

# Chapter 2

## Second Order Ordinary Differential Equations

## 2. Linear Second Order Differential Equations with constant coefficients.

**The General formula of a linear D.Es is:**

$$\frac{d^n y}{dx^n} + P_1 \frac{d^{n-1} y}{dx^{n-1}} + P_2 \frac{d^{n-2} y}{dx^{n-2}} + \dots + P_n y = f(x)$$

where  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n, f(x)$  are functions of  $(x)$

**The General formula of a linear D.E with constant coefficients is:**

$$\frac{d^n y}{dx^n} + a_1 \frac{d^{n-1} y}{dx^{n-1}} + a_2 \frac{d^{n-2} y}{dx^{n-2}} + \dots + a_n y = f(x)$$

If  $f(x) = 0$  then the equation is **Homogeneous**.

If  $f(x) \neq 0$  then the equation is **Nonhomogeneous**.

**Examples:**

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 3 \frac{dy}{dx} + 5y = x \Rightarrow \text{Nonhomogene}$$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 3 \frac{dy}{dx} + 5y = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Homogeneous}$$

**Using Operator:**

$$\frac{d}{dx} = \text{Operator} = D \rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = Dy$$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 5 \frac{dy}{dx} + 6y = 0$$

$$(D^2 + 5D + 6)y = 0$$

$$\text{if } y = \sin(x)$$

$$\text{if } y = \sin x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \cos x$$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = -\sin x$$

## 2.1 Solution of Homogeneous Linear D.Es with constant coefficients:

**Example:**

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + a_1 \frac{dy}{dx} + a_2 y = 0 \Rightarrow (D^2 + a_1 D + a_2)y = 0$$

**General solution for second-order homogeneous linear D.Es:**

**Case 1: If  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  are real and distinct  $m_1 \neq m_2$**

$$(D^2 + a_1 D + a_2)y = 0$$

$$(D - m_1)(D - m_2)y = 0$$

$$\text{let } u = (D - m_2)y \Rightarrow (D - m_1)u = 0$$

$$Du = m_1 u \Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = m_1 u \Rightarrow \int \frac{du}{u} = \int m_1 dx + c$$

$$\ln u = m_1 x + c \Rightarrow u = e^{m_1 x + c} = c_1 e^{m_1 x}$$

$$u = (D - m_2)y \Rightarrow (D - m_2)y = c_1 e^{m_1 x}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - m_2 y = c_1 e^{m_1 x} \Leftrightarrow \text{linear D.E}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + P y = Q \Rightarrow P = -m_2 \quad Q = c_1 e^{m_1 x}$$

$$I(x) = \int e^{p(x)} dx = \int e^{-m_2 x} dx = e^{-m_2 x}$$

$$I(x)y = \int I(x).Q dx + c_2$$

$$e^{-m_2 x}.y = \int e^{-m_2 x}.c_1 e^{m_1 x}.dx + c_2$$

$$e^{-m_2 x}.y = \int c_1 e^{(m_1 - m_2).x}.dx + c_2$$

$$e^{-m_2 x}.y = \frac{1}{m_1 - m_2} \int c_1 e^{(m_1 - m_2).x}.dx + c_2$$

$$e^{-m_2 x}.y = \frac{c_1 e^{(m_1 - m_2).x}}{m_1 - m_2} + c_2$$

$$y = \frac{c_1 e^{(m_1 - m_2).x}}{m_1 - m_2} \cdot e^{m_2 x} + c_2 \cdot e^{m_2 x} \Rightarrow y = \frac{c_1 e^{m_1 x - m_2 x + m_2 x}}{m_1 - m_2} + c_2 \cdot e^{m_2 x}$$

$$y = C_1 e^{m_1 x} + C_2 e^{m_2 x} \quad \text{where } m_1 \neq m_2$$

**Case 2: If  $m_1 = m_2$ ,**

$$(D - m)^2 y = 0$$

$$(D - m)(D - m)y = 0$$

$$\text{Let } z = (D - m)y \Rightarrow (D - m)z = 0$$

$$\frac{dz}{dx} - mz = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dz}{z} = m dx \Rightarrow \ln z = mx + c_1$$

$$z = e^{mx} \cdot e^{c_1} = C_1 e^{mx}$$

$$\therefore (D - m)y = z \Rightarrow (D - m)y = C_1 e^{mx} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} - my = C_1 e^{mx} \Leftrightarrow \text{linear}$$

$$P = -m \quad Q = C_1 e^{mx}$$

$$I(x) = \int e^{p(x)dx} = \int e^{-m dx} = e^{-mx}$$

$$I(x)y = \int I(x) \cdot Q \cdot dx + c_2$$

$$e^{-mx} \cdot y = \int e^{-mx} \cdot C_1 e^{mx} \cdot dx + c_2$$

$$e^{-mx} \cdot y = (C_1 x + c_2) \Rightarrow$$

$$y = (C_1 x + C_2) \cdot e^{mx} \quad \text{where } m_1 = m_2$$

**Case 3: If  $m_1 = p + qi$  and  $m_2 = p - qi$  the characteristic equation has a complex roots.**

Let the general homogeneous Linear D.E form be :

$$y'' + p_1 y' + p_2 y = 0$$

$$m_{1,2} = \frac{-p_1 \mp \sqrt{p_1^2 - 4p_2}}{2}$$

$$\text{Let } p_1^2 - 4p_2 = -4q^2$$

$$m_{1,2} = -\frac{p_1}{2} \mp iq$$

$$y = c_1 e^{(-\frac{p_1}{2} - iq)x} + c_2 e^{(-\frac{p_1}{2} + iq)x}$$

$$y = e^{-\frac{p_1}{2}x} [c_1 e^{-iqx} + c_2 e^{iqx}]$$

$$\sin x = \frac{e^{ix} - e^{-ix}}{2i} \quad \text{and} \quad \cos x = \frac{e^{ix} + e^{-ix}}{2i} \quad \text{Euler's formula}$$

