

# Computational Physics 113 Homework 1

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## 1 Written Assignments

1.

(a)  $m\ddot{x} + kx = 0$

Solution:

The characteristic equation for this ODE is:

$$mr^2 + k = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad r = \pm i\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

the general solution is:

$$x(t) = A \cos\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}t\right) + B \sin\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}t\right)$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are constants determined by initial conditions.

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(b)  $m\ddot{x} + \lambda\dot{x} + kx = 0$

Solution:

The characteristic equation for this ODE is:

$$mr^2 + \lambda r + k = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad r = \frac{-\lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4mk}}{2m}$$

1. Overdamped case ( $\lambda^2 > 4mk$ ): The general solution is:

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

where  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  are the two distinct real roots of characteristic equation.

2. Critically damped case ( $\lambda^2 = 4mk$ ): The general solution is:

$$x(t) = (C_1 + C_2 t) e^{rt}$$

where  $r = \frac{-\lambda}{2m}$ .

3. Underdamped case ( $\lambda^2 < 4mk$ ): The general solution is:

$$x(t) = e^{-\frac{\lambda}{2m}t} (C_1 \cos(\omega t) + C_2 \sin(\omega t))$$

where  $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{4mk - \lambda^2}{2m}}$ .

— (c)  $m\ddot{x} + \lambda\dot{x} + kx = F_0 \cos(\omega_f t)$

Solution:

The general solution consists of two parts:

1. Homogeneous solution: This is the same as the solution from part (b)
2. Particular solution: To find the particular solution, assume a solution of the form:

$$x_p(t) = C \cos(\omega_f t - \delta)$$

Substituting this into the ODE and solving for  $C$  and  $\delta$  (the phase shift) gives:

$$C = \frac{F_0}{\sqrt{(k - m\omega_f^2)^2 + (\lambda\omega_f)^2}}$$

$$\tan(\delta) = \frac{\lambda\omega_f}{k - m\omega_f^2}$$

Thus, the general solution is:

$$x(t) = e^{-\frac{\lambda}{2m}t} (C_1 \cos(\omega t) + C_2 \sin(\omega t)) + \frac{F_0}{\sqrt{(k - m\omega_f^2)^2 + (\lambda\omega_f)^2}} \cos(\omega_f t - \delta)$$

## 2 Programming Assignments

### 5(a)

Using Kirchhoff's Voltage Law, the total voltage around the circuit must equal the external emf. Thus, we have:

$$\mathcal{E}(t) = V_R + V_L + V_C = iR + L \frac{di}{dt} + \frac{q}{C}$$

Since  $i = \frac{dq}{dt}$ , we can rewrite the equation as a second-order differential equation for the charge  $q$ :

$$\mathcal{E}_0 \cos(\omega t) = R \frac{dq}{dt} + L \frac{d^2q}{dt^2} + \frac{q}{C}$$

This is the governing differential equation for the RLC circuit, analogous to the mass-spring system.

**The answers to the other questions are written in the Jupyter Notebook.**

# project1\_demo3

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## 1 Demo 3: A general IVP solver

In this jupyter notebook, we will learn how to use the general IVP solver we wrote in `./project1/solver.py`. Let's start from reproducing the results in `demo1` and `demo2`.

Before we start using the IVP solver, let's import the related packages first.

```
[2]: import importlib
import solver
importlib.reload(solver)

import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import solver as mysolver          # your own solver
import solution.solver_sol as solver # compare your results with solution
from scipy.integrate import solve_ivp as solver_scipy

# Note that if the path of your jupyter notebook is different from the path of
# the solver.py file,
# you need to add the relative path of the solver.py file during the import,
# for example:

# import project1.solver as mysolver
# import project1.solution.solver_sol as solver

# Or, you can add the path of the solver.py file to the system path, for
# example:
# import sys
# sys.path.append('path_of_solver.py')
```

Now, let's start to reproduce `demo1` and `demo2`. Set  $t_0 = 0$  sec and  $t_{max} = 20$  sec \* time step  $dt = 0.01$  \* The spring constant  $K = 1$  \* The mass  $M = 1$  \* Initial condition:  $x=1$ ,  $v=0$ .

```
[3]: # define the y' function
def derive_func(t,y,K,M):
    f = np.zeros(len(y))
    f[0] = y[1]          # y'[0] = v
    f[1] = -K * y[0]/M    # y'[1] = a = F/M
    return f
```

```

# Prepare the input arguments
K = 1
M = 1
t0 = 0
tmax = 20
dt = 0.01
y = [1, 0] # [x0, v0]
t_eval = np.arange(t0, tmax, dt)
t_span = t_eval

# use the IVP solver
sol = mysolver.solve_ivp(derive_func,t_span,y, "RK2", t_eval, args = (K, M))

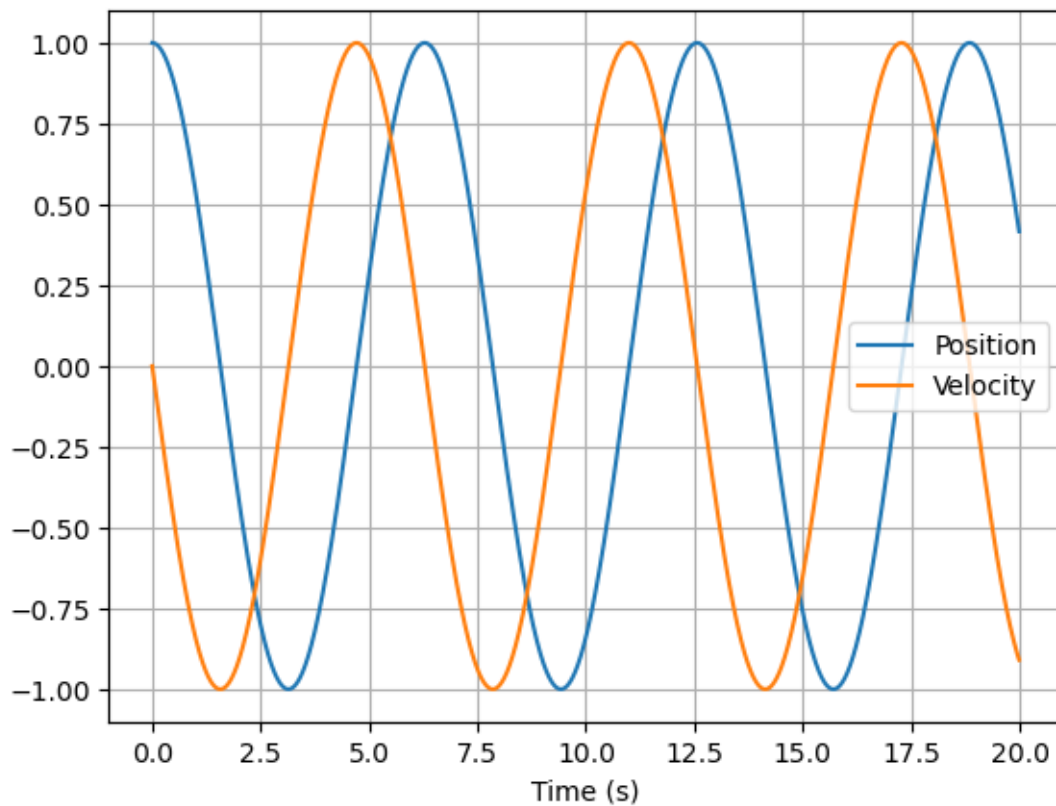
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[4]: # visualize the results
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plt.plot(t_eval, sol[0], label='Position')
plt.plot(t_eval, sol[1], label='Velocity')
plt.xlabel('Time (s)')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()

