

## Non-homogeneous equations.

general form:

$$\textcircled{I} - y^{(n)} + p_1(x)y^{(n-1)} + \cdots + p_{n-1}(x)y' + p_n(x)y = f(x)$$

Suppose we had one particular solution

$y_p$  of eqn.  $\textcircled{I}$ , and  $Y$  is a general solution of  $\textcircled{I}$ . That is,

$$y_p^{(n)} + p_1(x)y_p^{(n-1)} + \cdots + p_{n-1}(x)y_p' + p_n(x)y_p = f(x)$$

and  $Y^{(n)} + p_1(x)Y^{(n-1)} + \cdots + p_{n-1}(x)Y' + p_n(x)Y = f(x)$ .

Observe that the difference  $y - y_p$  satisfies  
the homogeneous eqn. associated to ① :

$$(y - y_p)^n + p_1(x)(y - y_p)^{(n-1)} + \dots + p_n(x)(y - y_p) = f(x) - g(x) \\ = 0.$$

and we have learned how to solve  
homogeneous equations (with constt coeff.)

$\therefore y - y_p$  is a <sup>general</sup> solution to the homogeneous  
eqn associated to ①, so it is

of the form  $y_c = c_1 y_1 + \dots + c_n y_n$

where  $y_1, \dots, y_n$  are lin. ind. solutions.

We call  $y_c$  the 'complementary function',  
the general solution of the hom. eqn  
associated to the given non-hom. eqn.

Examples Find a general solution :

1.  $y'' - 2y' + 2y = 2x, \quad y_p = x + 1.$

1.  $y'' - 4y = 12; \quad y_p = -3.$

Q: How to get hold of  $y_p$ ?

A. In general, hard, but if  $f(x)$  is relatively "simple", we can use the "method of undetermined coefficients" to get a particular solution  $y_p$ .

Simple forms of  $f(x)$

"Trial"  $y_p$

1.  $x$  (or any deg 1 polynomial)  $Ax + B$

2.  $x^2$  (or any deg 2 polynomial)  $Ax^2 + Bx + C$ .

3. deg  $m$  polynomial  
given in problem.

$$Ax^m + Ax^{m-1} + \dots + A_0$$

$$\underbrace{A \cos kx + B \sin kx}_{\text{variables}}$$

$$Ae^{kx} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{same } k \text{ as in} \\ f(x). \end{array}$$

4.  $a \cos kx + b \sin kx$

5.  $e^{kx}$

Then, substitute the trial  $y_p$  into the diff. eqn. and solve for the constants  $A, B, \dots$

Examples : 1. Find a particular solution  
of  $y'' - 4y = 2e^{3x}$ .

Solution :  $f(x) = 2e^{3x}$ .

Trial  $y_p = Ae^{3x}$ .

$$y_p' = 3Ae^{3x}, \quad y_p'' = 9Ae^{3x}.$$

Plugging this into the given D.E :

$$y_p'' - 4y_p = 2e^{3x}$$

$$9Ae^{3x} - 4Ae^{3x} = 2e^{3x}$$

$$5Ae^{3x} = 2e^{3x}$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{2}{5}.$$

$\therefore$  A particular solution is  $y_p = \frac{2}{5}e^{3x}$ .

2. Solve :  $y'' + 3y' + 4y = 3x + 2$ .

Solution : First solve the associated

homogeneous eqn :  $y'' + 3y' + 4y = 0$

char. eqn :  $\lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 4 = 0$

roots  $\sim -\frac{3}{2} \pm i\frac{\sqrt{7}}{2}$

so  $y_c = e^{-\frac{3}{2}x} \left( C_1 \cos \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2}x + C_2 \sin \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2}x \right)$

Now for  $y_p$ :

RHS :  $3x + 2$ , so trial  $y_p = Ax + B$ .

$$y_p' = Ax, \quad y_p'' = A.$$

Substitute :  $y_p'' + 3y_p' + 4y_p = 3x + 2$

and solve for A and B by equating  
coefficients of like powers of  $x$  on  
both sides to get :  $A = \frac{3}{4}, \quad B = -\frac{1}{16}$ .

$\therefore y_p = \frac{3}{4}x - \frac{1}{16}$ , and the general solution of the given diff. eqn is

$$Y = y_c + y_p = e^{-\frac{3\sqrt{7}}{2}x} \left( C_1 \cos \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2}x + C_2 \sin \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2}x \right) + \frac{3}{4}x - \frac{1}{16}$$

Try: Solve  $y'' - 4y = 2e^{3x}$ . Soln:

$$y = C_1 e^{2x} + C_2 e^{-2x} + \frac{2}{5} e^{3x}$$

Suppose the D.E. was  $y'' - 4y = e^{2x}$ .

Trial solution  $Ae^{2x}$  will NOT work!

This is because  $e^{2x}$  solves the homogeneous ODE.

