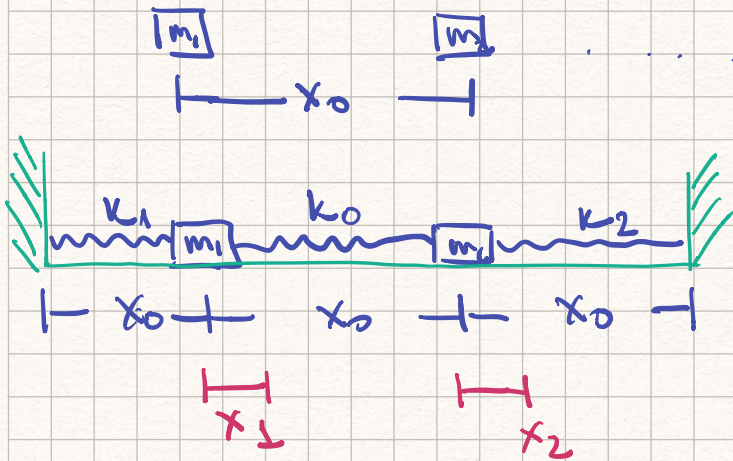


# Coupled Harmonic Oscillators



Chain of masses

Toy-model for a 1D crystal.

Newtons eq. of motion:

$$m_1 \ddot{x}_1 = -k_1 x_1 + k_0 (x_2 - x_1)$$

$$m_2 \ddot{x}_2 = -k_2 x_2 - k_0 (x_2 - x_1)$$

$$\ddot{x}_j = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} x_j$$

Coupled. diff. Eqs.

Ansatz:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \end{pmatrix} e^{i\omega t}$$

Harmonic solution

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{x}_1 &= -\omega^2 A_1 e^{i\omega t} \\ \ddot{x}_2 &= -\omega^2 A_2 e^{i\omega t} \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \ddot{x}_1(t) \\ \ddot{x}_2(t) \end{pmatrix} = -\omega^2 \begin{pmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \end{pmatrix} e^{i\omega t}$$

$$-m_1 \omega^2 A_1 e^{i\omega t} = -k_1 A_1 e^{i\omega t} + k_0 (A_2 - A_1) e^{i\omega t}$$

$$-m_2 \omega^2 A_2 e^{i\omega t} = -k_2 A_2 e^{i\omega t} - k_0 (A_2 - A_1) e^{i\omega t}$$

Algebraic eqs. for  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ .

Divide by  $e^{i\omega t}$  everywhere and reorganize

$$-m_1 \omega^2 A_1 = -k_1 A_1 + k_0 (A_2 - A_1)$$

$$0 = (m_1 \omega^2 - k_1) A_1 + k_0 (A_2 - A_1)$$

$$0 = (m_1 \omega^2 - k_1 - k_0) A_1 + k_0 A_2$$

$$0 = k_0 A_1 + (m_2 \omega^2 - k_2 + k_0) A_2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} m_1 \omega^2 - k_1 - k_0 & k_0 \\ k_0 & m_2 \omega^2 - k_2 + k_0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{0} = M \vec{A}$$

Thus has a solution  $\det(M) = 0$

$$0 = \det(M) = (m_1 \omega^2 - k_1 - k_0)(m_2 \omega^2 - k_2 + k_0) - k_0^2$$

$$0 = \omega^4 m_1 m_2 - \omega^2 (k_0 m_1 + k_2 m_1 + k_0 m_2 + k_2 m_2) + k_0 k_1 + k_0 k_2 + k_1 k_2$$

$$0 = x^2 a + b x + c$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$x = \omega^2$$

$$\omega^2 = \frac{k_2 m_1 + k_1 m_2 + k_0 (m_1 + m_2)}{2 m_1 m_2} \pm$$

Normal modes  
of oscillation

$$\pm \left\{ \frac{[(k_0 + k_1) m_1 + (k_0 + k_2) m_2]^2 - 4 m_1 m_2 (k_0 k_1 + k_0 k_2 + k_1 k_2)}{2 m_1 m_2} \right\}^{1/2}$$

→ Makes sense  $k_1 = k_2 = k$

$$m_1 = m_2 = m$$

$$\omega^2 = \begin{cases} \frac{k}{m} \\ \frac{k + 2k_0}{m} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} m_1 \omega^2 - k_1 - k_0 & k_0 \\ k_0 & m_2 \omega^2 - k_2 + k_0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\omega^2 = k/m$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -k_0 & k_0 \\ k_0 & -k_0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

