

**CONSERVED**  
**and**  
**ZERO-MEAN QUANTITIES**  
**in**  
**OSCILLATORY SYSTEMS**

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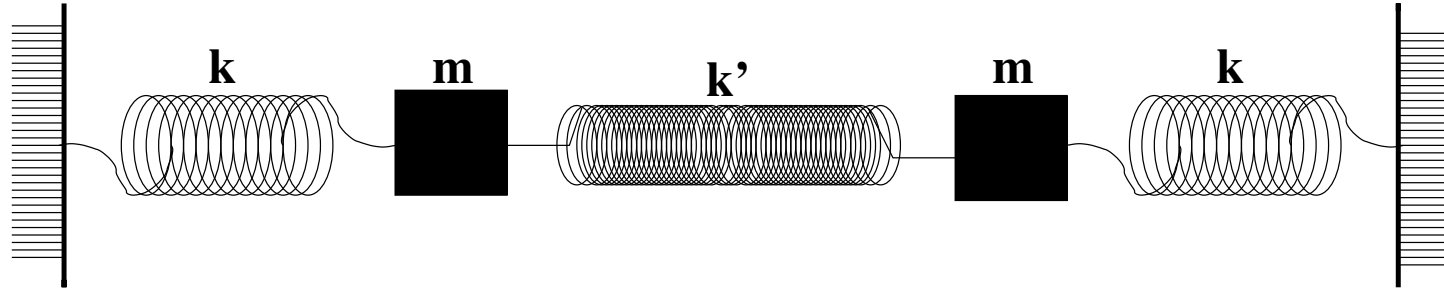
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of some simple **mechanical** systems.**

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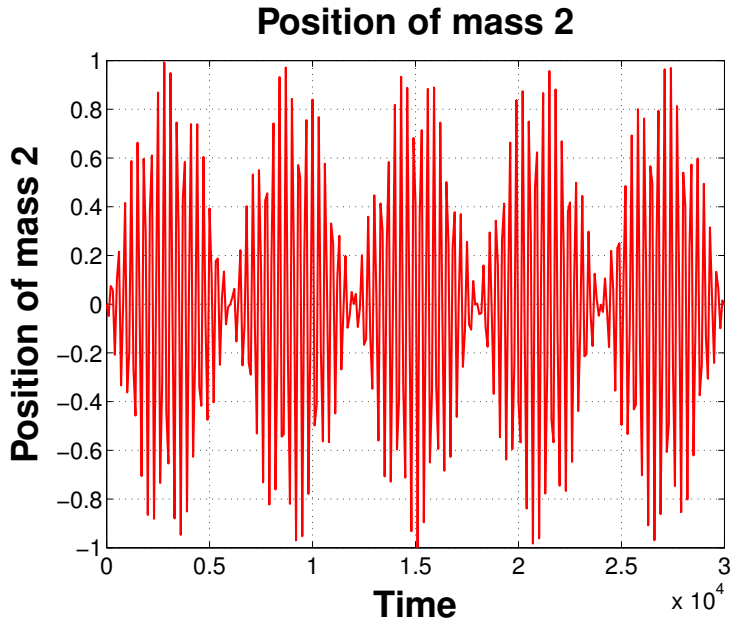
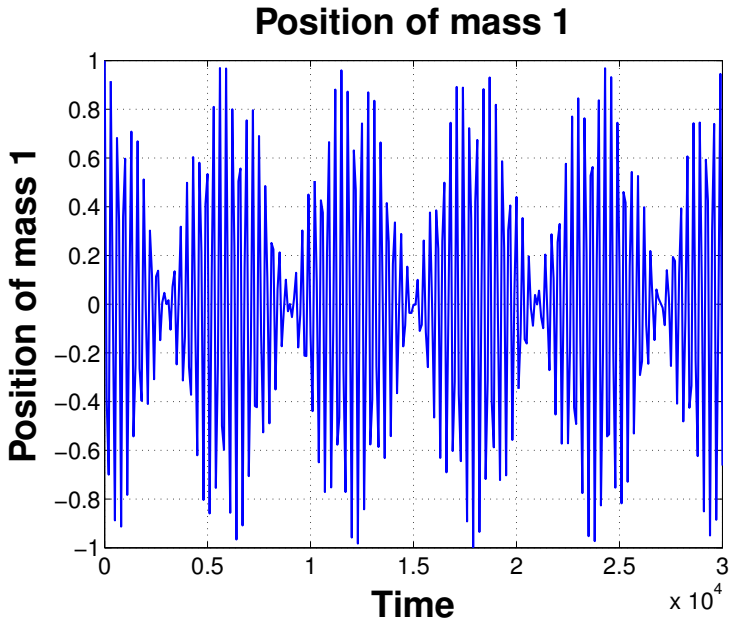
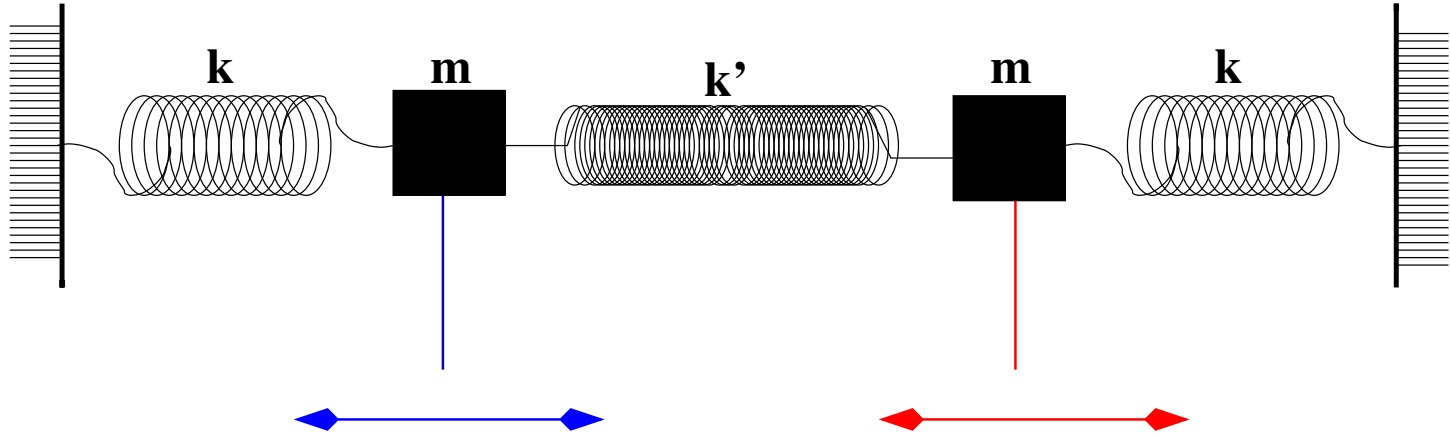


