

The Mass-Spring System

$$x(t) = A\cos(\omega_0 t - \delta)$$

$$v(t) = \frac{d}{dt} x(t) = -A\omega_0 \sin(\omega_0 t - \delta)$$

A : amplitude, T : period, k : spring constant, m : mass

$$\omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{T} = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} : \text{angular frequency } \left(\frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}}\right)$$

δ : phase angle

Exercise 1

Givens:

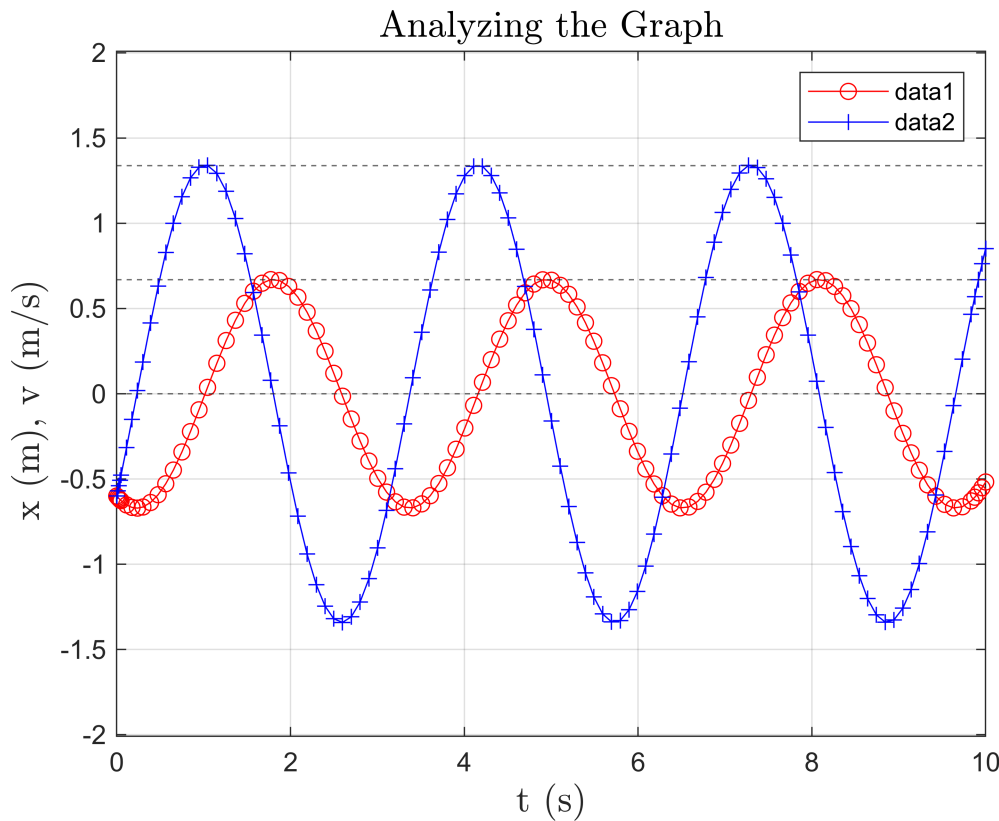
$$m = 1(\text{kg}), k = 4(\text{N/m})$$

$$y(0) = y'(0) = -0.6$$

(i.e. the mass is initially compressed upward 0.6 meters and released with an initial upward velocity of 0.6 m/s)

Notes: set downward direction positive.

```
LAB05ex1a
legend("AutoUpdate","off")
yline([-2.01 2.01])
yline(0,"--")
[Ay, ~]=findpeaks(y);
yline(mean(Ay),"--")
[Av, ~]=findpeaks(v);
yline(mean(Av),"--")
```



Part (a)

Which curve represents $y = y(t)$? How do you know?

One of the major differences between the two curves is amplitude. Looks like the blue one doubles red one. Given that $\omega_0 = 2$, which suggests that the red curve has to be $y(t)$ because in a harmonic motion, the ratio of $v(t)$ and $y(t)$ in amplitude is the angular frequency (ω_0)

$$y(t) = A \cos(\omega_0 t - \delta); \quad v(t) = \frac{d}{dt} y(t) = -A \omega_0 \sin(\omega_0 t - \delta) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{|-A \omega_0|}{A} = \omega_0$$

Part (b)

Find the period of the motion; first graphically (by reading the period from the graph) and then analytically (by finding the period using ω_0).

Graphically: since the x-axis is the timeline, the period is just the time interval between two peaks, the period of the motion looks like slightly above 3 seconds.

```
[~, i]=findpeaks(y);
Ty = (t(i(3)) - t(i(1)))/2; % more accurate to find the average between three peaks
disp(['The period of this motion is approximately ', num2str(Ty), ' seconds.'])
```

The period of this motion is approximately 3.1423 seconds.

Analytically: given that the mass $m = 1$ (kg) and the spring constant $k = 4$ (N/m)

$$\text{Angular frequency : } \omega_0 \left(\frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}} \right) = \frac{2\pi}{T} = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

We could get the period $T = \pi$

Part (c)

Will the mass ever come to rest? Why?

Technically, yes. At the instant when the mass reach either the top or the bottom, its instantaneous speed will be zero.

Part (d)

What is the amplitude of the oscillations for y?

```
[Ay, ~]=findpeaks(y);  
disp(['The the amplitude of the oscillations for y(t) is approximately  
,num2str(mean(Ay)), ' meters.'])
```

The the amplitude of the oscillations for y(t) is approximately 0.66925 meters.

