

# *Nonlinear Differential Equations*

In this notebook, we solve nonlinear differential equations, looking at the time dependence, phase space plots, Poincare sections, and the power spectrum.

The notebook starts with the Duffing equation. Your job is to modify it to the damped, driven pendulum, then to reproduce and extend the results from session 8 (which used `diffeq_pendulum.cpp`).

## Define the Differential Equation

Name the equation "diffeq". Note the "==" in defining the equation.

```
diffeq := x''[t] + 2 γ x'[t] + α x[t] + β x[t]^3 == fext Cos[ωext t]
```

Choose among the parameters:

```
p1 := {α = -1, β = 1, ωext = 1, γ = 0.25, fext = 0.34875};
```

```
p1
```

```
{-1, 1, 1, 0.25, 0.34875}
```

Choose among the initial conditions:

```
ic1 := {x0 = 1, v0 = 0.};
```

```
ic1
```

```
{1, 0.}
```

## Solve the Differential Equation

Specify the range in time over which we will solve the differential equation. We won't be able to use the solution outside of this range. (I.e., we'll have to extend this range if we get an "outside of range" error later.)

```
tmin = 0; tmax = 1000;
```

Numerically solve the differential equation using `NDSolve`, specifying the initial conditions. Setting `MaxSteps` to a large number is needed if `tmax` is large.

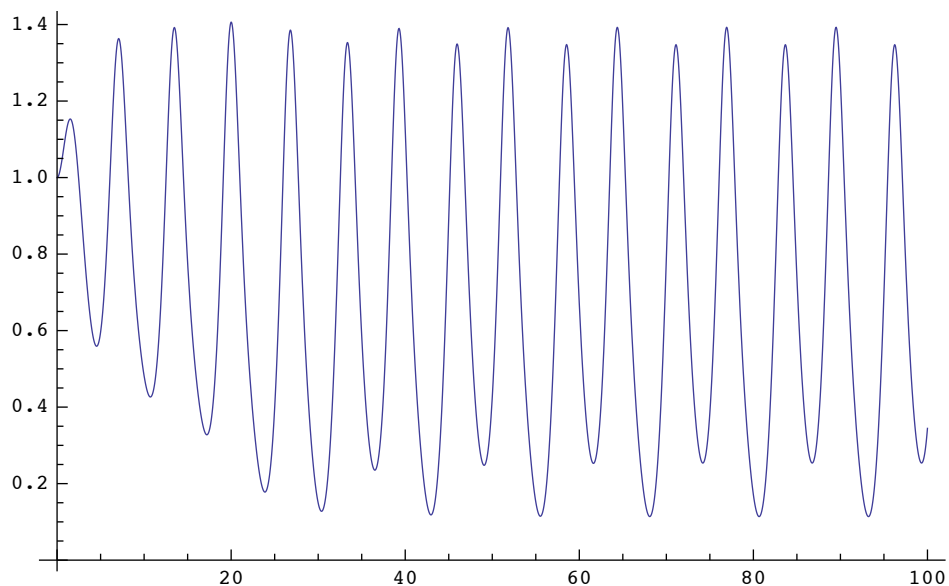
```
solution = NDSolve[{diffeq, x[0] == x0, x'[0] == v0},  
  x, {t, tmin, tmax}, MaxSteps -> 20 000];
```

`NDSolve` returns an "interpolating function", which can be evaluated later at any time  $t$  in  $t_{\min} < t < t_{\max}$ .

## Plot the Time Dependence and Phase Space

We can just use "Plot" with `Evaluate` and the "interpolating function" defined by "solution".

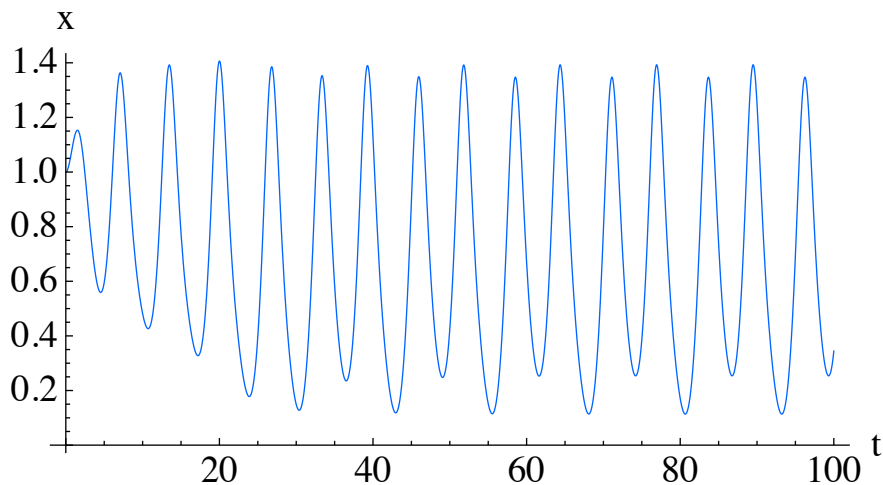
```
Plot[Evaluate[x[t] /. solution], {t, 0, 100}]
```



Or we can do a parametric plot ("ParametricPlot") with the same solution. We've added various options here to (try to) make a nicer plot.