$$e^{ix} = \cos x + i \cdot \sin x$$

$$e^{-ix} = \cos x - i \cdot \sin x$$

$$y = e^{-\frac{p_1}{2}x} [c_1(\cos qx - i \sin qx) + c_2(\cos qx + i \sin qx)]$$

$$y = e^{-\frac{p_1}{2}x} [(c_1 + c_2) \cos qx + (c_1 - c_2) \sin qx]$$

$$\therefore y = e^{-\frac{p_1}{2}x} (A \cos qx + B \sin qx)$$

$$y = e^{px} (A \cos qx + B \sin qx) \quad \text{where } m_{1,2} = p + qi$$

**Example1:** Find the general solution of the equation:  $y'' + 7y' + 12y = 0$ ?

**Solution:**  $y'' + 7y' + 12y = 0 \Rightarrow m^2 + 7m + 12 = 0$

$$m_{1,2} = \frac{-7 \mp \sqrt{49 - 48}}{2} \Rightarrow m_1 = -4 \quad m_2 = -3$$

$$y = C_1 e^{m_1 x} + c_2 \cdot e^{m_2 x} = C_1 e^{-4x} + c_2 \cdot e^{-3x}$$

**Example2:** Solve the equation:  $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 5 \frac{dy}{dx} + 6y = 0$  ?

**Solution:**  $m^2 - 5m + 6 = 0 \Rightarrow (m - 3)(m - 2) = 0 \Rightarrow m_1 = 3 \quad m_2 = 2$

$$y = C_1 e^{m_1 x} + c_2 \cdot e^{m_2 x} = C_1 e^{3x} + c_2 \cdot e^{2x}$$

**Example3:** Solve the equation:  $4 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 4 \frac{dy}{dx} + y = 0$  ?

**Solution:**

$$4m^2 + 4m + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow m^2 + m + \frac{1}{4} = 0 \Rightarrow (2m + 1)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow m_1 = m_2 = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$y = (C_1 x + c_2) \cdot e^{m x} \Rightarrow y = (c_1 x + c_2) e^{-\frac{1}{2}x}$$

**Example4:** Solve the equation:  $2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 3 \frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = 0$  ?

**Solution:**

$$2m^2 + 3m + 4 = 0$$

$$m_{1,2} = \frac{-3 \mp \sqrt{9 - (4 \times 2 \times 4)}}{2 \times 2} = \frac{-3 \mp \sqrt{-23}}{4} = -\frac{3}{4} \mp \frac{\sqrt{23}}{4} i$$

$$y = e^{-\frac{3}{4}x} (A \cos \frac{\sqrt{23}}{4} x + B \sin \frac{\sqrt{23}}{4} x)$$

## 2.2 Initial Value and Boundary Value Problems

**Example:** Find the special solution of the equation:  $4\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 16\frac{dy}{dx} + 17y = 0$

If  $y = 1$  at  $x = 0$  and  $y = 0$  at  $x = \pi$  ?

**Solution:**

$$4m^2 + 16m + 17 = 0 \Rightarrow m_{1,2} = \frac{-16 \mp \sqrt{256 - 272}}{8} = \frac{-16 \mp \sqrt{-16}}{8} = \frac{-16 \mp 4i}{8} = -2 \mp \frac{1}{2}i$$

$$y = e^{-2x} \left( A \cos \frac{x}{2} + B \sin \frac{x}{2} \right) \Leftrightarrow \text{the general solution}$$

$$\text{at } x = 0 \quad y = 1 \Rightarrow 1 = e^0 (A \cos 0 + B \sin 0) \Rightarrow A = 1$$

$$\text{at } x = \pi \quad y = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = e^{-2\pi} (1 \times 0 + B \times 1) \Rightarrow B = 0$$

$$\therefore y = e^{-2x} \left( \cos \frac{x}{2} \right)$$

## 2.3 Solutions of Nonhomogeneous Linear D.E with constant coefficients:

$$\frac{d^n y}{dx^n} + a_1 \frac{d^{n-1} y}{dx^{n-1}} + a_2 \frac{d^{n-2} y}{dx^{n-2}} + \dots + a_n y = f(x)$$

The general solution to the linear nonhomogeneous differential equation is,

$y = y_h + y_p$  where  $y_p$  denotes the **particular solution** and  $y_h$  associates the **homogeneous solution**.

Two methods can be used for solving Second-order linear nonhomogeneous differential equations with constant coefficient.

### 2.3.1 The Method of Undetermined Coefficients:

The method is initiated by assuming a particular solution of the form:

$$y_p(x) = A_1 y_1(x) + A_2 y_2(x) + \dots + A_n y_n(x)$$

where  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  denote arbitrary multiplicative constants. These constants are then evaluated by substituting the proposed solution into the given differential equation and equating the coefficients of like terms.

Use the following table to find  $y_p(x)$ :

$f(x)$	$y_p(x)$
a	A
$ax^n$	$A_n x^n + A_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + A_1 x + A_0$
$ae^{px}$	$Ae^{px}$
$a \cos \beta x$ $a \sin \beta x$	$A \cos \beta x + B \sin \beta x$
$ae^{px} \cos \beta x$ $ae^{px} \sin \beta x$	$Ae^{px} (B_1 \cos \beta x + B_2 \sin \beta x)$
$ax^n e^{px} \cos \beta x$ $ax^n e^{px} \sin \beta x$	$Ae^{px} (A_1 x^n + A_2 x^{n-1} + \dots + A_n) (B_1 \cos \beta x + B_2 \sin \beta x)$

**Example:** Using the table to write  $y_p$  ?

1)  $f(x) = 2x^3 \Rightarrow y_p = Ax^3 + Bx^2 + Cx + D$

2)  $f(x) = 3e^{2x} \Rightarrow y_p = Ce^{2x}$

3)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sin 2x \Rightarrow y_p = A \cos 2x + B \sin 2x$

