

# Chapter 4

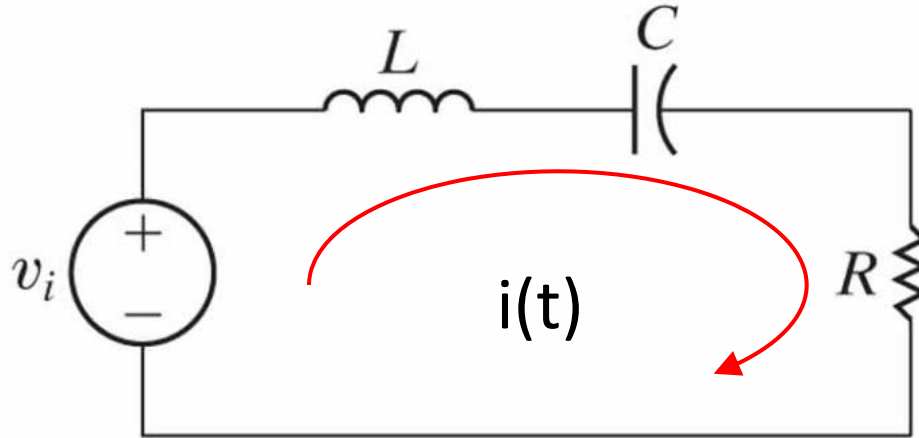
## Higher-order ODEs

- ❑ Preliminary theory (4.1, 4.2)
- ❑ Complementary solutions (4.3)
- ❑ Particular solutions (4.4, 4.6)
- ❑ Systems of linear ODEs (4.8)

# Why higher-order ODEs?

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- E.g. RLC circuit.

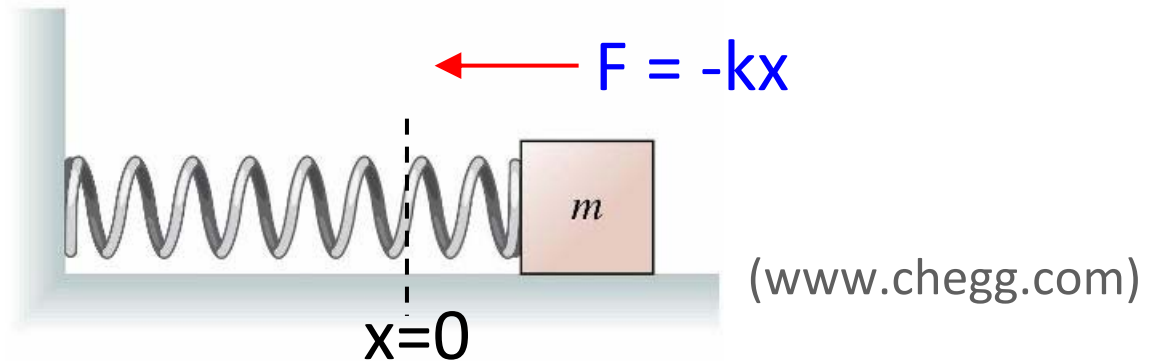


- By Kirchhoff voltage law,  $v_L(t) = L \times i'(t)$ ,  $i(t) = C \times v_C'(t)$ :  
 $v_i(t) = L \times i'(t) + (1/C) \times \int i(t) dt + R \times i(t)$ ,  
 $\Rightarrow i''(t) + P(t) \times i'(t) + Q(t) \times i(t) = g(t)$ , a **2nd-order** ODE,  
where  $P(t) = R/L$ ,  $Q(t) = 1/(LC)$ ,  $g(t) = v_i'(t)/L$ .

# Why higher-order ODEs?

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- E.g. Horizontal mass-spring (harmonic oscillator).



- By Hook's and Newton's laws:

$$F = -k \times x(t) = m \times x''(t),$$

$$\Rightarrow x''(t) + P(t) \times x'(t) + Q(t) \times x(t) = g(t), \text{ 2nd-order ODE,}$$

$$\text{where } P(t) = 0, Q(t) = k/m, g(t) = 0.$$

## □ Preliminary theory

- Initial-value problems (IVPs)
- Boundary-value problems (BVPs)
- Solution to linear homogeneous ODEs
- Solution to linear nonhomogeneous ODEs
- Seek a 2nd solution by reduction of order

# Linear IVPs

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- A general linear,  $n$ th-order ODE is:

$$a_n(x) \frac{d^n y}{dx^n} + \dots + a_1(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + a_0(x) y = g(x)$$

- For a corresponding IVP, the function value and the values of all of its derivatives up to the  $(n-1)$ th order at some **common** position  $x = x_0$  have to be specified:

$$y(x_0) = Y_0, \quad y'(x_0) = Y_1, \quad \dots, \quad y^{(n-1)}(x_0) = Y_{n-1}.$$

# Existence of a unique solution

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## **THEOREM 4.1.1** Existence of a Unique Solution

Let  $a_n(x)$ ,  $a_{n-1}(x)$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $a_1(x)$ ,  $a_0(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be **continuous** on an interval  $I$  and let  $a_n(x) \neq 0$  for every  $x$  in this interval. If  $x = x_0$  is any point in this interval, then a solution  $y(x)$  of the initial-value problem (1) **exists** on the interval and is **unique**.

# 2nd-order linear BVPs

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- A general 2nd-order linear ODE is:

$$y''(x) + P(x) \times y'(x) + Q(x) \times y(x) = g(x)$$

- For a corresponding BVP, the linear combinations of function values and its 1st-order derivatives at different positions  $x = a, b$  have to be specified:

$$\begin{cases} \alpha_1 \times y(a) + \beta_1 \times y'(a) = \gamma_1 \\ \alpha_2 \times y(b) + \beta_2 \times y'(b) = \gamma_2 \end{cases}$$

where  $\alpha_{1,2}, \beta_{1,2}, \gamma_{1,2}$  are given constants (provided that  $\alpha_i = \beta_i = 0$  is prohibited).

# 3 types of solutions (1)

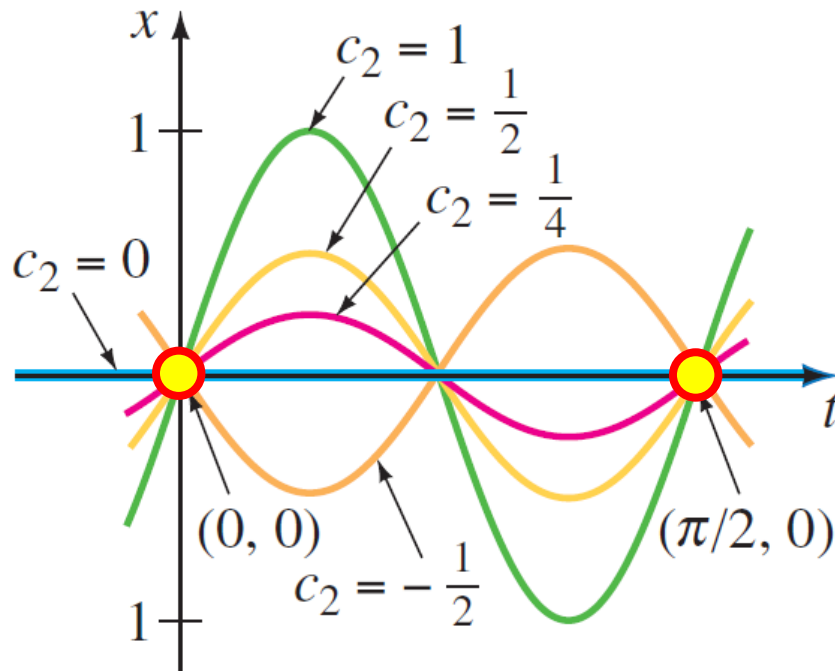
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- E.g.  $x''(t) + 16x(t) = 0$
- You can verify that  $x(t) = c_1 \times \cos(4t) + c_2 \times \sin(4t)$ , for any combination of constant coefficients  $c_1, c_2$ .
- **Case 1:** Let the two BCs be  $\{x(0) = 0, x(\pi/2) = 0\}$ .
- Substituting  $t = 0$  into the general solution:  $c_1 \times \cos(0) + c_2 \times \sin(0) = c_1 = 0, \Rightarrow x(t) = c_2 \times \sin(4t)$ .
- Substituting  $t = \pi/2$  into  $x(t) = c_2 \times \sin(4t), \Rightarrow c_2 \times \sin(2\pi) = 0$ , which is true for **any choice of  $c_2$** .
- **Infinitely many solutions:**  $x(t) = c_2 \times \sin(4t)$ .



# 3 types of solutions (2)

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- $c_2 \times \sin(4t)$ , no matter what the value of  $c_2$  is, satisfies with the ODE  $x''(t) + 16x(t) = 0$  and BCs  $x(0) = 0, x(\pi/2) = 0$ .

- **Case 2:** Let the two BCs be  $\{x(0) = 0, x(\pi/8) = 0\}$ .
- $x(0) = 0$  still leads to  $c_1 = 0$ . Substituting  $t = \pi/8$  into  $x(t) = c_2 \times \sin(4t)$ ,  $\Rightarrow c_2 \times \sin(\pi/2) = c_2 = 0$ .
- $x(t) = 0$  is the **unique** (but **trivial**) solution to the BVP.

# 3 types of solutions (3)

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- **Case 3:** Let the two BCs be  $\{x(0) = 0, x(\pi/2) = 1\}$ .
- $x(0) = 0$  still leads to  $c_1 = 0$ .
- Substituting  $t = \pi/2$  into  $x(t) = c_2 \times \sin(4t)$ ,  $\Rightarrow c_2 \times \sin(2\pi) = 0 = 1$ ,  $\Rightarrow$  a **contradiction** occurs.
- **No solution** to the BVP.
- **Conclusion:** BVPs essentially differ from IVPs. We will revisit BVPs in Ch11.

# Linear homogeneous (LH) ODEs

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- A general 2nd-order linear homogeneous ODE is:

$$y''(x) + P(x) \times y'(x) + Q(x) \times y(x) = 0$$

where there is no excitation [ $g(x) = 0$ ].

- Apparently,  $y(x) = 0$  is always a (trivial) solution.
- For simplicity, we will assume  $P(x)$  and  $Q(x)$  are continuous within the interval of interest  $I$ .