```



## 2 Damped Oscillation

When there is a damping force ( $F_{\text{damp}} = -\lambda\dot{x}$ ), the equation of motion becomes,

$$m\ddot{x} + \lambda\dot{x} + kx = 0$$

### 2.0.1 Exercise

- Use the IVP solver we developed. The only differences are the **func** and initial conditions.
- Modify the **y'** function (**func**) to simulate a damped oscillator (from  $t=0$  to 20). IC: at  $t=0$ ,  $K=M=1$ ,  $A=1$ ,  $\phi = 0$ ,  $\lambda = 0.2$ .
- Make plots of position( $t$ ), velocity( $t$ ), and total energy ( $t$ ). Compare your results with analytical solutions.

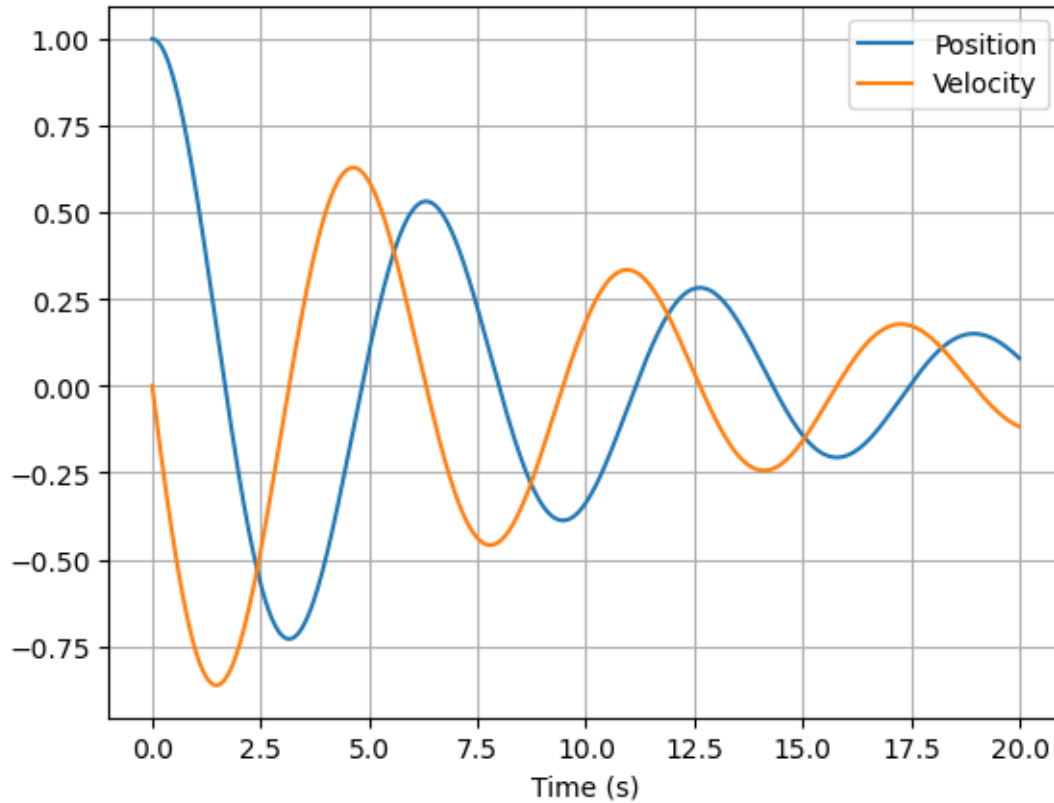
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[5]: # TODO

# Define the damped oscillator function
def damped_oscillator(t, y, K, M, damping):
    f = np.zeros(len(y))
    f[0] = y[1] # dx/dt = velocity
    f[1] = -K/M * y[0] - damping/M * y[1] # dv/dt = -K/M * x - damping/M * v
    return f

# Prepare the input arguments
K = 1
M = 1
damping = 0.2 # Damping coefficient
t0 = 0
tmax = 20
dt = 0.01
y = [1, 0] # [x0, v0] -0.5*L/M
t_eval = np.arange(t0, tmax, dt)
t_span = t_eval