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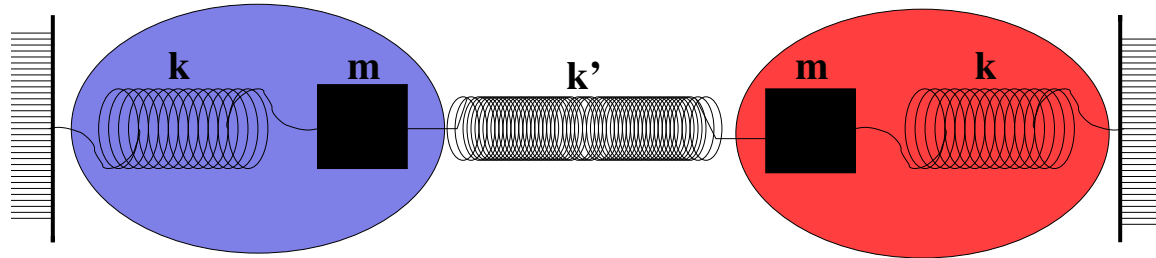
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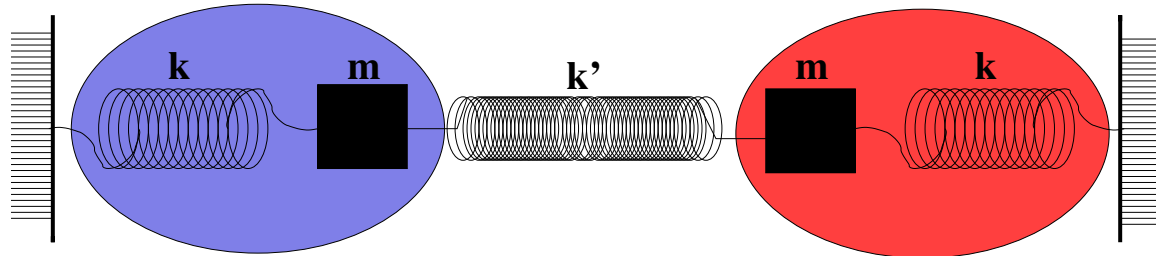
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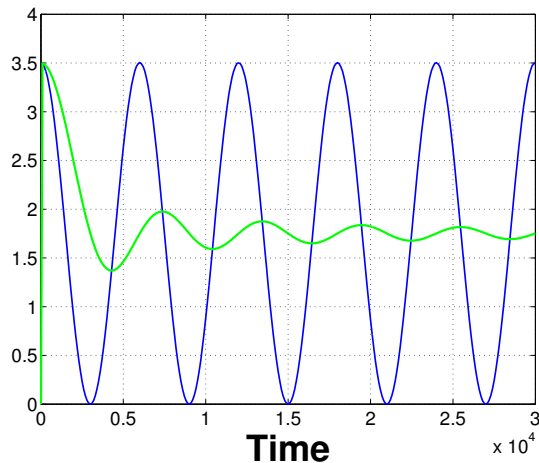


