Chapter 5: Modeling with Higher-Order Differential Equations

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Modeling with Second Order Linear Differential Equation

We focus on two linear dynamical systems modeled by the following:

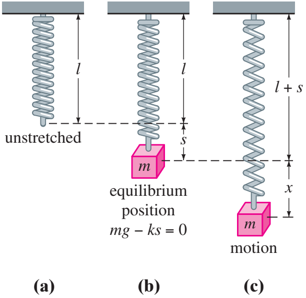
$$ay'' + by' + cy = g(t),\ y(0) = y_0,\ y'(0) = y_1,$$

where the initial conditions are at time $t = 0$.

The two systems are:

- Spring/Mass Systems
- LRC Series Circuits

Hooke's Law + Newton's Second Law



Assume that the equilibrium position is $x = 0$, and x 向下為正

Due to Hooke's Law, net force $= mg - k(s + x)$.

Note that at equilibrium 淨力為零 $\implies mg = ks$.

Hence, by Newton's Second Law,

$$mx'' = mg - k(s + x) = -kx$$
$$\implies mx'' + kx = 0$$
$$\implies x'' + \frac{k}{m}x = \boxed{x'' + \omega^2 x = 0}$$

where $\omega = \sqrt{k/m}$.

Free Undamped Motion

Solution to $x'' + \omega^2 x = 0$:

$$\boxed{x(t) = c_1 \cos \omega t + c_2 \sin \omega t}.$$

Free: No external force $\iff$ Homogeneous Equation

Undamped: Motion is periodic (period $= \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$), no loss in energy.

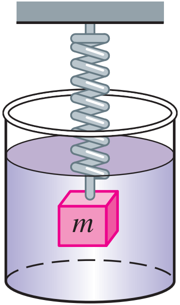
Alternative Representation of $x(t)$:

$$\boxed{x(t) = A \sin(\omega t + \phi)}$$

where

- $A := \sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2}$ denotes the **amplitude** of the motion
- $\phi := \tan^{-1} \frac{c_1}{c_2}$ denotes the **initial phase angle**

Free Damped Motion



Assume that the mass is in a surrounding medium with a resisting force proportional to the velocity.

Net force $= mg - k(s+x) - \beta x'$.

Hence, by Newton's Second Law,

$$mx'' = mg - k(s+x) - \beta x' = -kx - \beta x'$$
$$\Longrightarrow \; x'' + \frac{\beta}{m}x' + \frac{k}{m}x = \boxed{x'' + 2\lambda x' + \omega^2 x = 0}$$

where $\omega = \sqrt{k/m}$ and $\lambda = \beta/2m$.

Solutions of Free Damped Motion

$D^2 + 2\lambda D + \omega^2$ has two roots $-\lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - \omega^2}$.

Solution to $x'' + 2\lambda x' + \omega^2 x = 0$:

- **Overdamped** $\lambda^2 > \omega^2$:

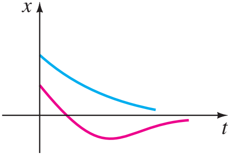
$$\boxed{x(t) = e^{-\lambda t}\left(c_1 e^{\sqrt{\lambda^2-\omega^2}\,t} + c_2 e^{-\sqrt{\lambda^2-\omega^2}\,t}\right)}$$

- **Critically damped** $\lambda^2 = \omega^2$:

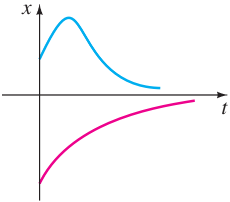
$$\boxed{x(t) = e^{-\lambda t}(c_1 + c_2 t)}$$

- **Underdamped** $\lambda^2 < \omega^2$:

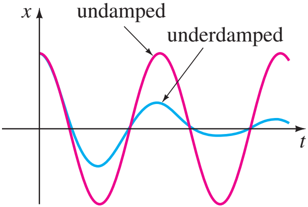
$$\boxed{x(t) = e^{-\lambda t}\left(c_1 \cos\sqrt{\omega^2 - \lambda^2}\,t + c_2 \sin\sqrt{\omega^2 - \lambda^2}\,t\right)}$$



(a) Overdamped

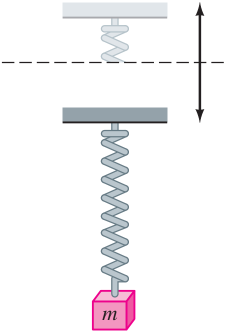


(b) Critically damped



(c) Underdamped

Driven Motion



Assume that the certain external force $f(t)$ is applied to the system. For example, the support is vertically oscillating.