# use the IVP solver
sol = mysolver.solve_ivp(damped_oscillator, t_span, y, "RK4", t_eval, args=(K, M, damping))

# visualize the results
plt.plot(t_eval, sol[0], label='Position')
plt.plot(t_eval, sol[1], label='Velocity')
plt.xlabel('Time (s)')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
```



## 2.0.2 Analytical Solutions

The analytical solution is

$$x(t) = Ae^{-\gamma t} [\cos(\omega t + \phi)],$$

where  $\omega = \sqrt{\gamma^2 - \omega_0^2}$  or  $\omega = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \gamma^2}$ .

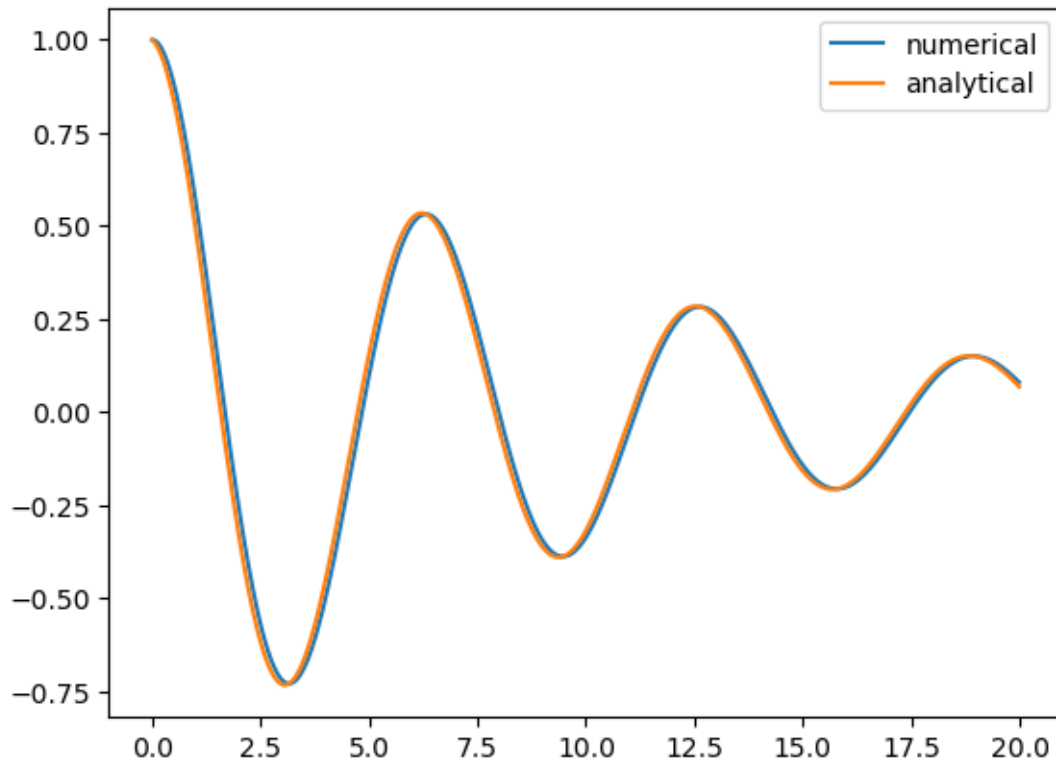
[6]: *# Compute the analytical solution*

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gamma = damping/(2*M)    # Damping coefficient (lambda/2M)
phi = 0                  # Phase
omega_0 = np.sqrt(K/M)    # Natural frequency
omega = np.sqrt(omega_0**2 - gamma**2) # Damped frequency

analytical_sol = np.exp(-gamma*t_eval) * (np.cos(omega*t_eval + phi))

plt.plot(t_eval, sol[0], label="numerical")
plt.plot(t_eval, analytical_sol, label="analytical")
plt.legend()
```

```
plt.show()
```



## 2.1 Part 2

Now, let's explore the evolution of the three general cases:

- Underdamping:  $\omega_0^2 > \gamma^2$
- Critical damping:  $\omega_0^2 = \gamma^2$
- Overdamping:  $\omega_0^2 < \gamma^2$

Vary  $\lambda$ , to the corresponding conditions: \*  $\lambda = 0.2$  ( $\omega_0^2 > \gamma^2$ ) \*  $\lambda = 2$  ( $\omega_0^2 = \gamma^2$ ) \*  $\lambda = 2.4$  ( $\omega_0^2 < \gamma^2$ )

```
[7]: # TODO

# Helper function to run simulation for different damping values
def run_simulation(gamma, label, linestyle='-'):
    # Solve the IVP problem for the damped oscillator
    sol = mysolver.solve_ivp(damped_oscillator, t_eval, y, "RK4", t_eval,
    ↪args=(K, M, gamma))
    # Plot the position vs time
    plt.plot(t_eval, sol[0], label=label, linestyle=linestyle)

# Underdamping case (lambda = 0.2, omega_0^2 > gamma^2)
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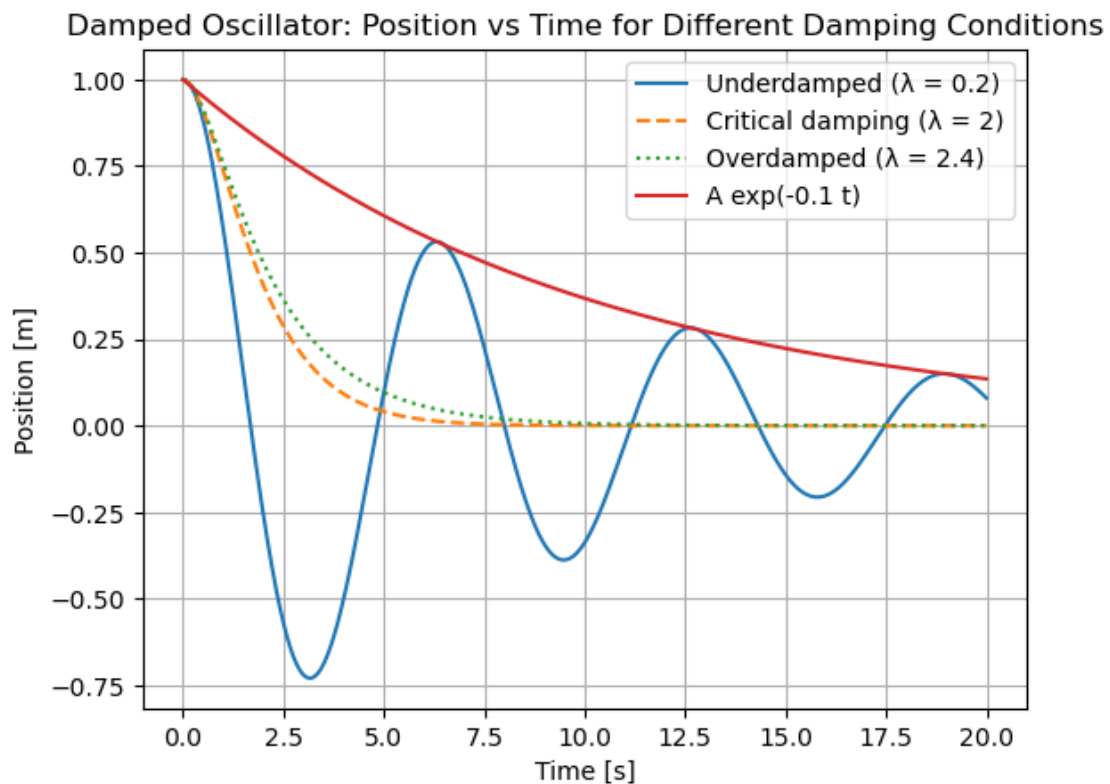
gamma_underdamped = 0.2
run_simulation(gamma_underdamped, 'Underdamped (  $\gamma = 0.2$  )')

# Critical damping case ( $\lambda = 2$ ,  $\omega_0^2 = \gamma^2$ )
gamma_critical = 2
run_simulation(gamma_critical, 'Critical damping (  $\gamma = 2$  )', linestyle='--')

# Overdamping case ( $\lambda = 2.4$ ,  $\omega_0^2 < \gamma^2$ )
gamma_overdamped = 2.4
run_simulation(gamma_overdamped, 'Overdamped (  $\gamma = 2.4$  )', linestyle=':')

# Plot settings
plt.plot(t_eval, np.exp(-0.1*t_eval), label="A exp(-0.1 t)")
plt.title('Damped Oscillator: Position vs Time for Different Damping_
↳Conditions')
plt.xlabel('Time [s]')
plt.ylabel('Position [m]')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()

