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Exercise 1

Given the 2nd order linear ODE

$$\frac{d^2 z}{dt^2} + 3\frac{dz}{dt} + 3z = 0 \quad (1)$$

(a) The general solution.

We let

$$z(t) = e^{rt} \quad (2)$$

$$\therefore \frac{dz}{dt} = re^{rt} \quad (3)$$

$$\text{and } \frac{d^2 z}{dt^2} = r^2 e^{rt} \quad (4)$$

we substitute (2), (3) and (4) into (1) which results in:

$$r^2 e^{rt} + 3re^{rt} + 3e^{rt} = 0$$

$$(r^2 + 3r + 3)e^{rt} = 0$$

$$\therefore r^2 + 3r + 3 = 0$$

$$a = 1, b = 3, c = 3$$

$$\begin{aligned} r &= \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \\ &= \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{3^2 - 4(1 \times 3)}}{(2 \times 1)} \\ &= \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{-3}}{(2)} \\ &= \frac{-3 + \sqrt{3}i}{(2)}, \frac{-3 - \sqrt{3}i}{(2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
r_1 &= \alpha = \frac{-3}{2}, \beta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\
r_2 &= \alpha = \frac{-3}{2}, \beta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\
z(t) &= e^{\alpha t} (A \cos(\beta t) + B \sin(\beta t)) \\
z(t) &= e^{\frac{-3}{2}t} \left(A \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t\right) + B \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t\right) \right)
\end{aligned}$$

The general solution is thus:

$$z(t) = e^{\frac{-3}{2}t} \left(A \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t\right) + B \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t\right) \right) \quad (5)$$

(b) The particular solutions under the initial conditions,

$$\begin{aligned}
z(0) &= 1 \\
\frac{dz}{dt}(0) &= 0
\end{aligned}$$

From (5)

$$\begin{aligned}
z(0) &= e^0 (A \cos(0) + B \sin(0)) = 1 \\
\therefore A &= 1
\end{aligned}$$

Also from (5)

$$\frac{dz}{dt}(0) = \frac{-3}{2}A + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}B = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
1 &= A \\
0 &= \frac{-3}{2}A + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}B \\
B &= \sqrt{3}
\end{aligned}$$

The particular solution is thus:

$$z(t) = e^{\frac{-3}{2}t} \left(\cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t\right) + \sqrt{3} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t\right) \right) \quad (6)$$

(c) A plot of the trajectories.

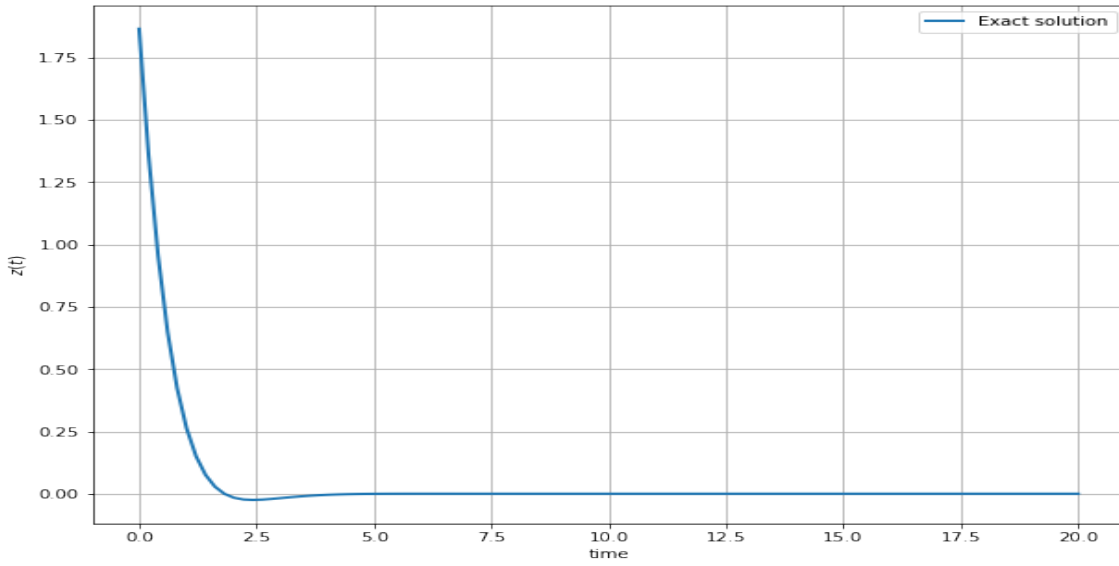


Figure 1: A plot of the particular solution of the 2nd order linear ODE,

Exercise 2

The motion of a mass around an equilibrium position in a system of spring-mass-damper system can be described by the following 2nd order linear ODE

$$m \frac{d^2 z}{dt^2} + \gamma \frac{dz}{dt} + kz = 0 \quad \text{where } m > 0, \gamma > 0, k > 0 \quad (7)$$