Part (e)

What is the maximum velocity (in magnitude) attained by the mass, and when is it attained?

```
format short  
[MAXv, i]=findpeaks(abs(v));  
T1 = array2table([MAXv, t(i), y(i)]);  
T1.Properties.VariableNames(1:3) = {'v (m/s)', 't (s)', 'y (m)'}
```

T1 = 6x3 table

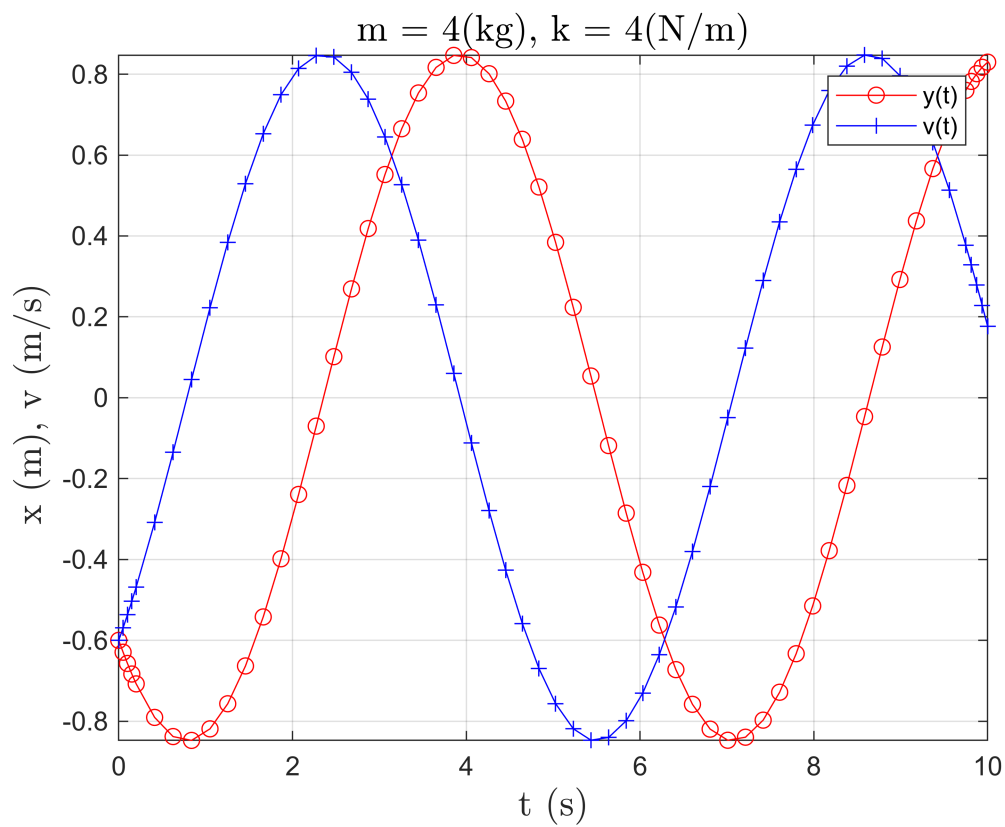
	v (m/s)	t (s)	y (m)
1	1.3395	1.0451	0.0374
2	1.3413	2.5985	-0.0144
3	1.3347	4.2087	0.0674
4	1.3381	5.6935	0.0476
5	1.3391	7.2705	-0.0391
6	1.3394	8.8438	0.0356

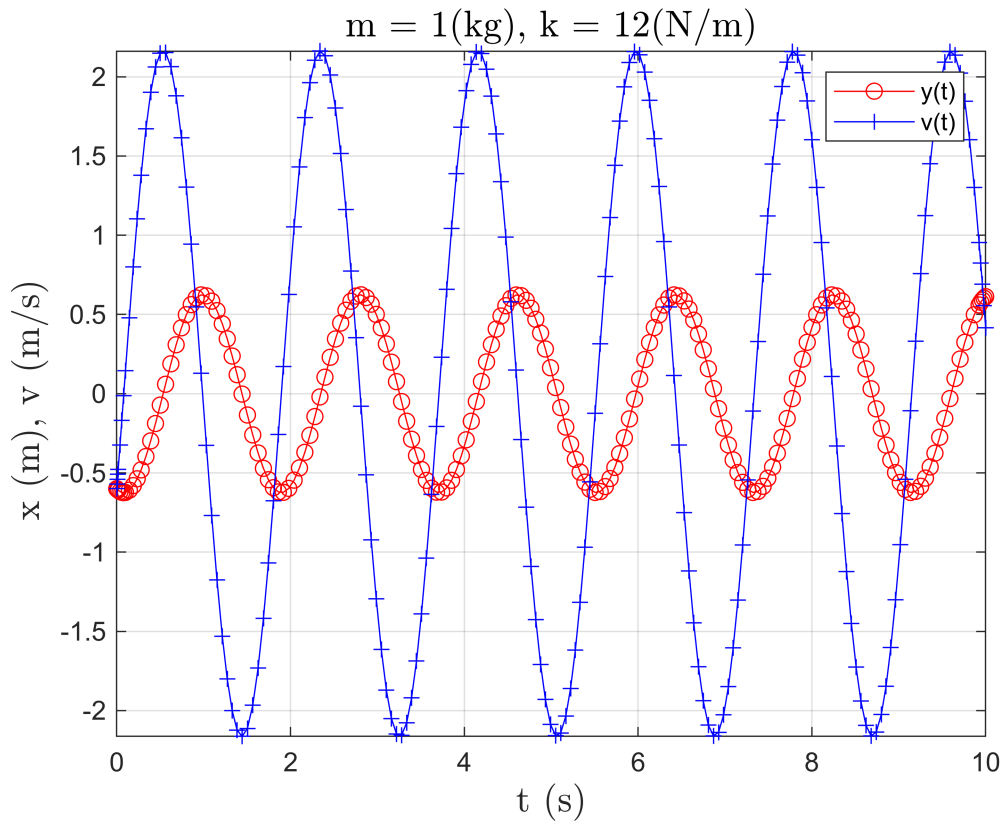
The mass reach maximum speed at equilibrium points every half period.

Part (f)

How does the size of the mass m and the stiffness k of the spring affect the motion?

LAB05ex1f





Same spring with same k , the period become longer, moving slower, larger amplitude when mass increase. While, same mass but different spring, the period become shorter, moving faster, but amplitude remain the same when k increase.