However,  $Axe^{2x}$  would work.

We outline the method of undetermined coefficients below, to solve :

$$ay'' + by' + cy = f(x)$$

This works as long as  $f(x)$  is a linear combination of finite products of functions of the following types:

1. A polynomial in  $x$
2. An exponential function  $e^{rx}$
3.  $\sin kx$  or  $\cos kx$ .

First, obtain the complimentary function  $y_c$ .

Rule 1 If no term appearing in  $f(x)$  or any of its derivatives satisfies the associated homogeneous equation, then take as a trial solution  $y_p$ , a linear combination of all linearly independent such terms and its derivatives.

If Rule 1 is violated, we proceed to apply:

(Case of duplication)

Rule 2 : If the candidate  $y_p$  attempted in Rule 1 has some terms in common with some terms in  $y_c$ , then multiply that part of  $y_p$  with  $x^s$  where  $s$  is the smallest number so that the modified  $y_p$  and  $y_c$  now have no terms in common.

Let's do lots of examples to get the idea:

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$$\textcircled{1} \quad y_c : c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{5x}, \quad f(x) = e^{-x}$$

Rule 1 applies! Take  $y_p = A e^{-x}$ .

$$\textcircled{2} \quad y_c : c_1 + c_2 x, \quad f(x) = 3x+2$$

Rule 2 applies, since  $y_c$  &  $f(x)$  have terms in common, so  $Ax+B$  will not work.

Try :  $x(Ax+B) = Ax^2 + Bx$   $\xrightarrow{\text{common term with } c_2 x \text{ in } y_c}$

Try:  $x^2(Ax+B) = Ax^3 + Bx^2 \checkmark$  no terms in common with  $y_c$ !  
 to multiply <sup>↑ make sure</sup> the whole term  $(Ax+B)$  by  $x^2$ , not just  $Bx$ .

$$\textcircled{3} \quad y_c = C_1 e^{2x} \sin 2x + C_2 e^{2x} \cos 2x,$$

$$f(x) = x \sin 2x$$

Rule 1 applies! Note that  $x \sin 2x$  and  $e^{2x} \sin 2x$  are not considered duplicates.

$$\text{Set } y_p = (Ax+B) \sin 2x + (Cx+D) \cos 2x.$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad y_c = C_1 e^{2x} + C_2 \cos x + C_3 \sin x$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} e^{2x} + x$$

Rule 2 applies, since  $C_1 e^{2x}$  and  $\frac{1}{2} e^{2x}$  are duplicates. But " $x$ " is not a problem so

$$\text{we set } y_p = x e^{2x} + \underbrace{Ax+B}_{\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \text{using} \\ \frac{1}{2} e^{2x} \end{array}} + \underbrace{Cx+D}_{\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \text{using} \\ x \end{array}}$$

Example 1: Solve  $y'' - 5y' + 6y = 2e^{3x} + x$

Solution: Finding  $y_c$ :

We solve the homogeneous equation

$$y'' - 5y' + 6y = 0$$
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 6 = 0$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \\ (\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 3) = 0 \end{array} \right\} \therefore \lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_2 = 3$$

$$\therefore y_c = C_1 e^{2x} + C_2 e^{3x}.$$

$f(x)$  from the given D.E. is  $2e^{3x} + x$ .  
A trial  $y_p$  would have been  $Ae^{3x} + Bx + C$ .

However,  $Ae^{3x}$  duplicates  $\overset{\wedge}{C_2} e^{3x}$  term in  $y_c$ ,  
therefore we replace it with  $Axe^{3x}$ , to  
obtain the modified trial  $y_p$  as

$$y_p = Axe^{3x} + Bx + C.$$

Now we proceed to find  $A, B, C$ :

$$\text{Want: } y_p'' - 5y_p' + 6y_p = 2e^{3x} + x$$

$$y_p' = A(e^{3x} + 3xe^{3x}) + B.$$

$$y_p'' = 3A(2e^{3x} + 3xe^{3x})$$

$\therefore$  we want

$$(6Ae^{3x} + 9Axe^{3x}) - 5(Ae^{3x} + 3Axe^{3x} + B) \\ + 6(Caxe^{3x} + Bx + C) = 2e^{3x} + x.$$

Equate coefficients of like terms:

$$e^{3x}: \quad 6A - 5A = 2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad A = 2$$

$$x: \quad 6B = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad B = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$xe^{3x}: \quad 9A - 15A + 6A = 0$$

$$1: \quad -5B + 6C = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad C = \frac{5}{36}.$$

A particular solution is given by:

$$y_p = 2e^{3x} + \frac{1}{6}x + \frac{5}{36},$$

and a general solution of the given ODE

$$y = y_c + y_p$$

$$= (C_1 e^{2x} + C_2 e^{3x}) + 2e^{3x} + \frac{x}{6} + \frac{5}{36}.$$

Example 2 : Solve:  $y'' - 4y' + 4y = \cos 2x$

Solution:  $(C_1 + C_2 x)e^{2x} - \frac{1}{8} \sin 2x$

Example 3 : Solve:  $y'' - 6y' + 9y = 2e^{3x}$

Solution:  $(C_1 + C_2 x)e^{3x} + x^2 e^{3x}$

## Variation of Parameters

There is an all-purpose formula to find  $y_p$ , but it involves integrals.