4)  $f(x) = \sin(x) + \cos(x) \Rightarrow y_p = A \cos x + B \sin x$

**Example-1:** solve the following D.E?  $y''-4y=8x^2$

**Solution:**  $y = y_h + y_p$

to find  $y_h$

Let  $y''-4y=0 \Rightarrow$  homogeneous

$$m^2 - 4 = 0 \Rightarrow m_1 = -2 \quad m_2 = 2$$

$$y_h = C_1 e^{-2x} + C_2 e^{2x}$$

to find  $y_p \Leftrightarrow$  since  $f(x) = 8x^2$

$$y_p = Ax^2 + Bx + C$$

$$y'_p = 2Ax + B$$

$$y''_p = 2A$$

Substitute in the original equation

$$2A - 4Ax^2 - 4Bx - 4C = 8x^2$$

$$-4Ax^2 - 4Bx - (4C - 2A) = 8x^2$$

and by equalizing the constants of the two sides of the equation  $\Rightarrow$

$$-4A = 8 \Rightarrow A = -2$$

$$-4B = 0 \Rightarrow B = 0$$

$$-4C + 2A = 0 \Rightarrow -4C + (2 \times (-2)) = 0 \Rightarrow C = -1$$

$$\therefore y_p = -2x^2 - 1$$

$$y = y_p + y_h \Rightarrow y = C_1 e^{-2x} + C_2 e^{2x} - 2x^2 - 1$$

**Example-2:** solve the following D.E?  $y''-y'-6y=2e^{-2x}$

**Solution:**  $y = y_h + y_p$

to find  $y_h$

Let  $y''-y'-6y=0 \Rightarrow$  homogeneous

$$m^2 - 4m - 6 = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$m_{1,2} = \frac{-1 \mp \sqrt{1+24}}{2} \Rightarrow m_1 = -3 \quad m_2 = 2$$

$$y_h = C_1 e^{-3x} + C_2 e^{2x}$$

to find  $y_p$

$$y_p = C e^{-2x}$$

$$y'_p = -2C e^{-2x}$$



$$y''_p = 4C e^{-2x}$$

substitute in original equation

$$4C e^{-2x} - 2C e^{-2x} - 6C e^{-2x} = 2e^{-2x}$$

$$-4C e^{-2x} = 2e^{-2x}$$

$$-4C = 2 \Rightarrow C = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore y_p = -\frac{1}{2} e^{-2x}$$

$$y = y_h + y_p$$

$$y = C_1 e^{-3x} + C_2 e^{2x} - \frac{1}{2} e^{-2x}$$

**Example-3:** solve the following D.E?  $y'' - y' - 2y = 10 \cos x$

**Solution:**  $y = y_h + y_p$

to find  $y_h$

Let  $y'' - y' - 2y = 0 \Rightarrow$  homogeneous

$$m^2 - m - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow (m+1)(m-2) = 0 \Rightarrow m_1 = -1 \quad m_2 = 2$$

$$y_h = C_1 e^{-x} + C_2 e^{2x}$$

to find  $y_p$

$$y_p = A \cos x + B \sin x$$

$$y'_p = -A \sin x + B \cos x$$

$$y''_p = -A \cos x - B \sin x$$

substitute in the original equation

$$-A \cos x - B \sin x + A \sin x - B \cos x - 2A \cos x - 2B \sin x = 10 \cos x$$

$$(-3A - B) \cos x + (A - 3B) \sin x = 10 \cos x$$

$$-3A - B = 10 \quad \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$A - 3B = 0 \quad \dots\dots\dots(2) \quad \text{multiply by 3 and add from 1}$$

$$\underline{-3A - B = 10}$$

$$3A - 9B = 0$$

$$\underline{-10B = 10} \Rightarrow B = -1 \quad \text{substitute in eq. (1)}$$

$$-3A + 1 = 10 \Rightarrow A = -3$$

$$y_p = -3 \cos x - \sin x$$

$$y = C_1 e^{-x} + C_2 e^{2x} - 3 \cos x - \sin x$$

**Example-4:** solve the following D.E?  $y''-3y'+2y = e^x$

**Solution:**  $y = y_h + y_p$

to find  $y_h$

Let  $y''-3y'+2y = 0 \Rightarrow$  homogeneous

$$m^2 - 3m + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow (m-1)(m-2) = 0 \Rightarrow m_1 = 1 \quad m_2 = 2$$

$$y_h = C_1 e^x + C_2 e^{2x}$$

to find  $y_p$

$y_p = C e^x \otimes$  but there is a term in the eq. of  $y_h$  which is also  $C e^x$  so we multiply  $y_p$  by  $x$

$$\therefore y_p = C x e^x$$

$$y'_p = C x e^x + C e^x = C(e^x + x e^x)$$

$$y''_p = C x e^x + C e^x + C e^x = C(2e^x + x e^x)$$

substitute in the original equation

$$C(2+x)e^x - 3C(1+x)e^x + 2C x e^x = e^x$$

$$2C e^x + C x e^x - 3C e^x - 3C x e^x + 2C x e^x = e^x$$

$$-C e^x = e^x \Rightarrow C = -1$$

$$\therefore y_p = -x e^x \Rightarrow y = C_1 e^x + C_2 e^{2x} - x e^x$$

### 2.3.2 Method of Variation of Parameters:

In general, if  $f(x)$  is not one of the types of functions considered in the (undetermined coefficients method), or if the differential equation **does not have constant coefficient**, then this method is preferred.

Variation of parameters is another method for finding a particular solution of the second-order linear differential equation. It can be applied to all linear D.E's. It is therefore more powerful than the undetermined coefficients which is restricted to linear D.E's with constant coefficients and particular forms of  $f(x)$ .

