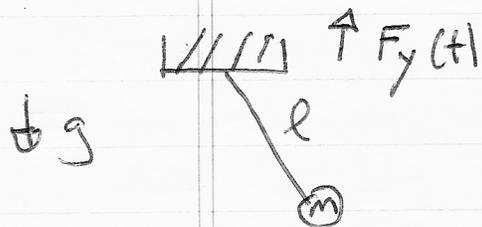


Parametric Resonance and  
Instability

## u.) Parametric Instability

→ consider pendulum with support acted on by vertical force



so  $g \Rightarrow g - F_y(t)/m$

↓ + → down

$$\therefore \ddot{\theta} = \ddot{\theta} + \frac{g}{l} \theta \rightarrow \ddot{\theta} + \left( \frac{g}{l} - \frac{a(t)}{l} \right) \theta = 0$$

let  $a(t) = a_0 \cos(\alpha t)$

$$\Rightarrow \ddot{\theta} + \omega_0^2 \theta - \frac{a_0 \cos(\alpha t)}{l} \theta = 0$$

∴ of Mathieu's equation genre, i.e.

$$\ddot{x} + \omega_0^2 (1 + a \cos(\gamma t)) x = 0$$

$\omega^2 = \omega^2(t)$ , hence parametric oscillator

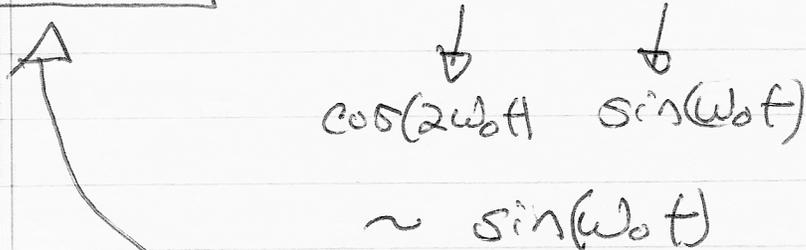
Parametric oscillator  $\leftrightarrow \omega^2(t)$  periodic  
oscillation of effective frequency.

→ Some observations:

a) informal - consider what might happen?

for instability, observe can produce secularly if  $\gamma \sim 2\omega_0$  via beat at fundamental

$$\ddot{x} + \omega_0^2 x + a \cos(\gamma t) \omega_0^2 x = 0$$



resonant drive of fundamental oscillator  
 $\Rightarrow$  secularly  $\rightarrow$  instability (why?)

$\therefore$  Solution of oscillator at  $\omega_0$  beats with parameter oscillation  $\Rightarrow$  secularly

$\therefore$  parametric resonance at/near  $\gamma \sim 2\omega_0$   
 (twice fundamental)

Note: here  $\omega^2 = \omega^2(t) \Rightarrow \partial H / \partial t \neq 0$  energy not conserved

$\Rightarrow$  work done on system (e.g. LGM oscillating pendulum support)

$\leftrightarrow$  source of energy for instability

What is relation of this to 3-mode parametric instability calculation (2004)?

b) Formal (Floquet theory) } what Mathematics predicts  
 ⇒ (What type solution possible)

-  $\omega(t)$  periodic, with period  $T = 2\pi/\gamma$

∴  $\begin{cases} \omega(t+T) = \omega(t) \\ \text{eqn. invariant under } t \rightarrow t+T \end{cases}$

∴ if  $x_1(t), x_2(t)$  are 2 independent solutions of basic eqn.

⇒  $x_1(t), x_2(t)$  must transform to linear combinations of themselves upon  $t \rightarrow t+T$  (linear eqn)

and

can choose  $x_1, x_2$  s/t

$$\begin{aligned} x_1(t+T) &= \mu_1 x_1(t) \\ x_2(t+T) &= \mu_2 x_2(t) \end{aligned}$$

(here "can choose" means can diagonalize transformation matrix)