1st eq.

$$0 = -k_0 A_1 + k_0 A_2$$

$$0 = -A_1 + A_2$$

2nd eq.

$$0 = k_0 A_1 - k_0 A_2$$

$$0 = A_1 - A_2$$

$$A_1 = A_2$$

$$\omega^2 = \frac{k + 2k_0}{m}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} k_0 & k_0 \\ k_0 & k_0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$0 = k_0 A_1 + k_0 A_2$$

$$0 = A_1 + A_2$$

$$A_1 = -A_2$$

Every oscillation of these masses can be expressed as a superposition of the motion with the normal modes

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{pmatrix} = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{i\omega_1 t} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-i\omega_1 t}$$

$$\omega_1^2 = \frac{k}{m}$$

$$+ c_3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} e^{i\omega_2 t} + c_4 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-i\omega_2 t}$$

$$\omega_2^2 = \frac{k + 2k_0}{m}$$

$$c_1 = c_2^* = B_1 e^{i\phi_1/2}$$

$$c_3 = c_4^* = B_2 e^{i\phi_2/2}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{pmatrix} = B_1 \cos(\omega_1 t + \phi_1) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + B_2 \cos(\omega_2 t + \phi_2) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Particular cases

$$\text{If } B_1 = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{pmatrix} = B_2 \cos(\omega_2 t + \phi_2) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{out of phase}$$

$$\sum_f B_2 = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{pmatrix} = B_2 \cos(\omega_1 t + \phi_1) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{they are synchronized}$$

## Maths

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} m_1 \omega^2 - k_1 - k_0 & k_0 \\ k_0 & m_2 \omega^2 - k_2 + k_0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Factorize a minus sign,  $m_1 = m_2 = m$   $k_1 = k_2 = k$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} k + k_0 - m\omega^2 & -k_0 \\ -k_0 & k - k_0 - m\omega^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$0 = (k + k_0) A_1 - k_0 A_2 - m\omega^2 A_1$$

$$0 = -k_0 A_1 + (k - k_0) A_2 - m\omega^2 A_2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} k + k_0 & -k_0 \\ -k_0 & k - k_0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \end{pmatrix} - m\omega^2 \begin{pmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{1}{m} \begin{pmatrix} k + k_0 & -k_0 \\ -k_0 & k - k_0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \end{pmatrix} = \omega^2 \begin{pmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M \vec{v} = \underline{\lambda} \vec{v}$$

$\lambda$ : eigenvalues of  $M$

$\omega^2$  is the eigenvalue of matrix

$$\frac{1}{m} \begin{pmatrix} k + k_0 & -k_0 \\ -k_0 & k - k_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

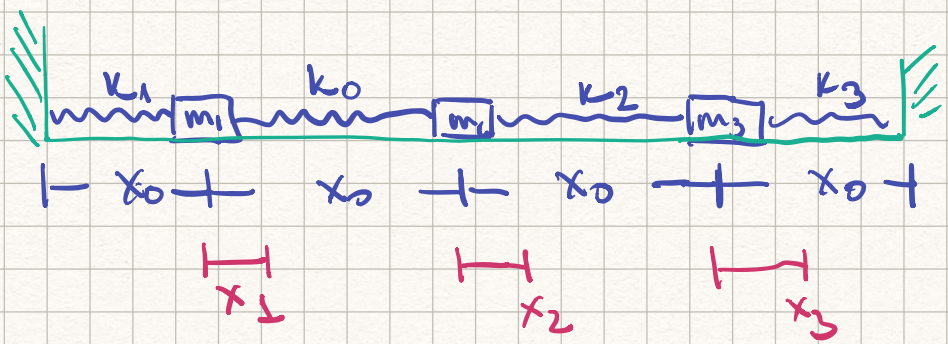
with eigenvector  $\begin{pmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \end{pmatrix}$

