

1  $x' + p(t)x = q(t); x = x(t), x(0) = x_0$

(i) To show that  $I = e^{\int_0^t p(t') dt'}$  is the integrating factor, let  $r = \int_0^t p(t') dt'$ , giving  $I = e^r$ , as suggested. Then,

$$e^r x' + x p e^r = q e^r \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt}(x e^r) = e^r x' + x e^r r'; r = r(t).$$

Now,  $\frac{d}{dt}(x e^r) = q e^r$  if  $r' = p$  by comparing with

$$e^r x' + x p e^r = q e^r. \text{ Then, } r' = p \Rightarrow r(t) = \int_0^t p(t') dt'.$$

Hence,  $I = e^{\int_0^t p(t') dt'}$   $\square$ .

(ii) From part (i), we have  $\frac{d}{dt}(x e^r) = q e^r \Rightarrow x e^r \Big|_0^t = \int_0^t q(t') e^{r(t')} dt'$   
 $\Rightarrow x(t) e^{r(t)} - x(0) e^{r(0)} = x(t) e^{r(t)} - x_0 = \int_0^t q(t') e^{r(t')} dt'$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x(t) = e^{-r(t)} \left[ x_0 + \int_0^t q(t') e^{r(t')} dt' \right]}$$

(iii)  $x(t) = e^{-r(t)} \left[ x_0 + \int_0^t q(t') e^{r(t')} dt' \right] \Rightarrow x(0) = 1 \cdot [x_0 + 0] = x_0$

$\therefore x(0) = x_0$   $\square$ .

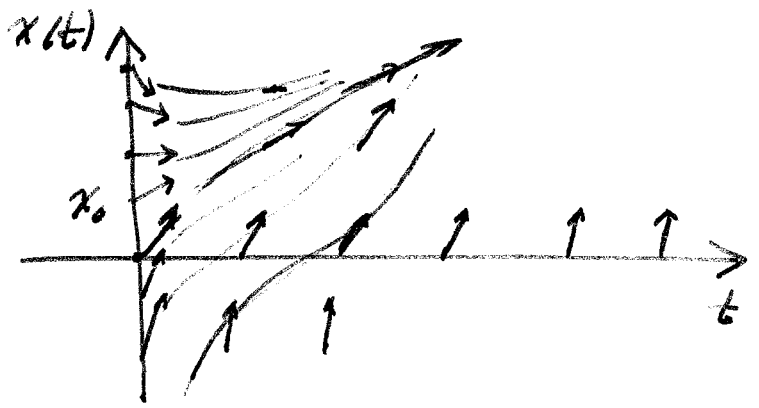
(iv)  $x(t) = e^{-r(t)} \left[ x_0 + \int_0^t q(t') e^{r(t')} dt' \right] \Rightarrow x' = e^{-r} (-r') [ ] + e^{-r} q e^r$

$$\Rightarrow x' = -p e^{-r} \left[ x_0 + \int_0^t q(t') e^{r(t')} dt' \right] + q$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{x' + p x = q}, \text{ since } x = e^{-r} [ ] \quad \square.$$

2  $\dot{x} + 3x = 6t + 3$

(i)  $\frac{dx}{dt} = -3x + 6t + 3$



(ii) From prob. 1,  $I = e^{\int 3 dt} = e^{3t}$  (i.e.,  $r = 3t$ ).

$\Rightarrow x(t) = e^{-3t} \left[ x_0 + \int_0^t (6t'+3) e^{3t'} dt' \right]$

$\therefore x(t) = e^{-3t} \left[ x_0 + 6 \int_0^t t' e^{3t'} dt' + 3 \int_0^t e^{3t'} dt' \right]$   
 $= e^{-3t} \left[ x_0 + 2t e^{3t} - 2 \int_0^t e^{3t'} dt' + 3 \int_0^t e^{3t'} dt' \right]$

integration by parts:  
 $u = t \quad v = \frac{1}{3} e^{3t}$   
 $du = dt \quad dv = e^{3t} dt$

