

MA146 Methods of Mathematical Modelling 1, Assignment 3

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Question 1

Let $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then

$$[d] = [r^a v^b \rho^c \mu^d] = L^a L^b T^{-2b} M^c L^{-3c} M^d L^{-d} T^{-d} = M L T^{-2}$$

Then we get the simultaneous equations

$$\begin{aligned}c + d &= 1 \\a + b - 3c - d &= 1 \\-2b - d &= -2\end{aligned}$$

We don't have enough information to solve the system from here, but we can simplify to get

$$\begin{aligned}a &= 3 - \frac{3}{2}d \\b &= 1 - \frac{d}{2} \\c &= 1 - d\end{aligned}$$

Since they're all integers, we know that d is even, so we can just try even values of d .

$d = 2$ gives

$$\begin{aligned}a &= 0 \\b &= 0 \\c &= -1 \\d &= 2\end{aligned}$$

But we want the radius and velocity to be part of the equation, so we don't want $a = b = 0$.

$d = 4$ gives

$$a = -3$$

$$b = -1$$

$$c = -3$$

$$d = 4$$

Therefore $[d] = [r^{-3}v^{-1}\rho^{-3}\mu^4]$.

Question 2

Q2 (a)

$$\dot{x}(t) = \frac{\alpha}{x(t)}$$

Q2 (b)

Let midnight be time $t = 0$, t be in hours and $x(t)$ be in millimetres. Then $x(0) = 2$ and $x(4) = 3$.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= \frac{\alpha}{x} \\ \int x dx &= \int \alpha dt \\ \frac{x^2}{2} &= \alpha t + C \\ \therefore x(t) &= \sqrt{2\alpha t + C}\end{aligned}$$

Then we can use the initial values.

$$\begin{aligned}x(0) &= \sqrt{2\alpha \times 0 + C} \\ &= \sqrt{C} \\ &= 2 \\ \implies C &= 4\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}x(2) &= \sqrt{2\alpha \times 2 + 4} \\ &= 3 \\ \implies 8\alpha &= 3^2 - 4 \\ &= 5 \\ \implies \alpha &= \frac{5}{8} \\ \therefore x(t) &= \sqrt{\frac{5}{4}t + 4}\end{aligned}$$

Now we can just plug in 9:36 am, which is 9.6 after midnight, and find that $x(9.6) = \sqrt{12 + 4} = 4$. Therefore the ice will be 4 mm thick at 9:36 am.

Q2 (c)

Now we have the differential equation

$$\dot{x}(t) = \frac{\alpha \left(1 + \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{12}t\right)\right)}{x(t)}$$

We can solve this like before,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= \frac{\alpha \left(1 + \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{12}t\right)\right)}{x} \\ \int x dx &= \int \alpha \left(1 + \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{12}t\right)\right) dt \\ \frac{x^2}{2} &= \alpha t + \alpha \frac{12}{\pi} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{12}t\right) + C \\ \therefore x(t) &= \sqrt{2\alpha t + \frac{24\alpha}{\pi} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{12}t\right) + C}\end{aligned}$$

Let $t_0 = 0$. Then $x(t_0) = x(0) = \sqrt{0 + \frac{24\alpha}{\pi} \sin 0 + C} = \sqrt{C} = x_0$, therefore $C = (x_0)^2$.

Therefore,

$$x(t) = \sqrt{2\alpha t + \frac{24\alpha}{\pi} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{12}t\right) + (x_0)^2}$$

Question 3

Q3 (a)

