



DEVIL PHYSICS  
THE BADDEST CLASS ON CAMPUS  
IB PHYSICS

**OPTION B-4**  
**FORCED VIBRATIONS AND**  
**RESONANCE**

# Essential Idea:

- In the real world, damping occurs in oscillators and has implications that need to be considered.

# Nature Of Science:

- Risk assessment:
  - The ideas of resonance and forced oscillation have application in many areas of engineering ranging from electrical oscillation to the safe design of civil structures.
  - In large-scale civil structures, modeling all possible effects is essential before construction.

# International-Mindedness:

- Communication through radio and television signals is based on resonance of the broadcast signals

# Understandings:

- Natural frequency of vibration
- Q factor and damping
- Periodic stimulus and the driving frequency
- Resonance

# Applications And Skills:

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# Utilization:

- Science and technology meet head-on when the real behaviour of damped oscillating systems is modelled

# Aims :

- Aim 6: experiments could include (but are not limited to): observation of sand on a vibrating surface of varying frequencies; investigation of the effect of increasing damping on an oscillating system, such as a tuning fork; observing the use of a driving frequency on forced oscillations

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- Aim 7: to investigate the use of resonance in electrical circuits, atoms/molecules, or with radio/television communications is best achieved through software modelling examples

# Oscillation vs. Simple Harmonic Motion

- An oscillation is any motion in which the displacement of a particle from a fixed point keeps changing direction and there is a periodicity in the motion i.e. the motion repeats in some way.
- In simple harmonic motion, the displacement from an equilibrium position and the force/acceleration are proportional and opposite to each other.

# Energy in SHM

$$E = PE + KE = \frac{1}{2}kx^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

$$E = \frac{1}{2}kx^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \text{constant}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}kx^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{1}{2}kA^2$$

$$v = \pm\omega\sqrt{A^2 - x^2}$$
$$v_{\max} = \omega A$$

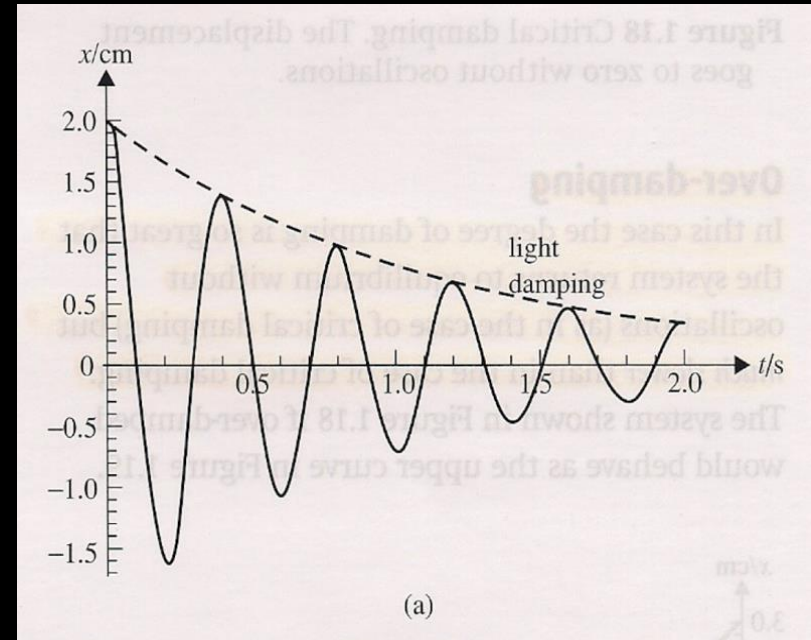
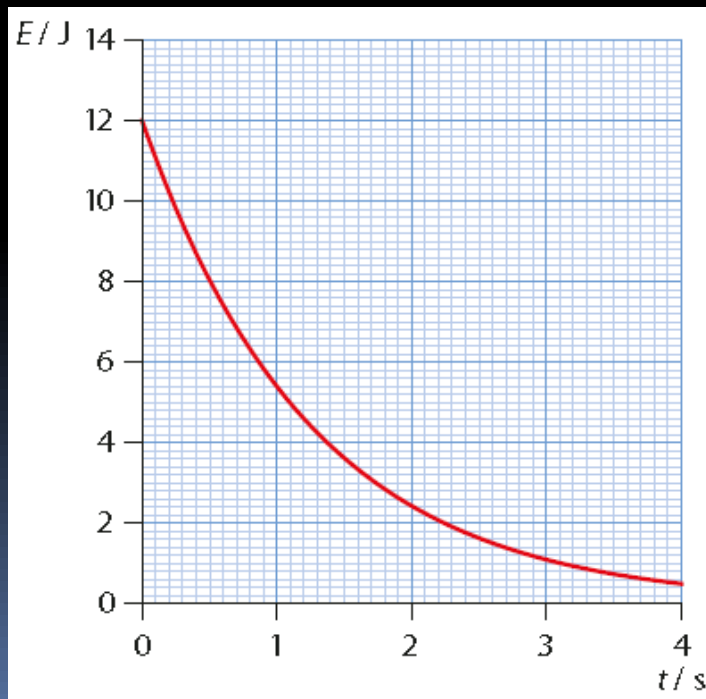
# Damping