```





### 3 Forced Oscillation

- Use the IVP solver we developed. The only differences are the `func` and initial conditions.
- Modify the `y'` function (`func`) to simulate a forced oscillator (from  $t=0$  to 100).
- Set the initial conditions:  $A=1$ ,  $K=M=1$ ,  $\lambda = 0.2$ ,  $F_0 = 0.1$  and  $\omega_f = 0.8$ .
- Make plots of position( $t$ ), velocity( $t$ ), and total energy( $t$ ).

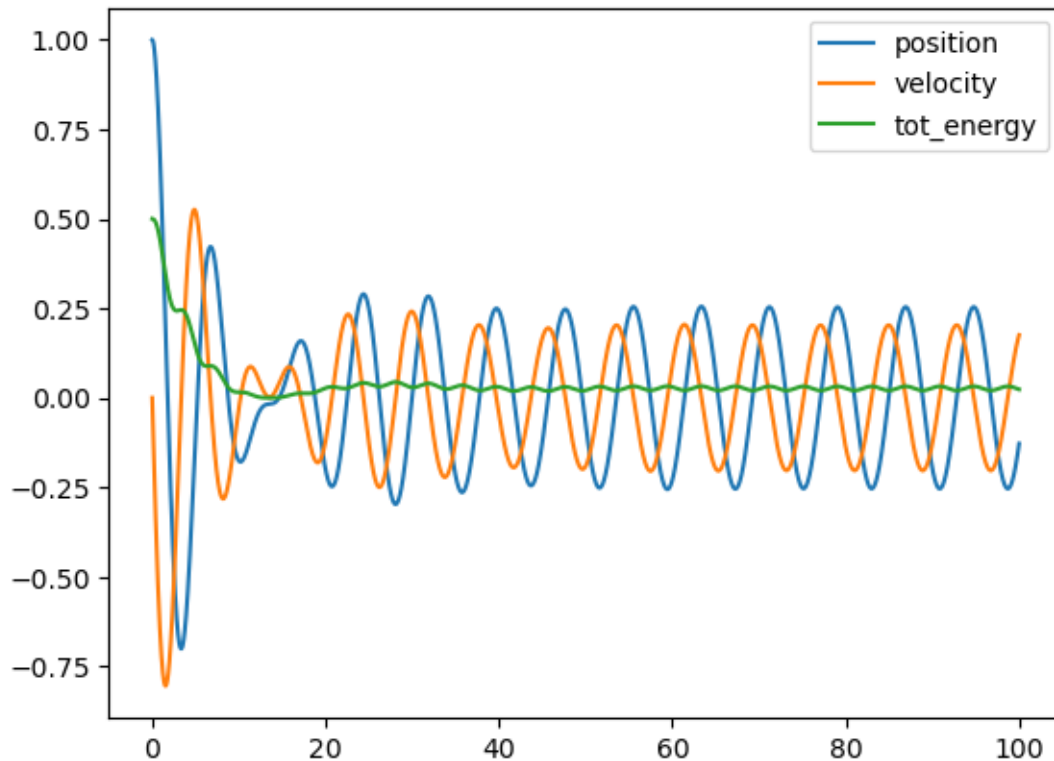
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[8]: # TODO

F0 = 0.1      # Amplitude of the external force
omega_f = 0.8 # Forcing frequency
# Modified function with forcing term
def func(t, y, K, M, damping, F0, omega_f):
    f = np.zeros(len(y))
    f[0] = y[1] # dx/dt = v
    f[1] = -K/M * y[0] - damping/M * y[1] + F0/M * np.cos(omega_f * t) # dv/dt
    ↪ = -K/M * x - damping term + forcing term
    return f

t_eval = np.arange(0, 100, 0.005)
damping = 0.2
sol = mysolver.solve_ivp(func, t_eval, y, "RK4", t_eval, args=(K, M, damping,
    ↪ F0, omega_f))

def total_energy(x, v, K, M):
    kinetic_energy = 0.5 * M * v**2
    potential_energy = 0.5 * K * x**2
    return kinetic_energy + potential_energy

energy = total_energy(sol[0], sol[1], K, M)
plt.plot(t_eval, sol[0], label="position")
plt.plot(t_eval, sol[1], label="velocity")
plt.plot(t_eval, energy, label="tot_energy")
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```