Exercise 2

type LAB05ex2

```
clear all;      % clear all variables

m = 1;      % mass [kg]
k = 4;      % spring constant [N/m]
omega0 = sqrt(k/m);
% initial conditions
y0 = -0.6;
v0 = -0.6;

[t,Y] = ode45(@f,[0,10],[y0,v0],[],omega0); % solve for 0<t<10
y = Y(:,1); v = Y(:,2);                    % retrieve y, v from Y
E = 0.5*m*v.^2 + 0.5*k*y.^2;

figure
plot(t,y,'ro-',t,v,'b+-')                  % time series for y, v, & E
hold on
plot(t,E,LineWidth=2)
title("Analyzing the Graph","Interpreter","latex","FontSize",14)
legend("y(t)", "v(t)","Energy")
```

```

xlabel("t (s)","Interpreter","latex","FontSize",14)
ylabel("x (m), v (m/s) ","Interpreter","latex","FontSize",14)
axis tight
grid on

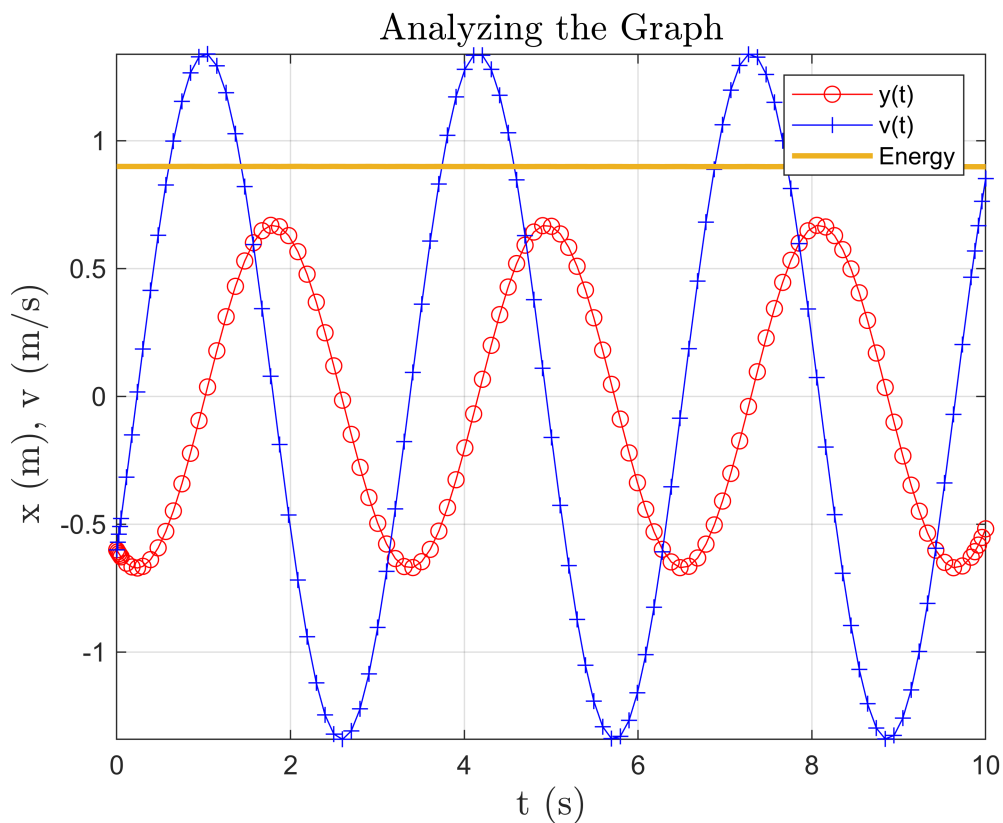
%-----
function dYdt = f(t,Y,omega0); % function defining the DE
y = Y(1); v = Y(2);
dYdt=[ v ; - omega0^2*y ];
end

```

Part (a)

Is the energy conserved in this case?

LAB05ex2



The graph confirms the fact that the energy is conserved. The total energy remain constant regardless of the movement of the mass.

Part (b)

Show analytically that: $\frac{dE}{dt} = 0$

- first differentiate $E(t)$ with respect to t using the chain rule.
- then make substitutions using the expression for ω_0 and using the differential equation

$$\frac{d}{dt}(0.5m \cdot v(t)^2 + 0.5k \cdot y(t)^2)$$

$$= 0.5m \frac{d}{dt}(-A\omega_0 \sin(\omega_0 t + \delta))^2 + 0.5k \frac{d}{dt}(A \cos(\omega_0 t + \delta))^2$$

$$= mA^2\omega_0^3 \sin(\omega_0 t + \delta) \cos(\omega_0 t + \delta) - kA^2\omega_0 \cos(\omega_0 t + \delta) \sin(\omega_0 t + \delta)$$

$$k = \omega_0^2 m$$

$$= mA^2\omega_0^3 \sin(\omega_0 t + \delta) \cos(\omega_0 t + \delta) - mA^2\omega_0^3 \cos(\omega_0 t + \delta) \sin(\omega_0 t + \delta) = 0$$

```
% for reference
syms t w b m k a
yt = a*cos(w*t+b);
vt = diff(yt,t);
dKEdt = diff(0.5*m*vt^2,t)
```

$$dKEdt = a^2 m w^3 \cos(b + t w) \sin(b + t w)$$

```
dUdt = diff(0.5*k*yt^2,t)
```

$$dUdt = -a^2 k w \cos(b + t w) \sin(b + t w)$$

```
dEdt = dKEdt + subs(dUdt,k,w^2*m)
```

