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Stochastic Processes: Data Analysis and Computer Simulation

Python programming for beginners

4. Simulating a damped harmonic oscillator

4.1. A damped harmonic oscillator

Model system

Spring constant: k
Particle mass: m
Friction constant: ζ
Particle position: R(t)
Particle velocity: V(t)
Friction force: -ζV(t)
Spring force: -kR(t)

V(t) $-k\mathbf{R}(t)$ $\mathbf{R}(t)$ $-\zeta \mathbf{V}(t)$

Time evolution equations

$$\frac{d\mathbf{R}(t)}{dt} = \mathbf{V}(t) \tag{B1}$$

$$m\frac{d\mathbf{V}(t)}{dt} = -\zeta \mathbf{V}(t) - k\mathbf{R}(t)$$
 (B2)

4.2. Computer simulation

Euler method

• Use Eq.(A8) in the previous lessen

$$\mathbf{R}_{i+1} = \mathbf{R}_i + \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} dt \mathbf{V}(t) \simeq \mathbf{R}_i + \mathbf{V}_i \Delta t$$

$$\mathbf{V}_{i+1} = \mathbf{V}_i - \frac{\zeta}{m} \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} dt \mathbf{V}(t) - \frac{k}{m} \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} dt \mathbf{R}(t)$$

$$\simeq \left(1 - \frac{\zeta}{m} \Delta t\right) \mathbf{V}_i - \frac{k}{m} \mathbf{R}_i \Delta t$$
(B4)

Import libraries

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In [1]: % matplotlib nbagg
   import numpy as np
   import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
   import matplotlib.animation as animation
   plt.style.use('ggplot')
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Define variables

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In [2]: dim = 2  # system dimension (x,y)
    nums = 1000 # number of steps
    R = np.zeros(dim) # particle position
    V = np.zeros(dim) # particle velocity
    Rs = np.zeros([dim,nums]) # particle position (at all steps)
    Vs = np.zeros([dim,nums]) # particle velocity (at all steps)
    Et = np.zeros(nums) # total enegy of the system (at all steps)
    time = np.zeros(nums) # time (at all steps)
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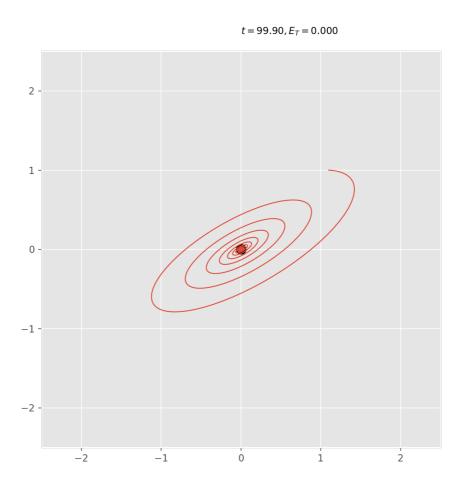
Define functions

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In [3]: def init(): # initialize animation
             particles.set data([], [])
             line.set_data([], [])
title.set_text(r'')
             return particles,line,title
        def animate(i): # define amination using Euler
             global R, V, F, Rs, Vs, time, Et
             R, V = R+V*dt, V*(1-zeta/m*dt)-k/m*dt*R # Euler method Eqs.(B3)&(B4)
             Rs[0:dim,i]=R
             Vs[0:dim,i]=V
             time[i]=i*dt
             Et[i]=0.5*m*np.linalg.norm(V)**2+0.5*k*np.linalg.norm(R)**2
             particles.set data(R[0], R[1])
                                                  # current position
             line.set data(Rs[0,0:i], Rs[1,0:i]) # add latest position Rs
             title.set_text(r"$t = {0:.2f}, E_T = {1:.3f}$".format(i*dt, Et[i]))
             return particles, line, title
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Perform the simulation

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In [4]: # System parameters
        # particle mass, spring & friction constants
        m, k, zeta = 1.0, 1.0, 0.25
        # Initial condition
        R[0], R[1] = 1., 1. \# Rx(0), Ry(0)
        V[0], V[1] = 1., 0. # Vx(0), Vy(0)
            = 0.1*np.sqrt(k/m) # set \Delta t
        box = 5 # set size of draw area
        # set up the figure, axis, and plot element for animatation
        fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(7.5,7.5)) # setup plot
        ax = plt.axes(xlim=(-box/2,box/2),ylim=(-box/2,box/2)) # draw range
        particles, = ax.plot([],[],'ko', ms=10) # setup plot for particle
        line,=ax.plot([],[],lw=1) # setup plot for trajectry
        title=ax.text(0.5,1.05,r'',transform=ax.transAxes,va='center') # title
        anim=animation.FuncAnimation(fig,animate,init_func=init,
             frames=nums,interval=5,blit=True,repeat=False) # draw animation
        # anim.save('movie.mp4',fps=20,dpi=400)
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Analyze the simulation results

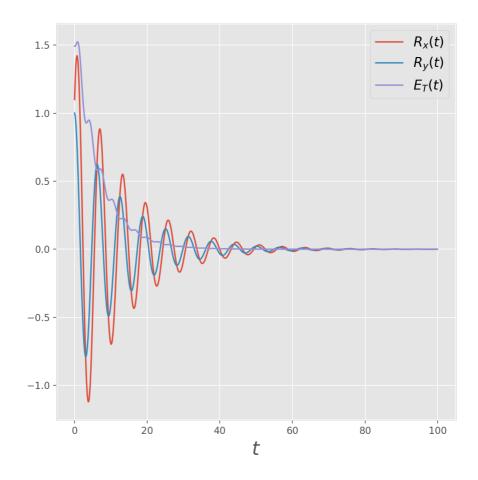
Temporal values of $R_x(t)$, $R_y(t)$, $E_T(t)$

