# Chapter 9c: Numerical Methods for Calculus and Differential Equations

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## Higher-Order Differential Equations

The methods used to solve first-order differential equations can be used to solve higher-order ordinary differential equations. Consider a **Spring-Mass-Damper** system:



## Higher-Order Differential Equations

The mass is m, the spring constant is k, and the damping coefficient is c. Newton's Second Law for this system is:

 $m\ddot{y} + c\dot{y} + ky = 0$ 

where the first derivative of position with respect to time is  $\dot{y} = \frac{dy}{dt}$  and the second derivative is  $\ddot{y} = \frac{d^2y}{dt^2}$ 

Solve this equation by turning it into a system of two first-order differential equations. First, solve the equation for the second derivative:

$$\ddot{y} = -\frac{c}{m}\dot{y} - \frac{k}{m}y$$

#### Cauchy/State-Variable Form

Let  $x_1 = y$  (Position) and  $x_2 = \dot{y}$  (Velocity). Taking the derivative of the first equation gives:

$$\dot{x}_1 = \dot{y} = x_2$$
 or  $\dot{x}_1 = x_2$ 

Taking the derivative of the second equation gives:

$$\dot{x}_2 = \ddot{y} = -\frac{c}{m}\dot{y} - \frac{k}{m}y$$
 or  $\dot{x}_2 = -\frac{c}{m}x_2 - \frac{k}{m}x_1$ 

This is called the Cauchy Form or the State-Variable Form:

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2$$
$$\dot{x}_2 = -\frac{c}{m}x_2 - \frac{k}{m}x_1$$

#### Euler Method

Now use the Euler Method to discretize the system of equations as follows:

$$x_{1,k+1} = x_{1,k} + \Delta t \cdot x_{2,k}$$

$$x_{2,k+1} = x_{2,k} + \Delta t \cdot \left( -\frac{c}{m} x_{2,k} - \frac{k}{m} x_{1,k} \right)$$

This system of equations is solved using the same **Time-Stepping** technique that was shown previously using the **Euler Method**.

#### MATLAB ODE Solver ode45

Alternatively, use ode45 to solve the system:

[t, x] = ode45(@xdot, tspan, x0)

Function File:

smd.m* × springmassdamper.m ×								
1		<pre>[] function xdot = smd( t,x )</pre>						
2		<pre>% Spring-Mass-Damper system</pre>						
3								
4	—	m = 1;						
5	—	c = 1;						
6	—	k = 1;						
7	—	xdot(1) = x(2);						
8		xdot(2) = -c/m*x(2) - k/m*x(1);						
9	—	xdot = [xdot(1); xdot(2)];						
10	—	<sup>L</sup> end						
11								

#### MATLAB ODE Solver ode45

Script File:

smd.m* × springmassdamper.m* ×						
1		% Spring-Mass-Damper system				
2						
3	—	clc				
4	-	clear				
5						
6	-	[t,x] = ode45(@smd, [0, 10], [1, 0] );				
7	—	x;				
8	—	<pre>plot(t,x(:,1),t, x(:,2)), xlabel('time (s)')</pre>				
9	—	<pre>ylabel('Position (m) and Velocity (m/s)')</pre>				
10	—	<pre>legend('Position','Velocity','Location','Best')</pre>				
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#### MATLAB ODE Solver ode45



The general **Spring-Mass-Damper** problem, where u(t) is a forcing function, can be solved by casting the equation in **Matrix Form**:

$$m\ddot{y} + c\dot{y} + ky = u(t)$$
$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = \frac{1}{m}u(t) - \frac{c}{m}x_2 - \frac{k}{m}x_1$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1\\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1\\ -\frac{k}{m} & -\frac{c}{m} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x_1\\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0\\ 1\\ \frac{1}{m} \end{bmatrix} \cdot u(t)$$

## ode45 with Matrix Method $\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{k}{m} & -\frac{c}{m} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \frac{1}{m} \end{bmatrix} \cdot u(t)$

