

1. From $\frac{1}{8}x'' + 16x = 0$ we obtain

$$x = c_1 \cos 8\sqrt{2}t + c_2 \sin 8\sqrt{2}t$$

so that the period of motion is $2\pi/8\sqrt{2} = \sqrt{2}\pi/8$ seconds.

3. From $\frac{3}{4}x'' + 72x = 0$, $x(0) = -1/4$, and $x'(0) = 0$ we obtain $x = -\frac{1}{4}\cos 4\sqrt{6}t$.

9. From $\frac{1}{4}x'' + x = 0$, $x(0) = 1/2$, and $x'(0) = 3/2$ we obtain

$$x = \frac{1}{2}\cos 2t + \frac{3}{4}\sin 2t = \frac{\sqrt{13}}{4}\sin(2t + 0.588).$$

21. From $\frac{1}{8}x'' + x' + 2x = 0$, $x(0) = -1$, and $x'(0) = 8$ we obtain $x = 4te^{-4t} - e^{-4t}$ and $x' = 8e^{-4t} - 16te^{-4t}$. If $x = 0$ then $t = 1/4$ second. If $x' = 0$ then $t = 1/2$ second and the extreme displacement is $x = e^{-2}$ feet.

23. (a) From $x'' + 10x' + 16x = 0$, $x(0) = 1$, and $x'(0) = 0$ we obtain $x = \frac{4}{3}e^{-2t} - \frac{1}{3}e^{-8t}$.

(b) From $x'' + x' + 16x = 0$, $x(0) = 1$, and $x'(0) = -12$ then $x = -\frac{2}{3}e^{-2t} + \frac{5}{3}e^{-8t}$.

27. From $\frac{5}{16}x'' + \beta x' + 5x = 0$ we find that the roots of the auxiliary equation are $m = -\frac{8}{5}\beta \pm \frac{4}{5}\sqrt{4\beta^2 - 25}$.

(a) If $4\beta^2 - 25 > 0$ then $\beta > 5/2$.

(b) If $4\beta^2 - 25 = 0$ then $\beta = 5/2$.

(c) If $4\beta^2 - 25 < 0$ then $0 < \beta < 5/2$.