

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

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

We rewrote this as

$$\begin{aligned}(D - 4)x - 7y &= 0 \\ -x + (D + 2)y &= 0,\end{aligned}$$

eliminated x , and obtained the equation

$$y'' - 2y' - 15y = 0, \quad \text{with solution} \quad y = c_1 e^{5t} + c_2 e^{-3t}.$$

We still need to find $x(t)$.

From the original 2nd equation

$$x = \frac{dy}{dt} + 2y$$

$$= 5c_1 e^{5t} - 3c_2 e^{-3t} + 2 \left(c_1 e^{5t} + c_2 e^{-3t} \right)$$

$$= 7c_1 e^{5t} - c_2 e^{-3t}$$

The general solution to the system is

$$x = 7c_1 e^{5t} - c_2 e^{-3t}$$

$$y = c_1 e^{5t} + c_2 e^{-3t}.$$

Solve the IVP by Elimination

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

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

"Multiply" 1st eqn
by D

add

Solve the DEs first

$$Dx - y = 12t$$

$$x + Dy = 2$$

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

$$x + Dy = 2$$

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

We have $x'' + x = 14$

2nd order constant
coeff. nonhomogeneous

Find x_c : $x'' + x = 0$

$$m^2 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow m = \pm i \quad \alpha = 0, \beta = 1$$

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

Find x_p : Use Method of Undetermined coefficients

$$x_p = A$$

$$x_p' = 0, \quad x_p'' = 0$$

$$x_p'' + x_p = 14$$

$$0 + A = 14$$

$$\text{So } x(t) = c_1 \cos t + c_2 \sin t + 14$$

From the original 1st equation

$$y = x' - 12t$$

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

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

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

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

$$x(0) = c_1 \cos 0 + c_2 \sin 0 + 14 = 4$$

$$c_1 + 14 = 4 \Rightarrow c_1 = -10$$

$$y(0) = -c_1 \sin 0 + c_2 \cos 0 - 12 \cdot 0 = 3 \Rightarrow c_2 = 3$$

The solution to the IVP is

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

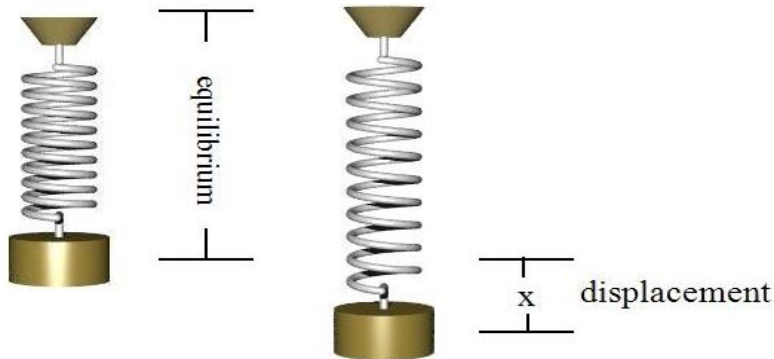
$$y = 10 \sin t + 3 \cos t - 12t.$$

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

¹Various authors call f the natural frequency and others use this term for ω .

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

$$A = \sqrt{x_0^2 + \left(\frac{x_1}{\omega}\right)^2} \quad \text{Note: } \left(\frac{x_0}{\sqrt{x_0^2 + \left(\frac{x_1}{\omega}\right)^2}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{x_1/\omega}{\sqrt{x_0^2 + \left(\frac{x_1}{\omega}\right)^2}}\right)^2 = \frac{x_0^2 + \left(\frac{x_1}{\omega}\right)^2}{x_0^2 + \left(\frac{x_1}{\omega}\right)^2} = 1$$

$$\text{Let } \sin \phi = \frac{x_0}{A}, \quad \cos \phi = \frac{x_1/\omega}{A} \quad = 1$$

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

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

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

sum of angles formula for sine.

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 $g = 32 \text{ ft/sec}^2$.)

$$X(0) = X_0 = 4 \text{ ft} \quad X'(0) = X_1 = -24 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{sec}}$$

$$\text{Find } k: \quad 4 \text{ lb} = k(0.5 \text{ ft}) \Rightarrow k = 8 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Phase Shift : $\sin \phi = \frac{x_0}{A} = \frac{4}{5}$, $\cos \phi = \frac{\frac{x_1}{\omega}}{A} = \frac{-3}{5}$

ϕ is a quad II angle since $\sin \phi > 0$ and
 $\cos \phi < 0$

$$\phi = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-3}{5}\right) \approx 2.21 \approx 126.9^\circ$$

↑
radian

$$x(t) = 5 \sin(8t + 2.21)$$