

**Differential Equations**  
**Homework 10 (Revised)**

(HW 10 will Not be collected but one of the problems will be in Midterm 3)  
(HW 10 solution will be available on 4/15)

**Note:**

- Please show all of your work (writing a list of answers is not sufficient).
- Please indicate the people you worked with.
- **Please staple your HW.**
- Several random problems will be graded (1 point each).

1. Determine the period and frequency of the simple harmonic motion (damping coefficient  $c = 0$ ) of a  $m = 0.75$  kg mass on the end of a spring with spring constant  $k = 48$ .

$$m = 0.75, k = 48$$

$$mu'' + ku = 0$$

$$0.75u'' + 48u = 0$$

$$u'' + 64u = 0$$

$$r^2 + 64 = 0 \rightarrow r = \pm 8i$$

General solution

$$u(t) = A \cos(8t) + B \sin(8t) = C \cos(8t - \delta),$$

where

$$C = \sqrt{A^2 + B^2}, \tan \delta = \frac{B}{A}$$

The period

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{8} = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

The frequency

$$f = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{4}{\pi}$$

2. A mass of  $m = 3$  kg is attached to the end of a spring that is stretched 0.2 m by a force of 15 N. At a time  $t = 0$  the body is pulled 1 m, stretching the spring, and set in motion with an initial velocity of  $-10$  m/s.

(a) Find  $u(t)$

$$F = -kx \rightarrow -15 = -k(0.2) \rightarrow k = \frac{15}{0.2} = 75$$

$$u(0) = 1, u'(0) = -10$$

$$m = 3, k = 75$$

$$3u'' + 75u = 0$$

$$u'' + 25u = 0$$

$$r^2 + 25 = 0 \rightarrow r = \pm 5i$$

General solution

$$u(t) = A \cos(5t) + B \sin(5t)$$

$$u(0) = A \cos 0 + B \sin 0 = 0 \rightarrow A = 1$$

$$u'(0) = -5A \sin(0) + 5B \cos(0) = -10 \rightarrow B = -2$$

Therefore

$$u(t) = \cos(5t) - 2 \sin(5t) = \sqrt{1^2 + (-2)^2} \cos(5t - \delta) = \sqrt{5} \cos(5t - \delta)$$

where

$$\tan \delta = -\frac{2}{1}$$

(b) Find the amplitude and period of motion of the body.

$$\text{Amplitude} = \sqrt{5}, \text{ Period} = \frac{2\pi}{5}, \text{ frequency} = \frac{5}{2\pi}$$

3. Suppose that the mass in a mass-spring system with  $m = 25$ ,  $c = 10$ , and  $k = 226$  is set in motion with  $u(0) = 20$  and  $u'(0) = 41$ .

(a) Find the position function  $u(t)$  in the form of single cosine function.

$$m = 25, c = 10, k = 226, u(0) = 20, u'(0) = 41$$

$$25u'' + 10u' + 226u = 0$$

$$25r^2 + 10r + 226 = 0$$

$$r = \frac{-10 \pm \sqrt{100 - 4(25)(226)}}{50} = \frac{-10 \pm \sqrt{-22500}}{50} = \frac{-10 \pm 150i}{50} = -\frac{1}{5} \pm 3i$$

General solution

$$u(t) = Ae^{-\frac{1}{5}t} \cos 3t + Be^{-\frac{1}{5}t} \sin 3t$$

$$u(0) = Ae^{-0} \cos 0 + Be^0 \sin 0 = 20 \rightarrow A = 20$$

$$u'(0) = -\frac{1}{5}Ae^0 \cos 0 - 3Ae^0 \sin 0 - \frac{1}{5}Be^0 \sin 0 + 3Be^0 \cos 0$$

$$= -\frac{1}{5}Ae^0 \cos 0 + 3Be^0 \cos 0 = -4 + 3B = 41 \rightarrow B = 15$$

Thus,

$$u(t) = 20e^{-\frac{1}{5}t} \cos 3t + 15e^{-\frac{1}{5}t} \sin 3t$$

let

$$C = \sqrt{20^2 + (15)^2} = 25$$

Then

$$u(t) = 25e^{-\frac{1}{5}t} \left( \frac{20}{25} \cos 3t + \frac{15}{25} \sin 3t \right) = 25e^{-\frac{1}{5}t} (\cos 3t \cos \delta + \sin 3t \sin \delta) = 25e^{-\frac{1}{5}t} \cos(3t - \delta),$$

where

$$\tan \delta = \frac{15}{20} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\delta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{3}{4} \right) \approx 0.6435$$

