

Chapter 4: 2nd order ODEs

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Homogeneous Linear 2nd order ODEs with
Const. coefficients.

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Notice: Homogeneous ODE in 1st Order Eqs.

means we have the form $y' = F(y/x)$

ex: $y' = \frac{xy - y^2}{x^2}$

which can be re-written as

$$y' = \left(\frac{y}{x}\right) - \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2 \quad \text{so indeed } F = \frac{y}{x} - \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2$$

basically wherever we see y we see an x under it.

This is made linear (separable) through the substitution

of $u = y/x$ then $y' = u'x + u$

⊗ In 2nd order ODE's we use the word homogeneous to mean that there is no "driving term" on the RHS of the ODE.

[EX] $t^2 y'' - t y' + y = t^2 - \sin(t)$ Non-homogeneous

but $t^2 y'' - t y' + y = 0$ is homogeneous

driving force \downarrow

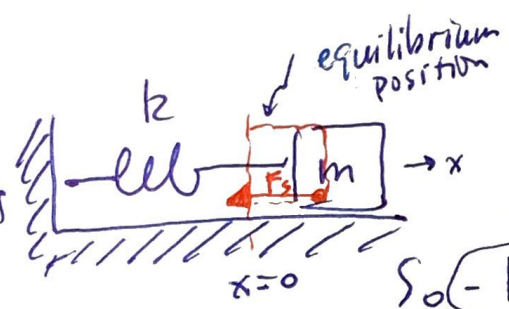
$$p(t)y'' + q(t)y' + r(t)y = g(t)$$

but we use $p(t) = \text{constant}$, $q(t) = \text{constant}$
and $r(t) = \text{constant}$ with $g(t) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow ay'' + by' + cy = 0$$

⊗ Spring-mass

(i) No friction, driving forces



$$\sum F = ma \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Newton's Law} \\ \text{Hooker's Law} \end{array} \right.$$

$$F_{sp} = -kx$$

$$\Rightarrow -kx = ma$$

but $a = \frac{dv}{dt}$, $v = \frac{dx}{dt} \Rightarrow a = \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}$

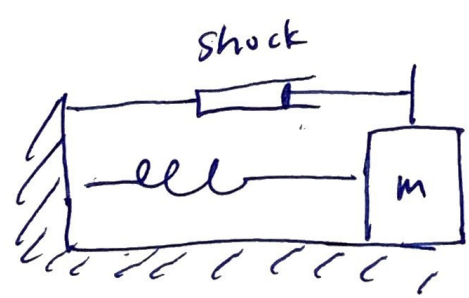
then Newton's Eqn becomes:

$$-kx = m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow mx'' + kx = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$x'' + \left(\frac{k}{m}\right)x = 0$$

(ii) Add friction



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} F_{sp} = -kx \\ F_{drag} = -bv \end{array} \right. \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Newton's Law} \end{array} \right.$$

$$-kx - bv = ma$$

$a \swarrow$
 $v \swarrow$

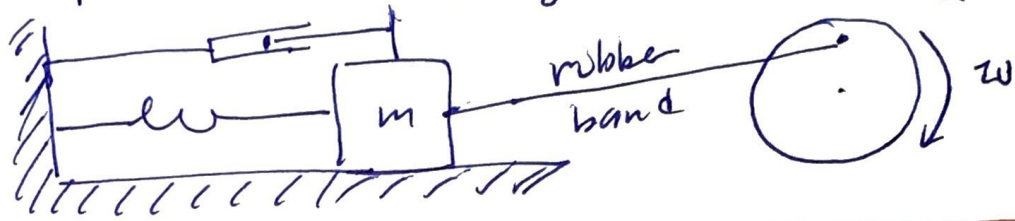
$$mx'' + bx' + kx = 0$$

$$x'' + \left(\frac{b}{m}\right)x' + \left(\frac{k}{m}\right)x = 0$$

$b = \text{drag coefficient}$

damped spring mass system

(iii) Damped Driven spring Mass: add a driving force (3)
Turntable



$$x'' + \left(\frac{b}{m}\right)x' + \left(\frac{k}{m}\right)x = A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

non-homog. 2nd order ODE w/ const. coefficients

* Solutions to these ODEs.