In Matrix Form:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{B} \cdot u(t)$$

where

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1\\ -\frac{k}{m} & -\frac{c}{m} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 0\\ 1\\ \frac{1}{m} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1\\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Function File:

smd2.m* × springmassdamper2.m* ×							
1	= function xdot = smd2(t,x)						
2		<pre>% Spring-Mass-Damper system</pre>					
3							
4	—	m = 1;					
5	—	c = 1;					
6	—	k = 1;					
7	—	z = -0.05;					
8	—	a = 1;					
9	—	u = z*sin(a*t);					
10	—	A = [0 1; -k/m -c/m];					
11	—	B = [0; 1/m];					
12	—	xdot = A*x + B*u;					
13	—	<sup>L</sup> end					
14							

Script File:

smd2.m* × springmassdamper2.m ×							
1		<pre>% Spring-Mass-Damper system: Matrix Method</pre>					
2							
3	-	clc					
4	-	clear					
5							
6	-	[t,x] = ode45(@smd2, [0, 25], [1, 0] );					
7	-	x;					
8	-	<pre>plot(t,x(:,1),t, x(:,2)), xlabel('time (s)')</pre>					
9	-	<pre>ylabel('Position (m) and Velocity (m/s)')</pre>					
10	—	<pre>legend('Position','Velocity','Location','Best')</pre>					
11							



#### Matrix Methods for Linear Equations

Spring-Mass-Damper system in **Reduced Form** or **Transfer Function Form**:

$$m\ddot{y} + c\dot{y} + ky = u(t)$$

SMD in State-Variable or State-Space Form:

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2$$

$$\dot{x}_{2} = \frac{1}{m}u(t) - \frac{c}{m}x_{2} - \frac{k}{m}x_{1}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_{1} \\ \dot{x}_{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{k}{m} & -\frac{c}{m} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x_{1} \\ x_{2} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{m} \end{bmatrix} \cdot u(t)$$

## Matrix Methods for Linear Equations

#### SMD in Matrix Form:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{B} \cdot u(t)$$

where

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1\\ -\frac{k}{m} & -\frac{c}{m} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 0\\ 1\\ \frac{1}{m} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1\\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

All three forms describe the same second-order differential equation. When the coefficients are constant, the above representation is called a Linear, Time-Invariant equation, or an **LTI Object** or **LTI System**.

#### Matrix Methods for Linear Equations

 $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{B} \cdot u(t)$ 

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1\\ -\frac{k}{m} & -\frac{c}{m} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 0\\ 1\\ \frac{1}{m} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1\\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

In this case, there are only two outputs:  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ , which represent the position and the velocity of the mass m. The outputs are given in the following matrix:

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{D}\boldsymbol{u}(t)$$

If the position of the mass is desired, C = [1,0]. If the velocity is desired, C = [0,1]. In all cases, D = 0.

#### Control System Toolbox

The most general case for a second-order **LTI System** in **Reduced Form** is:

$$a\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + b\frac{dy}{dx} + cy = d\frac{du}{dx} + eu$$

This system can be input to MATLAB as follows:

where tf stands for **Transfer Function**. The right- and left-hand coefficient vectors are:

right = [d, e] and left = [a, b, c]

## Control System Toolbox

Alternatively, the **LTI System** can be input to MATLAB in **State-Space Form** directly:

$$A = [0, 1; -k/m, -C/m]$$

B = [0; 1/m]

C = [1, 0] for position of mass

D = 0

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sys = ss(A, B, C, D)
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	Function	<b>Required Form</b>	Initial Conditions
initial(sys,x0)	Free Response (Undriven)	State	Default Zero or Input
impulse(sys)	Impulse Response	Transfer or State	Zero
step(sys)	Unit-Step	Transfer or State	Zero
lsim(sys,u,t,x0)	Arbitrary Input Response	Transfer or State	Default Zero or Input

#### Initial-Condition Response

initial(sys, x0) gives the Undriven Response of the system of equations, where u(t) = 0, subject to a set of initial conditions:

 $2\ddot{y} + 3\dot{y} + 5y = u(t), \qquad y(0) = 10, \qquad \dot{y}(0) = 5$  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1\\ -\frac{5}{2} & -\frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 0\\ 1\\ \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$ 

The system must be cast into State-Variable or State-Space (ss) form.