# Superposition principle (LH ODEs)

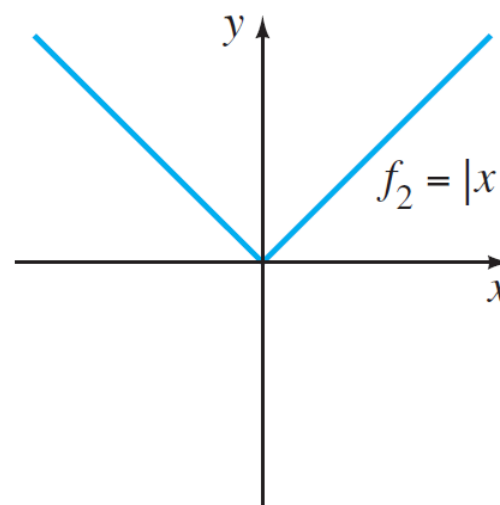
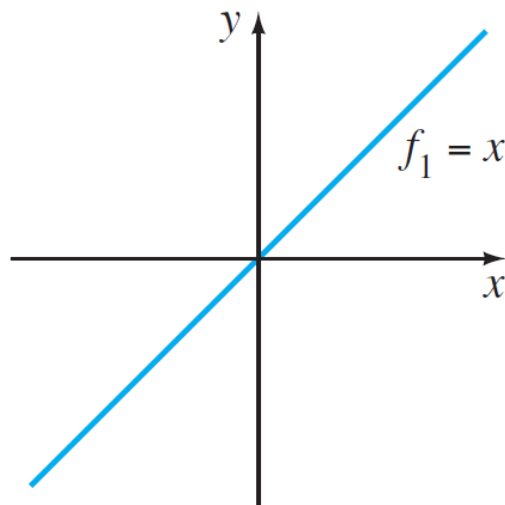
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- Let  $y_1(x)$ ,  $y_2(x)$  be solutions to  $y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = 0$ ,  
i.e.  $(y_{1,2})'' + P(x)(y_{1,2})' + Q(x)y_{1,2} = 0 \Rightarrow y(x) = c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x)$  ( $c_1, c_2$  are arbitrary constants) is a solution.
- Proof:  $y' = [c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x)]' = c_1 y_1' + c_2 y_2'$ ;  $y'' = [c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x)]'' = c_1 y_1'' + c_2 y_2''$ ;  
 $\Rightarrow y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = [c_1 y_1'' + c_2 y_2''] + P(x)[c_1 y_1' + c_2 y_2'] + Q(x)[c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2] = c_1[y_1'' + P(x)y_1' + Q(x)y_1] + c_2[y_2'' + P(x)y_2' + Q(x)y_2] = c_1 \times 0 + c_2 \times 0 = 0$ ,  
 $\Rightarrow y(x)$  is also a solution.

# Linear (in)dependence

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- **Two** functions  $\{f_1(x), f_2(x)\}$  are **linearly dependent** on an interval  $I$  if they are in **proportional** to each other, i.e.  $f_1(x) = c \times f_2(x)$ , for every  $x$  in the interval  $I$ .
- $\{f_1(x), f_2(x)\}$  are **linearly independent** if  $f_1(x) \neq c \times f_2(x)$ .
- E.g.  $\{x, |x|\}$  are linearly independent over  $(-\infty, \infty)$ .



# If there are n functions...

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- n functions  $\{f_1(x), f_2(x), \dots, f_n(x)\}$  are linearly dependent on an interval I if there exist n constants  $\{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n; \text{not all zero}\}$  such that

$$c_1 f_1(x) + c_2 f_2(x) + \dots + c_n f_n(x) = 0 \text{ for all } x \text{ on } I.$$

- In other words,  $f_i(x)$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) can be represented by the linear combination of the remaining  $n-1$  functions in the set.  
 $\Rightarrow f_i(x)$  is a “redundant” member of the set.

# Example 5 ( $n = 4$ )

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- Let  $\{f_1 = \cos^2 x, f_2 = \sin^2 x, f_3 = \sec^2 x, f_4 = \tan^2 x\}$ .
- $f_i(x) \neq c \times f_j(x)$ , for any  $i \neq j$ .
- One can find a set of coefficients  $\{c_1 = 1, c_2 = 1, c_3 = -1, c_4 = 1\}$  such that:  
$$1 \times f_1(x) + 1 \times f_2(x) + (-1) \times f_3(x) + 1 \times f_4(x) = (\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x) - \sec^2 x + \tan^2 x = 1 + (-1) = 0 \text{ for } x \in (-\infty, \infty)$$
- In other words,  $f_1(x) = f_3 - f_4 - f_2$ ,  $f_2(x) = f_3 - f_4 - f_1$ , ...
- $\{f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4\}$  are linearly dependent.

# Linearly independent solutions

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- Two solutions  $\{y_1(x), y_2(x)\}$  of a 2nd-order linear homogeneous ODE

$$y''(x) + P(x) \times y'(x) + Q(x) \times y(x) = 0$$

are linearly independent if and only if their Wronskian  $W(y_1, y_2) \neq 0$  for every  $x$ , where

$$W(y_1, y_2) \equiv \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix}$$

- How to generalize  $W$  for a  $n$ th-order LH ODE?



# Why is Wronskian useful?

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- $\{y_1(x), y_2(x)\}$  are linearly independent if  $c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2 = 0$  is true only when  $\{c_1 = 0, c_2 = 0\}$ .
- Need two equations to solve  $c_1, c_2$ . Creating Eq. (2):

$$\begin{cases} c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x) = 0 \cdots (1), \\ c_1 y_1'(x) + c_2 y_2'(x) = 0 \cdots (2), \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$c_{1,2} = \frac{W_{1,2}}{W}, \quad W_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & y_2 \\ 0 & y_2' \end{vmatrix} = 0, \quad W_2 = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & 0 \\ y_1' & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0.$$

- If  $W \neq 0$ ,  $\{c_1 = 0, c_2 = 0\}$  are unique (trivial) solution.
- If  $W = 0$ ,  $\{c_1, c_2\}$  have infinitely many solutions.

# Fundamental set of solutions

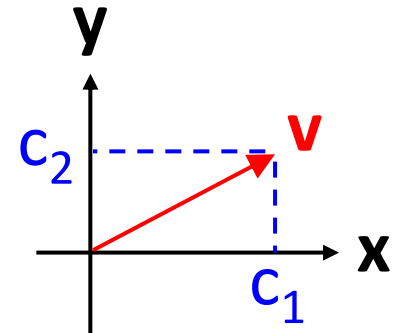
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- According to the superposition principle, the general (**complementary**) solution to a 2nd-order linear **homogeneous** ODE is the linear combination of two **linearly independent solutions**  $\{y_1(x), y_2(x)\}$ :

$$y_c(x) = c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x), \{c_1, c_2\} \text{ are arbitrary const.}$$

- Analogy: A 2D vector can be represented by the linear combination of two **orthogonal vectors**  $\{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}\}$ :

$$\mathbf{V} = c_1 \mathbf{x} + c_2 \mathbf{y}.$$



# Solution to LH IVP (1)

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- Let  $\{y_1(x), y_2(x)\}$  be linearly independent solutions to  $y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = 0$ ;  $\Rightarrow$ 
  - $(y_{1,2})'' + P(x)(y_{1,2})' + Q(x)y_{1,2} = 0$ .
  - $W(y_1, y_2) \neq 0$  for all  $x$  in the interested interval  $I$ .
- Note:  $y_1(x), y_2(x)$  do **not** have to satisfy the two **ICs**:  $y(x_0) = Y_0, y'(x_0) = Y_1$ , where  $x_0 \in I$  and  $\{Y_0, Y_1\}$  are arbitrary constants.
- By the superposition principle,  $G(x) \equiv c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x)$  satisfies the ODE for any coefficients  $\{c_1, c_2\}$ .

# Solution to LH IVP (2)

- Since  $W(y_1, y_2) \neq 0$ , the system of algebraic equations

$$\begin{cases} c_1 y_1(x_0) + c_2 y_2(x_0) = Y_0, \\ c_1 y_1'(x_0) + c_2 y_2'(x_0) = Y_1, \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} y_1(x_0) & y_2(x_0) \\ y_1'(x_0) & y_2'(x_0) \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Y_0 \\ Y_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

must give a unique combination of  $c_1, c_2$ , where

$$c_{1,2} = \frac{W_{1,2}}{W(y_1(x_0), y_2(x_0))}, \quad W_1 = \begin{vmatrix} Y_0 & y_2(x_0) \\ Y_1 & y_2'(x_0) \end{vmatrix}, \quad W_2 = \begin{vmatrix} y_1(x_0) & Y_0 \\ y_1'(x_0) & Y_1 \end{vmatrix}.$$

- $G(x)$  satisfies the ICs, for  $G(x_0) = c_1 y_1(x_0) + c_2 y_2(x_0) = Y_0$ ,  $G'(x_0) = c_1 y_1'(x_0) + c_2 y_2'(x_0) = Y_1$ .

- $\Rightarrow G(x)$  is the **unique** solution to the (ODE + IC).

# Example 7

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- ODE:  $y'' - 9y = 0$ .
- $y_1(x) = e^{3x}$ ,  $y_2(x) = e^{-3x}$  satisfy the LH ODE (verify).
- Since

$$W(y_1, y_2) \equiv \begin{vmatrix} e^{3x} & e^{-3x} \\ 3e^{3x} & -3e^{-3x} \end{vmatrix} = -3 - 3 = -6 \neq 0$$

$\{y_1(x), y_2(x)\}$  are linearly independent for  $x \in (-\infty, \infty)$ .

- General solution must be:  $y(x) = c_1 e^{3x} + c_2 e^{-3x}$ .

# Example 9

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- ODE:  $y''' - 6y'' + 11y' - 6y = 0$ .
- $y_1(x) = e^x$ ,  $y_2(x) = e^{2x}$ ,  $y_3(x) = e^{3x}$  satisfy the 3rd-order LH ODE (verify).

- Since

$$W(y_1, y_2, y_3) \equiv \begin{vmatrix} e^x & e^{2x} & e^{3x} \\ e^x & 2e^{2x} & 3e^{3x} \\ e^x & 4e^{2x} & 9e^{3x} \end{vmatrix} = 2e^{6x} \neq 0$$

$\{y_1, y_2, y_3\}$  are linearly independent for  $x \in (-\infty, \infty)$ .

- General solution must be:  $y(x) = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{2x} + c_3 e^{3x}$ .

- A 2nd-order linear nonhomogeneous ODE is:

$$y''(x) + P(x) \times y'(x) + Q(x) \times y(x) = g(x)$$

- It can correspond to an IVP or BVP, depending the given conditions:

- IVP: if two ICs  $y(x_0) = Y_0$ ,  $y'(x_0) = Y_1$  are given;
- BVP: if two BCs

$$\begin{cases} \alpha_1 \times y(a) + \beta_1 \times y'(a) = \gamma_1 \\ \alpha_2 \times y(b) + \beta_2 \times y'(b) = \gamma_2 \end{cases}$$

are specified.