The idea is to set up a particular solution (say for 2nd order) as

$$y_p = u_1(x) y_1(x) + u_2(x) y_2(x)$$

where  $y_1(x)$  and  $y_2(x)$  are lin. ind. solutions appearing in  $y_c$ :  $y_c = c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x)$ .

Then, one can derive:

$$y_p = -y_1(x) \int \frac{y_2(x)f(x)}{W} dx + y_2(x) \int \frac{y_1(x)f(x)}{W} dx$$

where  $W = W(y_1, y_2)$  is the Wronskian of  $y_1$  and  $y_2$ .

Example : Solve:  $y'' + y = \tan x$

Solution: The associated hom. eqn. is  $y'' + y = 0$ .

Solve to get  $y_c = A \cos x + B \sin x$ .

Now, we use the method of variation of parameters to get  $y_p$ :

$$\text{Let } y_1 = \cos x, \quad y_2 = \sin x.$$

$$W(y_1, y_2) = \begin{vmatrix} \cos x & \sin x \\ -\sin x & \cos x \end{vmatrix} = 1$$

$$(\#) \cdot y_p = -\cos x \int \sin x \tan x dx + \sin x \int \cos x \tan x dx$$

$$\bullet \int \sin x \tan x dx = \int \frac{\sin^2 x}{\cos x} dx$$

$$= \int \frac{1 - \cos^2 x}{\cos x} dx$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int (\sec x - \cos x) dx \\
 &= \log |\sec x + \tan x| - \sin x
 \end{aligned}$$

•  $\int \cos x \tan x dx = \int \sin x dx = -\cos x.$

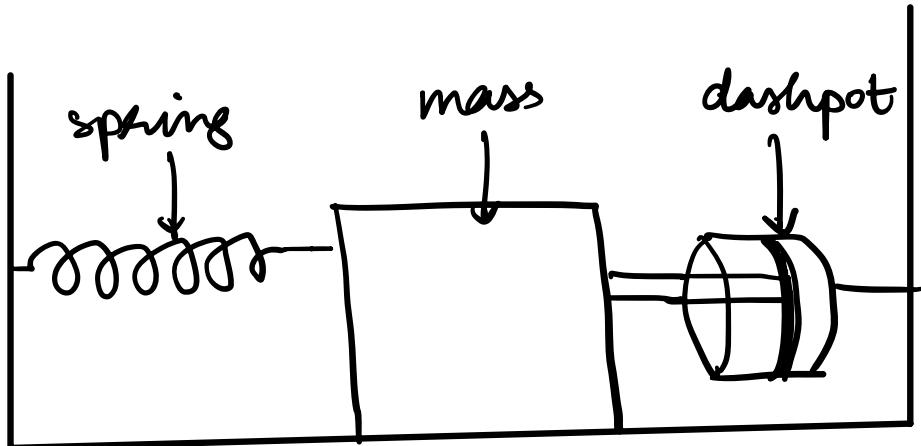
$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore y_p &= -\cos x (\log |\sec x + \tan x| - \sin x) \\
 &\quad + \sin x (-\cos x).
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= -\cos x \log |\sec x + \tan x|.$$

Finally, a general solution is given by

$$Y(x) = A \cos x + B \sin x - \cos x \log |\sec x + \tan x|$$

## Application : Mechanical Vibrations



Setup of the differential equation:

We consider a mass-spring-dashpot system where a mass  $m$  is attached to a spring and (may be) connected to a dashpot (shock-absorber).

We now set up a D.E. that describes various properties of the system :

We take  $x > 0$  when the spring is stretched  
 $x < 0$  when the spring is compressed  
 $x = 0$  at equilibrium

Hooke's Law: The restorative force exerted by the spring on the object acts in the opposite direction of motion and is proportional to it:

$$(A) \quad F_s = -kx$$

positive constant  
↓ called "spring constant"  
↓ displacement

Restorative  
force of  
spring

Note:  $F_s$  and  $x$  are of opposite signs.

The dashpot provides a force directed opposite to the instantaneous direction of motion of the mass/object. It is designed so that it is proportional to the velocity of the object.

This gives:

$$(B) \quad F_R = -c \frac{dx}{dt} = -cx'$$

Here 'c' is the damping constant, which is also always positive.

$F_R$  and  $x'$  are in opposite directions, so they will have values with opposite signs.

