

# On the Renormalization Group Techniques for the Cubic-Quintic Duffing Equation

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**Abstract.** We apply the renormalization group techniques for solving the nonlinear cubic-quintic Duffing equation in the presence of an external periodic, non-autonomous force with an additional damping term. We also make a comparative study with the multiple-time scale approach and show that the correction to the frequency is the same.

## Introduction

In recent times the method of renormalization group (RG) has been employed [1]–[4] through the introduction of a set of modified variables to arrive at the elimination of secular terms. The theory of RG has rich connections with quantum field theory and is considered to be a very powerful tool to handle the so-called 'divergences' of quantum electrodynamics [5]. It has several applications in the areas of phase transitions and critical phenomena [6, 7] and asymptotic analysis of a variety of perturbed ordinary and partial differential equations [1, 2, 8]. RG argument has also been used to study jump phenomena and stability in nonlinear oscillators [3].

In this article we discuss the RG method for the cubic-quintic Duffing oscillator, proposed by Chua [9], in the presence of an external periodic (non-autonomous) force with an additional damping term moving in a sextic potential

$$\ddot{x} + \alpha\dot{x} + \omega_0^2x + \nu x^3 + \sigma x^5 = \Omega \cos \omega t. \quad (1)$$

In [9] perturbative analytical techniques were proposed to derive approximate periodic solutions and period-amplitude relations. Duffing oscillator with odd nonlinearities has been studied in the literature to model the nonlinear dynamics of various systems including that of a slender elastica, the compound KdV, the propagation of a short electromagnetic pulse in a nonlinear medium (see for instance, [9]–[14] and references therein) and position or momentum-dependent mass schemes [15, 16]. In particular, Linstedt-Poincaré techniques were applied for the specific case of quintic Duffing equation by Ramos [11] by an artificial parameter method. The extended scheme (1) describes a classical particle in a triple-well potential for appropriate choices of parameters. In the phase portrait at most five equilibrium points exist for it revealing a wide variety of interesting dynamical behaviour.

A modified variable  $\tau$  is defined by [17]

$$\tau = \bar{\omega}t + \theta \Rightarrow x(t) \rightarrow z(\tau) \equiv z(\bar{\omega}t + \theta). \quad (2)$$

In the following we set  $\nu = \lambda\epsilon$ ,  $\sigma = \eta\epsilon$  and  $\Omega = f\epsilon$  where an intention is to carry out a perturbation analysis in terms of the infinitesimal quantity  $\epsilon \ll 1$ . We thus express equation (1) in the form

$$\bar{\omega}^2 z'' + \alpha \bar{\omega} z' + \omega_0^2 z + \lambda \epsilon z^3 + \eta \epsilon z^5 = f \epsilon \cos\left(\frac{\omega}{\bar{\omega}}(\tau - \theta)\right), \quad z' = \frac{dz}{d\tau} \quad (3)$$

We look for an expansion of both  $z$  and  $\bar{\omega}$ . To first order in  $\epsilon$  we can write

$$\begin{aligned} z(\tau) &= z_0(\tau) + \epsilon z_1(\tau) + O(\epsilon^2), \\ \bar{\omega} &= \bar{\omega}_0 + \epsilon \bar{\omega}_1 + O(\epsilon^2). \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Taking  $\bar{\omega}_0 = \omega_0$  so that  $\bar{\omega} = \omega_0 + \epsilon\bar{\omega}_1 + O(\epsilon^2)$ , we substitute (4) into equation (3) and then collecting the terms of like powers in the perturbation parameter  $\epsilon$  (up to order  $\epsilon$ ) yields the flow of equations

$$\epsilon^0 : z_0'' + \frac{\alpha}{\omega_0} z_0' + z_0 = 0, \quad (5)$$

$$\epsilon^1 : z_1'' + \frac{\alpha}{\omega_0} z_1' + z_1 = -\frac{2\bar{\omega}_1}{\omega_0} z_0' - \frac{\alpha\bar{\omega}_1}{\omega_0^2} z_0' - \frac{\lambda}{\omega_0^2} z_0^3 - \frac{\eta}{\omega_0^2} z_0^5 + \frac{f}{\omega_0^2} \cos\left(\frac{\omega}{\bar{\omega}}(\tau - \theta)\right). \quad (6)$$

A natural assumption is that the coefficient  $\alpha$  of the damping term is non-negative and hence we discuss the following two cases.