- In the ideal world, SHM can go on forever without energy loss
- In the real world, energy is lost and the motion eventually stops
- The rate at which energy is lost is called damping

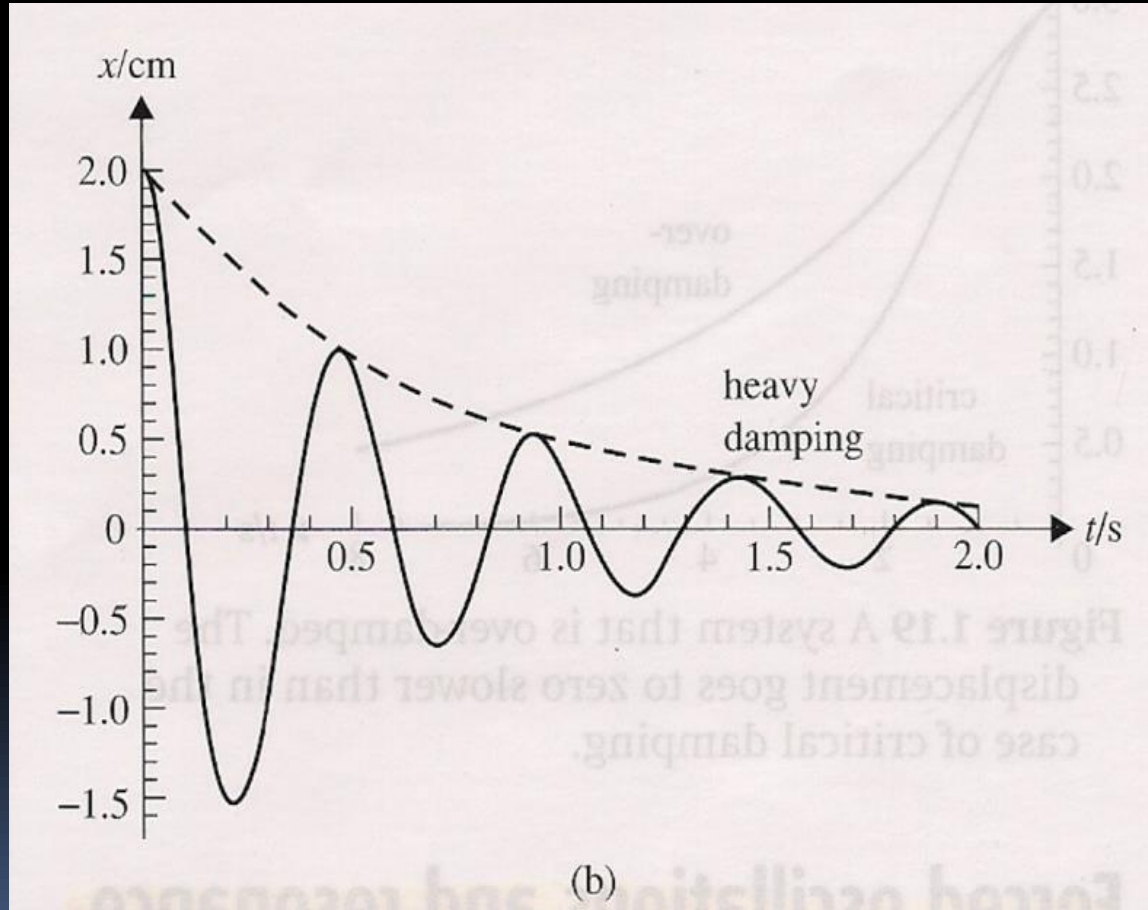


# Light Damping or Underdamped

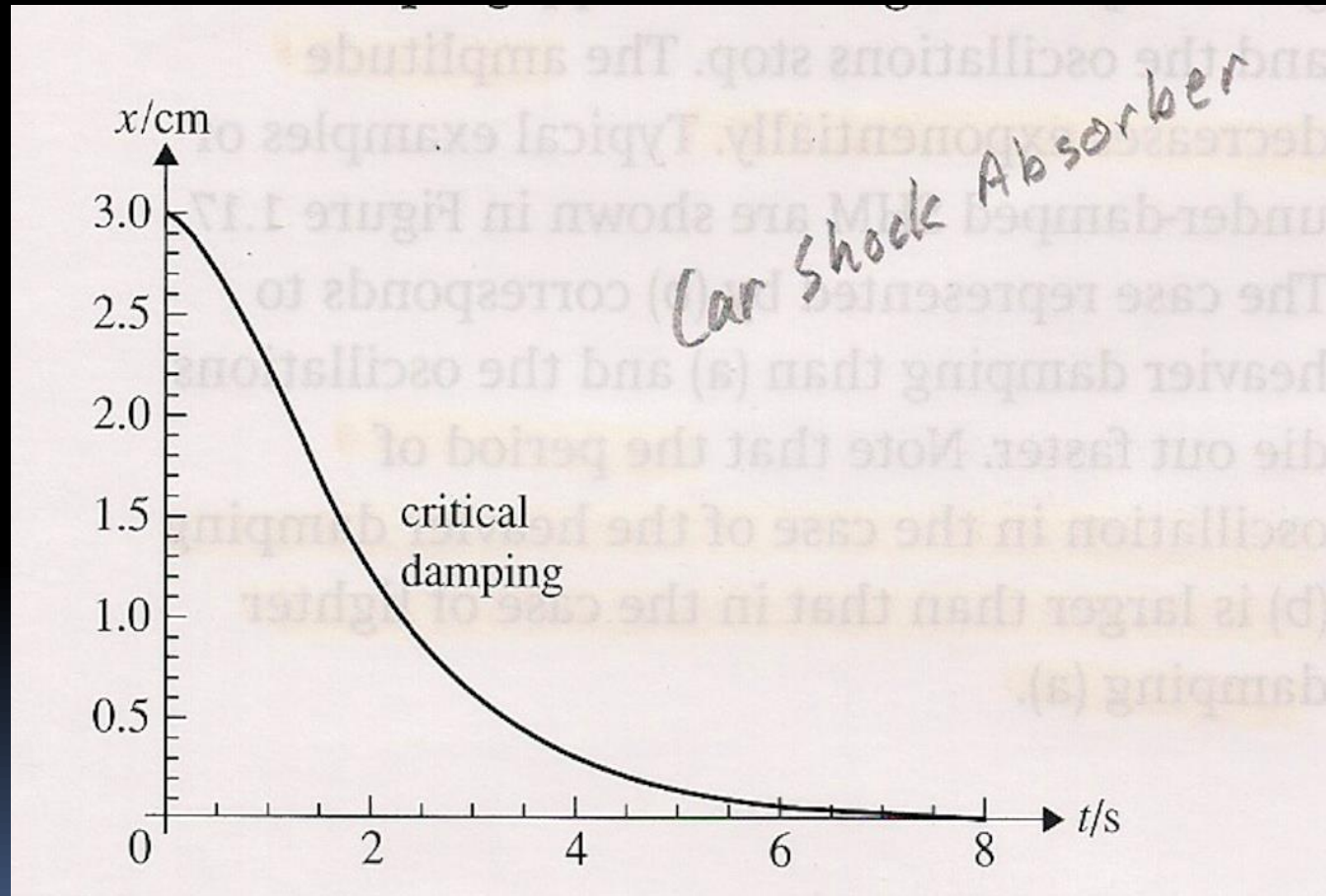
- Oscillations decrease slowly with time
- Energy loss is exponential with all damping



