



8/30/2021 near Mather house

Lecture 29

11/12/2021

*Second order
Diff equations*

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Second order systems



second order:

$$mx''(t) = F$$

Newton's law!
the second
derivative is
especially
important

Examples

Second Order Linear

$$x''(t) + 5x'(t) + 6x(t) = 0$$

Try: $x(t) = e^{rt}$

$$(r^2 + 5r + 6)e^{rt} = 0$$

So: $r = -2$ or $r = -3$

$$x(t) = Ae^{-2t} + Be^{-3t}$$

Example 1

$$x''(t) = x(t)$$

Example 2

$$x''(t) - 5x(t) + 6 = 0$$

Example 3

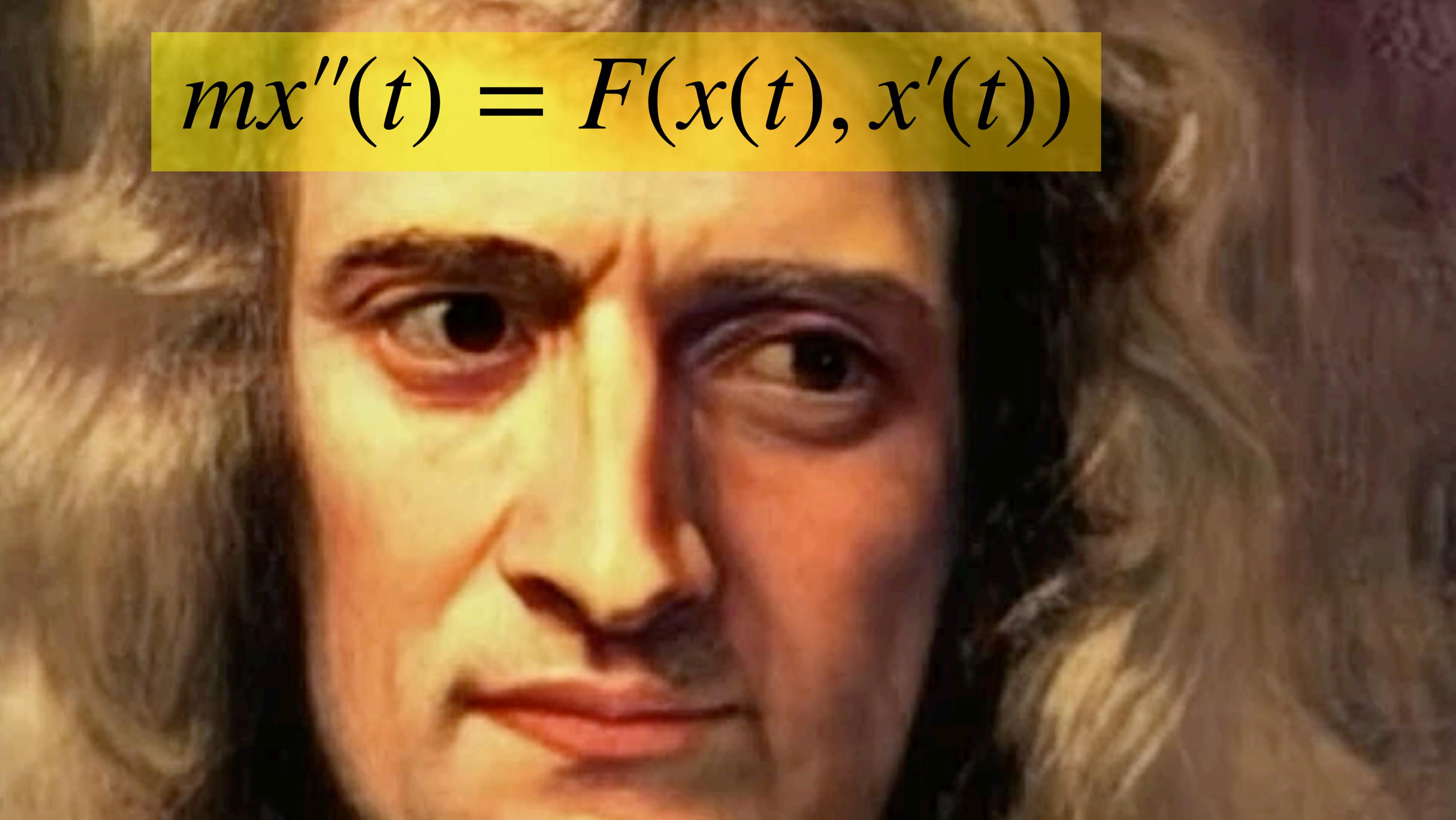
$$x''(t) = -x(t)$$

Example 4

$$x''(t) + 2x'(t) + 2x(t) = 0$$

Interpretations

$$mx''(t) = F(x(t), x'(t))$$

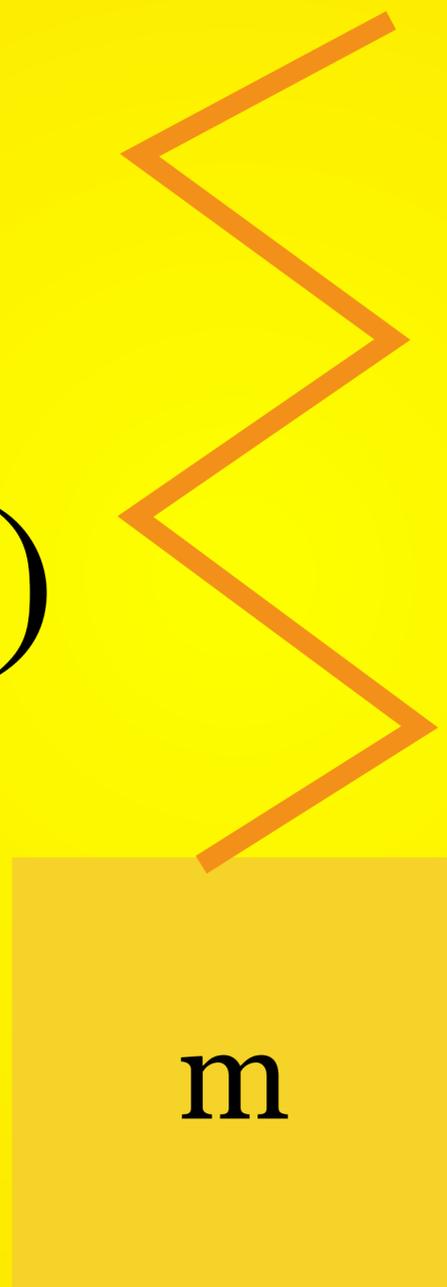


Harmonic Oscillator

spring constant

$$mx''(t) = -cx(t)$$

mass



$x(t)$



With Damping

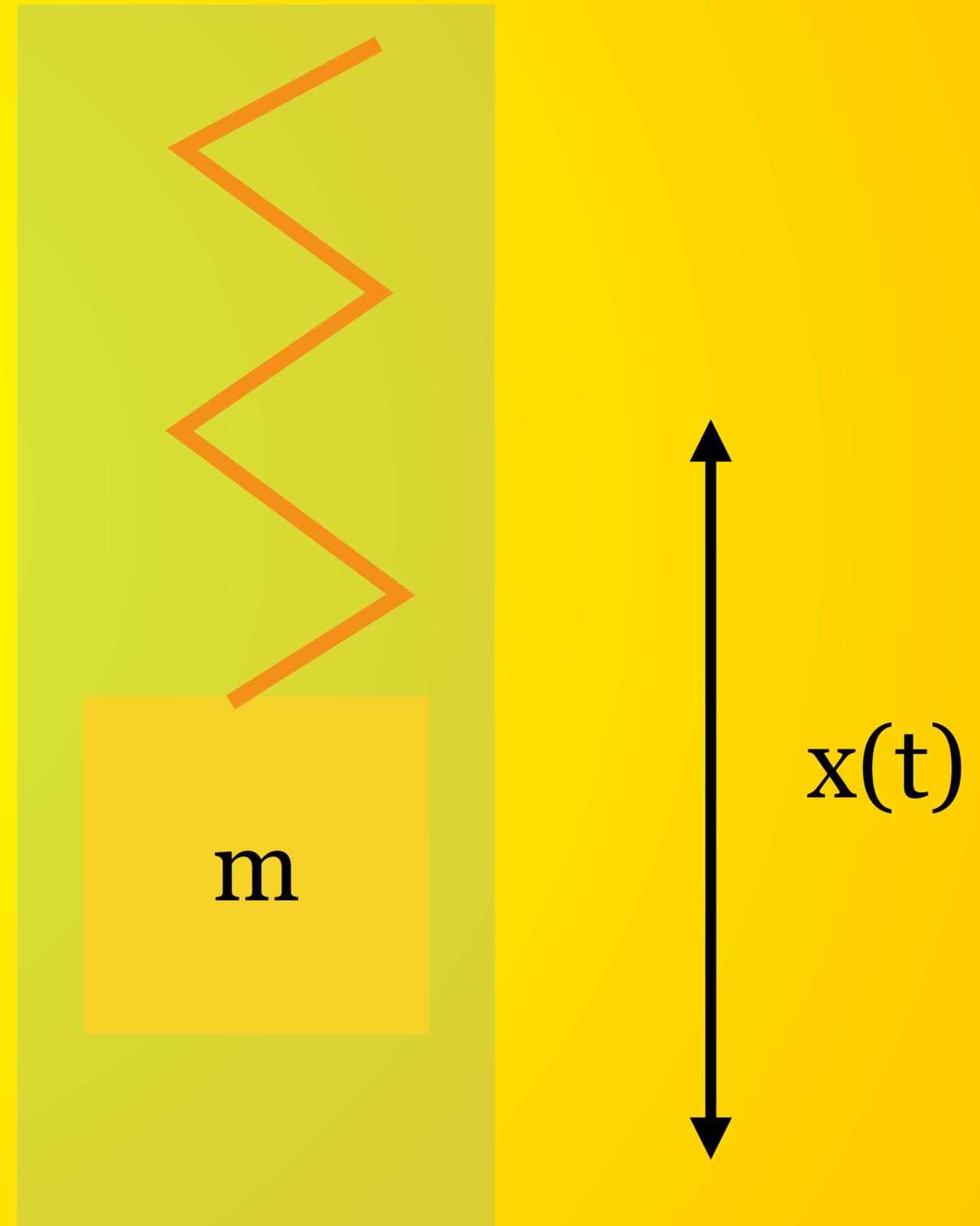
spring constant

$$mx''(t) = -bx'(t) - cx(t)$$

mass

damping

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Worksheet

Reminders

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