Let $z(t) = e^{rt}$, $\frac{dz}{dt} = r e^{rt}$, $\frac{d^2 z}{dt^2} = r^2 e^{rt}$

Substituting the above expressions in (7), one gets

$$mr^2 e^{rt} + \gamma r e^{rt} + k e^{rt} = 0$$

$$\text{Discriminant } D = \gamma^2 - 4mk$$

The resulting the characteristic equation is thus:

$$mr^2 + \gamma r + k = 0$$

$$\text{with the discriminant } D = \gamma^2 - 4mk$$

we observe the 3 cases:

- (1) $D < 0$ (This will be an **under-damped system** γ is small relative to m and k)

We have characteristic roots

$$r_1 = \frac{-\gamma}{2m} + \frac{\sqrt{\gamma^2 - 4mk}}{2m}, \quad r_2 = \frac{-\gamma}{2m} - \frac{\sqrt{\gamma^2 - 4mk}}{2m}$$

the general solution therefore is

$$z(t) = e^{\frac{-\gamma}{2m}t} \left(B_1 \cos \left(\frac{\sqrt{\gamma^2 - 4mk}}{2m} t \right) + B_2 \sin \left(\frac{\sqrt{\gamma^2 - 4mk}}{2m} t \right) \right)$$

- (2) $D = 0$ (This will result in a **critically-damped system**, γ is just between over and under-damped)

$$\text{the characteristic root is } r = \frac{-\gamma}{2m}$$

Therefore, the general solution is:

$$z(t) = e^{\frac{-\gamma}{2m}t} ((B_1 + B_2)t)$$

- (3) $D > 0$ (This will result in an **over-damped system**, γ is large relative to m and k)

$$r = \frac{-\gamma \pm \sqrt{-\gamma^2 - 4mk}}{2m}$$

$$\text{where the characteristic roots are } r_1 = \frac{-\gamma + \sqrt{-\gamma^2 - 4mk}}{2m}, r_2 = \frac{-\gamma - \sqrt{-\gamma^2 - 4mk}}{2m}$$

Therefore, the general solution is:

$$z(t) = B_1 e^{r_1 t} + B_2 e^{r_2 t}$$

Exercise 3

(a)

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} x(0) \\ y(0) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (8)$$

Step 1: We find the eigenvalues

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda^2 - \text{trace}(A)\lambda + \det(A) = 0 \quad (9)$$

where A is the matrix of coefficients given system of equations.
 $\text{trace}(A) = 3$ and $\det(A) = -10$.

and we obtain the eigenvalues λ_1, λ_2 where $\lambda_1 = -2$ and $\lambda_2 = 5$.

Step 2: We find the eigenvectors for $\lambda_1 = -2$:

$$(A - \lambda I) \vec{x} = 0$$

where I is the identity matrix.

$$(A + 2I) \vec{x} = 0 \quad (10)$$

this gives the following resulting expression:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 4 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The above system has linearly dependent basis vectors which results in a single equation and it is not possible to directly solve them at once.

$$x + y = 0$$

We let $y = \alpha$

$$\Rightarrow V_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -\alpha \\ \alpha \end{pmatrix} = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

\therefore for v_1 using $\lambda_1 = -2$ is:

$$v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ when } \alpha = 1$$

For $\lambda_2 = 5$:

$$(A - \lambda I) \vec{x} = 0$$

$$(A - 5I) \vec{x} = 0$$

which gives

$$\begin{pmatrix} -4 & 3 \\ 4 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The above system has linearly dependent basis vectors which results in a single equation and it is not possible to directly solve them at once.

$$-4x + 3y = 0$$

We let $y = \alpha$

$$\Rightarrow V_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{4}\alpha \\ \alpha \end{pmatrix} = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{4} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\therefore v_2$ for $\lambda_2 = 5$ is:

$$V_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \text{ when } \alpha = 4$$

The resulting general solution for the system of linear ODEs is thus:

$$x(t) = B_1 e^{-2t} + 3B_2 e^{5t}$$

$$y(t) = B_1 e^{-2t} + 4B_2 e^{5t}$$

where $x(t)$ and $y(t)$ are the two fundamental solution set.

