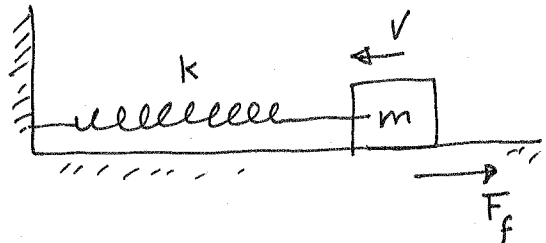


# B.) Damped Harmonic Oscillator (i.e. SHM with friction (or some dissipative force.))

EX:



$F_f$  = friction between block and the floor.

You're probably used to friction being  $F_f = \mu \cdot mg$  where  $\mu$  is coefficient of (kinetic / static) friction.

But actually, friction is dependent on velocity of an object.

(e.g. air resistance on an object moving w/ velocity  $v$  is  $F_f = -bv$ .)

So, in this course, we'll use the more realistic version of drag force (friction):

$$F_f = -bv = -b \frac{dx}{dt} \quad (\text{where } b > 0)$$

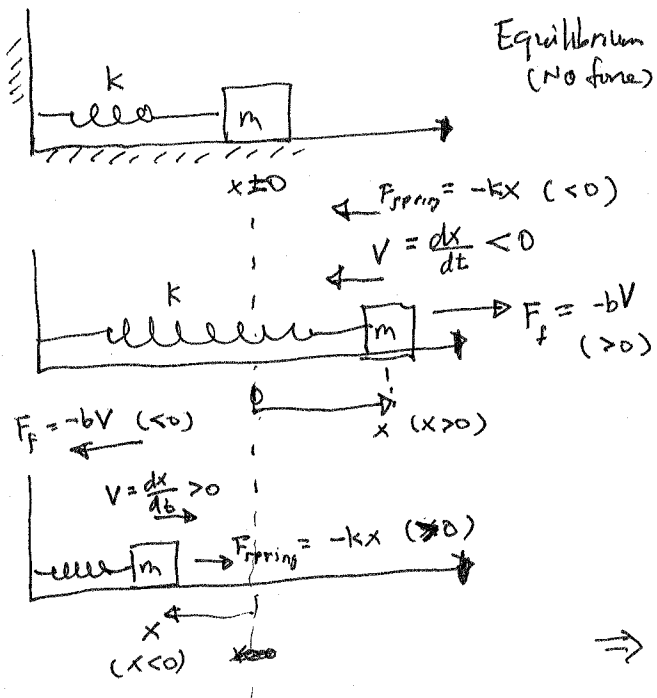
↑ ⊖ because in the direction opposite direction of motion of object.

Thus, Newton's 2nd law on the block now reads:

$$[b] = \frac{\text{Newton}}{m/s} = \frac{kg \cdot m/s^2}{m/s} = \frac{kg \cdot m}{s}$$

"dimension" of  $b$ .

Note: " $b$ " is called the damping coefficient  
(large " $b$ " means large drag force.)



$$m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = F_{net} = F_f + F_{spring} = -bv - kx = -b \frac{dx}{dt} - kx$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \left(\frac{b}{m}\right) \frac{dx}{dt} + \left(\frac{k}{m}\right) x = 0$$

↑ EOM

Just as it was advantageous to consider the general (i.e. somewhat more abstract) form of EOM when we studied SHM w/o friction (damping), we want to consider

$$\left( \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \omega^2 x = 0 \right)$$

a general form of EOM which looks like the boxed eqn (EOM) we derived at the bottom of pg 28.

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \underbrace{\left( \frac{b}{m} \right)}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{call this} \\ = 2\gamma \\ (\gamma \equiv \frac{b}{2m})}} \frac{dx}{dt} + \underbrace{\left( \frac{k}{m} \right)}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{call this } \omega_0^2}} x = 0.$$

$\omega_0 \equiv$  "Natural angular frequency"

("Natural" meaning the frequency the oscillator would have if there was no friction.)