$\Rightarrow x(t) = x_0 e^{-3t} + 2t + \frac{1}{3} e^{-3t} (e^{3t} |_0^t)$   
 $= x_0 e^{-3t} + 2t + \frac{1}{3} (1 - e^{-3t})$

$\therefore \boxed{x(t) = \frac{1}{3} + 2t + (x_0 - \frac{1}{3}) e^{-3t}}$

(iii)  $x_0 = -1 \Rightarrow \boxed{x(t) = \frac{1}{3} + 2t - \frac{4}{3} e^{-3t}}$

I.C. Check:  $t=0 \Rightarrow x(0) = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{4}{3} = \boxed{-1} \checkmark$

Eq'n check:  $\left. \begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= 2 + 4e^{-3t} \\ 3x &= 1 + 6t - 4e^{-3t} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \boxed{\dot{x} + 3x = 6t + 3} \checkmark$

(iv)  $t \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow x \approx \frac{1}{3} + 2t + (x_0 - \frac{1}{3})(1 - 3t) = \frac{1}{3} + 2t + x_0 - 3x_0 t - \frac{1}{3} + t$

$\therefore \boxed{x \approx x_0 + 3(1-x_0)t}$  i.e., linear in  $t$  (as expected).  $x_0 = 1$  is special (independent of  $t$ )

$t \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow \boxed{x \approx 2t}$ , as expected from sketch in part (i) - linear in  $t$  w/ slope 2.

3  $\ddot{x} + 2\gamma\dot{x} + \omega^2 x = 0$  ;  $\gamma, \omega^2$  positive constants  
and  $x(0) = x_0, \dot{x}(0) = 0$ .

(i)  $[\gamma] \cdot \frac{m}{s} = \frac{m}{s^2} \Rightarrow [\gamma] = \frac{1}{s}$   
 $\omega^2 \cdot m = \frac{m}{s^2} \Rightarrow [\omega] = \frac{1}{s}$

(ii) Obtain the general sol'n using the trial sol'n,  $x \sim e^{\lambda t}$   
 $\Rightarrow \dot{x} \sim \lambda e^{\lambda t}$  and  $\ddot{x} \sim \lambda^2 e^{\lambda t}$

$\Rightarrow$  the characteristic eq'n,  $\lambda^2 + 2\gamma\lambda + \omega^2 = 0$

$\Rightarrow \lambda_{\pm} = \frac{-2\gamma \pm \sqrt{4\gamma^2 - 4\omega^2}}{2} = \frac{-\gamma \pm \sqrt{\gamma^2 - \omega^2}}{1}$

$\therefore x = A e^{\lambda_+ t} + B e^{\lambda_- t}$  ; " $\pm$ " subscript corresponds to the  $\pm$  branch of the  $\lambda$  roots.

$\Rightarrow \dot{x} = \lambda_+ A e^{\lambda_+ t} + \lambda_- B e^{\lambda_- t} \Rightarrow \dot{x}(0) = \lambda_+ A + \lambda_- B = 0$

also,  $x(0) = A + B = x_0 \Rightarrow B = x_0 - A \Rightarrow \lambda_+ A + \lambda_- (x_0 - A) = 0$

$\Rightarrow (\lambda_+ - \lambda_-) A = -\lambda_- x_0 \Rightarrow A = \left( \frac{\lambda_-}{\lambda_+ - \lambda_-} \right) x_0 \Rightarrow B = \left( 1 - \frac{\lambda_-}{\lambda_+ - \lambda_-} \right) x_0$

$\Rightarrow B = \left( \frac{-\lambda_+}{\lambda_+ - \lambda_-} \right) x_0 \therefore x(t) = \left( \frac{x_0}{\lambda_+ - \lambda_-} \right) (\lambda_- e^{\lambda_+ t} - \lambda_+ e^{\lambda_- t})$

