

Classwork 6 – ANSWERS (corrected)

- (a) (i) $x = A \cos \omega t$. (ii) If $\tilde{\omega} = i\gamma$, then $x = Ae^{-\gamma t}$ which represents exponential decay if γ is positive.
- (b) (i) $x = A \cos(\omega t - \pi/2) = A \sin \omega t$. (ii) $x = A \cos(\omega t \pm \pi) = -A \cos \omega t$.
- (c) (i) $x = Ae^{-\gamma t} \cos \omega t$, so $x = A$ at $t = 0$. (ii) $T = 2\pi / \omega$, (iii) $e^{-\gamma \tau} = 0.5$ so $\tau = \frac{\log_e 2}{\gamma}$.
- (d) $m(-\omega_0^2 \tilde{x}) = -k\tilde{x}$ so $\omega_0 = \sqrt{k/m}$.
- (e) $\tilde{v} = \frac{d\tilde{x}}{dt} = i\omega_0 \tilde{x} = i\omega_0 \tilde{A} e^{i\omega_0 t}$.
- (f) $x = \text{Re}\{\tilde{x}\} = \text{Re}\{Ae^{i\omega_0 t}\} = A \cos \omega_0 t$; $v = \text{Re}\{\tilde{v}\} = \text{Re}\{i\omega_0 A e^{i\omega_0 t}\} = -\omega_0 A \sin \omega_0 t$.
- (g) (i) $\omega_0 = 5$ rad/s; (ii) $T = 2\pi / 5 = 1.26$ s;
 (iii) At $t = 0$, $x = 0.1$ m, $v = 0$ m/s.
 At $t = 0.2$ s, $x = 0.1 \cos(1.0) = 0.054$ m, $v = -0.5 \sin(1.0) = -0.421$ m/s.
 At $t = 0.4$ s, $x = 0.1 \cos(2.0) = -0.042$ m, $v = -0.5 \sin(2.0) = -0.455$ m/s.
- (h) $x = \text{Re}\{\tilde{x}\} = \text{Re}\{Ae^{i(\omega_0 t + \pi/2)}\} = A \cos(\omega_0 t + \pi/2) = -A \sin \omega_0 t$;
 $v = \text{Re}\{\tilde{v}\} = \text{Re}\{i\omega_0 A e^{i(\omega_0 t + \pi/2)}\} = -\omega_0 A \sin(\omega_0 t + \pi/2) = -\omega_0 A \cos \omega_0 t$.
- (i) $m\tilde{\omega}^2 - i\rho\tilde{\omega} - k = 0$ leads to $\tilde{\omega} = \frac{i\rho}{2m} \pm \sqrt{\frac{k}{m} - \frac{\rho^2}{4m^2}}$.