**3 masses**

$$m_1 = m_2 = m_3 = m$$

$$\omega_0^2 = \frac{k}{m}$$

$$k_1 = k_2 = k_3 = k_0 = k$$



Ansatz

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \\ x_3(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \\ A_3 \end{pmatrix} e^{i\omega t}$$

$$m_1 \ddot{x}_1 = -k x_1 + k(x_2 - x_1)$$

$$m_2 \ddot{x}_2 = k(x_3 - x_2) - k(x_2 - x_1)$$

$$m_3 \ddot{x}_3 = -k(x_3 - x_2) - k x_3$$

Using the Ansatz:

$$-\omega^2 m A_1 = -k A_1 + k(A_2 - A_1)$$

$$-\omega^2 m A_2 = k(A_3 - A_2) - k(A_2 - A_1)$$

$$-\omega^2 m A_3 = -k(A_3 - A_2) - k A_3$$

$$\frac{k}{m} = \omega_0^2$$

$$-\omega^2 A_1 = -\omega_0^2 A_1 + \omega_0^2 (A_2 - A_1) = -2\omega_0^2 A_1 + \omega_0^2 A_2$$

$$-\omega^2 A_2 = \omega_0^2 (A_3 - A_2) - \omega_0^2 (A_2 - A_1) = \omega_0^2 A_1 - 2\omega_0^2 A_2 + \omega_0^2 A_3$$

$$-\omega^2 A_3 = -\omega_0^2 (A_3 - A_2) - \omega_0^2 A_3 = \omega_0^2 A_2 - 2\omega_0^2 A_3$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \omega^2 - 2\omega_0^2 & \omega_0^2 & 0 \\ \omega_0^2 & \omega - 2\omega_0^2 & \omega_0^2 \\ 0 & \omega_0^2 & \omega - 2\omega_0^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \\ A_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta & 0 \\ \beta & \alpha & \beta \\ 0 & \beta & \alpha \end{pmatrix} = \alpha(\alpha^2 - 2\beta^2) = 0$$

$$\alpha = 0$$

$$\alpha^2 = 2\beta^2$$

$$\alpha = \omega^2 - 2\omega_0^2$$

$$\omega^2 - 2\omega_0^2 = 0$$

$$\omega^2 = 2\omega_0^2$$

$$\beta = \omega_0^2$$

$$(\omega^2 - 2\omega_0^2)^2 = 2\omega_0^4$$

$$\omega^4 + 4\omega_0^4 - 4\omega^2\omega_0^2 = 2\omega_0^4$$

$$\omega^4 + 2\omega_0^4 - 4\omega^2\omega_0^2 = 0$$

$$\omega^2 = \frac{4\omega_0^2 \pm \sqrt{16\omega_0^4 - 8\omega_0^4}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{4\omega_0^2 \pm \sqrt{8\omega_0^4}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{4\omega_0^2 \pm 2\sqrt{2}\omega_0^2}{2}$$

$$\omega^2 = (2 \pm \sqrt{2})\omega_0^2$$

3 masses  $\rightarrow$  3 normal modes

N masses  $\rightarrow$  N normal modes

$$\omega^2 = 2\omega_0^2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \omega_0^2 & 0 \\ \omega_0^2 & 0 & \omega_0^2 \\ 0 & \omega_0^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \\ A_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\omega_0^2 A_2 = 0 \Rightarrow A_2 = 0$$

$$\omega_0^2 (A_1 + A_3) = 0 \Rightarrow A_1 = -A_3$$

$$A \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\omega^2 = (2 \pm \sqrt{2})\omega_0^2$$

$$\omega_0^2 \begin{pmatrix} \pm\sqrt{2} & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & \pm\sqrt{2} & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \pm\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \\ A_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow A \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \mp\sqrt{2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\omega_S^2 = (2 - \sqrt{2})\omega_0^2$$

$$A_S, \phi_S$$

$$\omega_m^2 = 2\omega_0^2$$

$$A_m, \phi_m$$

$$\omega_F^2 = (2 + \sqrt{2})\omega_0^2$$

$$A_F, \phi_F$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}(t) = A_m \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \cos(\underbrace{\sqrt{2}}_{\omega_m} \omega_0 t + \phi_m)$$

$$+ A_f \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\sqrt{2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cos(\underbrace{\sqrt{2+\sqrt{2}}}_{\omega_f} \omega_0 t + \phi_f)$$

$$+ A_s \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \sqrt{2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cos(\underbrace{\sqrt{2-\sqrt{2}}}_{\omega_s} \omega_0 t + \phi_s)$$