- General solution is

$$y(x) = y_c(x) + y_p(x), \text{ where}$$

- $y_c(x) = c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x)$  is the **complementary** solution to the corresponding LH ODE with  $g(x) = 0$ ;  $\{c_1, c_2\}$  are determined by **ICs or BCs**;
- $y_p(x)$  is a **particular** solution to the original LN ODE with  $g(x) \neq 0$ . It's independent of ICs or BCs.
- Note: In the absence of IC or BC,  $y_p(x)$  alone is a solution to the LN ODE. It only refers to the “steady state” of the system (Example 5, Sec. 2.3).



# Proof

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- $y_c(x) = c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x)$  satisfies the LH ODE:  $(y_c)'' + P(x) \times (y_c)' + Q(x) \times y_c = 0$ .
- $y_p(x)$  satisfies the LN ODE:  $(y_p)'' + P(x) \times (y_p)' + Q(x) \times y_p = g(x)$ .
- Substituting  $y(x) = y_c(x) + y_p(x)$  into the LN ODE:
- $$\begin{aligned} & (y_c + y_p)'' + P(x) \times (y_c + y_p)' + Q(x) \times (y_c + y_p) \\ &= [(y_c)'' + P(x) \times (y_c)' + Q(x) \times (y_c)] + [(y_p)'' + P(x) \times (y_p)' + Q(x) \times y_p] \\ &= 0 + g(x) = g(x), \Rightarrow (y_c + y_p) \text{ is a solution to LN ODE.} \end{aligned}$$

# Example 10

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- ODE:  $y''' - 6y'' + 11y' - 6y = 3x$ .
- $y_1(x) = e^x$ ,  $y_2(x) = e^{2x}$ ,  $y_3(x) = e^{3x}$  satisfy the 3rd-order LH ODE (Example 9).
- $y_p(x) = -(11/12) - x/2$  is a particular solution. (verify)
- General solution must be:

$$y(x) = (c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{2x} + c_3 e^{3x}) - (11/12) - x/2.$$

# Superposition principle (LN ODEs)

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- Let  $y_{p1}(x)$ ,  $y_{p2}(x)$  be particular solutions to  $y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = g_{1,2}(x)$ , i.e.  $(y_{p1,p2})'' + P(x)(y_{p1,p2})' + Q(x)y_{p1,p2} = g_{1,2}(x)$ .  $\Rightarrow y_p(x) = y_{p1}(x) + y_{p2}(x)$  is a particular solution to  $y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = g_1(x) + g_2(x)$ .
- Proof:  $(y_p)' = [y_{p1}(x) + y_{p2}(x)]' = (y_{p1})' + (y_{p2})'$ ;  $(y_p)'' = [y_{p1}(x) + y_{p2}(x)]'' = (y_{p1})'' + (y_{p2})''$ ;  
 $\Rightarrow (y_p)'' + P(x)(y_p)' + Q(x)y_p = [(y_{p1})'' + (y_{p2})''] + P(x)[(y_{p1})' + (y_{p2})'] + Q(x)[y_{p1} + y_{p2}] = [(y_{p1})'' + P(x)(y_{p1})' + Q(x)y_{p1}] + [(y_{p2})'' + P(x)(y_{p2})' + Q(x)y_{p2}] = g_1(x) + g_2(x)$ ;  $\Rightarrow y_p(x)$  is a particular solution.

# Motivation of reduction of order

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- For a **2nd**-order LH ODE:  $y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = 0$ , we need two linearly independent solutions  $y_1(x)$ ,  $y_2(x)$  to expand the complementary solution  $y_c(x)$ .
- If we have  $y_1(x)$  already, a linearly independent solution  $y_2(x)$  can be found systematically by assuming  $y(x) = u(x) \times y_1(x)$  and solving a linear separable **1st**-order ODE of  $w(x) \equiv u'(x)$ .
- $y(x) \neq c \times y_1(x)$  (linearly independent) if  $u(x) \neq \text{const.}$

# Example 1 (Sec. 4.2)

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- E.g.  $y''(x) - y(x) = 0$  (2nd-order LH ODE)
- You can verify that  $y_1(x) = e^x$  is a solution.
- Let  $y(x) = u(x) \times e^x$ ,  $\Rightarrow y' = u' \times e^x + u \times e^x$ ,  $y'' = u'' \times e^x + 2u' \times e^x + u \times e^x$ ;
- $y'' - y = [(u'' + 2u' + u) - u] \times e^x = (u'' + 2u') \times e^x = 0, \Rightarrow u'' + 2u' = 0$ .
- Let  $w = u'$ ,  $\Rightarrow w' + 2w = 0$  (1st-order LH ODE).
- It's separable:  $-dw/(2w) = dx$ ,  $w = c_1 e^{-2x}$ .
- $u(x) = \int w dx = -(c_1/2)e^{-2x} + c_2$ ,  $y = -(c_1/2)e^{-x} + c_2 e^x, \Rightarrow y_2 = e^{-x}$ .

## □ Complementary solutions

- Auxiliary equation
- Three types of solutions for 2nd-order LH ODEs
- Two physical examples

# Motivation

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- For 1st-order LH ODEs  $y'(x) + P(x)y = 0$ , we have learnt two methods to solve them:
  - separation of variables (Sec. 2.2)
  - Integrating factor (Sec. 2.3)

- For constant coefficient  $P(x) = -k$ , ODE  $y'(x) = k \times y$  has an intuitive solution:

$$y(x) = e^{mx}, \text{ for } y'(x) \propto y(x), \text{ self-consistent.}$$

- Substituting  $y = e^{mx}$  into  $y' = k \times y$  gives  $me^{mx} = ke^{mx}$ ,  
 $\Rightarrow m = k$ , a 1st-order polynomial equation.

Ultrafast Photonics Lab  $\Rightarrow$  Complementary solution is:  $y_c(x) = c \times e^{kx}$ .



# 2nd-order LH ODEs of constant coefficient

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- ODE :  $y'' + Py' + Qy = 0$ , where  $P$  and  $Q$  are constant.
- Assume  $y(x) = e^{mx}$ , for  $y''(x) \propto y'(x) \propto y(x)$ .
- Substituting  $y = e^{mx}$  into  $y'' + Py' + Qy = 0$  gives a 2nd-order polynomial equation (auxiliary equation)  
 $m^2 + Pm + Q = 0$ .
- There are three types of solutions:
  - Case 1: Two distinct real roots  $m = \{m_1, m_2\}$
  - Case 2: One repeated root  $m = m_1$ .
  - Case 3: Two complex conjugate roots  $m = \alpha \pm j\beta$ .



# Case 1: Two distinct real roots

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- $m = \{m_1, m_2\}, \Rightarrow \{e^{m_1x}, e^{m_2x}\}$  are solutions.
- The Wronskian is nonzero for  $x \in (-\infty, \infty)$  if  $m_1 \neq m_2$ :

$$W(e^{m_1x}, e^{m_2x}) = \begin{vmatrix} e^{m_1x} & e^{m_2x} \\ m_1 e^{m_1x} & m_2 e^{m_2x} \end{vmatrix} = (m_2 - m_1)e^{(m_1+m_2)x} \neq 0$$

- $\{e^{m_1x}, e^{m_2x}\}$  are linearly independent solutions,  $\Rightarrow$   
Complementary solution is their linear combination:

$$y_c(x) = c_1 e^{m_1x} + c_2 e^{m_2x}$$

- When accessing the ICs or BCs, derivative is needed:

$$y'_c(x) = c_1 m_1 e^{m_1x} + c_2 m_2 e^{m_2x}$$

# An IVP example of Case 1

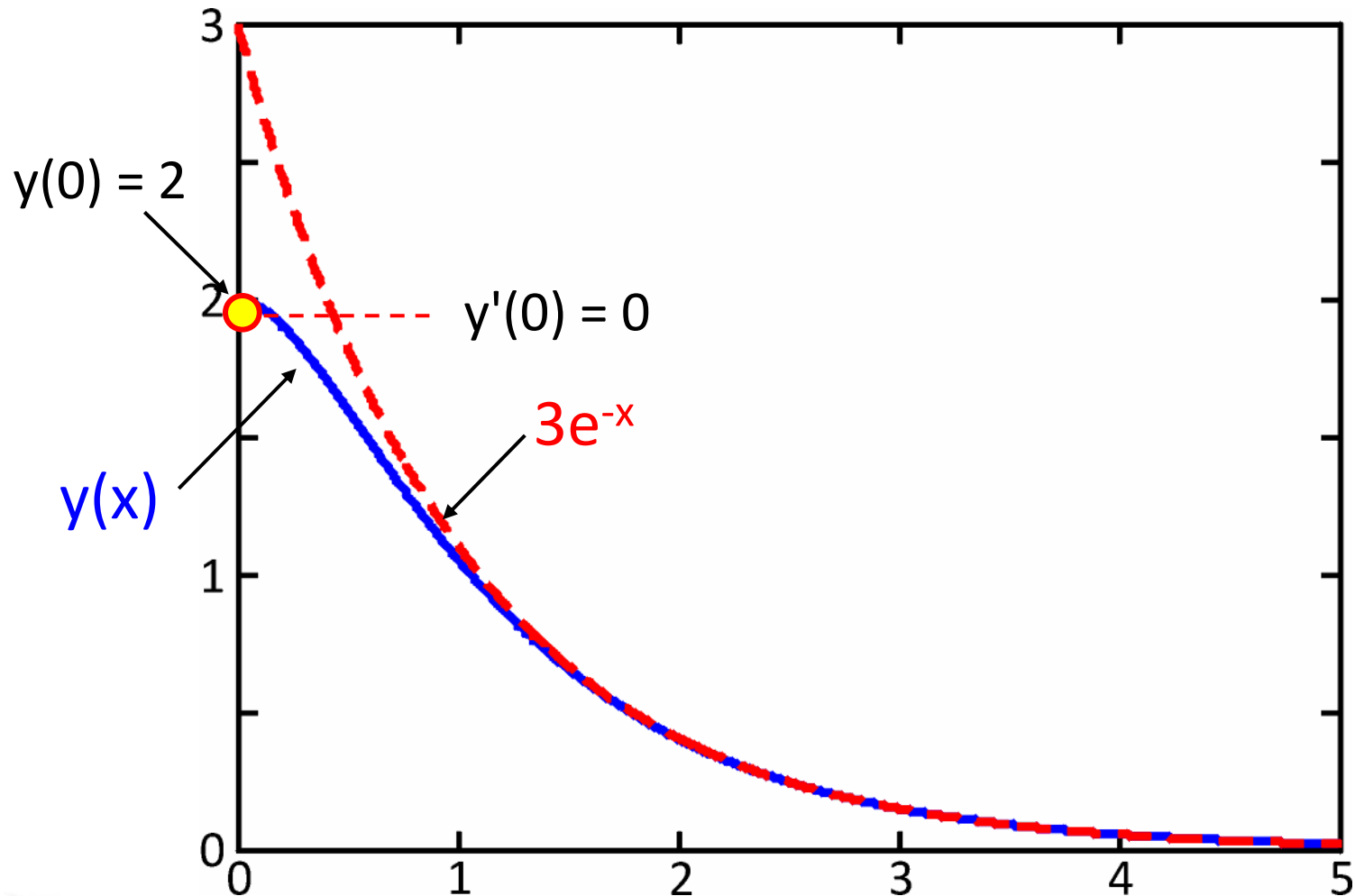
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- ODE:  $y'' + 4y' + 3y = 0$
- ICs:  $y(0) = 2, y'(0) = 0$
- Auxiliary equation:  $m^2 + 4m + 3 = 0, \Rightarrow$  two distinct real roots  $\{m_1 = -1, m_2 = -3\}$ .
- $y_c(x) = c_1 e^{-x} + c_2 e^{-3x}, \Rightarrow y_c(0) = c_1 + c_2 = 2.$
- $y'_c(x) = -c_1 e^{-x} - 3c_2 e^{-3x}, \Rightarrow y'_c(0) = -c_1 - 3c_2 = 0.$
- Solving the system of algebraic equations gives  $\{c_1 = 3, c_2 = -1\}. \Rightarrow$  The unique solution of the IVP is:

$$y(x) = 3e^{-x} - e^{-3x}$$

# Unique solution plot

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# Case 2: One repeated real root (1)

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- $m = m_1, \Rightarrow e^{m_1 x}$  is a solution.
- Reduction of order: given  $y_1(x) = e^{m_1 x}$  is one solution to the LH ODE, the 2nd solution linearly independent of  $y_1(x)$  can be found by assuming  $y(x) = u(x) \times y_1(x)$ , ...  $\Rightarrow y_2(x) = x e^{m_1 x}$ .
- Verify the linear independence by Wroskian:

$$W(e^{m_1 x}, x e^{m_1 x}) = \begin{vmatrix} e^{m_1 x} & x e^{m_1 x} \\ m_1 e^{m_1 x} & (1 + m_1 x) e^{m_1 x} \end{vmatrix} = e^{2m_1 x} \neq 0$$

# Case 2: One repeated real root (2)

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- $\{e^{m_1 x}, xe^{m_1 x}\}$  are linearly independent solutions,  $\Rightarrow$   
Complementary solution is their linear combination:

$$y_c(x) = (c_1 + c_2 x) \times e^{m_1 x}$$

- When accessing the ICs or BCs, derivative is needed:

$$y'_c(x) = [(c_1 m_1 + c_2) + (c_2 m_1) x] \times e^{m_1 x}$$

# An IVP example of Case 2

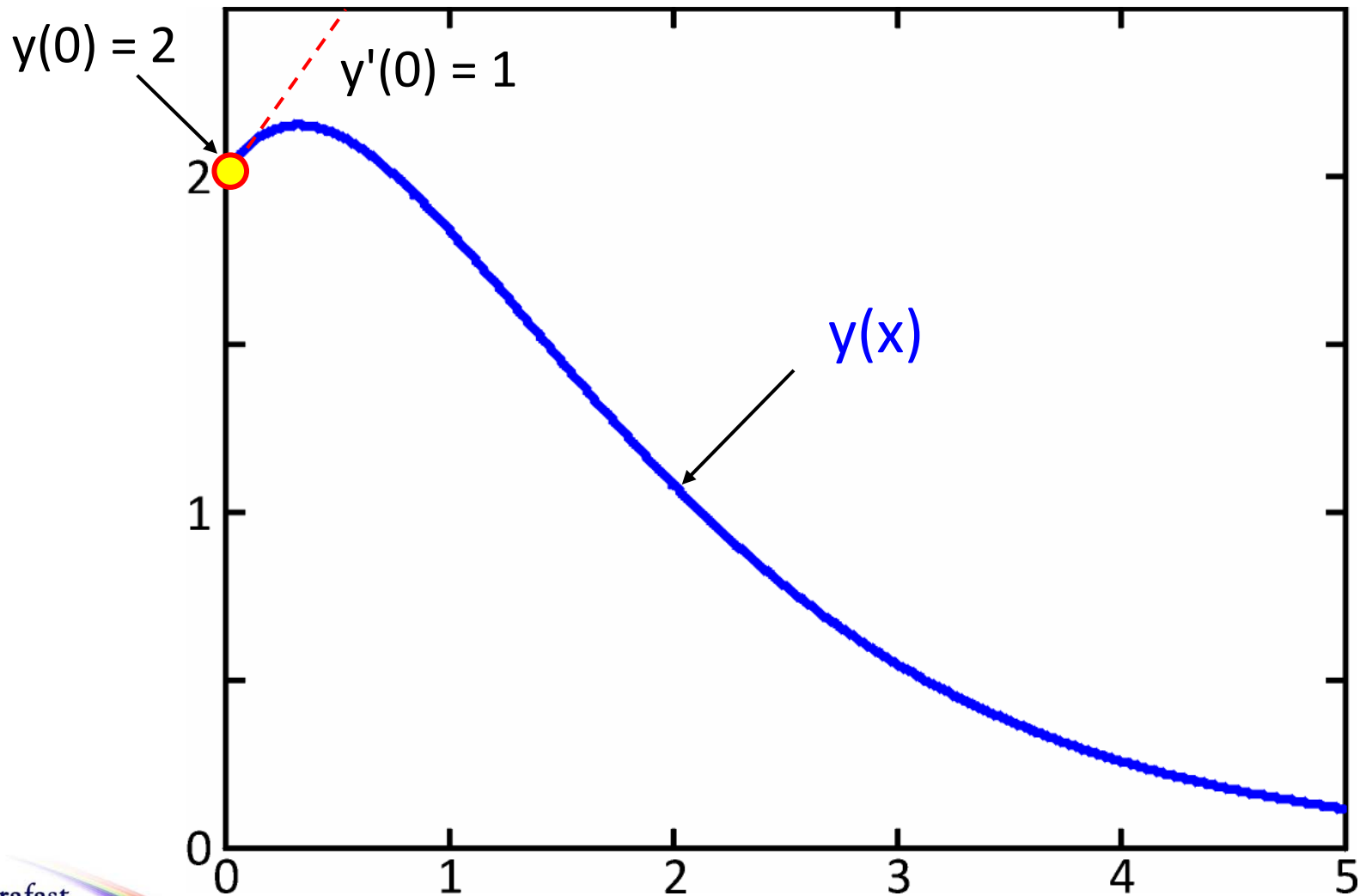
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- ODE:  $y'' + 2y' + y = 0$
- ICs:  $y(0) = 2, y'(0) = 1$
- Auxiliary equation:  $m^2 + 2m + 1 = 0, \Rightarrow$  one repeated root  $\{m_1 = -1\}$ .
- $y_c(x) = (c_1 + c_2x) \times e^{-x}, \Rightarrow y_c(0) = c_1 = 2.$
- $y'_c(x) = [(-c_1 + c_2) - (c_2)x] \times e^{-x}, \Rightarrow y'_c(0) = -c_1 + c_2 = 1.$
- Solving the system of algebraic equations gives  $\{c_1 = 2, c_2 = 3\}. \Rightarrow$  The unique solution of the IVP is:

$$y(x) = (2 + 3x) \times e^{-x}$$

# Unique solution plot

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# Case 3: Complex conjugate roots (1) 40

- For  $m = \alpha \pm j\beta$ , Case 1 formula  $y_c(x) = c_1 e^{m_1 x} + c_2 e^{m_2 x}$  still applies,  $\Rightarrow y_1(x) = e^{\alpha x} \times e^{+j\beta x}$ ,  $y_2(x) = e^{\alpha x} \times e^{-j\beta x}$  are two linearly independent “complex” solutions.
- Let  $y_3 \equiv (y_1 + y_2)/2 = e^{\alpha x} (e^{j\beta x} + e^{-j\beta x})/2 = e^{\alpha x} \{ [\cos(\beta x) + j\sin(\beta x)] + [\cos(\beta x) - j\sin(\beta x)] \}/2 = e^{\alpha x} \times \cos(\beta x)$ , where Euler's formula  $e^{j\theta} = \cos\theta + j\sin\theta$  is used.
- Similarly,  $y_4 \equiv (y_1 - y_2)/(2j) = e^{\alpha x} (e^{j\beta x} - e^{-j\beta x})/(2j) = e^{\alpha x} \times \sin(\beta x)$ .
- By the superposition principle (p12),  $\{y_3, y_4\}$  remain **solutions** to the LH ODE.



# Case 3: Complex conjugate roots (2) 41

- The Wronskian  $W(y_3, y_4)$  is:

$$\begin{vmatrix} e^{\alpha x} \cos \beta x & e^{\alpha x} \sin \beta x \\ e^{\alpha x} (\alpha \cos \beta x - \beta \sin \beta x) & e^{\alpha x} (\alpha \sin \beta x + \beta \cos \beta x) \end{vmatrix} = \beta e^{2\alpha x} \neq 0$$

$\Rightarrow \{y_3, y_4\}$  are **linearly independent**.