Then consider the general EOM:

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 2\gamma \frac{dx}{dt} + \omega_0^2 x = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{Eqn (*)}$$

To solve Eqn (\*) : we again guess the sol'n. But remember from pg 27, we (i.e. to find  $x(t)$ ) now follow the procedure we outlined there.

so first (1):  $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 2\gamma \frac{dx}{dt} + \omega_0^2 x = 0$  ← original EOM we want to solve. ( $x(t) \in \mathbb{R}$ )

Next, (2): Write down the  $\mathbb{C}$ -equivalent version of EOM:

$$\text{Eqn (1)} \rightarrow \frac{d^2z}{dt^2} + 2\gamma \frac{dz}{dt} + \omega_0^2 z = 0 \quad (z(t) \in \mathbb{C}).$$

Next, (3): Want to solve for  $z(t)$ . We guess the sol'n,

we pick  $z(t) = A e^{i\omega t}$  (as we did when we solved the SHM EOM) previously.

"A" is an arbitrary constant to be determined by initial condition of system.

To check if our guess

" $\omega$ " is to be determined.

$$z(t) = A e^{i\omega t}$$

can satisfy Eqn (1), we plug in and see:

over

so, plugging in  $z(t) = Ae^{i\omega t}$  we get:

$$\frac{d^2 z}{dt^2} + 2\gamma \frac{dz}{dt} + \omega_0^2 z = -A\omega^2 e^{i\omega t} + 2\gamma i\omega \underbrace{Ae^{i\omega t}}_{z(t)} + \omega_0^2 \underbrace{Ae^{i\omega t}}_{z(t)}$$

$$= [-\omega^2 + 2\gamma i\omega + \omega_0^2] z(t)$$

Now, for  $z(t)$  to be the solution to our  $\mathbb{C}$ -equivalent EOM, we need

$$[-\omega^2 + 2\gamma i\omega + \omega_0^2] z(t) = 0 \quad \text{for all } t.$$

This can happen if and only if  $[-\omega^2 + 2\gamma i\omega + \omega_0^2 = 0] \leftarrow \text{Eq'n (2)}$

Notice that we haven't specified what " $\omega$ " should be yet.

\* The idea here is that by selecting the just right value for " $\omega$ ", (i.e. one that satisfies Eq'n (2)),  $z(t) = Ae^{i\omega t}$  would indeed be a solution to Eq'n (1) (on pg 29).

so, find what  $\omega$  should be from eq'n (2):  $\omega^2 - 2i\gamma\omega - \omega_0^2 = 0$

$\uparrow$  quadratic eqn in  $\omega$ .

Find the roots)  $\omega$ : (recall  $a_1 y^2 + a_2 y + a_3 = 0$ )

$$\Rightarrow y_{\pm} = \frac{-a_2 \pm \sqrt{a_2^2 - 4a_1 a_3}}{2a_1}$$

so:

$$\omega_{\pm} = \frac{2i\gamma \pm \sqrt{(2i\gamma)^2 + 4\omega_0^2}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{2i\gamma \pm \sqrt{4(\omega_0^2 - \gamma^2)}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\omega_{\pm} = i\gamma \pm \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \gamma^2}} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} 2 \text{ roots} \\ (2 \text{ possible values of } \omega) \end{array}$$

So which value ( $\omega_+$  or  $\omega_-$ ) shall we pick?

Well, consider  $Z_+(t) \equiv A_1 e^{i\omega_+ t}$  and  $Z_-(t) \equiv A_2 e^{-i\omega_- t}$   
↑  
"define as"

• Notice that both  $Z_+(t)$  and  $Z_-(t)$  satisfy Eqn (1) on (Pg 29).

(After all, that's how we arrived at choosing  $\omega_+$  and  $\omega_-$  on (Pg 20).)

• Furthermore, consider  $Z(t) \equiv Z_+(t) + Z_-(t)$

then:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d^2 Z}{dt^2} + 2\gamma \frac{dZ}{dt} + \omega_0^2 Z \\ &= \frac{d^2}{dt^2} [Z_+ + Z_-] + 2\gamma \frac{d}{dt} [Z_+ + Z_-] + \omega_0^2 [Z_+ + Z_-] \\ &= \frac{d^2}{dt^2} Z_+ + \frac{d^2}{dt^2} Z_- + 2\gamma \frac{dZ_+}{dt} + 2\gamma \frac{dZ_-}{dt} + \omega_0^2 Z_+ + \omega_0^2 Z_- \\ &= \left\{ \frac{d^2 Z_+}{dt^2} + 2\gamma \frac{dZ_+}{dt} + \omega_0^2 Z_+ \right\} + \left\{ \frac{d^2 Z_-}{dt^2} + 2\gamma \frac{dZ_-}{dt} + \omega_0^2 Z_- \right\} \end{aligned}$$

"0"
"0"

↑
↑

~~0~~ = 0

Since each  $Z_+$  and  $Z_-$  separately satisfy Eqn (1).