The general form of the second-order linear D.E is

$$ay'' + by' + cy = f(x) \quad (1)$$

The solution as we know is  $y = y_h + y_p$  where  $y_h$  is the general solution of the corresponding homogeneous equation  $f(x)=0$  which is expressed as:

$$ay'' + by' + cy = 0$$

and  $y_p$  is the particular solution, which can be expressed in this case as:

$$y_p = v_1y_1 + v_2y_2$$

The general method for finding a particular solution of the nonhomogeneous equation (1) above, once the general solution of the associated homogeneous equation is known. The method consists of replacing the constants  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  in the complementary solution by functions  $v_1=v_1(x)$  and  $v_2=v_2(x)$  and requiring that the

$$v'_1y_1 + v'_2y_2 = 0$$

Then we have,

$$v'_1y'_1 + v'_2y'_2 = f(x)$$

Now, for the unknown functions  $v'_1$  and  $v'_2$ , The usual procedure for solving this simple system is to use the *method of determinants* (also known as *Cramer Rule*)

$$w = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y'_1 & y'_2 \end{vmatrix} = y_1 \times y'_2 - y_2 \times y'_1$$

$$w_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & y_2 \\ f(x) & y'_2 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \times y'_2 - y_2 \times f(x)$$

$$w_2 = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & 0 \\ y'_1 & f(x) \end{vmatrix} = y_1 \times f(x) - 0 \times y'_1$$

then,

$$v_1' = \frac{w_1}{w} \quad \text{and} \quad v_2' = \frac{w_2}{w}$$

after that,

$$v_1(x) = \int v_1' dx$$

$$v_2(x) = \int v_2' dx$$

finally,

$$y_p = v_1 y_1 + v_2 y_2$$

and the general solution is:

$$y = y_h + y_p$$

**Example-1:** Find the general solution to the equation

$$y'' + y = \tan x$$

**Solution:** The solution of the homogeneous equation

$$y'' + y = 0$$

$$y_h = A \cos x + B \sin x$$

Since  $y_1(x) = \cos x$  and  $y_2(x) = \sin x$  then,

$$v_1' y_1 + v_2' y_2 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad v_1' \cos x + v_2' \sin x = 0$$

$$v_1' y_1' + v_2' y_2' = f(x) \quad \Rightarrow \quad -v_1' \sin x + v_2' \cos x = \tan x$$

then,

$$w = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix} = y_1 \times y_2' - y_2 \times y_1'$$

$$w = \begin{vmatrix} \cos x & \sin x \\ -\sin x & \cos x \end{vmatrix} = \cos x \times \cos x + \sin x \times \sin x = \cos^2 x + \sin^2 x$$

$$w_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & \sin x \\ \tan x & \cos x \end{vmatrix} = -\sin x \times \tan x$$

$$w_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \cos x & 0 \\ -\sin x & \tan x \end{vmatrix} = \cos x \times \tan x$$

then,

$$v_1' = \frac{w_1}{w} = \frac{-\sin x \times \tan x}{\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x} = \frac{-\sin^2 x}{\cos x}$$

$$v_2' = \frac{w_2}{w} = \frac{\cos x \times \tan x}{\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x} = \sin x$$

after that,

$$v_1(x) = \int v_1' dx = \int \frac{-\sin^2 x}{\cos x} dx = - \int (\sec x - \cos x) dx$$

$$v_1(x) = -\ln(\sec x + \tan x) + \sin x$$

$$v_2(x) = \int v_2' dx = \int \sin x dx = -\cos x$$

Finally,

$$y_p = v_1 y_1 + v_2 y_2 = [-\ln(\sec x + \tan x) + \sin x] \cos x + (-\cos x) \sin x$$

$$y_p = (-\cos x) \ln(\sec x + \tan x)$$

$$y = y_h + y_p = A \cos x + B \sin x - (\cos x) \ln(\sec x + \tan x)$$

**Example2:**  $y'' + y' - 2y = xe^x$

**Solution:**

$$m^2 + m - 2 = 0$$

$$y_h = c_1 e^{-2x} + c_2 e^x$$

Since  $y_1(x) = e^{-2x}$  and  $y_2(x) = e^x$  then,

$$v_1' y_1 + v_2' y_2 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad v_1' e^{-2x} + v_2' e^x = 0$$

$$v_1' y_1' + v_2' y_2' = f(x) \quad \Rightarrow \quad -2v_1' e^{-2x} + v_2' e^x = xe^x$$

then,

$$w = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix} = y_1 \times y_2' - y_2 \times y_1'$$

$$w = \begin{vmatrix} e^{-2x} & e^x \\ -2e^{-2x} & e^x \end{vmatrix} = 3e^{-x}$$

$$w_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & e^x \\ xe^x & e^x \end{vmatrix} = -xe^{2x}$$

$$w_2 = \begin{vmatrix} e^{-2x} & 0 \\ -2e^{-2x} & xe^x \end{vmatrix} = xe^{-x}$$

then,

$$v_1' = \frac{w_1}{w} = \frac{-xe^{2x}}{3e^{-x}} = \frac{-1}{3} xe^{3x}$$

$$v_2' = \frac{w_2}{w} = \frac{xe^{-x}}{3e^{-x}} = \frac{x}{3}$$

after that,

$$v_1(x) = \int v_1' dx = \int \frac{-1}{3} x e^{3x} dx = -\frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{x e^{3x}}{3} - \int \frac{e^{3x}}{3} dx \right)$$

$$v_1(x) = \frac{1}{27} (1 - 3x) e^{3x}$$

$$v_2(x) = \int v_2' dx = \int \frac{x}{3} dx = \frac{x^2}{6}$$

Finally,

$$y_p = v_1 y_1 + v_2 y_2 = \left[ \frac{(1 - 3x) e^{3x}}{27} \right] e^{-2x} + \left( \frac{x^2}{6} \right) e^x$$

$$y_p = \frac{1}{27} e^x - \frac{1}{9} x e^x + \frac{1}{6} x^2 e^x$$

$$\therefore y = y_h + y_p = c_1 e^{-2x} + c_2 e^x - \frac{1}{9} x e^x + \frac{1}{6} x^2 e^x$$

where the term  $(1/27)e^x$  in  $y_p$  has been absorbed into the term  $C_2 e^x$  in the complementary solution.

