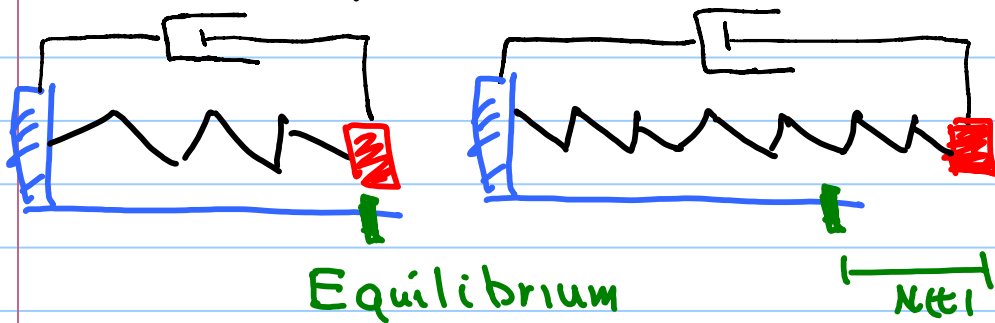


# Damped Harmonic Oscillator



Suppose the spring constant is  $145 \text{ kg sec}^{-2}$

Damping coeff. =  $2 \text{ kg sec}^{-1}$ .  $m = 1 \text{ kg}$

Initial displacement =  $1 \text{ meters}$

Initial velocity =  $2 \text{ meters/sec}$

① Write the Initial Value Problem

② Find a formula for  $x(t)$

Answer  $m \ddot{x} = -r \dot{x} - k x$

$$1 \ddot{x} = -2 \dot{x} - 145 x$$

$$\ddot{x} + 2 \dot{x} + 145 x = 0 \quad (\text{IVP})$$

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Seek  $x(t) = e^{rt}$

$$r^2 e^{rt} + 2r e^{rt} + 145 e^{rt} = 0$$

$$r^2 + 2r + 145 = 0$$

$$r^2 + 2r + 1 = -144$$

$$(r+1)^2 = -144$$

$$r+1 = \pm 12i$$

$$r = -1 \pm 12i$$

We could write

$$x(t) = C_1 e^{(-1+12i)t} + C_2 e^{(-1-12i)t}$$

But, instead we write

$$x(t) = D_1 e^{-t} \cos 12t + D_2 e^{-t} \sin 12t$$

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and require  $x(0) = 1$   $\dot{x}(0) = 2$

$$1 = x(0) = D_1 + D_2 \cdot 0$$

$$2 = \dot{x}(0) = D_1 (-e^{-t} \cos 12t - 12e^{-t} \sin 12t) \Big|_{t=0} \\ + D_2 (-e^{-t} \sin 12t + 12e^{-t} \cos 12t) \Big|_{t=0}$$

$$2 = D_1 (-1 - 0) + D_2 (0 + 12)$$

so  $1 = D_1$

and  $2 = -D_1 + 12D_2$

so  $D_2 = \frac{3}{12} = \frac{1}{4}$

$$x(t) = 1 e^{-t} \cos 12t + \frac{1}{4} e^{-t} \sin 12t$$

Critically  
Damped

$$\ddot{x} + 2\dot{x} + x = 0 \quad (\text{DE})$$

$$x(0) = 0 \quad \dot{x}(0) = 10 \quad (\text{IC})$$

- ① Solve the IVP ② Is the displacement ever = 0?  
③ What is the maximum displacement?

Seek  $x(t) = e^{rt}$   $r^2 + 2r + 1 = 0$

$$(r+1)^2 = 0 \quad \text{so} \quad r = -1$$

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When there is only one value of  $r$  that solves the indicial equation, the general solution is  $C_1 e^{rt} + C_2 t e^{rt}$ .  
explanation after we finish the problem.

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General Solution  $C_1 e^{-t} + C_2 t e^{-t}$

Impose IC's

$$0 = x(0) = C_1 + 0C_2 \quad \text{so} \quad C_1 = 0$$

$$10 = \dot{x}(0) = -C_1 + C_2 \quad \text{so} \quad C_2 = 10$$

$$\text{① } x(t) = 0e^{-t} + 10te^{-t} = 10te^{-t}$$

$$x(t) = 10t e^{-t}$$

② Where is displacement = 0

$$0 \stackrel{?}{=} 10t e^{-t}$$

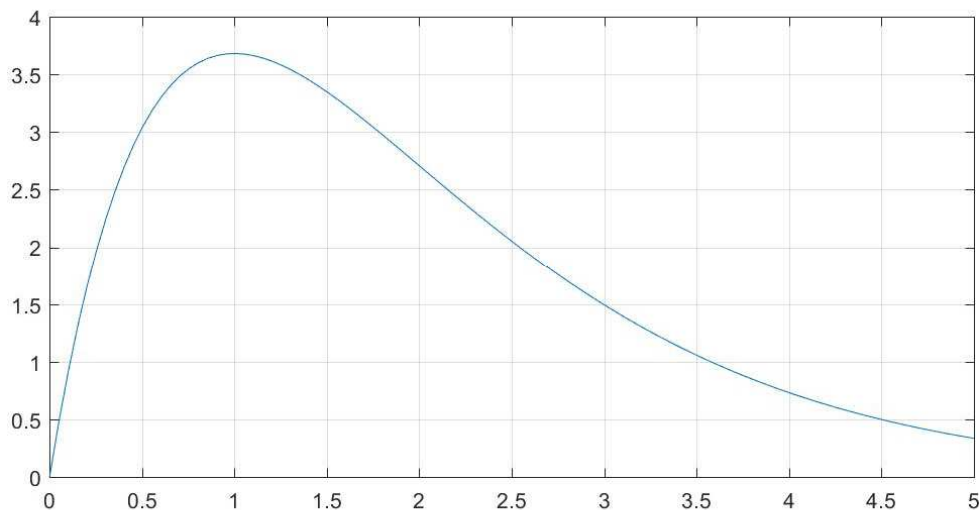
Only zero at  $t = 0$

③ What is the max displacement?