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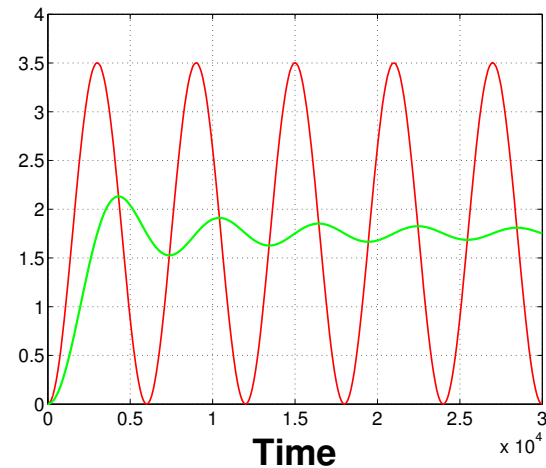
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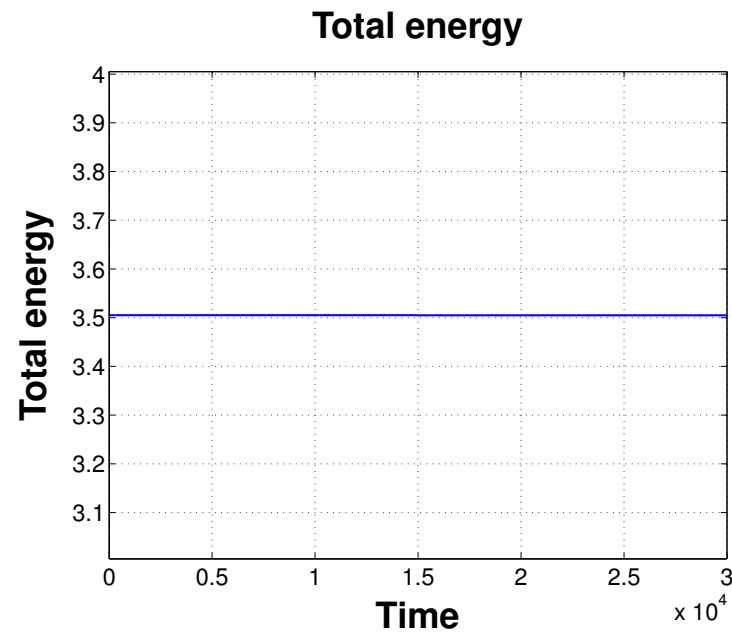
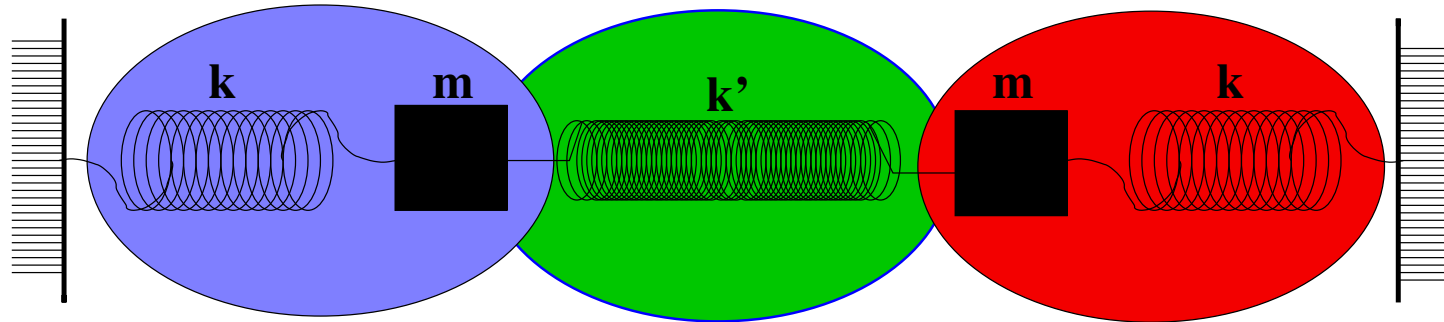
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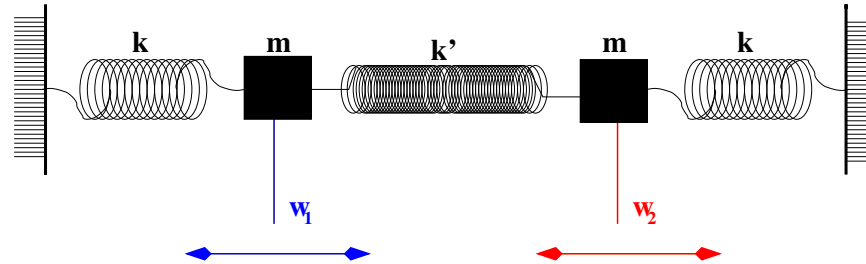