### Case-I : $\alpha = 0$

In the absence of damping term, we set  $\alpha = 0$  and in this case the solution of equation (5) reads

$$z_0 = a \cos D\tau, \quad (7)$$

where  $a$  is a constant and using this solution equation (6) can be reduced to

$$z_1'' + z_1 = \frac{a}{8\omega_0^2} (16\omega_0\bar{\omega}_1 - 6\lambda a^2 - 5\eta a^4) \cos \tau - \frac{a^3}{16\omega_0^2} (4\lambda + 5\eta a^2) \cos 3\tau - \frac{\eta a^5}{16\omega_0^2} \cos 5\tau + \frac{f}{\omega_0^2} \cos\left(\frac{\omega}{\bar{\omega}}(\tau - \theta)\right). \quad (8)$$

The solution of equation (8) would be a cosine function as equation (7) if the right hand side of (8) were zero. The particular solution of (8) can be obtained as

$$z = \frac{a}{32\omega_0^2} (16\omega_0\bar{\omega}_1 - 6\lambda a^2 - 5\eta a^4) \cos \tau + \frac{a^3}{128\omega_0^2} (4\lambda + 5\eta a^2) \cos 3\tau + \frac{\eta a^5}{384\omega_0^2} \cos 5\tau + \frac{f}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} \cos\left(\frac{\omega}{\bar{\omega}}(\tau - \theta)\right) + \frac{a}{16\omega_0^2} (16\omega_0\bar{\omega}_1 - 6\lambda a^2 - 5\eta a^4) \tau \sin \tau \quad (9)$$

implying that  $z(\tau)$  is given by

$$z = a \cos \tau + \epsilon \left[ \frac{a}{32\omega_0^2} (16\omega_0\bar{\omega}_1 - 6\lambda a^2 - 5\eta a^4) \cos \tau + \frac{a^3}{128\omega_0^2} (4\lambda + 5\eta a^2) \cos 3\tau + \frac{\eta a^5}{384\omega_0^2} \cos 5\tau + \frac{f}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} \cos\left(\frac{\omega}{\bar{\omega}}(\tau - \theta)\right) + \frac{a}{16\omega_0^2} (16\omega_0\bar{\omega}_1 - 6\lambda a^2 - 5\eta a^4) \tau \sin \tau \right] \quad (10)$$

where the last term is the secular or the growth term. For  $\bar{\omega}_1 = \frac{6\lambda a^2 + 5\eta a^4}{16\omega_0}$  the secular term vanishes. In the Lindstedt approach, elimination of the secular terms is done in each step of the power series by recursively fixing  $\bar{\omega}_1$ ,  $\bar{\omega}_2$  and so on. However, as is well known, there are some difficulties with the convergence of the Lindstedt expansion although such a disadvantage is not always serious for a physical problem [18]. In the following we adopt instead the RG approach that introduces an arbitrary time scale  $\mu$  and the RG constants are adjusted to eliminate terms like  $\tau - \mu$ ,  $\tau^2 - \mu^2$  so that we dealt with a finite form for  $z$ .

**Renormalization group (RG) analysis** Let us keep  $\bar{\omega}_1 \neq \frac{6\lambda a^2 + 5\eta a^4}{16\omega_0}$  and apply the RG technique [1, 3] on (10) to get bounded solution of (3). Introducing an arbitrary time scale  $\mu$  and express  $\tau$  as  $\tau = [\tau - \mu] + [\mu - 0]$  with the intention that the unwanted divergences are reduced only historical

curiosities ( $\mu - 0$ ) and we are left concerned only with the present time scale ( $t - \mu$ ) i.e. a singularity-free time. Towards this end we introduce renormalization parameters  $Z_1(\mu)$  and  $Z_2(\mu)$  in a perturbative manner such that

$$\begin{aligned} a(0) &= a_0 = Z_1(\mu)a(\mu) = (1 + \bar{A}_1\epsilon)a(\mu), \\ \theta(0) &= \theta(\mu) + Z_2 = \theta(\mu) + \bar{B}_1\epsilon. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

We utilize  $\bar{A}_1$ ,  $\bar{B}_1$  in such a way that the secular terms are made to vanish.