Thus indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} Z(t) &= Z_+(t) + Z_-(t) \\ &= A_1 e^{i\omega_+ t} + A_2 e^{-i\omega_- t} \end{aligned}$$

is a solution to EOM. (c-equivalent to Eqn (1) on (Pg 20))

• In fact, it is the most general sol'n to eqn (1) on (Pg 20)

i.e. Any sol'n to eqn (1) can be written as  $Z(t) = A_1 e^{i\omega_+ t} + A_2 e^{-i\omega_- t}$  by choosing appropriate values of  $A_1$  &  $A_2$ .

• This sol'n  $Z(t)$  has 2 degrees of freedom (Just as in SHM w/o friction).

By the same physical reasoning (as applied in SHM w/o friction),  
these 2 degrees of freedom must correspond to

- 1.) Amplitude (you decide at  $t=0$ )
- 2.) Origin of time (you decide when to start ( $t=0$ ) the timer.)

Now, we're not quite done yet.

$z(t) = A_1 e^{i\omega_+ t} + A_2 e^{i\omega_- t}$  is the most general sol'n but it's not in the most illuminating form as it's currently written.

To simplify above; notice that

$$i\omega_{\pm} = i[i\gamma \pm \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \gamma^2}]$$
$$= -\gamma \pm i\sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \gamma^2}$$

(see pg 30)

And let's define  $\tilde{\omega}^2 \equiv (\sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \gamma^2})^2$

$$= \omega_0^2 - \gamma^2$$

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Thus:

$$i\omega_{\pm} = -\gamma \pm i\tilde{\omega}$$

Hence,  $z(t) = A_1 e^{i\omega_+ t} + A_2 e^{i\omega_- t}$

$$= A_1 \exp[(-\gamma + i\tilde{\omega})t] + A_2 \exp[(-\gamma - i\tilde{\omega})t]$$

$$= [\exp(-\gamma t)] [A_1 e^{i\tilde{\omega}t} + A_2 e^{-i\tilde{\omega}t}]$$

Hence:

$$z(t) = (\exp(-\gamma t)) (A_1 e^{i\tilde{\omega}t} + A_2 e^{-i\tilde{\omega}t})$$

where  $\tilde{\omega} \equiv \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \gamma^2}$

$$\gamma \equiv \frac{b}{2m} > 0$$

• This form of  $Z(t)$  is more illuminating in the following sense:

\*) Consider the magnitude of  $G^*$  function  $Z(t)$ , and think about how it's changing as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$ .

So we're interested in  $|Z(t)| = \left( \exp(-\gamma t) \right) \cdot \left( A_1 e^{i\tilde{\omega}t} + A_2 e^{-i\tilde{\omega}t} \right)$   
↑  
magnitude of  $Z(t)$ .

Now, ~~define~~  $\tilde{\omega} = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \gamma^2}$  can be:

- 3 cases: (depending on strength of damping force)
- (1)  $\tilde{\omega} > 0$  : if  $\omega_0^2 > \gamma^2$ . ("weak" damping)
  - (2)  $\tilde{\omega} = 0$  : if  $\omega_0^2 = \gamma^2$ . ("critical" damping).
  - (3)  $\tilde{\omega}$  is imaginary #: if  $\omega_0^2 < \gamma^2$ . ("strong" damping)

↑ (In this case, we write  $\tilde{\omega} = i\tilde{\tilde{\omega}}$ ,  $\tilde{\tilde{\omega}} > 0$ .)  
(Just as we write  $\sqrt{-3} = \sqrt{-1}\sqrt{3} = i\sqrt{3}$ )

~~to solve~~ ~~the~~ ~~equation~~ ~~for~~ ~~the~~ ~~roots~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~characteristic~~ ~~equation~~

~~Next, we set out to investigate this.~~

• What does each of the 3 cases mean physically?

Next, we set out to investigate this.

case 1: "weak" damping (aka: under damped) :

$\tilde{\omega} > 0 \Rightarrow \omega_0^2 > \gamma^2$  (recall:  $\tilde{\omega} = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \gamma^2}$ )

where  $\gamma \equiv \frac{b}{2m}$   $b \equiv$  "damping coefficient"

But since  $\gamma \propto b$ , we can consider  $\gamma$  to be strength of damping force.