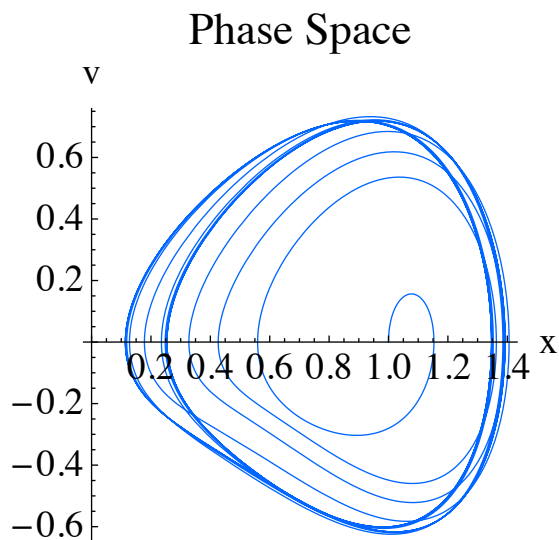
```
ParametricPlot[Evaluate[{t, x[t]} /. solution],  
  {t, 0, 100}, PlotStyle -> Hue[0.6`],  
  BaseStyle -> {FontFamily -> "Times", FontSize -> 14},  
  ImageSize -> {350, 200}, PlotLabel -> Style["Time Dependence"],  
  AxesLabel -> {"t", "x"}, AspectRatio -> 1 / 2]
```

Time Dependence



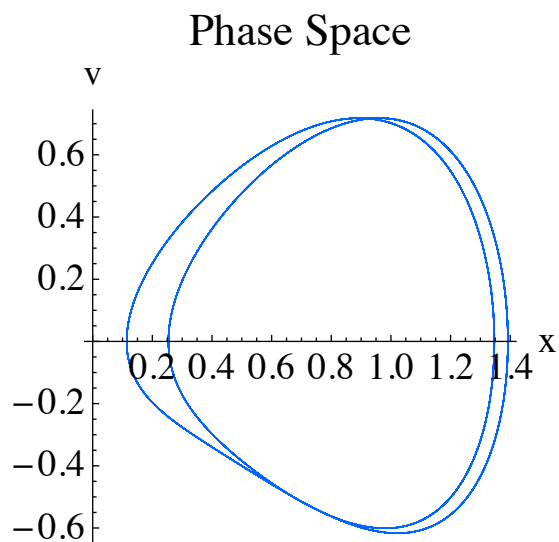
Now do the phase space plot. You may need to change AxesOrigin to get the axes in a reasonable place.

```
ParametricPlot[Evaluate[{x[t], x'[t]} /. solution],
  {t, tmin, 100}, PlotStyle → Hue[0.6`], AspectRatio → 1,
  BaseStyle → {FontFamily → "Times", FontSize → 14},
  ImageSize → {250, 200}, PlotLabel → Style["Phase Space"],
  AxesOrigin → {Automatic, Automatic}, AxesLabel → {"x", "v"}]
```



Here is the same plot, with the starting time  $t$  set to skip the transient region.

```
ParametricPlot[Evaluate[{x[t], x'[t]} /. solution],
  {t, 100, 300}, PlotStyle → Hue[0.6`], AspectRatio → 1,
  BaseStyle → {FontFamily → "Times", FontSize → 14},
  ImageSize → {250, 200}, PlotLabel → Style["Phase Space"],
  AxesOrigin → {Automatic, Automatic}, AxesLabel → {"x", "v"}]
```



## Poincare Sections

The idea of a Poincare section is to plot a point in phase space once every period of the external force,  $2\pi/(\text{external frequency})$ . The resulting pattern gives information about the periodicity of the signal (or indicates chaos). Start the plot at a large enough time  $t$  ("tstart") so that the transients have died out.

