



MECHANICAL VIBRATION

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CHAPTER 5: MULTI-DEGREE OF FREEDOM SYSTEM

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

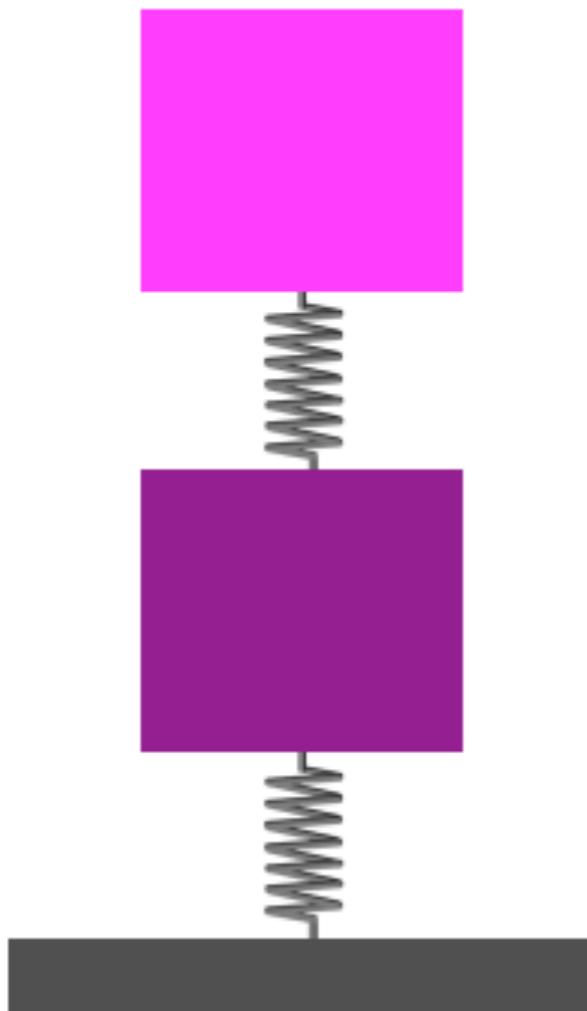
1. Derive the equation of motion
2. Calculate the natural frequencies and mode shape functions

5.1 Derivation of Equations of Motion

5.2 Matrix Operation



System with one or two degrees of freedom is still relatively easy for analysis.



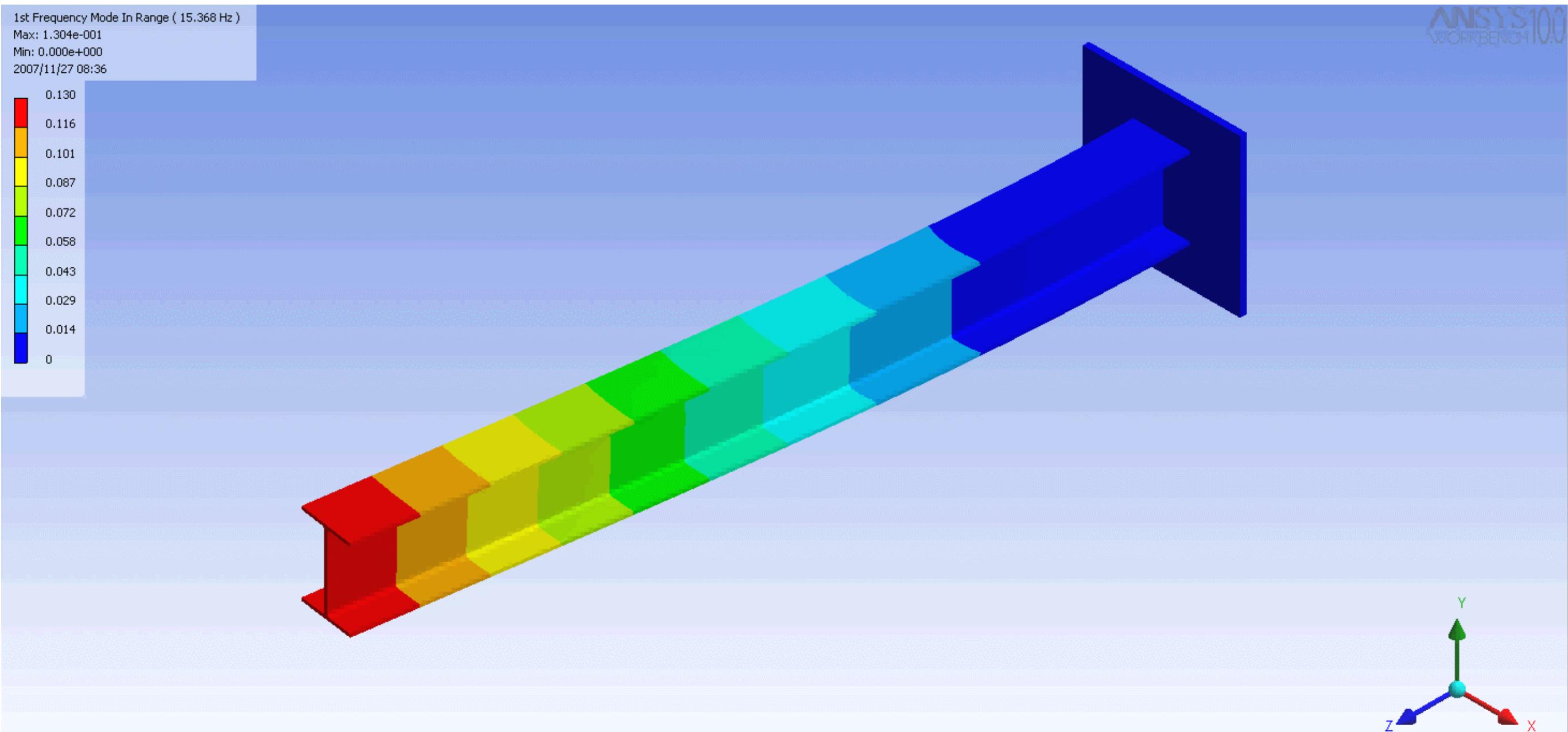
(Discrete system)

Two degrees of freedom system:

- **Two equations of motion**
- **Two natural frequencies**
- **Two modes of vibration**
- **Two resonances**

A more complex system with **infinite** degrees of freedom: Finite Element Analysis

(Continuous system)