## 4 Resonance

- Resonance will happen when  $\omega_0 = \omega_f$  without damping.
- Modify your `demo3` but set  $\lambda = 0$  and  $\omega_f = 1$ .
- Re-run your simulation with  $\lambda = 0.1$  and  $0.01$ .

```
[9]: # TODO
# parameters
t_span = np.arange(0,100, 0.005)
t_eval = t_span
y = [1,0] # initial condition
K = 1
M = 1
dampomg = 0.0
F0 = 0.1
omega_f = 1.0
args = (K,M,damping,F0,omega_f)

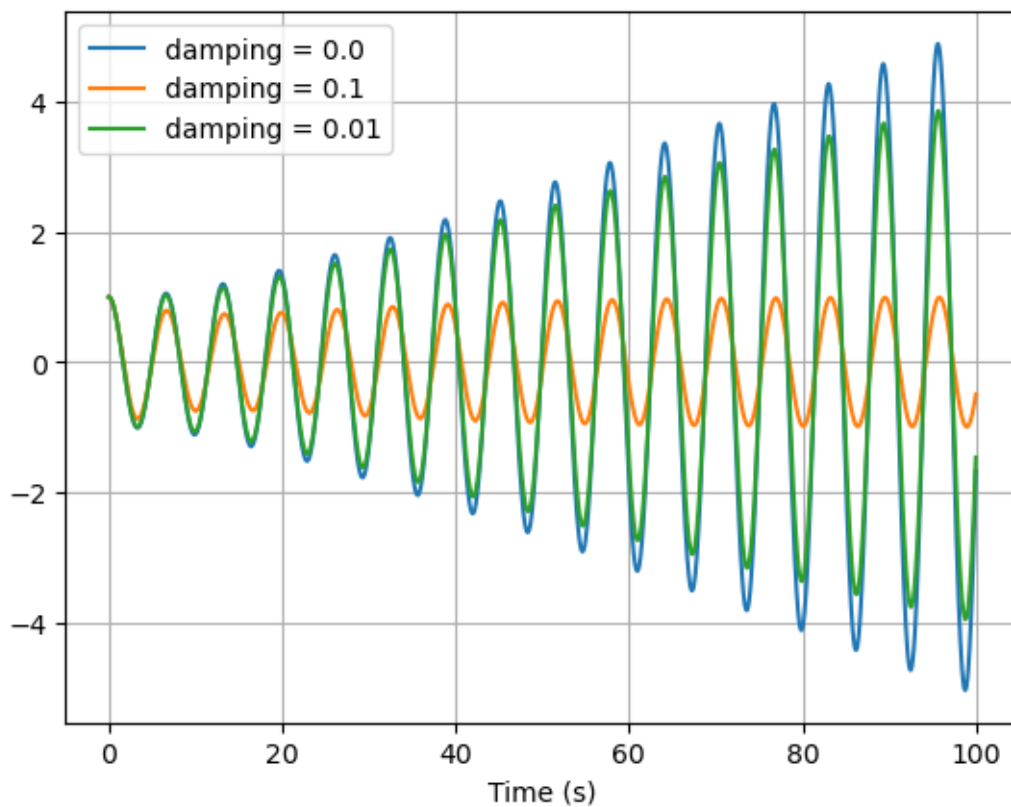
# use IVP solver to solve the problem
sol1 = mysolver.solve_ivp(func,t_span,y, "RK4", t_eval, args=(K,M,0.
↪0,F0,omega_f))
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sol2 = mysolver.solve_ivp(func,t_span,y, "RK4", t_eval, args=(K,M,0.
↪1,F0,omega_f))
sol3 = mysolver.solve_ivp(func,t_span,y, "RK4", t_eval, args=(K,M,0.
↪01,F0,omega_f))

# visualize the results
plt.plot(t_eval, sol1[0], label='damping = 0.0')
plt.plot(t_eval, sol2[0], label='damping = 0.1')
plt.plot(t_eval, sol3[0], label='damping = 0.01')
plt.xlabel('Time (s)')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()

```



## 5 Using scipy

Compare the results of our solver (mysolver) with the `solve_ivp` in `scipy`.

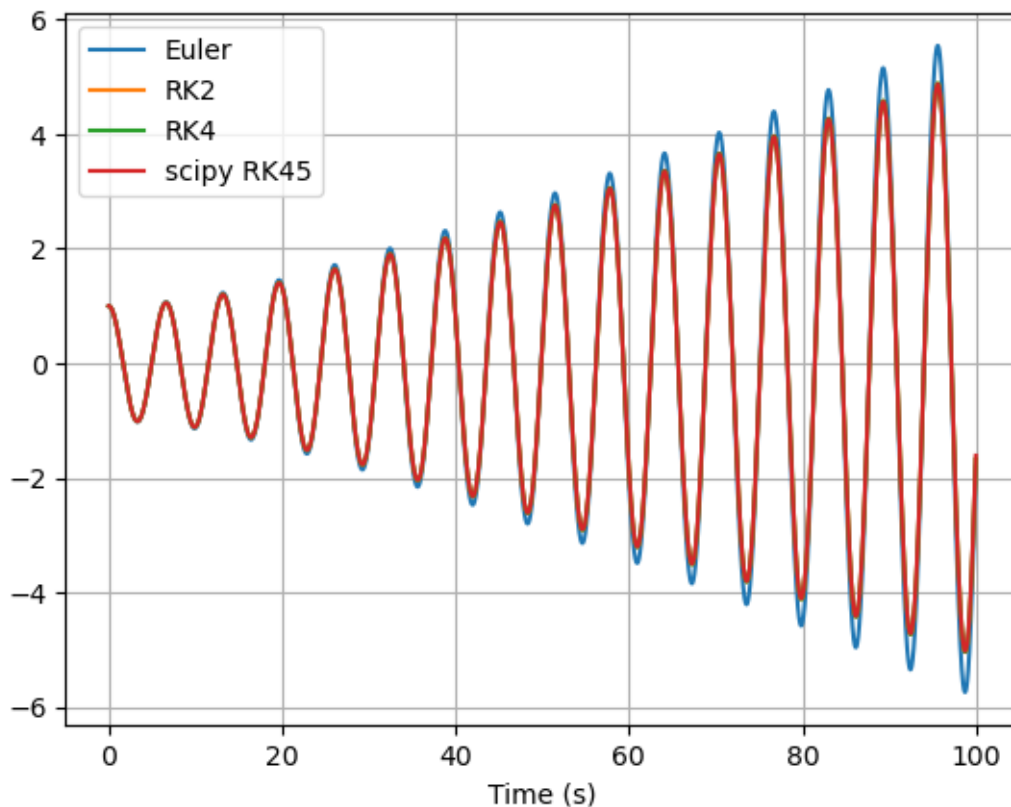
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[10]: # TODO
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sol_euler = mysolver.solve_ivp(func,t_span,y, "Euler", t_eval, args=(K,M,0.
    ↪0,F0,omega_f))
sol_rk2 = mysolver.solve_ivp(func,t_span,y, "RK2", t_eval, args=(K,M,0.
    ↪0,F0,omega_f))
sol_rk4 = mysolver.solve_ivp(func,t_span,y, "RK4", t_eval, args=(K,M,0.
    ↪0,F0,omega_f))
sol_scipy = solver_scipy(func, [0,100], y, args=(K,M,0.0,F0,omega_f),
    ↪t_eval=t_eval, method='RK45')

# visualize the results
plt.plot(t_eval, sol_euler[0], label="Euler")
plt.plot(t_eval, sol_rk2[0], label="RK2")
plt.plot(t_eval, sol_rk4[0], label="RK4")
plt.plot(sol_scipy.t, sol_scipy.y[0], label="scipy RK45")
plt.xlabel('Time (s)')
plt.grid(True)
plt.legend()
plt.show()

```



## 6 Performance

We could measure the performance of our solver and compare it with scipy.

