

Solutions to the Homework

Replaces Section 3.8

1. Solve the IVP $u'' + \omega_0^2 u = F_0 \cos(\omega t)$, $u(0) = 0$ and $u'(0) = 0$, if $\omega \neq \omega_0$.

SOLUTION: Rewriting the DE to complexify the right hand side,

$$u'' + \omega_0^2 u = F_0(\cos(\omega t) + i \sin(\omega t))$$

we'll solve the full problem, then (because the original function was cosine) take the real part.

$$y_p = Ae^{i\omega t} \quad y_p'' = -\omega^2 e^{-i\omega t} \quad \Rightarrow \quad Ae^{i\omega t}(-\omega^2 + \omega_0^2) = F_0 e^{i\omega t}$$

Therefore, $A = F_0/(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)$, and we want the real part of $Ae^{i\omega t}$:

$$y_p = \frac{F_0}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} (\cos(\omega t) + i \sin(\omega t))$$

The real part is our final answer. Including the homogenous part,

$$u(t) = C_1 \cos(\omega_0 t) + C_2 \sin(\omega_0 t) + \frac{F_0}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} \cos(\omega t)$$

Putting in the initial conditions,

$$u(t) = \frac{F_0}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} (\cos(\omega t) - \cos(\omega_0 t))$$

2. Show that the period of motion of an undamped vibration of a mass hanging from a vertical spring is $2\pi\sqrt{L/g}$

SOLUTION: With no damping, $mu'' + ku = 0$ has solution

$$u(t) = A \cos\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}t\right) + B \sin\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}t\right)$$

so the period is given below. We also note that $mg - kL = 0$, and this equation yields the desired substitution:

$$P = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}} = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{m}{k}} \quad \text{and} \quad mg = kL \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{k}{m} = \frac{g}{L}$$

3. Convert the following to $R \cos(\omega t - \delta)$

(a) $\cos(9t) - \sin(9t)$

In this case, $R = \sqrt{2}$ and $\delta = \tan^{-1}(-1) = -\pi/4$

Note that in this case, we don't need to add π because $(1, -1)$ is in Quadrant IV.

(b) $2 \cos(3t) + \sin(3t)$

SOLUTION: $R = \sqrt{5}$ and $\omega = 3$. The angle δ is computed as the argument of the point $(2, 1)$, which you can leave as $\delta = \tan^{-1}(1/2)$:

$$2 \cos(3t) + \sin(3t) = \sqrt{5} \cos(3t - \tan^{-1}(1/2))$$

(c) $-2\pi \cos(\pi t) - \pi \sin(\pi t)$

SOLUTION: Same idea, but note that $(-2\pi, -\pi)$ is a point in Quadrant III, so we add (or subtract) π :

$$R = \pi\sqrt{5} \quad \text{and} \quad \delta = \tan^{-1}(1/2) + \pi \quad \text{and} \quad \omega = \pi$$

(d) $5 \sin(t/2) - \cos(t/2)$

SOLUTION: Did you notice I reversed the sine and cosine on you (that was a mistake, but maybe it was a helpful one). The value of R and ω would be the same either way, but δ changes:

$$R = \sqrt{26} \quad \omega = \frac{1}{2}$$

For δ , notice that our “point” is $(-1, 5)$ which is in Quadrant II, so add π :

$$\sqrt{26} \cos\left(\frac{t}{2} - \tan^{-1}(-5) - \pi\right)$$

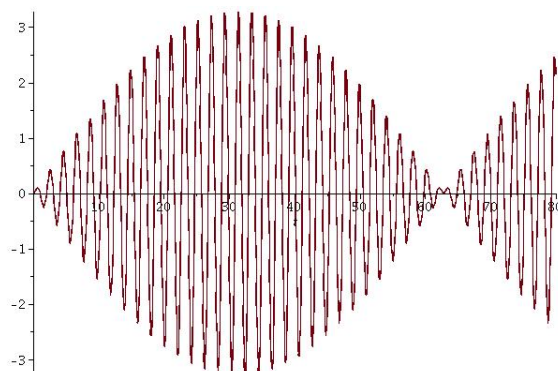
4. (Assigned as a quiz)

5. $u'' + 9u = \cos(3.1t)$

For this, the (circular) beat frequency is $|\omega_0 - \omega| = 1/10$ and the amplitude of a beat is $2/(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)$, or approximately 3.28. The particular part of the solution is

$$\frac{1}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} \cos(\omega t) = 1.64 \cos(3.1t)$$

Not necessary, but we can check the figure below provided by Maple:



6. $u'' + u = \cos(1.3t)$

For this, the (circular) beat frequency is $3/10$ and the amplitude of a beat is $2/(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)$, or approximately 2.9. The particular part of the solution is

$$\frac{1}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} \cos(\omega t) = 1.45 \cos(1.3t)$$

7. Solve $u'' + 9u = \cos(3t)$ with zero ICs.

The solution is:

$$u(t) = \frac{1}{6} t \sin(3t)$$

8. Find the general solution of the given differential equation:

$$y'' + 3y' + 2y = \cos(t)$$

First, get the homogeneous part of the solution by solving the characteristic equation:

$$r^2 + 3r + 2 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad (r + 2)(r + 1) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad r = -1, -2$$

