimensional number  $\zeta$ .

$$\zeta = \frac{c}{c_c}$$

In this case, in the limiting case, between the oscillatory and non-oscillatory motions, we have  $c$  by  $m$  square is equal to  $k$  by  $m$  and the radical is 0. The damping corresponding to this case is called critical damping; that is  $c_c$ . Therefore,  $c_c$  is equal to 2 by  $m$  under root  $k$  by  $m$  or it is 2  $m$  times  $\omega_n$  or this is 2 under root  $km$ . So, critical damping is a property of the system. If you know that it depends that this is the thing So,  $k$  by  $m$  is critical damping. Any damping which is more than the critical damping is called over damping. Any damping which is less than the critical damping is called under damping. Therefore, any damping can be expressed in terms of the critical damping by a non-dimensional number, zeta.

We say the zeta is equal to  $c$  by  $c_c$  or we can use any other symbol  $c$  by  $c_c$ , where  $c_c$  is the critical damping. If  $c$  by  $c_c$  is more than 1, this is the case of over damping. If  $c$  by  $c_c$  is less than one, this is the case of under damping.

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We see, what about the amplitude? In the case of that we say we started with this equation, we discussed about one point, as I already showed here, that you have  $e$  minus  $c$  by  $2m$ . So, that means,  $A$  can be taken. This term can be written in terms of  $\sin \omega_n t \cos \omega_n t$ . You have the amplitude term that means you can write  $x$  is equal to something like  $x_0$ . You can always have some term. So, this is  $x_0 e$  minus  $c$  by  $2mt$  and then may be inside, you may have  $p \sin \omega_n t$  and this thing.

I am not writing that term. So,  $x$  is equal to  $x_0 e$  minus  $\tau \omega_n$  into  $t$ . That term is  $e$  minus this is the thing  $\tau \omega_n$ . In this case, if there is 0 damping,  $\tau = 0$  then  $x$  is equal to  $x_0$ ; that means amplitude remains constant. But if  $\tau$  is some number then it will be exponentially decreasing. Therefore, the amplitude keeps on decreasing in exponential fashion. It never becomes 0, but it keeps on decreasing. This is a profile and this is what has happened.

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Frequency of damped oscillation is equal to,

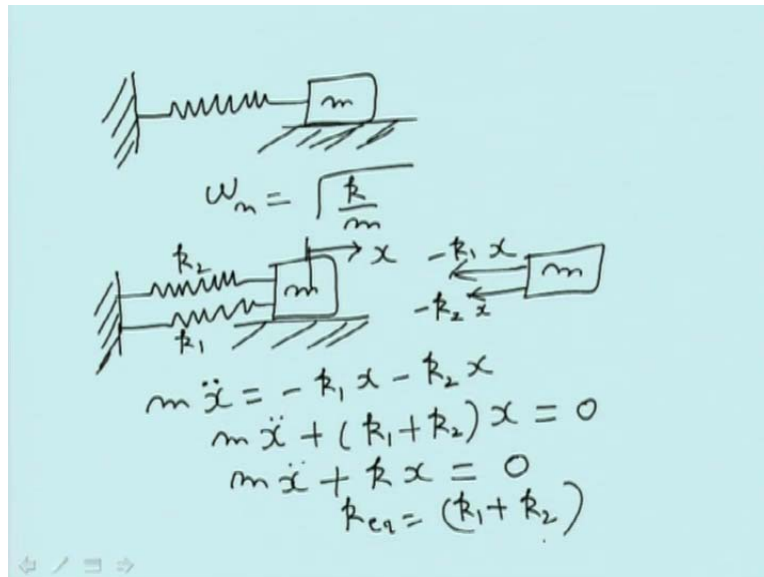
$$\omega_d = \frac{2\zeta}{T_d} = \omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}$$

The amplitude keeps on decreasing exponentially.  
As  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , the amplitude tends to zero.

Frequency of damped oscillation is equal to,  $\omega_d$  is equal to  $2\tau$  divided by  $T_d$ . This is  $T_d$  that is  $\omega_n \sqrt{1 - \tau^2}$ . That is not  $\tau$ . This is basically  $\zeta$ . The amplitude keeps on decreasing exponentially as  $t$  tends to infinity, the amplitude tends to 0. So, that way, you know damp motion will take place and this is how it will be covered.

Having discussed about the free and forced vibration, let us discuss simple cases. Let me just see, what you have learnt.