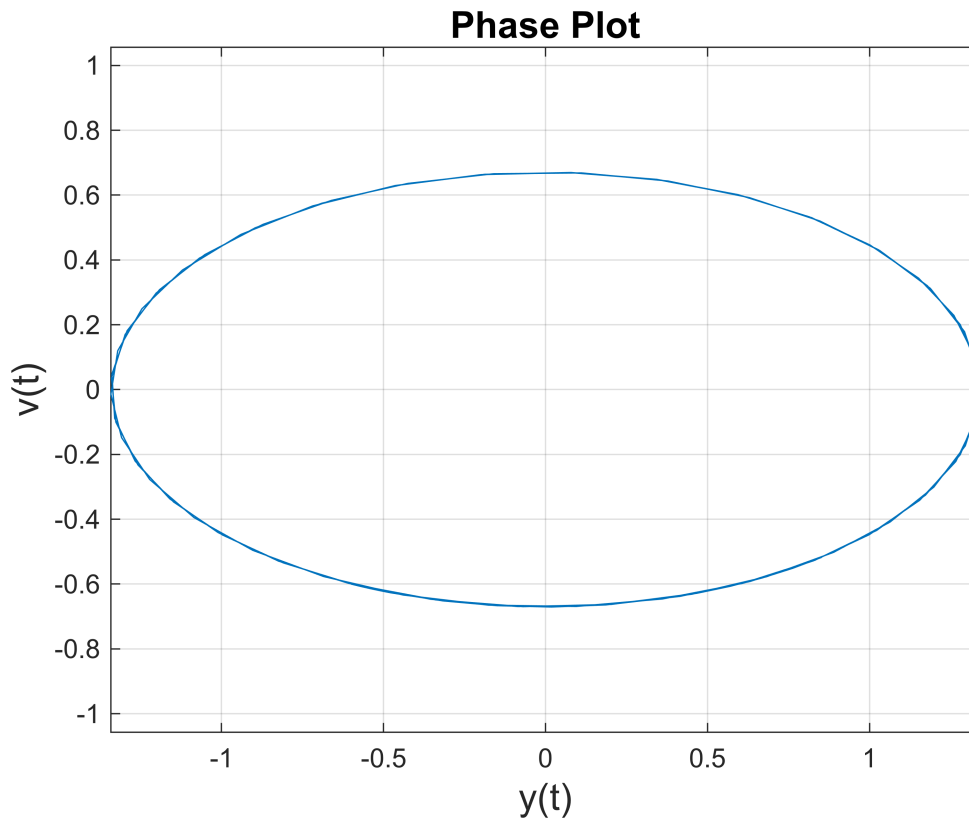
$$dEdt = 0$$

Part (c)

Plot $v(t)$ vs $y(t)$ (phase plot)

```
LAB05ex2; close % restore variables

figure; plot(v,y)
title("Phase Plot","FontSize",14)
xlabel("y(t)","FontSize",14)
ylabel("v(t)","FontSize",14)
axis equal; grid on
```



Since the energy is conserved and no dissipative force in this system, the mass will oscillate forever.

As a result, the graph would never get close to the origin.

Exercise 3

$$m \cdot y'' + c \cdot y' + k \cdot y = 0$$

$$y = x(t) = A_0 e^{-pt} \cos(\omega_0 t + \delta), \quad p = \frac{c}{2m}$$

type [LAB05ex3](#)

```
clear all;      % clear all variables

m = 1; % mass [kg]
k = 4; % spring constant [N/m]
c = 1; % friction coefficient [Ns/m]
omega0 = sqrt(k/m); p = c/(2*m);
% initial conditions
y0 = -0.6;
v0 = -0.6;

[t,Y] = ode45(@f,[0,10],[y0,v0],[],omega0, p); % solve for 0<t<10
y = Y(:,1); v = Y(:,2); % retrieve y, v from Y
```



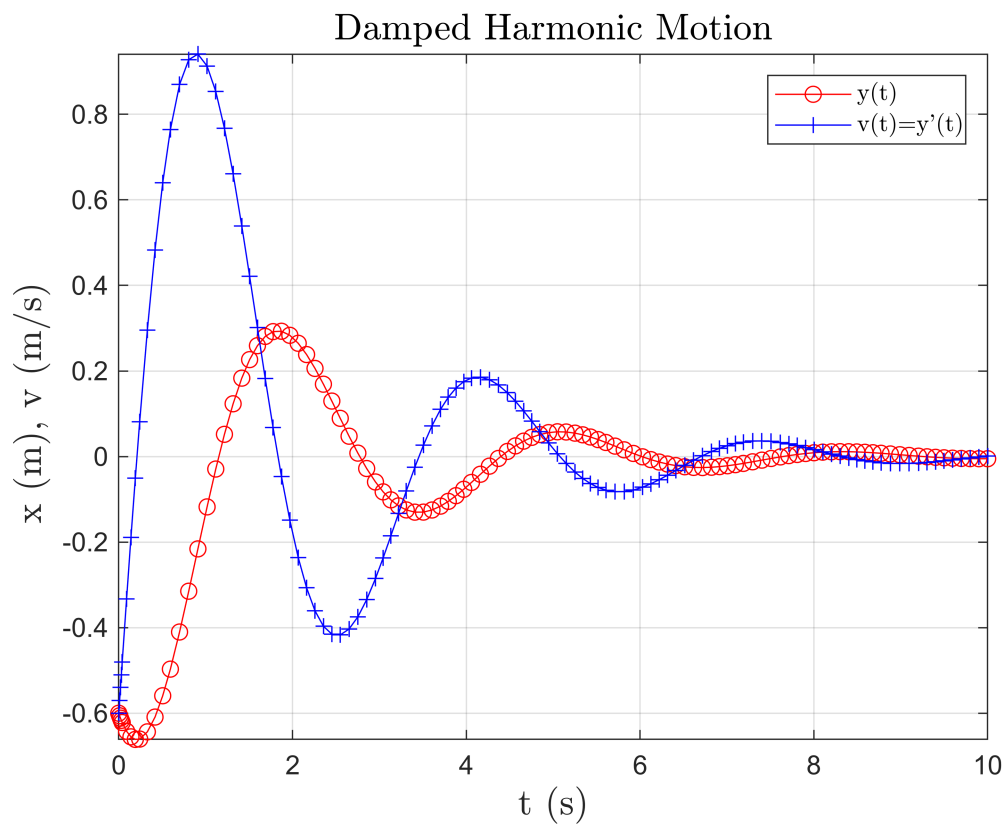
```

figure
plot(t,y,'ro-',t,v,'b+'); % time series for y and v
title("Damped Harmonic Motion","Interpreter","latex","FontSize",14)
legend('y(t)', 'v(t)=y'(t)', "Interpreter","latex")
xlabel("t (s)","Interpreter","latex","FontSize",14)
ylabel("x (m), v (m/s) ", "Interpreter","latex","FontSize",14)
grid on; axis tight;

%-----
function dYdt = f(t,Y,omega0,p); % function defining the DE
y = Y(1); v = Y(2);
dYdt=[ v ; -omega0^2*y-2*p*v ]; % fill-in dv/dt
end