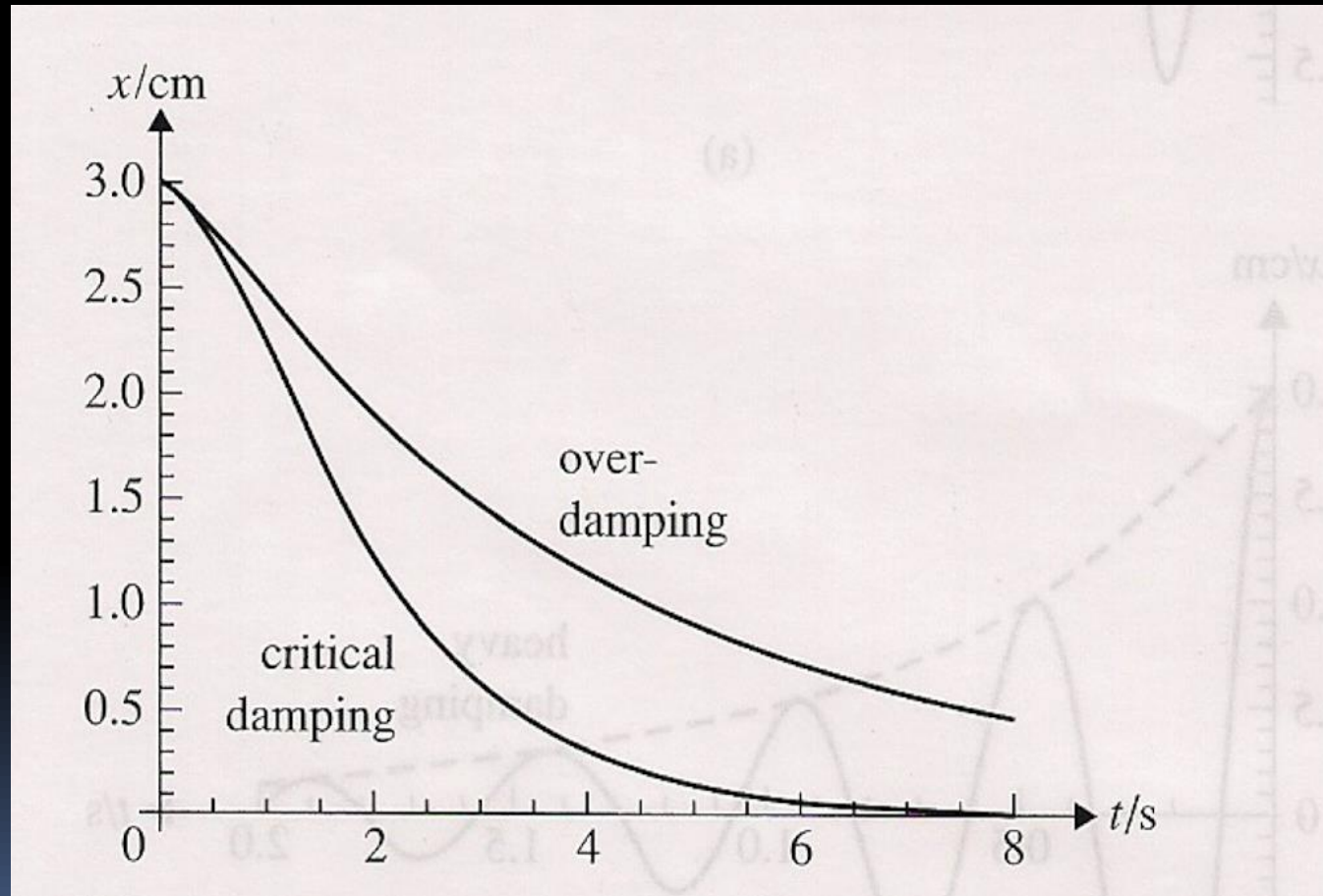
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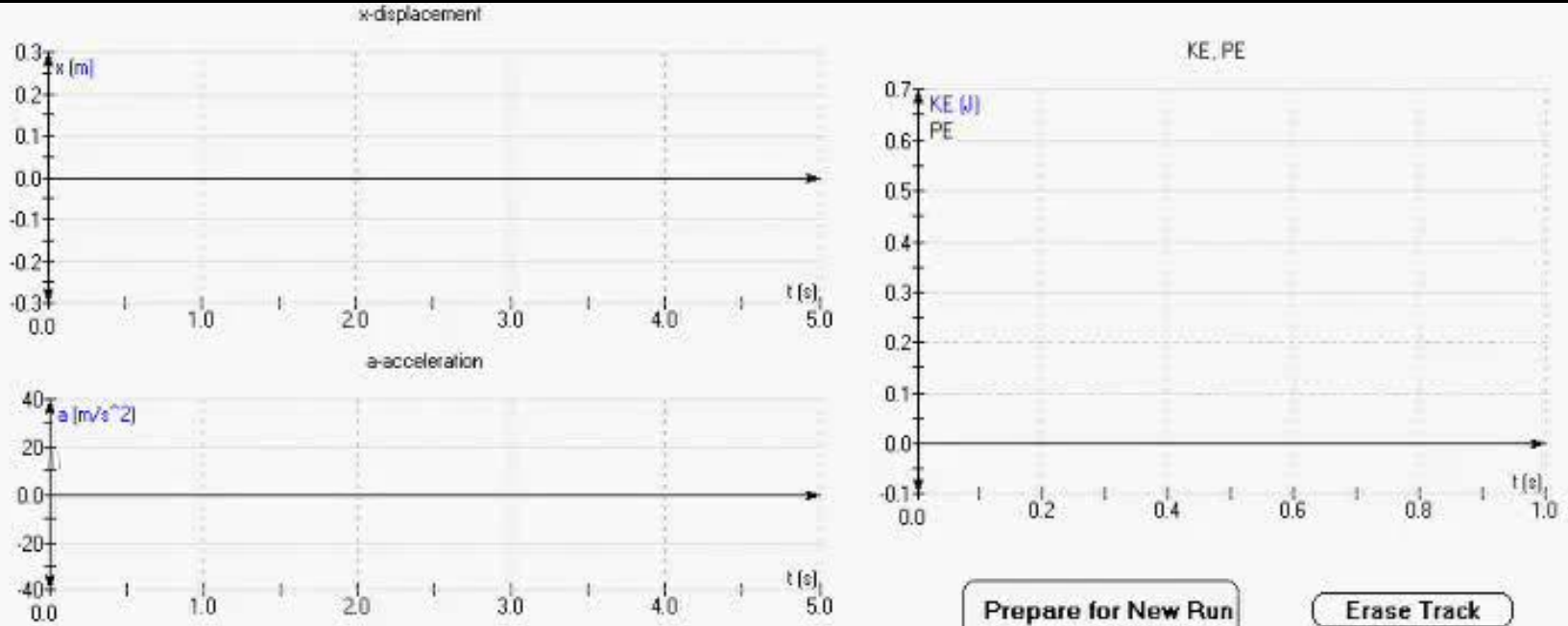
# Critical Damping



