

Week 5 summary

- 2nd order linear ODEs have solutions of the form

$$y(t) = y_h(t) + y_p(t) = C_1 y_1(t) + C_2 y_2(t) + y_p(t).$$

- 2nd order linear homogeneous ODEs (with const. coefficients)

$$y'' + p y' + q y = 0.$$

Assume $y(t) = e^{rt}$, get characteristic polynomial $r^2 + pr + q = 0$.

- 3 cases:
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| (i) $r_1 \neq r_2$ real | $y(t) = C_1 e^{r_1 t} + C_2 e^{r_2 t}$ |
| (ii) $r_1 = r_2$ | $y(t) = C_1 e^{r_1 t} + C_2 t e^{r_1 t}$ |
| (iii) $r_{1,2} = a + bi$ | $y(t) = e^{at} (A \cos bt + B \sin bt)$ |

- Euler's equation: $e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta}}{2}, \quad \sin \theta = \frac{e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta}}{2i}$$

- Harmonic motion (preregs)

If $y(t) = a \cos(\omega_0 t) + b \sin(\omega_0 t)$, then $y(t) = A \cos(\omega_0 t - \phi)$,
 where $A = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$, and " $\phi = \arctan(b/a)$ "

This week:

- Harmonic motion
- Solving 2nd order linear inhomog. ODEs.

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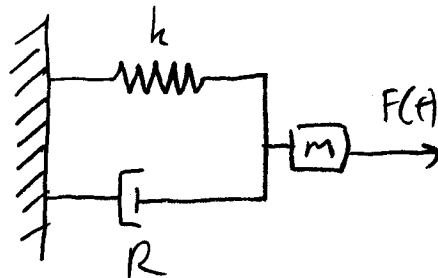
Harmonic motion:

Mass-spring system

$y(t)$ = displacement

$$m y'' + \mu y' + k y = F(t)$$

damping force spring force driving force

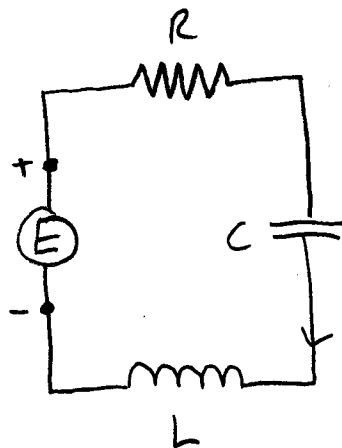


RLC circuits:

$I(t)$ = current

$$L I'' + R I' + \frac{1}{C} I = \frac{dE}{dt}$$

inductance Resistance capacitance source voltage



Mathematically, these are the same!

Whichever setting we're in, we can simplify this ODE to

$$x'' + 2c x' + \omega_0^2 x = f(t) \quad c \geq 0, \omega_0 > 0.$$

This is the equation for harmonic motion.

- c is the damping constant
- $f(t)$ is the forcing term.

In this section, we will assume $f(t) = 0$.

First case: $c=0$ (simple harmonic motion)

$$x'' + \omega_0^2 x = 0 \quad (\text{remember: sine \& cosine!})$$

$$x(t) = a \cos \omega_0 t + b \sin \omega_0 t$$

(Hence why we call ω_0 "frequency": $x(t) = x(t + \frac{2\pi}{\omega_0})$)
 period
 \downarrow
 $\frac{2\pi}{\omega_0}$

Next case: $c \neq 0$ (damped harmonic motion)

$$x'' + 2cx' + \omega_0^2 x = 0 \quad c > 0$$

$$\text{Assume } x(t) = e^{rt} \Rightarrow r^2 + 2cr + \omega_0^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r = -c \pm \sqrt{c^2 - \omega_0^2}$$

3 cases:

(i) Complex roots ($c < \omega_0$): underdamped

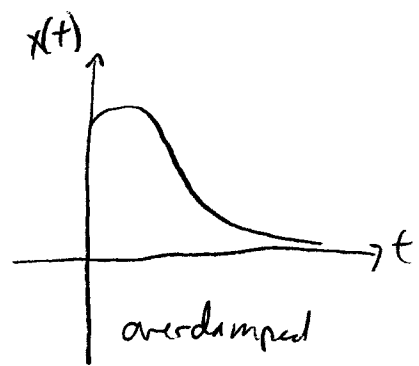
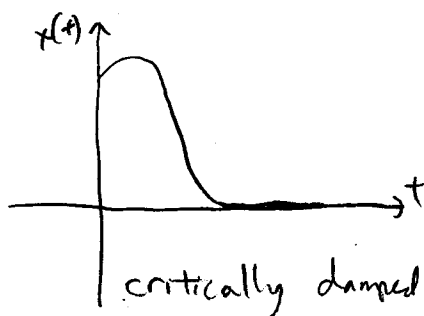
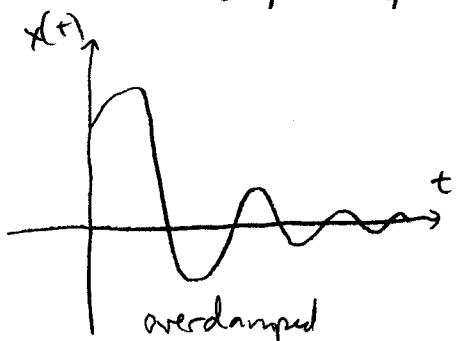
$$x(t) = e^{-ct} (a \cos \omega_0 t + b \sin \omega_0 t)$$

(ii) Double root ($c = \omega_0$) critically damped

$$x(t) = C_1 e^{r_1 t} + C_2 t e^{r_1 t} \quad (\text{note: } r_1 = r_2 < 0)$$

(iii) 2 real roots ($c > \omega_0$) overdamped

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



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Inhomogeneous linear 2nd order ODEs:

$$y'' + py' + qy = f \quad p(t), q(t), f(t).$$

* Big idea: $y(t) = C_1 y_1(t) + C_2 y_2(t) + y_p(t)$, where y_1, y_2 are solutions to the homogeneous equation, and $y_p(t)$ is any solution to the inhomogeneous eq'n.

Proof: Suppose we have a particular sol'n $y_p(t)$.

Let $y(t)$ be any other solution. Then

$$\begin{aligned} y'' + py' + qy &= f \\ -(y_p'' + py_p' + qy_p &= f) \end{aligned}$$

$$(y - y_p)'' + p \cdot (y - y_p)' + q \cdot (y - y_p) = 0$$

Thus, $y - y_p$ is a solution to the homogeneous eq'n.

$$\text{i.e., } y - y_p = C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2 \Rightarrow y = C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2 + y_p.$$

Method of undetermined coefficients

• Works only when coefficients p, q are constants.

* Big idea: Usually we can guess the form of a particular sol'n.

Example: $y'' - 5y' + 4y = e^{3t}$

First, solve the homog. eq'n: $y_h(t) = C_1 e^{4t} + C_2 e^t$

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Next, guess that $y_p(t) = a e^{3t}$ (Why will this work??)
 $y_p'(t) = 3a e^{3t}$, $y_p''(t) = 9a e^{3t}$

Plug back in & solve for a .

$$9a e^{3t} - 5(3a e^{3t}) + 4a e^{3t} = e^{3t}$$
$$-2a e^{3t} = e^{3t} \Rightarrow a = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Thus, $y_p(t) = -\frac{1}{2} e^{3t}$, and $y(t) = y_h(t) + y_p(t)$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{y(t) = C_1 e^{4t} + C_2 e^t - \frac{1}{2} e^{3t}}$$

Why did this work?

* Because the forcing term $f(t)$ and the derivative had the same form (up to constant).

What if the forcing term is $f(t) = \sin t$?

Example: $y'' + 2y' - 3y = 5 \sin 3t$?

Problem: $f(t) = 5 \sin 3t$, $f'(t) = 15 \cos 3t$.

Not of the same form. How do we fix this?

Ans: Consider a more general forcing term:

Observe: $f(t) = A \cos \omega t + B \sin \omega t$
 $f'(t) = -\omega A \sin \omega t + \omega B \cos \omega t$ } have the same form!

