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:

$$x_c(t)e^{-\beta t}\left[c_1e^{i\omega_1t}+c_2e^{-i\omega_1t}\right]=Be^{-\beta t}\cos\left(\omega_1t-\phi\right)=\Gamma(t)s(t)$$

And where:

$$\omega_1 = \sqrt{w_0^2 - \beta^2}$$

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

$$s(t) = \cos\left(\omega_1 t - \phi\right)$$

The particular solution is instead:

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

Where:

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

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

- (a) 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.
- (b) Write a python program that returns (and prints) the values of ω_1 , β , ϕ , D and δ for a given x_0 . This should be coded as a function called harm_osc_params that accepts as inputs ω_0 , β , A, ω and x_0 .
- (c) 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 ω_0 , β , A, ω 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.
- (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 β (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 β has on both the transient and steady-state solution
- (f) 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 has input parameters ω_0 , β , A, ω , 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 Δt that gives a sufficiently accurate answer (which means defining "sufficiently accurate").

Solution 1. (a)

$$x(t = 0) = B\cos(-\phi) + D\cos(-\delta) = x_0$$

$$\Rightarrow x_0 - D\cos(\delta) = B\cos(\phi)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x_0 - D\cos(\delta)}{\cos(\phi)} = B$$

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

(b) import numpy as np

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

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