Using Initial Conditions (ICs) in equation (8), one obtains

$$x(0) = -B_1 + 3B_2 = 1$$

and

$$y(0) = B_1 + 4B_2 = 1$$

The particular solution for the IVP problem is thus:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{1}{7}e^{-2t} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{2}{7}e^{5t} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

(b)

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -2 \\ 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} x(0) \\ y(0) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (11)$$

Step 1: We first solve for the eigenvalues

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda^2 - \text{trace}(A)\lambda + \det(A) = 0 \quad (12)$$

where A is the matrix of coefficients given,
 $\text{trace}(A) = 3$ and $\det(A) = -10$.

$$\lambda^2 - 1 = 0$$

This results in complex roots, $\lambda_1 = i$ and $\lambda_2 = -i$ which are the eigenvalues.

Step 2: We solve for the eigenvectors:

We let the eigenvector

$$v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

be the vector for $\lambda_1 = i$.

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ai \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

We derive the follow equation as follows

$$-2a - b = ia \Rightarrow -2a - ia = b$$

We suppose $a = \alpha$

$$\therefore v_1 = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 - i \end{pmatrix}$$

iff $\alpha = 1 \Rightarrow$

$$v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 - i \end{pmatrix}$$

We consider the case for $\lambda_2 = -i$

$$\Rightarrow v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 + i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore v = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \pm i \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The general solution for the differential equation is thus:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix} = B_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \cos(t) - B_1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \sin(t) + B_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \sin(t) + B_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \cos(t)$$

$$x(t) = B_1 \cos(t) + B_2 \sin(t)$$

and

$$y(t) = -2B_1 \cos(t) + B_1 \sin(t) - 2B_2 \sin(t) - B_2 \cos(t)$$

where $\{(x(t), y(t))\}$ are the fundamental solution set.

Using the initial conditions given in equation (11), we get:

$$x(0) = B_1 \tag{13}$$

$$y(0) = -2B_1 - B_2 \tag{14}$$

resulting in

$$\begin{aligned} B_1 &= 1 \\ B_2 &= -3 \end{aligned}$$

The particular solution for the given problem is as follows:

$$x(t) = \cos(t) - 3 \sin(t) \tag{15}$$

$$y(t) = \cos(t) + 7 \sin(t) \tag{16}$$

(c)

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} x(0) \\ y(0) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{17}$$

Step 1: Firstly, we solve for the eigenvalues:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

where A is the matrix of coefficients in the given problem and $\text{trace}(A) = 4$ and $\det(A) = 4$.

$$\lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 4 = 0$$

The resulting eigenvalues λ_1, λ_3 are $\lambda_1 = 2$ and $\lambda_2 = 2$.

Step 2: We proceed with finding the eigenvectors:

For $\lambda_1 = 2$:

$$(A - \lambda I) \bar{x} = 0$$

$$(A - 2I) \bar{x} = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The above system has linearly dependent basis vectors which results in a single equation and it is not possible to directly solve them at once.

$$-x - y = 0$$

We let $y = \alpha$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -\alpha \\ \alpha \end{pmatrix} = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The resulting eigenvector v_1 for $\lambda_1 = 2$ is thus:

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ iff } \alpha = 1$$

We solve for the second eigenvector v_2 as follows:

$$(A - 2I) \vec{v}_2 = \vec{v}_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The above system has linearly dependent basis vectors which results in a single equation and it is not possible to directly solve them at once.

$$x + y = 1$$

We therefore suppose $y = \alpha$.

$$\Rightarrow \vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \alpha \\ \alpha \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -\alpha \\ \alpha \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \alpha \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The general solution for the system of ODEs is thus:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix} = B_1 e^{\lambda t} \vec{v}_1 + B_2 (t e^{\lambda t} \vec{v}_1 + e^{\lambda t} \vec{v}_2)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix} = B_1 e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + B_2 \left(t e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$$x(t) = -B_1 e^{2t} - B_2 t e^{2t} + B_2 e^{2t}$$

and

$$y(t) = B_1 e^{2t} + B_2 t e^{2t}$$

where $\{x(t), y(t)\}$ are our fundamental solution set.

The particular solution is thus:

$$x(t) = -e^{2t} - 2te^{2t} + 2e^{2t}$$

and

$$y(t) = e^{2t} + 2te^{2t}$$

Exercise 4

A numerical solution to the equation of motion for different versions of a one-dimensional oscillator using the Verlet/leapfrog method with Damping where $\Delta t = 0.01$.