```
[11]: #TODO

%timeit mysolver.solve_ivp(func,t_span,y, "RK4", t_eval, args=(K,M,0.
    ↪0,F0,omega_f))
%timeit mysolver.solve_ivp(func,t_span,y, "RK2", t_eval, args=(K,M,0.
    ↪0,F0,omega_f))
%timeit mysolver.solve_ivp(func,t_span,y, "Euler", t_eval, args=(K,M,0.
    ↪0,F0,omega_f))
%timeit solver_scipy(func, [0,100], y, args=(K,M,0.0,F0,omega_f),
    ↪t_eval=t_eval, method='RK45')
```

265 ms ± 12.3 ms per loop (mean ± std. dev. of 7 runs, 1 loop each)  
123 ms ± 3.05 ms per loop (mean ± std. dev. of 7 runs, 10 loops each)  
58.6 ms ± 521 s per loop (mean ± std. dev. of 7 runs, 10 loops each)  
6.5 ms ± 248 s per loop (mean ± std. dev. of 7 runs, 100 loops each)

Which one is faster?

## 7 Question2, 3

```
[12]: # Define the damped oscillator differential equation
def damped_oscillator(t, y, omega0, gamma):
    f = np.zeros(2)
    f[0] = y[1]
    f[1] = -2 * gamma * y[1] - omega0**2 * y[0]
    return f

# Function to calculate total energy and energy loss rate
def calculate_energy(x, v, M, K, gamma):
    E = 0.5 * M * v**2 + 0.5 * K * x**2
    dE_dt = -gamma * v**2
    return E, dE_dt

# Function to simulate and plot results
def simulate_and_plot(A, omega0, gamma, phi, label):
    # Initial conditions
    x0 = A * np.cos(phi)
    v0 = -A * omega0 * np.sin(phi)
    y0 = [x0, v0]

    # Time parameters
    t0, tmax, dt = 0, 20, 0.01
    t_eval = np.arange(t0, tmax, dt)
```

```

# Solve using the IVP solver
sol = mysolver.solve_ivp(damped_oscillator, t_eval, y0, "RK4", t_eval, u
args=(omega0, gamma))
x = sol[0, :] # []
v = sol[1, :]

# Calculate energy and energy loss rate
E, dE_dt = calculate_energy(x, v, M, K, gamma)

# Calculate u and w
omega1 = np.sqrt(np.abs(omega0**2 - gamma**2))
u = omega1 * x
w = gamma * v * x

# Plot x(t) and v(t)
plt.figure(figsize=(14, 5))
plt.subplot(2, 2, 1)
plt.plot(t_eval, x, label='x(t)')
plt.plot(t_eval, v, label='v(t)')
plt.title(f'{label} - Time Evolution')
plt.legend()
plt.grid()

# Plot phase diagram in polar coordinates
plt.subplot(2, 2, 2, polar=True)
r = np.sqrt(u**2 + w**2)
theta = np.arctan2(w, u)
plt.plot(theta, r)
plt.title(f'{label} - Phase Diagram')

# Plot total energy versus time
plt.figure(figsize=(14, 5))
plt.subplot(2, 2, 3)
plt.plot(t_eval, E, label='Total Energy')
plt.title('Total Energy vs Time')
plt.xlabel('Time (s)')
plt.ylabel('Energy (J)')
plt.legend()
plt.grid()

# Plot energy loss rate versus time
plt.subplot(2, 2, 4)
plt.plot(t_eval, dE_dt, label='Energy Loss Rate', color='red')
plt.title('Energy Loss Rate vs Time')
plt.xlabel('Time (s)')
plt.ylabel('Energy Loss Rate (J/s)')
plt.legend()

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plt.grid()
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plt.tight_layout()
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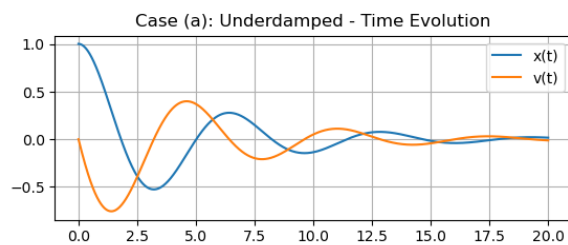
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plt.show()
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*# Simulate and plot for the three cases*