Therefore, $y_h(t) = C_1 e^{-t} + C_2 e^{-2t}$. Now use $y_p = Ae^{it}$, and substitute:

$$Ae^{it}(-1 + 3i + 2) = e^{it} \quad \Rightarrow \quad A = \frac{1}{1 + 3i}$$

We want the real part of Ae^{it} . The full expansion is given below- Just pick out the real part for y_p :

$$Ae^{it} = \frac{1 - 3i}{10}(\cos(t) + i \sin(t))$$

so $y_p = \frac{1}{10} \cos(t) + \frac{3}{10} \sin(t)$, or all together:

$$y(t) = C_1 e^{-t} + C_2 e^{-2t} + \frac{1}{10} \cos(t) + \frac{3}{10} \sin(t)$$

9. Consider $u'' + pu' + qu = \cos(\omega t)$. In the notes at the bottom of p. 4, we got that

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{2q - p^2}{2}}$$

Thinking of p as damping, if the damping is very very small, then approximately what value of ω will result in a very large amplitude response?

SOLUTION: If the damping is very small, then the maximizer ω becomes very close to \sqrt{q} , which is what we would expect from no damping (and then resonance).

10. (Assigned as part of the quiz)
11. Consider $u'' + u' + 2u = \cos(\omega t)$. Find the value of ω that will maximize the amplitude of the response.

NOTE: I don't want you to memorize the value of ω . Rather, find the amplitude R , then differentiate to find where the derivative is zero. Remember our shortcut (dealing with $f(\omega)$).

SOLUTION: Let $y_p = Ae^{i\omega t}$, and substituting it into the DE:

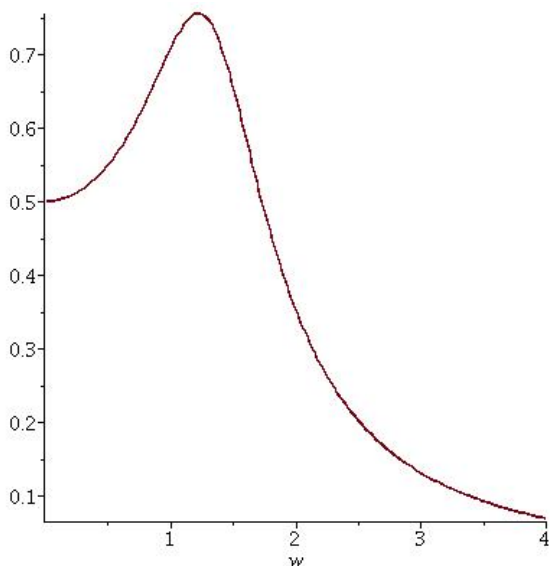
$$Ae^{i\omega t}(-\omega^2 + i\omega + 2) = e^{i\omega t} \quad \Rightarrow \quad A = \frac{1}{(2 - \omega^2) + i\omega}$$

The amplitude R is therefore:

$$R = \frac{1}{|(2 - \omega^2) + i\omega|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2 - \omega^2)^2 + \omega^2}}$$

We looked at a shortcut for differentiating this and setting it to zero- That's the same as just differentiating $(2 - \omega^2)^2 + \omega^2$ and setting that to zero.

Doing that, we get $\omega = \sqrt{6}2 \approx 1.22$. For fun, we can can R as a function of ω to see if we're accurate. Doing that, we get the figure below.



12. Pictured below are the graphs of several solutions to the differential equation:

$$y'' + py' + qy = \cos(\omega t)$$

Match the figure to the choice of parameters.

Choice	b	c	ω
(A)	5	3	1
(B)	0	2	1
(C)	0	1	1
(D)	2	1	3

SOLUTION: I wanted you to see that one of the graphs was BEATING (lower left, choice B), one was RESONANCE (upper left, choice C). To distinguish between the other two, I wanted you to estimate the periods and work it out that way. For the upper right graph, the period is approximately 2π , so the forcing function would have $\omega = 1$ (choice A). The lower right function takes about 2π units to get 3 complete cycles, so $\omega = 3$ (and the choice is D)

13. Write the forced response to the ODE below as $R \cos(\omega t - \delta)$:

$$u'' + u' + 2u = \cos(3t)$$

SOLUTION: Using $y_p = Ae^{3it}$, we get

$$Ae^{3it}(-9 + 2i + 2) = e^{3it} \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{-7 + 3i}$$

The amplitude R is then:

$$R = \frac{1}{|-7 + 2i|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{58}} \quad \delta = \tan^{-1}(-2/7) + \pi$$

NOTE: The actual, full y_p can be computed as:

$$\frac{-7}{58} \cos(3t) + \frac{3}{58} \sin(3t)$$

then R, δ would be the same thing- But why would you want to go through all that work?

14. Suppose we can tune the value of q rather than the value of ω in the differential equation (where $\omega = 3$):

$$u'' + u' + qu = \cos(3t)$$

Find the value of q that will maximize the amplitude of the forced response.

SOLUTION: Go through the usual computation:

$$Ae^{3it}(-9 + 3i + q) = e^{3it} \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{(q - 9) + 3i}$$

Therefore, the amplitude as a function of q is:

$$R = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(q - 9)^2 + 9}}$$

To find the q that maximizes R , differentiate and set to zero. As before, we can use a shortcut:

$$\frac{d}{dq}(q - 9)^2 + 9 = 0 \Rightarrow q = 9$$