Net force $= mg - k(s+x) - \beta x + f(t)$.

Hence, by Newton's Second Law,

$$mx'' = mg - k(s+x) - \beta x' + f(t) = -kx - \beta x' + f(t)$$

$$\Longrightarrow \quad x'' + \frac{\beta}{m}x' + \frac{k}{m}x = \boxed{x'' + 2\lambda x' + \omega^2 x = F(t)}$$

where $\omega = \sqrt{k/m}$, $\lambda = \beta/2m$, and $F(t) = f(t)/m$.

When $F(t)$ is Periodic

Solve

$$x'' + 2\lambda x' + \omega^2 x = F_0 \sin \gamma t.$$

1. Find the complementary solution:

$$x_c(t) = \begin{cases} e^{-\lambda t}\left(c_1 e^{\sqrt{\lambda^2-\omega^2}\,t} + c_2 e^{-\sqrt{\lambda^2-\omega^2}\,t}\right), & \lambda^2 > \omega^2 \\ e^{-\lambda t}\left(c_1 + c_2 t\right), & \lambda^2 = \omega^2 \\ e^{-\lambda t}\left(c_1 \cos\sqrt{\omega^2-\lambda^2}\,t + c_2 \sin\sqrt{\omega^2-\lambda^2}\,t\right), & \lambda^2 < \omega^2 \end{cases}$$

2. Find a particular solution:

$$x_p(t) = \begin{cases} A\sin\gamma t + B\cos\gamma t, & \lambda \neq 0 \\ A\sin\gamma t + B\cos\gamma t, & \lambda = 0,\ \omega^2 \neq \gamma^2 \\ At\sin\gamma t + Bt\cos\gamma t, & \lambda = 0,\ \omega^2 = \gamma^2 \end{cases}$$

Driven Damped Motion: Steady-State vs. Transient

When $\lambda \neq 0$, it is a **damped** system, and the general solution is $x(t) = x_c(t) + A\sin\gamma t + B\cos\gamma t$, where

$$x_c(t) = e^{-\lambda t}\begin{cases} \left(c_1 e^{\sqrt{\lambda^2-\omega^2}\,t} + c_2 e^{-\sqrt{\lambda^2-\omega^2}\,t}\right), & \lambda^2 > \omega^2 \\ (c_1 + c_2 t), & \lambda^2 = \omega^2 \\ \left(c_1 \cos\sqrt{\omega^2-\lambda^2}\,t + c_2 \sin\sqrt{\omega^2-\lambda^2}\,t\right), & \lambda^2 < \omega^2 \end{cases}$$

Note that if $\lambda > 0$, $x_c(t) \to 0$ as $t \to \infty$.

$\therefore x(t) \to A\sin\gamma t + B\cos\gamma t$ as $t \to \infty$. Decompose $x(t)$ into two parts:

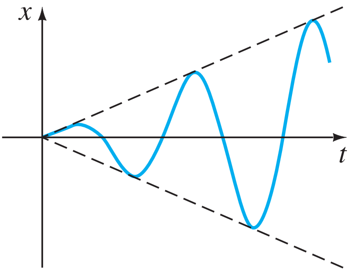
$$x(t) = \underbrace{x_c(t)}_{\textbf{transient}} + \underbrace{A\sin\gamma t + B\cos\gamma t}_{\textbf{steady-state}}$$

Pure Resonance

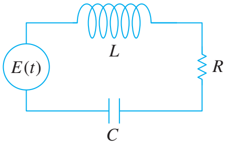
When $\lambda = 0$ and $\omega^2 = \gamma^2$, it is a **undamped** system, and the general solution is

$$x(t) = c_1 \cos \omega t + c_2 \sin \omega t + At \sin \omega t + Bt \cos \omega t$$

Note that $x(t) \to \infty$ as $t \to \infty$, which is because of **resonance**.



Series Circuit



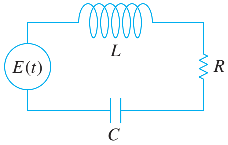
Recall from Chapter 1 that the voltage drop across the three elements are $L\frac{dI}{dt}$, IR, and $\frac{q}{C}$ respectively.

Using the fact that $I = \frac{dq}{dt}$ and Kirchhoff's Law, we have

$$Lq'' + Rq' + q/C = E(t).$$

- **Overdamped** $R^2 > 4L/C$
- **Critically damped** $R^2 = 4L/C$
- **Underdamped** $R^2 < 4L/C$

Steady-State Current



Example

For the external voltage $E(t) = E_0 \sin \gamma t$, find the steady-state charge across the capacitor and the steady-state current.