

Second-Order Lab: Second-Order Linear DEs in MATLAB

In this lab, you will learn how to use `iode` to plot solutions of second-order ODEs. You will also learn to classify the behaviour of different types of solutions.

Moreover, you will write your own Second-Order ODE system solver, and compare its results to those of `iode`.

Opening the m-file `lab5.m` in the MATLAB editor, step through each part using cell mode to see the results.

There are seven (7) exercises in this lab that are to be handed in on the due date of the lab.

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`iode` for Second-Order Linear DEs with constant coefficients

In the `iode` menu, select the `Second order linear ODEs` module. It opens with a default DE and a default forcing function $f(t) = \cos(2t)$. The forcing function can be plotted along with the solution by choosing `Show forcing function` from the `Options` menu.

Use this module to easily plot solutions to these kind of equations.

There are three methods to input the initial conditions:

Method 1. Enter the values for t_0 , $x(t_0)$, and $x'(t_0)$ into the `Initial conditions` boxes, and then click `Plot solution`.

Method 2. Enter the desired slope $x'(t_0)$ into the appropriate into the `Initial conditions` box, and then click on the graph at the point $(t_0, x(t_0))$ where you want the solution to start.