→ most general functions having this property are:

$$\begin{aligned} x_1(t) &= \mu_1^{t/T} \pi_1(t) \\ x_2(t) &= \mu_2^{t/T} \pi_2(t) \end{aligned}$$

where:

$$\begin{cases} \pi_1(t+T) = \pi_1(t) \\ \pi_2(t+T) = \pi_2(t) \end{cases}$$

second, observe since linear equation  
 $\Rightarrow$  Wronskian constant

$$\dot{x}_2 x_1 - \dot{x}_1 x_2 = \text{const.}$$

$$\begin{matrix} x_2 \\ x_1 \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} \ddot{x}_1 + \omega^2(t) x_1 \\ \ddot{x}_2 + \omega^2(t) x_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{d}{dt} (x_2 \dot{x}_1 - \dot{x}_2 x_1) = 0$$

but

$$W(x_1, x_2) = (U_1, U_2)^{-1} W(x_1(t+T), x_2(t+T))$$

d.e. consider time translation by T

$\rightarrow$   $\left\{ \begin{matrix} U_1, U_2 = 1 \end{matrix} \right\}$   $W(x_1, x_2) = \begin{pmatrix} U_2 & t/T \\ \pi_2 & \pi_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} U_1 & t/T \\ \pi_1 & \pi_2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} U_1 & t/T \\ \pi_1 & \pi_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} U_2 & t/T \\ \pi_2 & \pi_1 \end{pmatrix}$

Can also observe:  $\begin{pmatrix} e^{(\ln U_2) t/T} e^{(\ln U_1) t/T \pi_1} \\ -e^{(\ln U_1) t/T \pi_1} e^{\ln U_2 t/T \pi_2} \end{pmatrix}$

1) coeffs in oscillator eq, so  
 $x(t)$  an integral  $\rightarrow x^*$  a solution

$\Rightarrow$

2)  $U_1, U_2$  same as  $U_1^+, U_2^+$   
d.e.

$$\begin{matrix} U_1 = U_2^+ \\ U_2 = U_1^+ \end{matrix} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{matrix} U_1 = U_1^+ \\ U_2 = U_2^+ \end{matrix} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{matrix} U_1 = U_2^+ \\ U_2 = U_1^+ \end{matrix}} \right\} \begin{matrix} \text{both} \\ \text{real} \end{matrix}$$

(I) (II)

if (I),  $U_1, U_2 = 1 \Rightarrow U_1 = 1/U_1^* \Rightarrow \underline{U_1 U_1^* = U_2 U_2^* = 1}$   
 (trivial)

if (II)  $\mu_1 \mu_2 = 1$  ;  $\mu_1, \mu_2$  real  $\Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow x_1(t) = \mu^{t/T} \pi_1(t), \quad x_2(t) = \mu^{-t/T} \pi_2(t)$$

i.e.  $\left. \begin{matrix} \uparrow \text{ increasing} \\ \downarrow \text{ decreasing} \end{matrix} \right\} \text{ solution} \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{matrix} \text{parametric} \\ \text{instability} \end{matrix} \right.$

[N.B. Exponential, not secular, growth]!

$\Rightarrow$  "true" instability is possible

$\rightarrow$  Some Calculation (as basic structure of the solution established).

Consider Mathieu's eqn:

$$\ddot{x} + \omega_0^2 [1 + h \cos((2\omega_0 + \epsilon)t)] x = 0$$

bounds on  $\epsilon$  for instability?

For solution, SHO  $\Rightarrow$

$$x = a \cos(\omega_0 t) + b \sin(\omega_0 t)$$

so, in spirit of multiple-time-scale P.T.

(i.e.  $\omega^2(t)$  enters via  $h \ll 1 \Rightarrow$  expect slow time scale variation of coefficients)

$$x = a(t) \cos[(\omega_0 + \epsilon/2)t] + b(t) \sin[(\omega_0 + \epsilon/2)t]$$

$\downarrow \quad \downarrow$   
coeffs become slowly varying

Plugging it in:

$$\ddot{x} = (a(t) \cos[(\omega_0 + \epsilon/2)t]) + \text{o.t.} \quad \leftarrow \text{other term}$$

$$= -(\omega_0 + \epsilon/2)^2 a(t) \cos[\ ] - 2(\omega_0 + \epsilon/2) \dot{a}(t) \sin[\ ] + \ddot{a} \cos[\ ] + \text{o.t.}$$

neglect  $\ddot{a}$ ,  $\ddot{b}$  as h.o. in slowness (recall amplitude eqn. deriv.)