- Complementary solution to the 2nd-order LH ODE can also be the linear combination of  $\{y_3, y_4\}$ :

$$y_c(x) = e^{\alpha x} [c_1 \cos(\beta x) + c_2 \sin(\beta x)]$$

- When accessing the ICs or BCs, derivative is needed:

$$y'_c(x) = e^{\alpha x} [(c_1 \alpha + c_2 \beta) \times \cos(\beta x) + (c_2 \alpha - c_1 \beta) \times \sin(\beta x)]$$

# Example 2

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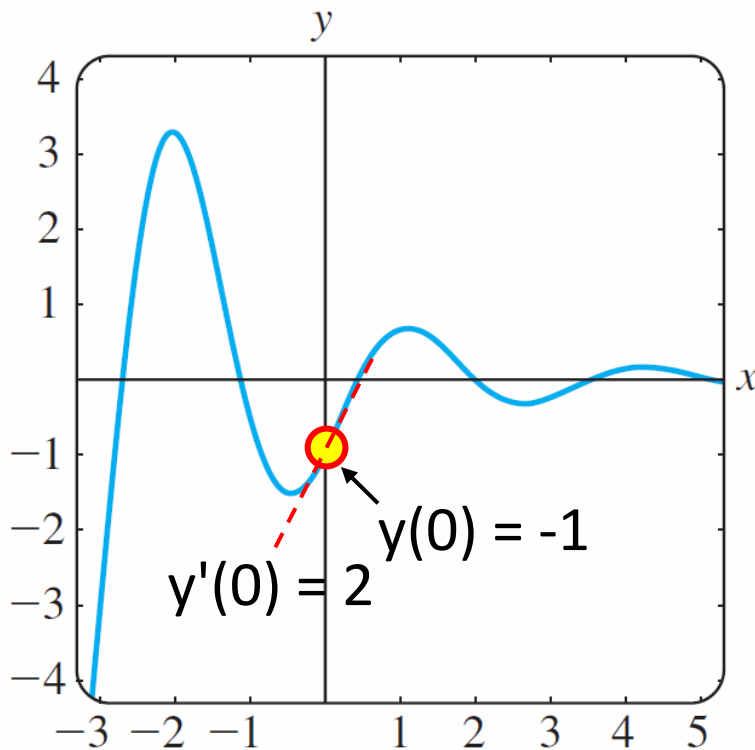
- ODE:  $4y'' + 4y' + 17y = 0$
- ICs:  $y(0) = -1, y'(0) = 2$
- Auxiliary equation:  $4m^2 + 4m + 17 = 0, \Rightarrow m = \alpha \pm j\beta = (-1/2) \pm j(2).$
- $y_c(x) = e^{-x/2} [c_1 \cos(2x) + c_2 \sin(2x)], \Rightarrow y_c(0) = 1 \times [c_1 \times 1 + c_2 \times 0] = c_1 = -1.$
- $y'_c(x) = e^{-x/2} [(-c_1/2 + 2c_2) \times \cos(2x) + (-c_2/2 - 2c_1) \times \sin(2x)], \Rightarrow y'_c(0) = 1 \times [(1/2 + 2c_2) \times 1 + (-c_2/2 + 2) \times 0] = 1/2 + 2c_2 = 2, c_2 = 3/4.$

# Unique solution plot

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- The IVP gives a unique solution:

$$y(x) = e^{-x/2}[-1\cos(2x) + \frac{3}{4}\sin(2x)]$$

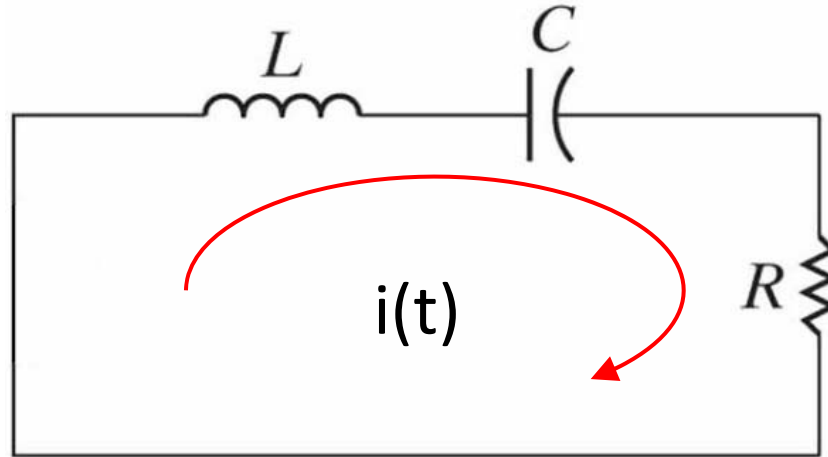


- $y(x)$  behaves “damped oscillation”, converging to zero as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ .
- Envelope decay depends on  $\text{Re}\{m\} = \alpha (<0)$ .
- Fringe oscillation depends on  $\text{Im}\{m\} = \beta$ .

# Source-free RLC circuit

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- ODE:  $i''(t) + (R/L) \times i'(t) + 1/(LC) \times i(t) = 0$ .



- Auxiliary equation:  $m^2 + (R/L)m + 1/(LC) = 0, \Rightarrow$

$$m = \frac{-\frac{R}{L} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{R}{L}\right)^2 - \frac{4}{LC}}}{2}$$

# Three types of natural response

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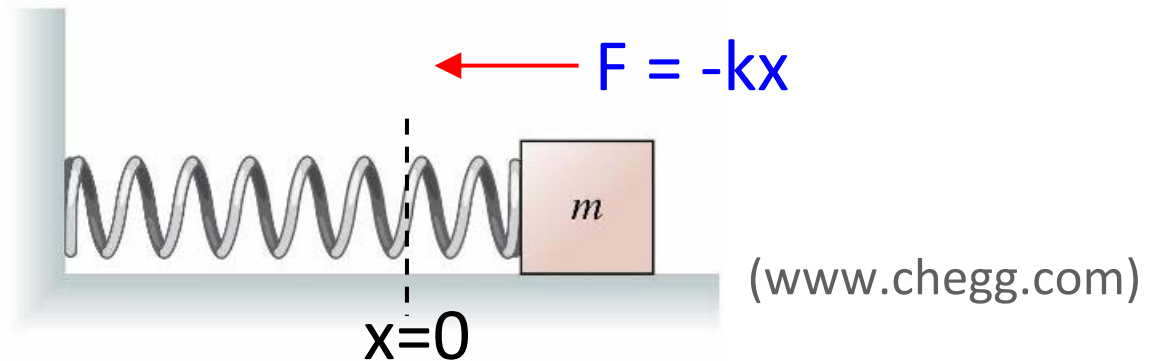
The Circuit is	When	Solutions
Over-damped	$R^2 > 4L/C$	$c_1 e^{m_1 x} + c_2 e^{m_2 x}$
Critically-damped	$R^2 = 4L/C$	$(c_1 + c_2 x) \times e^{m_1 x}$
Under-damped	$R^2 < 4L/C$	$e^{\alpha x} [c_1 \cos(\beta x) + c_2 \sin(\beta x)]$

- In Case 3 (under-damped),  $\alpha = -R/(2L)$ ,  $\Rightarrow$  envelope decays faster if  $R$  is larger.

# Horizontal frictionless mass-spring

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- ODE:  $x''(t) + (k/m)x(t) = 0$ .



- Auxiliary equation:  $m^2 + k/m = 0, \Rightarrow m = \alpha \pm j\beta = \pm j\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$
- $x_c(t) = e^{\alpha x}[c_1 \cos(\beta t) + c_2 \sin(\beta t)] = c_1 \cos[\sqrt{(k/m)}t] + c_2 \sin[\sqrt{(k/m)}t] = A_0 \times \cos[\sqrt{(k/m)}t + \phi]$ , pure oscillation.
- Oscillation is faster if  $m$  is smaller or  $k$  is larger.

## □ Particular solutions

- Method of undetermined coefficients
- Method of variation of parameters

- A 2nd-order linear nonhomogeneous ODE of **constant coefficients** is:

$$y'' + P \times y' + Q \times y = g(x)$$

- If  $g(x)$  is one of the following forms:  
(1) **polynomial**, (2)  $e^{\alpha x}$ , (3)  $\sin(\beta x)$ ,  $\cos(\beta x)$ , or (4)  
sums or products of (1-3),  $\Rightarrow$  particular solution  $y_p(x)$   
and driving source  $g(x)$  should be of the **same form**.
- It does not apply if  $g(x) = \ln(x)$ ,  $1/x$ ,  $\tan(x)$ , ...



# Example: $g(x) = \text{polynomial}$

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- ODE:  $y'' + y' + 2y = 4x^2 + 1$
- $g(x)$  is a 2nd-order polynomial,  $\Rightarrow$  an educated guess is  $y_p(x) = Ax^2 + Bx + C$ . (Why?)
- Substituting  $y'_p = (2Ax + B)$ ,  $y''_p = (2A)$  into the ODE:  
 $(2A) + (2Ax + B) + 2(Ax^2 + Bx + C)$   
 $= (2A)x^2 + (2A+2B)x + (2A+B+2C) = 4x^2 + 1,$

$$\begin{cases} 2A = 4, \\ 2A + 2B = 0, \\ 2A + B + 2C = 1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} A = 2 \\ B = -2 \\ C = -1/2 \end{cases}, \Rightarrow y_p(x) = 2x^2 - 2x - \frac{1}{2}$$

# Example: $g(x) = e^{\alpha x}$

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- ODE:  $y'' - 5y' + 4y = 8e^{2x}$
- $g(x)$  is an exponential function,  $\Rightarrow$  an educated guess is  $y_p(x) = A \times e^{2x}$ . (Why?)
- Substituting  $y'_p = (2A \times e^{2x})$ ,  $y''_p = (4A \times e^{2x})$  into the ODE:  
$$(4A \times e^{2x}) - 5(2A \times e^{2x}) + 4(A \times e^{2x}) = (4A - 10A + 4A) \times e^{2x} = -2A \times e^{2x} = 8e^{2x},$$
$$\Rightarrow -2A = 8, A = -4, y_p(x) = -4e^{2x}.$$
- Note:  $y_p(x)$  does not necessarily satisfy ICs or BCs. It's not the unique solution yet.

# Example 4: A glitch of the method (1)

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- By slightly changing the  $g(x)$ :  $y'' - 5y' + 4y = 8e^x$
- An educated guess is  $y_p(x) = Ae^x$ .
- Substituting  $y'_p = (Ae^x)$ ,  $y''_p = (Ae^x)$  into the ODE:  
 $(Ae^x) - 5(Ae^x) + 4(Ae^x) = 0 = 8e^x, \Rightarrow$  no solution!
- Auxiliary equation to solve  $y_c(x)$  is:  $m^2 - 5m + 4 = 0$ ,  
 $\Rightarrow m_1 = 1, m_2 = 4; \Rightarrow y_c(x) = c_1e^x + c_2e^{4x}$ .
- Bug:  $Ae^x$  is already present in  $y_c(x)$ !

