

Ex. 1 . Using the P.L. method; $\tau = \omega t$.

$$\omega^2 y'' + y = \epsilon y \left(1 - \omega^2 (y')^2\right), \quad y(0) = 1, \quad \frac{dy(0)}{dt} = 0,$$

where $y' = \frac{dy}{d\tau}$ etc. Perturbation series

$$y = y_0 + \epsilon y_1 + \dots, \quad \omega = \omega_0 + \epsilon \omega_1 + \dots$$

Requirement:

* All y_j has period 2π in τ .

$$O(1): \quad \omega_0^2 y_0'' + y_0 = 0, \quad y_0(0) = 1, \quad y_0'(0) = 0,$$

$$O(\epsilon): \quad \omega_0^2 y_1'' + y_1 = -2\omega_1 \omega_0 y_0'' + y_0(1 - (y_0')^2), \quad y_1(0) = 0, \quad y_1'(0) = 0.$$

Solution $O(1)$

ODE and B.L: $y_0 = \cos(\tau/\omega_0)$. The requirement * yields

$$\omega_0 = 1, \quad y_0 = \cos \tau.$$

Solution $O(\epsilon)$

$$y_1'' + y_1 = 2\omega_1 \cos \tau + \cos^3 \tau = \left(2\omega_1 + \frac{3}{4}\right) \cos \tau + \frac{1}{4} \cos(3\tau).$$

Fulfillment of * (avoid secular terms that cause linear growth in y_1)

$$\omega_1 = -\frac{3}{8},$$

and solution of ODE + initial conditions:

$$y_1 = \frac{1}{32} (\cos \tau - \cos(3\tau)).$$

Ex. 2 .

a) Position is $\vec{r} = \ell \vec{i}_r$. Then

$$\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \ell \dot{\theta} \vec{i}_\theta, \quad \Rightarrow T = \frac{1}{2} m (\vec{v})^2 = \frac{1}{2} m \ell^2 \dot{\theta}^2.$$

Potential energy

$$V = mgy = -mg\ell \cos \theta.$$

Lagrangian

$$L = T - V = \frac{1}{2} m \ell^2 \dot{\theta}^2 + mg\ell \cos \theta.$$

Lagrange equation

$$0 = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} - \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} \right) = -mg \sin \theta - m \ell^2 \ddot{\theta}.$$

b) Yes, since $\frac{\partial L}{\partial t} = 0$ we have the first integral

$$\text{const.} = \dot{\theta} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} - L.$$

Moreover

$$\dot{\theta} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} = \dot{\theta} m \ell^2 \dot{\theta} = 2T.$$

Hence

$$\text{const.} = \dot{\theta} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} - L = 2T - (T - V) = T + V.$$

Conservation of energy!

c) Generalized momentum

$$p = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} = m \ell^2 \dot{\theta} \Rightarrow \dot{\theta} = \frac{p}{m \ell^2}.$$

Hamiltonian

$$H = \dot{\theta} p - L = \frac{p^2}{2m \ell^2} - m g \ell \cos \theta.$$

(We also see that $H = \text{const.} = \text{energy.}$)

Ex. 3 .

a) The transformation is

$$y = e^{\int k(x) dx}.$$

Substitution into the ODE yields

$$\left(\epsilon(k' + k^2 + qk) + W \right) y = 0.$$

Since y is nonzero this implies the Ricatti equation

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon k' + \epsilon k^2 + \epsilon q k + W &= 0 \\ (1) + (2) + (3) + (4) &= 0 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

When $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ we must expect that $|k| \rightarrow \infty$ is required to obtain a dominant balance. Then $(2) \gg (3)$ and we also expect that $(2) \gg (1)$. Then (2) and (4) dominates, and

$$\epsilon k_0^2 = -W \Rightarrow k_0 = \pm i \epsilon^{-\frac{1}{2}} W^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

This will give two independent solutions for y and substitution shows that the terms (1) and (3) are indeed sub-dominant.