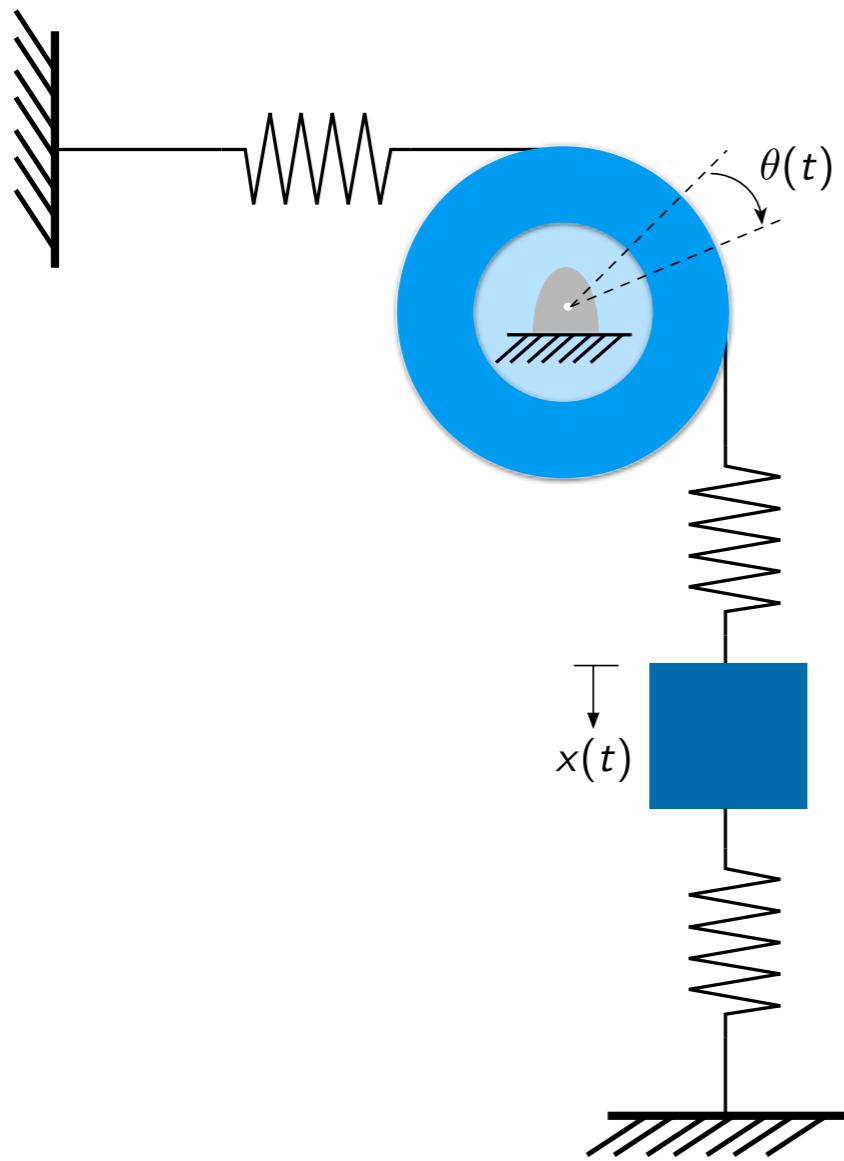


Degree of Freedom (DOF):

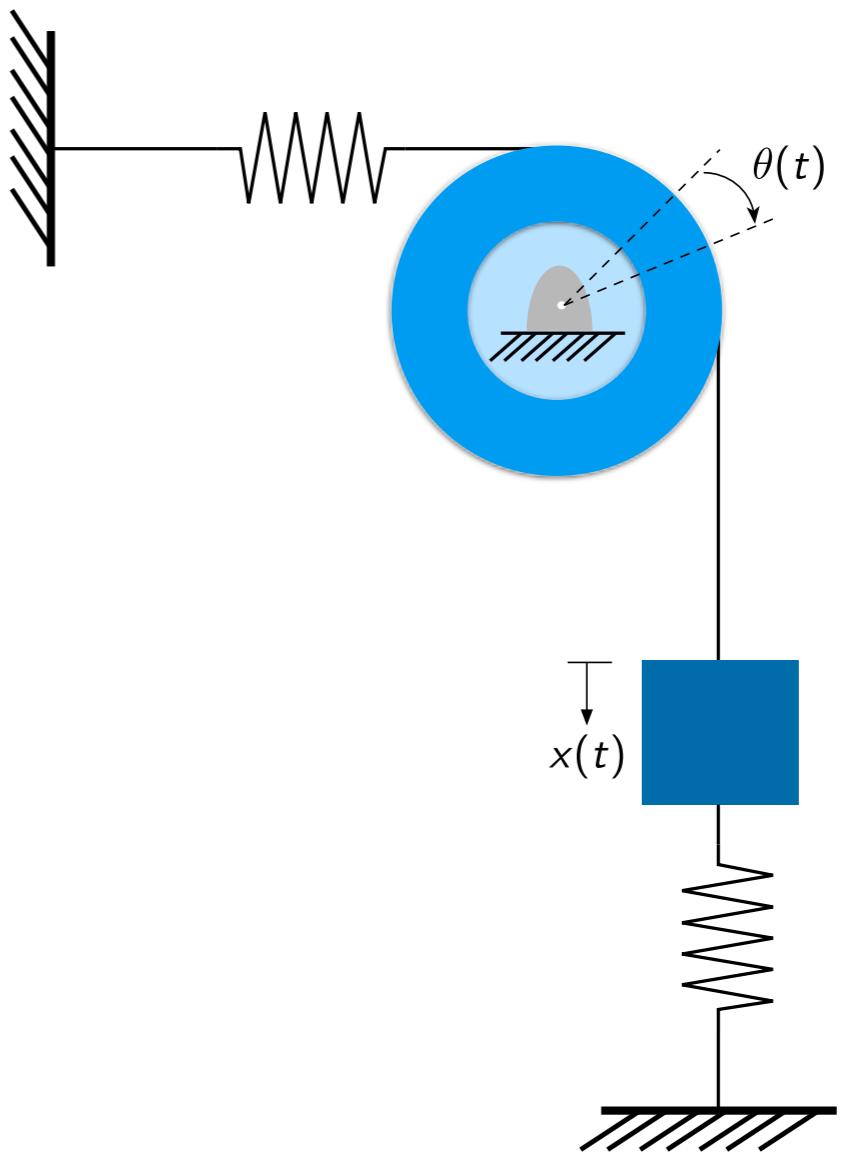
"Minimum number of **independent coordinates to specify
the motion of a system"**

How many DOFs?

A.



