

1. (20pts) a. For the differential equation

$$\dot{v} + \tilde{k} \cos(\omega t)v = -g,$$

we use the scaling arguments $v = \alpha \tilde{v}$ and $\tau = \beta t$. It follows that

$$\alpha\beta \frac{d\tilde{v}}{d\tau} + \alpha\tilde{k} \cos\left(\frac{\omega}{\beta}\tau\right) \tilde{v} = -g$$

or

$$\frac{d\tilde{v}}{d\tau} + \frac{\tilde{k}}{\beta} \cos\left(\frac{\omega}{\beta}\tau\right) \tilde{v} = -\frac{g}{\alpha\beta}.$$

We take $\frac{g}{\alpha\beta} = 1$, $\omega = \beta$, $\gamma = \frac{\tilde{k}}{\beta} = \frac{\tilde{k}}{\omega}$, so $\alpha = \frac{g}{\omega}$, resulting in the desired scaled equation:

$$\frac{d\tilde{v}}{d\tau} + \gamma \cos(\tau)\tilde{v} = -1.$$

b. The above ODE is linear with an integrating factor:

$$\mu(\tau) = e^{\int_0^\tau \gamma \cos(s) ds} = e^{\gamma \sin(\tau)}.$$

With the initial condition $\tilde{v}(0) = \tilde{v}_0$, it follows that the solution to the ODE is

$$\tilde{v}(\tau) = e^{-\gamma \sin(\tau)} \left(\tilde{v}_0 - \int_0^\tau e^{\gamma \sin(s)} ds \right).$$

As $e^{-\gamma \sin(\tau)}$ oscillates for all time, the term with \tilde{v}_0 is always present in the solution, so matters. However, since $e^{\gamma \sin(s)} \geq e^{-|\gamma|}$, it follows that

$$\int_0^\tau e^{\gamma \sin(s)} ds \geq e^{-|\gamma|} \int_0^\tau ds = \tau e^{-|\gamma|},$$

which is unbounded for large τ , making the \tilde{v}_0 term insignificant.

To examine for a 2π periodic solution, we consider

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{v}(\tau + 2\pi) &= \tilde{v}_0 e^{-\gamma \sin(\tau)} - e^{-\gamma \sin(\tau)} \left(\int_0^{2\pi} e^{\gamma \sin(s)} ds + \int_{2\pi}^{\tau+2\pi} e^{\gamma \sin(s)} ds \right) \\ &= \tilde{v}(\tau) - e^{-\gamma \sin(\tau)} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{\gamma \sin(s)} ds. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, for $\tilde{v}(\tau)$ to be 2π periodic, then

$$\int_0^{2\pi} e^{\gamma \sin(s)} ds = 0,$$

which is impossible as $e^{\gamma \sin(s)} > 0$.

c. For γ small, the Maclaurin series expansion of $e^{\gamma \sin(s)}$ is

$$e^{\gamma \sin(s)} = 1 + \gamma \sin(s) + \frac{1}{2}\gamma^2 \sin^2(s) + \frac{1}{6}\gamma^3 \sin^3(s) + \mathcal{O}(\gamma^4).$$

This is readily integrated with $\sin^2(s) = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos(2s))$ and $\sin^3(s) = (1 - \cos^2(s))\sin(s)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\tau e^{\gamma \sin(s)} ds &= \left(s - \gamma \cos(s) + \frac{\gamma^2}{2} \left(\frac{s}{2} - \frac{\sin(2s)}{4} \right) + \frac{\gamma^3}{6} \left(-\cos(s) + \frac{\cos^3(s)}{3} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\gamma^4) \right) \Big|_0^\tau \\ &= \tau - \gamma(\cos(\tau) - 1) + \frac{\gamma^2}{4} \left(\tau - \frac{\sin(2\tau)}{2} \right) + \frac{\gamma^3}{6} \left(\frac{2}{3} - \cos(\tau) + \frac{\cos^3(\tau)}{3} \right) \\ &\quad + \mathcal{O}(\gamma^4). \end{aligned}$$

The terms with τ ($\tau + \frac{\gamma^2}{4}\tau$) are non-periodic.