In addition, we may have an external force acting on the system:

$$(C) \quad F_E = f(t)$$

The total force is given by Newton's

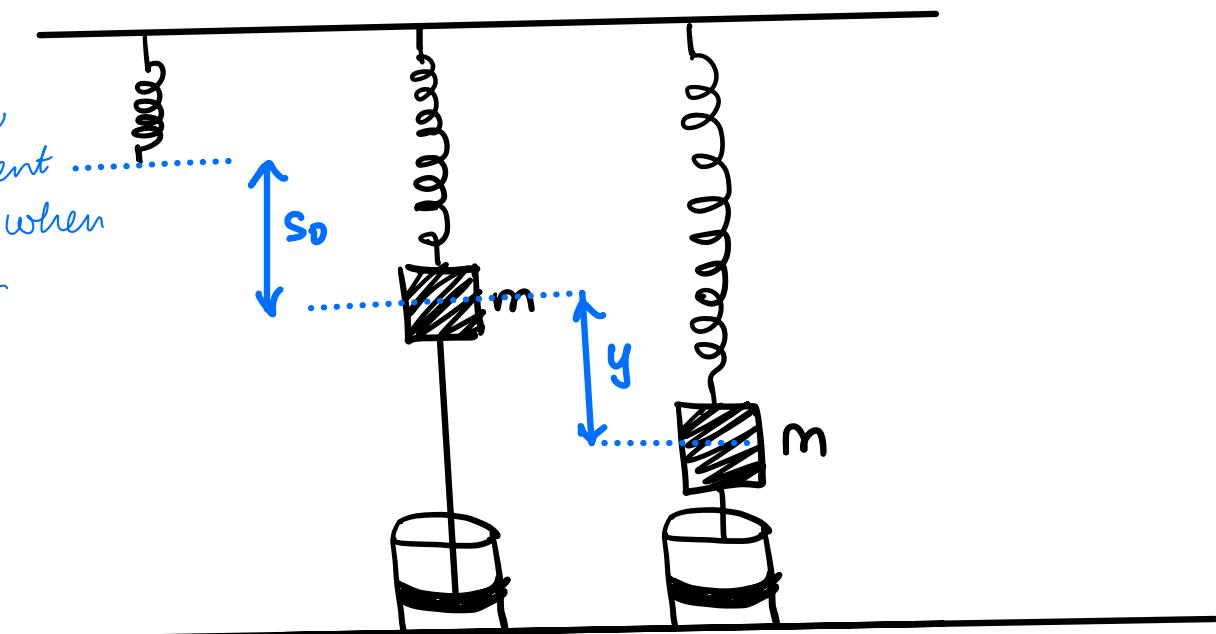
law :  $F_s + F_R + F_E = F = m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}$ .

and we arrive at our diff. eqn :

$$mx'' + cx' + kx = F(t)$$

Alternatively, we could have the situation where the object is suspended vertically while attached to a spring:

So: static equilibrium,  
the displacement .....  
in the spring when  
attached to a  
mass  $m$



The restorative force in this case is

$$F_s = -W = -mg.$$

$$\text{We have : } F_s = -ks_0 \Rightarrow mg = k\Delta_0$$

$$\therefore \Delta_0 = \frac{mg}{k}.$$

Here too, we may or may not have a dashpot. The diff. eqn. is the same:

$$my'' + cy' + ky = F(t)$$

where  $y(t)$  is the displacement in the vertical

direction at time  $t$ .

Terminology: If there is no dashpot,  $c = 0$  and the motion is said to be "undamped".

Else, if  $c > 0$ , the motion is said to be "damped".

If there is no external force, then  $F(t) = 0$

and the motion is "free", else if  $F(t) \neq 0$ ,  
it is called "forced".

The D.E. is  
homogeneous

$F(t) = 0$

$F(t) \neq 0$   
non-homogeneous.

# I. Free, Undamped motion

undamped      Free  
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In this case,  $c = 0$ ,  $F(t) = 0$ , so the

D.E. is

$$mx'' + kx = 0.$$

Let  $\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$ , the circular frequency.

Then the above D.E. becomes

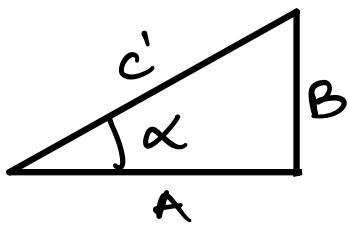
$$x'' + \omega_0^2 x = 0.$$

char. egn:  
 $r^2 + \omega_0^2 = 0$   
 $\therefore r = \pm i\omega_0$   
 $\therefore$  a lin. ind.  
 Solutions are  
 $\cos \omega_0 t, \sin \omega_0 t$

A general solution to this homogeneous  
 2nd order lin. egn. is

$$x(t) = A \cos \omega_0 t + B \sin \omega_0 t. \quad -(I)$$

let us analyze the motion described  
 by this solution:



Let  $c' = \sqrt{A^2 + B^2}$ ,  $\cos \alpha = \frac{A}{c'}$  and  $\sin \alpha = \frac{B}{c'}$ .