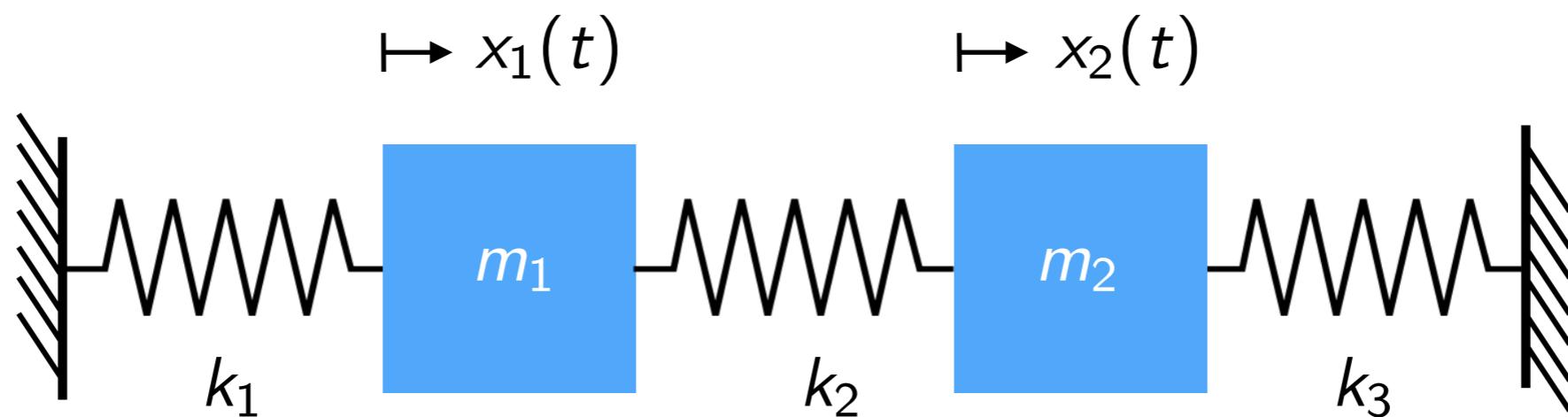
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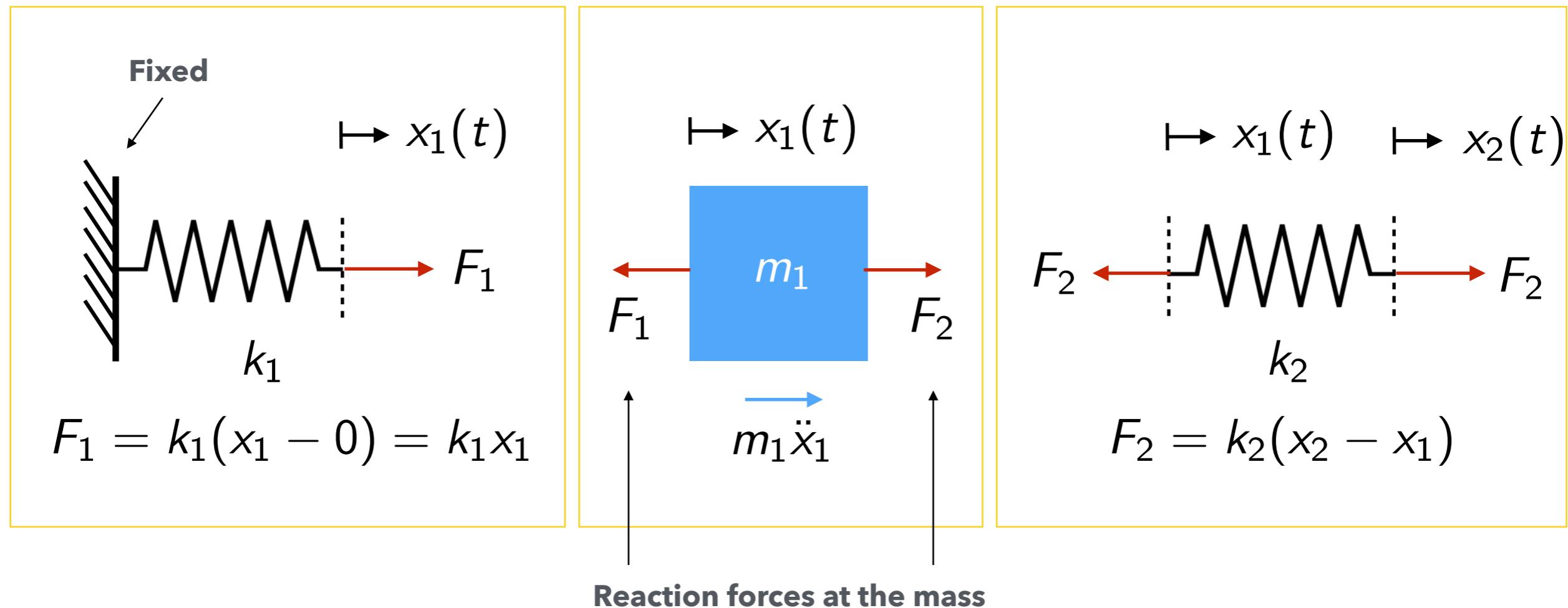
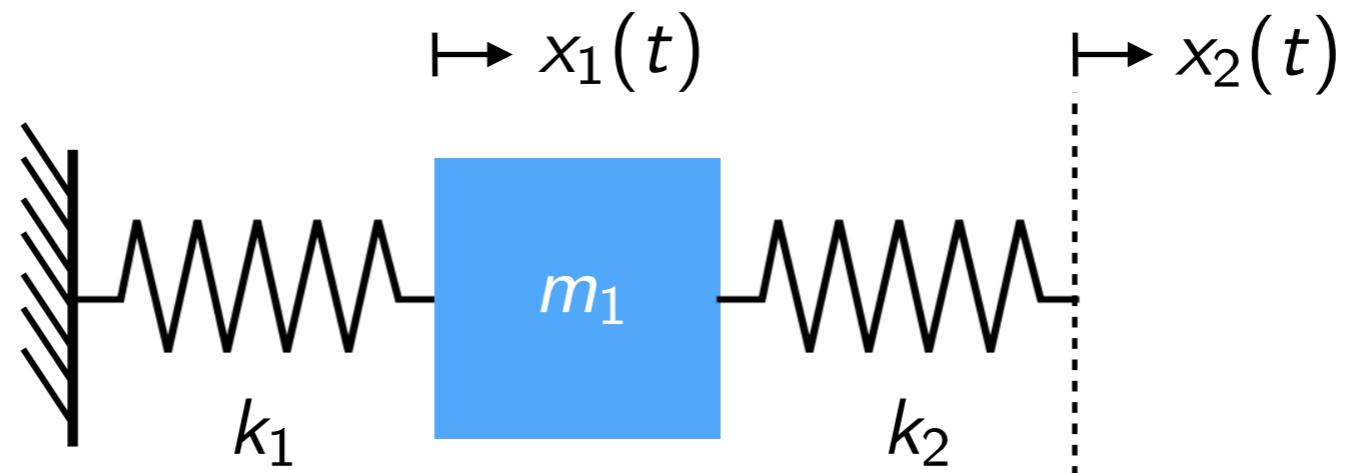
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DERIVATION OF EQUATION OF MOTION

Derive the equations of motion from the following system.



1. For mass m_1

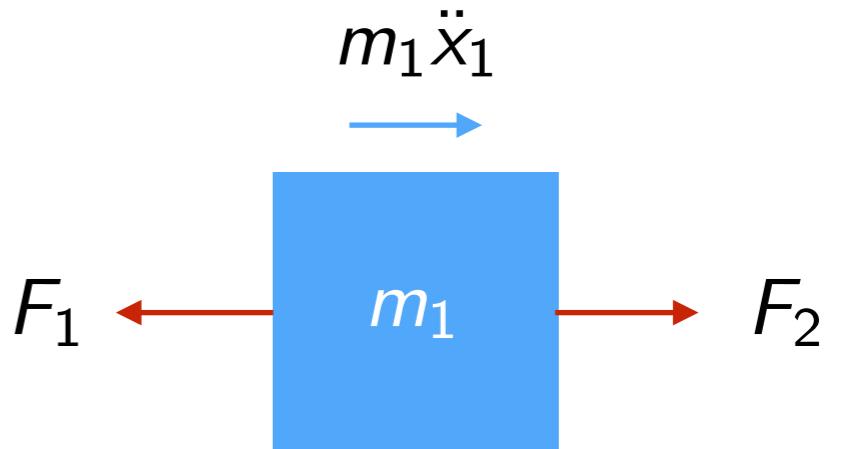


The Newton 2nd Law (at mass m_1)