# Over-Damping



# Damping



Damping factor



Force Constant

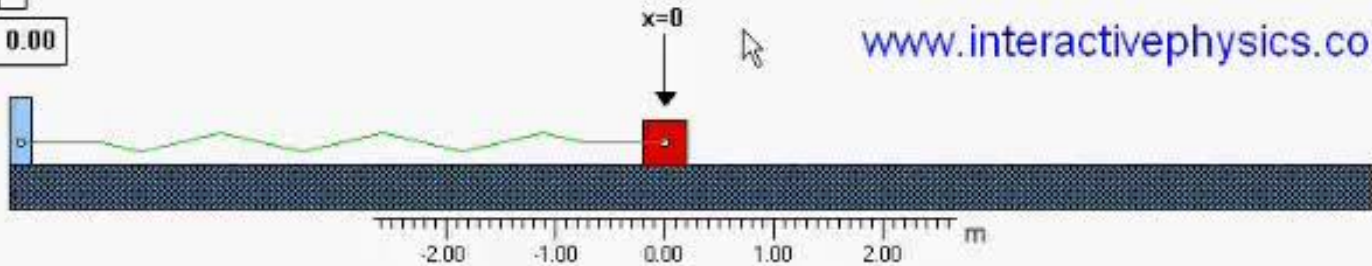


Initial displacement (x)



Run

Reset



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# Q-Factor

- Describes how quickly an underdamped system will die out
- Can be expressed in terms of energy and/or power

