

## Section 4.9: Solving a System by Elimination

Recall: A linear system of ODE's is a collection of two or more linear ODE's with two or more dependent variables.

A first order, constant coefficient system IVP has the form

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= a_{11}x + a_{12}y + f(t), & x(t_0) &= x_0 \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= a_{21}x + a_{22}y + g(t), & y(t_0) &= y_0\end{aligned}$$

If  $f(t) = g(t) = 0$ , the system is *homogeneous*. Otherwise it is nonhomogeneous.

A solution to the ODE part will be a pair  $(x(t), y(t))$  containing 2-parameters (shared by the pair).

# Operator Notation

Using the notation  $D^n x = \frac{d^n x}{dt^n}$ , the previous system may be expressed as

$$Dx = a_{11}x + a_{12}y + f(t), \quad x(t_0) = x_0$$

$$Dy = a_{21}x + a_{22}y + g(t), \quad y(t_0) = y_0$$

or for even greater convenience

$$\begin{aligned} (D - a_{11})x - a_{12}y &= f(t), & x(t_0) &= x_0 \\ -a_{21}x + (D - a_{22})y &= g(t), & y(t_0) &= y_0 \end{aligned}$$

# Solving a System by Elimination

**Remark:** The current method is for linear systems with constant coefficients only.

- ▶ Write the system using the operator notation. Line up like variables so that the system appears as an algebraic system.
- ▶ Eliminate variables using standard operations. Keep in mind that "multiplication" by  $D$  is differentiation.
- ▶ Obtain an equation (or equations) in each variable separately, and solve using any applicable method.
- ▶ Use back substitution as needed to obtain solutions for all dependent variables.

## Solve the System by Elimination

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= 4x + 7y \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= x - 2y\end{aligned} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned}Dx &= 4x + 7y \\ Dy &= x - 2y\end{aligned} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned}Dx - 4x - 7y &= 0 \\ -x + Dy + 2y &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$(D-4)x - 7y = 0$$

$$-x + (D+2)y = 0$$

"multiply" equation  
2 by  $D-4$

$$(D-4)x - 7y = 0$$

$$-(D-4)x + (D-4)(D+2)y = (D-4)0 = 0$$

add

$$-7y + (D-4)(D+2)y = 0$$

$$-7y + (D^2 - 4D + 2D - 8)y = 0 \Rightarrow (D^2 - 2D - 15)y = 0$$

$$-7y + (D^2 - 2D - 8)y = 0 \quad y'' - 2y' - 15y = 0$$

2<sup>nd</sup> order, constant coefficient, homogeneous eqn.

$$m^2 - 2m - 15 = 0 \Rightarrow (m - 5)(m + 3) = 0$$

$$m_1 = 5$$

$$m_2 = -3$$

$$y = C_1 e^{5t} + C_2 e^{-3t}$$

We need to solve for  $x$ . From the original 2<sup>nd</sup> equation

$$\begin{aligned} x = \frac{dy}{dt} + 2y &= 5C_1 e^{5t} - 3C_2 e^{-3t} + 2(C_1 e^{5t} + C_2 e^{-3t}) \\ &= 7C_1 e^{5t} - C_2 e^{-3t} \end{aligned}$$

The solution is

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 7C_1 e^{5t} - C_2 e^{-3t} \\ y &= C_1 e^{5t} + C_2 e^{-3t} \end{aligned}$$