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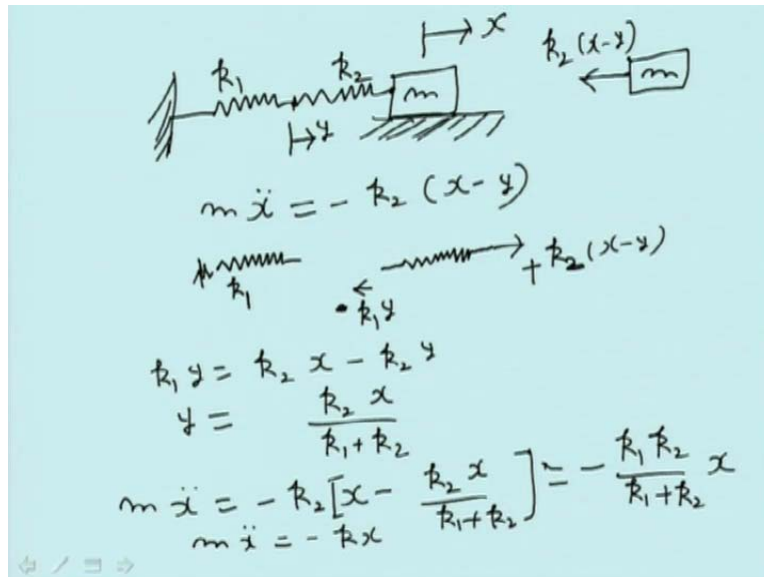


This is the spring mass system, here  $\omega_n$  is equal to under root  $k$  by  $m$ . What happens if we put two springs here? What type of equations we will get?

This is  $m$ . In this case, suppose you displace it by distance  $x$  from here,  $m\ddot{x}$  is equal to minus  $k_1 x$  minus  $k_2 x$ . If you make a free body diagram of this mass, you indicate you can say minus  $k_1 x$  and minus  $k_2 x$  will be the forces. So, you have  $m\ddot{x} - k_1 x - k_2 x$  that means  $m\ddot{x} + k_1 x + k_2 x$ , so it is the same type of equation.

Here, compare this equation with previous equation  $m\ddot{x} + kx = 0$ . So, we see that we need not solve this again. We can see, equivalent  $k$ . In this case, we can say  $k_{eq}$  is equal to  $k_1 + k_2$ . So, these two springs are in parallel. Therefore, their stiffness gets added up.

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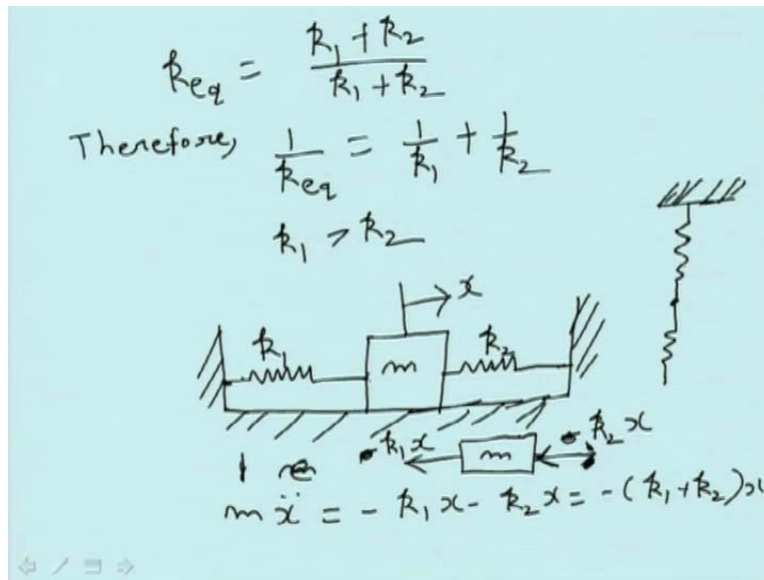
Let us see another case, in which there is a mass. This is the mass  $m$ , this is  $k_1$ , this is  $k_2$  and it is  $x$ . If you give that this  $x$ . So, let us make the free body diagram of this. Let us say that this point displaces by  $y$ . So, we have  $m\ddot{x}$ . Newton's law applied.  $m\ddot{x}$  is equal to minus  $k_2 x$  minus  $y$ . We can say, because mass is this one, separately we can draw and this is accelerating. So, its acceleration is  $m\ddot{x}$  and this is mass.

Here, this becomes  $k_2 x$  minus  $y$ , because this end of the spring has moved at a distance  $x$  and the other end has moved at a distance  $y$ . So,  $m\ddot{x}$  is equal to minus  $k_2 x$  minus  $y$ . If you consider the spring  $k_1$  so  $k_1$  spring is there. Now, this gets stretched by an amount  $y$ . So, this force is minus  $k_1 y$ , so minus  $k_1 y$ .

Consider that spring  $k_2$ ; spring  $k_2$  is subjected to a force minus  $k_2 (x - y)$  and it must be the same, because the force is getting transmitted. From transmissibility principle, this is same as basically, this is  $k_2$  plus. This is  $k_1$  and this is  $y$ ; that means,  $k_1 y$  is equal to  $k_2 x$  minus  $k_2 y$ . Therefore,  $y$  is equal to  $k_2 x$  divided by  $k_1 + k_2$ . Therefore, your equation becomes  $m\ddot{x}$  is equal to minus  $k_2 x$ .  $k_2 x$  minus  $k_2 y$ . So, this becomes  $k_1 + k_2$  and this becomes  $k_2 x$ . So, minus  $m\ddot{x}$  is equal to minus  $k_2 x$  and this is  $k_2 x$  minus  $k_2 y$ .  $k_1 + k_2$  is equal to  $k_2 x$  divided by  $k_1 + k_2$ . This is  $y$  and this is  $x$  minus  $k_2 x$  divided by  $k_1 + k_2$ . So, simplify it. This will come out

to be minus  $k_1 k_2$  divided by  $k_1$  plus  $k_2 x$ . Compare it with  $m \ddot{x}$  is equal to  $m \dot{x}$  is equal to minus  $kx$ .

