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Examples of systems modeled by 2nd-order ODE with constant

Many physics and engineering problems may be modeled coefficients by 2nd-order ODEs with constant coefficients.

The following systems are completely different processes in different fields:

All yields the same 2nd-order ODE with constant coefficients.
⇒ Just by learning one ODE, we can interpret the results in terms of

Depending on the operation conditions, responses can be categorized as:

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Let's take the spring-mass system for example:

Case I: unforced, undamped

DE $my'' + Ky = 0$

roots/solution

behavior/
physical meaning

Case II: unforced, damped

DE $my'' + by' + Ky = 0$

roots/solution

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Case IV: forced, damped

Of particular interest is the response of the system when driven by a

DE

roots/solution

behavior/
physical meaning

- Initially, the response is
- As t increases,
So we call " y_h " is the
" y_p " is the
- The system eventually

Case IV: forced, undamped

DE

roots/solution

behavior/
physical meaning

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Example 1: Consider a harmonic oscillator modeled by $y'' + 2y' + 2y = \sin t$. Discuss the system behavior.

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Example 2: Consider a harmonic oscillator modeled by $y'' + \omega^2 y = \cos \omega t$. Discuss the system behavior.