

§ Pure Resonance

Problem 1: Find a particular solution to

$$\ddot{x} + \dot{x} = 2 \cos t$$

Answer: Let $u = \dot{x}$. Then

$$\ddot{u} + u = 2 \cos t. \text{ Note that } \omega = \omega_0 = 1.$$

$$z_p = \frac{2te^{it}}{2i} = \frac{-4ite^{it}}{-4i^2} = -ite^{it} = -t(i \cos t + i^2 \sin t)$$

$$z_p = t \sin t - it \cos t$$

$$u_p = \operatorname{Re}(z_p) = t \sin t$$

$$x_p = \int u_p dt = -t \cos t + \sin t$$

The problem is thus to find a particular solution the DE

$$x'' + \omega_0^2 x = F_0 \cos \omega t.$$

The steps, as in the example in the last note, are

Complex replacement: $z'' + \omega_0^2 z = F_0 e^{i\omega t}$, $x = \operatorname{Re}(z)$.

Characteristic polynomial: $p(r) = r^2 + \omega_0^2 \Rightarrow p(i\omega) = \omega_0^2 - \omega^2$.

$$\text{Exponential Response formula} \Rightarrow z_p = \begin{cases} \frac{F_0 e^{i\omega t}}{p(i\omega)} = \frac{F_0 e^{i\omega t}}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} & \text{if } \omega \neq \omega_0 \\ \frac{F_0 t e^{i\omega t}}{p'(i\omega)} = \frac{F_0 t e^{i\omega t}}{2i\omega} & \text{if } \omega = \omega_0. \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_p = \begin{cases} \frac{F_0 \cos \omega t}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} & \text{if } \omega \neq \omega_0 \\ \frac{F_0 t \sin \omega_0 t}{2\omega_0} & \text{if } \omega = \omega_0 \text{ (resonant case).} \end{cases}$$

Check: $\dot{x}_p = t \sin t$
 $\ddot{x}_p = \sin t + t \cos t$
 $\ddot{x}_p = 2 \cos t - t \sin t$
 $\ddot{x}_p + \dot{x}_p = 2 \cos t \checkmark$