Multiply & divide the RHS of (I) by  $c'$ :

$$x(t) = c' \left( \frac{A}{c'} \cos(\omega_0 t) + \frac{B}{c'} \sin(\omega_0 t) \right).$$

Using the trig formula:  $\cos(\theta_1 \pm \theta_2)$   
 $= \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 \mp \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2$

we obtain:

$$x(t) = c' \cos(\omega_0 t - \alpha).$$

Here,  $c'$  : amplitude

$\omega_0$  : circular frequency

$\alpha$  : phase angle .

∴ The mass oscillates to and fro about its equilibrium position. Such motion is called "simple harmonic motion".

Some terminology:  
 $\tau$  : period (of oscillation =  $\frac{2\pi}{\omega_0}$ )

↗ time taken to complete one full  
oscillation.

$$\nu = \frac{1}{T} \text{ is the frequency} \rightarrow \text{no. of complete cycles per second.}$$

If we know the initial position  $x(t)$  and initial velocity  $x'(t)$  of the mass, then we can calculate the constants A and B of eqn (I), then find the phase angle  $\alpha$ .

Note : Although  $\tan \alpha = \frac{B}{A}$ , the angle  $\alpha$  in our derivation is between 0 and  $2\pi$ , but our calculators take the principle branch of tan to be between  $-\pi/2$  and  $\pi/2$ . So in effect:

$$\alpha = \begin{cases} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{B}{A}\right) & \text{if } A > 0, B > 0 \text{ (1st quad)} \\ \pi + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{B}{A}\right) & \text{if } A < 0 \text{ (2nd or 3rd quad)} \\ 2\pi + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{B}{A}\right) & \text{if } A > 0, B < 0 \text{ (4th quad)} \end{cases}$$

where  $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{B}{A}\right)$  is the angle between  $-\frac{\pi}{2}$  and  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  given by a calculator/computer.

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### Free, damped motion

In this case  $c > 0$ , and we get

$$mx'' + cx' + kx = 0.$$

Again, let  $\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$ . Set  $p = \frac{c}{2m}$  so the

above D.E. becomes

$$x'' + 2px' + \omega_0^2 x = 0.$$

The roots of the associated char. eqn are

$$q_{1,2} = -p \pm \sqrt{p^2 - \omega_0^2}.$$

Now, depending on whether  $p^2 - \omega_0^2$  is  $<, = \text{ or } > 0$ ,  
we have 3 cases:

Case 1:  $p^2 > \omega_0^2$   $\Rightarrow \frac{c^2}{4m^2} > \frac{k}{m}$ , i.e.,  $c^2 > 4km$ .

In this situation, we say the motion is "overdamped".

The roots are real and distinct, so the position function is

$$x(t) = C_1 e^{r_1 t} + C_2 e^{r_2 t}.$$

Note that as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $x(t) \rightarrow 0$ :

$$e^{rt} = \frac{t(-p \pm \sqrt{p^2 - \omega_0^2})}{e} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty.$$

(since  $\sqrt{p^2 - \omega_0^2} < p$ , and  $p > 0$ ,  $r_1, r_2$  are both  $< 0$ )

∴ The mass settles to its equilibrium position without any oscillations

Case 2:  $p^2 = \omega_0^2$ , or  $C^2 = 4 km$ : This is called the "critically damped" case.

The char. eqn. has repeated, real roots. So

$$x(t) = e^{-pt} (C_1 + C_2 t).$$

Again, as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $x(t) \rightarrow 0$ .

Case 3 :  $p^2 < \omega_0^2$ , or  $c^2 < 4km$ : This is called the "underdamped" case.

The char. roots have two complex conjugate roots :  $-p \pm i\sqrt{\omega_0^2 - p^2}$ , and the general solution

$$\text{is } x(t) = e^{-pt} (A \cos \omega_1 t + B \sin \omega_1 t)$$

$$\text{where } \omega_1 = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - p^2} = \frac{\sqrt{4km - c^2}}{2m}.$$