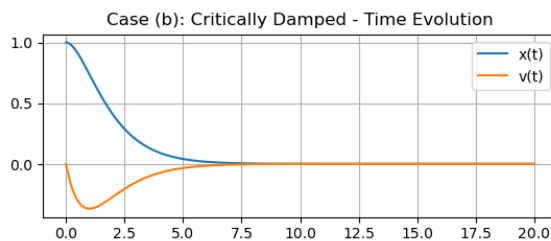
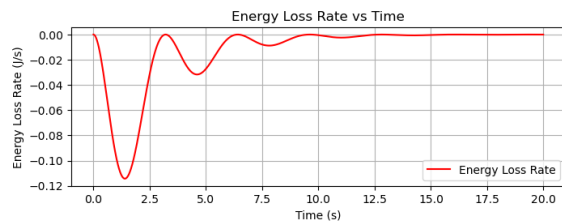
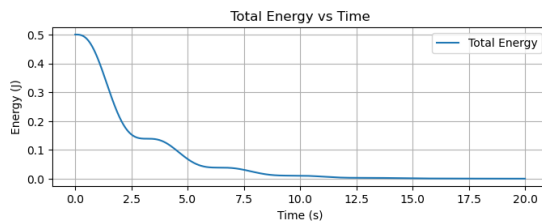
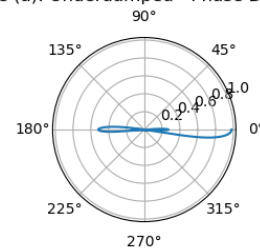
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simulate_and_plot(A=1, omega0=1, gamma=0.2, phi=0, label='Case (a): Underdamped')
    ↳ Underdamped')
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simulate_and_plot(A=1, omega0=1, gamma=1.0, phi=0, label='Case (b): Critically Damped')
    ↳ Critically Damped')
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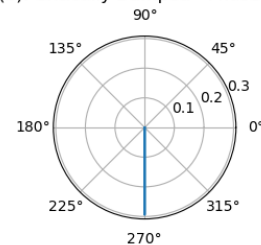
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simulate_and_plot(A=1, omega0=1, gamma=1.2, phi=0, label='Case (c): Overdamped')
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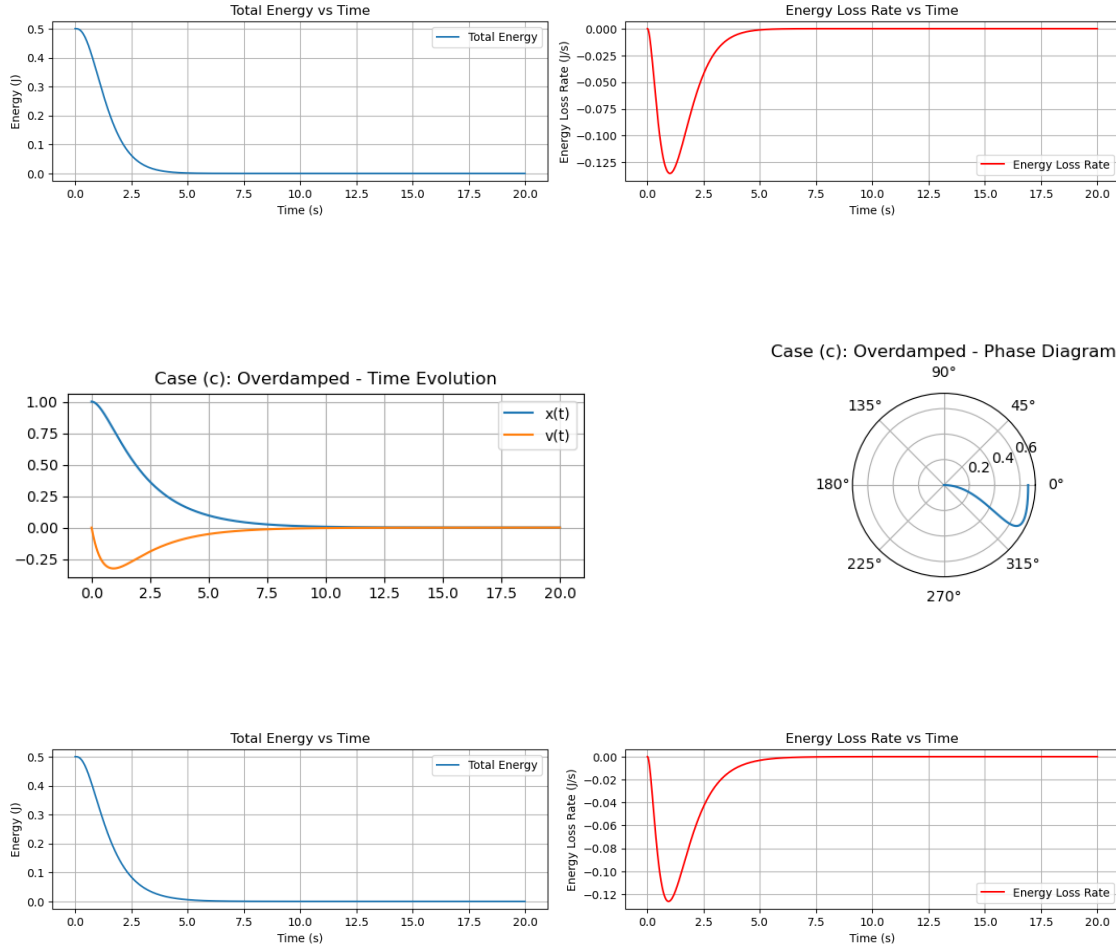


Case (a): Underdamped - Phase Diagram



Case (b): Critically Damped - Phase Diagram





## 8 Question 4.

### 8.1 Resonance:

We can observe a peak in the average amplitude at a specific frequency (around the natural frequency of the system) in this case for an undamped system. ## Analytical Comparison: The peak resonance frequency should match the theoretical value  $\sqrt{K/M}$  which is 1.0 in this case for an undamped system.

```
[13]: # Constants
M = 1.0
K = 1.0
F0 = 0.5
t_eval = np.arange(0, 50, 0.005)
gamma_values = [0.2, 1.0, 1.2]
omega_f_range = np.arange(0.5, 1.55, 0.05)
```



```

# Modified function with forcing term
def func(t, y, K, M, damping, F0, omega_f):
    f = np.zeros(len(y))
    f[0] = y[1] # dx/dt = v
    f[1] = -K/M * y[0] - damping/M * y[1] + F0/M * np.cos(omega_f * t) # a = -K/M * x - damping term + forcing term
    return f

# Total energy function
def total_energy(x, v, K, M):
    return 0.5 * M * v**2 + 0.5 * K * x**2

# Function to calculate average amplitude between t=40 and t=50
def average_amplitude(x, t):
    x_in_range = x[(t > 40) & (t < 50)]
    return np.mean(np.abs(x_in_range))

# Initialize an empty dictionary to store results for each gamma
results = {}

# Loop over each gamma value
for gamma in gamma_values:
    avg_amplitudes = []

    for omega_f in omega_f_range:
        y0 = [0,0] # Initial conditions: x=0, v=0

        # Solve the system with the current damping and driving frequency
        sol = mysolver.solve_ivp(func, t_eval, y0, "RK4", t_eval, args=(K, M, gamma, F0, omega_f))
        position = sol[0]

        # Calculate average amplitude between t=40 and t=50
        avg_amp = average_amplitude(position, t_eval)
        avg_amplitudes.append(avg_amp)

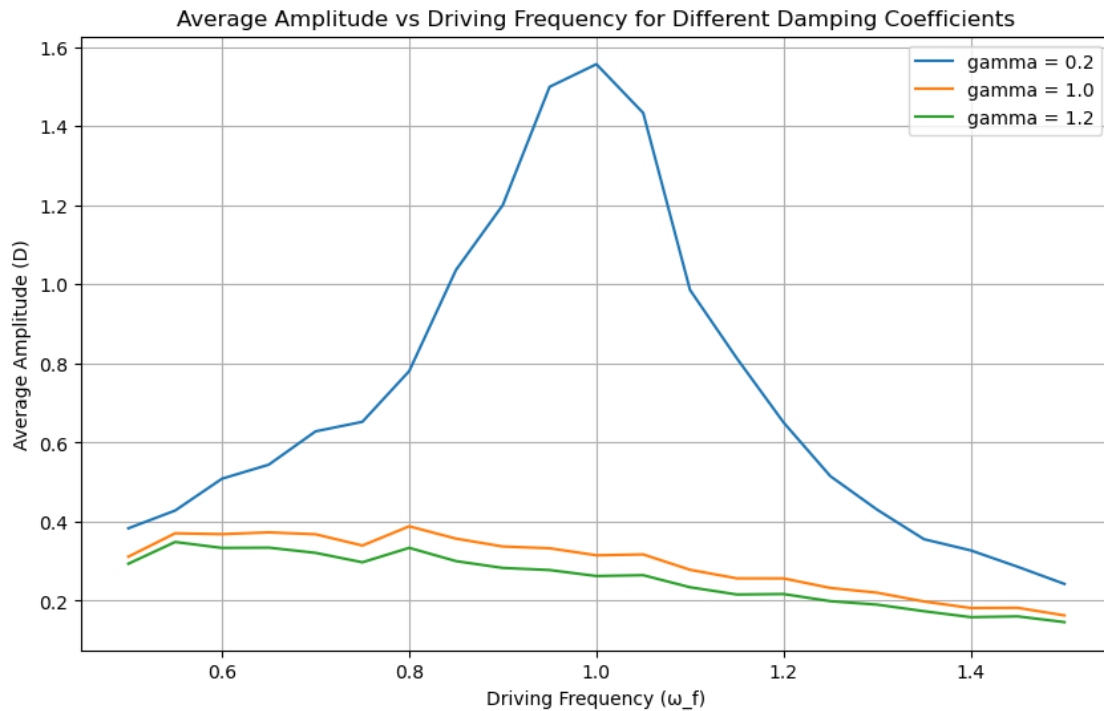
    # Store the average amplitude result for this gamma value
    results[gamma] = avg_amplitudes

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
# Plot the average amplitude vs omega_f for each damping value
for gamma, avg_amplitudes in results.items():
    plt.plot(omega_f_range, avg_amplitudes, label=f"gamma = {gamma}")

plt.xlabel("Driving Frequency ( _f)")
plt.ylabel("Average Amplitude (D)")

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plt.title("Average Amplitude vs Driving Frequency for Different Damping_↵
↵Coefficients")
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
```