Denoting

$$\bar{a} \equiv a(\mu), \quad \bar{\theta} = \theta(\mu) \quad (12)$$

we get from (10) up to order  $\epsilon$

$$\begin{aligned} z &= (1 + \bar{A}_1\epsilon)\bar{a} \cos(\bar{\omega}t + \bar{\theta} + \bar{B}_1\epsilon) + \epsilon \left[ \frac{\bar{a}}{32\omega_0^2} (16\omega_0\bar{\omega}_1 - 6\lambda\bar{a}^2 - 5\eta\bar{a}^4) \cos(\bar{\omega}t + \bar{\theta}) \right. \\ &\quad + \frac{\bar{a}^3}{128\omega_0^2} (4\lambda + 5\eta\bar{a}^2) \cos 3(\bar{\omega}t + \bar{\theta}) + \frac{\eta\bar{a}^5}{384\omega_0^2} \cos 5(\bar{\omega}t + \bar{\theta}) + \frac{f}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} \cos \omega t \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{\bar{a}}{16\omega_0^2} (16\omega_0\bar{\omega}_1 - 6\lambda\bar{a}^2 - 5\eta\bar{a}^4) \tau \sin(\bar{\omega}t + \bar{\theta}) \right] \\ &= \bar{a} \cos(\bar{\omega}t + \bar{\theta}) + \epsilon \left[ \bar{A}_1\bar{a} \cos(\bar{\omega}t + \bar{\theta}) - \bar{B}_1\bar{a} \sin(\bar{\omega}t + \bar{\theta}) + \frac{\bar{a}}{32\omega_0^2} (16\omega_0\bar{\omega}_1 \right. \\ &\quad - 6\lambda\bar{a}^2 - 5\eta\bar{a}^4) \cos(\bar{\omega}t + \bar{\theta}) + \frac{\bar{a}^3}{128\omega_0^2} (4\lambda + 5\eta\bar{a}^2) \cos 3(\bar{\omega}t + \bar{\theta}) \\ &\quad + \frac{\eta\bar{a}^5}{384\omega_0^2} \cos 5(\bar{\omega}t + \bar{\theta}) + \frac{f}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} \cos \omega t \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{\bar{a}}{16\omega_0^2} (16\omega_0\bar{\omega}_1 - 6\lambda\bar{a}^2 - 5\eta\bar{a}^4) \{(\tau - \mu) + \mu\} \sin(\bar{\omega}t + \bar{\theta}) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

Inspection reveals that the divergent term vanish for the conditions

$$\bar{A}_1 = 0, \quad \bar{B}_1 = \frac{\mu}{16\omega_0^2} (16\omega_0\bar{\omega}_1 - 6\lambda\bar{a}^2 - 5\eta\bar{a}^4). \quad (14)$$

For this choices of  $\bar{A}_1$  and  $\bar{B}_1$  solution  $z$  becomes

$$\begin{aligned} z &= \bar{a} \cos(\bar{\omega}t + \bar{\theta}) + \epsilon \left[ \frac{\bar{a}}{32\omega_0^2} (16\omega_0\bar{\omega}_1 - 6\lambda\bar{a}^2 - 5\eta\bar{a}^4) \cos(\bar{\omega}t + \bar{\theta}) \right. \\ &\quad + \frac{\bar{a}^3}{128\omega_0^2} (4\lambda + 5\eta\bar{a}^2) \cos 3(\bar{\omega}t + \bar{\theta}) + \frac{\eta\bar{a}^5}{384\omega_0^2} \cos 5(\bar{\omega}t + \bar{\theta}) \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{f}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} \cos \omega t + \frac{\bar{a}}{16\omega_0^2} (16\omega_0\bar{\omega}_1 - 6\lambda\bar{a}^2 - 5\eta\bar{a}^4) (\tau - \mu) \sin(\bar{\omega}t + \bar{\theta}) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

Since the dynamics needs to be independent of the renormalization scale i.e.  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial \mu} = 0$  which implies

$$\frac{d\bar{\theta}}{d\mu} = -\frac{\epsilon}{16\omega_0^2} (16\omega_0\bar{\omega}_1 - 6\lambda\bar{a}^2 - 5\eta\bar{a}^4), \quad \frac{d\bar{a}}{d\mu} = 0 \quad (16)$$

and this gives

$$\bar{\theta} = -\frac{\epsilon\mu}{16\omega_0^2} (16\omega_0\bar{\omega}_1 - 6\lambda\bar{a}^2 - 5\eta\bar{a}^4), \quad \bar{a} = \text{constant}. \quad (17)$$