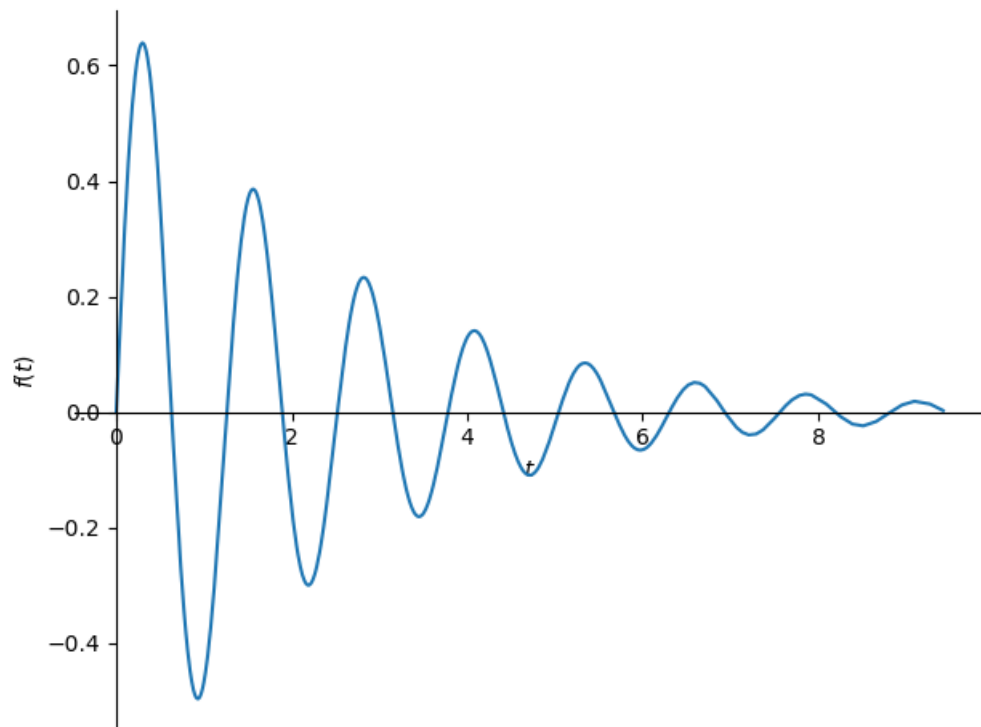
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x = Function("x")
t = Symbol('t')

lam = 0.8
omega = 5
ode = Derivative(x(t), t, t) + lam * Derivative(x(t), t) + (omega ** 2) * x(t);

xi = 0
di = 3.6
sol = dsolve(ode, ics={x(0): xi, x(t).diff(t).subs(t, 0): di})

print(sol)
plot(sol.rhs, (t, 0, 3 * pi))
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Eq(x(t), 0.722315118514614*exp(-0.4*t)*sin(4.98397431775085*t))



Q3 (b)

My solution is $n_{\min} = 9$.

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def solve_vibrations_ode(n: int):
    lam = 0.0009
    omega = 6.415
    a = n / 10
    alpha = 2 * pi
    ode = Derivative(x(t), t, t) + lam * Derivative(x(t), t) + (omega ** 2) * x(t) - a * cos(alpha * t);

    xi = 0
    di = 0
    sol = dsolve(ode, ics={x(0): xi, x(t).diff(t).subs(t, 0): di})

    return sol

n = 9
sol = solve_vibrations_ode(n)

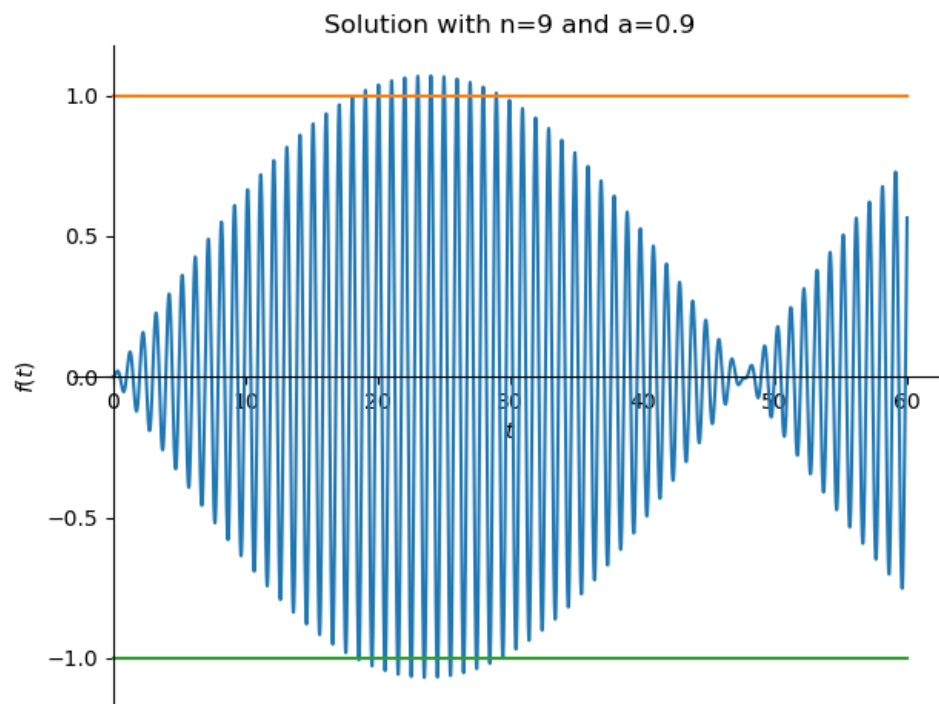
from sympy.plotting import plot_parametric

