## Today

- Midterm 1 - Jan 31 (one week away!)
- Finish up undetermined coefficients (on the midterm, on WW3)
- Physics applications - mass springs (not on midterm, on WW4)
- Undamped, over/under/critically damped oscillations (maybe Thurs)


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