

## Exploratory problem

Solve the motion of a mass attached to the ceiling by a spring  
(no viscosity)



Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> law

$$m\ddot{y} = f_g + f_d$$

$$f_g = mg$$

$$f_d = -k(y-l)$$

$$m, g, k, l \in \mathbb{R}^+$$

$$m\ddot{y} = mg - k(y-l)$$

$$\Rightarrow m\ddot{y} + ky = mg + kl$$

$$\boxed{\ddot{y} + \frac{k}{m}y = g + \frac{k}{m}l}$$

2<sup>nd</sup>-order  
linear  
inhomogeneous

independent variable?  $t$

dependent variable  $y$   $y = y(t)$

① Solve the homogeneous problem

$$m\ddot{y} + \frac{k}{m}y = 0$$

Characteristic equation

$$\lambda^2 + \frac{k}{m} = 0 \quad \lambda = \pm \sqrt{-\frac{k}{m}}$$

$$\text{putting } \frac{k}{m} = \omega^2 \quad \lambda_{1,2} = \pm i\omega$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \quad \text{check}$$

$$\text{are } \lambda_1 = \alpha + i\beta \quad \lambda_2 = \alpha - i\beta$$

$$\alpha = 0 \quad \beta = \omega$$

① Solve the homogeneous problem

$$y'' + \omega^2 y = 0 \quad \text{where} \quad \omega^2 = \frac{k}{m}$$

Characteristic equation

$$\lambda^2 + \omega^2 = 0, \lambda^2 = -\omega^2 \Rightarrow \lambda = \pm i\omega$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_1 &= \alpha + i\beta & \text{where } \alpha &= 0 \\ \lambda_2 &= \alpha - i\beta & \beta &= \omega \end{aligned}$$

General solution

$$y_R(t) = e^{\alpha t} (A \cos \beta t + B \sin \beta t)$$

$$y_R(t) = (A \cos \omega t + B \sin \omega t)$$

$$\boxed{y_R(t) = A \cos \omega t + B \sin \omega t}$$

② Find the particular solution.

$$a_2 \ddot{y} + a_1 \dot{y} + a_0 y = f(t)$$

$$\ddot{y} + \omega^2 y = g + \frac{k}{m} e^{\omega t} \quad \text{where } \omega^2 = \frac{k}{m}$$

$$\underbrace{\quad}_{\text{"}} f(t) = p(t) e^{\omega t}$$

with  $\omega \neq \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \neq \omega$

$$\omega = 0 \quad f(t) = g + \frac{k}{m} e^{\omega t} \Rightarrow \text{I can apply the educated guess method!}$$

According to the educated guess method we look

for solutions

$$y_p(t) = Q(t) e^{at} = d_0$$

$$a = 0$$

$Q(t)$ , polynomial of degree  $k=0$

We calculate  $y_p'(t) = 0$ ,  $y_p''(t) = 0$

We insert  $y_p(t)$ ,  $y_p'(t)$ ,  $y_p''(t)$  into the ODE

$$y'' + \frac{k}{m} y = g + \frac{k}{m} l$$

$$\frac{k}{m} d_0 = g + \frac{k}{m} l \Rightarrow d_0 = \frac{m}{k} g + l$$

$$y_p(t) = \frac{m}{k} g + l$$

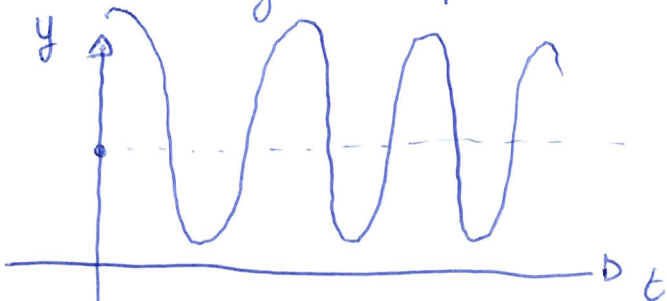
④ The general solution to the inhomogeneous problem

$$y'' + \frac{k}{m} y = g + \frac{k}{m} l$$

is

$$y_g(t) = y_p(t) + y_h(t) = \frac{m}{k} g + l + A \cos \omega t + B \sin \omega t$$

where  $A, B \in \mathbb{R}$



# Summary of considered ODEs

Weeks 1-2      5 types of 1<sup>st</sup>-order ODEs

①  $y' = f(x)$       (calculus)

②  $y' = f(x)g(y)$       Separable ODE

③  $y' = f(ax+by+c)$  } Reducible to separable ODEs.  
 $y' = f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$  }

④ Linear 1<sup>st</sup>-order ODEs

$$y' = A(x)y + B(x)$$

a) Homogeneous  $B(x) = 0$

$$y' = A(x)y \quad - \text{separable}$$

b) Inhomogeneous  $B(x) \neq 0$

$$y' = A(x)y + B(x)$$

Variation of parameter method.

⑤ Exact 1<sup>st</sup>-order ODEs       $P(x,y) + Q(x,y) \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

if and only if  $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} P(x,y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} Q(x,y)$

Week 3-4-5 2<sup>nd</sup>-order ODEs

$$a_2(x)y'' + a_1(x)y' + a_0(x)y = f(x)$$

① Homogeneous ( $f(x)=0$ ) with constant coefficients

$$a_2 y'' + a_1 y' + a_0 y = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  Characteristic equation  $\Rightarrow$  General solution

② Euler ODEs - Homogeneous.

$$ax^2 y'' + bx y' + cy = 0$$

Reducible to ODEs with constant coefficient

$$z = y(x(t)) \text{ where } x = e^t \quad x > 0$$

$$az'' + (b-a)z' + cz = 0$$

③ Inhomogeneous with constant coefficients

$$a_2 y'' + a_1 y' + a_0 y = f(x)$$

a) Variation of parameter method

b) Educated guess method

Only applicable for  $f(x) = p(x)e^{ax}$

$$\text{or } f(x) = p(x) \begin{cases} \cos ax \\ \sin ax \end{cases}$$

$$a \neq \lambda_1 \quad a \neq \lambda_2$$