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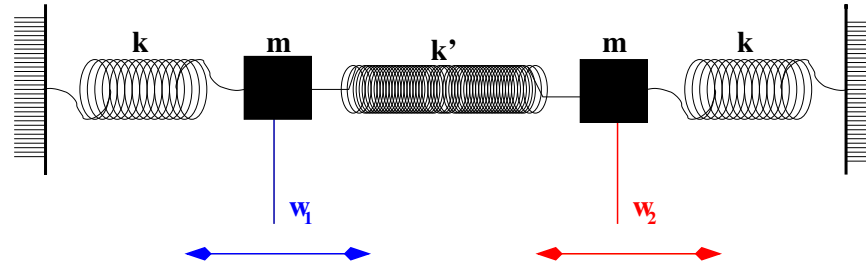
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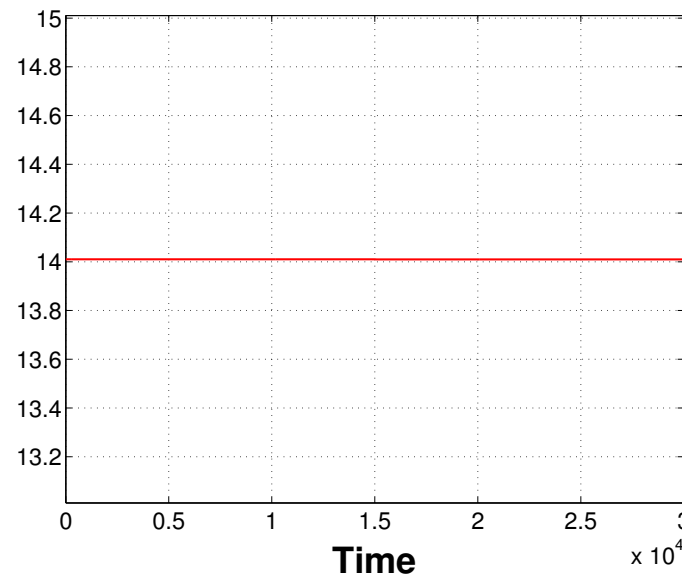
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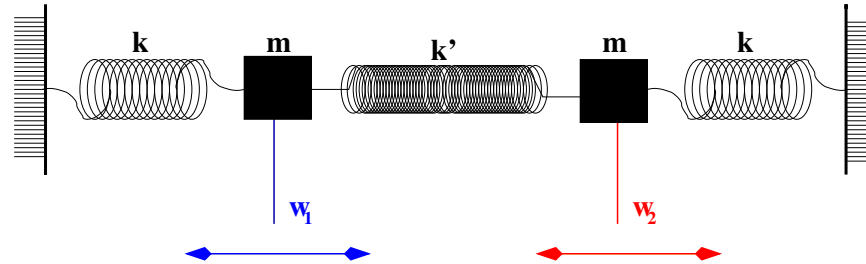