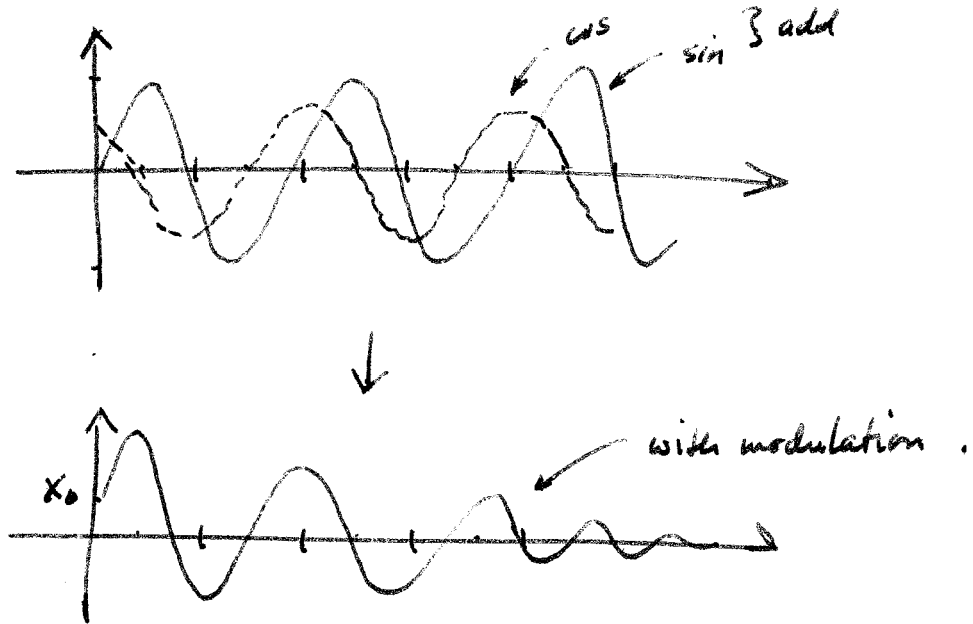
In the weakly damped case,  $\lambda_{\pm} \in \mathbb{C}$ , since  $\gamma^2 < \omega^2$ .

$\therefore x(t) = \frac{-x_0}{2i\sqrt{\omega^2 - \gamma^2}} \left[ -(\gamma + i\sqrt{\omega^2 - \gamma^2}) e^{-\gamma t} \cdot e^{i\sqrt{\omega^2 - \gamma^2} t} - (-\gamma + i\sqrt{\omega^2 - \gamma^2}) x e^{-\gamma t} e^{-i\sqrt{\omega^2 - \gamma^2} t} \right]$   
 $= \frac{x_0 e^{-\gamma t}}{2i\sqrt{\omega^2 - \gamma^2}} \left[ (\gamma + i\sqrt{\omega^2 - \gamma^2}) e^{i\sqrt{\omega^2 - \gamma^2} t} + (-\gamma + i\sqrt{\omega^2 - \gamma^2}) e^{-i\sqrt{\omega^2 - \gamma^2} t} \right]$   
 $= \frac{x_0 e^{-\gamma t}}{2i\sqrt{\omega^2 - \gamma^2}} \left[ \gamma (e^{i\sqrt{\omega^2 - \gamma^2} t} - e^{-i\sqrt{\omega^2 - \gamma^2} t}) + i\sqrt{\omega^2 - \gamma^2} (e^{i\sqrt{\omega^2 - \gamma^2} t} + e^{-i\sqrt{\omega^2 - \gamma^2} t}) \right]$

$\therefore x(t) = x_0 e^{-\gamma t} \left[ \frac{\gamma}{\sqrt{\omega^2 - \gamma^2}} \sin(\sqrt{\omega^2 - \gamma^2} t) + \cos(\sqrt{\omega^2 - \gamma^2} t) \right] \rightarrow$

$\therefore x$  is the sum of sin and cos ; the amplitude of sin part may be greater or smaller than the cos part, depending on the precise value of  $\omega/\gamma$ .

