

Springs.

Directions: Do one step, and then pass it along to the next student. You do not have to solve the entire problem. If you see a mistake, correct it. If you are not sure, discuss. I will check back.

Solve the problem below.

1. A mass weighing 6 pounds is attached to a spring and stretches it 4 inches. The spring is stretched an additional 6 inches from equilibrium and released with an upward velocity of 1 inch per second. A forcing function of $F(x) = \sin x$ is applied to the system.
 - a. Set up the equation of the system, including stating any initial conditions.
 - b. Solve the system.
 - c. Does the system exhibit resonance or beats?
 - d. Graph the system.
 - e. Describe the long-term behavior of the system.

2. A mass weighing 19 kg is attached to a spring and stretches it 13 centimeters. The spring is attached to a damping mechanism that applies a damping force at twice the magnitude of the velocity. The spring is pushed upward from equilibrium by 5 cm and released. A forcing function of $F(x) = e^{-x} + \cos 2x$ is applied to the system. You may round components of your solution to 4 decimal places (they will be pretty ugly).
 - a. Set up the equation of the system, including stating any initial conditions.
 - b. Solve the system.
 - c. Is the system undamped, underdamped, critically damped or overdamped?
 - d. Graph the system.
 - e. Which parts of the equation are transient, and which are steady state?