

# Physics 2130: Assignment III

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**Problem 1.** Consider the driven, damped harmonic oscillator. Its equation of motion is:

$$\ddot{x} + 2\beta\dot{x} + \omega_0^2 = A \cos(\omega t)$$

In the case of an underdamped oscillator, i.e.,  $\beta < \omega_0^2$  we found that the solution for the equation of motion is:

$$x(t) = x_c(t) + x_p(t)$$

Where:

$$x_c(t)e^{-\beta t} [c_1 e^{i\omega_1 t} + c_2 e^{-i\omega_1 t}] = B e^{-\beta t} \cos(\omega_1 t - \phi) = \Gamma(t)s(t)$$

And where:

$$\omega_1 = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \beta^2}$$

$$\Gamma(t) = B e^{-\beta t}$$

$$s(t) = (\omega_1 t - \phi)$$

The particular solution is instead:

$$x_p(t) = D \cos(\omega t - \delta)$$

Where:

$$D = \frac{A}{\sqrt{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + 4\omega^2\beta^2}}$$

$$\delta = \arctan\left(\frac{2\omega\beta}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2}\right)$$

- Consider an underdamped driven oscillator that starts with the initial conditions  $x(t=0) = x_0$  and  $\dot{x}(t=0) = 0$ . Find the analytical expressions for the unknown coefficients in  $x(t)$  using these initial conditions.
- Write a python program that returns (and prints) the values of  $\omega_1$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\phi$ ,  $D$  and  $\delta$  for a given  $x_0$ . This should be coded as a function called `harm_osc_params` that accepts as inputs  $\omega_0$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $A$ ,  $\omega$  and  $x_0$ .
- In the same python program, now write a new function, `harm_osc_x_pos`, that calculates the array of positions  $x$  of the harmonic oscillator for a given array of times  $t$ . This function should receive the array  $t$  as an input as well as the values of  $\omega_0$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $A$ ,  $\omega$  and  $x_0$ . It should call the previously written function `harm_osc_params` for the calculations of all the oscillation parameters. It should return the array of positions  $x$  of the harmonic oscillator for each value of  $t$ .
- In the same python program, now write a new function to plot the data, `harm_osc_x_plot_single`. The function receives as inputs the arrays  $t$  and  $x$  generated at the previous step.
- Pick three values of  $\beta$  (remember of the constraint  $\beta < \omega_0$ ) and plot in the same graph  $x(t)$  for the three chosen values. For reference use  $\omega_0 = 1\text{s}^{-1}$  and  $A = 1\text{s}^{-2}$  (but play with the values of  $A$  to see the relative importance of the driver and the damping). Comment on what effect  $\beta$  has on both the transient and steady-state solution.
- To help you distinguish the different effects, now write a function called `harm_osc_damp_drive` that plots in the same graph,  $s(t)$ ,  $\Gamma(t)$ ,  $x_c(t)$  and  $x_p(t)$ . Comment on the results, specifically on the contribution of each component.

- (g) Finally, write a new function called `harm_osc_euler_cromer` that receives as input parameters  $\omega_0$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $A$ ,  $\omega$ ,  $x_0$ , and the analytical solution  $x(t)$ . This function should calculate a new  $x(t)$ , called  $x_{EC}(t)$ , that uses the Euler-Cromer method to determine the position of the oscillator as a function of time for the same initial conditions. Additionally, the function should plot, on the same graph, the solutions  $x(t)$  and  $x_{EC}(t)$  obtained with the analytical and Euler-Cromer methods, respectively, and the residuals, i.e., the difference  $x(t) - x_{EC}(t)$ . Discuss how you choose a value of  $\Delta t$  that gives a sufficiently accurate answer (which means defining “sufficiently accurate”).

**Solution 1.** (a)

$$\begin{aligned} x(t=0) &= B \cos(-\phi) + D \cos(-\delta) = x_0 \\ \Rightarrow x_0 - D \cos(\delta) &= B \cos(\phi) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{x_0 - D \cos(\delta)}{\cos(\phi)} &= B \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}(t=0) &= -B\omega_1 \sin(-\phi) - B\beta \cos(-\phi) - D\omega \sin(-\delta) = 0 \\ &= B\omega_1 \sin(\phi) - B\beta \cos(\phi) + D\omega \sin(\delta) \\ &= \frac{x_0 - D \cos(\delta)}{\cos(\phi)} \omega_1 \sin(\phi) - \frac{x_0 - D \cos(\delta)}{\cos(\phi)} \beta \cos(\phi) + D\omega \sin(\delta) \\ &= (x_0 - D \cos(\delta)) \omega_1 \tan(\phi) - (x_0 - D \cos(\delta)) \beta + D\omega \sin(\delta) \\ \Rightarrow -\frac{D\omega \sin(\delta)}{(x_0 - D \cos(\delta))} &= \omega_1 \tan(\phi) - \beta \\ \Rightarrow \arctan\left(\frac{\beta - \frac{D\omega \sin(\delta)}{(x_0 - D \cos(\delta))}}{\omega_1}\right) &= \phi \end{aligned}$$

(b) `import numpy as np`

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def harm_osc_params(w_0: float,
                    beta: float,
                    A: float,
                    w: float,
                    x_0: float
                    ) -> tuple[float, float, float, float, float]:

    # "Given"
    w_1 = np.sqrt(w_0**2 - beta**2)
    D = A / (np.sqrt((w_0**2 - w**2) + 4 * (w**2) * beta**2))
    delta = np.atan((2 * w * beta) / (w_0**2 - w**2))

    # Unknowns
    phi = np.atan((beta - (D * w * np.sin(delta)) / (x_0 - D * np.cos(delta)))) / w_1
    B = (x_0 - D * np.cos(delta)) / (np.cos(phi))

    print(f"w_1: {w_1}", f"B: {B}", f"phi: {phi}", f"D: {D}", f"delta: {delta}", sep="\n")

    return w_1, B, phi, D, delta
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def harm_osc_x_pos(w_0: float,
                  beta: float,
                  A: float,
                  w: float,
                  x_0: float,
                  t: np.ndarray
                  ) -> list:
    w_1, B, phi, D, delta = harm_osc_params(w_0,
                                             beta,
                                             A,
                                             w,
                                             x_0)

    return B*np.exp(-beta*t)*np.cos(w_1*t-phi)+D*np.cos(w*t-delta)
```

- (d) In the same python program, now write a new function to plot the data, `harm_osc_x_plot_single`. The function receives as inputs the arrays  $t$  and  $x$  generated at the previous step.
- (e) Pick three values of  $\beta$  (remember of the constraint  $\beta < w_0$ ) and plot in the same graph  $x(t)$  for the three chosen values. For reference use  $w_0 = 1\text{s}^{-1}$  and  $A = 1\text{s}^{-2}$  (but play with the values of  $A$  to see the relative importance of the driver and the damping). Comment on what effect  $\beta$  has on both the transient and steady-state solution.
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