$$Q = 2\pi \frac{E_{\text{stored}}}{E_{\text{dissipated}}}$$

$$Q = 2\pi \frac{E_{\text{stored}}}{PT}$$

$$Q = 2\pi \frac{1}{T} \frac{E_{\text{stored}}}{P}$$

$$Q = 2\pi f_0 \frac{E_{\text{stored}}}{P}$$

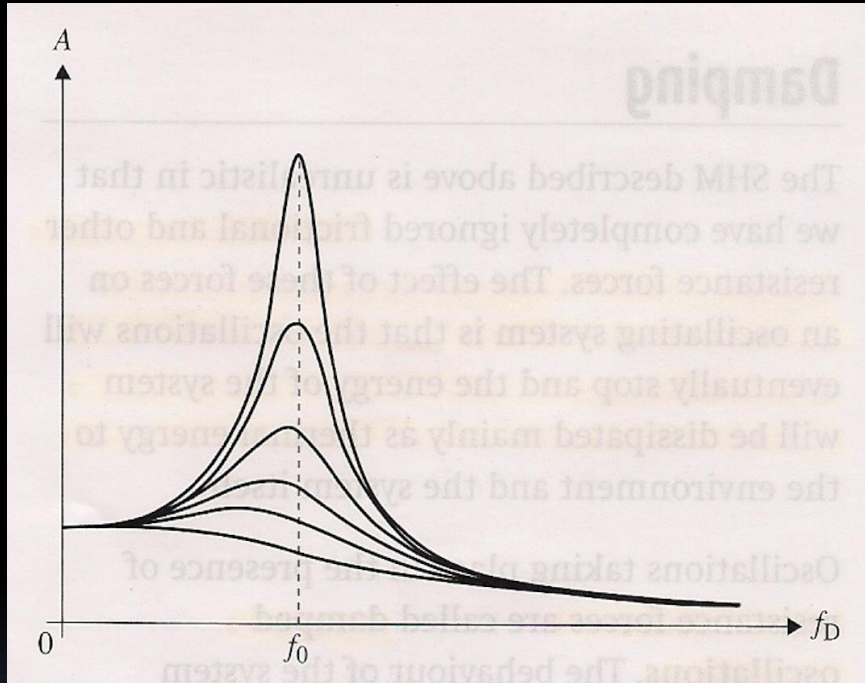
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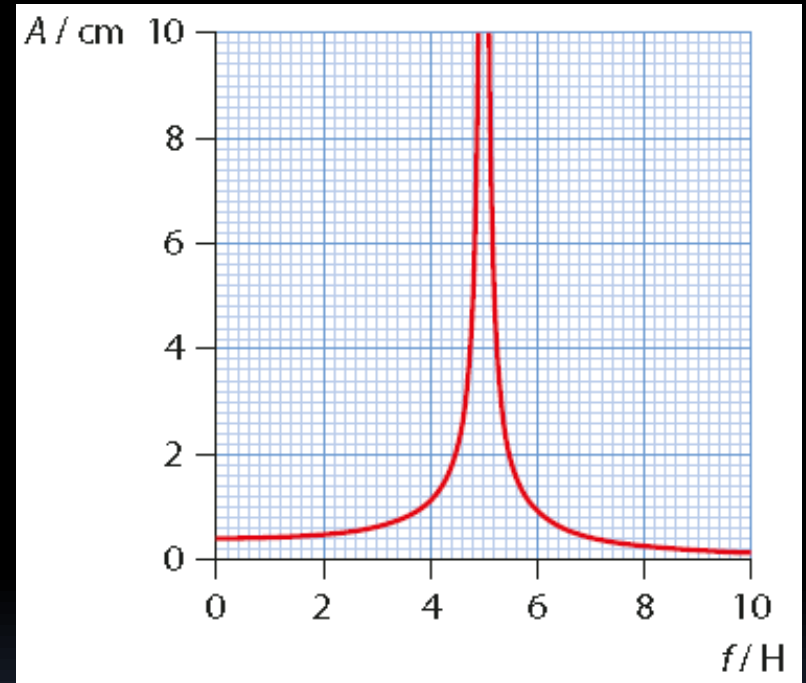
# Forced Oscillations

- We can apply a force to overcome damping and maintain a constant amplitude (grandfather clock)
- Or, we can apply a force to increase amplitude
- However, the frequency of the applied force (***driving force***),  $f_D$  must be close to or the same as the ***natural frequency***,  $f_0$