$\Rightarrow$   $\omega_0^2$  term, only

$$-(\omega_0 + \epsilon/2)^2 a(t) \cos[\ ] - 2\dot{a}(t) (\omega_0 + \epsilon/2) \sin[\ ]$$

$$- (\omega_0 + \epsilon/2)^2 b(t) \sin[\ ] + 2\dot{b}(t) (\omega_0 + \epsilon/2) \cos[\ ]$$

$$+ \omega_0^2 [a(t) \cos[\ ] + b(t) \sin[\ ]]$$

$$+ \omega_0^2 h \cos(2\omega_0 t) [a(t) \cos[\ ] + b(t) \sin[\ ]]$$

$$= 0$$

Now; - neglect  $O(\epsilon^2)$  terms  $\Rightarrow$  only  $\omega_0 \epsilon$  term survives.

- observe  $\cos[(\omega_0 + \epsilon/2)t] \cos[2\omega_0 t]$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cos[3(\omega_0 + \epsilon/2)t] + \frac{1}{2} \cos[(\omega_0 + \epsilon/2)t]$$

Resonant contribution is interesting one here

{ fast oscillation }  $\rightarrow$  Resonant with fundamental (i.e. expect h.o. in h)

⇒

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -\omega_0 \epsilon (a(t) \cos[\ ] + b(t) \sin[\ ]) \\
 & - 2 \dot{a} (\omega_0 + \epsilon/2) \sin[\ ] + 2 \dot{b} (\omega_0 + \epsilon/2) \cos[\ ] \\
 & + \frac{\omega_0^2 h}{2} [a(t) \cos[\ ] - b(t) \sin[\ ]] \\
 & = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Regrouping coeffs.  $\cos[\ ]$ ,  $\sin[\ ]$ ;

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sin[\ ] (-2\omega_0 \dot{a} - b\omega_0 \epsilon - \omega_0^2 h b/2) \\
 & + \cos[\ ] (2\dot{b}\omega_0 - a\epsilon\omega_0 + \frac{1}{2} h\omega_0^2 a) = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow & (2\omega_0) \dot{a} + (\omega_0 \epsilon) b + \left(\frac{\omega_0^2 h}{2}\right) b = 0 \\
 & (2\omega_0) \dot{b} - (\omega_0 \epsilon) a + \left(\frac{\omega_0^2 h}{2}\right) a = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

⇒

$$\begin{cases}
 \dot{a} + (\epsilon/2) b + (\omega_0 h/4) b = 0 \\
 \dot{b} - (\epsilon/2) a + (\omega_0 h/4) a = 0
 \end{cases}$$

Basic  
system  
of  
Eqs for  
Amplitude  
Variation

$$a(t) = a_0 e^{st}$$

$$b(t) = b_0 e^{st}$$

exponentially growing/damping solutions

⇒

$$s a_0 + (\epsilon/2 + \omega_0 h/4) b_0 = 0$$

$$\left(-\frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\omega_0 h}{4}\right) a_0 + s b_0 = 0$$

$$s^2 = \frac{\omega_0^2 h^2}{16} - \frac{\epsilon^2}{4} = \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{\omega_0^2 h^2}{4} - \epsilon^2 \right)$$

⇒ Parametric instability criterion

Growth rate

Observe:

- instability for:

$$\epsilon^2 = (\gamma - 2\omega_0)^2 < \frac{\omega_0^2 h^2}{4}$$

$\omega_0 \rightarrow$  Fundamental  
 $\gamma \rightarrow$  Parametric Variation freq.

amplitude of variation

$$h^2 > 4(\gamma - \omega_0)^2 / \omega_0^2$$

↑  
 i.e. sufficiently close to resonance  
 ⇒ growth.

for  $(\gamma - 2\omega_0)^2 > \omega_0^2 h^2 / 4 \rightarrow$  oscillation

- amplitude of  $\omega_0^2(t)$  variation sets proximity threshold