The whole thing is then modulated (muted, in this case) with an exponentially decaying function  $e^{-\gamma t}$ , starting from  $x_0$ :



(iv) The main difference from that in the undamped case is the decay modulation of the periodic sol'n. Also, the frequency is reduced, since  $\sqrt{\omega^2 - \gamma^2} < \omega$ . Hence, the oscillation period,  $\frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{\omega^2 - \gamma^2}}$ , in the damped case is longer.

**4**  $\ddot{x} + 2\gamma\dot{x} + \omega^2 x = 0$

(5)

(i) strong damping  $\Rightarrow \gamma^2 > \omega^2$ . Following the same procedure in prob 3, get  $\lambda_{\pm} = -\gamma \pm \sqrt{\gamma^2 - \omega^2} \equiv -\gamma \pm \delta$ ;  $\delta \equiv \sqrt{\gamma^2 - \omega^2}$ .

(Note, we could have used a similar definition in prob 3 to save us a bit of writing!)

$\therefore$  gen sol'n is:  $x(t) = A e^{-\gamma t} e^{\delta t} + B e^{-\gamma t} e^{-\delta t}$ .

(ii) Since  $\delta \in \mathbb{R}$ , the two part (terms) in  $x$  are two decaying functions:  $e^{-(\gamma-\delta)t}$  and  $e^{-(\gamma+\delta)t}$ ;  $\delta < \gamma$ .

(iii) critically damped  $\Rightarrow \gamma^2 = \omega^2 \Rightarrow \lambda = -\gamma$  (degeneracy!)

In this case, the gen. sol'n must be of the form,

$$x(t) = (At + B) e^{-\gamma t}$$

sol'n check:  $\dot{x} = -\gamma(At+B)e^{-\gamma t} + A e^{-\gamma t}$

$$\ddot{x} = \gamma^2(At+B)e^{-\gamma t} - \gamma A e^{-\gamma t} - \gamma A e^{-\gamma t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma^2(At+B)e^{-\gamma t} - 2\gamma A e^{-\gamma t} + 2\gamma A e^{-\gamma t} - 2\gamma^2(At+B)e^{-\gamma t} + \omega^2(At+B)e^{-\gamma t} = (\omega^2 - \gamma^2)(At+B)e^{-\gamma t} = 0$$

(iv) let  $\ddot{x} + 2\gamma\dot{x} + \omega^2 x = [D^2 + 2\gamma D + \omega^2]x = 0$  when  $\omega^2 = \gamma^2$  ✓

$$\Rightarrow (D + \gamma + \delta)(D + \gamma - \delta) = D^2 + 2\gamma D - \delta^2 + \gamma D + \gamma^2 - \delta^2 + \delta D + \delta\gamma - \delta^2 = D^2 + 2\gamma D + \gamma^2 - \delta^2 = D^2 + 2\gamma D + \omega^2$$

But, since  $\gamma^2 = \omega^2$ ,  $\delta = 0 \Rightarrow [D^2 + 2\gamma D + \omega^2]x = (D + \gamma)(D + \gamma)x = 0$ .

Now, let  $(D + \gamma)x = y \Rightarrow (D + \gamma)y = 0 \Rightarrow Dy = -\gamma y$

$$\Rightarrow y = y_0 e^{-\gamma t} \Rightarrow (D + \gamma)x = y_0 e^{-\gamma t} \Rightarrow e^{\gamma t} (D + \gamma)x = y_0 = D(x e^{\gamma t})$$

IMPORTANT TRICK !!  $\rightarrow$

n.b.,  $D(xe^{\gamma t}) = (Dx)e^{\gamma t} + \gamma x e^{\gamma t} = (Dx + \gamma x)e^{\gamma t}$   
 $= e^{\gamma t}(D + \gamma)x \checkmark$

$\Rightarrow y_0 t + c = x e^{\gamma t}$ , integrating  $D(xe^{\gamma t}) = y_0$ .

$y_0, c$  are constants of integration. We can replace (or call) them  $A, B$  respectively.

$\therefore At + B = x e^{\gamma t} \Rightarrow \boxed{x(t) = (At + B) e^{-\gamma t}}$  □