

INTRODUCTION

Diff Eq:

Let $x(t) = f(t)$

$$x(t) = f\left(x, \alpha, \underbrace{\frac{d}{dt}x, \frac{d^2}{dt^2}x, \dots}_{\text{Diff.}}\right)$$

"Solve" a DE?

↳ Take DE \Rightarrow find original definition of dep. var. in terms of indep. variables.

Signals:

Carries info

System:



Algebraic:

Ex:// $\frac{dx}{dt} = \alpha x(t)$

① Separate:

$$\frac{dx}{x} = \alpha dt$$

② Integrate:

$$\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \int \alpha dt$$

$$\ln x + C_1 = \alpha t + \boxed{C_2}$$

Constants matter!

$$\ln x = \alpha t + C_3$$

$$\hookrightarrow C_3 = C_2 - C_1$$

③ Solve for x :

$$x = e^{\alpha t + C_3}$$

$$x = c e^{\alpha t} \Rightarrow c = e^{C_3}$$

Numerically: out-of-scope.

Important: constants b/c they encode initial cond.

↳ Initial cond: $x(t_0) = x_0$ (t_0 doesn't have to be 0)
or $x'(t_0)$, or $x''(t_0)$

↳ Boundary cond: $y(x=x_1)$, $y''(x=x_2)$, ...

Ex:// $\frac{dx}{dt} = ax - bx^2$ ($a, b > 0$)

↳ $a < 0 \Rightarrow$ exp. decay

① Separation:

$$\int \frac{dx}{ax - bx^2} = \int dt$$

② PFD:

$$\int \frac{1/a}{x} + \int \frac{b/a}{a-bx} = \int dt$$

③ Integral:

$$\frac{1}{a} \ln x + \frac{b/a}{a-bx} \ln(a-bx) = t + c$$

$$\frac{1}{a} (\ln x - \ln(a-bx)) = t + c$$

$$\ln \left(\frac{x}{a-bx} \right) = a(t+c)$$

$$\frac{x}{a-bx} = e^{a(t+c)}$$

④ Solve for x :

$$x = e^{a(t+c)} (a-bx)$$
$$= ae^{a(t+c)} - bx e^{a(t+c)}$$

$$x + bx e^{a(t+c)} = ae^{a(t+c)}$$

$$x = \frac{ae^{a(t+c)}}{1 + be^{a(t+c)}}$$

$$= :$$

$$= \frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + e^{-a(t-t_0)}}$$

You can do simple analysis: $\left(\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x = \frac{a}{b} \right) \rightarrow \text{Steady state.}$

Easier way to get S.S.:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 0$$

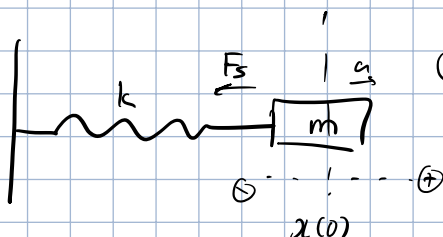
$$\left(\frac{dx}{dt} = ax - bx^2 = 0 \right.$$

$$x(a - bx) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 0, a/b \Rightarrow 2 \text{ s.s. soln.}$$

Ex:// Spring

Model via D.E.



① Equation using Newton's 2nd Law:

$$F_s = ma$$

$$-kx = m \cdot \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}$$

Taylor Expansion

Problem: function are hard to integrate

Soln: approx. func via polynomials - (via Taylor method)

Taylor Theorem

Say that approx. func_n at $x = x_0$.

$$f(x) = f(x_0) + \frac{f'(x_0)}{1!} (x - x_0) + \frac{f''(x_0)}{2!} (x - x_0)^2 + \dots$$

i^{th} order: $\frac{f^{(i)}(x_0)}{i!} (x - x_0)^i$

Ex:// Prove $\sin \theta \approx \theta$ for small θ .

① Function + center

$$f(\theta) = \sin \theta$$

Center: small $\theta \sim 0$

② Taylor exp.

$$\begin{aligned} f(\theta) &= \sin(\theta) + \frac{f'(0)}{1!} \theta + \frac{f''(0)}{2!} \theta^2 + \dots \\ &= 0 + \theta + 0 + \dots \\ &\sim \theta \end{aligned}$$

Q: n^{th} order Taylor polynomial

↳ $f(x) \rightarrow \text{T.E} \rightarrow$ only go up to n^{th} derivative $(x - x_0)^n$

Useful expansions:

1. $\sin \theta \sim \theta$

2. $\cos \theta \sim 1 - \theta^2/2$

3. $e^x \sim 1 + x$

4. $\sqrt{1+x} \sim 1 + x/2$

5. $\frac{1}{1 \pm x} \sim 1 \mp x$

6. $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x}} \sim 1 - x/2$

Use in compound T.E.

