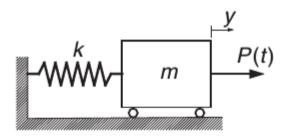
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Initial value problem

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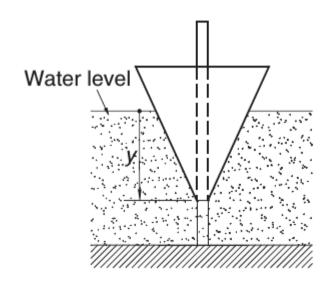
The spring–mass system is at rest when the force P(t) is applied, where

$$P(t) = \begin{cases} 10t \, \text{N} & \text{when } t < 2 \, \text{s} \\ 20 \, \text{N} & \text{when } t \ge 2 \, \text{s} \end{cases}$$

The differential equation of the ensuing motion is

$$\ddot{y} = \frac{P(t)}{m} - \frac{k}{m}y$$

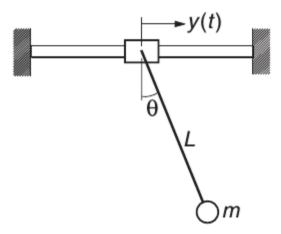
Determine the maximum displacement of the mass. Use m = 2.5 kg and k = 75 N/m.



The conical float is free to slide on a vertical rod. When the float is disturbed from its equilibrium position, it undergoes oscillating motion described by the differential equation

$$\ddot{y} = g(1 - ay^3)$$

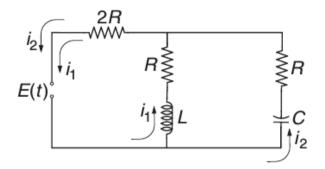
where $a = 16 \text{ m}^{-3}$ (determined by the density and dimensions of the float) and $g = 9.80665 \text{ m/s}^2$. If the float is raised to the position y = 0.1 m and released, determine the period and the amplitude of the oscillations.



The pendulum is suspended from a sliding collar. The system is at rest when the oscillating motion $y(t) = Y \sin \omega t$ is imposed on the collar, starting at t = 0. The differential equation describing the motion of the pendulum is

$$\ddot{\theta} = -\frac{g}{L}\sin\theta + \frac{\omega^2}{L}Y\cos\theta\sin\omega t$$

Plot θ vs. t from t = 0 to 10 s and determine the largest θ during this period. Use g = 9.80665 m/s², L = 1.0 m, Y = 0.25 m and $\omega = 2.5$ rad/s.



Kirchoff's equations for the circuit shown are

$$L\frac{di_1}{dt} + Ri_1 + 2R(i_1 + i_2) = E(t)$$
 (a)

$$\frac{q_2}{C} + Ri_2 + 2R(i_2 + i_1) = E(t)$$
 (b)

where i_1 and i_2 are the loop currents, and q_2 is the charge of the condenser. Differentiating Eq. (b) and substituting the charge–current relationship $dq_2/dt = i_2$, we get

$$\frac{di_1}{dt} = \frac{-3Ri_1 - 2Ri_2 + E(t)}{L}$$
 (c)

$$\frac{di_2}{dt} = -\frac{2}{3}\frac{di_1}{dt} - \frac{i_2}{3RC} + \frac{1}{3R}\frac{dE}{dt}$$
 (d)

We could substitute di_1/dt from Eq. (c) into Eq. (d), so that the latter would assume the usual form $di_2/dt = f(t, i_1, i_2)$, but it is more convenient to leave the equations as they are. Assuming that the voltage source is turned on at time t = 0, plot the loop currents i_1 and i_2 from t = 0 to 0.05 s. Use $E(t) = 240 \sin(120\pi t)$ V, $R = 1.0 \Omega$, $L = 0.2 \times 10^{-3}$ H and $C = 3.5 \times 10^{-3}$ F.