

**Fundamentals of Differential Equations  
by Nagle, Saff, and Snider (7th edition)**

Section 4.9 (p. 238)- Free Mechanical Vibrations

1.  $my'' + by' + cy = 0$   
 $3y'' + 48y = 0 \Rightarrow y'' + 16y = 0 \Rightarrow$   
 $y = a \cos 4t + b \sin 4t$   
 $y(0) = -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow a = -\frac{1}{2}$   
 $y' = -4a \sin 4t + 4b \cos 4t$   
 $y'(0) = 2 = 4b \Rightarrow b = \frac{1}{2}$   
 $y = -\frac{1}{2} \cos 4t + \frac{1}{2} \sin 4t = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}} \sin(4t + \phi)$   
 where  $\phi$  is quadrant containing the point  $(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2})$  which is 4.  
 Therefore  $\phi = -\tan^{-1}(1) = -\pi/4$   
 Ans:  $y = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \sin(4t - \frac{\pi}{4})$

3. There are 4 parts.  
 Part 1 =  $b = 0$   
 $y'' + 16y = 0$  where  $y(0) = 1$  and  $y'(0) = 0$   
 $y = a \cos 4t + b \sin 4t$   
 $y(0) = 1 \Rightarrow a = 1$   
 $y' = -4a \sin 4t + 5b \cos 4t$  and  $y'(0) = 0 \Rightarrow b = 0$   
 $y = \cos 4t$

Part 2-  $b = 6$   
 $y'' + 6y' + 16y = 0 \Rightarrow m = -3 \pm i\sqrt{7}$   
 $y = e^{-3t} (a \cos \sqrt{7}t + b \sin \sqrt{7}t)$  where  $y(0) = 1$  and  $y'(0) = 0$   
 $y(0) = 1 = a$   
 $y' = -3e^{-3t} (a \cos \sqrt{7}t + b \sin \sqrt{7}t) +$   
 $e^{-3t} (-\sqrt{7}a \sin \sqrt{7}t + \sqrt{7}b \cos \sqrt{7}t)$   
 $y'(0) = -3a + \sqrt{7}b = -3 + \sqrt{7}b \Rightarrow b = \frac{3}{\sqrt{7}}$   
 $y = e^{-3t} \left( \cos \sqrt{7}t + \frac{3}{\sqrt{7}} \sin \sqrt{7}t \right) =$

$$\sqrt{1 + \frac{9}{7}} \sin(\sqrt{7}t + \phi) \text{ where } \phi = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{7}}{3}\right)$$

Part 3-  $b = 8$

$$y'' + 8y' + 16y = 0 \Rightarrow m =$$

$$(m + 4)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow m = -4 \text{ is a root of mult. 2}$$

$$y = a e^{-4t} + b t e^{-4t}$$

$$y(0) = 1 \Rightarrow a = 1$$

$$y' = -4a e^{-4t} + b e^{-4t} - 4b t e^{-4t}$$

$$y'(0) = 0 = -4a + b \Rightarrow b = 4$$

$$y = e^{-4t} + 4t e^{-4t} = (1 + 4t)e^{-4t}$$

Part 4-  $b = 10$

$$y'' + 10y' + 16y = 0$$

$$m^2 + 10m + 16 = 0 \Rightarrow m = -8 \text{ or } -2$$

$$y = a e^{-8t} + b e^{-2t}$$

$$y(0) = 1 = a + b$$

$$y' = -8a e^{-8t} - 2b e^{-2t}$$

$$y'(0) = 0 = -8a - 2b$$

$$2 = 2a + 2b$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 = -6a \Rightarrow a = -1/3$$

$$-\frac{1}{3} + b = 1 \Rightarrow b = 1 + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{3}e^{-8t} + \frac{4}{3}e^{-2t}$$

7.  $\frac{1}{8}y'' + 2y' + 16y = 0$  where  $y(0) = -\frac{3}{4}$  and  $y'(0) = -2$

$$y'' + 16y' + 128 = 0 \Rightarrow m^2 + 16m = -128 \Rightarrow$$

$$(m + 8)^2 = -128 + 64 = -64 \Rightarrow m = -8 \pm 8i$$

$$y = e^{-8t}(a \cos 8t + b \sin 8t)$$

$$y(0) = -\frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow a = -\frac{3}{4}$$

$$y' = -8e^{-8t}(a \cos 8t + b \sin 8t) + e^{-8t}(-8a \sin 8t + 8b \cos 8t)$$

$$y'(0) = -2 = -8a + 8b = -8\left(-\frac{3}{4}\right) + 8b$$

$$-2 = 6 + 8b \Rightarrow b = -1$$

$$y = e^{-8t} \left( -\frac{3}{4} \cos 8t - \sin 8t \right) = \sqrt{\frac{9}{16} + 1} e^{-8t} (\sin 8t + \phi)$$

where  $\phi$  is in quadrant 3 and  $\phi = \pi + \tan^{-1}(3/4)$

Damping factor is  $\sqrt{25/16} e^{-8t} = 5/4 e^{-8t}$ .

Quasiperiod is  $\pi/4$  and quasefreq. is  $4/\pi$ .