## Applications of Second Order Linear Differential Equations with constant coefficients:

### Free Oscillation:

#### Static Case:

$$\sum fy = 0$$

$$mg - ks_o = 0$$

#### Dynamic Case:

$$F = m \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2}$$

$$mg - k(s_o + y) = m y''$$

$$\text{but } mg = ks_o \Rightarrow$$

$$-ky = m y'' \Rightarrow$$

$$\boxed{m y'' + k y = 0}$$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + \frac{k}{m} y = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + \omega^2 y = 0 \text{ where}$$

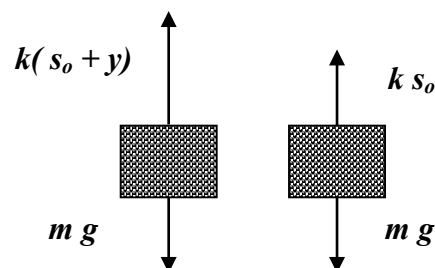
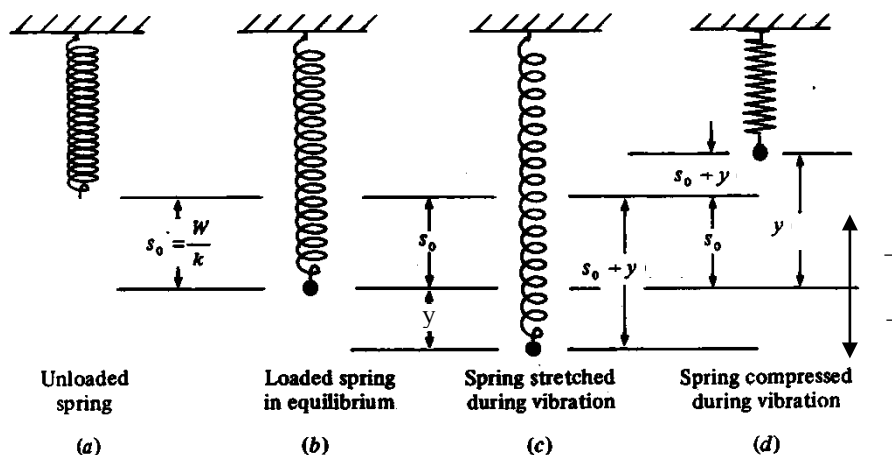
$$\omega^2 = \frac{k}{m} \text{ or } \omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

$$m^2 + \omega^2 = 0$$

$$m^2 = -\omega^2$$

$$m = \mp \omega i$$

$$\boxed{y = A \cos \omega t + B \sin \omega t}$$



**Case I (General case):**

$$y(0) = y_0 \Leftrightarrow y'(0) = 0$$

$$A = y_0 \quad B = 0 \Rightarrow$$

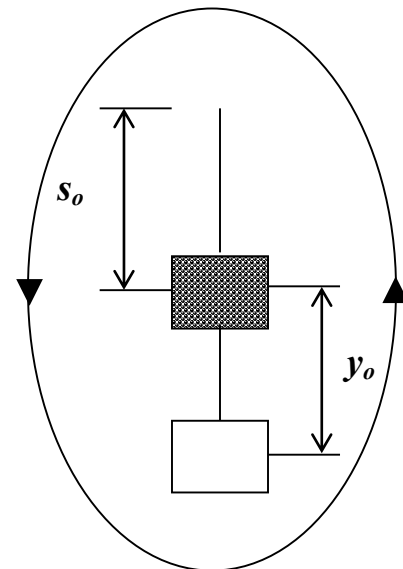
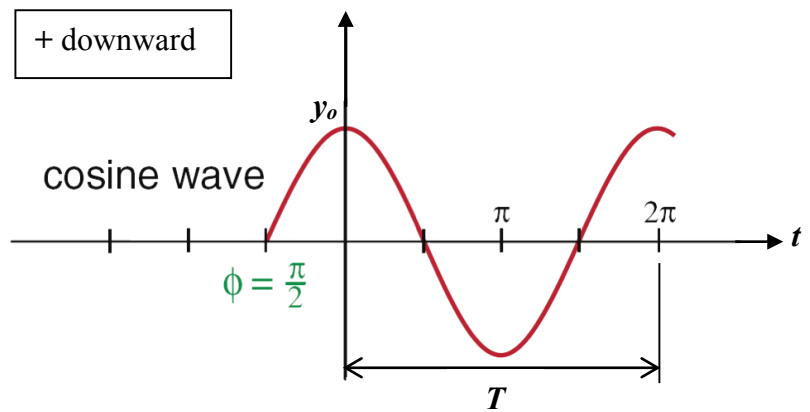
$$y = y_0 \cos \omega t$$

for a complete cycle

$$\omega t = 2\pi \Rightarrow t = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$$

$$\therefore T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} \text{ cycle period}$$

$$\cos \phi = \cos(\phi + 2\pi) \Rightarrow \cos \omega t = \cos(\omega t + 2\pi)$$



**Complete Cycle**

**Case II:**

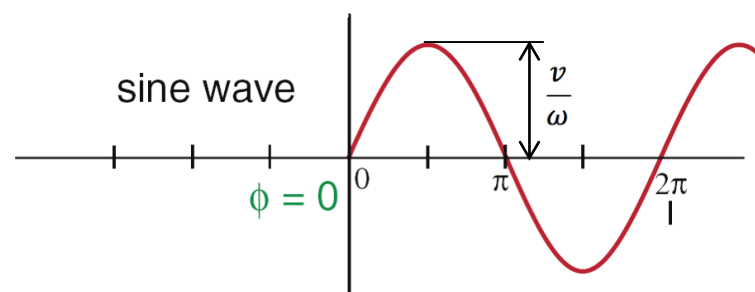
$$y(0) = 0 \Leftrightarrow y'(0) = v$$

$$0 = A + 0 \Rightarrow A = 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \omega B \cos \omega t$$

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = \omega B = v$$

$$y = \frac{v}{\omega} \sin \omega t$$





$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} \Rightarrow T \propto \frac{1}{\omega}$$