Max displacement occurs when  $\dot{x} = 0$

$$0 = \dot{x}(t) = 10(e^{-t} - t e^{-t}) = 10e^{-t}(1-t)$$

$\dot{x}$  vanishes at  $t = 1$ . Max displacement =  $10e^{-1}$



Looks just like overdamped

Find the general Solution to

$$\ddot{x} + 2\dot{x} + (1-\alpha)x = 0 \quad (DE)$$

The form of the solution will look different for different values of  $\alpha$ .

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Seek  $x = e^{rt}$      $\dot{x} = r e^{rt}$      $\ddot{x} = r^2 e^{rt}$

$$(DE) \quad r^2 e^{rt} + 2 r e^{rt} + (1-\alpha) e^{rt} = 0$$

$$r^2 + 2r + 1 - \alpha = 0$$

$$r^2 + 2r + 1 = \alpha$$

$$(r+1)^2 = \alpha$$

$$r = -1 \pm \sqrt{\alpha}$$

$$x(t) = C_1 e^{(-1+\sqrt{\alpha})t} + C_2 e^{(-1-\sqrt{\alpha})t}$$

Case 1  $\alpha > 0$   $\sqrt{\alpha}$  is a real number

$$x(t) = C_1 e^{(-1+\sqrt{\alpha})t} + C_2 e^{(-1-\sqrt{\alpha})t}$$

General Solution is a linear combination of decaying exponentials. IFF  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$

$$x(t) = C_1 e^{(-1+\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})t} + C_2 e^{(-1-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})t}$$

Overdamped - No oscillations

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Case 2  $\alpha < 0$   $\sqrt{\alpha} = i\sqrt{-\alpha}$

$$x(t) = C_1 e^{(-1+i\sqrt{-\alpha})t} + C_2 e^{(-1-i\sqrt{-\alpha})t}$$

e.g.  $\alpha = -1$

$$x(t) = C_1 e^{(-1+i)t} + C_2 e^{(-1-i)t}$$

$$x(t) = D_1 e^{-t} \cos t + D_2 e^{-t} \sin t$$

Underdamped - Decaying oscillations

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Case 3  $\lambda = 0$  Critically Damped

$$x(t) = C_1 e^{(-1+0)t} + C_2 e^{(-1-0)t}$$

$$x(t) = C_1 e^{-t} + C_2 e^{-t} \leftarrow \text{Both terms are the same}$$

what is the other solution?

Fact

When the indicial equation only has one root  $r$ , both  $e^{rt}$  and  $t e^{rt}$  are solutions to the (DE).

How do you see this?

Boyce-DiPrima problems 20-21-22 §3.5

I'll follow 21



# Philosophy

General Solutions - without initial conditions

aren't necessarily physical, so they can

behave strangely. Solutions to the

(IVP) are physical, so they can't do

strange things.

Example

$$\ddot{x} + 2\dot{x} + (1-\alpha)x = 0$$

$$x(0) = 0$$

$$\dot{x}(0) = 1$$

We will solve this IVP explicitly for  $\alpha > 0$  and then take the limit as  $\alpha \rightarrow 0$

$$x(t) = C_1 e^{(-1+\sqrt{\alpha})t} + C_2 e^{(-1-\sqrt{\alpha})t}$$

Impose initial conditions

$$0 = x(0) = C_1 + C_2$$

$$1 = \dot{x}(0) = (-1+\sqrt{\alpha})C_1 + (-1-\sqrt{\alpha})C_2$$

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$$\text{So } C_1 = -C_2 \text{ and } 1 = 2\sqrt{\alpha} C_1$$

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\alpha}} \frac{(-1 + \sqrt{\alpha}) t}{e} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\alpha}} \frac{(-1 - \sqrt{\alpha}) t}{e}$$

$$x(t) = e^{-t} \left( \frac{e^{\sqrt{\alpha} t} - e^{-\sqrt{\alpha} t}}{2\sqrt{\alpha}} \right)$$

$$\text{Now, let } \alpha \rightarrow 0 \quad x(t) \rightarrow e^{-t} \left( \frac{0}{0} \right)$$

The substitution  $\alpha = b^2$  makes it easier to apply L'Hopital's rule

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{e^{\sqrt{\alpha} t} - e^{-\sqrt{\alpha} t}}{2\sqrt{\alpha}} \right) = \lim_{b \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{e^{bt} - e^{-bt}}{2b} \right)$$

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{e^{bt} - e^{-bt}}{2b} \right) = \lim_{b \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{d}{db} (e^{bt} - e^{-bt})}{\frac{d}{db} (2b)} = \frac{t}{2}$$

$$\boxed{x(t) = t e^{-t}}$$

This is the second solution.

I won't ask you to reproduce this, but I will ask you to solve an IVP with a parameter.

e.g.

Find the solution to

$$\ddot{x} + \omega^2 x = 0$$

$$x(0) = 0$$

$$\dot{x}(0) = 1$$

Solution

$$x(t) = \frac{\sin \omega t}{\omega}$$