```

LAB05ex3



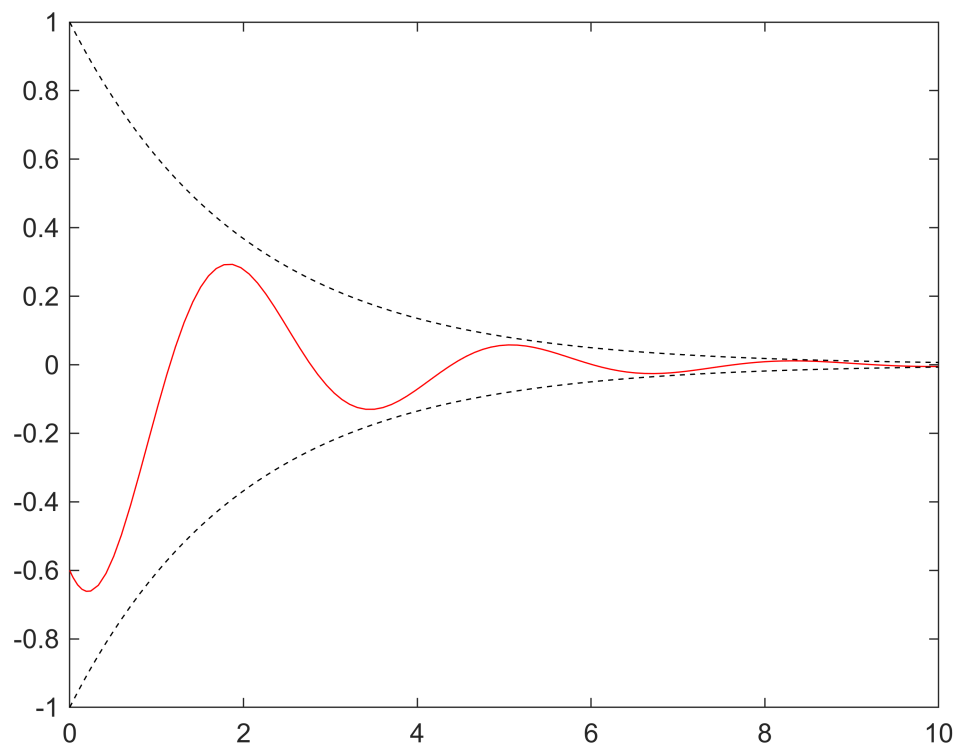
Part (a)

For what minimal time t_1 will the mass-spring system satisfy $|y(t)| < 0.05$ for all $t > t_1$?

```

% for reference
figure
plot(t,y,'r',t,c*exp(-p*t),"k--",t,-c*exp(-p*t),"k--")

```



```
syms T
double(solve(c*exp(-p*T)==0.05,T)) % not the answer, for reference
```

```
ans = 5.9915
```

```
for i=1: length (y)
M(i)= max(abs(y(i:end )));
end
i = find (M <0.05); i = i(1);
disp ([ ' |y| < 0.05 for t > t1 with ' num2str(t(i-1)) ' < t1 < ' num2str(t(i))])
```

```
|y| < 0.05 for t > t1 with 5.3398 < t1 < 5.4288
```

Part (b)

What is the largest (in magnitude) velocity attained by the mass, and when is it attained?

```
format short
[MAXv, i]=findpeaks(abs(v));
T1 = array2table([MAXv, t(i), y(i)]);
T1.Properties.VariableNames(1:3) = {'v (m/s)', 't (s)', 'y (m)'}
```

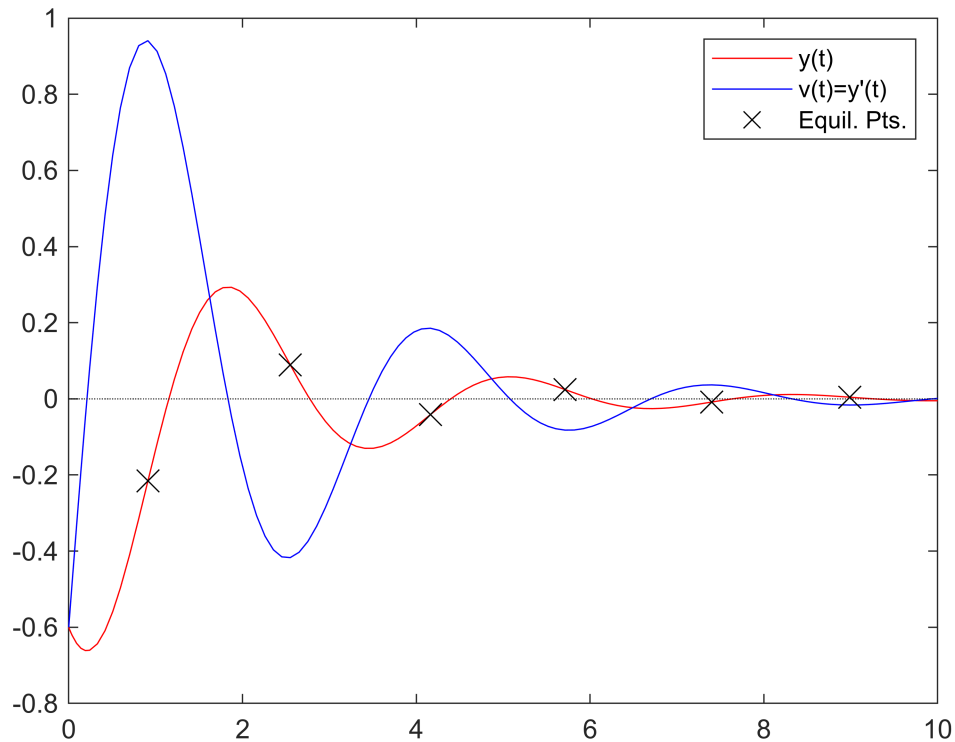
```
T1 = 6x3 table
```

	v (m/s)	t (s)	y (m)
1	0.9407	0.9112	-0.2158

	v (m/s)	t (s)	y (m)
2	0.4170	2.5494	0.0893
3	0.1854	4.1625	-0.0414
4	0.0821	5.7118	0.0244
5	0.0366	7.4012	-0.0084
6	0.0163	8.9884	0.0043