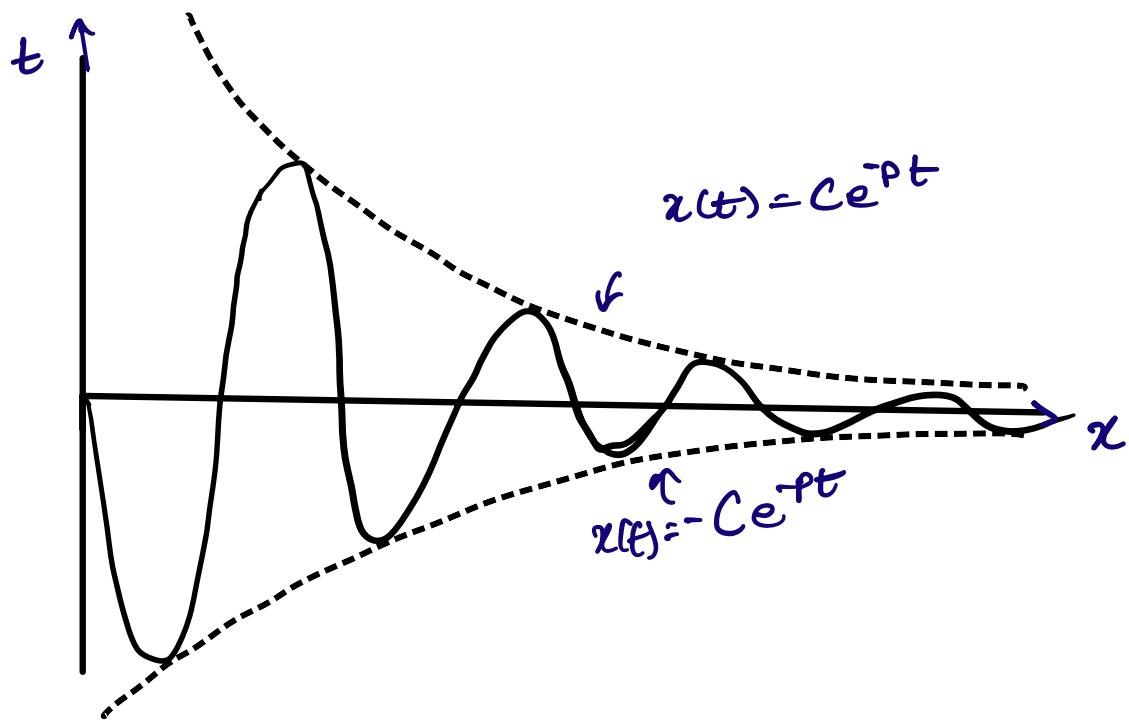
As before, letting  $C = \sqrt{A^2 + B^2}$ ,  $\cos \alpha = \frac{A}{C}$ ,  $\sin \alpha = \frac{B}{C}$  and using the addition formula of cosines,

$$x(t) = C e^{-pt} \cos(\omega_1 t - \alpha)$$

The graph of this motion is given below.

The motion is not actually periodic,

so



$\omega_i$  : "pseudofrequency"

$T_i = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_i}$  : Pseudoperiod.

$C e^{-pt}$  : time-varying amplitude.

$\omega_i < \omega_0$ , so  $T_i > T$ . i.e., There is a time lag

∴ The oscillations are damped exponentially, in accordance with the time-varying amplitude.

## Forced, undamped motion :

An external force  $F_E = f(t)$  is usually incorporated into the system via rotations in most mechanical systems, so it is given as  $F_0 \cos(\omega t)$  or  $F_0 \sin(\omega t)$ .

We assume  $\omega \neq \omega_0$ .

∴ we solve the DE:  $mx'' + kx = F_0 \cos \omega t$

$$x_C = c_1 \cos \omega_0 t + c_2 \sin \omega_0 t$$

Trial  $x_p$  :  $A \cos \omega t + B \sin \omega t$ .