• Recall 1st order ODE:

ex: $y' - 9y = 0$

$$\frac{dy}{y} = 9dt \rightarrow y = Ce^{3t}$$

• for a 2nd order, consider an ODE like...

$$y'' - 9y = 0$$

Recall also that $\frac{de^t}{dx} = e^t$

So together lets try a solution form that

is $y = C_1 e^{rt}$,

then $y' = C_1 r e^{rt}$, $y'' = C_1 r^2 e^{rt}$

and the ODE $y'' - 9y = 0$ becomes

$$C_1 r^2 e^{rt} - 9(C_1 e^{rt}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow C_1 e^{rt} (r^2 - 9) = 0$$

but $e^{rt} \neq 0$ so $\div C_1 \{ e^{rt}$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 - 9 = 0 \Rightarrow r = \pm 3$$

so $y(t) = C_1 e^{3t}$ or $y(t) = C_2 e^{-3t}$

* It turns out that the general soln to $y'' - 9y = 0$ is a linear combination of the two.
 $y(t) = C_1 e^{3t} + C_2 e^{-3t}$

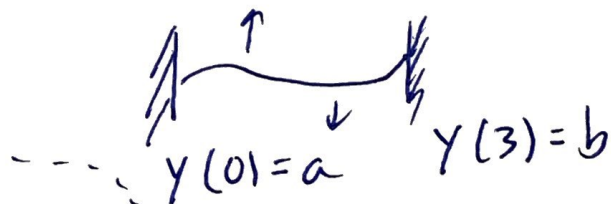
Thm: Superposition:

If $y_1(t)$ and $y_2(t)$ are solutions to a linear homogeneous ODE, then so is
 $y(t) = C_1 y_1(t) + C_2 y_2(t)$

Q: How do we determine C_1 and C_2 ?

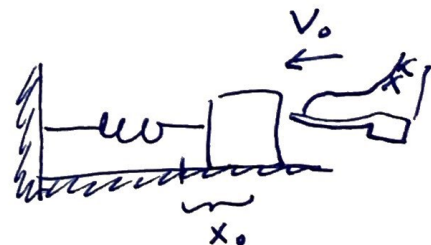
A: we need two conditions. They come in two varieties:

• Boundary Value Problem:



• Initial Values Problems:

$y(0) = a$, $y'(0) = b$
position velocity



EX Solve $y'' - 9y = 0$ w/ $\begin{cases} y(0) = 2 \\ y'(0) = -1 \end{cases}$ (5)

we saw that the gen. soln is

$$y(t) = c_1 e^{-3t} + c_2 e^{3t}$$

we determine c_1 and c_2 via the two I.C. conditions

1st $y'(t) = -3c_1 e^{-3t} + 3c_2 e^{3t}$

I.C. $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Apply } y(0) = 2: \\ y(0) = c_1 e^{-3 \cdot 0} + c_2 e^{3 \cdot 0} \\ \boxed{2 = c_1 + c_2} \end{array} \right.$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Apply } y'(0) = -1: \\ y'(0) = -3c_1 e^{-3 \cdot 0} + 3c_2 e^{3 \cdot 0} \\ \boxed{-1 = -3c_1 + 3c_2} \end{array} \right.$

So 2 eqns with 2 unknowns:

$$\begin{cases} c_1 + c_2 = 2 \\ 3c_1 - 3c_2 = 1 \end{cases}$$

methods of solutions

- graphical
- substitution
- elimination
- Gaussian-Jordan
- Cramers Rule
- matrix inversion

Solve:

Lets use matrix inversion:

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & -3 \end{pmatrix}}_A \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{armani} \\ \text{cofactor} \\ \text{2x2 method} \end{array} \right.$

Soln: $\begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = A^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

we need A^{-1} :