## Solve the IVP by Elimination

$$x' - y = 12t, \quad x(0) = 4$$

$$y' + x = 2, \quad y(0) = 3$$

"multiply" top eqn.  
by  $D$

add

Solve the DE's

$$Dx - y = 12t$$

$$x + Dy = 2$$

$$D^2x - Dy = D(12t) = 12$$

$$x + Dy = 2$$

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$$D^2x + x = 14$$

$$x'' + x = 14$$

get  $x_c$ :  $x'' + x = 0$        $m^2 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow m = \pm i$   
 $\alpha = 0, \beta = 1$

$$x_c = C_1 \cos t + C_2 \sin t$$

get  $x_p$ :  $x_p = A$  (method of undetermined coefficients)  
 $x_p' = 0$   
 $x_p'' = 0$

$$x_p'' + x_p = 14 \Rightarrow 0 + A = 14 \Rightarrow A = 14$$



So

$$x(t) = c_1 \cos t + c_2 \sin t + 14$$

From the original 1<sup>st</sup> equation

$$y = x' - 12t = -c_1 \sin t + c_2 \cos t - 12t$$

The general solution to the DEs  
is

$$x = c_1 \cos t + c_2 \sin t + 14$$

$$y = c_2 \cos t - c_1 \sin t - 12t$$

Apply  $x(0) = 4, y(0) = 3$

$$x(0) = C_1 \cos 0 + C_2 \sin 0 + 14 = 4$$

$$C_1 + 14 = 4 \Rightarrow C_1 = -10$$

$$y(0) = C_2 \cos 0 - C_1 \sin 0 - 12 \cdot 0 = 3$$

$$C_2 = 3$$

The solution to the IVP is

$$x = -10 \cos t + 3 \sin t + 14$$

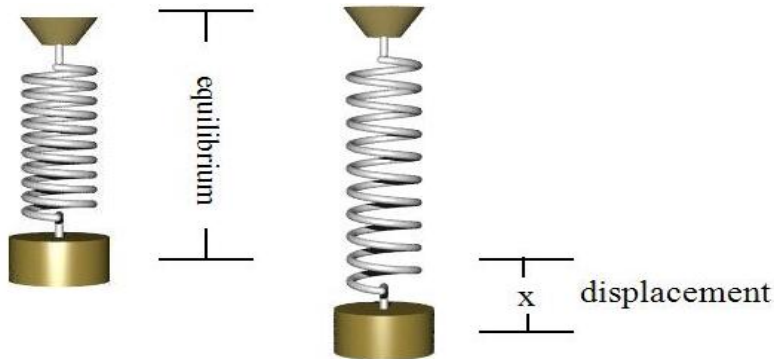
$$y = 3 \cos t + 10 \sin t - 12t$$

## Section 5.1.1: Free Undamped Spring/Mass Systems

We consider a flexible spring from which a mass is suspended. In the absence of any damping forces (e.g. friction, a dash pot, etc.), and free of any external driving forces, any initial displacement or velocity imparted will result in **free, undamped motion**—a.k.a. **simple harmonic motion**.

► Harmonic Motion gif

## Building an Equation: Hooke's Law



At equilibrium, displacement  $x(t) = 0$ .

$$\text{Hooke's Law: } F_{\text{spring}} = k x$$

**Figure:** In the absence of any displacement, the system is at equilibrium. Displacement  $x(t)$  is measured from equilibrium  $x(t) = 0$ .

## Building an Equation: Hooke's Law

**Newton's Second Law:**  $F = ma$  Force = mass times acceleration

$$a = \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} \implies F = m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}$$

**Hooke's Law:**  $F = kx$  Force exerted by the spring is proportional to displacement

The force imparted by the spring opposes the direction of motion.

$$m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -kx \implies x'' + \omega^2 x = 0 \quad \text{where} \quad \omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

**Convention We'll Use:** Down will be positive ( $x > 0$ ), and up will be negative ( $x < 0$ ).

# Simple Harmonic Motion

$$x'' + \omega^2 x = 0, \quad x(0) = x_0, \quad x'(0) = x_1$$

Here,  $x_0$  and  $x_1$  are the initial position (relative to equilibrium) and velocity, respectively. The solution is

$$x(t) = x_0 \cos(\omega t) + \frac{x_1}{\omega} \sin(\omega t)$$

called the **equation of motion**. Characteristics of the system include

- ▶ the period  $T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$ ,
- ▶ the frequency  $f = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{\omega}{2\pi}$ <sup>1</sup>
- ▶ the circular frequency  $\omega$ , and
- ▶ the amplitude or maximum displacement  $A = \sqrt{x_0^2 + (x_1/\omega)^2}$

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<sup>1</sup>Various authors call  $f$  the natural frequency and others use this term for  $\omega$ .

