

2) Show $x = Ae^{-\beta t} \cos(\omega t)$ solves

$$\underbrace{\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 2\beta \frac{dx}{dt} + \omega^2 x = 0}_{H}$$

Verify by taking derivatives

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = Ae^{-\beta t} \cos(\omega t) - \beta Ae^{-\beta t} \sin(\omega t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} &= Ae^{-\beta t} \left\{ -\beta \left[-\beta \cos(\omega t) - \omega \sin(\omega t) \right] + \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left[\beta \omega \sin(\omega t) - \omega^2 \cos(\omega t) \right] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = Ae^{-\beta t} \left[(\beta^2 - \omega^2) \cos(\omega t) + 2\beta\omega \sin(\omega t) \right]$$

Now substitute into the DE:

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 2\beta \frac{dx}{dt} + \omega^2 x = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} Ae^{-\beta t} &\left\{ [(\beta^2 - \omega^2) \cos(\omega t) + 2\beta\omega \sin(\omega t)] + \right. \\ &\quad \left. 2\beta \left[-\beta \cos(\omega t) - \omega \sin(\omega t) \right] + \omega^2 \cos(\omega t) \right\} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Note $Ae^{-\beta t}$ cancels out & gather coefficients of $\cos(\omega t)$ and $\sin(\omega t)$:

$$[\beta^2 - \omega^2 - 2\beta^2 + \omega^2] \cos(\omega t) + [2\beta\omega - 2\beta\omega] \sin(\omega t) \xrightarrow{\text{cancel}} 0$$

$$[\beta^2 - 2\beta^2 - \omega^2 + \omega^2] \cos(\omega t) = 0$$

$$-\beta \cos(\omega t) \neq 0!$$

Because we have simplified the DE!

$$\ddot{x} + 2\beta \dot{x} + \omega_n^2 x = 0, \quad x = Ae^{-\beta t} \cos(\omega_s t)$$

$$\omega_s^2 = \omega_n^2 - \beta^2 \text{ Dof!}$$