(a) Numerical solution for the harmonic oscillator equation with damping

$$\ddot{x} = -x - \beta \dot{x} \quad (18)$$

Using the initial conditions

$$x(0) = 1$$

$$\dot{x}(0) = 1$$

for several values of $\beta > 0$, under-damped ($\beta < 2$) and overdamped ($\beta > 2$) motions.

A plot $x(t)$ for under-damped and over-damped systems where $0 < \beta \leq 8$ and the phase diagram for the different β .

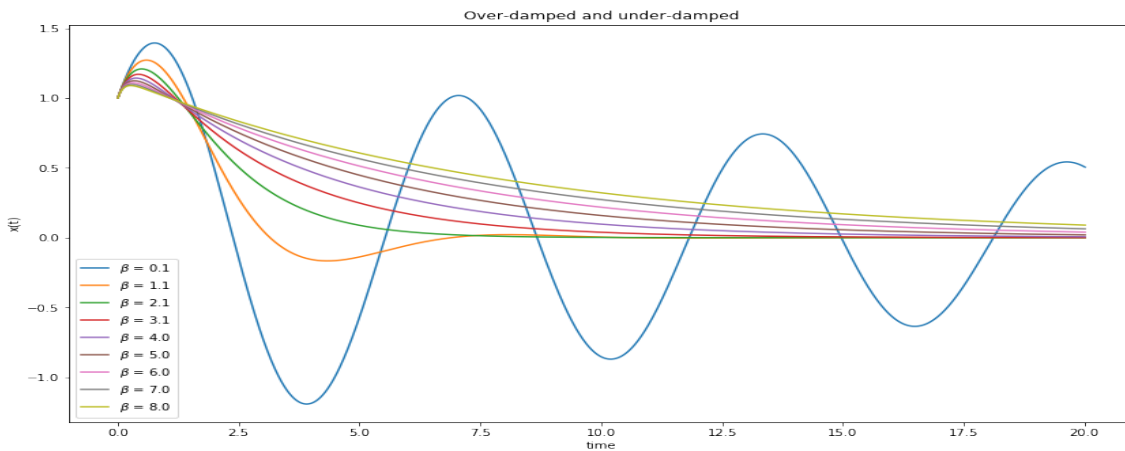


Figure 2: A plot of $x(t)$ for the under-damped system with varying β values

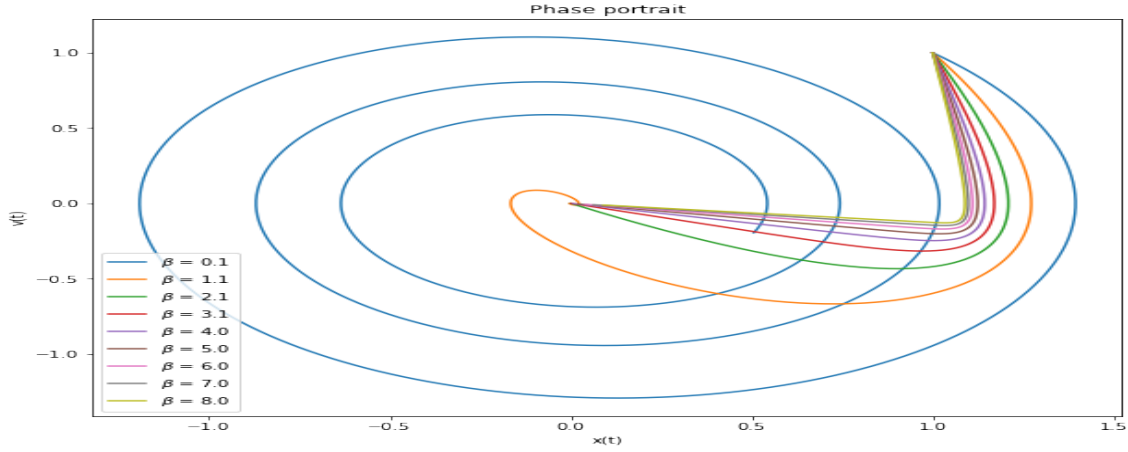


Figure 3: A plot of the phase portrait $x(t)$ vs $v(t)$ for the under-damped and over-damped systems with varying β values

- (b) When we switch to a friction force that is more realistic under many circumstances, replacing βx with $-\beta \sin \dot{x}$. The case of the initial condition $\dot{x} = 0$, the friction force is directed against the returning force x and it is equal in magnitude to $\min(|x|, \beta)$.
- (i) A Plot $x(t)$ under-damped and over-damped systems where $0 < \beta \leq 8$ and the phase diagram for the different β .