$$\sum F = m_1 \ddot{x}_1$$

$$-F_1 + F_2 = m_1 \ddot{x}_1$$

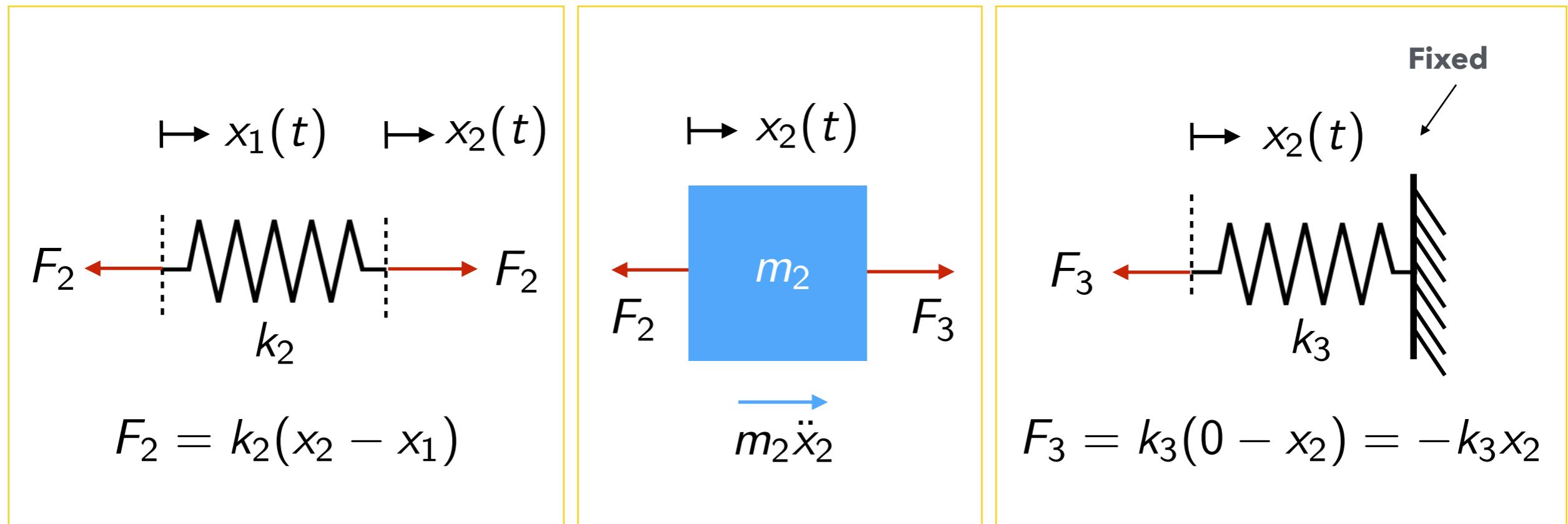
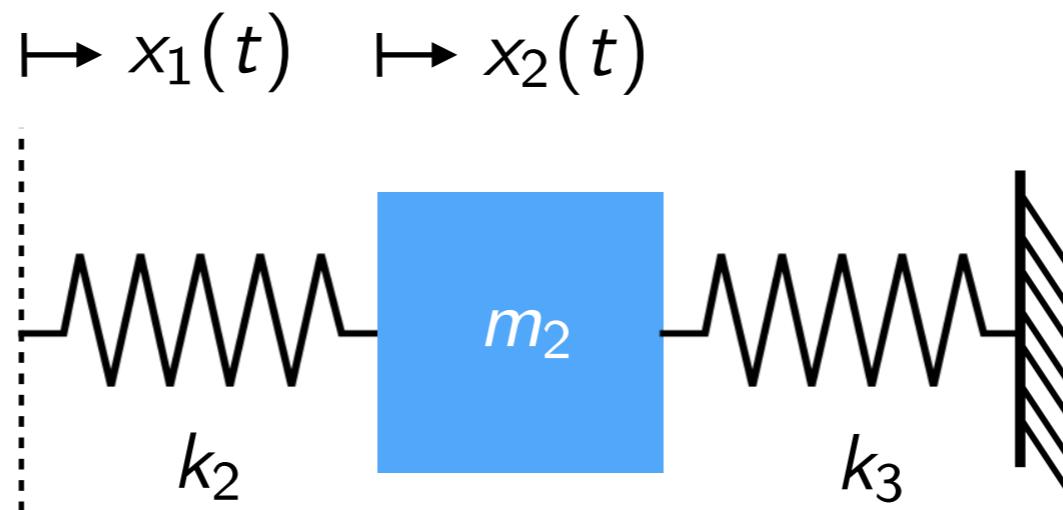
$$-k_1 x_1 + k_2(x_2 - x_1) = m_1 \ddot{x}_1$$



After rearrangement, we obtain the 1st EOM:

$$m_1 \ddot{x}_1 + (k_1 + k_2)x_1 - k_2 x_2 = 0$$

2. For mass m_2

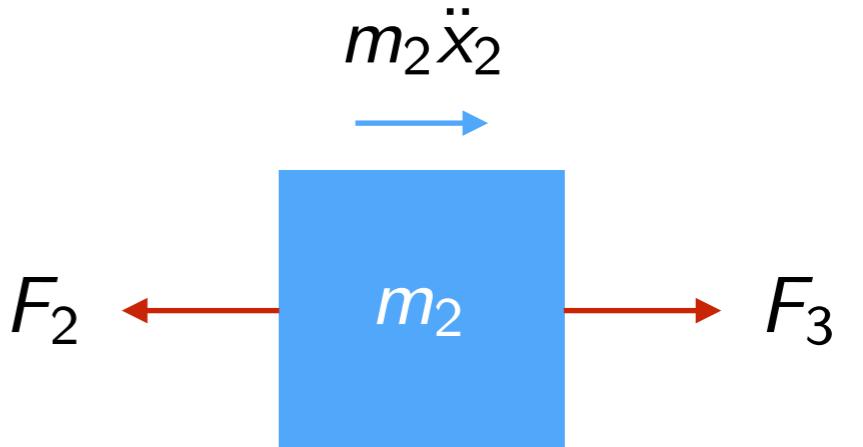


The Newton 2nd Law (at mass m_2)

$$\sum F = m_2 \ddot{x}_2$$

$$-F_2 + F_3 = m_2 \ddot{x}_2$$

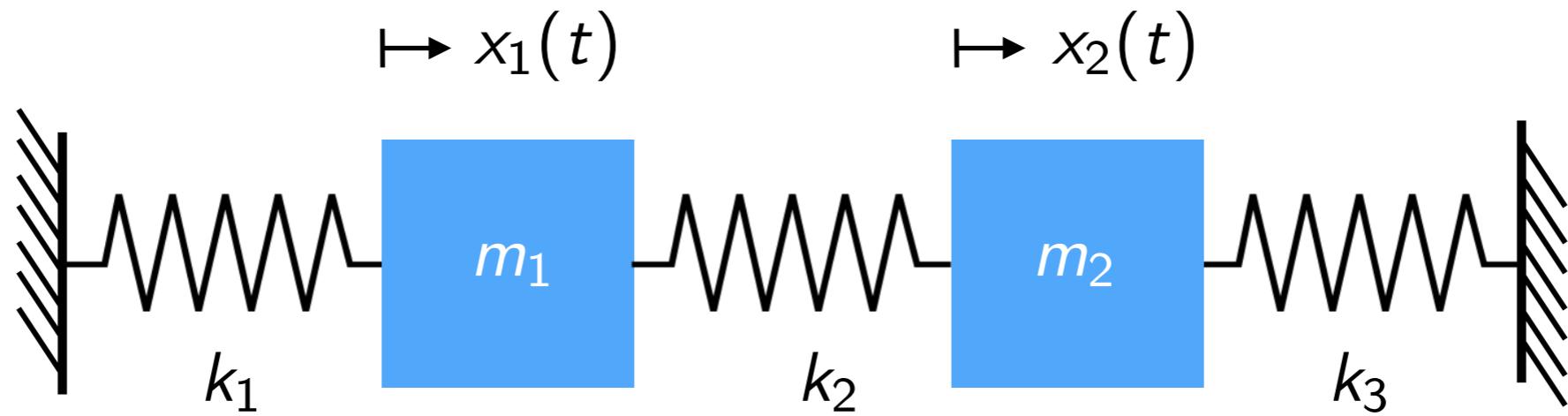
$$-k_2(x_2 - x_1) - k_3x_2 = m_2 \ddot{x}_2$$



After rearrangement, we obtain the 2nd EOM:

$$m_2 \ddot{x}_2 - k_2 x_1 + (k_2 + k_3)x_2 = 0$$

2-DOF system:



Two equations of motion:

$$m_1 \ddot{x}_1 + (k_1 + k_2)x_1 - k_2x_2 = 0$$

$$m_2 \ddot{x}_2 - k_2x_1 + (k_2 + k_3)x_2 = 0$$

Watch the video: "MDOF Deriving the Equation of Motion (A quick way)"