#### Initial-Condition Response



#### Impulse Response

impulse(sys)
gives the response of
the system of equations
to an Impulse
Function, where the
initial conditions are set
to zero.



#### Impulse Response



step(sys) gives the response of the system of equations to a **Unit-Step Function**, where the initial conditions are set to zero.













#### Signal Generator: Sine Wave

[u,t] = gensig('sin',5,30,0.01)
plot(t, u, 'LineWidth',2)
xlabel('t'), ylabel('u(t)')
axis([0 30 -1.2 1.2]) 1
grid on 0.8
title('Sine Wave') 0.6



## Signal Generator: Square Wave

[u,t] = gensig('square',5,30,0.01)plot(t, u, 'LineWidth',2) Square Wave xlabel('t'), ylabel('u(t)') axis([0 30 -1.2 1.2]) 1 grid on title('Square Wave') 0.8 0.6 Ð 0.4



## Signal Generator: Pulse Wave



## Arbitrary Input Response

lsim(sys, u,t) gives the response of the system of equations to an **Arbitrary Input Function**, where the initial conditions are set to zero.



**30.** The following equation describes the motion of a certain mass connected to a spring, with viscous friction on the surface

 $3\ddot{y} + 18\dot{y} + 102y = f(t)$ 

where f(t) is an applied force. Suppose that f(t) = 0 for t < 0 and f(t) = 10 for  $t \ge 0$ .

- a. Plot y(t) for  $y(0) = \dot{y}(0) = 0$ .
- b. Plot y(t) for y(0) = 0 and  $\dot{y}(0) = 10$ . Discuss the effect of the nonzero initial velocity.

Solve using the **Euler Method**. This is a second-order ordinary differential equation. Rewrite the equation by solving for the second derivative.

$$\ddot{y} = -\frac{18}{3}\dot{y} - \frac{102}{3}y + \frac{10}{3} = -6\dot{y} - 34y + \frac{10}{3}$$

#### Let $x_1 = y$ and $x_2 = \dot{y}$ . Taking the derivative of the first equation gives $\dot{x_1} = \dot{y} = x_2$ or $\dot{x_1} = x_2$ Taking the derivative of the second equation gives $\dot{x_2} = \ddot{y} = -6\dot{y} - 34y + \frac{10}{3} = -6x_2 - 34x_1 + \frac{10}{3}$

or

$$\dot{x}_2 = -6x_2 - 34x_1 + \frac{10}{3}$$

The original second-order ordinary differential equation is now converted into two first-order ordinary differential equations that are coupled.

$$\dot{x_1} = x_2, \qquad \dot{x}_2 = -6x_2 - 34x_1 + \frac{10}{3}, \qquad x_1(0) = 0, \qquad x_2(0) = 0$$

The system of equations can be discretized as follows:

$$x_{1,k+1} = x_{1,k} + \Delta t \cdot x_{2,k}$$
$$x_{2,k+1} = x_{2,k} + \Delta t \cdot \left(-6x_{2,k} - 34x_{1,k} + \frac{10}{3}\right)$$

The initial conditions are  $y(0) = x_1(0) = 0$  and  $\dot{y}(0) = x_2(0) = 0$ . Let  $\Delta t = 0.01$  seconds.

For k = 1:

$$x_1(2) = x_1(1) + \Delta t \cdot x_2(1) = (0.0) + (0.01)(0.0) = 0.0$$
  

$$x_2(2) = x_2(1) + \Delta t [-6x_2(1) - 34x_1(1) + 10/3]$$
  

$$x_2(2) = (0.0) + (0.01)[-(6)(0.0) - (34)(0.0) + 10/3] = 0.0\overline{3}$$

For 
$$k = 2$$
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 $\begin{aligned} x_1(3) &= x_1(2) + \Delta t \cdot x_2(2) = (0.0) + (0.01)(0.0\overline{3}) = 0.000\overline{3} \\ x_2(3) &= x_2(2) + \Delta t [-6x_2(2) - 34x_1(2) + 10/3] \\ x_2(3) &= (0.0\overline{3}) + (0.01)[-(6)(0.0\overline{3}) - (34)(0.0) + 10/3] = 0.064\overline{6} \end{aligned}$ 