# Example 4: A glitch of the method (2)

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- Try another guess:  $y_p(x) = Axe^x$ . (Why?)
- Substituting  $y'_p = [A(1+x)e^x]$ ,  $y''_p = [A(2+x)e^x]$  into  $y'' - 5y' + 4y = 8e^x$ :

$$[A(2+x)e^x] - 5[A(1+x)e^x] + 4(Axe^x)$$

$$= (2A-5A)e^x + (A-5A+4A)xe^x$$

$$= (-3A)e^x + (0)xe^x = 8e^x,$$

$$\Rightarrow -3A = 8, A = -8/3, y_p(x) = (-8/3)xe^x$$

# Example: $g(t) = \sin(\omega t)$

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- ODE:  $y'' + 2y' + 2y = -5 \times \sin(2t)$
- Educated guess:  $y_p(t) = A \times \cos(2t) + B \times \sin(2t)$ .
- Substituting  $y'_p = [-2A \times \sin(2t) + 2B \times \cos(2t)]$ ,  $y''_p = [-4A \times \cos(2t) - 4B \times \sin(2t)] = -4y_p$  into the ODE:  
$$[-4A \times \cos(2t) - 4B \times \sin(2t)] + 2[-2A \times \sin(2t) + 2B \times \cos(2t)] + 2[A \times \cos(2t) + B \times \sin(2t)]$$
$$= (-4A + 4B + 2A) \times \cos(2t) + (-4B - 4A + 2B) \times \sin(2t)$$
$$= (-2A + 4B) \times \cos(2t) + (-4A - 2B) \times \sin(2t) = -5 \times \sin(2t),$$

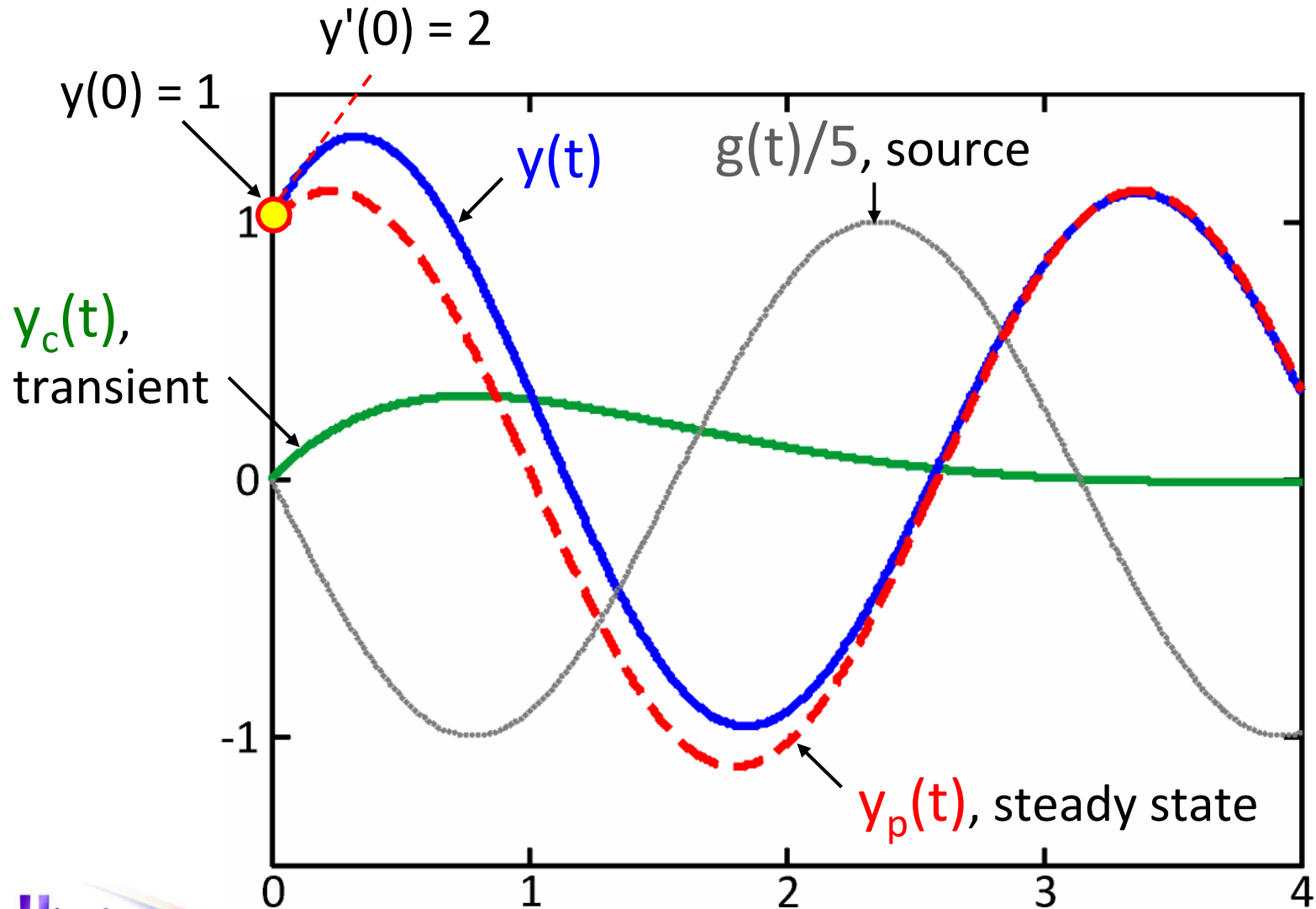
$$\begin{cases} -2A + 4B = 0, \\ -4A - 2B = -5, \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} A = 1 \\ B = \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}, \quad y_p(x) = \cos 2t + \frac{1}{2} \sin 2t$$

- Let the two associated ICs be:  $y(0) = 1$ ,  $y'(0) = 2$ .
- Auxiliary equation to solve  $y_c(t)$  is:  $m^2 + 2m + 2 = 0$ ,  
 $\Rightarrow m = -1 \pm j$  (Case 3),  $\Rightarrow y_c(t) = e^{-t}[c_1 \cos(t) + c_2 \sin(t)]$ .
- $y(t) = y_c + y_p = e^{-t}[c_1 \cos(t) + c_2 \sin(t)] + [\cos(2t) + \frac{1}{2} \times \sin(2t)]$
- $y(0) = c_1 + 1 = 1, \Rightarrow c_1 = 0$ ;
- $y(t) = c_2 e^{-t} \sin(t) + [\cos(2t) + \frac{1}{2} \times \sin(2t)]$ ,
- $y'(t) = c_2 e^{-t}[-\sin(t) + \cos(t)] + [-2\sin(2t) + \cos(2t)]$ ,
- $y'(0) = c_2 + 1 = 2, \Rightarrow c_2 = 1$ ;

$$y(t) = e^{-t} \sin(t) + [\cos(2t) + \frac{1}{2} \times \sin(2t)]$$

# Unique solution plot

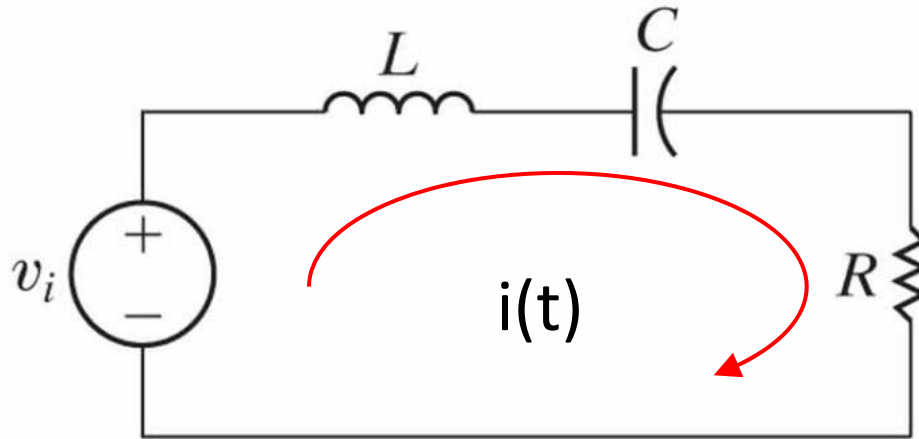
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# Sinusoidally driven RLC circuit

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- ODE:  $i''(t) + (R/L) \times i'(t) + 1/(LC) \times i(t) = v'(t)/L$ .



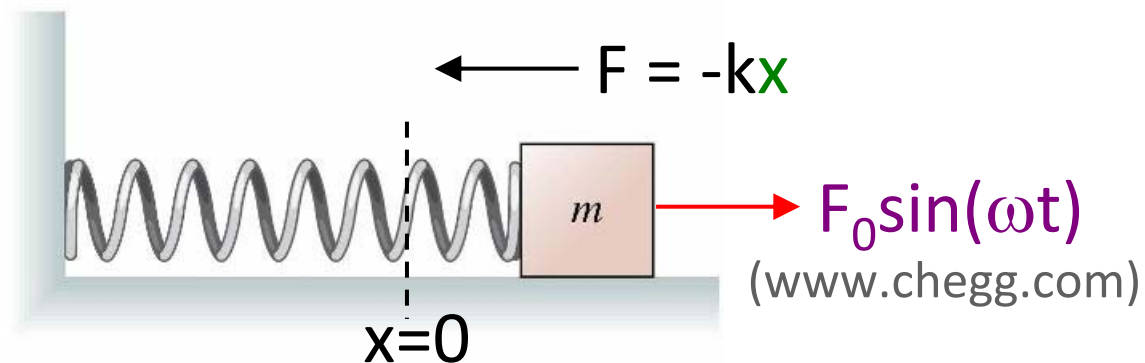
- Element values  $R$ ,  $L$ ,  $C$  determines natural (transient) response  $i_c(t)$ .
- Driving source determines the “shape” of steady state  $i_p(t)$ , while its amplitude and timing depends on both the RLC circuit and the source.



# Sinusoidally driven mass-spring

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- ODE:  $x''(t) + (k/m)x(t) = (F_0/m)\sin(\omega t)$ .

