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Squeezing by FM @  $2\omega_0$

Parametric modulation of the frequency of a classical harmonic oscillator causes progressive squeezing of the two quadrature components of its motion.

Consider a mass  $m$  which moves in a potential

$$U(x) = \frac{1}{2} k x^2 + \frac{\epsilon}{2} k x^2 \sin 2\omega_0 t \quad \text{with } \omega_0 = \sqrt{k/m}. \quad (1)$$

The corresponding equation of motion, which represents a harmonic oscillator potential which is modulated in frequency by a small ( $\epsilon \ll 1$ ) amount at twice its natural frequency, is

$$\ddot{x} + \omega_0^2 x = -\omega_0^2 \epsilon \sin(2\omega_0 t) x \quad (2)$$

Since  $\epsilon$  is small, substitute

$$x(t) = B(t) \cos \omega_0 t + C(t) \sin \omega_0 t, \quad (3)$$

the usual solution for an undamped harmonic oscillator *except* that  $B$  and  $C$  are presumed to be slowly varying functions of time. Therefore

$$\ddot{x}(t) = -\omega_0^2 x(t) - \omega_0 \dot{B} \sin \omega_0 t + \omega_0 \dot{C} \cos \omega_0 t$$

and substitution in the equation of motion (Eq. 2) gives

$$-\omega_0 \dot{B} \sin \omega_0 t + \omega_0 \dot{C} \cos \omega_0 t = \omega_0^2 \epsilon [B \cos \omega_0 t + C \sin \omega_0 t] \sin 2\omega_0 t.$$

using trig identities [eg.  $\sin x \cos y = \frac{1}{2} (\sin(x+y) + \sin(x-y))$ ] and averaging away the terms rapidly oscillating at  $3\omega_0$  gives

$$-\dot{B} \sin \omega_0 t + \dot{C} \cos \omega_0 t = \frac{-\epsilon \omega_0}{2} [B \sin \omega_0 t + C \cos \omega_0 t].$$

The coefficients of  $\sin \omega_0 t$  and  $\cos \omega_0 t$  must be separately equal, hence  $\dot{B} = +\epsilon \omega_0 / 2 B$ ,  $\dot{C} = -\epsilon \omega_0 / 2 C$  and hence the coefficients  $B(t)$  and  $C(t)$  are

$$B(t) = B_0 e^{+\epsilon \omega_0 t / 2} \quad C(t) = C_0 e^{-\epsilon \omega_0 t / 2} \quad (4)$$

Thus squeezing parameter,  $r$ , is  $r = \epsilon \omega_0 t / 2$ . Thus one quadrature component of the motion increases with time which the other one decreases. This represents a progressive squeezing of the motion -- after a long time almost any initial conditions will lead to motion predominately in the  $\cos \omega_0 t$  component. The total energy of the oscillator will then be further amplified by the parametric drive term.