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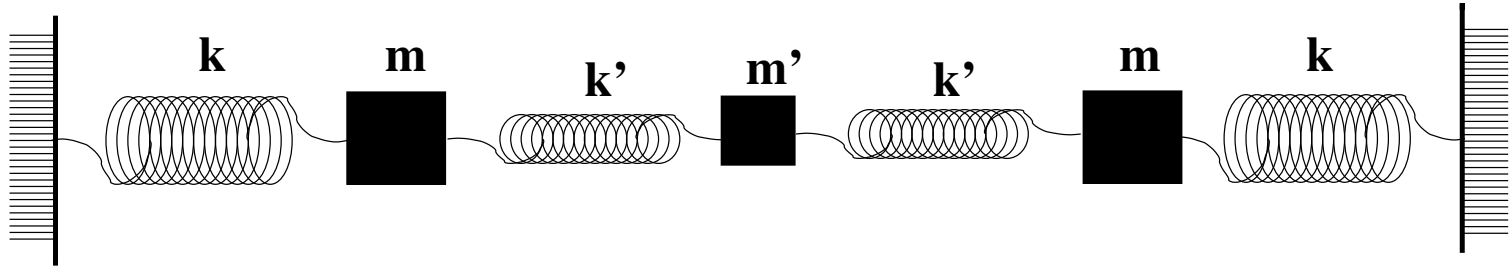
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**Is this always the case?**

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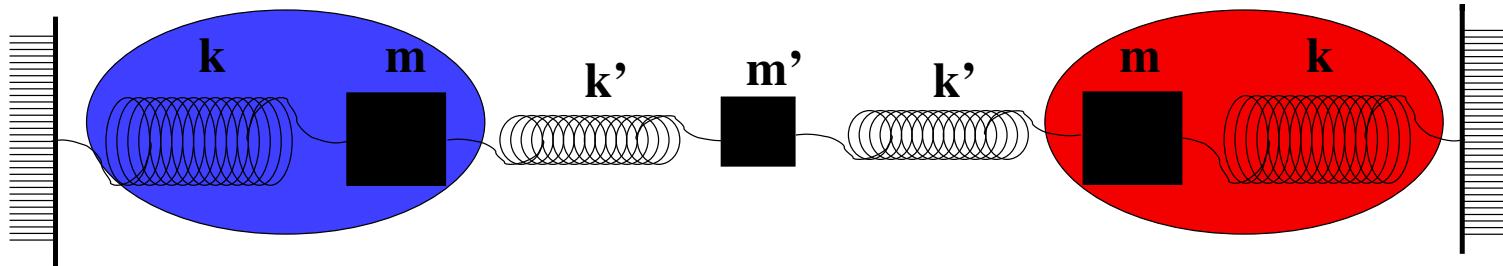


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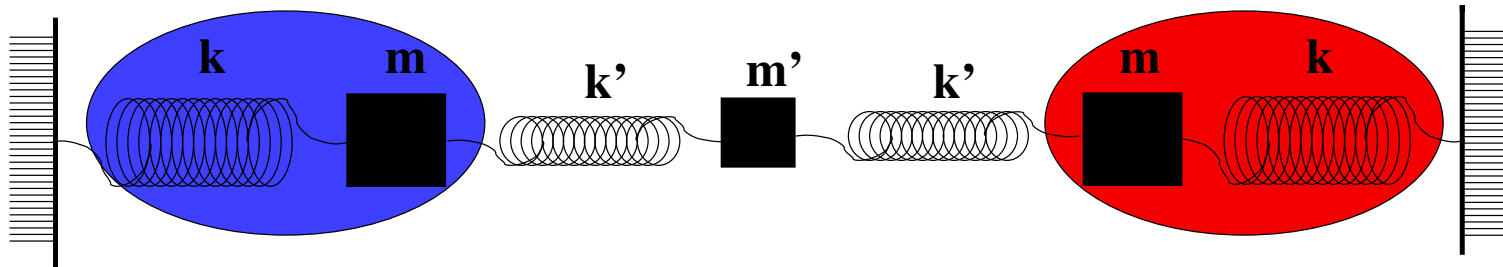
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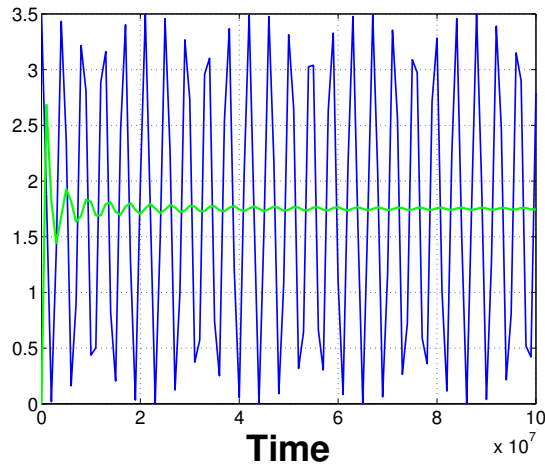


