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Ordinary Differential Equations



Mechanical and Electrical Models

• Hooke's Law spring

$$y'' + \frac{c}{m}y' + \frac{k}{m}y = \frac{1}{m}f(t)$$

Displacement y(t), mass *m*, damping constant *c*, spring constant *k*, external force f(t).

A mass weighing 16 pounds is attached to a 5-foot-long spring. At equilibrium the spring measures 8.2 feet. If the mass is initially released from rest at a point 2 feet above the equilibrium position, find the displacements y(t) if it is further known that the surrounding medium offers a resistance numerically equal to the instantaneous velocity.

$$m = 16/32 = 1/2 \qquad 8.2 - 5 = 3.2 \text{ and } 16 = k(3.2) \text{ by Hooke's Law, so } k = 5.$$

Thus,
$$y'' + (2) y' + 10y = 0 ; \quad y(0) = -2, \quad y'(0) = 0$$

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• Linearized pendulum

$$\theta'' + \frac{c}{m}\theta' + \frac{g}{L}\theta = \frac{1}{mL}h(t)$$

Angular displacement $\theta(t)$, mass *m*, damping constant *c*, length *L*, gravitational constant *g*, external tangential force h(t).

Given a linearized and undriven pendulum with a mass of 2 kg, if c = 0 and L = 2 m, find the angular displacement at time t = 3 s. $\theta(0) = 1$ and $\theta'(0) = 1$

$$\theta' + 4.9 \ \theta = 0$$
; $\theta(0) = 1, \ \theta'(0) = 0$







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• Current in RLC circuit

$$I'' + \frac{R}{L}I' + \frac{1}{CL}I = \frac{1}{L}E'(t)$$

Current I(t), inductance L, resistance R, capacitance C, rate of change, E'(t) of the driving voltage E(t)

Find the current at time t if R = 40 ohms, L = 1 henry, C = 0.0016 farads and $E = 5\cos 10t$. The initial current is 0.

 $I'' + 40 I' + 625 I = -50 \sin 10 t$

 $I(t) = -\frac{20}{2091}e^{-20t}(-48e^{20t}\cos(10t) + 48\cos(15t) + 63e^{20t}\sin(10t) + 22\sin(15t))$



Mechanical and Electrical Models

• Charge on capacitor in RLC circuit

$$q'' + \frac{R}{L}q' + \frac{1}{CL}q = \frac{1}{L}E(t)$$

Charge q(t), inductance L, resistance R, capacitance C, rate of change, driving voltage E(t)

Find the charge q(t) on the capacitor in an *RLC*-series circuit when L = 0.25 henry, R = 10 ohms, C = 0.001 farad, E(t) = 0, $q(0) = q_0$ coulombs, and i(0) = 0.

$$q'' + 40 q' + 4000 q = 0; q(0) = q_0, q'(0) = 0$$



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- An 8-lb weight stretches a spring 6 ft, thereby reaching its equilibrium position. Assuming a damping constant for the system of 4 lb/(ft/sec), the weight is pulled down 3 inches below its equilibrium position and given a downward velocity of 2 ft/sec. When will the mass attain its maximum displacement below equilibrium? What is the maximum displacement? Show the graph of the motion.
- 2. A capacitor whose capacitance is $\frac{2}{1010}$ farad, an inductor whose coefficient of inductance is $\frac{1}{20}$ henry, and a resistor whose resistance is 1 ohm are connected in series. If at t = 0, i = 0 and the charge on the capacitor is 1 coulomb, find the charge and the current in the circuit due to the discharge of the capacitor when t = 0.01 second.
- 3. An RLC circuit connected in series has a resistance of 5 ohms, an inductance of 0.05 henry, a capacitor of 0.004 farad, and an applied alternating emf of 200 cos 100*t* volts. Find an expression for the current.



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- 4. A helical spring is stretched 32 inches by an object weighing 2 pounds, and brought to rest. It is then given an additional pull of 1 ft and released. If the spring is immersed in a medium whose coefficient of resistance is *W*, find the equation of motion of the object. Assume the resisting force is proportional to the first power of the velocity. Also provide a graph of the motion.
- 5. A simple linearized unforced pendulum of length 2 ft is released from the position $\theta = \frac{1}{12}$ rad at time t = 0.
 - (a) Find the value of θ when $t = \frac{\pi}{16}$.
 - (b) When and with what angular velocity does the pendulum cross the equilibrium position?
- 6. A particle moves in a straight line in accordance with $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 6\frac{dx}{dt} 16x = 0$
 - At t = 0, the particle is at x = 2 ft and moving to the left with a velocity of 10 ft/sec.
 - (a) When will the particle change direction and go to the right?
 - (b) Will it ever change direction again?