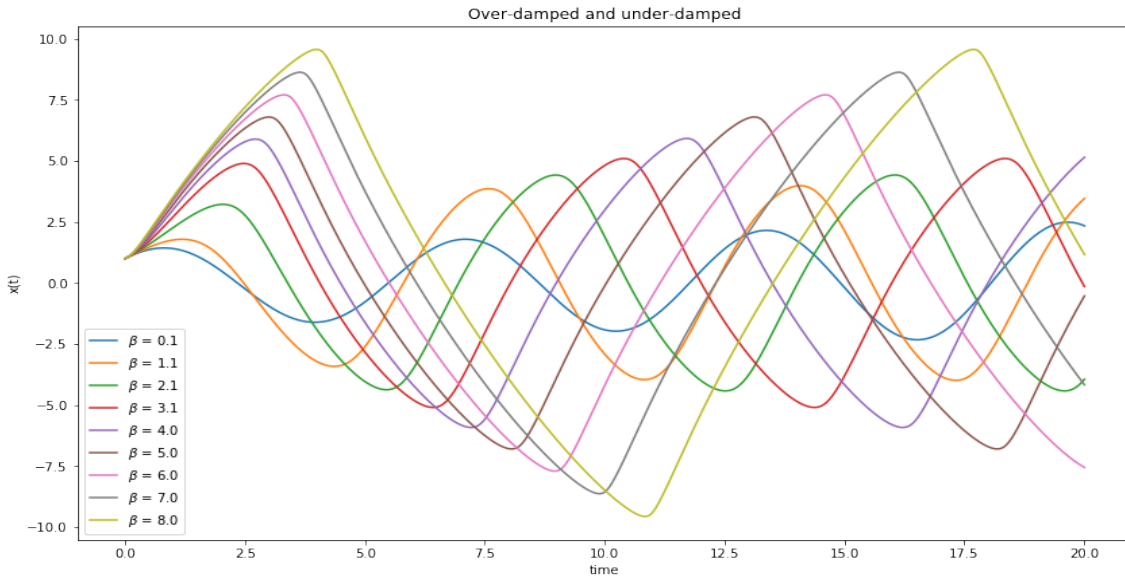


Figure 4: A plot of $x(t)$ with varying β values

- (ii) A plot of the phase diagram for different values of β .

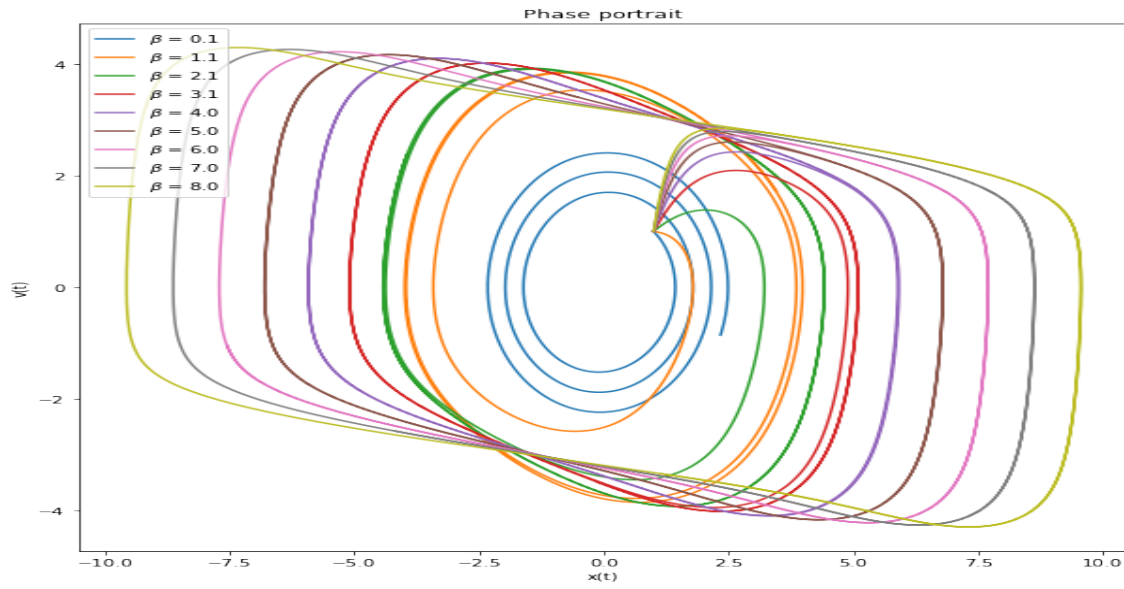


Figure 5: A plot of the phase portrait $x(t)$ vs $v(t)$ with varying β values