

# Problem Set 2

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## 1. van der Pool oscillator

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \mu(x^2 - x_0^2)\frac{dx}{dt} + \omega_0^2x = 0. \quad (1)$$

- (a) Explain why Eq. (1) describes an oscillator with  $x$ -dependent damping.
- (b) Plot the phase-space figure of the solution, that is,  $x(t)$  versus  $\dot{x}(t)$
- (c) Verify that this equation produces a limit cycle in phase space, that is orbits internal to the limit cycle spiral out until they reach the limit cycle, and those external to it spiral in to it.

## 2. Duffing oscillator

Another example of a damped, driven nonlinear oscillator, which is given by

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 2\gamma\frac{dx}{dt} + \alpha x + \beta x^3 = F \cos(\omega t). \quad (2)$$

- (a) Modify your ODE solver to solve Eq. (2).
- (b) First choose parameter values corresponding to a simple harmonic oscillator and verify that you obtain sinusoidal behavior for  $x(t)$  and a closed elliptical phase-space figure.
- (c) Include a driving force, wait 100 cycles in order to eliminate transients, and then create a phase space plot. We used the parameters  $\alpha = 1.0, \beta = 0.2, \gamma = 0.2, \omega = 1, F = 4.0$  and the initial conditions  $x(0) = 0.009, \dot{x}(0) = 0$ .
- (d) Search for a period-three solution, We used the parameters  $\alpha = 0.0, \beta = 1.0, \gamma = 0.04, \omega = 1$ , and  $F = 0.2$ .

## 3. Lorenz Attractor

Lorenz attractor is described by the set of equations as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dt} &= \sigma(y - x), \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= \rho x - y - xz, \\ \frac{dz}{dt} &= -\beta z + xy. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where  $x(t), y(t), z(t)$  are related to fluid velocity and the temperature distribution.  $\sigma, \rho, \beta$  are parameters and the terms  $xz, xy$  are nonlinear terms.

- (a) Modify your ODE solver to solve Eq. (3) with  $\sigma = 10, \rho = 28, \beta = 8/3$ .

(b) Plot independent figures of  $x(t)$ ,  $y(t)$ ,  $z(t)$ .

(c) Make a 3D plot of  $x(t)$ ,  $y(t)$ ,  $z(t)$ .

(d) Make a “phase-space” plot of  $z(t)$  vs.  $x(t)$  (the independent variable  $t$  does not appear in such a plot). The distorted, number eight-like figures you obtain are called Lorenz attractors, “attractors” because even chaotic solutions tend to be attracted to them.

## 4. Radiating Bar (Newton's cooling)

In the class we have discussed the temperature change of an iron bar that is in contact with the bath at  $T_e = 100$  K. Now assuming the radiation of the bar, the modified heat equation is

$$\frac{\partial T(x, t)}{\partial t} = \frac{K}{C\rho} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} - bT(x, t). \quad (4)$$

The parameters are  $K = 237$  W/(mK),  $C = 900$  J/(kg K),  $\rho = 2700$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>. You can choose the value of  $b$  by yourself.

(a) Modify your code to solve Eq. (4).

(b) Plot a 3D figure to show  $T(x, t)$ .

(c) Try to change the value of  $b$  and explain your results.