Math 270: Differential Equations Day14

Applications of 2nd-Order Linear Differential Equations

The Mass-Spring System

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The Mass-Spring System

<u>Hooke's Law</u>: If a spring is stretched (or compressed) by an amount y, then the magnitude of the force exerted by the spring is ...

 $F_{spring} = ky$

 F_{spring} = the force exerted by the spring

y = the amount the spring is stretched from its natural length

k = a number, called the spring constant. (if tells you how hard it is to stretch the spring)

$$\vec{F}_{spring} = -ky$$

The Mass-Spring System discuss damping and external forces and most general DE

$$\vec{F}_{damping} = -by' \quad b > 0$$
$$\vec{F}_{external} = F_{ext}(t)$$
DE: $my'' + by' + ky = F_{ext}(t)$

The Mass-Spring System (**undamped, free case**) Derive

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DE

y(t)

Alternate form formulas:

Period

Frequency

Amplitude

The Mass-Spring System (undamped, free case)

Example 1 A 1/8-kg mass is attached to a spring with stiffness k = 16 N/m, as depicted in Figure 4.1. The mass is displaced 1/2 m to the right of the equilibrium point and given an outward velocity (to the right) of $\sqrt{2}$ m/sec. Neglecting any damping or external forces that may be present, determine the equation of motion of the mass along with its amplitude, period, and natural frequency. How long after release does the mass pass through the equilibrium position?

The Mass-Spring System (**damped**, **free case**) Discuss

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Figure 4.29 Overdamped vibrations

The Mass-Spring System (**damped**, **free case**) Discuss Critically Damped

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Example 2 Assume that the motion of a mass–spring system with damping is governed by

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + b\frac{dy}{dt} + 25y = 0; \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 0.$$

Find the equation of motion and sketch its graph for the three cases where b = 6, 10, and 12.

The Mass-Spring System (**damped**, **free case**)

Example 2

$$b = 6$$
: $y(t) = \frac{5}{4}e^{-3t}\sin(4t + \phi)$

$$b = 10$$
: $y(t) = (1+5t)e^{-5t}$

$$b = 12: \qquad y(t) = \frac{11 + 6\sqrt{11}}{22}e^{(-6+\sqrt{11})t} + \frac{11 - 6\sqrt{11}}{22}e^{(-6-\sqrt{11})t}$$

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Example 2



The Mass-Spring System (damped, free case)

Example 3 A 1/4-kg mass is attached to a spring with a stiffness 4 N/m as shown in Figure 4.31(a). The damping constant *b* for the system is 1 N-sec/m. If the mass is displaced 1/2 m to the left and given an initial velocity of 1 m/sec to the left, find the equation of motion. What is the maximum displacement that the mass will attain?