% for reference

```
figure
plot(t,y,"r",t,v,"b",t(i), y(i),"kx",MarkerSize=12)
legend("y(t)", "v(t)=y'(t)", "Equil. Pts.")
legend("AutoUpdate","off")
yline(0,"k:")
```

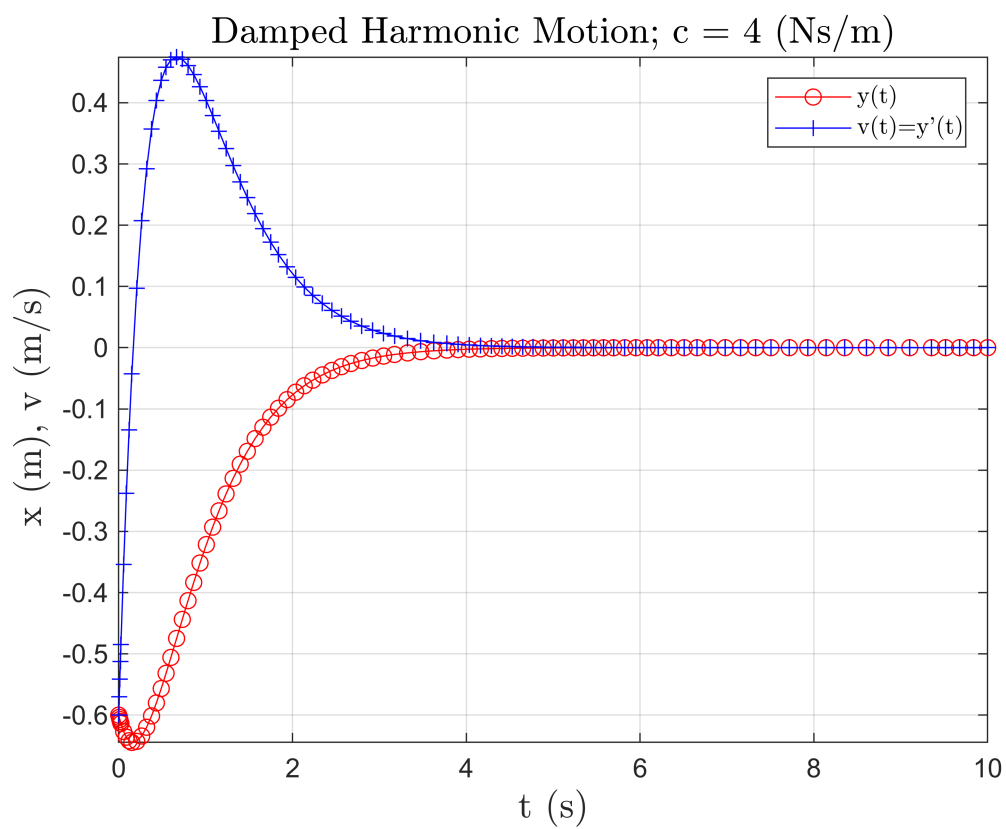
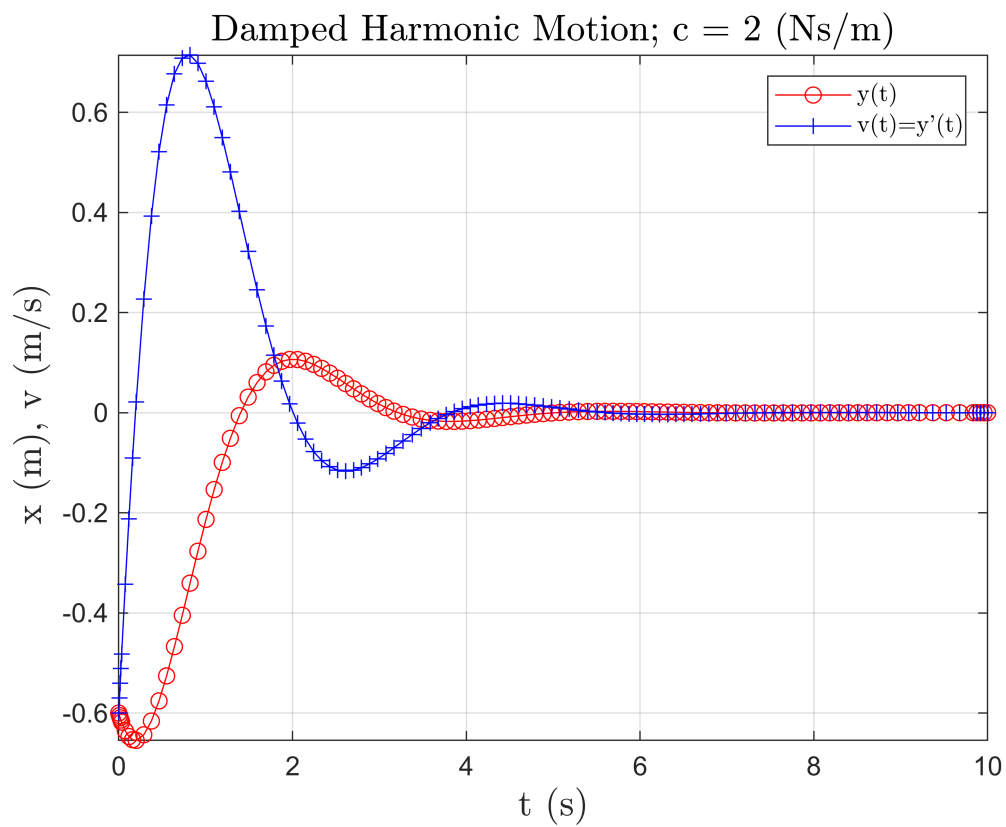