Substituting  $\mu = \tau$  in (15) yielding the renormalization expansion of  $z$  up to order  $\epsilon$

$$\begin{aligned} z = & a \cos\left\{\bar{\omega}\left(1 - \frac{\epsilon}{16\omega_0^2}(16\omega_0\bar{\omega}_1 - 6\lambda a^2 - 5\eta a^4)\right)t\right\} + \epsilon\left[\frac{a}{32\omega_0^2}(16\omega_0\bar{\omega}_1\right. \\ & - 6\lambda a^2 - 5\eta a^4) \cos(\bar{\omega}t + \theta) + \frac{a^3}{128\omega_0^2}(4\lambda + 5\eta a^2) \cos 3(\bar{\omega}t + \theta) \\ & \left. + \frac{\eta a^5}{384\omega_0^2} \cos 5(\bar{\omega}t + \theta) + \frac{f}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} \cos \omega t\right]. \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

Clearly (18) is free from any divergent term.

**Multiple time scales** Consider two separate independent time scales which are  $\tau_0 = \epsilon^0 \tau = \tau$  and  $\tau_1 = \epsilon^1 \tau_0 = \epsilon \tau$ . We express  $z = z(\tau_0, \tau_1)$  and employ the expansion

$$z(\tau_0, \tau_1) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \epsilon^n z_n(\tau_0, \tau_1). \quad (19)$$

Thus for  $\alpha = 0$  we obtain from equation (3) the result

$$\begin{aligned} (\omega_0^2 + 2\epsilon\omega_0\bar{\omega}_1)\left(\frac{\partial^2 z_0}{\partial \tau_0^2} + \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 z_1}{\partial \tau_0^2} + 2\epsilon \frac{\partial^2 z_0}{\partial \tau_0 \partial \tau_1}\right) \\ + \omega_0^2(z_0 + \epsilon z_1) + \lambda \epsilon z_0^3 + \eta \epsilon z_0^5 = f \epsilon \cos\left(\frac{\omega}{\bar{\omega}}(\tau_0 - \theta)\right). \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

To zeroth-order in  $\epsilon$  we have  $\frac{\partial^2 z_0}{\partial \tau_0^2} + z_0 = 0$  whose solution is given by

$$z_0 = a \cos \tau_0; \quad \tau_0 = \bar{\omega}, t_0 + \theta \quad (21)$$

where  $a$  and  $\theta$  can both be functions of  $(\tau_0, \tau_1)$ .

On the other hand for the first-order in  $\epsilon$ , we isolate from (20)

$$\frac{\partial^2 z_1}{\partial \tau_0^2} + z_1 + 2 \frac{\partial^2 z_0}{\partial \tau_0 \partial \tau_1} = -\frac{2\bar{\omega}_1}{\omega_0} \frac{\partial^2 z_0}{\partial \tau_0^2} - \frac{\lambda}{\omega_0^2} z_0^3 - \frac{\eta}{\omega_0^2} z_0^5 + \frac{f}{\omega_0^2} \cos\left(\frac{\omega}{\bar{\omega}}(\tau_0 - \theta)\right). \quad (22)$$

By observing that  $\frac{\partial^2 z_0}{\partial \tau_0^2} = -a \cos \tau_0$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 z_0}{\partial \tau_0 \partial \tau_1} = -a \cos(\bar{\omega}t + \theta) \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \tau_1} - \sin(\bar{\omega}t + \theta) \frac{\partial a}{\partial \tau_1}$ , equation (22) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 z_1}{\partial \tau_0^2} + z_1 = & \frac{f}{\omega_0^2} \cos\left(\frac{\omega}{\bar{\omega}}(\tau_0 - \theta)\right) + 2a \cos(\bar{\omega}t + \theta) \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \tau_1} + \frac{2\bar{\omega}_1}{\omega_0} a \cos(\bar{\omega}t + \theta) \\ & - \frac{\lambda a^3}{4\omega_0^2} [\cos 3(\bar{\omega}t + \theta) + 3 \cos(\bar{\omega}t + \theta)] - \frac{\eta a^5}{\omega_0^2} \left[\frac{1}{16} \cos 5(\bar{\omega}t + \theta)\right. \\ & \left. + \frac{5}{16} \cos 3(\bar{\omega}t + \theta) + \frac{5}{8} \cos(\bar{\omega}t + \theta)\right] + 2 \frac{\partial a}{\partial \tau_1} \sin(\bar{\omega}t + \theta). \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