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Lagrange's Equation

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{x}_i} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_i} = 0; \quad i = 1, 2, \dots$$

x : Independent coordinates

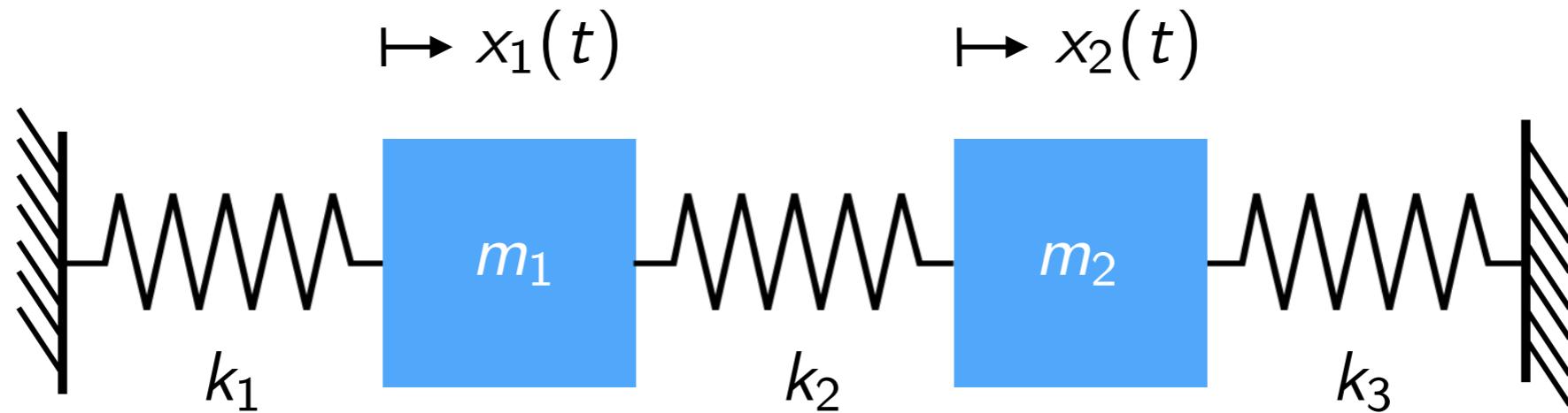
T : Kinetic energy

V : Potential energy

Joseph-Louis de Lagrange
(1736-1813)



Derive the equations of motion using the **Lagrange's equation**.



Total Kinetic Energy:

$$T = \frac{1}{2}m_1\dot{x}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_2\dot{x}_2^2$$

Total Potential Energy:

$$V = \frac{1}{2}k_1x_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}k_2(x_1 - x_2)^2 + \frac{1}{2}k_3x_2^2$$

For coordinate x_1 :

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{x}_1} \right) = \frac{d}{dt} (m_1 \dot{x}_1) = m_1 \ddot{x}_1$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial x_1} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial x_1} = k_1 x_1 + k_2(x_1 - x_2)$$

From Lagrange's equation:

$$m_1 \ddot{x}_1 + (k_1 + k_2)x_1 - k_2 x_2 = 0$$

For coordinate x_2 :

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{x}_2} \right) = \frac{d}{dt} (m_2 \dot{x}_2) = m_2 \ddot{x}_2$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial x_2} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial x_2} = k_2(x_1 - x_2)(-1) + k_3 x_2$$

From Lagrange's equation:

$$m_2 \ddot{x}_2 + (k_2 + k_3)x_2 - k_2 x_1 = 0$$

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MATRIX OPERATION

Two equations of motion:

$$m_1 \ddot{x}_1 + (k_1 + k_2)x_1 - k_2 x_2 = 0$$

$$m_2 \ddot{x}_2 - k_2 x_1 + (k_2 + k_3)x_2 = 0$$



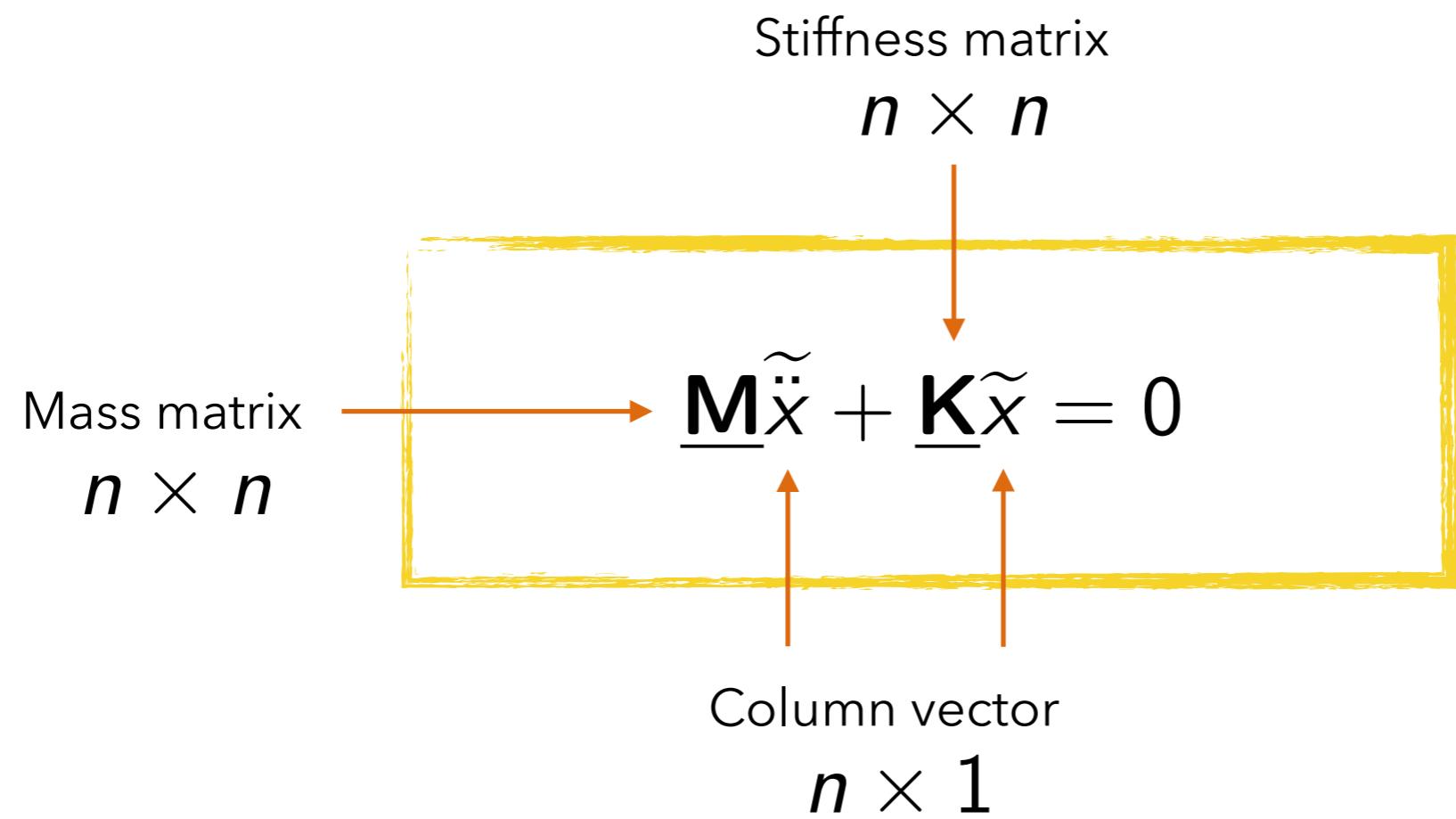
Matrix form

$$\begin{bmatrix} m_1 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{x}_1 \\ \ddot{x}_2 \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} k_1 + k_2 & -k_2 \\ -k_2 & k_2 + k_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{Bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\underline{\mathbf{M}} \ddot{\underline{\mathbf{x}}} + \underline{\mathbf{K}} \tilde{\underline{\mathbf{x}}} = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} m_1 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{x}_1 \\ \ddot{x}_2 \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} k_1 + k_2 & -k_2 \\ -k_2 & k_2 + k_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{Bmatrix} = 0$$

General form: For n degree-of-freedom system



$$\underline{\mathbf{M}} \ddot{\tilde{x}} + \underline{\mathbf{K}} \tilde{x} = 0$$

For harmonic motion: $\tilde{x} = \tilde{X} e^{j\omega t}$

yields:

$$[\underline{\mathbf{K}} - \omega^2 \underline{\mathbf{M}}] \tilde{X} = 0$$

To obtain the solution:

Cannot be ZERO
(vibration exists)

$$\det([\underline{\mathbf{K}} - \omega^2 \underline{\mathbf{M}}]) = 0$$

Determinant

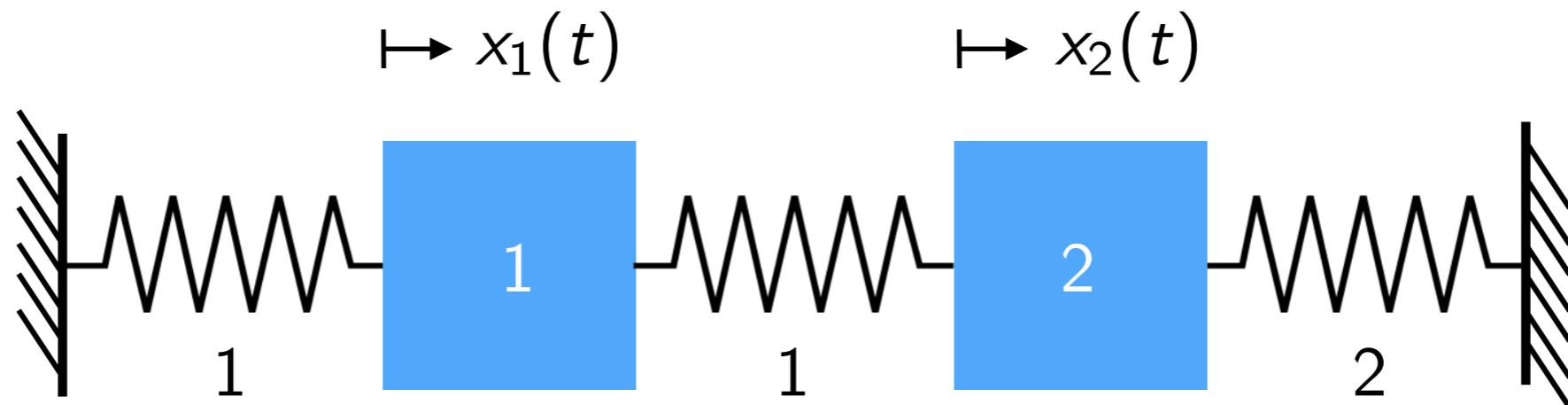
$$\det([\underline{\mathbf{K}} - \omega^2 \underline{\mathbf{M}}]) = 0$$

Only TRUE for certain values of ω , namely the EIGENVALUES, which are the natural frequencies of the system.

For n degrees of freedom

$$\omega_i \text{ for } i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$$

Example 5.1



Equations of motion (in matrix):

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{x}_1 \\ \ddot{x}_2 \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{Bmatrix} = 0$$

M

K

By substituting $\tilde{x} = \tilde{X} e^{j\omega t}$

$$[\underline{\mathbf{K}} - \omega^2 \underline{\mathbf{M}}] \tilde{X} = 0 \quad (\star)$$

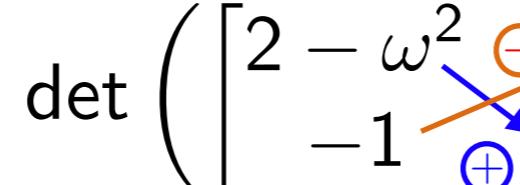
Solution:

$$\det [\underline{\mathbf{K}} - \omega^2 \underline{\mathbf{M}}] = 0$$

$$\det \left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} - \omega^2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 0$$

$$\det \left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 - \omega^2 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 - 2\omega^2 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 0$$

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} [2 - \omega^2] & -1 \\ -1 & [3 - 2\omega^2] \end{pmatrix} = 0$$



$$(2 - \omega^2)(3 - 2\omega^2) - 1 = 0$$

$$2\omega^4 - 7\omega^2 + 5 = 0$$

If $\omega_s = \omega^2$, then

$$2\omega_s^2 - 7\omega_s + 5 = 0$$

$$(2\omega_s - 5)(\omega_s - 1) = 0$$

$$\omega_s = \frac{5}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \omega_s = 1$$

$$\rightarrow \omega = \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} \quad \text{and} \quad \omega = 1$$

The system has the 1st natural frequency at $\omega_1 = 1$ rad/s

and the 2nd natural frequency at $\omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}}$ rad/s

5.3

MODE SHAPE

MODE SHAPE

"HOW does the system vibrate at each natural frequency?"

Back to (★) to find relationship between the coordinates:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 - \omega^2 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 - 2\omega^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{Bmatrix} = 0$$

We can use any equation of motion from the two EoM:

$$(2 - \omega^2)X_1 - X_2 = 0$$

For $\omega_1 = 1 \text{ rad/s}$: → $(2 - \omega^2)X_1 - X_2 = 0$

$$(2 - 1)X_1 - X_2 = 0$$

$$X_1 = X_2$$

For $\omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} \text{ rad/s}$: → $(2 - \omega^2)X_1 - X_2 = 0$

$$(2 - \frac{5}{2})X_1 - X_2 = 0$$

$$-\frac{1}{2}X_1 = X_2$$

The relative amplitude at each natural frequency:

At $\omega_1 = 1 \text{ rad/s}$: $\rightarrow X_1 = X_2$

If $X_1 = 1$, then $X_2 = 1$

Normalised mode shape function:

$$\tilde{\phi}_1 = \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix}$$

At $\omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} \text{ rad/s}$: $\rightarrow -\frac{1}{2}X_1 = X_2$

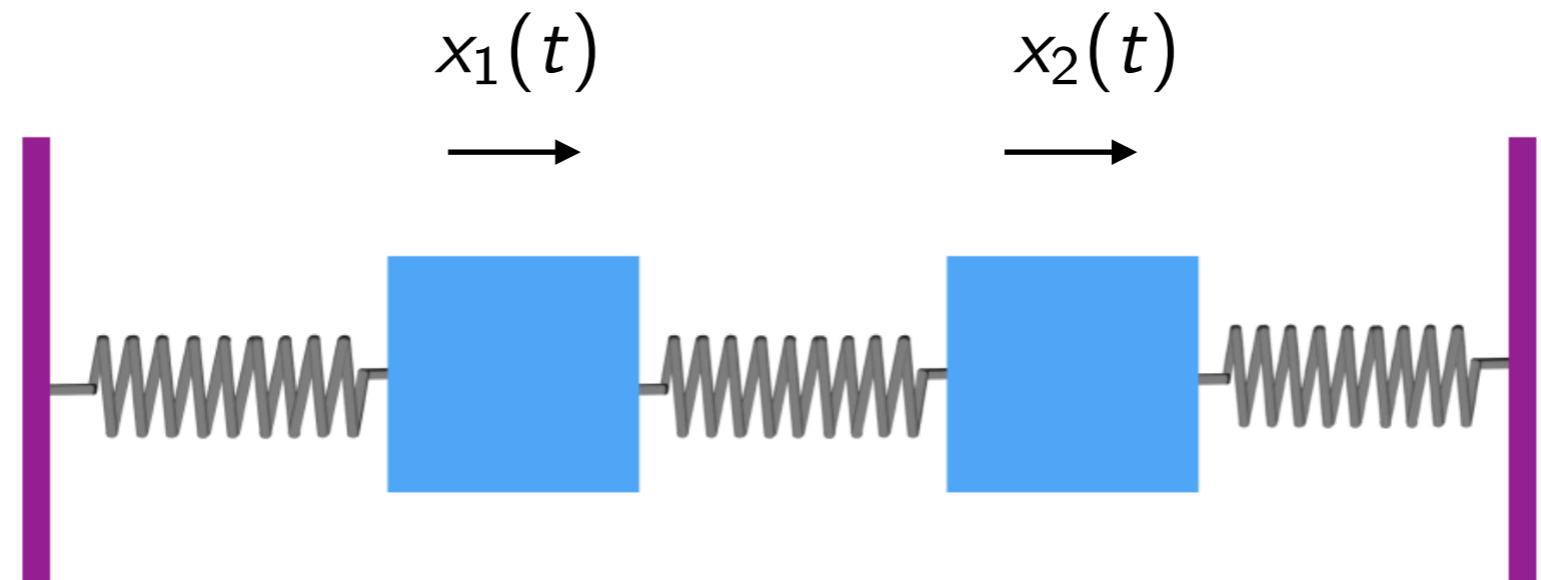
If $X_1 = 1$, then $X_2 = -\frac{1}{2}$

Normalised mode shape function:

$$\tilde{\phi}_2 = \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ -0.5 \end{Bmatrix}$$