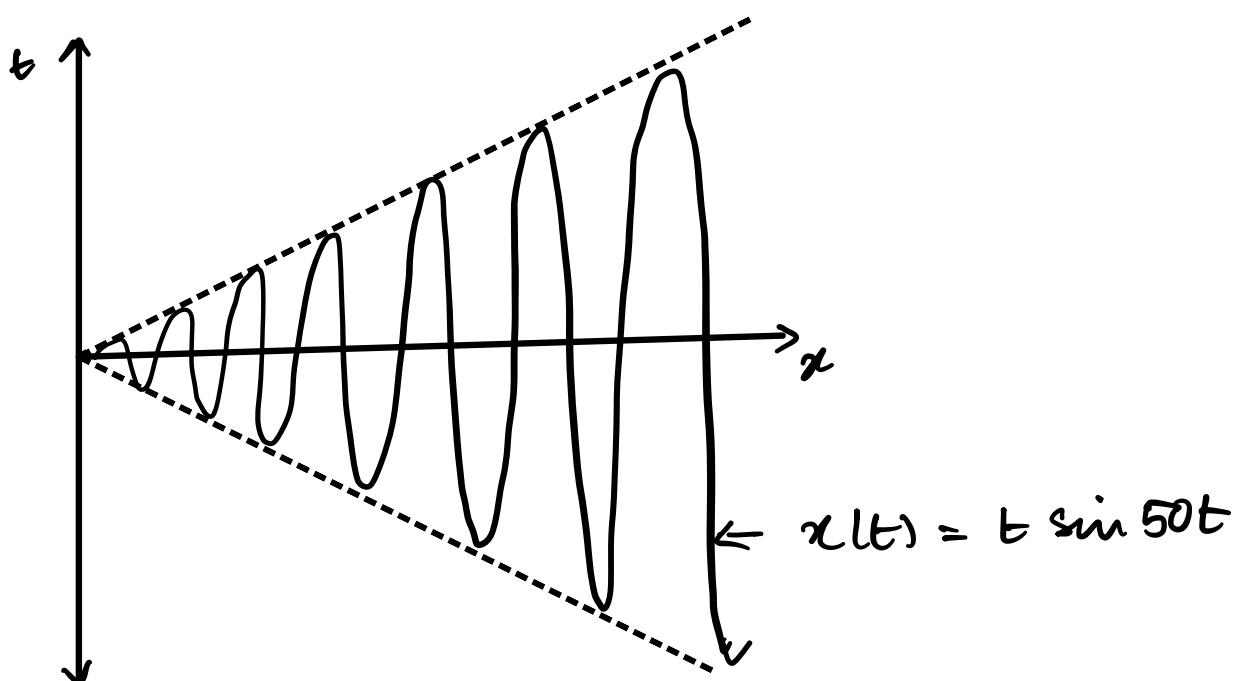
If  $\omega \neq \omega_0$ , there is no duplication and we solve to get  $A = \frac{F_0}{k - m\omega^2}$ ,  $B = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore x(t) &= c_1 \cos \omega_0 t + c_2 \sin \omega_0 t + \underbrace{\frac{F_0}{k - m\omega^2} \cos \omega t}_{= \frac{F_0/m}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2}} \\ &= \frac{F_0/m}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2}.\end{aligned}$$

If  $\omega_0$  and  $\omega$  are very close, then  $x_p(t)$  becomes very large, this is called "resonance": when freq. of the system and freq. of the external force become very close to each other, causing amplitude to be very large.

If  $\omega_0 = \omega$ , then method of undetermined coefficients leads to  $x_p(t) = \frac{F_0}{2m\omega_0} t \sin \omega t$ .

we then get a situation of "pure resonance" and the graph of  $x_p(t)$  looks like :



## Damped, forced oscillations

In this case the D.E. is

$$m\ddot{x}'' + c\dot{x}' + kx = F_0 \cos \omega t$$

Here,  $x_c(t)$  depends on the nature of damping.

In all the 3 cases,  $x_c(t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

Thus, the motion is dominated by oscillations coming from the external force.

Due to this, in the case of forced oscillations the  $x_c(t)$  term is often referred to as "transient motion".

$$\text{Let } x_p(t) = A \cos \omega t + B \sin \omega t.$$

We find the values of A and B to be:

$$A = \frac{(k - m\omega^2)F_0}{(k - m\omega^2)^2 + (c\omega)^2}, \quad B = \frac{c\omega F_0}{(k - m\omega^2)^2 + (c\omega)^2}.$$

Observe that there is no danger of unbounded amplitude here, since the denominators are always positive and never going to 0.

$x_p(t)$  is referred to as 'steady periodic motion'

## Problems

1. A mass of 3 kg is attached to the end of a spring that is stretched 20 cm by a force of 15 N.

It is set in motion with initial position  $x_0 = 0$  and initial velocity  $v_0 = -10 \text{ m/s}$

Find  $x(t)$ , amplitude, period and frequency of the resulting motion

Soln. Since the spring is stretched by 20 cm when acted on by a force of 15 N, so the spring exerts an equal but opposite restorative force  $F_s$  of  $-15 \text{ N}$ :

$$F_s = -kx \Rightarrow -15 = -k(0.2)$$

$$\therefore k = \frac{15}{0.2} = 75 \text{ N/m}$$

There is no external force or damping, so the motion is free, undamped. Therefore the equation of the system is

$$m\ddot{x}'' + kx = 0 .$$

$$\text{i.e., } 3\ddot{x}'' + 75x = 0 .$$

Solve to get  $x(t) = -2 \sin 5t$  .

$$\text{Amplitude} = \sqrt{(-2)^2 + 0^2} = 2\text{m}$$

$$\text{Period} = T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_0}, \quad \omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = 5$$

$$\therefore T = \frac{2\pi}{5} \text{ seconds} . \quad \text{Frequency} = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{5}{2\pi} \text{ sec}^{-1}.$$

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2. A mass of 3kg is attached to the end of a spring that has a spring constant  $k = 63\text{N/m}$ . There is a dashpot attached to the mass that provides a force of 30N per m/s of velocity. The mass is set in motion at  $x_0 = 2$  with initial velocity of 2m/s. Determine the position function and nature of damping.