In this case, we have:  $\tilde{\omega} = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \gamma^2}$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ .

and,  $Z(t) = e^{-\gamma t} (A_1 e^{i\tilde{\omega}t} + A_2 e^{-i\tilde{\omega}t})$

$= e^{-\gamma t} \left[ \underbrace{(A_1 + A_2)}_A \cos(\tilde{\omega}t) + i \underbrace{(A_1 - A_2)}_B \sin(\tilde{\omega}t) \right]$  viz.  $e^{i\omega} = \cos(\omega) + i\sin(\omega)$

$= e^{-\gamma t} [ A \cos(\tilde{\omega}t) + i B \sin(\tilde{\omega}t) ]$

Behavior

↑ This, we can rewrite as

$C \cos(\tilde{\omega}t - \phi)$  as we've seen before in class.

$\Rightarrow X(t) = C e^{-\gamma t} \cos(\tilde{\omega}t - \phi)$

(under damped sol'n)

↑ (note: went from "Z(t)" to "X(t)")

since at the last step, we wrote down the IR analogue of Z(t)

$X(t) = e^{-\gamma t} X_{SHM}(t)$ , where  $X_{SHM}(t) = C \cos(\tilde{\omega}t - \phi)$

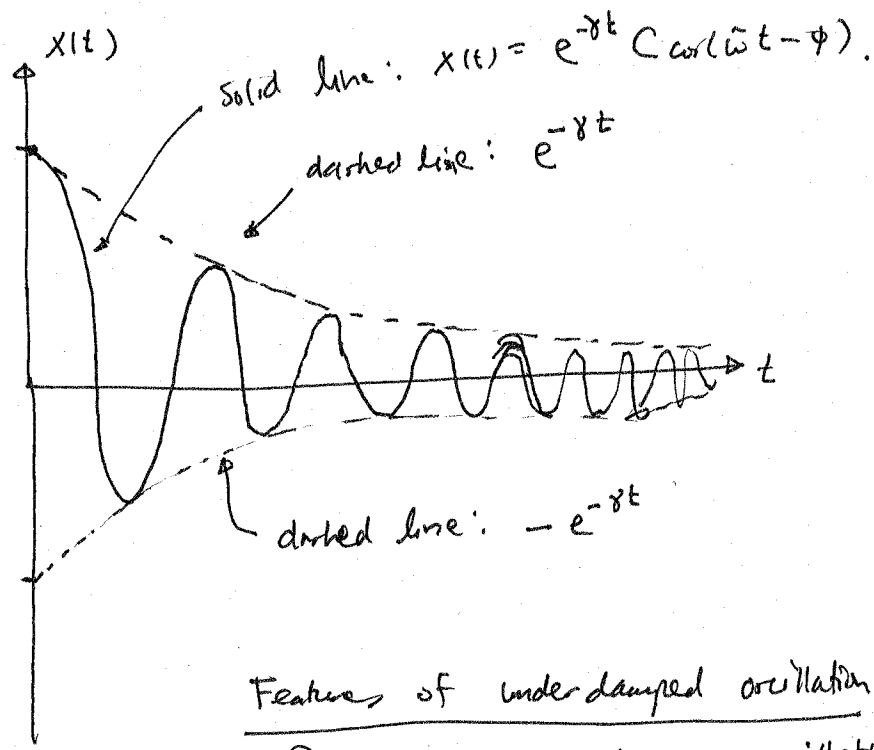
↑ exponential decay with characteristic decay time

↑ sol'n to SHM:  $\ddot{x}_{SHM} + \tilde{\omega}^2 x_{SHM} = 0$

of  $\frac{1}{\gamma}$  (note:  $[\frac{1}{\gamma}] = \text{time}$ )

↑ Measure of amt of time needed for the amplitude of oscillation (Initially "C") to decay by factor of  $e^{-1} \approx 0.37$

So:



Features of underdamped oscillation:

- ① ~~Amplitude~~ particle still oscillates, but now with ever decreasing amplitude ( $\bullet e^{-\gamma t}$  decays of amplitude).
- ② Angular frequency of oscillation is  $\tilde{\omega} = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \gamma^2} < \omega_0$   
 Hence, friction decreases frequency of oscillation in underdamped situation.)