**Case III:**

$$y(0) = y_0 \quad y'(0) = v$$

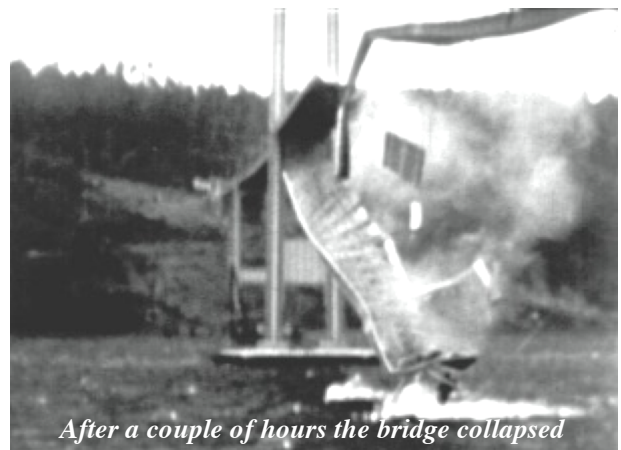
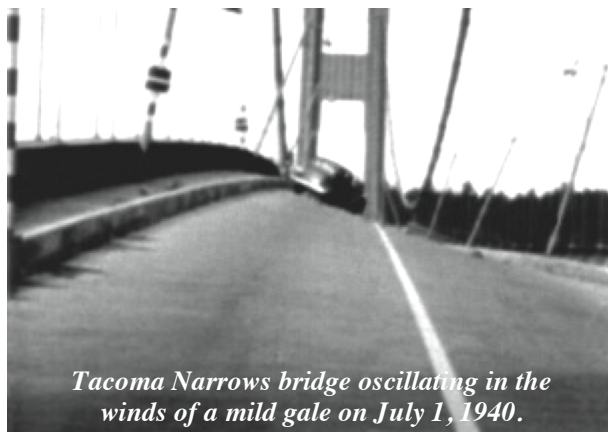
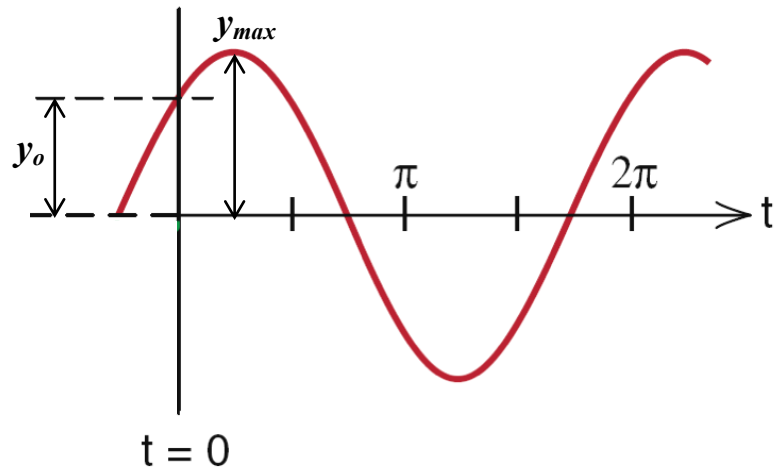
$$y_0 = A + 0 \Rightarrow A = y_0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -\omega A \sin \omega t + \omega B \cos \omega t$$

$$v = 0 + \omega B$$

$$B = \frac{v}{\omega}$$

$$y = y_0 \cos \omega t + \frac{v}{\omega} \sin \omega t$$



**Example:** A weight of (7 N) is suspended from a spring of modulus ( $k=36/35$  N/cm). At  $t = 0$ , while the weight in static equilibrium it is given suddenly an initial velocity of (48 cm/sec) in downward.

- Find the vertical displacement as a function of  $t$ .
- What are the period and frequency of motion?
- Through what amplitude does the weight moves?
- At what time does the load reach its extreme displacement above and below its equilibrium position?

**Solution:**

**a.**

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{36/35}{980}} = 12$$

$$y = A \cos 12t + B \sin 12t$$

$$y(0) = A + 0 \Rightarrow A = 0$$

$$y = B \sin 12t$$

$$y' = 12 B \cos 12t$$

$$y'|_{t=0} = 12 B \Rightarrow 48 = 12 B \Rightarrow B = 4$$

$$y = 4 \sin 12t$$

**b.**

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = \frac{2\pi}{12} = \frac{\pi}{6} \text{ sec/cycle}$$

$$f = \frac{6}{\pi} \text{ cycle/sec (Hertz)}$$

**c.**

$$y = 4 \sin 12t \quad -1 \leq \sin 12t \leq 1$$

$$y_{\max} = 4 \quad y_{\min} = -4$$

$$\text{Amplitude} = 4 + |-4| = 8$$

**d.**

$$\sin 12t = \mp 1$$

$$12t = (2n+1)\frac{\pi}{2} \Leftrightarrow t = \left(\frac{1+2n}{24}\right)\pi \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \text{ Multiplication of } \frac{\pi}{2}$$

## Damped Oscillation:

$$\text{Damping} \propto \frac{dy}{dt} = c y'$$

$$\oplus \downarrow \sum f y = M y''$$

$$w - k(s_0 + y) - c y' = M y''$$

$$k y + M y'' + c y' = 0$$

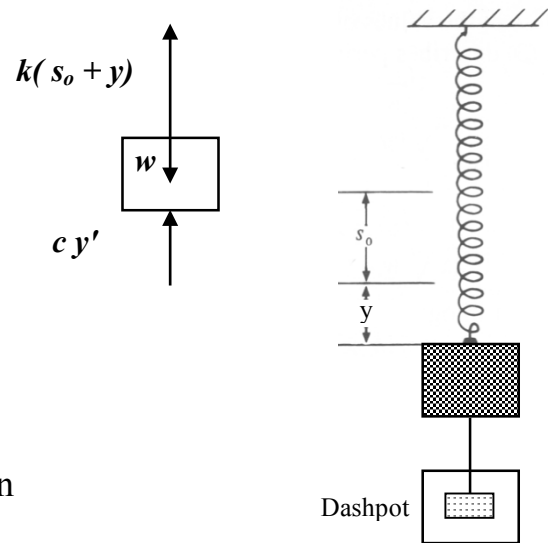
$$\boxed{M y'' + c y' + k y = 0} \quad \text{Arithmetic Model}$$

