

CHAPTER 10

Vibrations

The ideal harmonic oscillator (previous chapter) oscillates with simple sinusoidal motion forever. In the real world there is friction so oscillations decay more or less quickly, there are forces that cause the oscillations, and there are multiple parts that move multiple ways. Understanding something about these realities is the topic of this chapter. Some key words are damping, resonance, frequency response and normal modes.

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