③ Total energy: Recall from SHM:  $E_{tot} = \frac{1}{2} K A^2$   $A =$  Amplitude.

~~But~~ But in underdamped case, total energy is decreasing due to friction; and more specifically, amplitude is decreasing:  $A(t) = A e^{-\gamma t}$ .

Thus:

$$E_{tot} = \frac{1}{2} K (A e^{-\gamma t})^2 = \underbrace{\left( \frac{1}{2} K A^2 \right)}_{\substack{\text{energy of} \\ \text{simple harmonic} \\ \text{motion}}} e^{-2\gamma t} = E_{SHM} e^{-2\gamma t}$$



case 2: Critical damping:  $\tilde{\omega} = 0$  (i.e.  $\omega_0 = \gamma$ )

(pg 36)

In this case, the damping constant "b" is such that

$$\gamma = \frac{b}{2m} \text{ matches } \omega_0 = \frac{k}{m}$$

i.e.

$$b = 2\kappa$$

Notice that in this case,  $z(t)$  from (pg 33) becomes:

$$z(t) = e^{-\gamma t} (A_1 + A_2 t) \\ = C e^{-\gamma t}$$

Alarm!  $z(t)$  has only one ~~constant~~ free parameter: "C".

But as we learned in class, ~~we~~ ~~found~~  $\uparrow$  a 2<sup>nd</sup> order differential equation

(i.e. Differential equation with highest degree of derivative = 2.)

Such ~~as~~ as our EOM for damped motion:

$$\ddot{x} + 2\gamma \dot{x} + \omega_0^2 x = 0$$

$\uparrow$   
2<sup>nd</sup> order

So, this means that we haven't found all the solutions to our EOM.

We need one more coefficient.  $\therefore$  so far, we found  $Ce^{-\gamma t} \equiv z_1(t)$

In this case, it turns out that  $\pm z_1(t) \equiv z_2(t)$  is a solution of our EOM:

check:

$$\ddot{z}_1 + 2\gamma \dot{z}_1 + \omega_0^2 z_1 = 0$$

$$\left\| \begin{aligned} \frac{d^2 z_1}{dt^2} &= z_1 + t \ddot{z}_1 \\ \frac{d z_1}{dt} &= \dot{z}_1 + \dot{z}_1 + t \ddot{z}_1 \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$= 2\dot{z}_1 + t \ddot{z}_1 + 2\gamma(z_1 + t \dot{z}_1) + \omega_0^2 t z_1$$

$\leftarrow$   
substitute in

$$= t(\ddot{z}_1 + 2\gamma \dot{z}_1 + \omega_0^2 z_1) + 2\dot{z}_1 + 2\gamma z_1$$

$\leftarrow$  (since  $z_1$  satisfies damped EOM).

$$= 2[\dot{z}_1 + \gamma z_1] \quad \because \dot{z}_1 = -\gamma C e^{-\gamma t}$$

$$= 2[-\gamma C e^{-\gamma t} + \gamma C e^{-\gamma t}]$$

$$= 0$$

∴ Indeed,  $Z_2(t) = tZ_1(t)$  satisfied damped form when  $\bar{\omega} = 0$

(p937)

And the most general sol'n is:  $Z(t) \equiv Z_1(t) + Z_2(t)$   
 $= C_1 e^{-\gamma t} + t C_2 e^{-\gamma t}$   
 $= e^{-\gamma t} [C_1 + t C_2]$

↑ already IR.

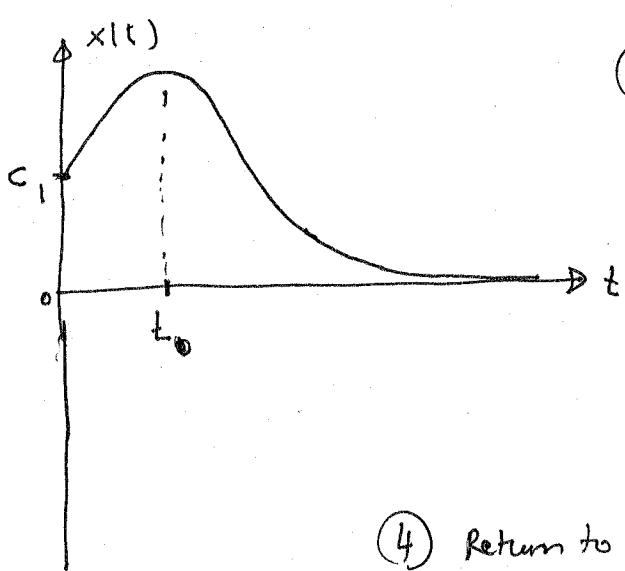
So, instead of writing " $Z(t)$ ", write

$$x(t) = e^{-\gamma t} [C_1 + t C_2]$$

↑ Critically damped sol'n.