Second order term is introduced as $k = k_0 + k_1$, $k_1 \ll k_0$. Substitution in (1)

$$\epsilon \left(k_0' + k_1' + k_0^2 + 2k_0 k_1 + k_1^2 + q(k_0 + k_1) \right) + W = 0$$

Canceling of leading order $\epsilon k_0^2 + W = 0$ and use of $k_1 \ll k_0 \Rightarrow$

$$k_0' + 2k_0 k_1 + q k_0 = 0,$$

with solution

$$k_1 = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{k_0'}{k_0} - \frac{1}{2} q = -\frac{W'}{4W} - \frac{1}{2} q$$

. Since $k_1 \sim 1$ we do have $k_1 \ll k_0$ and the ignored terms are small.

b) The transformation

$$y = e^{\int k dx} = e^{-\frac{1}{4} \ln W + \int \left(\pm i \epsilon^{-\frac{1}{2}} W^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{1}{2} q \right) dx + C},$$

where C is a constant. This may be written

$$y = A W^{-\frac{1}{4}} e^{\int \left(\pm i \epsilon^{-\frac{1}{2}} W^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{1}{2} q \right) dx}.$$

Combining the solutions corresponding to \pm :

$$y = W^{-\frac{1}{4}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \int q dx} \left(A_+ e^{i \epsilon^{-\frac{1}{2}} \int W^{\frac{1}{2}} dx} + A_- e^{-i \epsilon^{-\frac{1}{2}} \int W^{\frac{1}{2}} dx} \right),$$

where A_+ and A_- are independent constants.

Ex. 4 .

a) First we eliminate x and y .

$$\frac{dz^*}{dt^*} = k \frac{(C_y - \frac{1}{2} z^*)(C_x - \frac{1}{2} z^*)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{C_x + (m - \frac{1}{2}) z^*}$$

Guided by $0 \leq z \leq 2C_x$ we attempt the scaling

$$z^* = C_y z, \quad t^* = t_c t.$$

where z then is between 0 and 2 and t_c is still undetermined. The ODE becomes

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = t_c k C_x^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{(1 - \frac{1}{2} z)(1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{C_y}{C_x} z)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{1 + \frac{C_y}{C_x} (m - \frac{1}{2}) z}.$$

Then $\epsilon = C_y/C_x$, which is small, and $t_c = 1/(k C_x^{\frac{1}{2}})$. By the way, k must have dimension concentration $^{-\frac{1}{2}}$, divided by time, while m is without dimension.

From the statement that there is no hydrogen bromide initially, $z(0) = 0$ follows.

b) Naive approach is attempted

$$z = z_0 + \epsilon z_1 + \dots$$

First the right hand side of the ODE is expanded in powers in ϵ

$$(1 - \frac{1}{2} \epsilon z)^{\frac{3}{2}} = 1 - \frac{3}{4} \epsilon z + O(\epsilon^2), \quad \frac{1}{1 + (m - \frac{1}{2}) \epsilon z} = 1 - (m - \frac{1}{2}) \epsilon z + O(\epsilon^2),$$

and

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{(1 - \frac{1}{2} z)(1 - \frac{1}{2} \epsilon z)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{1 + (m - \frac{1}{2}) \epsilon z} = (1 - \frac{1}{2} z)(1 - \frac{3}{4} \epsilon z)(1 - (m - \frac{1}{2}) \epsilon z) + O(\epsilon^2) = 1 - \frac{1}{2} z - \epsilon(m + \frac{1}{4})z(1 - \frac{1}{2} z) + O(\epsilon^2).$$

Inserting the power series for z we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} O(1) : \quad \frac{dz_0}{dt} + \frac{1}{2} z_0 &= 1, & z_0(0) &= 0, \\ O(\epsilon) : \quad \frac{dz_1}{dt} + \frac{1}{2} z_1 &= -(m + \frac{1}{4}) z_0(1 - \frac{1}{2} z_0), & z_1(0) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Solution $O(1)$

The problem is standard.

$$z_0 = 2 - 2e^{-\frac{1}{2}t}.$$

z_0 remains in the interval $[0, 2)$. *Solution $O(\epsilon)$*

$$\frac{dz_1}{dt} + \frac{1}{2}z_1 = -(m + \frac{1}{4})z_0(1 - \frac{1}{2}z_0) = (2m + \frac{1}{2})\left(e^{-t} - e^{-\frac{1}{2}t}\right).$$

A particular solution is assumed on the form

$$z_1^{(p)} = Ate^{-\frac{1}{2}t} + Be^{-t},$$

where the factor t is needed since $e^{-\frac{1}{2}t}$ is an homogeneous solution. Formula or integrating factor may also be used. Result

$$z_1^{(p)} = -(2m + \frac{1}{2})\left(te^{-\frac{1}{2}t} + 2e^{-t}\right).$$

Homogeneous solution and initial condition

$$z_1 = (2m + \frac{1}{2})\left(2e^{-\frac{1}{2}t} - te^{-\frac{1}{2}t} - 2e^{-t}\right).$$