

$$\omega^2 = \frac{g}{L}$$

$$\ddot{\Theta} + \omega^2 \sin \Theta = 0$$

$$\Theta(t=0) = \varepsilon$$

$$\dot{\Theta}(t=0) = 0$$

I.V.P

$$1. \ddot{\Theta} + \omega^2 \frac{\sin \Theta}{\Theta} \Theta = 0$$

E & U:

$$\ddot{\Theta} = -\omega^2 \sin \Theta$$

$$f(t, \Theta, \dot{\Theta}) = -\omega^2 \sin \Theta$$

~~f~~ f &  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \Theta}$  &  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \dot{\Theta}} = 0$  etc

continuous fcts

$\Rightarrow$  E & U hold for  $t=0$ .

## Existence and Uniqueness for *non-linear* 2nd order ODEs

Consider the *non-linear* second-order ODE

$$y'' = f(x, y, y') \quad (1)$$

subject to the initial conditions

$$y(X) = Y, \quad y'(X) = Z, \quad (2)$$

where the constants  $X, Y$  and  $Z$ , and the function  $f(x, y, y')$ , are given.

### Theorem

If  $f(x, y, y')$  and  $\frac{\partial f(x, y, y')}{\partial y}$  and  $\frac{\partial f(x, y, y')}{\partial y'}$  are continuous functions of  $x, y$  and  $y'$  in a region  $0 < |x - X| < a$ ,  $0 < |y - Y| < b$  and  $0 < |y' - Z| < c$ , then there **exists exactly one** solution to the initial value problem defined by (1) and (2) in an interval  $0 < |x - X| < h \leq a$ .

### Notes:

- The statement is easily generalised to (even) higher-order ODEs.
- The theorem only provides a local statement!
- The statement only applies to initial value problems!
- The criteria listed are *sufficient* to ensure the existence of a unique solution but they are *not necessary*!  $\implies$  An IVP may still have a unique solution even if the conditions are violated.

Let's try perturbation methods for the case ~~that~~  $\varepsilon$  small. (2)

Observation:

Starting from  $\Theta(t=0) = \varepsilon$ :

$$|\Theta(t)| \leq \varepsilon$$

This suggests Taylor expanding  $\sin \Theta = \Theta - \frac{1}{3!} \Theta^3 + \frac{1}{5!} \Theta^5 - \dots$

Naive:  $|\Theta| \ll \varepsilon \ll 1$  only use 1st term:  $\sin \Theta \approx \Theta$

$$\ddot{\Theta} + \omega^2 \Theta = 0$$

in this case  $\Theta(t) = \varepsilon \cos(\omega t)$

$\Rightarrow$  AS assumed max. size of  $|\Theta(t)|$  is  $\varepsilon$ .

This suggests the ansatz:

$$\boxed{\Theta(t) = \varepsilon \Theta_1(t) + \varepsilon^2 \Theta_2(t) + \dots} \quad \boxed{3}$$

omit  $\varepsilon^0 \Theta_0(t)$

EXERCISE: Retain  $\Theta_0(t)$   
in ansatz & repeat analysis  
to find  $\Theta_0(t) = 0$

Inb ODE:

$$\ddot{\Theta} + \omega^2 \left( \Theta - \frac{1}{3!} \Theta^3 + \frac{1}{5!} \Theta^5 - \dots \right) = 0$$

$\sin \Theta$

(Set  $\omega^2 = 1$  to save writing)

$$\underbrace{\varepsilon \ddot{\Theta}_1 + \varepsilon^2 \ddot{\Theta}_2 + \varepsilon^3 \ddot{\Theta}_3 + \dots}_\Theta +$$

$$\underbrace{\varepsilon \Theta_1 + \varepsilon^2 \Theta_2 + \varepsilon^3 \Theta_3 + \dots}_\Theta +$$

$$- \frac{1}{6} \underbrace{\left( \varepsilon \Theta_1 + \varepsilon^2 \Theta_2 + \varepsilon^3 \Theta_3 + \dots \right)^3}_\Theta^3 + \dots = 0$$

To expand  $\mathbb{H}^3$ :