## 9 Question 5

- (b) Use the same IVP solver we developed in the class to numerically solve the system with initial conditions:  $L, C, E_0 = 1$  and  $R = 0.8$ . Make plots of the current and the voltage across the inductor as functions of time.

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[14]: # Constants
R = 0.8
L = 1.0
C = 1.0
E0 = 1.0
omega = 0.7
t_eval = np.arange(0, 50, 0.01)

# describing the RLC circuit
def rlc_system(t, y, R, L, C, E0, omega):
    f = np.zeros(2)
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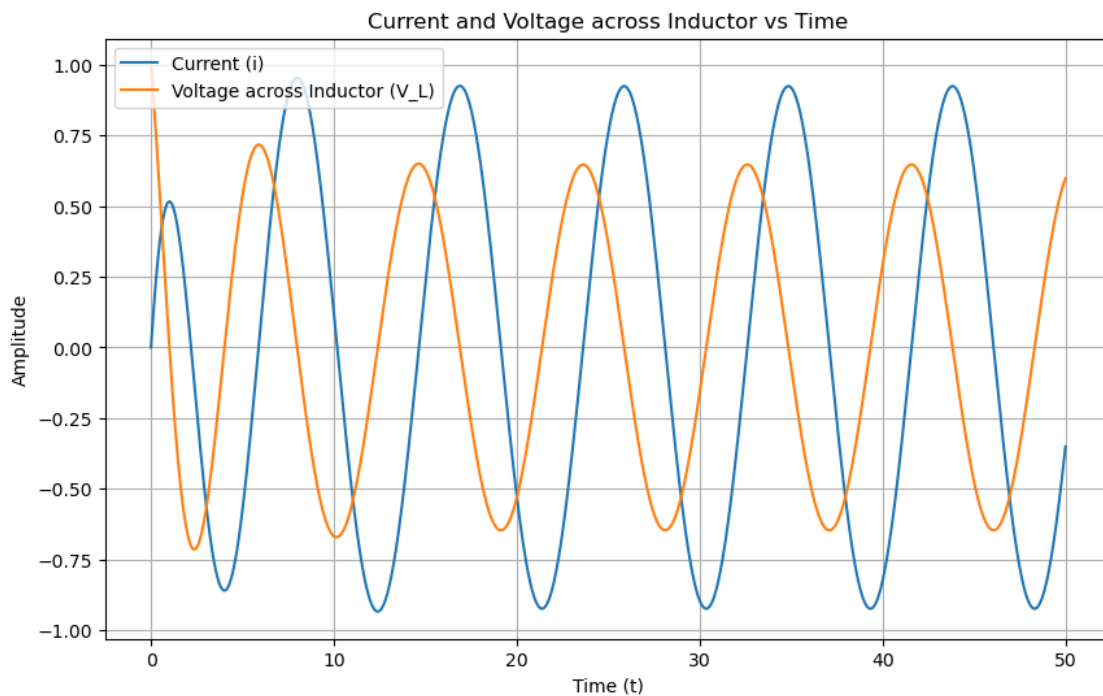
f[0] = y[1] #  $dq/dt = i$ 
f[1] = (E0 * np.cos(omega * t) - R * y[1] - y[0] / C) / L #  $di/dt$ 
return f

# initial conditions
y0 = [0, 0]

# using the IVP solver
sol = mysolver.solve_ivp(rlc_system, t_eval, y0, "RK4", t_eval, args=(R, L, C, E0, omega))
charge = sol[0]
current = sol[1]

# plot the results: current and inductor voltage
voltage_L = L * np.gradient(current, t_eval) #  $V_L = L * di/dt$ 
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.plot(t_eval, current, label="Current (i)")
plt.plot(t_eval, voltage_L, label="Voltage across Inductor (V_L)")
plt.xlabel("Time (t)")
plt.ylabel("Amplitude")
plt.title("Current and Voltage across Inductor vs Time")
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()

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- (c) Redo the problem by varying from 0.3 to 1.5 with an interval 0.1. Do you see any special ? What are the meaning of these frequencies?

### 9.0.1 Result Analysis

The maximum amplitude of the current varies with different driving frequencies  $\omega$ . If the amplitude reaches its peak at a particular frequency, that frequency is the resonance frequency of the system. In an RLC circuit, the theoretical resonance frequency  $\omega_r$  is given by:

$$\omega_r = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$$

At this frequency, the amplitude of the current reaches its maximum value, which is known as the resonance phenomenon.

Through this simulation, we can observe a significant increase in current amplitude as the driving frequency approaches the system's resonance frequency.

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[15]: # drive frequency range
omega_range = np.arange(0.3, 1.55, 0.1)
amplitudes = []

# loop over each drive frequency
for omega in omega_range:
    sol = mysolver.solve_ivp(rlc_system, t_eval, y0, "RK4", t_eval, args=(R, L, C, E0, omega))
    current = sol[1]

    # compute the max current amplitude in the steady-state part (t > 40)
    steady_state_mask = (t_eval > 40)
    max_amplitude = np.max(np.abs(current[steady_state_mask]))
    amplitudes.append(max_amplitude)

# plot current amplitude vs driving frequency
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.plot(omega_range, amplitudes, marker='o')
plt.xlabel("Driving Frequency ( )")
plt.ylabel("Max Current Amplitude")
plt.title("Resonance in RLC Circuit")
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
```