Set the external period and how many periods we'll consider. Define a function `timeperiod[i]` giving the corresponding time as a function of the period number.

```
Texternal := 2 Pi /  $\omega_{\text{ext}}$ ;

tstart = 40 Texternal;

numperiods = 20;

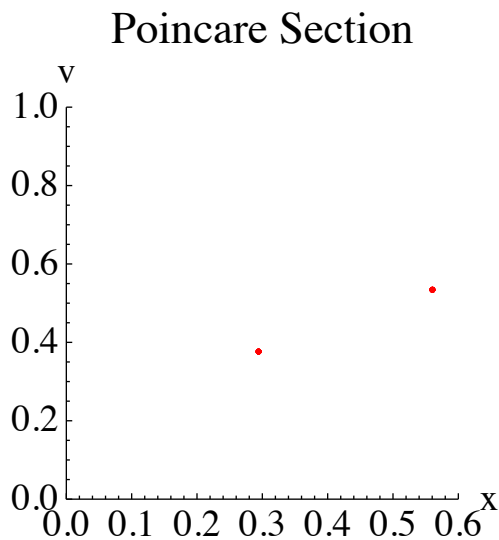
timeperiod[i_] := tstart + i * Texternal
```

Just evaluate at the relevant points. `Flatten[expr,1]` strips off a layer of `{}`'s.

```
PoincarePts = Flatten[
  Table[Evaluate[{x[timeperiod[i]], x'[timeperiod[i]]} /. solution],
    {i, 0, numperiods}], 1];
```

`ListPlot` plots pairs of numbers in the `PlotRange`.

```
ListPlot[PoincarePts, AspectRatio → 1,
  BaseStyle → {FontFamily → "Times", FontSize → 14},
  ImageSize → {250, 200}, PlotRange → {{0, 0.6`}, {0, 1}},
  PlotLabel → Style["Poincare Section"],
  AxesOrigin → Automatic, AxesLabel → {"x", "v"},
  PlotStyle → {PointSize[0.015`], RGBColor[1, 0, 0]}]
```



## Power Spectrum

The power spectrum is found by taking a Fourier transform (FFT) of the signal. We generate points at the same time intervals as in `diff_eq_pendulum.cpp`.

```
Tskip = 100;

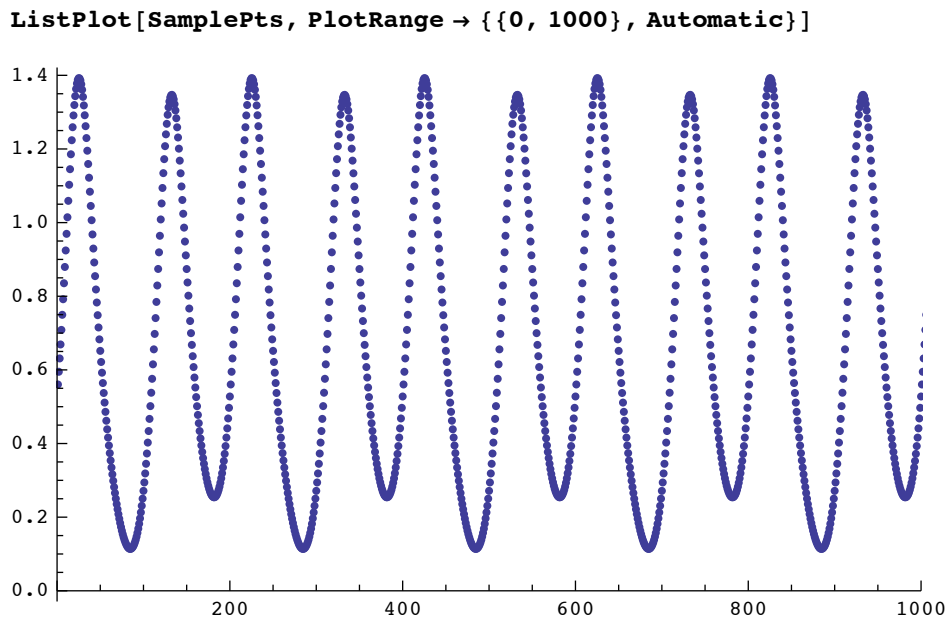
time[i_] := tstart + i * Texternal / Tskip

numpoints = 5000;

SampleTime := numpoints * Texternal / Tskip

SamplePts = Flatten[
  Table[Evaluate[x[time[i]] /. solution], {i, 0, numpoints}], 1];
```

Check first that the plot still looks ok.



The basic command is `Fourier`. `FourierParameters` chooses a particular convention for defining the transform. `Abs` takes the magnitude of the resulting complex number (which we then square).

```
transform = Abs[Fourier[SamplePts, FourierParameters → {-1, 1}]]^2;

frequencies = Table[(2 Pi / SampleTime) * i, {i, 0, numpoints}];
```

Transpose to make pairs of points from two separate lists of points.

```
PlotPts = Transpose[{frequencies, transform}];
```

```
ListLogPlot[PlotPts, Joined → True,
  PlotRange → {{0, 2}, {0.001, 0.1}},
  BaseStyle → {FontFamily → "Times", FontSize → 14},
  ImageSize → {400, 300}, PlotLabel → Style["Power Spectrum"],
  AxesOrigin → Automatic, AxesLabel → {"freq.", "power"}]
```