(4)

$$(\varepsilon \ddot{\mathbb{H}}_1 + \varepsilon^2 \ddot{\mathbb{H}}_2 + \varepsilon^3 \ddot{\mathbb{H}}_3 + \dots)$$

$$(\varepsilon \mathbb{H}_1 + \varepsilon^2 \mathbb{H}_2 + \varepsilon^3 \mathbb{H}_3 + \dots)$$

$$(\varepsilon \mathbb{H}_1 + \varepsilon^2 \mathbb{H}_2 + \varepsilon^3 \mathbb{H}_3 + \dots) =$$

$$= \varepsilon^3 \mathbb{H}_1^3 + \varepsilon^4 \mathbb{H}_1^2 \mathbb{H}_2 + \dots$$

in ODE...

$$\varepsilon \ddot{\mathbb{H}}_1 + \varepsilon^2 \ddot{\mathbb{H}}_2 + \varepsilon^3 \ddot{\mathbb{H}}_3 + \dots +$$

$$\varepsilon \mathbb{H}_1 + \varepsilon \mathbb{H}_2 + \varepsilon \mathbb{H}_3 + \dots +$$

$$-\frac{1}{6} (\varepsilon^3 \mathbb{H}_1^3 + 3\varepsilon^4 \mathbb{H}_1 \mathbb{H}_2 + \dots) = 0$$

Collect:

$$\varepsilon (\ddot{\mathbb{H}}_1 + \mathbb{H}_1) +$$

$$\varepsilon^2 (\ddot{\mathbb{H}}_2 + \mathbb{H}_2) +$$

$$\varepsilon^3 (\ddot{\mathbb{H}}_3 + \mathbb{H}_3 - \frac{1}{6} \mathbb{H}_1^3) + \dots = 0$$

IC:

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$$\Theta(0) = \varepsilon = \varepsilon \Theta_1(0) + \varepsilon^2 \Theta_2(0) + \dots$$

$$\varepsilon (\Theta_1(0) - 1) + \varepsilon^2 \Theta_2(0) + \varepsilon^3 \Theta_3(0) + \dots = 0$$

$$\Theta(0) = 0 = \varepsilon \Theta_1(0) + \varepsilon^2 \Theta_2(0) + \varepsilon^3 \Theta_3(0) + \dots = 0$$

IC:

$$\ddot{\Theta}_1 + \Theta_1 = 0$$

$$\Theta_1(0) = 1$$

$$\dot{\Theta}_1(0) = 0$$

$$\Theta_1(t) = \cos(t)$$

IC:

$$\ddot{\Theta}_2 + \Theta_2 = 0$$

$$\Theta_2(0) = 0$$

$$\dot{\Theta}_2(0) = 0$$

~~$$\Theta_2(t) = 0$$~~

IC:

$$\ddot{\Theta}_3 + \Theta_3 = \frac{1}{6} \Theta_1$$

$$\Theta_3(0) = 0$$

$$\dot{\Theta}_3(0) = 0$$

$$\ddot{H}_3 + H_3 = \frac{1}{6} \cos^3(t)$$

$$H_{3H} = A \cos t + B \sin t$$

SKETCH:

$H_{3p}$ : Naive

$$H_{3p}(t) = C \cos^3(t)$$

will not work  
because:

$$\cos^3(t) = \frac{1}{4} (\cos(3t) + 3 \cos(t))$$

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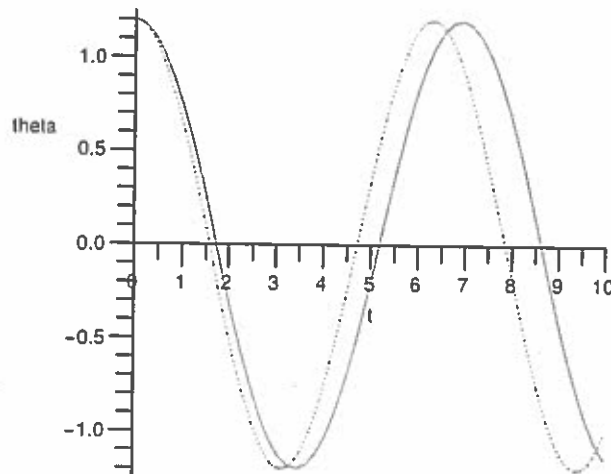
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EXERCISE