# Amplitude and Phase Shift

We can formulate the solution in terms of a single sine (or cosine) function. Letting

$$x(t) = x_0 \cos(\omega t) + \frac{x_1}{\omega} \sin(\omega t) = A \sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

requires

$$A = \sqrt{x_0^2 + (x_1/\omega)^2},$$

and the **phase shift**  $\phi$  must be defined by (for a sine representation)

$$\sin \phi = \frac{x_0}{A}, \quad \text{with} \quad \cos \phi = \frac{x_1}{\omega A}.$$



Derive  $x_0 \cos(\omega t) + x_1/\omega \sin(\omega t) = A \sin(\omega t + \phi)$

$$\text{Let } A = \sqrt{x_0^2 + (x_1/\omega)^2}$$

$$x(t) = \sqrt{x_0^2 + \left(\frac{x_1}{\omega}\right)^2} \left( \frac{x_0}{\sqrt{x_0^2 + \left(\frac{x_1}{\omega}\right)^2}} \cos(\omega t) + \frac{x_1/\omega}{\sqrt{x_0^2 + \left(\frac{x_1}{\omega}\right)^2}} \sin(\omega t) \right)$$

$$\text{Note } \underbrace{\left( \frac{x_0}{\sqrt{x_0^2 + \left(\frac{x_1}{\omega}\right)^2}} \right)^2}_{\sin^2 \phi} + \underbrace{\left( \frac{x_1/\omega}{\sqrt{x_0^2 + \left(\frac{x_1}{\omega}\right)^2}} \right)^2}_{\cos^2 \phi} = \frac{x_0^2 + (x_1/\omega)^2}{x_0^2 + (x_1/\omega)^2} = 1$$

$$x = A (\sin \phi \cos(\omega t) + \cos \phi \sin \omega t) = A \sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

## Example

A 4 pound weight stretches a spring 6 inches. The mass is released from a position 4 feet below equilibrium with an initial upward velocity of 24 ft/sec. Find the equation of motion, the period, amplitude, phase shift, and frequency of the motion. (Take  $g = 32 \text{ ft/sec}^2$ .)

$$x(0) = x_0 = 4 \text{ ft}, \quad x'(0) = v_0 = -24 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{sec}}$$

$$\text{Find } k: \quad F = kx \quad \Rightarrow \quad 4 \text{ lb} = k(0.5 \text{ ft})$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 8 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}}$$

$$\text{Find } m: \quad W = mg \quad \Rightarrow \quad 4 \text{ lb} = m(32 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{sec}^2})$$

$$\Rightarrow m = \frac{1}{8} \frac{1b \sec^2}{ft} = \frac{1}{8} \text{ slugs}$$

$$\omega^2 = \frac{k}{m} = \frac{8 \frac{1b}{ft}}{\frac{1}{8} \frac{1b \sec^2}{ft}} = 64 \text{ '}/\sec^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega = 8 \text{ '}/\sec.$$

$$x(t) = 4 \cos(8t) - \frac{24}{8} \sin(8t)$$

$$x(t) = 4 \cos(8t) - 3 \sin(8t)$$

Amplitude

$$A = \sqrt{4^2 + (-3)^2} = 5$$

Period  $T = \frac{2\pi}{8} = \frac{\pi}{4}$

frequency  $f = \frac{4}{\pi}$

Phase Shift  $\sin \phi = \frac{4}{5}$  ,  $\cos \phi = -\frac{3}{5}$   
Quad II angle

$$\phi = \cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{3}{5}\right) \approx 2.21 \text{ (radians)}$$