Equating now to zero the coefficients of the sine, cosine terms of right hand side gives

$$\frac{\partial a}{\partial \tau_1} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \tau_1} = -\frac{16\omega_0\bar{\omega}_1 - 6\lambda a^2 - 5\eta a^4}{16\omega_0^2} \quad (24)$$

while the remaining terms imply

$$\frac{\partial^2 z_1}{\partial \tau_0^2} + z_1 = \frac{f}{\omega_0^2} \cos\left(\frac{\omega}{\bar{\omega}}(\tau_0 - \theta)\right) - \left(\frac{\lambda a^3}{4\omega_0^2} + \frac{5\eta a^5}{16\omega_0^2}\right) \cos 3(\bar{\omega}t + \theta) - \frac{\eta a^5}{\omega_0^2} \cos 5(\bar{\omega}t + \theta). \quad (25)$$

From (24) and using  $\tau_1 = \epsilon(\bar{\omega}t_0 + \theta)$  we obtain up to order  $\epsilon$ ,

$$a = \text{constant}, \quad \theta = -\frac{16\omega_0\bar{\omega}_1 - 6\lambda a^2 - 5\eta a^4}{16\omega_0^2}(\bar{\omega}t_0 + \theta)\epsilon. \tag{26}$$

The final expression for  $z$  according to equation (19), takes the form

$$z = a \cos[\bar{\omega}(1 - \frac{16\omega_0\bar{\omega}_1 - 6\lambda a^2 - 5\eta a^4}{16\omega_0^2})t_0] + \epsilon z_1(t_0, t_1) + \dots \tag{27}$$

Note that the correction to the frequency of this solution is same as the solution (18).

**Case-II :  $\alpha > 0$**

In this case we solve equation (3) in the presence of damping term i.e. for  $\alpha > 0$ . The solution of equation (5) reads

$$z_0 = ae^{-\frac{\alpha}{2\omega_0}\tau} \cos D\tau, \tag{28}$$

where  $a$  is a constant and  $D$  is given by

$$D = \sqrt{1 - \frac{\alpha^2}{4\omega_0^2}}. \tag{29}$$

When the solution (28) is used, equation (6) takes the form

$$\begin{aligned} z_1'' + \frac{\alpha}{\omega_0}z_1' + z_1 &= \frac{(4\omega_0^2 - \alpha^2)\bar{\omega}_1 a}{2\omega_0^3}e^{-\frac{\alpha}{2\omega_0}\tau} \cos D\tau - \frac{D\alpha\bar{\omega}_1 a}{\omega_0^2}e^{-\frac{\alpha}{2\omega_0}\tau} \sin D\tau \\ &- \frac{\lambda a^3}{4\omega_0^2}e^{-\frac{3\alpha}{2\omega_0}\tau} (3 \cos D\tau + \cos 3D\tau) \\ &- \frac{\eta a^5}{8\omega_0^2}e^{-\frac{5\alpha}{2\omega_0}\tau} (5 \cos D\tau + \frac{5}{2} \cos 3D\tau + \frac{1}{2} \cos 5D\tau) \\ &+ \frac{f}{\omega_0^2} \cos(\frac{\omega}{\bar{\omega}}(\tau - \theta)) \end{aligned} \tag{30}$$