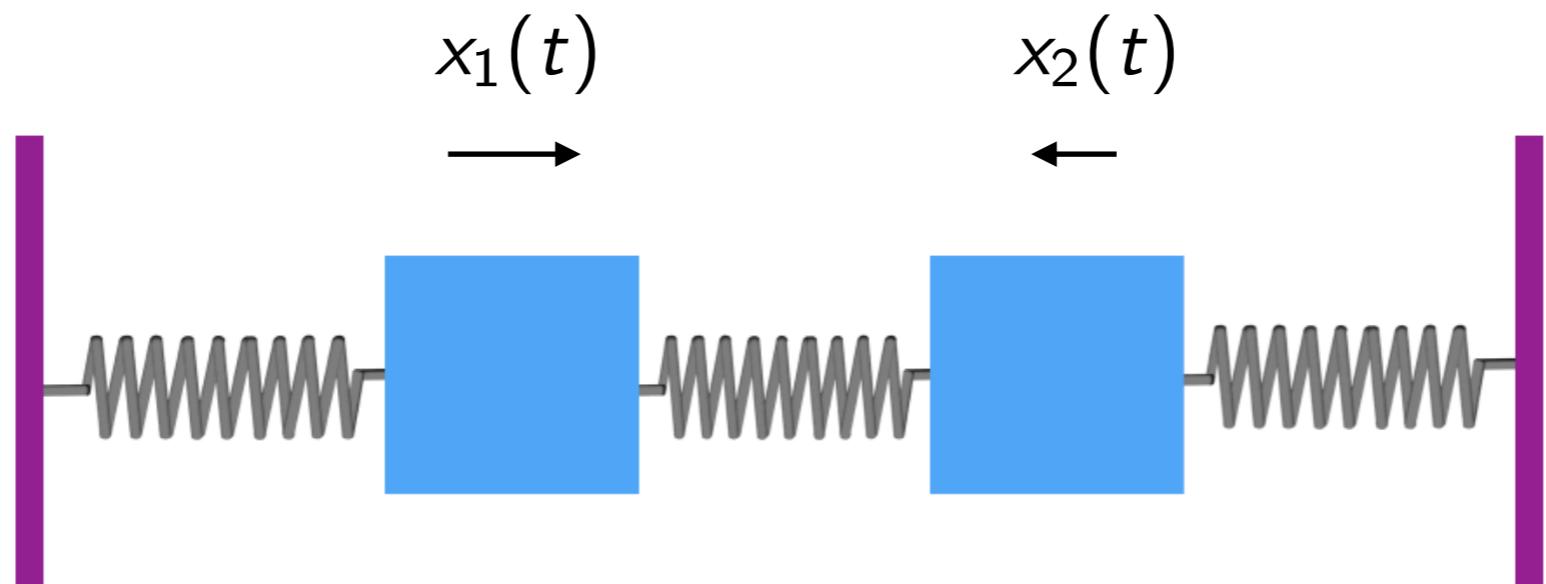
It explains the **behaviour** of vibration of the system

1st mode (at 1st natural frequency)



$$\tilde{\phi}_1 = \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix} : m_1 \text{ and } m_2 \text{ move with the same amplitude and in-phase.}$$

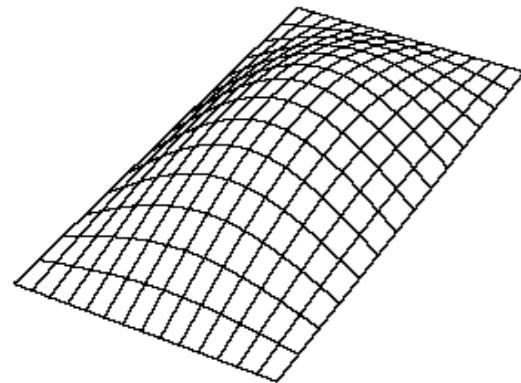
2nd mode(at 2nd natural frequency)



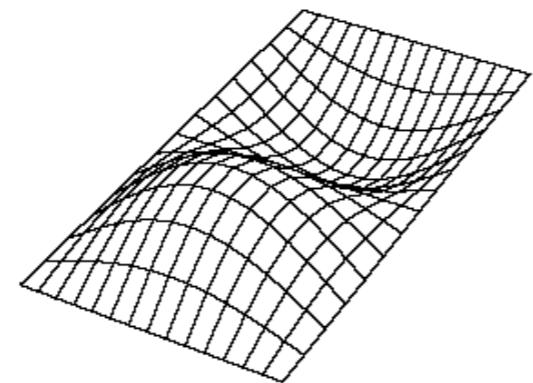
$\tilde{\phi}_2 = \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ -0.5 \end{Bmatrix}$: **m_1 and m_2 move in opposite direction (out-of-phase)**
with amplitude of m_1 two times the amplitude of m_2