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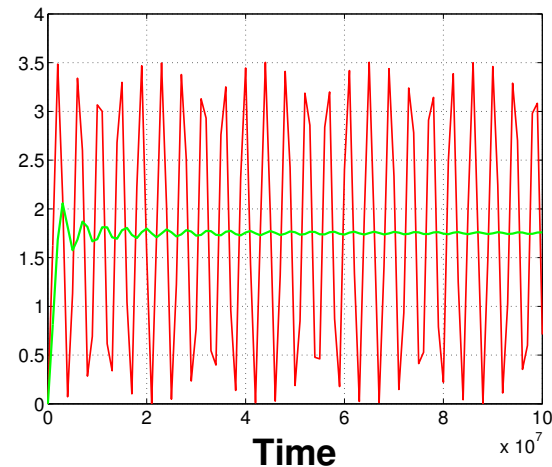
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We call this the

**Deterministic 'Equipartition of Energy' principle,**  
following a very nice idea of Bernstein and Bhat (CDC 2002)



usual **statistical average**  $\mapsto$  **time-average.**

## Setting the stage

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### Examples of oscillatory behaviors:

- any vector of **displacements and velocities** in a spring-mass mechanical system.
- any vector of **voltages and currents** in any capacitor or inductor in a LC (and LCTG) electrical circuit.
- the behavior of any output of  $\frac{d}{dt}x = Ax, y = Cx$  with **A oscillatory** (some positive definite quadratic form  $x^T Qx$  is invariant).  
Cfr. (linearized) Lagrangian or Hamiltonian mechanics.

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For simplicity of exposition (and **WLOG!**), today, mostly  $w = 1$ .

Proposition:

$$R\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)w = 0 \quad 0 \neq R \in \mathbb{R}[\xi]$$

defines an oscillatory system

if and only if

all the roots of  $R$  are **distinct** and on the **imaginary axis**.

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$R$  has no roots in origin  $\rightarrow$   $R$  is an even polynomial.

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So, we effectively assume that each element of  $\mathfrak{B}$  looks like

$$w(t) = \sum_{k=1, \dots, n} A_k \sin(\omega_k t + \phi_k),$$

with the  $-\omega_k^2$ 's the roots of  $R$ , and the  $A_k$ 's,  $\phi_k$ 's arbitrary.  
**'quasi-periodic'** functions

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Let  $\mathfrak{B}(\dim = 2n)$  be oscillatory. Each mod- $\mathfrak{B}$  eq. class contains **exactly one**  $Q_\Phi$  with the highest  $k, k'$  in the above sum  $< 2n$ .

Hence the QDF's modulo  $\mathfrak{B} \cong$  **the symmetric  $2n \times 2n$  matrices,**

$$\cong \text{the quadratic forms in } w, \frac{d}{dt} w, \dots, \frac{d^{2n-1}}{dt^{2n-1}} w.$$

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$$w \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}), \text{ quasi-periodic} \Rightarrow \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T Q_\Phi(w)(t) dt = 0$$

zero-mean for **all** oscillatory systems, **not just**  $\mathfrak{B}$ .

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This yields the decomposition

$$Q_{\Phi} = Q_{\Phi_{\text{average}}} + (Q_{\Phi} - Q_{\Phi_{\text{average}}})$$

into the sum of a **conserved** QDF  $\oplus$  a **zero-mean** QDF.

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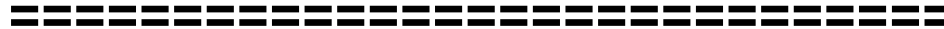
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We have explicit rules for **verifying** whether a QDF is **conserved**, **zero-mean**, **trivially zero mean**, or **intrinsically zero-mean**, and explicit parametrizations



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$Q_\Phi$  is conserved  $\Leftrightarrow \exists X \in \mathbb{R}[\zeta, \eta]$  such that

$$(\zeta + \eta)\Phi(\zeta, \eta) = X(\zeta, \eta)R(\eta^2) + R(\zeta^2)X(\eta, \zeta)$$

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$Q_\Phi$  is zero-mean  $\Leftrightarrow \Phi(-\xi, \xi)$  has  $R(\xi^2)$  as a factor,

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with  $F \in \mathbb{R}[\xi]$  generates **exactly** all the **conserved** QDF's.

$\mathcal{C} >_{\mathfrak{B}} 0$  iff the roots of  $F$  interlace those of  $R$ : non-empty interior.