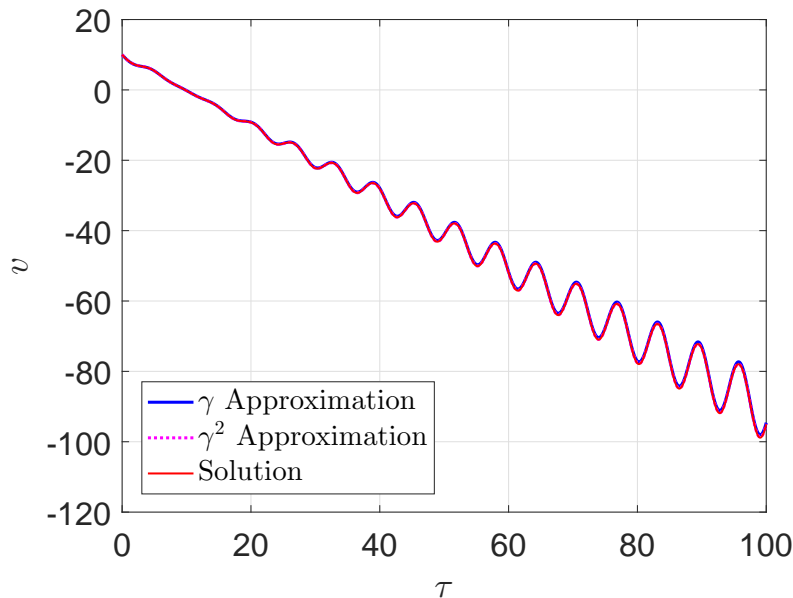
d. We use the Taylor series expansion:

$$e^{-\gamma \sin(\tau)} = 1 - \gamma \sin(\tau) + \frac{\gamma^2}{2} \sin^2(\tau) + \mathcal{O}(\gamma^3),$$

with the solution above and the series expansion in Part c to obtain our expansion. Thus, we have (with $\sin(2\tau) = 2 \sin(\tau) \cos(\tau)$):

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{v}(\tau) &= e^{-\gamma \sin(\tau)} \left(\tilde{v}_0 - \int_0^\tau e^{\gamma \sin(s)} ds \right), \\ &= \left(1 - \gamma \sin(\tau) + \frac{\gamma^2}{2} \sin^2(\tau) + \mathcal{O}(\gamma^3) \right) \cdot \\ &\quad \left(\tilde{v}_0 - \tau + \gamma(\cos(\tau) - 1) - \frac{\gamma^2}{4}(\tau - \sin(\tau)\cos(\tau)) + \mathcal{O}(\gamma^3) \right), \\ &= (\tilde{v}_0 - \tau) + \gamma(\cos(\tau) - 1 + \tau \sin(\tau) - \tilde{v}_0 \sin(\tau)) \\ &\quad + \frac{\gamma^2}{2} \left(\tilde{v}_0 \sin^2(\tau) - \tau \sin^2(\tau) - \frac{3 \sin(\tau) \cos(\tau)}{2} - \frac{\tau}{2} + 2 \sin(\tau) \right) + \mathcal{O}(\gamma^3). \end{aligned}$$

e. Let $\gamma = 0.1$ and $\tilde{v}(0) = 10$. Below is the graph showing the 1st order approximation in γ , the 2nd order approximation in γ , and the “exact” solution via MatLab’s *ode23* solver. We observe that the 1st order approximation in γ varies a small amount from the actual solution for larger t , while the 2nd order approximation, γ^2 , is almost indistinguishable from the exact solution.



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1 v0 = 10; ep = 0.1;
2 tt = linspace(0,100,1000);
3 vv1 = -tt+v0+(-1+cos(tt)+sin(tt).*tt-sin(tt)*v0)*ep;
4 vv2 = vv1+((1/4)*sin(tt).*cos(tt)-(1/4)*tt-sin(tt).*(-1+cos(tt))...
5         -(1/2)*(sin(tt).^2).*tt+(1/2)*sin(tt).^2*v0)*ep^2;
6 [t1,z1] = ode23(@hw2_1d,tt,v0);
7 plot(tt,vv1,'b-','LineWidth',1.5);
8 hold on
9 plot(tt,vv2,'m:','LineWidth',1.5);
10 plot(t1,z1,'r-','LineWidth',1.0);
11 grid;
12 h = legend('$\gamma$ Approximation', '$\gamma^2$ Approximation',...
13           'Solution','Location','southwest');
14 set(h,'Interpreter','latex')
15 xlim([0,100]);
16 ylim([-120,20]);
17 % Set up fonts and labels for the Graph
18 fontlabs = 'Times New Roman';
19 xlabel('$\tau$','FontSize',16,'FontName',fontlabs, ...
20       'interpreter','latex');
21 ylabel('$v$','FontSize',16,'FontName',fontlabs, ...
22       'interpreter','latex');
23 mytitle = '';
24 title(mytitle,'FontSize',16,'FontName', ...
25       'Times New Roman','interpreter','latex');
26 set(gca,'FontSize',16);
27 print -depsc hw2_1d.eps % Create EPS file (Figure)