$$M m^2 + c m + k = 0 \quad \text{Characteristic Equation}$$

$$m_{1,2} = \frac{-c \mp \sqrt{c^2 - 4Mk}}{2M} = \frac{-c}{2M} \mp \frac{1}{2M} \sqrt{c^2 - 4Mk}$$

$$m_{1,2} = -\alpha \mp \beta$$

$$\alpha = \frac{c}{2M} \quad \beta = \frac{1}{2M} \sqrt{c^2 - 4Mk}$$

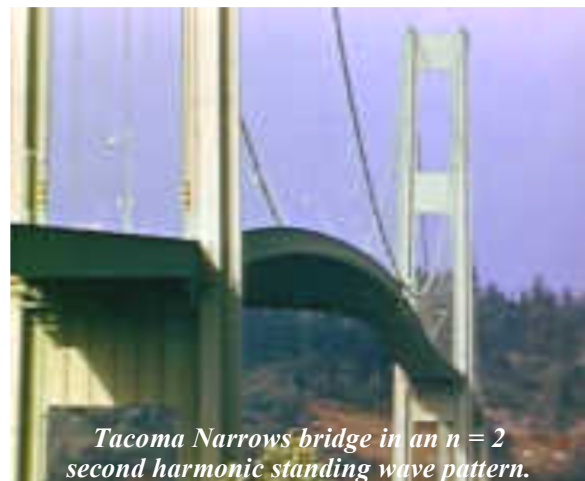


## Critical Damping Coefficient:

The Critical Damping Coefficient is the value of  $c$  which makes:

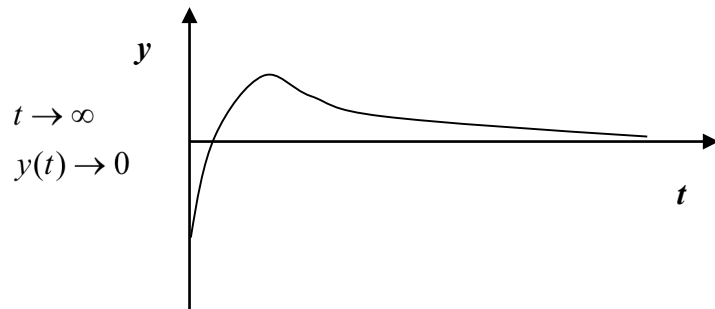
$$\sqrt{c^2 - 4Mk} = 0$$

$$\boxed{C_{cr} = 2\sqrt{kM}}$$



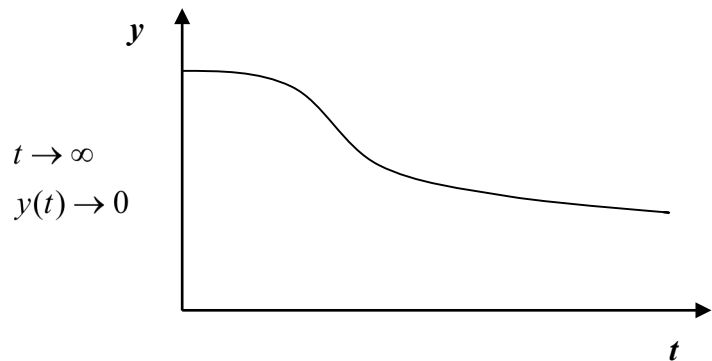
**Case 1:**  $c > C_{cr}$  i.e.  $\sqrt{c^2 - 4Mk} > 0 \Rightarrow$  *Over Damping*  $\Leftrightarrow \alpha$  and  $\beta$  are real

$$y(t) = c_1 e^{-(\alpha-\beta)t} + c_2 e^{-(\alpha+\beta)t}$$



**Case 2:**  $c = C_{cr}$  i.e.  $m_1 = m_2 = -\alpha \Rightarrow$  *Critical Damping*

$$y(t) = (c_1 + c_2 t) e^{-\alpha t}$$



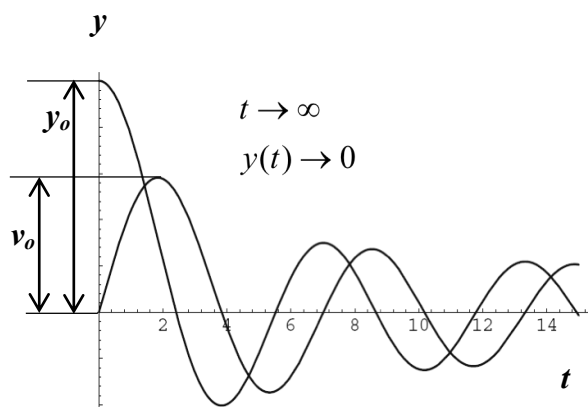
**Case 3:**  $c < C_{cr} \Leftrightarrow$  *Under Damping*

$$\begin{aligned} m_{1,2} &= \frac{-c}{2M} \mp \frac{1}{2M} \sqrt{c^2 - 4Mk} \\ &= -\alpha \mp \beta \\ \alpha &= \frac{c}{2M} \quad \beta = \frac{1}{2M} \sqrt{c^2 - 4Mk} \\ &= \frac{1}{2M} \sqrt{4Mk - c^2} \times i \\ &= \omega^* i \end{aligned}$$

$$m_{1,2} = -\alpha \mp \omega^* i$$

$$y(t) = e^{\rho t} (A \cos qt + B \sin qt)$$

$$y = e^{-\alpha t} (A \cos \omega^* t + B \sin \omega^* t)$$



**Example:** A (1.84 N) body is suspended by a spring which is stretched (15.3 cm) when it is loaded. If the body is drawn down (10 cm) from the position of equilibrium; find the position of the spring as a function of time (t) if:

1.  $c = 1.5$
2.  $c = 3.75$
3.  $c = 3$

**Solution:**

$$M y'' + c y' + k y = 0$$

$$M = \frac{w}{g} = \frac{1.84}{9.8} = 0.188 \text{ kg}$$

$$k = \frac{w}{s_o} = \frac{1.84}{0.153} = 12 \frac{N}{m}$$

**1) for  $c = 1.5$**

$$0.188 y'' + 1.5 y' + 12 y = 0$$

$$y'' + 8 y' + 64 y = 0$$

$$m^2 + 8m + 64 = 0$$

$$m_{1,2} = \frac{-8 \mp \sqrt{64 - 4 \times 64}}{2} = -4 \mp 4\sqrt{3}i \Leftrightarrow \text{Under Damping}$$

$$y(t) = e^{-4t} (A \cos 4\sqrt{3} t + B \sin 4\sqrt{3} t)$$

Initial Conditions:

$$\text{at } t=0 \Rightarrow y'=0 \Rightarrow y=0.1m$$

$$y(0) = A + 0 = 0.1 \Rightarrow A = 0.1$$

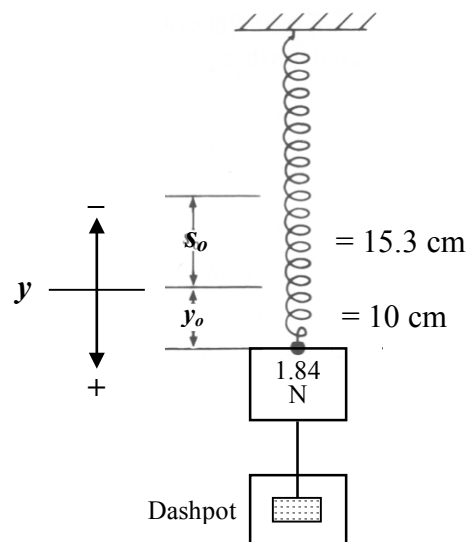
$$y'(t) = [-4\sqrt{3} A \sin 4\sqrt{3} t + 4\sqrt{3} B \cos 4\sqrt{3} t] + [A \cos 4\sqrt{3} t + B \sin 4\sqrt{3} t](-4e^{-4t})$$

$$y'(0) = 4\sqrt{3} B - 4A = 4\sqrt{3} B - 4 \times 0.1 = 0 \Rightarrow B = \frac{1}{10\sqrt{3}}$$

$$y = e^{-4t} (0.1 \cos 4\sqrt{3} t + \frac{1}{10\sqrt{3}} \sin 4\sqrt{3} t)$$

**2) for  $c = 3.75$**

**3) for  $c = 3$**



## Column Buckling:

$$\sum f_y = 0 \Rightarrow F_y = 0$$

$$M = -F y$$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{d x^2} = \frac{M}{EI}$$

$$y'' = -\frac{F}{EI} y \Rightarrow y'' + \frac{F}{EI} y = 0$$

$$m^2 + \frac{F}{EI} = 0 \Rightarrow m^2 = -\frac{F}{EI}$$

$$m_{1,2} = \mp \sqrt{\frac{F}{EI}} i$$

$$y = A \cos \sqrt{\frac{F}{EI}} x + B \sin \sqrt{\frac{F}{EI}} x$$

$$\text{at } x = 0 \quad y = 0$$

$$0 = A + B \times 0 \Rightarrow A = 0$$

$$\therefore y = B \sin \sqrt{\frac{F}{EI}} x$$

$$\text{at } x = L \quad y = 0 \text{ also}$$

but this means that  $B = 0$  which results in zero equation. However,

If the load  $F$  have just the right value to make :

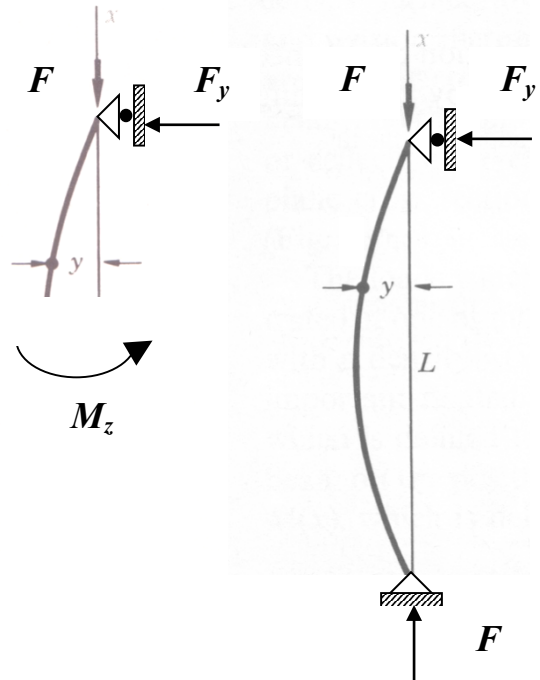
$$\sqrt{\frac{F}{EI}} L = n \pi \quad \text{then the last equation will be satisfied without } B \text{ being } 0 \text{ and}$$

the equilibrium is possible in a deflected position defined by :

$$\sqrt{\frac{F}{EI}} = \frac{n \pi}{L} \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \Rightarrow y = B \sin \frac{n \pi x}{L}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{F_n}{EI}} = \frac{n \pi}{L} \Rightarrow \frac{F_n}{EI} = \left( \frac{n \pi}{L} \right)^2 \Rightarrow F_n = \left( \frac{n \pi}{L} \right)^2 EI$$

$$\text{for } n = 1 \Rightarrow F_1 = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{L^2}$$



For values of  $F$  below the lowest critical load, the column will remain in its undeflected vertical position, or if displaced slightly from it, will return to it as an equilibrium configuration. For values of  $F$  above the lowest critical load and different from the higher critical loads, the column can theoretically remain in a vertical position, but the equilibrium is unstable, and if the column is deflected slightly, it will not return to a vertical position but will continue to deflect until it collapses. Thus, only the lowest critical load is of much practical significance.