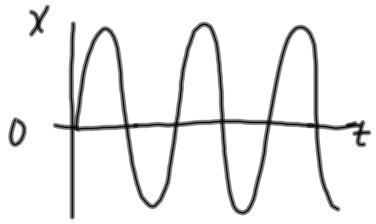
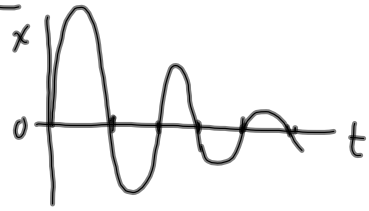
Undamped SHM

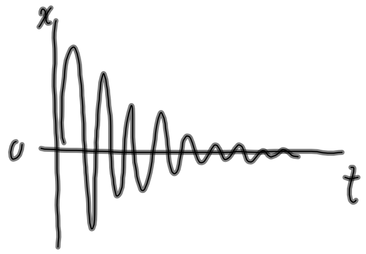


Damped

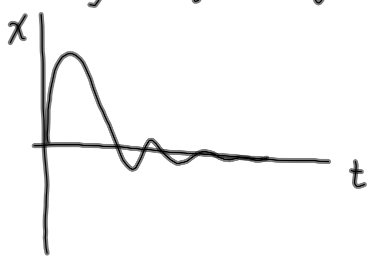


← a resistive force (a dissipative force) causes this damping effect
- the force opposes the oscillatory motion

Light damping (small damping force)



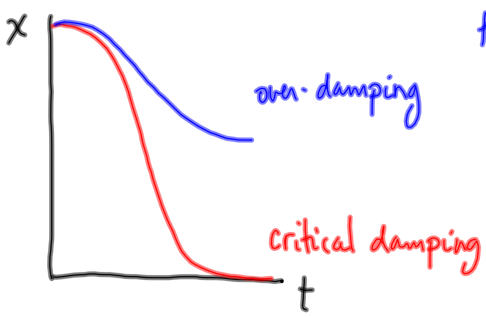
Heavy damping (large damping force)



← period is increased with an increase in the damping force.

The motion is still oscillatory.

Critical Damping + Over-Damping



(body returns to the equilibrium position, but takes longer)

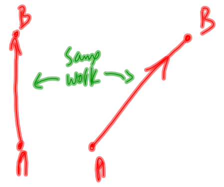
(the body returns to the equilibrium in the shortest time)

Dissipative Force

- work done depends on path taken

friction is a dissipative force
- the work done against friction depends on the path.
- non-conservative force

Gravity is a non-dissipative force
- the path does not matter
- conservative force



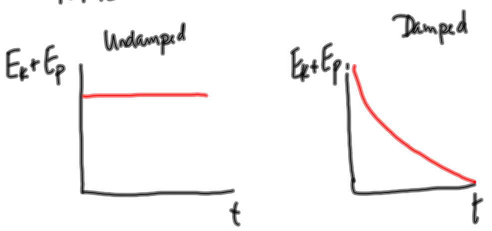
How does a dissipative force affect SHM?

Normal (undamped) SHM → continuous exchange of energy potential ↔ kinetic.
→ total mechanical energy remains the same.

Damped SHM (dissipative force) → continuous exchange of energy potential ↔ kinetic
→ total mechanical energy is continuously decreasing.
→ mechanical energy → thermal energy (degraded + cannot be returned to the body to keep the oscillation constant)

Dissipative Force causes:
1. continuous decrease in mechanical energy
2. lost energy is degraded energy

TOTAL ENERGY is still conserved!

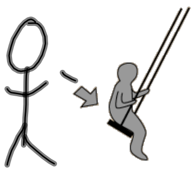


Examples of Damped Oscillation

- Damper on strings of Tennis Racket — critically damped to return to equilibrium position as soon as possible
- Vehicle suspension system — critical damping or heavy overdamping
- Ailerons on aircraft wings — critically damped to prevent catastrophic aileron flutter
- Building Design — reinforcement if structure to ensure that oscillation of the building is suitably damped
- Others? trampoline fabric / magnetic damping in sensitive balances

Consider swinging on a swing with no pumping or pushing, then you would swing with your natural frequency. (dissipates)

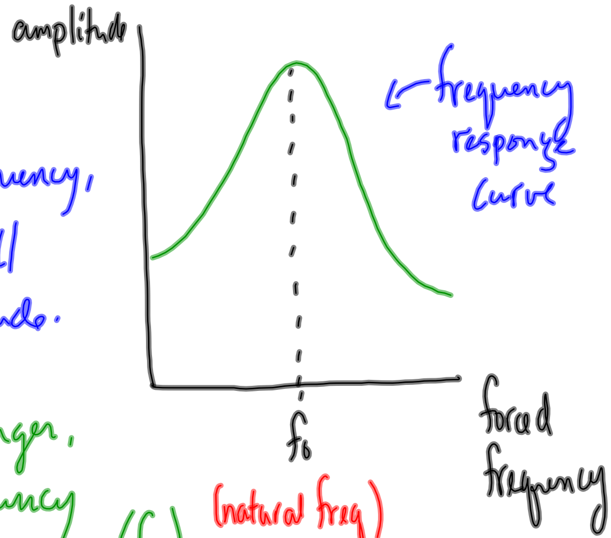
If your mum pushes you, then this is now a forced oscillation



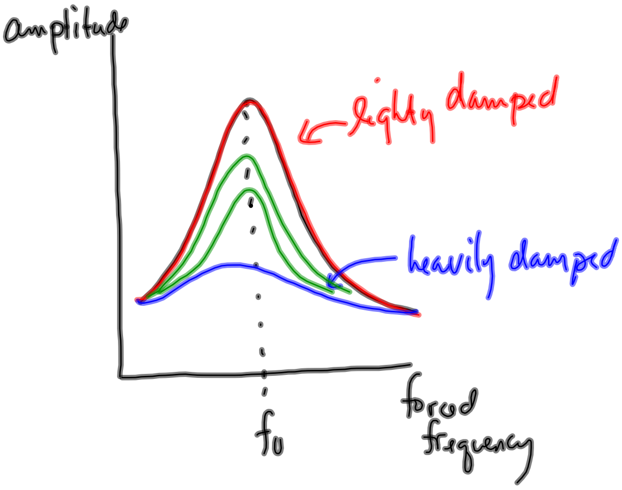
← oscillate with the frequency of the pusher

How is the amplitude of the oscillation affected by the frequency of the periodic impulses?

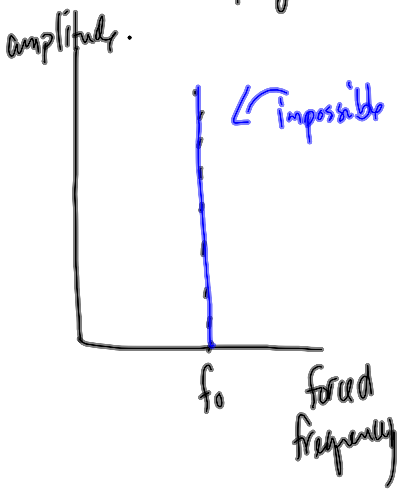
If the forced frequency matches the natural frequency, then the oscillations will have the greatest amplitude.



The amplitude gets larger, the closer the forced frequency is to the natural frequency (f_0)



No damping



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