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Nomenclature

Constants

c Speed of light in a vacuum, 299 792 458 m/s

h Plank's constant, $6.626\,070\,04 \times 10^{-34}$ m² kg/s

Variables

q Quaternions

ρ Density, kg/m³

g Gravitational acceleration, m/s²

V Volume, m³

1 Introduction

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A decaying harmonic is given as,

$$y(t) = ae^{-bt} \sin(\omega t + \phi) \quad (1.1)$$

where a is the sine wave amplitude, frequency ω , phase offset ϕ , and the exponential coefficient

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$b > 0$. An example is shown in Figure 1.1.

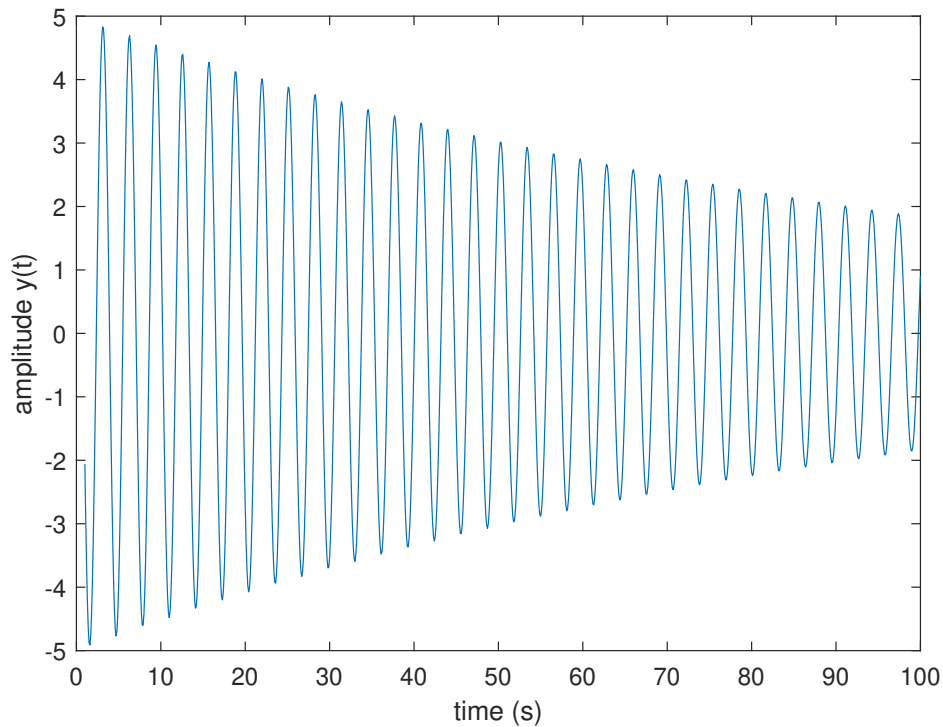


Figure 1.1: Exponentially decaying sine wave from Eq. (1.1)

This is generally an infinite dimensional optimisation problem of the form

$$\min_{u,x} \phi(x(t_f)) + \int_{t_0}^{t_f} f_0(x(t), u(t)) dt \quad (1.2)$$

subject to

$$\dot{x}(t) = f(x(t), u(t)) \quad (1.3)$$

$$c(x(t), u(t)) \leq 0, \quad t \in [t_0, t_f] \quad (1.4)$$

$$\omega(x(t_0), x(t_f)) = 0 \quad (1.5)$$

where $f(x(t), u(t))$ describes the dynamic of the system, the function $\omega(x(t_0), x(t_f))$ the equality constraints on initial and final states and $c(x(t), u(t))$ the path constraints. The solution of an

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optimal control problem is the pair $[x^*(t), u^*(t)]$ which minimise the objective function defined by $\phi(x(t_f))$ and $f_0(x(t), u(t))$.

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Day	Min Temp	Max Temp	Summary
Monday	11 °C	22 °C	A clear day with lots of sunshine. However, the strong breeze will bring down the temperatures.
Tuesday	9 °C	19 °C	Cloudy with rain, across many northern regions. Clear spells across most of Scotland and Northern Ireland, but rain reaching the far northwest.
Wednesday	10 °C	21 °C	Rain will still linger for the morning. Conditions will improve by early afternoon and continue throughout the evening.

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	each	0.01
Gnu	stuffed	92.50
Emu	stuffed	33.33
Armadillo	frozen	8.99

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2.1 Section 1

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