

Math 3331 Differential Equations

4.2 Second-Order Equations and Systems

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Definition: A planar system of 1st order diff. equations is a set of two 1st order diff. equations involving two unknown functions.

$$\text{eg } \begin{cases} x' = f(t, x, y) \\ y' = g(t, x, y) \end{cases}$$

f, g are functions of independent variable t and two unknowns x and y .

- Explore connections btw higher order DE and 1st order systems.
- Explore ways to visualize solutions to 2nd order DE.

- Use of phase plane

1st order DE

$$y' = f(t)$$

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solutions to planar systems of DE.

We'll begin with 2nd order DE:

$$(*) \quad y'' = F(t, y, y')$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{introduce } \begin{cases} v = y' \\ v' = F(t, y, v) \end{cases}$$

If $y(t)$ is a solution of (*):

$$y'' = v' = F(t, y, v) = F(t, y, y') \quad \square$$

ex

$$y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = g(t) \quad (*)$$

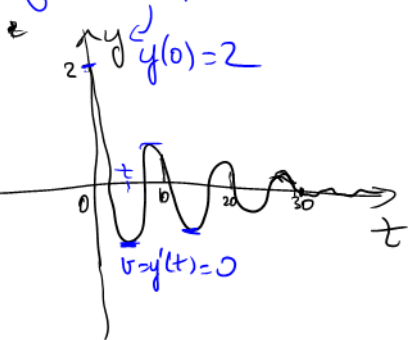
$$\Rightarrow v = y'$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{From } (*) , \quad y'' &= -p(t)y' - q(t)y + g(t) \\ &= -p(t)v - q(t)y + g(t) \\ &= F(t, y, v) \end{aligned}$$

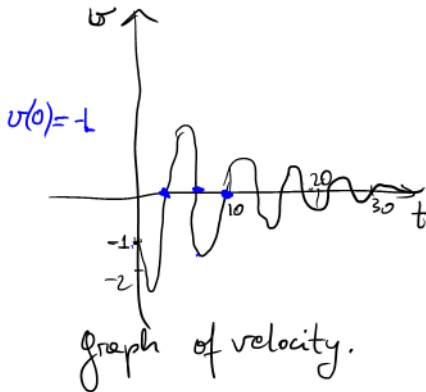
$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} y' = v \\ v' = g(t) - p(t)v - q(t)y. \end{cases} \quad (*)$$

Visualization of solutions. ~ Graph

$$y' = v \Leftrightarrow \text{displacement}$$



graph of displacement



graph of velocity.

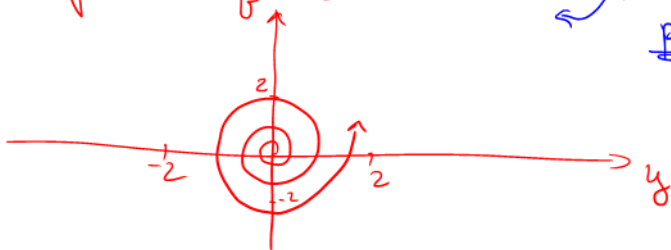
ex $m y'' + \mu y' + k y = 0$

$\hookrightarrow y'' + 0.4 y' + 3 y = 0$, $y(0) = 2$
 $y'(0) = -1 = v(0)$

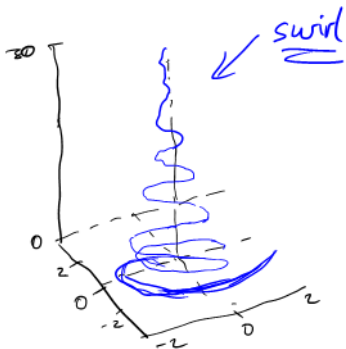
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Put together in (y, v) -plane:

phase plane plot



in 3D:



Second-Order Equations and Planar Systems

Second-order DE

$$y'' + ay' + by = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$p(\lambda) = \lambda^2 + a\lambda + b = 0$$

planar system

$$x_1 = y, \quad x_2 = v = y'$$

$$\mathbf{x}' = A\mathbf{x}, \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -b & -a \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = p(\lambda)$$

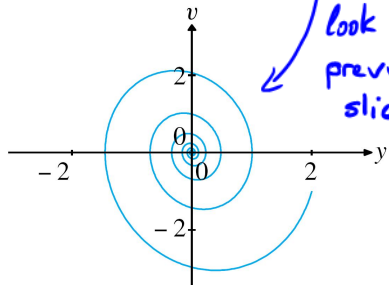
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yv -Phase Plane Plot

A damped unforced spring:

$$my'' + \mu y' + ky = 0$$

with $m = 1$, $\mu = 0.4$, and $k = 3$.



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Phase Plane Portrait

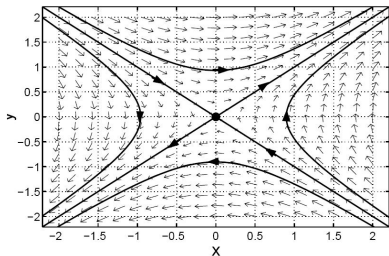
Ex.: $y'' - y = 0$ ($a = 0$, $b = -1$)

$$p(\lambda) = \lambda^2 - 1 \Rightarrow \lambda = \pm 1 \text{ (saddle)}$$

General solution: $y(t) = c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{-t}$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \lambda_1 = 1 & \leftrightarrow \mathbf{v}_1 = [1, 1]^T \\ \lambda_2 = -1 & \leftrightarrow \mathbf{v}_2 = [-1, 1]^T \end{cases}$$

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Phase plane portrait for DE (1) = Phase plane portrait for (2)

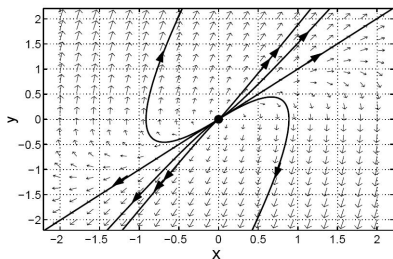
Phase Plane Portrait

Ex.: $y'' - 3y' + 2y = 0$

$$p(\lambda) = \lambda^2 - 3\lambda + 2 = (\lambda - 1)(\lambda - 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{source: } y(t) = c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{2t}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \lambda_1 = 1 \leftrightarrow \mathbf{v}_1 = [1, 1]^T \\ \lambda_2 = 2 \leftrightarrow \mathbf{v}_2 = [1, 2]^T \end{cases}$$



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