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$$R(-\zeta\eta)F(-\zeta\eta) =: \mathcal{N}(\zeta, \eta)$$

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**Polynomials in  $\zeta\eta$ .**



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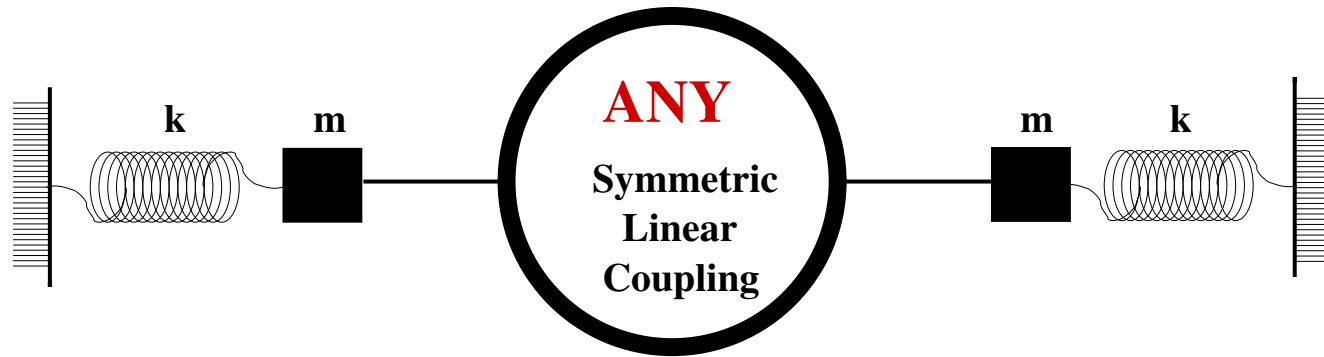
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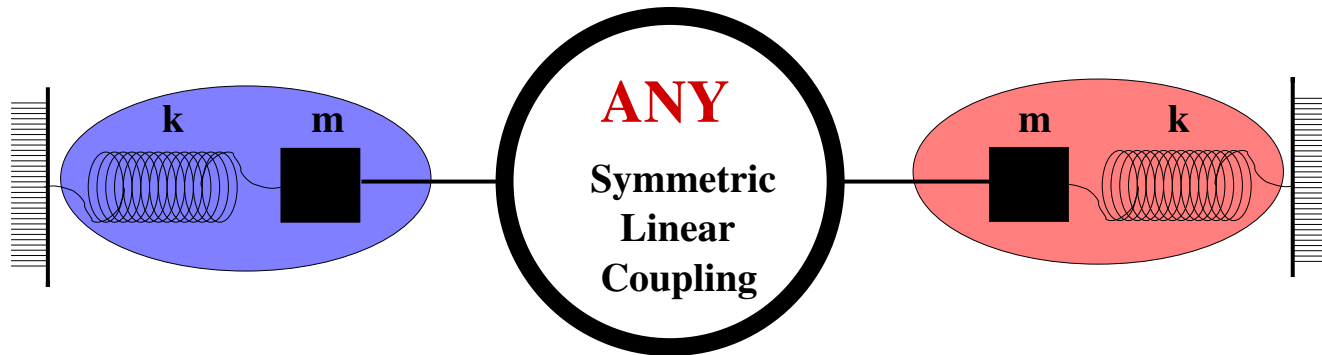
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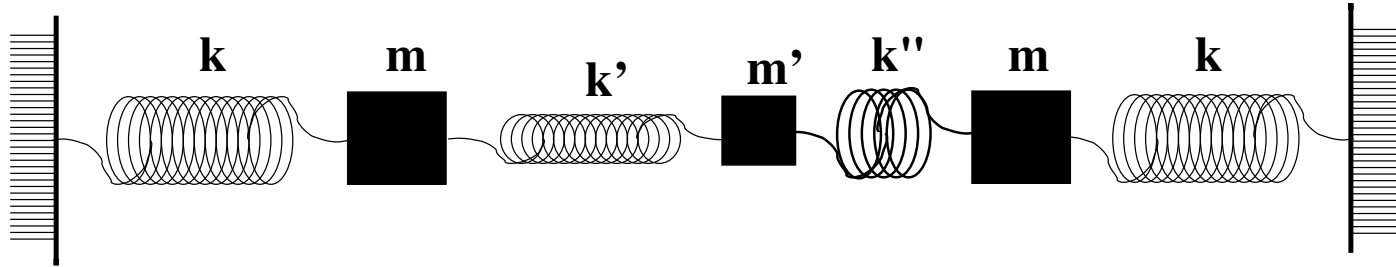
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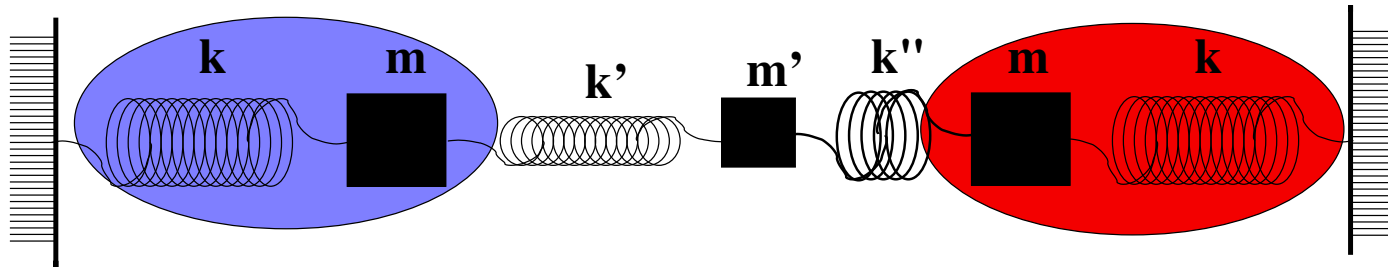