# Forced Oscillations



**With Damping**

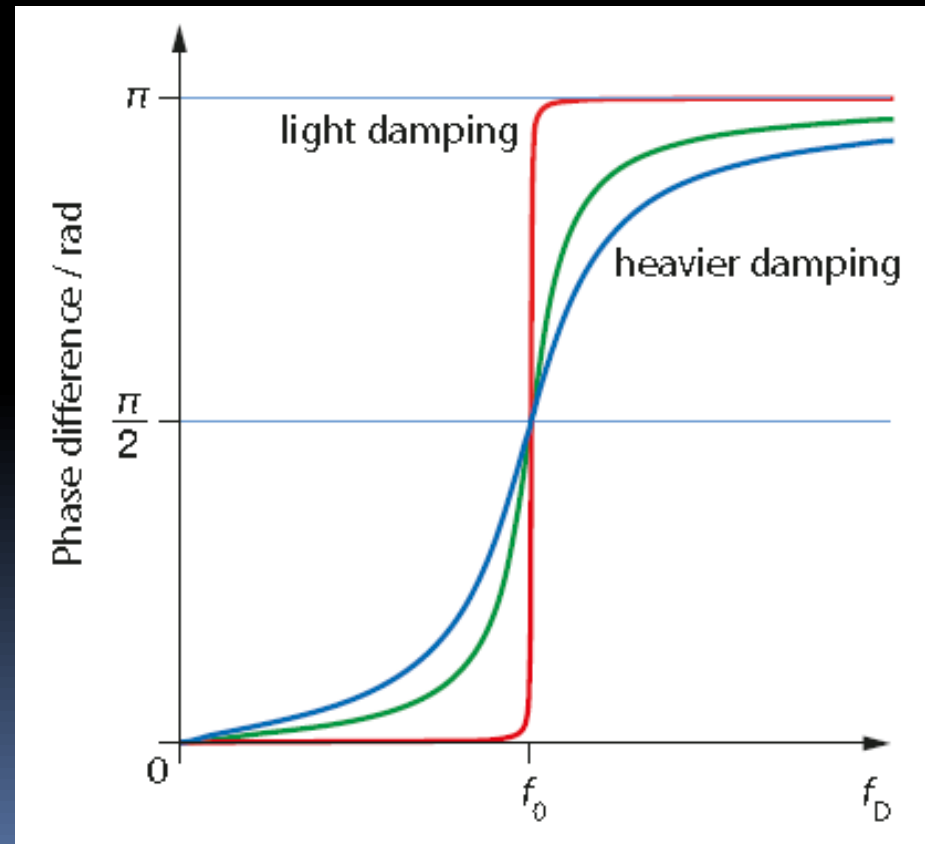


**Without Damping**



# Phase Difference

- Phase difference between the displacement of the system and the displacement of the driver



# Forced Oscillations



# Resonance

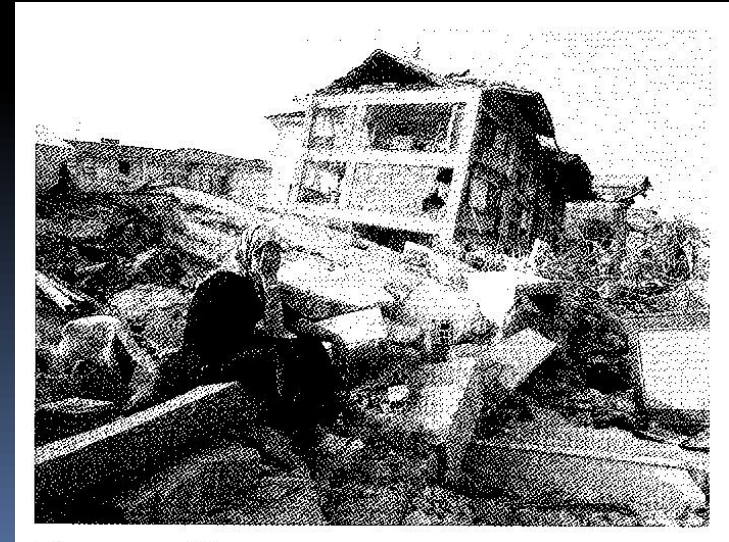
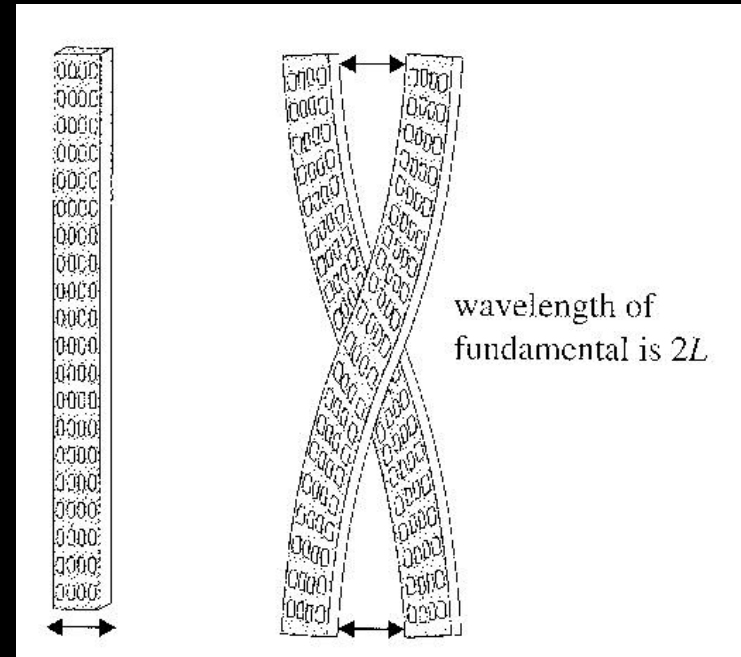
- The state in which the frequency of the externally applied periodic force equals the natural frequency of the system is called resonance. This results in oscillations with large amplitude.