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Therefore, we see that in this case, the  $k$  equivalent comes out to be  $k_1$  plus  $k_2$  divided by  $k_1$  plus  $k_2$ . Therefore,  $1$  by  $k$  equivalent is equal to  $1$  by  $k_1$  plus  $1$  by  $k_2$ . When these things are in series then they are added in this fashion. You can easily see that  $k$  equivalent cannot be; suppose you have  $k_1$   $k_2$  and in this case,  $k_1$  is greater than  $k_2$  then naturally the  $k$  equivalent will be cannot be more than  $k_2$  actually. Therefore, when they are in the series then equivalent stiffness reduces. So, when the springs are in series, then this is  $1$  by  $k$  equivalent  $1$  by  $k_1$  plus  $1$  by  $k_2$ .

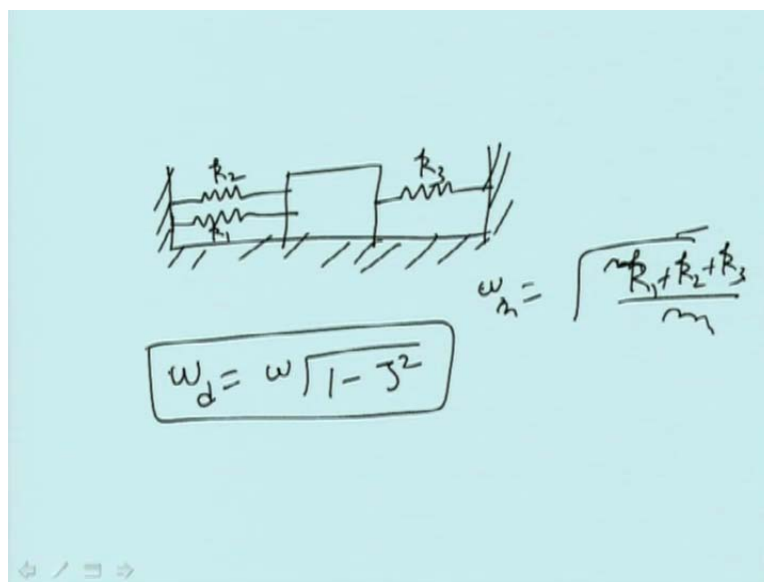
Let us see, say for example, this case, here this is  $k_1$ , this is  $k_2$ . How should I solve this problem? This is the  $x$  position from here. If this mass is displaced by some distance, therefore,  $k_1 m \ddot{x}$  so, free body diagram. Let us see making the free body diagram. This is  $m$ . This is minus  $k_1 x$ . This spring gets compressed, because, suppose this gets stressed by  $x$ , another spring gets compressed by  $x$ . Therefore, this becomes  $k_2 x$ . So, minus  $k_2$  this is  $k_2 x$ .

Let me make  $k_1 x$  like that, but this is  $k_2 x$ . This gets compressed. So, it puts opposite force. So, when we consider the force coming on the mass, this has to be put  $k_2 x$ . Therefore, mass  $m \ddot{x}$  is equal to minus  $k_1 x$  minus  $k_2 x$ . That means minus  $k_1$  plus  $k_2 x$ . So, equivalent stiffness is

basically, minus  $k_1$  plus  $k_2$ . Therefore, considering that springs are in parallel does not mean that physically they will look in the same line and this thing that they are basically like this because they undergo same type of displacement. If they are going with the same amount of displacement then they are in parallel. If they are undergoing the different displacement then they are not in parallel. They are in series. Here, they are in series, because here this is the thing and then after that another spring is there. It gets stretched. So, they are in the series.

This goes by some  $x$  amount. This point, with respect to this point, it may move some another distance. So, it is like that.

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Therefore, if you have finally this type of problem;  $k$ ,  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$ ,  $k_3$  here all the springs are in parallel. Therefore, equivalent stiffness is  $k_1$  plus  $k_2$  plus  $k_3$  and  $\omega_n$  will be equal to under root  $m$  divided by  $k$  divided by  $k_1$  plus  $k_2$  plus  $k_3$  divided by  $m$ . By this, you can find out the vibrations of this one. So, we have discussed about the free vibrations in the absence of damping. We also have discussed the vibrations in the presence of damping. In presence of damping, you can easily derive that in presence of damping, the natural frequency will be  $\omega$  times under root  $1$  minus  $\zeta$  square; that is, damping. Therefore, the natural frequency and damped natural frequency reduces by that thing.