

Differential Equations

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PROBLEM 1.1. Let m , b , and k be a positive constant such that $b^2 - 4mk < 0$. Consider an underdamped oscillator with sinusoidal driving force

$$m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = A \sin \omega t, \quad x(0) = x_0, \quad \dot{x}(0) = 0.$$

For convenience, define positive constants $\beta := \frac{b}{2m}$, $\omega_0 := \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$, and $\omega_1 := \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \beta^2}$.

The solution of this equation when $A = 0$ is called the complementary solution and is given by

$$x_c(t) = x_0 e^{-\beta t} \cos \omega_1 t.$$

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(2) Find the value of ω such that the amplitude of particular solution is maximized.