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Assume there's a particular solution of the form

$$y_p(t) = a \cos 3t + b \sin 3t$$

$$y_p'(t) = -3a \sin 3t + 3b \cos 3t$$

$$y_p''(t) = -9a \cos 3t - 9b \sin 3t$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_p'' + 2y_p' - 3y_p &= (-9a \cos 3t - 9b \sin 3t) + (-6a \sin 3t + 6b \cos 3t) \\ &\quad - (3a \cos 3t + 3b \sin 3t) \\ &= \underbrace{(-12a + 6b)}_{=0} \cos 3t + \underbrace{(-6a - 12b)}_{=5} \sin 3t = \underbrace{5 \sin 3t}_{f(t)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus, we have } \left. \begin{aligned} -12a + 6b &= 0 \\ -6a - 12b &= 5 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow a = -\frac{1}{6}, \quad b = -\frac{1}{3} \\ \Rightarrow y_p(t) = -\frac{1}{6} \cos 3t - \frac{1}{3} \sin 3t. \end{aligned}$$

The general solution is therefore

$$y(t) = y_h(t) + y_p(t) = \left[C_1 e^t + C_2 e^{-3t} + \left(-\frac{1}{6} \cos 3t - \frac{1}{3} \sin 3t \right) \right]$$

Example: (polynomial forcing term)

$$y'' + 2y' - 3y = 3t + 4. \quad \text{Again, } y_h(t) = C_1 e^t + C_2 e^{-3t}$$

Assume there's a particular solution of the form $y_p(t) = at + b$.

Why? B/c $y_p'' + 2y_p' - 3y_p$ will also be a 1st degree poly.

So all we have to do is find a & b .

$$\text{Plug back in } (y_p' = a, \quad y_p'' = 0)$$

$$y_p'' + 2y_p' - 3y_p = 0 + 2a - 3(at+b) = \underbrace{-3a}_{=3}t + \underbrace{2a-3b}_{=4} = 3t + 4$$

We get $\left. \begin{array}{l} -3a = 3 \\ 2a - 3b = 4 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow a = -1, b = 2 \Rightarrow y_p(t) = -t - 2$

Thus, the general solution is

$$y(t) = y_h(t) + y_p(t) = \boxed{C_1 e^t + C_2 e^{-3t} - (t+2)}$$

• What could go wrong with this method?

What if the forcing term is a solution to the homogeneous eqn?

ex: $y'' - y' - 2y = 3e^{-t}$

char. eqn: $e^{rt}(r-2)(r+1) = 0 \Rightarrow y_h(t) = C_1 e^{2t} + C_2 e^{-t}$

Will there be a particular solution of the form $y_p(t) = a e^{-t}$?

No! Because if we plug it back in, we get $0 = 3e^{-t}$.

So, assume there's a solution of the form $\boxed{y_p(t) = a t e^{-t}}$

$$y_p'(t) = a(1-t)e^{-t}, \quad y_p''(t) = a(t-2)e^{-t}, \quad \text{and}$$

$$y_p'' - y_p' - 2y_p = \underbrace{a(t-2)e^{-t} - a(1-t)e^{-t} - 2ate^{-t}}_{=-3ae^{-t}} = \underbrace{3e^{-t}}_{f(t)}$$

Thus $-3ae^{-t} = 3e^{-t} \Rightarrow a = -1 \Rightarrow y_p(t) = -te^{-t}$

and $y(t) = y_h(t) + y_p(t) = \boxed{C_1 e^{2t} + C_2 e^{-t} - te^{-t}}$

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Combination forcing terms:

Suppose $y'' + py' + qy = f(t)$ has sol'n $y_f(t)$

and $y'' + py' + qy = g(t)$ has sol'n $y_g(t)$.

Then $y'' + py' + qy = \alpha f(t) + \beta g(t)$ has sol'n $\alpha y_f(t) + \beta y_g(t)$.

Application: Consider $y'' + 2y' - 3y = 5 \sin 3t + 3t + 4$

We found $y_p(t) = -\frac{1}{6} \cos 3t - \frac{1}{3} \sin 3t$ for $y'' - 2y' - 3y = 5 \sin 3t$

and $y_p(t) = -(t+2)$ for $y'' - 2y' - 3y = 3t + 4$.