Soln. Given:  $m = 3\text{kg}$ ,  $k = 63\text{N/m}$ ,  $c = 30\text{N/m/s}$

$$x(0) = 2, \quad x'(0) = 2.$$

The motion is free and damped, so the equation governing the motion is:

$$mx'' + cx' + kx = 0.$$

$$\text{i.e., } 3x'' + 30x' + 63x = 0 \\ \downarrow$$

$$x'' + 10x' + 21x = 0$$

$$\text{Solve to get } x(t) = C_1 e^{-3t} + C_2 e^{-7t}.$$

$$\text{Then, } x'(t) = -3C_1 e^{-3t} - 7C_2 e^{-7t}$$

Use the initial conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} x(0) = 2 &\Rightarrow C_1 + C_2 = 2 \\ x'(0) = 2 &\Rightarrow -3C_1 - 7C_2 = 2 \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \text{Solve to get} \quad \begin{array}{l} C_1 = 4 \\ C_2 = -2 \end{array}$$

The position function is

$$\therefore x(t) = 4e^{-3t} - 2e^{-7t}.$$

The D.E. has real, distinct roots so the motion is overdamped.

3. A 19.6 N weight is attached to a vertically suspended spring that stretches 49 cm.

The weight is pulled down 1 m below its static equilibrium position and released from rest at time  $t = 0$ . Find the position function, amplitude and period.

$$\underline{\text{solution}} : \quad W = 19.6 \text{ N} \quad \left. \begin{matrix} \\ mg = m \times 9.8 \end{matrix} \right\} \Rightarrow m = 2 \text{ kg}$$

$$s_0 = 49 \text{ cm} = 0.49 \text{ m}.$$

$$mg = ks_0 \Rightarrow k = \frac{mg}{s_0} = \frac{19.6}{0.49} = 40 \text{ N/m}.$$

Initial conditions :  $y(0) = 1$ ,  $y'(0) = 0$ .

$\downarrow$

"released from rest"

The motion is free, undamped. So the D.E is

$$my'' + ky = 0$$

$$\text{i.e., } 2y'' + 40y = 0$$

Solve to get  $y(t) = A \cos \sqrt{20}t + B \sin \sqrt{20}t$

$$y'(t) = -\sqrt{20}A \sin \sqrt{20}t$$

$$+ \sqrt{20}B \cos \sqrt{20}t$$

$$y(0) = 1 \Rightarrow A = 1$$

$$y'(0) = 0 \Rightarrow \sqrt{20}B = 0 \Rightarrow B = 0.$$

$\therefore y(t) = \cos(\sqrt{20}t)$  is the position function.

- amplitude =  $\sqrt{A^2+B^2} = 1$

- period =  $\frac{2\pi}{\omega_0} = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{k/m}} = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{20}}$  sec.

4. Consider a mass-spring system with  $m = 1 \text{ kg}$ ,  $k = 4 \text{ N/m}$  and an external force  $F_E = 5 \sin 3t$ . Find  $x(t)$  given  $x(0) = 0$ ,  $x'(0) = 1$ .

Soln. No damping, so the eqn is

$$mx'' + kx = F_E$$

$$\text{i.e., } x'' + 4x = 5 \sin 3t.$$

Solve to get

$$x_c(t) = C_1 \cos 2t + C_2 \sin 2t$$

$f(t) = 5 \sin 3t$ , so no duplication.

Trial  $x_p(t) = A \cos 3t + B \sin 3t$ .

Solve to find A, B. Get  $A = 0$ ,  $B = -1$ .

$$\therefore x_p(t) = -\sin 3t.$$

$$\therefore x(t) = C_1 \cos 2t + C_2 \sin 2t - \sin 3t$$

Use initial conditions  $x'(0) = 1$ ,  $x(0) = 0$

to get  $C_1 = 0$ ,  $C_2 = 2$ .

Finally,  $x(t) = 2 \sin 2t - \sin 3t$ .

5. Find the position function  $x(t)$  if  
 $m = 1 \text{ kg}$ ,  $k = 4 \text{ N/m}$ ,  $c = 4 \text{ N/m/s}$  and an  
external force of  $10 \cos 2t$  is applied.

Soln. The D.E. is

$$ma'' + cx' + kx = F_E,$$

$$\text{i.e., } x'' + 4x' + 4x = 10 \cos 2t$$

$$\text{Obtain } x_c \text{ as } (c_1 + c_2 t) e^{-2t}$$

$$f(t) = 10 \cos 2t. \quad \therefore \text{Trial } x_p = A \cos 2t + B \sin 2t.$$

No duplication, so Rule 1 applies.

$$\text{Solve to get } B = \frac{5}{4}, \quad A = 0.$$

$$\therefore x_p(t) = \frac{5}{4} \sin 2t$$

$$\text{and } x(t) = x_c(t) + x_p(t)$$

$$= (c_1 + c_2 t) e^{-2t} + \frac{5}{4} \sin 2t.$$