Particular integral of equation (30) can be determined as

$$\begin{aligned} z_1 &= \frac{(4\omega_0^2 - \alpha^2)\bar{\omega}_1 a}{4\omega_0^3 D}e^{-\frac{\alpha}{2\omega_0}\tau} \tau \sin D\tau + \frac{\alpha\bar{\omega}_1 a}{2\omega_0^2}e^{-\frac{\alpha}{2\omega_0}\tau} \tau \cos D\tau \\ &- \frac{3\lambda a^3}{16\omega_0^2 \alpha}e^{-\frac{3\alpha}{2\omega_0}\tau} (\alpha \cos D\tau - 2\omega_0 \sin D\tau) \\ &- \frac{\lambda a^3}{16\omega_0^2(16\omega_0^2 - 3\alpha^2)}e^{-\frac{3\alpha}{2\omega_0}\tau} \{(-8\omega_0^2 + 3\alpha^2) \cos 3D\tau - 6\alpha\omega_0 D \sin 3D\tau\} \\ &- \frac{5\eta a^5}{8\alpha(3\alpha^2 + 4\omega_0^2)}e^{-\frac{5\alpha}{2\omega_0}\tau} (\alpha \cos D\tau - \omega_0 D \sin D\tau) \\ &- \frac{5\eta a^5}{128\omega_0^2(4\omega_0^2 + 3\alpha^2)}e^{-\frac{5\alpha}{2\omega_0}\tau} \{(-4\omega_0^2 + 3\alpha^2) \cos 3D\tau - 6\alpha\omega_0 D \sin 3D\tau\} \\ &- \frac{5\eta a^5}{128\omega_0^2(36\omega_0^2 - 5\alpha^2)}e^{-\frac{5\alpha}{2\omega_0}\tau} \{(-12\omega_0^2 + 5\alpha^2) \cos 5D\tau - 2\alpha\omega_0 D \sin 5D\tau\} \\ &+ \frac{f\bar{\omega}^2}{\omega_0^2(\bar{\omega}^2 + \omega^2) + \alpha^2\omega^2\bar{\omega}^2} \{(\bar{\omega}^2 + \omega^2) \cos(\frac{\omega}{\bar{\omega}}(\tau - \theta)) + \frac{\alpha\omega\bar{\omega}}{\omega_0} \sin(\frac{\omega}{\bar{\omega}}(\tau - \theta))\} \end{aligned} \tag{31}$$

which indicates that the solution  $z(\tau)$  of equation (3) up to order  $\epsilon$  can be put as

$$\begin{aligned}
z = & ae^{-\frac{\alpha}{2\omega_0}\tau} \cos D\tau + \epsilon \left[ \frac{(4\omega_0^2 - \alpha^2)\bar{\omega}_1 a}{4\omega_0^3 D} e^{-\frac{\alpha}{2\omega_0}\tau} \tau \sin D\tau + \frac{\alpha\bar{\omega}_1 a}{2\omega_0^2} e^{-\frac{\alpha}{2\omega_0}\tau} \tau \cos D\tau \right. \\
& - \frac{3\lambda a^3}{16\omega_0^2 \alpha} e^{-\frac{3\alpha}{2\omega_0}\tau} (\alpha \cos D\tau - 2\omega_0 \sin D\tau) \\
& - \frac{\lambda a^3}{16\omega_0^2 (16\omega_0^2 - 3\alpha^2)} e^{-\frac{3\alpha}{2\omega_0}\tau} \{(-8\omega_0^2 + 3\alpha^2) \cos 3D\tau - 6\alpha\omega_0 D \sin 3D\tau\} \\
& - \frac{5\eta a^5}{8\alpha(3\alpha^2 + 4\omega_0^2)} e^{-\frac{5\alpha}{2\omega_0}\tau} (\alpha \cos D\tau - \omega_0 D \sin D\tau) \\
& - \frac{5\eta a^5}{128\omega_0^2 (4\omega_0^2 + 3\alpha^2)} e^{-\frac{5\alpha}{2\omega_0}\tau} \{(-4\omega_0^2 + 3\alpha^2) \cos 3D\tau - 6\alpha\omega_0 D \sin 3D\tau\} \\
& - \frac{5\eta a^5}{128\omega_0^2 (36\omega_0^2 - 5\alpha^2)} e^{-\frac{5\alpha}{2\omega_0}\tau} \{(-12\omega_0^2 + 5\alpha^2) \cos 5D\tau - 2\alpha\omega_0 D \sin 5D\tau\} \\
& \left. + \frac{f\bar{\omega}^2}{\omega_0^2 (\bar{\omega}^2 + \omega^2)^2 + \alpha^2 \omega^2 \bar{\omega}^2} \left\{ (\bar{\omega}^2 + \omega^2) \cos\left(\frac{\omega}{\bar{\omega}}(\tau - \theta)\right) + \frac{\alpha\omega\bar{\omega}}{\omega_0} \sin\left(\frac{\omega}{\bar{\omega}}(\tau - \theta)\right) \right\} \right]. \tag{32}
\end{aligned}$$

Clearly this solution is free from any divergent term.

## Summary

In this work we have employed the RG approach to investigate the dynamical behaviour of a cubic-quintic Duffing oscillator endowed with an external periodic non-autonomous force. The RG approach ensures a divergence free result. A comparative study with the multiple-time scale approach shows that the correction to the frequency is the same. We also obtained a perturbative solution of the same equation with an additional damping term.

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