

Undamped case, $c = 0$:

$$m x'' + kx = F_0 \cos \omega t$$

Try undetermined coefficients

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Non homog. term } F_0 \cos \omega t \\ \text{1st deriv } -\omega F_0 \sin \omega t \\ \text{2nd deriv } -\omega^2 F_0 \cos \omega t \\ \vdots \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{just get } \sin \omega t \\ \& \cos \omega t \end{array}$$

So try $x(t) = A \sin \omega t + B \cos \omega t$

$$\begin{aligned} m x'' + kx &= -m\omega^2 A \sin \omega t - m\omega^2 B \cos \omega t + kA \sin \omega t + kB \cos \omega t \\ &= (-m\omega^2 + k) A \sin \omega t + (-m\omega^2 + k) B \cos \omega t \end{aligned}$$

Want this = $F_0 \cos \omega t$

Thus, $A = 0$ and $(-m\omega^2 + k) B = F_0$

so $B = \frac{F_0}{k - m\omega^2}$ $x_P(t) = \frac{F_0}{k - m\omega^2} \cos \omega t$

Recall notation $\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$ natural frequency.

$$\frac{F_0 / m}{k - m\omega^2 / m} = \frac{F/m}{\frac{k}{m} - \omega^2} = \frac{F/m}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2}$$

So the amplitude of the particular solution depends on the difference between the driving frequency and the natural frequency.