• Total energy of the harmonic oscillator

$$E_T(t) = E_{kinetic}(t) + E_{potential}(t) = \frac{1}{2}m\mathbf{V}^2(t) + \frac{1}{2}k\mathbf{R}^2(t)$$

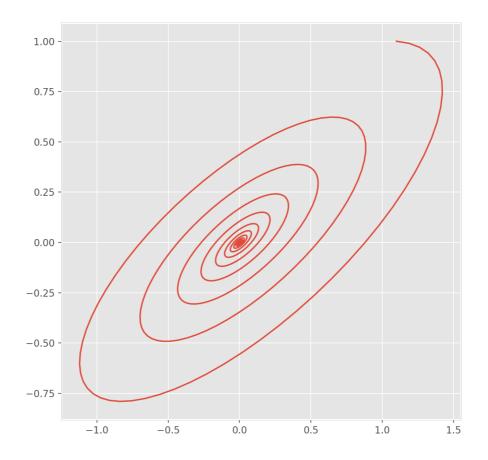
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In [5]: fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(7.5,7.5))
    ax.set_xlabel(r"$t$", fontsize=20)
    ax.plot(time,Rs[0]) # plot R_x(t)
    ax.plot(time,Rs[1]) # plot R_y(t)
    ax.plot(time,Et) # plot E(t) (ideally constant if \deta=0)
    ax.legend([r'$R_x(t)$',r'$R_y(t)$',r'$E_T(t)$'], fontsize=14)
    plt.show()
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Trajectory plot

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Supplemental Note: Simulation schemes with other methods

Runge-Kutta 2nd order method

• Use Eqs.(A15) and (A16) in the previous lessen

$$\mathbf{R}'_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = \mathbf{R}_i + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \mathbf{V}_i \tag{B5}$$

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$$\mathbf{V}'_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = \mathbf{V}_i - \frac{\zeta}{m} \frac{\Delta t}{2} \mathbf{V}_i - \frac{k}{m} \frac{\Delta t}{2} \mathbf{R}_i$$

$$\mathbf{R}_{i+1} = \mathbf{R}_i + \Delta t \mathbf{V}'_{i+\frac{1}{2}}$$
(B5)
$$(B6)$$

$$\mathbf{R}_{i+1} = \mathbf{R}_i + \Delta t \mathbf{V}'_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \tag{B7}$$

$$\mathbf{V}_{i+1} = \mathbf{V}_i - \frac{\zeta}{m} \Delta t \mathbf{V}'_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{k}{m} \Delta t \mathbf{R}'_{i+\frac{1}{2}}$$
(B8)

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Runge-Kutta 4th order method

• Use Eqs.(A18) - (A21) in the previous lessen

$$\mathbf{R}'_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = \mathbf{R}_i + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \mathbf{V}_i \tag{B9}$$

$$\mathbf{V}'_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = \mathbf{V}_i - \frac{\zeta}{m} \frac{\Delta t}{2} \mathbf{V}_i - \frac{k}{m} \frac{\Delta t}{2} \mathbf{R}_i$$
 (B10)

$$\mathbf{R}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{"} = \mathbf{R}_i + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \mathbf{V}_i^{\prime} \tag{B11}$$

$$\mathbf{V}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}'' = \mathbf{V}_i - \frac{\zeta}{m} \frac{\Delta t}{2} \mathbf{V}_i' - \frac{k}{m} \frac{\Delta t}{2} \mathbf{R}_i'$$

$$\mathbf{R}_{i+1}''' = \mathbf{R}_i + \Delta t \mathbf{V}_i''$$

$$\mathbf{V}_{i+1}''' = \mathbf{V}_i - \frac{\zeta}{m} \Delta t \mathbf{V}_i'' - \frac{k}{m} \Delta t \mathbf{R}_i''$$
(B13)

$$\mathbf{R}_{i+1}^{"'} = \mathbf{R}_i + \Delta t \mathbf{V}_i^{"} \tag{B13}$$

$$\mathbf{V}_{i+1}^{"'} = \mathbf{V}_i - \frac{\zeta}{m} \Delta t \mathbf{V}_i^{"} - \frac{k}{m} \Delta t \mathbf{R}_i^{"}$$
 (B14)

$$\mathbf{R}_{i+1} = \mathbf{R}_i + \frac{\Delta t}{6} \left(\mathbf{V}_i + 2\mathbf{V}'_{i+\frac{1}{2}} + 2\mathbf{V}''_{i+\frac{1}{2}} + \mathbf{V}'''_{i+1} \right)$$
(B15)

$$\mathbf{V}_{i+1} = \mathbf{V}_i - \frac{\zeta}{m} \frac{\Delta t}{6} \left(\mathbf{V}_i + 2\mathbf{V}'_{i+\frac{1}{2}} + 2\mathbf{V}''_{i+\frac{1}{2}} + \mathbf{V}'''_{i+1} \right)$$

$$-\frac{k}{m}\frac{\Delta}{6}t\left(\mathbf{R}_{i}+2\mathbf{R}'_{i+\frac{1}{2}}+2\mathbf{R}''_{i+\frac{1}{2}}+\mathbf{R}'''_{i+1}\right)$$
(B16)

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