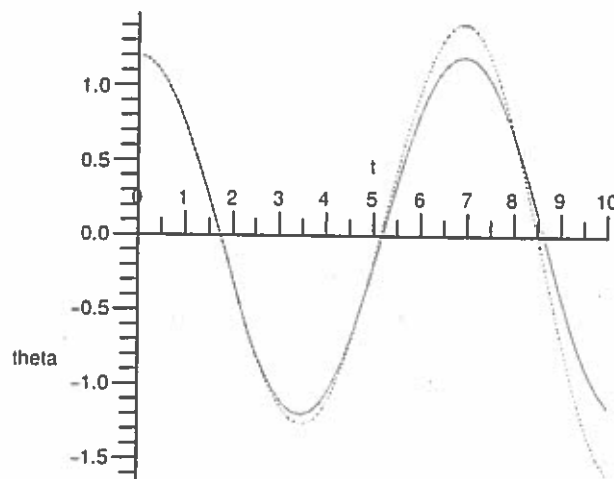
$$H_3(t) = \frac{1}{192} (\cos(t) - \cos(3t)) + \frac{1}{16} t \sin t$$

## Comparison between perturbation solution and “exact” solution for $\epsilon = 1.2$

- One-term perturbation solution (red), exact solution (green):



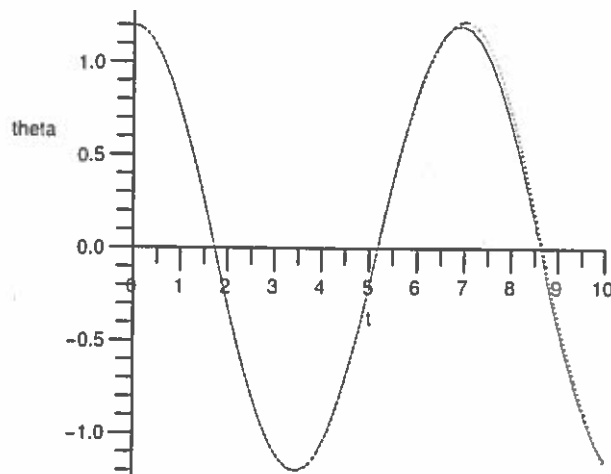
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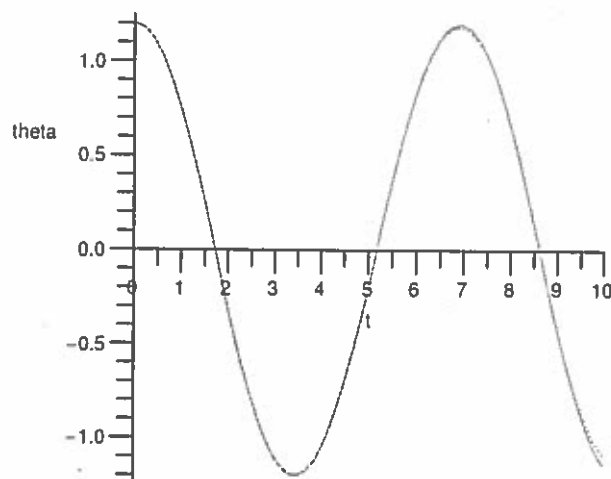


## Comparison between perturbation solution and “exact” solution for $\epsilon = 1.2$ (cont.)

- Three-term perturbation solution (red), exact solution (green):

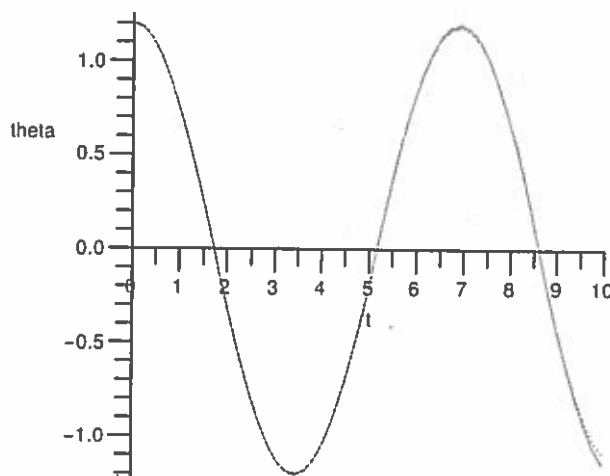


- Four-term perturbation solution (red), exact solution (green):