Finally,

$$u(t) = 25e^{-\frac{1}{5}t} \cos(3t - 0.6435)$$

(b) Find the pseudo-period of the oscillation and time-varying amplitude.

$$\text{pseudoperiod} = \frac{2\pi}{3}, \text{ Time-varying amplitude} = 25e^{-\frac{1}{5}t}$$

4. A mass  $m = 1/2$  is attached to a spring with spring constant  $k = 4$  and damping coefficient  $c = 3$ . The mass is set in motion with initial position  $u(0) = 2$  and initial velocity  $u'(0) = 0$ . Find  $u(t)$  and determine whether the motion is overdamped, critically damped, or underdamped. If it is underdamped, write  $u(t)$  in the form of  $Ce^{-pt} \cos(\omega_0 t - \delta)$ .

$$m = \frac{1}{2}, c = 3, k = 4, u(0) = 2, u'(0) = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2}u'' + 3u' + 4u = 0$$

$$r^2 + 6r + 8 = 0$$

$$(r + 2)(r + 4) = 0 \rightarrow r = -2, r = -4$$

General solution (Overdamped)

$$u(t) = Ae^{-2t} + Be^{-4t}$$

$$u(0) = Ae^0 + Be^0 = 2 \rightarrow A + B = 2$$

$$u'(0) = -2Ae^0 - 4Be^0 = 0 \rightarrow A + 2B = 0$$

$$B = -2, A = 4$$

Thus,

$$u(t) = 4e^{-2t} - 2e^{-4t}$$

5. A mass  $m = 2$  is attached to a spring with spring constant  $k = 50$  and damping coefficient  $c = 12$ . The mass is set in motion with initial position  $u(0) = 1$  and initial velocity  $u'(0) = -7$ . Find  $u(t)$  and determine whether the motion is overdamped, critically damped, or underdamped. If it is underdamped, write  $u(t)$  in the form of  $Ce^{-pt} \cos(\omega_0 t - \delta)$ .

$$m = 2, c = 12, k = 50, u(0) = 1, u'(0) = -7$$

$$2u'' + 12u' + 50u = 0$$

$$r^2 + 6r + 25 = 0$$

$$r = \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 4(1)(25)}}{2} = \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{-64}}{2} = -3 \pm 4i$$

General solution (underdamped)

$$u(t) = Ae^{-3t} \cos(4t) + Be^{-3t} \sin(4t)$$

$$u(0) = Ae^{-0} \cos 0 + Be^0 \sin 0 = 0 \rightarrow A = 1$$

$$u'(0) = -3Ae^0 \cos 0 - 4Ae^0 \sin 0 - 3Be^0 \sin 0 + 4Be^0 \cos 0$$

$$= -3Ae^0 \cos 0 + 4Be^0 \cos 0 = -3 + 4B = -7 \rightarrow B = -1$$

Thus,

$$u(t) = e^{-3t} \cos 4t - e^{-3t} \sin 4t$$

let

$$C = \sqrt{1^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{2}$$

Then

$$u(t) = \sqrt{2}e^{-3t} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cos(4t) + \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin(4t) \right) = \sqrt{2}e^{-3t} (\cos(4t) \cos \delta + \sin(4t) \sin \delta) = \sqrt{2}e^{-3t} \cos(4t - \delta)$$

where

$$\tan \delta = \frac{B}{A} = -1 \rightarrow \delta = \frac{3\pi}{4}$$

Finally,

$$u(t) = \sqrt{2}e^{-3t} \cos\left(4t - \frac{3\pi}{4}\right)$$

Time-varying amplitude =  $\sqrt{2}e^{-3t}$

Pseudo-period =  $\frac{2\pi}{4}$