

Lecture 5

Mathematical Models based on
high order differential equations
(Review).

We have a very simple explanation
why models based on the second
order derivatives (with respect to
time) are so popular - such models
follow from the Newton laws.

The second Newton's law

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt}(mv) = F, \\ v = \frac{dx}{dt}. \end{cases}$$

This problem has a unique solution
if we add two initial conditions

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$$\begin{cases} u(0) = u_0, \\ \frac{du}{dt}(0) = v_0. \end{cases}$$

If m is constant then we get the second order diff. equation

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(m \frac{du}{dt} \right) = m \frac{d^2 u}{dt^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} m \frac{d^2 u}{dt^2} = F, & \text{equation} \\ u(0) = u_0 & \text{initial conditions} \\ \frac{du}{dt}(0) = v_0. \end{cases}$$

Example 1. The motion of a body
attached to a spring

- the mass of a body is equal to m .
- this body moves without friction
- the spring is deformed ^{from the equilibrium} by x length. (displacement is equal to x)

The restoring force from the spring is described by Hooke's law

$$F(x, t) = -kx \quad (\text{the linear approximation according to the Taylor series})$$

- k is a spring constant

Such motion is called

Simple Harmonic Motion

It describes a repetitive oscillation

Mathematical Model:

$$\begin{cases} m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = -kx, \\ x(0) = x_0, \\ v(0) = v_0. \end{cases}$$

• Friction forces

$$F_{fr} = -\eta \frac{dx}{dt}$$

are proportional to the velocity and arise only if the body is moving (again a linear approx.).

If we consider a math. model for the velocity due to the friction forces we get:

$$m \frac{dv}{dt} = -\eta v, \quad v(0) = v_0.$$

Also we should take into account the fact that a mechanical system can be affected by external forces

$f(t)$.

Even if $f(t)$ is small at all time moments over a longer period of time this can significantly affect the dynamics of the system (resonance phenomenon).

Now we consider important cases of the model.

1 Free oscillations without a friction

$$m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + kx = 0.$$

We can normalize this model by using only **one** parameter a :

$$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + a^2 x = 0, \quad a^2 = \frac{k}{m}.$$

(Calculate $[a]$).

The general solution is given in the following form

$$x(t) = e^{\lambda t}.$$

Parameter λ satisfies the quadratic equation

$$\lambda^2 + a^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\lambda_{1,2} = \pm a i}$$

$$x(t) = C_1 \cos(at) + C_2 \sin(at).$$

$$\omega_0 = a = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \quad (\text{the angular frequency})$$

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Next we use initial conditions

$$x(0) = x_0, \left(\frac{dx}{dt} \right)(0) = 0. \quad (*)$$

It is clear that initial conditions can be specified differently, depending on a specific experimental setup:

$$x(0) = 0, \left(\frac{dx}{dt} \right)(0) = v_0.$$

A simple task is to find free constants c_1 and c_2 for IC (*)

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = a (-c_1 \sin(at) + c_2 \cos(at))$$

$$\left(\frac{dx}{dt} \right)(0) = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{c_2 = 0}$$

$$x(0) = c_1 \Rightarrow x(t) = x_0 \cos(at).$$

The solution follows the sinusoidal oscillations

Let us compute the velocity of the motion:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -x_0 a \sin(at).$$

The velocity ~~is~~ also periodically oscillates.

The period T is defined as

$$aT = 2\pi \Rightarrow T = \frac{2\pi}{a}.$$

Task 1. Find the position $x(t_1)$ and velocity $v(t_1)$ at $t_1 = \frac{\pi}{2a}$.

Task 2 Take initial conditions

$$x(0) = x_0, \quad \frac{dx}{dt}(0) = v_0$$

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

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}.$$

It follows from the IC that

$$x(0) = c_1 \Rightarrow c_1 = x_0$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt}(0) = \omega c_2 \Rightarrow c_2 = \frac{v_0}{\omega}$$

(initial speed of the particle is divided by the angular frequency).

The solution can be written in the form

$$x(t) = A \cos(\omega t - \varphi)$$

$$\bullet A = \sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2} \quad \bullet \tan \varphi = c_2 / c_1$$

$$\sin \varphi = \frac{c_2}{A}, \quad \cos \varphi = \frac{c_1}{A}.$$

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A, ω and φ carries a physical meaning

- A is the amplitude (maximum displacement from the equilibrium position)
- ω is angular frequency
- φ is the initial phase.

$$v(t) = \frac{dx}{dt} = -A\omega \sin(\omega t - \varphi)$$

Find maximum speed, at what point it is reached?

$$a(t) := \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -A\omega^2 \cos(\omega t - \varphi)$$

(at what points it is reached?)

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Now we add the friction term
(η - eta)

$$m \frac{dx^2}{dt^2} + \eta \frac{dx}{dt} + kx = 0.$$

The object of mass m experiences not only restoring force (whose magnitude is directly proportional to the distance from an equilibrium position) but also the friction force (whose magnitude is directly proportional to the velocity value).