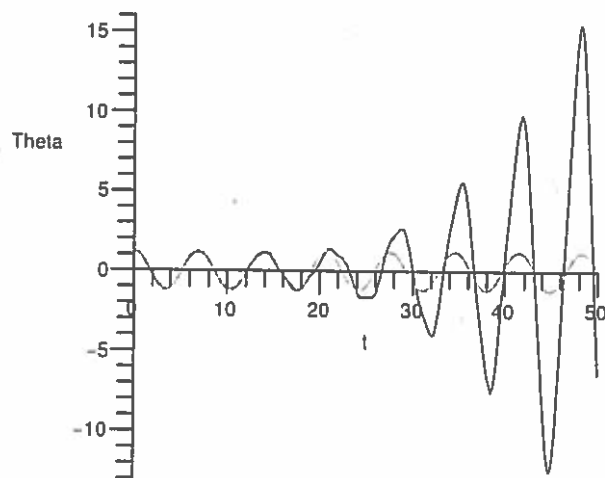


## Comparison between perturbation solution and “exact” solution for $\epsilon = 1.2$ (cont.)

- Four-term perturbation solution (red), exact solution (green):



- Agreement over a finite time-interval is very pleasing. However, over sufficiently large times, the perturbation solution diverges:



## “Multinomial expansions”

- One tedious task that one tends to face regularly when using perturbation methods is that of raising a power series in  $\epsilon$  to some integer power

$$S = (x_0 + \epsilon x_1 + \epsilon^2 x_2 + \dots)^n, \quad (1)$$

and collecting the terms multiplied by the same power of  $\epsilon$ , i.e. re-writing  $S$  in the form

$$S = S_0(x_0) + \epsilon S_1(x_0, x_1) + \epsilon^2 S_2(x_0, x_1, x_2) + \dots \quad (2)$$

where the functions  $S_i(x_0, x_1, \dots)$  do not depend on  $\epsilon$ .

- Formally, the expansion of  $S$  may be obtained by using the “multinomial series” (a generalisation of the binomial series) as

$$(a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_k)^n = \sum_{\substack{n_1, n_2, n_3, \dots, n_k \in \mathbb{N}_0 \\ n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_k = n}} \frac{n!}{n_1! n_2! \dots n_k!} a_1^{n_1} a_2^{n_2} \dots a_k^{n_k}$$

see, e.g. <http://mathworld.wolfram.com/MultinomialSeries.html>

- However, we usually only need the first few terms in (2) for low-ish powers of  $n$ . Here they are:

$$\begin{aligned} (x_0 + \epsilon x_1 + \epsilon^2 x_2 + \dots)^2 &= (x_0^2) + \epsilon (2x_0 x_1) + \epsilon^2 (x_1^2 + 2x_0 x_2) + \dots \\ (x_0 + \epsilon x_1 + \epsilon^2 x_2 + \dots)^3 &= (x_0^3) + \epsilon (3x_0^2 x_1) + \epsilon^2 (3x_0 x_1^2 + 3x_0^2 x_2) + \dots \\ (x_0 + \epsilon x_1 + \epsilon^2 x_2 + \dots)^4 &= (x_0^4) + \epsilon (4x_0^3 x_1) + \epsilon^2 (4x_0^2 x_1^2 + 6x_0^2 x_2) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

- **Exercise:** Convince yourself that you understand how these terms arise. **Hint:** Either use the multinomial series given above, or write  $S$  explicitly as a product of  $n$  power series [e.g. for  $n = 2$  :  $S = (x_0 + \epsilon x_1 + \dots)(x_0 + \epsilon x_1 + \dots)$ ] and inspect which combination of terms gives rise to what powers of  $\epsilon$ .
- **Relax!** In an exam these expressions would be provided!