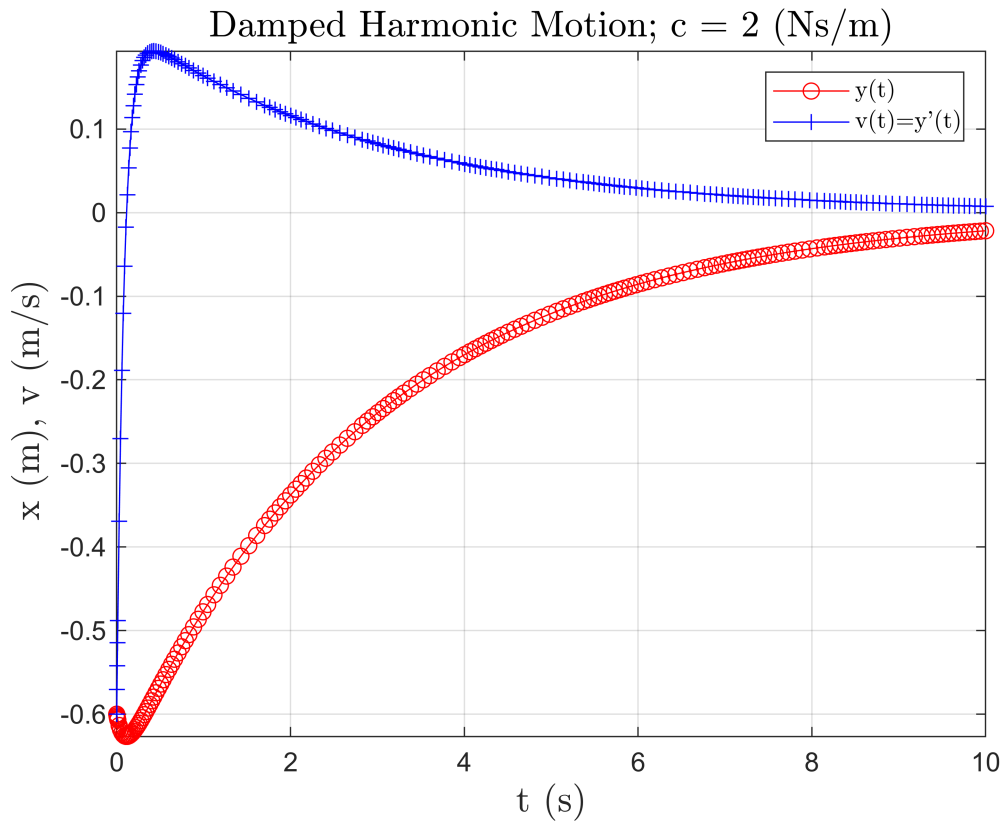
The largest speed of the mass is 0.94 (m/s) in this case, and it happens when the mass pass through the first equilibrium point at -0.216 (m).

Part (c)

How does the size of c affect the motion?

LAB05ex3c





Part (d)

What needs to happen (in terms of the characteristic equation) in order for there to be no oscillations? Impose a condition on the characteristic equation to find the critical c value. Write out main steps

$$m \cdot r^2 + c \cdot r + k = 0$$

$$r = \frac{-c \pm \sqrt{c^2 - 4mk}}{2m}$$

$$D = 0$$

$$c^2 - 4mk = 0$$

$$c_{\text{critical}} = \sqrt{4mk} = \sqrt{4 \cdot 1 \cdot 4} = 4 \left(\frac{\text{Ns}}{m} \right)$$

Exercise 4

type LAB05ex4

```

clear all;      % clear all variables

m = 1; % mass [kg]
k = 4; % spring constant [N/m]
c = 1; % friction coefficient [Ns/m]
omega0 = sqrt(k/m); p = c/(2*m);
% initial conditions
y0 = -0.6;
v0 = -0.6;

[t,Y] = ode45(@f,[0,10],[y0,v0],[],omega0, p); % solve for 0<t<10
y = Y(:,1); v = Y(:,2); % retrieve y, v from Y
E = 0.5*m*v.^2 + 0.5*k*y.^2;

figure
plot(t,y,'ro-',t,v,'b+-'); % time series for y, v, & E
hold on
plot(t,E,LineWidth=2)
title("Damped Harmonic Motion","Interpreter","latex","FontSize",14)
legend("y(t)","v(t)=y'(t)","Energy","Interpreter","latex")
xlabel("t (s)","Interpreter","latex","FontSize",14)
ylabel("x (m), v (m/s) ","Interpreter","latex","FontSize",14)
grid on; axis tight;

%-----
function dYdt = f(t,Y,omega0,p); % function defining the DE
y = Y(1); v = Y(2);
dYdt=[ v ; -omega0^2*y-2*p*v ]; % fill-in dv/dt
end

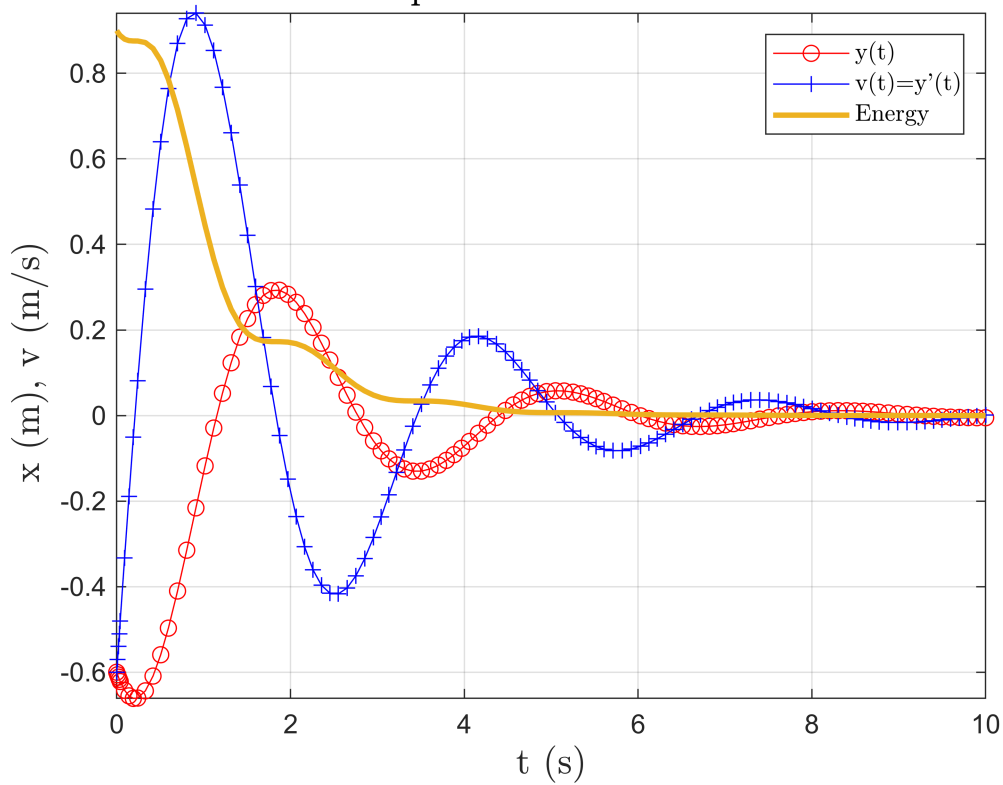
```