Thus, we get $y_p(t) = -\frac{1}{6} \cos 3t - \frac{1}{3} \sin 3t - (t+2)$

and a general solution $y(t) = C_1 e^t + C_2 e^{-3t} - \frac{1}{6} \cos 3t - \frac{1}{3} \sin 3t - (t+2)$

Forced harmonic motion:

- spring attached to a motor
- source voltage is sinusoidal

$$x'' + 2cx' + \omega_0^2 x = A \cos \omega t$$

↑
damping
coeffic.

↑ natural freq.

↑ driving frequency

Sample case: No damping ($c=0$).

$$x'' + \omega_0^2 x = A \cos \omega t$$

Homog. eq'n: $x_h'' + \omega_0^2 x = 0$

$$x_h = C_1 \cos \omega_0 t + C_2 \sin \omega_0 t$$

Case 1: $\omega \neq \omega_0$

$x_p = a \cos \omega t + b \sin \omega t$. Need to solve for a, b .

plug x_p back in:

$$x_p'' + \omega_0^2 x_p = a(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2) \cos \omega t + b(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2) \sin \omega t$$

$$= A \cos \omega t + 0 \sin \omega t$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{aligned} a(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2) &= A \\ b(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2) &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow a = \frac{A}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2}, \quad b = 0$$

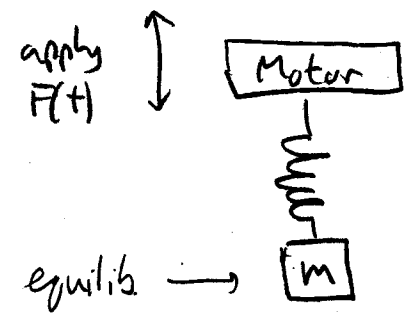
i.e., $x_p(t) = \frac{A}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} \cos \omega t$

General solution: $x(t) = x_h(t) + x_p(t)$

$$= \boxed{C_1 \cos \omega_0 t + C_2 \sin \omega_0 t + \frac{A}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} \cos \omega t}$$

What does this solution look like?

First, consider equilibrium: $x(0) = 0$
 $x'(0) = 0$



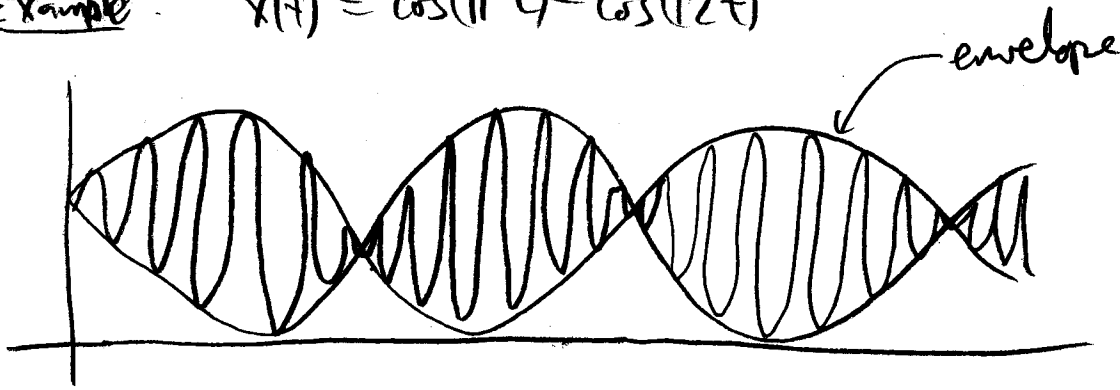
$$C_2 = 0, \quad C_1 = \frac{-A}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} \Rightarrow x(t) = \frac{A}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} (\cos \omega t - \cos \omega_0 t)$$

• Superposition of waves with different frequencies

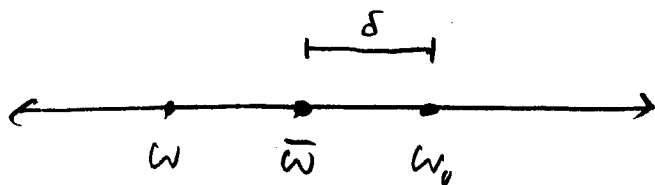
Has anyone experienced this in real life (think music!)

