

### HW#3 Solutions

1)  $I = \sum_i m_i \tilde{r}_i^2 \rightarrow \int dm \tilde{r}^2 = \int_{-l/3}^{2l/3} \lambda dx x^2 = \lambda \frac{x^3}{3} \Big|_{-l/3}^{2l/3} = \frac{\lambda l^3}{9} = \frac{M l^2}{9}$  or you can use parallel axis thm:  $I = I_{cm} + M d^2$  ↓ dist to CM.  
 $= \int_{-l/2}^{l/2} \lambda x^2 dx + M d^2 = \frac{M l^2}{12} + M \left(\frac{l}{6}\right)^2 = \frac{M l^2}{9}$

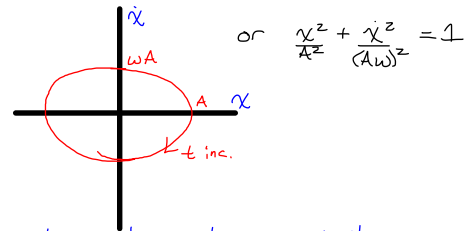
Energy eq:  $E = \frac{1}{2} I \dot{\theta}^2 + \frac{1}{2} M g d \theta^2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{M l^2}{9} \dot{\theta}^2 + \frac{1}{2} M g \frac{l}{6} \theta^2$  Energy conservation:  $0 = \dot{E} = \frac{M l^2}{9} \dot{\theta} \ddot{\theta} + M g \frac{l}{6} \dot{\theta} \theta = 0$   
 $\frac{M l^2}{9} \ddot{\theta} + \frac{M g l}{6} \theta = 0 \quad \ddot{\theta} = - \underbrace{\frac{3g}{2l}}_{\omega_0^2} \theta$

$\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{3g}{2l}}$ ,  $\Gamma = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_0} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{2l}{3g}}$

2) Use || axis thm to get  $I = I_{cm} + M r^2 = M r^2 + M r^2 = 2M r^2 = 2M \left(\frac{d}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{M d^2}{2}$  Then  $E = \frac{1}{2} I \dot{\theta}^2 + M g \frac{d}{2} \theta^2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{M d^2}{2} \dot{\theta}^2 + \frac{1}{2} M g d \theta^2$   
 or  $\ddot{\theta} = - \frac{2g}{d} \theta \rightarrow \omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{2g}{d}}$   $\Gamma = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{d}{2g}}$

3) a) for an undamped oscillator,  $x = A \cos(\omega t + \alpha)$ ,  $\dot{x} = -A \omega \sin(\omega t + \alpha)$  note that  $x^2 + \left(\frac{\dot{x}}{\omega}\right)^2 = A^2 \cos^2(\omega t + \alpha) + \frac{A^2 \omega^2}{\omega^2} \sin^2(\omega t + \alpha) = A^2$

This is ellipse w/ major/minor axes w/ length  $A$ , and  $\omega A$ :



4) Verify  $x(t) = A e^{-\alpha t} \cos \omega t$  is sol'n of damped SHO eq.  $\ddot{x} + \gamma \dot{x} + \omega_0^2 x = 0 \rightarrow$  consider complex solutions  $z = A e^{pt}$

$z(p^2 + \gamma p + \omega_0^2) = 0$ , or  $p = \frac{-\gamma \pm \sqrt{\gamma^2 - 4\omega_0^2}}{2}$ , or  $p = \frac{-\gamma}{2} \pm i \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \left(\frac{\gamma}{2}\right)^2}$  General sol'n,  $z = A_+ e^{p_+ t} + A_- e^{p_- t}$   
 $= A_+ e^{-\frac{\gamma}{2} t} e^{i \omega t} + A_- e^{-\frac{\gamma}{2} t} e^{-i \omega t}$

Now take  $A_+ = A_- = \frac{A}{2}$ , then  $z(t) = \frac{A}{2} e^{-\frac{\gamma}{2} t} [e^{i \omega t} + e^{-i \omega t}] = A e^{-\frac{\gamma}{2} t} \cos(\omega t)$  This has form  $A e^{-\alpha t} \cos(\omega t)$  with  $\alpha = \frac{\gamma}{2}$ ,  $\omega = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \left(\frac{\gamma}{2}\right)^2}$

5) The damped SHO eq is  $\ddot{x} + \gamma \dot{x} + \omega_0^2 x = 0$  now call units of  $x$  [ $x$ ] = d (could be position, volts, etc)  
↑ each term, same units Then: [ $\dot{x}$ ] =  $\frac{d}{s}$ , [ $\ddot{x}$ ] =  $\frac{d}{s^2}$  To match, [ $\gamma$ ] =  $\frac{1}{s}$ , so [ $\gamma/\omega_0$ ] = 1 (NO UNITS)

For an underdamped oscillator, amplitude decays as  $e^{-\frac{\gamma}{2} t} = e^{-\frac{\omega_0}{2Q} t}$ . Now write  $t = n \Gamma = \frac{2\pi n}{\omega}$  so  $e^{-\frac{\gamma}{2} t} \sim e^{-\frac{\pi n}{Q}}$  # cycles / period

So Amp goes down by 1/e when  $n \approx \frac{Q}{\pi}$  so  $Q \sim \pi \times (\# \text{ of cycles for Amp. to decay by } 1/e)$