( $C_1$  &  $C_2$ : free parameters)

Features of critically damped sol'n:



- ① No oscillation (contrast w/ underdamped oscillation.)
- ② Initially shoots "up" then ~~exponentially~~ decays towards  $x=0$ , exponentially.
- ③ You can find  $t_0$ , where  $x(t_0)$  is max. of  $x(t)$ ; by solving for  $\frac{dx}{dt} \Big|_{t=t_0} = 0$ .
- ④ Return to equilibrium is fastest for critical damping (faster than in underdamped & overdamped cases.)  
 (You'll be asked to show this in Part 2.)

Note: By "fastest" return to equilibrium  $x=0$ , we mean w/o oscillating (as in underdamped case) and settles down at  $x=0$ .

Case 3: ~~critically damped~~  
Overdamped case :  $\tilde{\omega} = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \gamma^2}$  is imaginary #.  
( $\omega_0 < \gamma$ )

In this case, call  $\tilde{\omega} = i \tilde{\tilde{\omega}}$  where  $\tilde{\tilde{\omega}} = \sqrt{\gamma^2 - \omega_0^2} \in \mathbb{R}$ .  
> 0.

In this case,  $z(t)$  of (P933) becomes:

$$z(t) = e^{-\gamma t} [ A_1 e^{i(i\tilde{\tilde{\omega}})t} + A_2 e^{-i(i\tilde{\tilde{\omega}})t} ]$$
$$= e^{-\gamma t} [ A_1 e^{-\tilde{\tilde{\omega}}t} + A_2 e^{\tilde{\tilde{\omega}}t} ]$$

↑                          ↑  
both real

∴ Instead of writing "z(t)", write x(t):

$$x(t) = A \exp[-(\gamma + \tilde{\tilde{\omega}})t] + B \exp[-(\gamma - \tilde{\tilde{\omega}})t]$$

(where, A & B are 2 free parameters for you to choose.)

Features:

① Notice that  $\gamma > \tilde{\tilde{\omega}}$

(follows from  $\omega_0 < \gamma$ )

Hence, both  $\gamma + \tilde{\tilde{\omega}}$  and  $\gamma - \tilde{\tilde{\omega}}$  are (+)

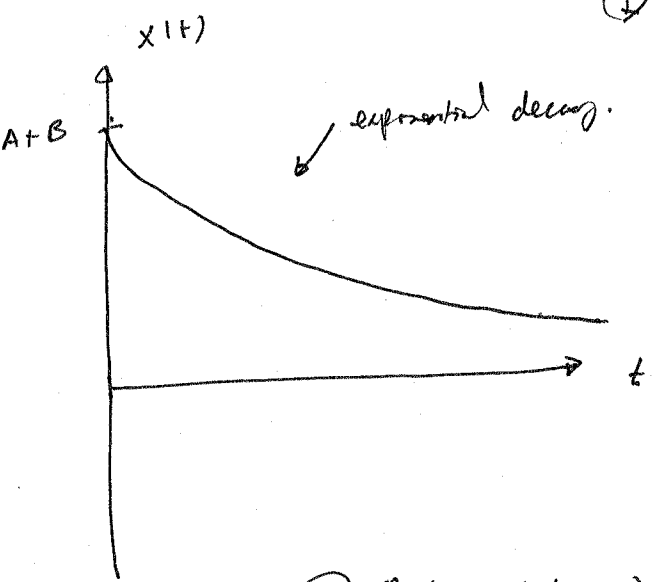
Hence, both  $\exp[-(\gamma + \tilde{\tilde{\omega}})t]$  and

$\exp[-(\gamma - \tilde{\tilde{\omega}})t]$  are decays

(If ~~one of~~  $\gamma - \tilde{\tilde{\omega}}$  was (-), then we'd get x(t) ~~then~~ eventually blowing up as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .)

physically unreasonable since

friction always takes energy away!



② Return (decay)

to equilibrium is slower than in critical damping.