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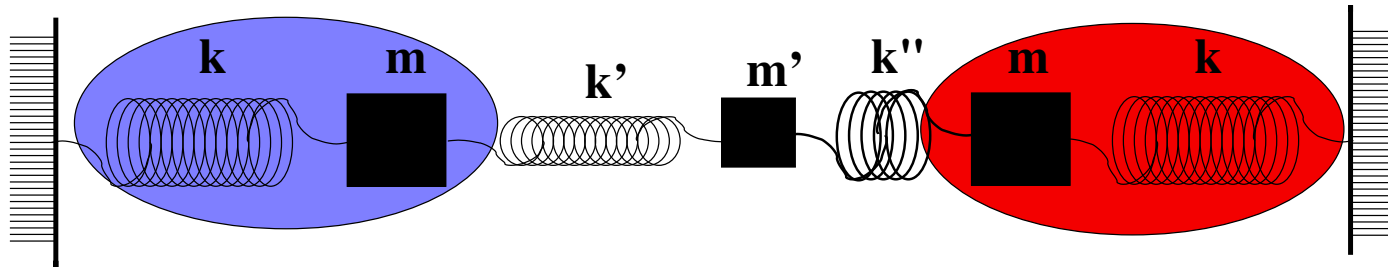
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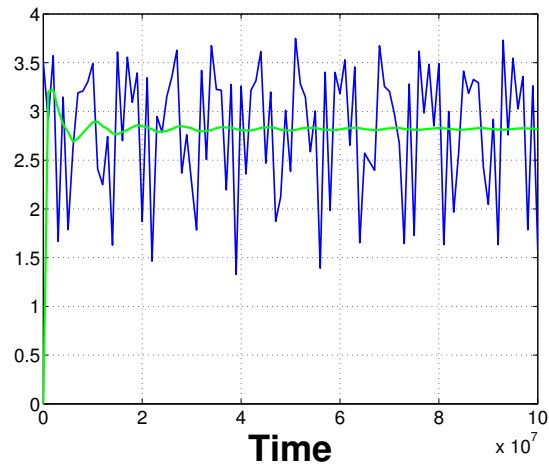


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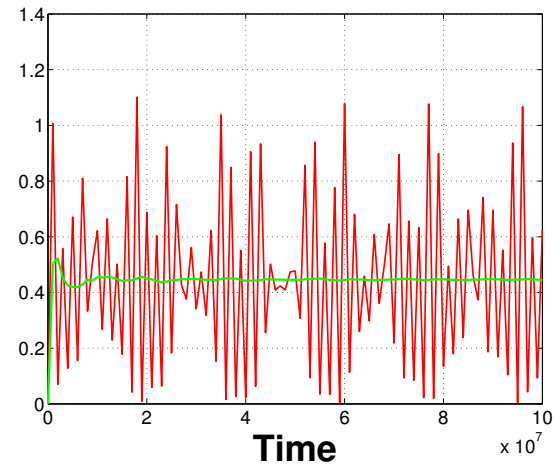
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**Actual** and **average** energy in oscillator 1



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- Note the very effective and transparent use of **QDF's**. It is the proper mathematical tool for this class of problems.

**Reference: An article is in the process of being manufactured.**

**Copies of the lecture frames will soon be available from/at**

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**Thank you for your attention !**