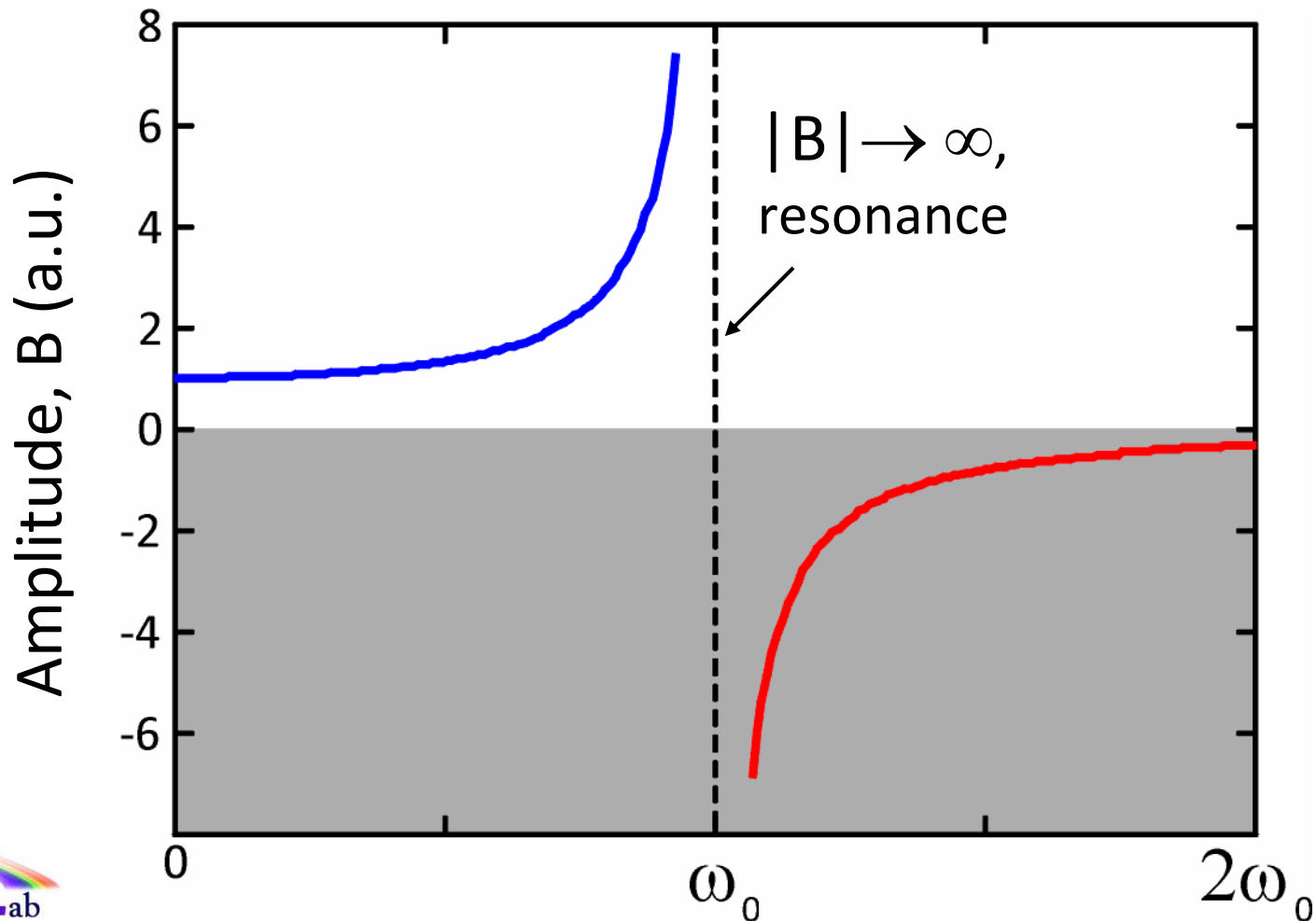


- $x_c(t) = A_0 \cos(\omega_0 t + \phi)$ ,  $\omega_0 = \sqrt{k/m}$  is the **natural freq.**
- Substituting  $x_p(t) = A \cos(\omega t) + B \sin(\omega t)$ ,  $x''_p = -\omega^2 x_p$  into the ODE:  $-\omega^2 x_p + (\omega_0)^2 x_p = (F_0/m) \sin(\omega t)$ ,  
 $[(\omega_0)^2 - \omega^2] \times [A \cos(\omega t) + B \sin(\omega t)] = (F_0/m) \sin(\omega t)$ ,  
 $\Rightarrow A = 0, B = F_0 / \{m [(\omega_0)^2 - \omega^2]\}.$

# Resonance

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■  $x(t) = x_c + x_p = A_0 \cos(\omega_0 t + \phi) + B \sin(\omega t)$ ,  $B \propto [(\omega_0)^2 - \omega^2]^{-1}$ .



# Method of variation of parameters (1)

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- A 2nd-order LN ODE of **varying coefficients** is:

$$y'' + P(x) \times y' + Q(x) \times y = g(x)$$

- Let  $y_c(x) = c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x)$ , where  $W(y_1, y_2) \neq 0$ .

- For **any type** of  $g(x)$ , let  $y_p = u_1(x) y_1(x) + u_2(x) y_2(x)$ :

$$y'_p = u_1 y'_1 + y_1 u'_1 + u_2 y'_2 + y_2 u'_2$$

$$y''_p = u_1 y''_1 + y'_1 u'_1 + y_1 u''_1 + u'_1 y'_1 + u_2 y''_2 + y'_2 u'_2 + y_2 u''_2 + u'_2 y'_2.$$

- Substituting  $y_p, y'_p, y''_p$  into the LN ODE:

$$\frac{d}{dx}[y_1 u'_1 + y_2 u'_2] + P[y_1 u'_1 + y_2 u'_2] + [y'_1 u'_1 + y'_2 u'_2] = g(x) \cdots (a)$$

# Method of variation of parameters (2)

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- Two equations are needed to solve  $u_1(x)$ ,  $u_2(x)$ .
- A **convenient choice** is having  $y_1 u_1' + y_2 u_2' = 0$  such that Eq. (a) reduces to  $y_1' u_1' + y_2' u_2' = g(x)$ .

- $$\begin{cases} y_1 u_1' + y_2 u_2' = 0 \\ y_1' u_1' + y_2' u_2' = g(x) \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} u_1' \\ u_2' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ g(x) \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\Rightarrow u_1' = \frac{W_1}{W} = -\frac{y_2 g(x)}{W}, \quad u_2' = \frac{W_2}{W} = \frac{y_1 g(x)}{W},$$

$$\text{where } W = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix}, \quad W_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & y_2 \\ g(x) & y_2' \end{vmatrix}, \quad W_2 = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & 0 \\ y_1' & g(x) \end{vmatrix}.$$

# Example 1 (Sec. 4.6)

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- ODE:  $y'' - 4y' + 4y = (x+1)e^{2x}$
- Auxiliary equation:  $m^2 - 2m + 4 = 0, \Rightarrow m_1 = 2$  (Case 2),  $\Rightarrow \{y_1(x) = e^{2x}, y_2(x) = xe^{2x}\}$  are two linearly independent solutions to  $y'' - 4y' + 4y = 0$ .

- $$W(y_1, y_2) = \begin{vmatrix} e^{2x} & xe^{2x} \\ 2e^{m_1x} & (1+2x)e^{2x} \end{vmatrix} = e^{4x},$$

$$W_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & xe^{2x} \\ (x+1)e^{2x} & (1+2x)e^{2x} \end{vmatrix} = -(x+1)xe^{4x}, \quad W_2 = (x+1)e^{4x},$$

$$\Rightarrow u'_1 = \frac{W_1}{W} = -x^2 - x, \quad u'_2 = \frac{W_2}{W} = x + 1.$$

# Example 1 (2)

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- $u'_1 = -x^2 - x, \Rightarrow u_1 = -x^3/3 - x^2/2;$
- $u'_2 = x + 1, \Rightarrow u_2 = x^2/2 + x;$
- $y_p = u_1(x) \times y_1(x) + u_2(x) \times y_2(x)$   
 $= (-x^3/3 - x^2/2) \times e^{2x} + (x^2/2 + x) \times (xe^{2x})$   
 $= [(x^3/6) + (x^2/2)]e^{2x}.$
- Method of undetermined coefficients: guesses of  $y_p(x) = Ae^{2x}, (Ax+B)e^{2x}, (Ax^2+Bx+C)e^{2x}$  give no solution.
- $y_p(x) = (Ax^3+Bx^2+Cx+D)e^{2x}$  leads to the same solution.

# Example 3 (Sec. 4.6)

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- ODE:  $y'' - y = 1/x$
- Auxiliary equation:  $m^2 - 1 = 0, \Rightarrow \{m_1 = 1, m_2 = -1\}$   
(Case 1),  $\Rightarrow \{y_1(x) = e^x, y_2(x) = e^{-x}\}$  are two linearly independent solutions to  $y'' - y = 0$ .

- $W(y_1, y_2) = \begin{vmatrix} e^x & e^{-x} \\ e^x & -e^{-x} \end{vmatrix} = -2,$

$$W_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & e^{-x} \\ 1/x & -e^{-x} \end{vmatrix} = -\frac{e^{-x}}{x}, \quad W_2 = \begin{vmatrix} e^x & 0 \\ e^{-x} & 1/x \end{vmatrix} = \frac{e^x}{x},$$

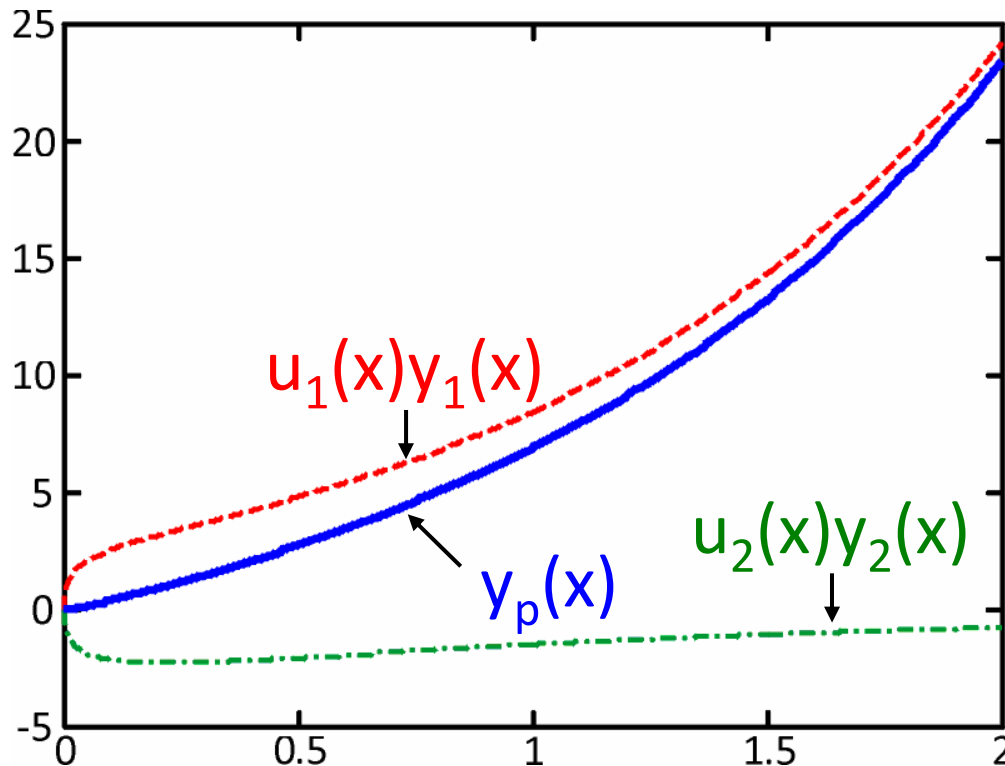
$$\Rightarrow u'_1 = \frac{W_1}{W} = \frac{e^{-x}}{2x}, \quad u'_2 = \frac{W_2}{W} = -\frac{e^x}{2x}.$$