# Resonance

- Resonance occurs whenever a system that is capable of oscillation or vibration is subjected to an external disturbance with a frequency equal to the natural frequency of the system itself
  - In that case, the amplitude of the oscillations will increase
  - If the frequencies don't match, the amplitude is smaller or cyclical

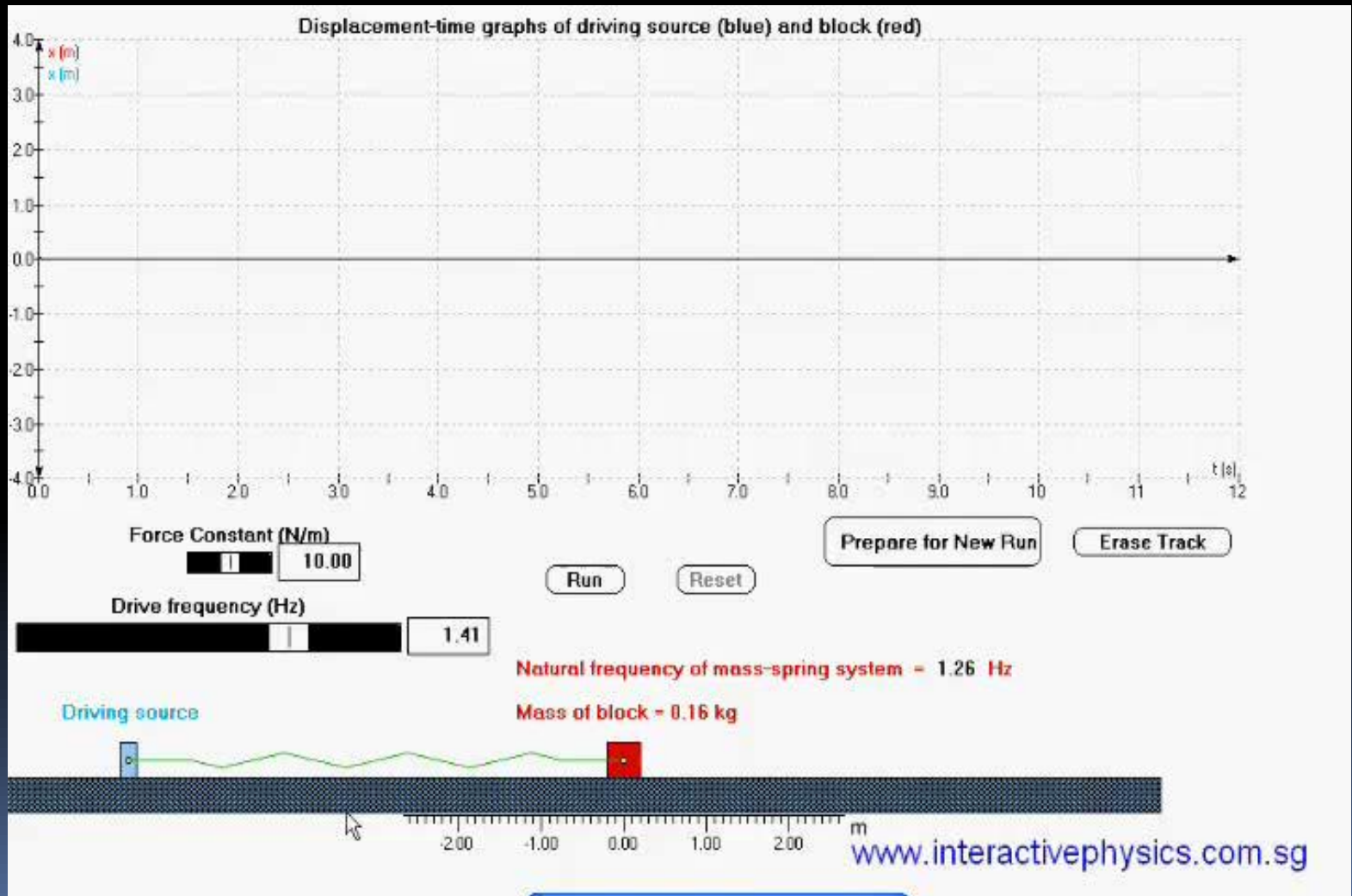
# Resonance

- Examples of resonance
  - Unbalanced tire
  - Ceiling fan
  - Rubbing a finger over the top of a glass
  - Buildings in earthquakes
    - Height of the building determines its natural frequency



# Fun With PhET

# Resonance and Forced Oscillations



# Resonance





# Resonance

Modeling Resonance in Buildings  
the BOSS Model

# Effects of Resonance on Buildings



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# Tacoma Narrows Bridge Collapse

**GALE CAUSES  
BRIDGE  
TO SWAY**

# Homework

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*Beautiful Resonance*