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Example: $x(t) = \cos(11t) - \cos(12t)$



How to quantify this?



$$\omega = \bar{\omega} - \delta$$

$$\omega_0 = \bar{\omega} + \delta$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = \frac{A}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} (\cos \omega t - \cos \omega_0 t)$$

$$x(t) = \underbrace{\left(\frac{A \sin(\delta t)}{2 \bar{\omega} \delta} \right)}_{\text{Amplitude is sinusoidal}} \sin \bar{\omega} t$$

Amplitude is sinusoidal

Case 2: $\omega = \omega_0$ (recall: $f(t) = A \cos \omega t$ is forcing term).

If $\omega = \omega_0$, then $f(t) = A \cos \omega t$ solves the homog. eq'n

Thus $x_p(t) = t(a \cos \omega_0 t + b \sin \omega_0 t)$

Plug x_p back in:

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_p'' + \omega_0^2 x_p &= [2\omega_0(-a \sin \omega_0 t + b \cos \omega_0 t) + t\omega_0^2(-a \cos \omega_0 t + b \sin \omega_0 t)] \\
 &\quad + \omega_0^2 t(a \cos \omega_0 t + b \sin \omega_0 t) \\
 &= 2\omega_0(-a \sin \omega_0 t + b \cos \omega_0 t) = A \cos \omega t
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} -2\omega_0 a = 0 \\ 2\omega_0 b = A \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow a = 0, \quad b = \frac{A}{2\omega_0}$$

Thus $x_p(t) = \frac{A}{2\omega_0} t \sin \omega_0 t$

General sol'n $x(t) = x_h(t) + x_p(t)$

Amplitude $\rightarrow \infty!$

$$= \boxed{C_1 \cos \omega_0 t + C_2 \sin \omega_0 t + \frac{A}{2\omega_0} t \sin \omega_0 t}$$

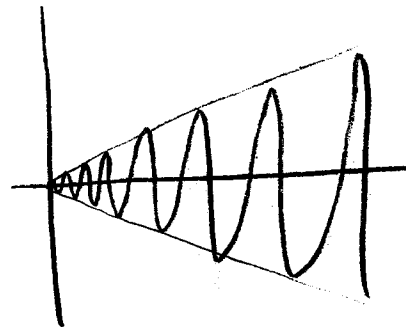
Look at the long-term behavior. This wave "blows up"!

Example Again, consider equilibrium: $x(0) = 0$
 $x'(0) = 0$

$$x(0) = C_1 = 0$$

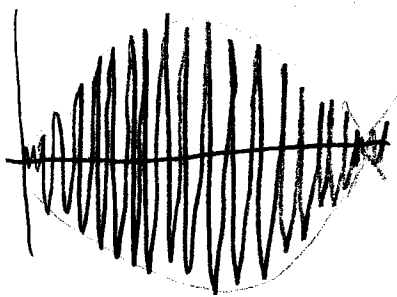
$$x'(t) = C_2 \omega_0 \cos \omega_0 t + \frac{A}{2} t \cos \omega_0 t + \frac{A}{2\omega_0} \sin \omega_0 t$$

$$\underline{x'(0)} = C_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x(t) = \frac{A}{2\omega_0} t \sin \omega_0 t$$

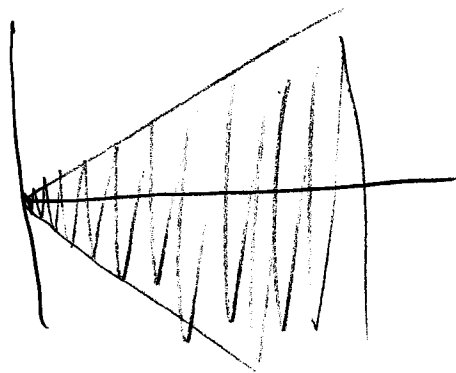


Real-life application: Tacoma Narrows Bridge

Compare $\omega_0 \approx \omega$ to $\omega_0 = \omega$



$\omega_0 \approx \omega$: envelope "closes up"



$\omega_0 = \omega$: envelope never closes up (like dividing by zero)