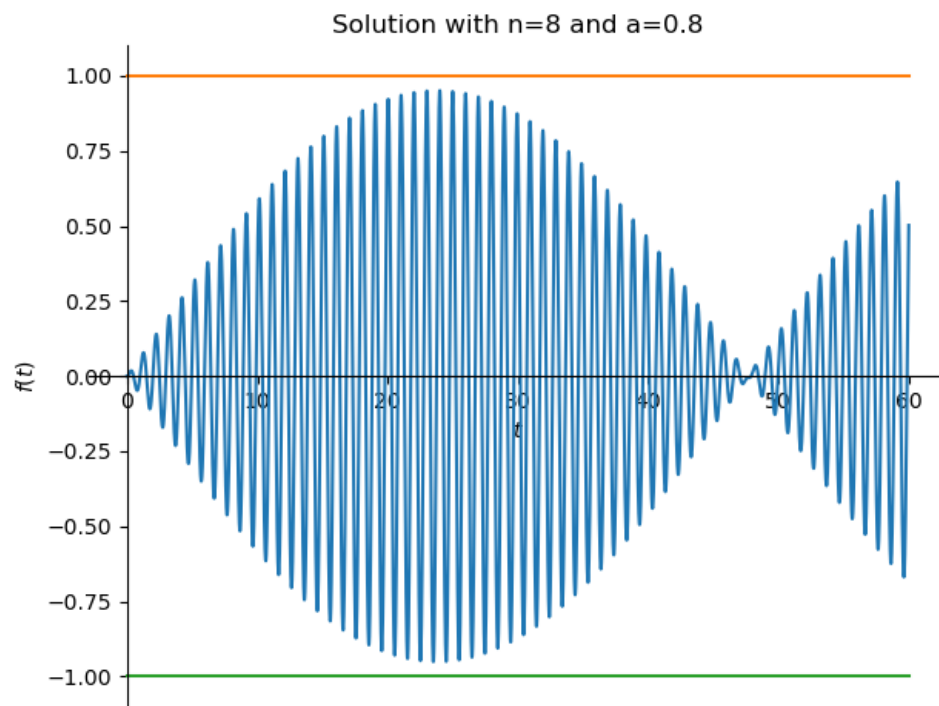
p = plot(sol.rhs, (t, 0, 60), adaptive=False, nb_of_points=8000, show=False, title=f"Solution with n={n} and a={n/10}")

# Use parametric plots to add horizontal lines at y=1 and y=-1
# I'm sure there's a better way to do this, but this method works
p.extend(plot_parametric((t, 1), (t, 0, 60), show=False))
p.extend(plot_parametric((t, -1), (t, 0, 60), show=False))

p.show()

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Question 4

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2}y(t) + \eta \frac{d}{dt}y(t) + by(t) = f \cos(\theta t)$$

Since the right hand side is $f \cos(\theta t)$, we will use $y(t) = A \cos(\theta t) + B \sin(\theta t)$ as our particular integral.

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= A \cos(\theta t) + B \sin(\theta t) \\ y'(t) &= -\theta A \sin(\theta t) + \theta B \cos(\theta t) \\ y''(t) &= -\theta^2 A \cos(\theta t) - \theta^2 B \sin(\theta t) \end{aligned}$$

Plugging this into the ODE, we get

$$-\theta^2 A \cos(\theta t) - \theta^2 B \sin(\theta t) - \eta \theta A \sin(\theta t) + \eta \theta B \cos(\theta t) + bA \cos(\theta t) + bB \sin(\theta t) = f \cos(\theta t)$$

We can compare coefficients of sin and cos and conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} -\theta^2 B - \eta \theta A + bB &= 0 \\ -\theta^2 A - \eta \theta B + bA &= f \end{aligned}$$

The first equation implies $B(b - \theta^2) = \eta \theta A$. We can use this to get B in terms of A , so $B = \frac{\eta \theta A}{b - \theta^2}$. Then we can plug that into the second equation, which gives

$$A \left(-\theta^2 + \frac{\eta^2 \theta^2}{b - \theta^2} + b \right) = f$$

Therefore

$$A = \frac{f(b - \theta^2)}{(b - \theta^2)^2 + \eta^2 \theta^2}$$

And therefore

$$B = \frac{\eta \theta f}{(b - \theta^2)^2 + \eta^2 \theta^2}$$

Therefore the particular integral is

$$\frac{f(b - \theta^2)}{(b - \theta^2)^2 + \eta^2 \theta^2} \cos(\theta t) + \frac{\eta \theta f}{(b - \theta^2)^2 + \eta^2 \theta^2} \sin(\theta t)$$

Alternatively written as

$$\frac{f}{(b - \theta^2)^2 + \eta^2 \theta^2} ((b - \theta^2) \cos(\theta t) + \eta \theta \sin(\theta t))$$