# Example 3 (2)

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$$\blacksquare \quad u_1' = \frac{e^{-x}}{2x}, \Rightarrow u_1(x) = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{e^{-x}}{x} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_{x_0}^x \frac{e^{-t}}{t} dt; \quad u_2(x) = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{x_0}^x \frac{e^t}{t} dt.$$

$$y_p(x) = u_1 y_1 + u_2 y_2 = \frac{1}{2} \left[ e^x \times \left( \int_{x_0}^x \frac{e^{-t}}{t} dt \right) - e^{-x} \times \left( \int_{x_0}^x \frac{e^t}{t} dt \right) \right]$$





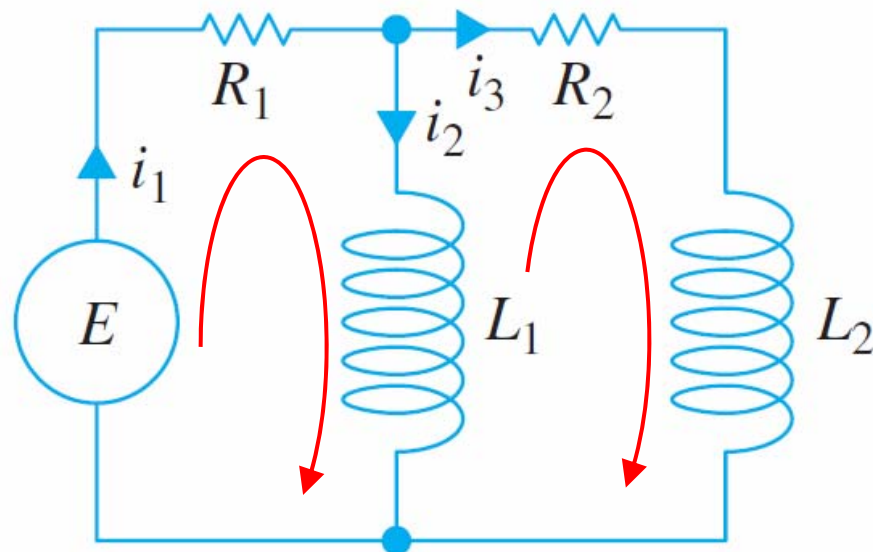
## □ Systems of linear ODEs

- Systems of LH ODEs
- Systems of LN ODEs

# Why systems of ODEs?

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- E.g. RL circuit.  $v_L = L \times i'(t)$
- $i_1 = i_2 + i_3 \dots (1)$
- $E = R_1 i_1 + L_1 (i_2)'\dots (2)$
- $L_1 (i_2)' = R_2 i_3 + L_2 (i_3)'\dots (3)$



- Substitute (1) into (2):  $E = R_1(i_2+i_3) + L_1(i_2)', \Rightarrow$

$$i_2' = -\frac{R_1}{L_1}i_2 - \frac{R_1}{L_1}i_3 + \frac{E}{L_1} \dots (4)$$

- Substitute (4) into (3):  $(-R_1 i_2 - R_1 i_3 + E) = R_2 i_3 + L_2 (i_3)',$

$\Rightarrow$

$$i_3' = -\frac{R_1}{L_2}i_2 - \frac{R_1 + R_2}{L_2}i_3 + \frac{E}{L_2} \dots (5)$$

# Example: System of LH ODEs (1)

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- $$\begin{cases} x'(t) - 3y(t) = 0 \cdots (1) \\ 2x(t) - y'(t) = 0 \cdots (2) \end{cases}$$

- Just like elimination of variables in solving systems of algebraic equations, trying to eliminate  $y(t)$ :

$$\frac{d}{dt}(1) = x''(t) - 3y'(t) = 0 \cdots (3)$$

$$(3) - 3 \times (2) = x'' - 3y' - 3(2x - y') = x'' - 6x = 0 \cdots (4)$$

- Auxiliary equation:  $m^2 - 6 = 0, \Rightarrow m = \pm\sqrt{6}$  (Case 1),  
 $\Rightarrow x_c(t) = c_1 e^{-(\sqrt{6})t} + c_2 e^{(\sqrt{6})t}.$

# Example: System of LH ODEs (2)

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- Eliminating  $x(t)$ :

$$\frac{d}{dt}(2) = 2x'(t) - y''(t) = 0 \cdots (5)$$

$$2 \times (1) - (5) = 2(x' - 3y) - (2x' - y'') = y'' - 6y = 0 \cdots (6)$$

- Auxiliary equation:  $m^2 - 6 = 0, \Rightarrow m = \pm\sqrt{6}$  (Case 1),  
 $\Rightarrow y_c(t) = c_3 e^{-(\sqrt{6})t} + c_4 e^{(\sqrt{6})t}$ .
- $\{c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4\}$  are **not arbitrary**: Substitute  $x_c, y_c$  into Eq. (1):  $x'_c - 3y_c = [-\sqrt{6}c_1 e^{-(\sqrt{6})t} + \sqrt{6}c_2 e^{(\sqrt{6})t}] - 3[c_3 e^{-(\sqrt{6})t} + c_4 e^{(\sqrt{6})t}] = (-\sqrt{6}c_1 - 3c_3)e^{-(\sqrt{6})t} + (\sqrt{6}c_2 - 3c_4)e^{(\sqrt{6})t} = 0,$   
 $\Rightarrow \{c_3 = -(\sqrt{6}/3)c_1, c_4 = (\sqrt{6}/3)c_2\}$ , where  $\{c_1, c_2\}$  are determined by ICs or BCs.

# Example 2: System of LN ODEs (1)

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- $$\begin{cases} x' - 4x + y'' = t^2 \cdots (1) \\ x' + x + y' = 0 \cdots (2) \end{cases}$$

- For convenience, use operator  $D^n$  to symbolize nth-order derivative  $d^n/dt^n$ :

$$Dx - 4x + D^2y = (D-4)x + D^2y = t^2 \cdots (1)$$

$$Dx + x + Dy = (D+1)x + Dy = 0 \cdots (2)$$

- Eliminating  $x(t)$  by  $(D+1) \times (1) - (D-4) \times (2)$ :

$$(D+1) \times [(D-4)x + D^2y] - (D-4) \times [(D+1)x + Dy] = (D+1)t^2,$$

$$(D^3 + D^2 - D^2 + 4D)y = (D^3 + 4D)y = 2t + t^2,$$

$$\Rightarrow y''' + 4y' = t^2 + 2t \cdots (3).$$

# Example 2 (2)

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- Auxiliary equation of Eq. (3) is:  $m^3 + 4m = 0$ ,  $\Rightarrow m = 0, \pm j2$ ,  $\Rightarrow y_c(t) = c_1 + c_2 \cos(2t) + c_3 \sin(2t)$  (why?)
- Since the driving source is  $t^2 + 2t$ , substituting  $y_p(t) = At^3 + Bt^2 + Ct + D$  into Eq. (3):  
$$y''' + 4y' = 6A + 4(3At^2 + 2Bt + C) = 12At^2 + 8Bt + (6A + 4C) = t^2 + 2t, \Rightarrow \{12A = 1, 8B = 2, 6A + 4C = 0\},$$
$$\Rightarrow \{A = 1/12, B = 1/4, C = -1/8, D \text{ is arbitrary}\}.$$
- $\Rightarrow y(t) = y_c + y_p = c_1 + c_2 \cos(2t) + c_3 \sin(2t) + t^3/12 + t^2/4 - t/8$  (why is D missing?)

# Example 2 (3)

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- Eliminating  $y(t)$  by (1)- $D \times$ (2):

$$[(D-4)x + D^2y] - D \times [(D+1)x + Dy] = t^2 - 0,$$

$$(D-4-D^2-D)x = -(D^2+4)x = t^2, \Rightarrow x'' + 4x = -t^2 \dots(4).$$

- Auxiliary equation of Eq. (4) is:  $m^2 + 4m = 0$ ,  $\Rightarrow m = \pm j2$ ,  $\Rightarrow x_c(t) = c_4 \cos(2t) + c_5 \sin(2t)$

- Since the driving source is  $-t^2$ , substituting  $x_p(t) = At^2 + Bt + C$  into Eq. (4):

$$x'' + 4x = 2A + 4(At^2 + Bt + C) = 4At^2 + 4Bt + (2A+4C)$$

$$= -t^2, \Rightarrow \{4A = -1, 4B = 0, 2A+4C = 0\},$$

$$\Rightarrow \{A = -1/4, B = 0, C = 1/8\}, x_p(t) = -t^2/4 + 1/8.$$

# Example 2 (4)

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- $x(t) = x_c + x_p = c_4 \cos(2t) + c_5 \sin(2t) - t^2/4 + 1/8$
- $\{c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4, c_5\}$  are **not arbitrary**: Substitute  $x(t)$ ,  $y(t)$  into Eq. (2):

$$\begin{aligned} x' + x + y' = & [-2c_4 \sin(2t) + 2c_5 \cos(2t) - t/2] + [c_4 \cos(2t) \\ & + c_5 \sin(2t) - t^2/4 + 1/8] + [-2c_2 \sin(2t) + 2c_3 \cos(2t) + \\ & t^2/4 + t/2 - 1/8] = (2c_5 + c_4 + 2c_3) \times \cos(2t) + (-2c_4 + c_5 - \\ & 2c_2) \times \sin(2t) + [(-1/4 + 1/4)t^2 + (-1/2 + 1/2)t + (1/8 - 1/8)] = 0, \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} 2c_5 + c_4 + 2c_3 = 0, \\ -2c_4 + c_5 - 2c_2 = 0, \end{cases} \begin{cases} c_4 = -(4c_2 + 2c_3)/5 \\ c_5 = (2c_2 - 4c_3)/5 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = -\frac{4c_2 + 2c_3}{5} \cos 2t + \frac{2c_2 - 4c_3}{5} \sin 2t - \frac{t^2}{4} + \frac{1}{8}$$



# Summary

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- What're the differences between IVPs and BVPs?
- What are linearly independent functions  $\{f_1, \dots, f_n\}$ ?  
How to test the linear independence?
- For a LN ODE,  $y(x) = y_c(x) + y_p(x)$ . What are the meanings of  $y_c$  and  $y_p$ , respectively?
- For a 2nd-order LN ODE of constant coefficients, how to find  $y_c$  and  $y_p$ ? What are the features of  $y_c$  and  $y_p$ ?
- What does resonance mean in a mass-spring?