For A^{-1} we use the "Armani Method" (6)

$$[A | I] \xrightarrow[\text{Row ops}]{\text{Elem.}} [I | A^{-1}]$$

Here goes ↓ ↓

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & -3 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} * -3 \\ \leftarrow \end{array}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -6 & -3 & 1 \end{array} \right] * 6$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 6 & 6 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & -6 & -3 & 1 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow + \\ \leftarrow \end{array}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 6 & 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -6 & -3 & 1 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} \div 6 \\ \div -6 \end{array}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 0 & 1/2 & 1/6 \\ 0 & 1 & 1/2 & -1/6 \end{array} \right]$$

$$A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{6} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{6} \end{pmatrix}$$

Find $\begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{6} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{6} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$c_1 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 + \frac{1}{6} \cdot 1$$

$$c_2 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 - \frac{1}{6} \cdot 1$$

⇒

$$c_1 = 7/6$$

$$c_2 = 5/6$$

• Specific Soln:

$$y(t) = \frac{7}{6} e^{-3t} + \frac{5}{6} e^{3t}$$

Solution

to $y'' - 9y = 0$ $y(0) = 2, y'(0) = -1$

* The formalities, for linear only!!

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For $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$, linear,

- assume the solution is to have the form of:

$$y(t) = e^{rt}$$

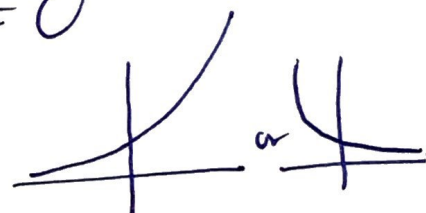
then $y'(t) = re^{rt}$

and $y''(t) = r^2 e^{rt}$

- Substitute these into the ODE to get

$$ar^2 e^{rt} + bre^{rt} + ce^{rt} = 0$$

$\div e^{rt}$ (which is never zero)



$$ar^2 + br + c = 0$$

This is the characteristic eqn for the ODE.

- This is a quadratic and yields, generally, two solutions, r_1 and r_2 , say.

We get two solutions to the ODE:

$$y_1(t) = C_1 e^{r_1 t} \quad \text{and} \quad y_2(t) = C_2 e^{r_2 t}$$

Note the cases of:

- $r_1 \neq r_2$ can be real and distinct
- $r_1 \neq r_2$ can be complex conjugates
- and $r_1 = r_2$ double roots

Ex Solve $y'' + 11y' + 24y = 0$, $y(0) = 0$, $y'(0) = 8$
 $= -7$

(i) Characteristic eqn:

$$r^2 + 11r + 24 = 0$$

$$(r + 8)(r + 3) = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{r_1 = -8}, \underline{r_2 = -3}$$

(ii) gen soln: $y(t) = c_1 e^{-8t} + c_2 e^{-3t}$

(iii) IVP:

$$y(0) = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 + c_2 = 0$$

$$y'(t) = -8c_1 e^{-8t} - 3c_2 e^{-3t}$$

$$\text{so } \begin{cases} y'(0) = -8c_1 - 3c_2 \\ -7 = \end{cases} \Rightarrow -8c_1 - 3c_2 = -7$$

2 eqns
2 unk.

Solve

$$\begin{cases} c_1 + c_2 = 0 \\ -8c_1 - 3c_2 = -7 \end{cases} \Rightarrow c_1 = -c_2$$

$$c_1 = \frac{7}{5}$$

$$-8(-c_2) - 3(c_2) = -7 \Rightarrow c_2 = -\frac{7}{5}$$

(iv) specific solution:

$$y(t) = \frac{7}{5} e^{-8t} - \frac{7}{5} e^{-3t}$$

[EX] Outline of a "not so pretty" problem

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$$\underline{y'' - 6y' - 2y = 0}$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 - 6r - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r_{1,2} = 3 \pm \sqrt{11} \text{ real radical conjugates}$$

$$\underline{r_1 = 3 + \sqrt{11}}, \quad \underline{r_2 = 3 - \sqrt{11}}$$

$$y(t) = C_1 e^{(3+\sqrt{11})t} + C_2 e^{(3-\sqrt{11})t}$$

general
soln. of
the ode.