Part (a)

Is the energy conserved in this case?

LAB05ex4

Damped Harmonic Motion



The graph shows the fact that the **mechanical energy** is not conserved in this case. The total energy mechanical energy diminish but transform into heat probably.

Part (b)

Find $\frac{dE}{dt}$ using the chain rule and make substitutions based on the differential equation. You should

reach an expression for $\frac{dE}{dt}$ which is in terms of y'

$$m \cdot y'' + c \cdot y' + k \cdot y = 0$$

$$y'' = \frac{-(c \cdot y' + k \cdot y)}{m}$$

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = m \cdot v' \cdot v'' + k \cdot y \cdot y'$$

$$= m \cdot y' \cdot y'' + k \cdot y \cdot y'$$

$$= -c \cdot (y')^2$$

$$\frac{dE}{dt} > 0 \text{ when } c < 0; \quad \frac{dE}{dt} < 0 \text{ when } c > 0$$

% for reference

```
syms y(t) v(t) m c k
v = diff(y,t);
d2y = -(c*diff(y,t)+k*y)/m;
dEdt = diff(0.5*m*v^2+0.5*k*y^2,t);
dEdt = subs(dEdt,diff(y,t,2),d2y)
```

dEdt(t) =

$$k y(t) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} y(t) - \left(c \frac{\partial}{\partial t} y(t) + k y(t) \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} y(t)$$

disp(expand(dEdt))

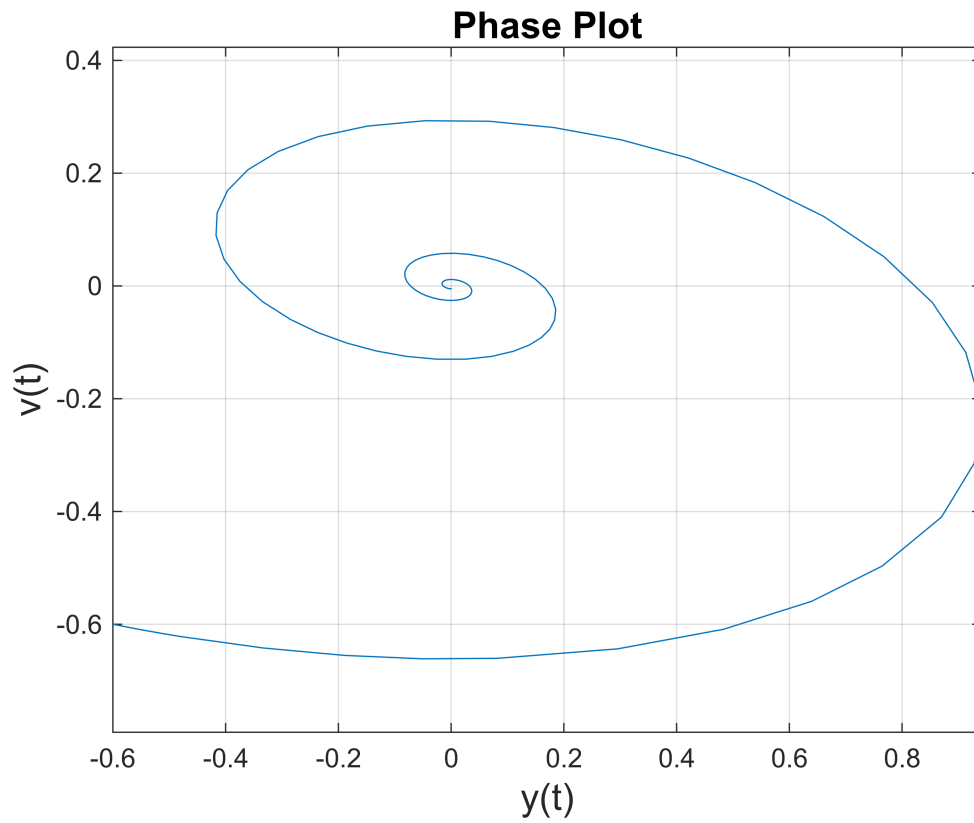
$$-c \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} y(t) \right)^2$$

Part (c)

Plot v(t) vs y(t) (phase plot)

```
LAB05ex4; close % restore variables
```

```
figure; plot(v,y)
title("Phase Plot","FontSize",14)
xlabel("y(t)","FontSize",14)
ylabel("v(t)","FontSize",14)
axis equal; grid on
```

Since the **mechanical energy** is not conserved in this system, the mass will stop oscillating at some time. As a result, the graph would get closer and closer to the origin as time goes on.