Continuous structures have infinite number of modes

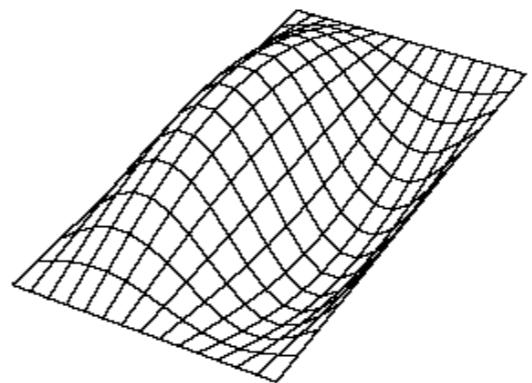
Rectangular plate with pinned edges



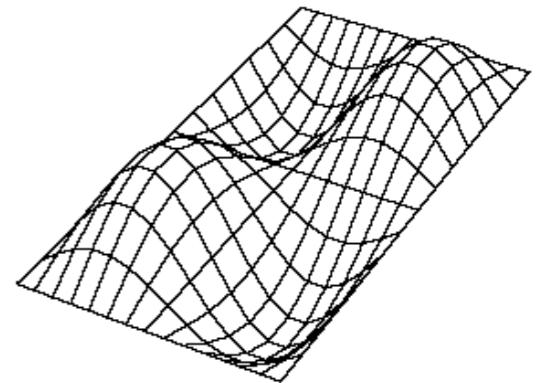
1st mode



2nd mode



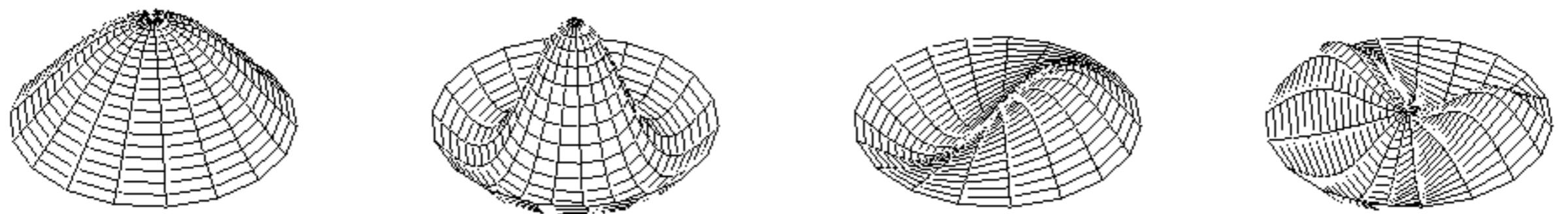
3rd mode



4th mode

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Membrane of a drum

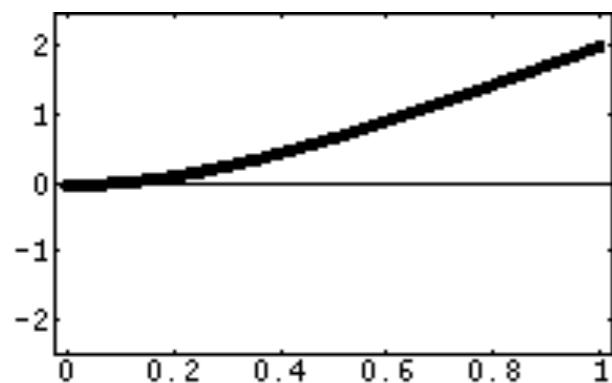


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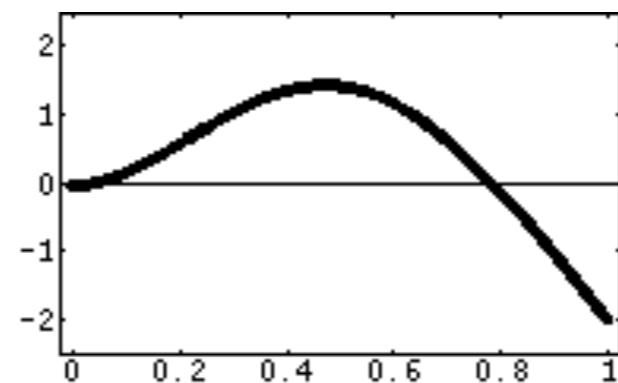
Fixed-free beam

Fixed

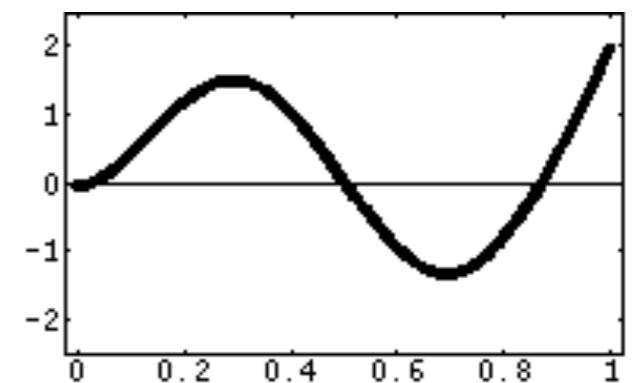
Free



1st mode



2nd mode



3rd mode

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MODAL MATRIX

$$\underline{\mathbf{B}} = [\tilde{\phi}_1 \quad \tilde{\phi}_2]$$

$\tilde{\phi}_1$ and $\tilde{\phi}_2$ are also called the **EIGENVECTORS**

$$\underline{\mathbf{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

General free vibration is a **superposition of modal components whose amplitudes are determined by initial conditions.**

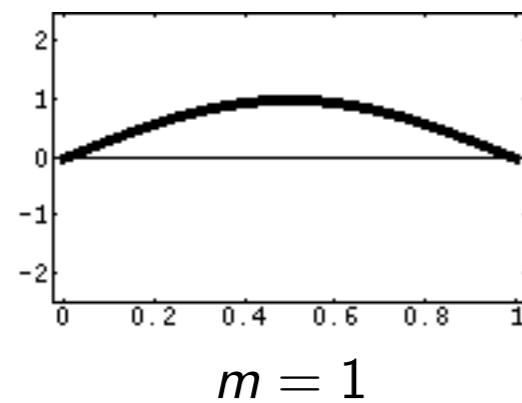
We can express the response in terms of modal matrix:

$$\tilde{x}(t) = \underline{\mathbf{B}} \tilde{u}(t)$$

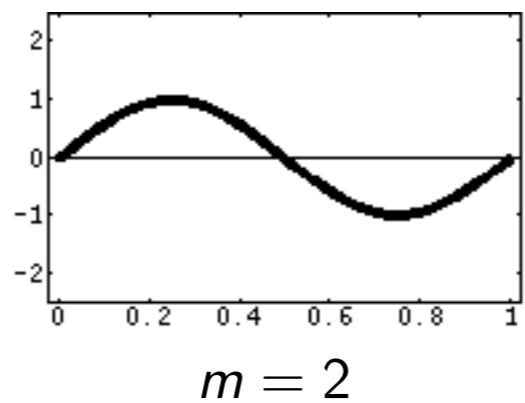
$$\underline{\mathbf{B}} = [\tilde{\phi}_1 \quad \tilde{\phi}_2 \quad \tilde{\phi}_3 \quad \cdots \quad \tilde{\phi}_N]$$

$$\tilde{u}(t) = [U_1 \quad U_2 \quad U_3 \quad \cdots \quad U_N]^T e^{j\omega t}$$

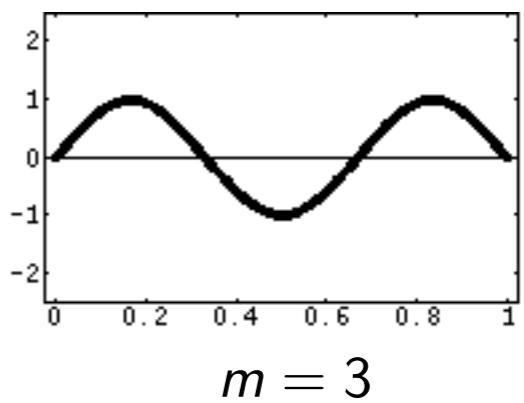
Example: Simply supported beam



$m = 1$



$m = 2$

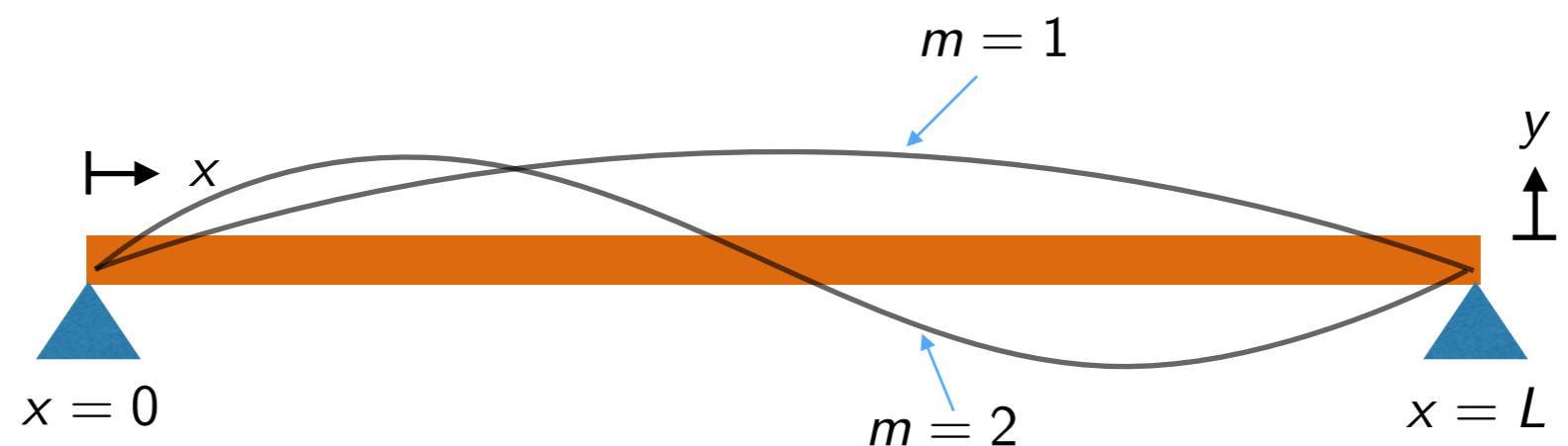


$m = 3$

Mode shape:

$$\phi(x) = \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right)$$

Determine the shape of vibration



Mode shape:

$$\phi(x) = \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right)$$

Determine the shape of vibration

Total vibration $\rightarrow y(x) = \phi(x)U$ **Actual modal amplitude**

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Scaling factor

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My white-board animation videos:

<http://www.youtube.com/c/AzmaPutra-channel>



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