1 function zp = hw2_1d(T,z)
2 %Perturbation ODE
3 ep = 0.1;
4 zp = -ep*cos(T)*z -1;
5 end

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2. (6pts) Consider the 2^{nd} order linear ODE (Legendre's DE when $\gamma = n(n+1)$):

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left((1-x^2) \frac{dy}{dx} \right) + \gamma y = 0. \quad (1)$$

We make the transformation $x = \cos(\theta)$, so

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dx}{d\theta} \right) = -\sin(\theta) \frac{d}{dx}.$$

Multiply (1) by $\sin(\theta)$ and substitute for x gives:

$$\sin(\theta) \frac{d}{dx} \left((1-\cos^2(\theta)) \frac{dy}{dx} \right) + \sin(\theta) \gamma y = 0,$$

which is equivalent to

$$\sin(\theta) \frac{d}{dx} \left(\sin^2(\theta) \frac{dy}{dx} \right) + \sin(\theta) \gamma y = 0.$$

This can be rewritten:

$$-\sin(\theta) \frac{d}{dx} \left(\sin(\theta) \left(-\sin(\theta) \frac{dy}{dx} \right) \right) + \sin(\theta) \gamma y = 0.$$

Changing differential operators from the transformation above gives:

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} \left(\sin(\theta) \frac{dy}{d\theta} \right) + \sin(\theta) \gamma y = 0,$$

(in Sturm-Liouville form), which can be expanded to

$$\frac{d^2 y}{d\theta^2} + \cot(\theta) \frac{dy}{d\theta} + \gamma y = 0.$$

This problem is important in solving spherical PDEs in the ϕ -direction.

3. (10pts) a. Consider

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + \alpha \cos(\omega t) y = \beta \sin(\omega t), \quad y(0) = y_0,$$

where $\omega/\alpha = 200$. We let $y = A\tilde{y}$, $\tau = \omega t$, and $\tilde{y}(0) = \tilde{y}_0$. Then the rescaled ODE becomes:

$$A\omega \frac{d\tilde{y}}{d\tau} + A\alpha \cos(\tau) \tilde{y} = \beta \sin(\tau)$$

or

$$\frac{d\tilde{y}}{d\tau} + \frac{\alpha}{\omega} \cos(\tau) \tilde{y} = \frac{\beta}{A\omega} \sin(\tau).$$

For $A = \frac{\beta}{\alpha}$, this equation becomes

$$\frac{d\tilde{y}}{d\tau} + \frac{\alpha}{\omega} \cos(\tau) \tilde{y} = \frac{\alpha}{\omega} \sin(\tau),$$

so we let $\epsilon = \frac{\alpha}{\omega} = \frac{1}{200}$ (which is small), giving

$$\frac{d\tilde{y}}{d\tau} + \epsilon \cos(\tau) \tilde{y} = \epsilon \sin(\tau), \quad \tilde{y}(0) = \tilde{y}_0.$$

b. The above linear ODE has the integrating factor:

$$\mu(\tau) = e^{\int_0^\tau \epsilon \cos(s) ds} = e^{\epsilon \sin(\tau)}.$$

It follows that the solution satisfies:

$$\tilde{y}(\tau) = e^{-\epsilon \sin(\tau)} \left(\tilde{y}_0 + \int_0^\tau \epsilon \sin(s) e^{\epsilon \sin(s)} ds \right).$$

We expand the exponentials to $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$, *e.g.*,

$$e^{-\epsilon \sin(\tau)} = 1 - \epsilon \sin(\tau) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2).$$

The variation of constants formula can be written:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{y}(\tau) &= \tilde{y}_0 (1 - \epsilon \sin(\tau) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)) \\ &\quad + (1 - \epsilon \sin(\tau) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)) \epsilon \int_0^\tau \sin(s) (1 + \epsilon \sin(s) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)) ds \\ &= \tilde{y}_0 + \epsilon \left[-\tilde{y}_0 \sin(\tau) + \int_0^\tau \sin(s) ds \right] + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2), \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\tilde{y}(\tau) = \tilde{y}_0 + \epsilon [-\tilde{y}_0 \sin(\tau) - \cos(\tau) + 1] + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2).$$

It follows that for

$$\tilde{y}(\tau) = \tilde{y}_0 + \epsilon \tilde{y}_1(\tau) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2),$$

we have $\tilde{y}_1(\tau) = 1 - \cos(\tau) - \tilde{y}_0 \sin(\tau)$, which is an oscillatory solution (no limit), causing the overall solution to have small amplitude oscillations ($\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$) about the constant solution, \tilde{y}_0 for small ϵ .