

Ex. 1 . The method of Poincare-Lindstedt.

Redefine time $\tau = \omega t$ and **require that y and all its approximations inherit period 2π in τ .**

$$\omega^2 y'' + \left(1 + \epsilon \omega^2 (y')^2\right) y = 0, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 0,$$

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

$$y = y_0 + \epsilon y_1 + \dots,$$

$$\omega = \omega_0 + \epsilon \omega_1 + \dots$$

$O(\epsilon^0)$:

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

solution

$$y_0 = \cos(\omega_0^{-1} \tau).$$

Period 2π in $\tau \Rightarrow \omega_0 = 1$.

$O(\epsilon^1)$:

$$y_1'' + y_1 = -2\omega_1 y_0'' - (y_0')^2 y_0 = 2\omega_1 \cos \tau - \sin^2 \tau \cos \tau = \left(2\omega_1 + \frac{1}{4}\right) \cos \tau - \frac{1}{4} \cos 3\tau,$$

$$y_1(0) = 0, \quad y_1'(0) = 0,$$

Period 2π in τ for $y_1 \Rightarrow \omega_1 = -\frac{1}{8}$.

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

Ex. 2 . $f = \epsilon F$ yields

$$g = \epsilon F(x - g)$$

Must have $g = \epsilon G$, where G is of order 1. Then

$$G = F(x - \epsilon G) \tag{1}$$

Leading order solution $G \approx G_0 = F(x)$. Taylor series expansion of F in (1)

$$G = F(x) - \epsilon F'(x)G + \frac{1}{2}(\epsilon)^2 F''(x)G^2 + O(\epsilon^3) \tag{2}$$

We now try $G = G_0 + \epsilon G_1 + \dots$

$$O(\epsilon^0) : G_0 = F(x)$$

$$O(\epsilon^1) : G_1 = -F'(x)G_0 = -F'(x)F(x)$$

$$O(\epsilon^2) : G_2 = -F'(x)G_1 + \frac{1}{2}F''(x)G_0^2 = \{F(F')^2 + \frac{1}{2}F^2 F''\}$$

Only G_0 and G_1 are required.

Ex. 3 .

a) Using Θ for dimension temperature:

Parameter	T	t	κ	y	T_0
Dimension	Θ	T	$\frac{L^2}{T}$	L	Θ

Number of π 's: $5 - 3 = 2$

$$\pi_1 = \frac{T}{T_0}, \quad \pi_2 = \frac{y}{\sqrt{\kappa t}}$$

According the the π theorem a relation between T and the other parameters can be expressed

$$\pi_1 = F(\pi_2) \Rightarrow T = T_0 F(\pi_2)$$

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b) F depends on only one composite variable, namely π_2 , then an ODE should suffice.

Now

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = T_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} F\left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{\kappa t}}\right) = -\frac{1}{2} T_0 \frac{y}{\sqrt{\kappa}} t^{-\frac{3}{2}} F'$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} = T_0 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} F\left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{\kappa t}}\right) = \frac{T_0}{\kappa t} F''$$

Then multiplying $\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \kappa \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2}$ with $\kappa t/T_0$ gives

$$-\frac{1}{2} \hat{\pi} \frac{dF}{d\hat{\pi}} = \frac{d^2 F}{d\hat{\pi}^2}$$

The boundary conditions become

$$T(0, t) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad F(0) = 0$$

$$T(y, 0) = T_0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad F(\infty) = 1$$

Ex. 4 .

a)

$$T = \frac{1}{2} m \vec{v}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m \vec{v}_2^2 = m(x_G^2 + \dot{y}_G^2 + \ell^2 \dot{\theta}^2),$$

(with some canceling).

$$V = mgy_1 + mgy_2 = 2mgy_G$$

and $L = T - V$.

b) First integrals

$$1. \frac{\partial L}{\partial x_G} = 0 \Rightarrow \text{const.} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}_G} = 2m\dot{x}_G$$

Conservation of horizontal momentum.

$$2. \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} = 0 \Rightarrow \text{const.} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} = 2m\ell^2\dot{\theta}$$

Conservation of angular momentum with respect to the center of gravity.

$$3. \frac{\partial L}{\partial t} = 0 \Rightarrow \text{const.} = L - \dot{x}_G \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}_G} - \dot{y}_G \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{y}_G} - \dot{\theta} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} = -(T + V)$$

Conservation of energy.

Ex. 5 . This is taken from slides presented in the course.

Write solution in terms of new unknown

$$y = e^{S(x)}.$$

Substitution into differential equation yields equation for $k(x) \equiv S'$:

$$\epsilon^2(k' + k^2) - W = 0,$$

called a Ricatti equation.

Dominant balance

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

(1) & (3): $k \sim \epsilon^{-2} \int W dx \Rightarrow (2) \sim \epsilon^{-2} \gg (1), (3)$. Invalid!

(1) & (2): $k \sim (C + x)^{-1} \Rightarrow (3)$ dominates as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$, $y \sim x + C$. Invalid!

(2) & (3): $k \sim k_0 = \pm \epsilon^{-1} W^{\frac{1}{2}} \Rightarrow (1) \sim \epsilon \ll (2), (3)$. Two solutions. OK!*

$$y \sim e^{\pm \epsilon^{-1} \int W^{\frac{1}{2}} dx}$$

Second balance

$k = k_0 + k_1$, $k_1 \ll k_0$. Substitution in (3)

$$\epsilon^2(k'_0 + k'_1 + k_0^2 + 2k_0k_1 + k_1^2) + W = 0$$

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

$$\epsilon^2(k'_0 + 2k_0k_1) = 0,$$

with solution $k_1 = -\frac{1}{2}k'_0/k_0 = -\frac{1}{4}W'/W = O(1)$.

$$S_{\pm} = \int k dx = C_{\pm} \pm \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_{x_a}^x W^{\frac{1}{2}} d\hat{x} + \ln(W^{-\frac{1}{4}}),$$

which with $C_+ = A$ and $C_- = B$ yields the desired solution.