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + b \frac{dx}{dt} + a^2 x = 0 \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} a = \omega \\ = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \end{array} \right)$$
$$a^2 = \frac{k}{m}, \quad b = \frac{\eta}{m} \quad [b] ??$$

A general solution is a linear combination of functions

$$x(t) = e^{\lambda t}.$$

We get the characteristic equation

$$\lambda^2 + b\lambda + a^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_{1,2} = -\frac{b}{2} \pm \sqrt{\frac{b^2}{4} - a^2}$$

Now we investigate important cases

$$1. \underline{C := b^2 - 4a^2 \geq 0}$$

$$b^2 - 4a^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow b \geq 2a$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\eta}{m} > 2\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \Rightarrow \boxed{\eta > \sqrt{4km}}$$

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A general solution of MM is defined as

$$x(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t}$$

Since $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 < 0$, then $x(t) \rightarrow 0$
 $t \rightarrow \infty$

without any oscillations.

The friction is sufficiently strong to exclude a possibility of oscillations

Task. Find c_1 and c_2 (a particular solution $\nexists$ satisfy initial conditions)

$$x(0) = x_0, \quad \dot{x}(0) = v_0 \quad \left(\dot{x}(t) = \frac{dx}{dt} \right)$$

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Next we consider a case of weaker friction

2. $b^2 - 4a^2 = -c^2 < 0$

$$\boxed{\lambda_{1,2} = -\frac{b}{2} \pm i \frac{c}{2}}$$

We get a general solution

$$x(t) = e^{-\frac{b}{2}t} \left[C_1 \cos\left(\frac{c}{2}t\right) + C_2 \sin\left(\frac{c}{2}t\right) \right]$$

The dynamics of this solution is the same (asymptotic value)

$$x(t) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{for } t \rightarrow \infty$$

But solution *oscillates* while its amplitude is decreasing.

Task Make a full analysis of the

case

$$b^2 = 4a^2$$

Show a figure describing the dynamics of the solution.

Next we consider the forced oscillations of a system when it is moved out of equilibrium by an external force $f(t)$.

$$\begin{cases} m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + \eta \frac{dx}{dt} + kx = \boxed{A \sin(\omega t)} \\ x(0) = 0, \quad \dot{x}(0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Case 1

No friction $\eta = 0$

- The natural frequency of oscillations does not coincide with the forced frequency of oscillations

$$a \neq \omega, \quad a^2 = \frac{k}{m}.$$

We find the solution in the form

$$X(t) = x_1(t) + x_2(t)$$

$$x_1(t) = C_1 \cos(at) + C_2 \sin(at)$$

$$x_2(t) = B \sin(\omega t) \quad (\text{the term due to the force}).$$

We put $x_2(t)$ into equation of MM

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$$(-m\omega^2 + k)B = A$$

$$\Rightarrow B = \frac{A}{k - m\omega^2} = \frac{A/m}{a^2 - \omega^2}$$

The difference of two frequencies.

The solution can be written as

$$x(t) = c_1 \cos(at) + c_2 \sin(at) + \frac{A/m}{a^2 - \omega^2} \sin \omega t$$

(dynamics described as a superposition of two oscillation processes)

IC influence

$$x(0) = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{c_1 = 0}$$

$$\dot{x}(0) = a c_2 + \frac{A/m}{a^2 - \omega^2} \omega = 0.$$

We can write the solution in this compact form

$$x(t) = \frac{A/m}{a^2 - \omega^2} \left[-\frac{\omega}{a} \sin(at) + \sin(\omega t) \right]$$

Let us consider a limit case
 $\omega \rightarrow a$

We are interested to analyse the dynamics of the spring system when

$$|\omega - a| \ll 1 \quad (\text{small})$$

L'Hôpital's rule helps to find

$$\lim_{\omega \rightarrow a} \frac{-\frac{\omega}{a} \sin(at) + \sin(\omega t)}{a^2 - \omega^2}$$

$$= \frac{-\frac{\sin(at)}{a} + t \cos \omega t}{-2\omega} \bigg|_{\omega = a}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\omega \rightarrow a} \\ \frac{t \cos(at) - \frac{\sin(at)}{a}}{-2a} \approx -\frac{t}{2a} \cos(at) \rightarrow \infty \quad t \rightarrow \infty \end{array}$$

Resonance

Resonance is a phenomenon that occurs when an object is subjected to an external force whose **frequency** matches a resonant frequency of the system.

We are interested in a case, when $\omega \neq a$, but $|\omega - a| \ll 1$ (small)

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \frac{A/m}{a^2 - \omega^2} \left[\left(1 - \frac{\omega}{a}\right) \sin(at) + \sin(\omega t) \right] \\ &= \sin(\omega t) - \sin(at) + \left(1 - \frac{\omega}{a}\right) \sin(at) \end{aligned}$$

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$$= 2 \sin\left(\frac{\omega - a}{2} t\right) \cos\left(\frac{\omega + a}{2} t\right) + \left(1 - \frac{\omega}{a}\right) \sin(at)$$

The main part of the solution is defined as

$$\tilde{x}(t) = \underbrace{\frac{A/m}{a^2 - \omega^2} \cdot 2 \cdot \sin\left(\frac{\omega - a}{2} t\right)}_{M(t)} \times \underbrace{\cos\left(\frac{\omega + a}{2} t\right)}_{\text{Fast oscillation}}$$

$M(t)$ - slow harmonic oscillation of the amplitude

Fast oscillation

Task 2. Make analysis of the case

$$\omega = a, \quad 0 < \eta < \sqrt{2km}$$

Mechanical resonance.