Ex:// T.E. of $\frac{1}{\sqrt{R^2 + D^2}}$

① Component func:

Looks like $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x}} \Rightarrow$ variable sub

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{R^2 + D^2}} = \frac{1}{R \sqrt{1 + D^2/R^2}} = \frac{1}{R} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + D^2/R^2}}$$

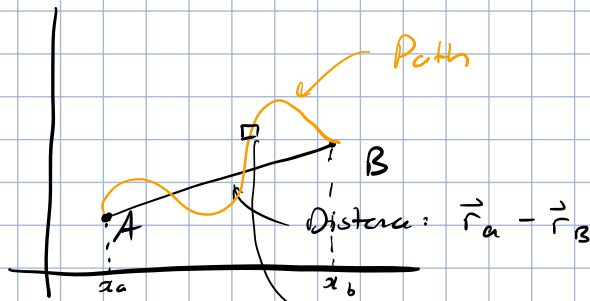
$$\text{Let } x = D^2/R^2$$

② T.F. of comp. of f_{r_2}

$$\frac{1}{R} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + D^2/R^2}} = \frac{1}{R} \left(1 - \frac{D^2}{2R^2} \right)$$

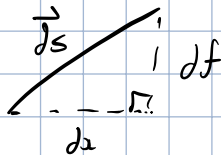
Important note: make sure dep. variable in expansion is unitless

Distance vs Path Length



Q: Path length?

If s is a function of x (1/1)



$$\therefore ds^2 = dx^2 + df^2$$

$$ds = \sqrt{dx^2 + df^2}$$

$$\frac{ds}{dx} = \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{df}{dx}\right)^2}$$

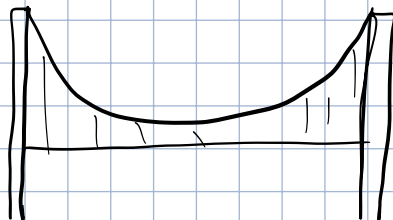
$$S = \int ds$$

$$= \int_{x_a}^{x_b} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{df}{dx}\right)^2} dx$$

$$= \int_{x_a}^{x_b} \sqrt{1 + (f'(x))^2} dx$$

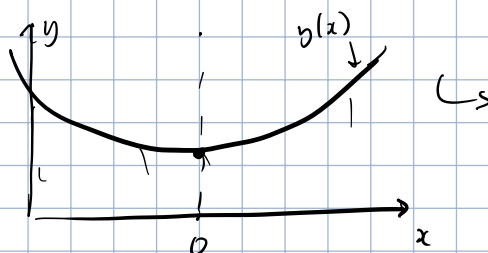
Hanging cable problem

Problem:

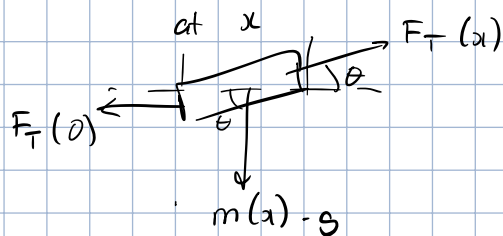


What is shape of cable?

① Model problem via physics:



a. Consider differential:



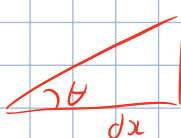
b. Use physics

$$\hat{x}: F_T(x) \cos \theta = F_T(0) \quad - (1)$$

$$\hat{y}: F_T(x) \sin \theta = m(x) \cdot g \quad - (2)$$

$$(2) \div (1): \tan \theta = \frac{m(x) \cdot g}{F_T(0)}$$

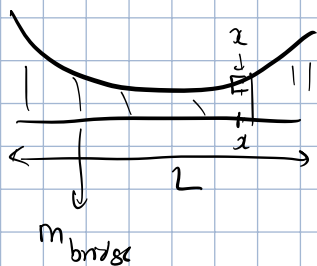
(2) Introduce derivative:

Trick:  $\Rightarrow \tan \theta = \frac{dy}{dx}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{m(x) \cdot g}{F_T(0)}$$

(3) Classify $m(x)$

1) Case #1: Cable weight is negligible



Assuming linear density

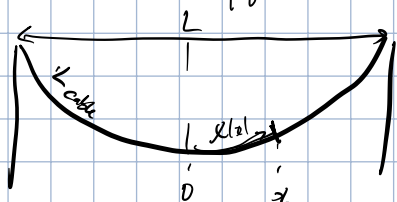
$$m(x) = \frac{m_{\text{bridge}}}{L} \cdot x$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \left[\frac{m_{\text{bridge}} \cdot g}{F_T(0) \cdot L} \right] \cdot x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = c_1 \cdot x$$

$$y = \frac{c_1}{2} \cdot x^2 \sim \text{Parabola}$$

2) Case #2: Cable supports own weight



Weight at pt. x?

Assume linear density:

$$m(x) = \frac{m_{\text{cable}}}{L_{\text{cable}}} \cdot \ell(x)$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \left[\frac{m_{\text{cable}} \cdot g}{L_{\text{cable}} \cdot F_T(0)} \right] \cdot \ell(x)$$

$$dy = c_1 l(x) \cdot dx$$

① Take 2nd derivative

2nd order
diff eq.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} &= c_1 \cdot \frac{dl(x)}{dx} \rightarrow \\ &= c_1 \cdot \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} \end{aligned}$$

Path differential!

② Variable sub:

$$s = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\therefore \frac{ds}{dx} = c_1 \cdot \sqrt{1 + s^2}$$

③ Integrate:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = s = \frac{e^{c_1 x} - e^{-c_1 x}}{2}$$

$$y = c_1 \cdot \frac{e^{c_1 x} + e^{-c_1 x}}{2} + c_3$$

$$\boxed{y = c_1 \cdot \cosh(c_1 x) + c_3}$$

- Partial diff eqns:

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = \frac{T}{\rho} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} \Rightarrow y = f(t, x)$$

$$y = A \sin k \left(x - \sqrt{\frac{T}{\rho}} t \right)$$