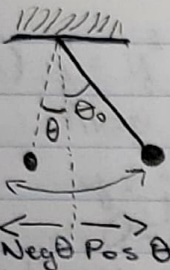


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Given time t , where is the pendulum

$$\theta = \theta(t)$$

Two line 1

Autonomous
Nonlinear (cos sin)
2nd order ODE \rightarrow
2nd order from acceleration
($F=ma$)

$$\theta'' + \frac{g}{l} \sin \theta = 0 \rightarrow g = \text{gravity constant}$$

$l = \text{length of the string}$

Must have an initial condition $\theta(0) = a$
AND the initial velocity $\theta'(0) = b$

How to solve for θ ?

Attempt: $\theta'' + \frac{g}{l} \sin \theta = 0 \Rightarrow \theta'' + c \sin \theta = 0$

$$\left(\frac{\theta''}{\sin \theta} = -c \right) dt \Rightarrow \frac{d(\theta')}{\sin \theta} = c dt \leftarrow \text{Can't Integrate Stock!}$$

New Method:

If $\theta \approx 0^\circ$

$\sin \theta \approx \theta$ (Ex: $20^\circ = \frac{20}{180}\pi \approx .349 \Rightarrow \sin(.349) = .342$)

$$\theta'' + c \sin \theta = 0$$

$$\approx \theta'' + c\theta = 0 \quad (\text{Now we have a linear equation})$$

θ in Radians

Linear ODE of 2nd Order

$$x'' + p(t)x' + q(t)x = f(t)$$

where $p(t)$, $q(t)$, $f(t)$ are given.

Ex) $x'' + 3x' + 2x = 0$

$$x'' + 5tx' + e^t x = \sin t$$

When $f(t) \equiv 0$, we have a homogeneous ODE

\uparrow $f(t) = 0$ for all t means \equiv

Homogeneous ODE of 2nd order:

$$x'' + p(t)x' + q(t)x = 0$$

Ex) $x'' + 3x' + 2x = 0$

Try $x_1 = t$, $x_2 = e^t$, $x_3 = e^{-t}$, $x_4 = e^{-2t}$

$$x_1 = t, x_1' = 1, x_1'' = 0$$

$$0 + 3(1) + 2t = 0 \Rightarrow 3 + 2t \neq 0$$

$$x_2 = e^t, x_2' = e^t, x_2'' = e^t$$

$$e^t + 3e^t + 2e^t = 0 \Rightarrow 6e^t \neq 0$$

$$x_3 = e^{-t}, x_3' = -e^{-t}, x_3'' = e^{-t}$$

$$e^{-t} + 3(-e^{-t}) + 2e^{-t} = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = 0 \checkmark$$

$$x_4 = e^{-2t}, x_4' = -2e^{-2t}, x_4'' = 4e^{-2t}$$

$$4e^{-2t} + 3(-2e^{-2t}) + 2(e^{-2t}) = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = 0$$

So x_3, x_4 are solutions!