Euler's Method for System of ODE's

Original IVP:

$$m\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + c\frac{dx}{dt} + kx = 0$$
, $0 < t < 15 \text{ s}$,
 $x(0) = 1 \text{ m}$,
 $\dot{x}(0) = 0$,
 $m = 20 \text{ kg}$, $c = 5 \text{ N} \cdot \text{s/m}$, $k = 20 \text{ N/m}$.

System of ODE's:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = v = f_1,$$

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = -\frac{c}{m}v - \frac{k}{m}x = f_2,$$

$$x(0) = 1 \text{ m}, v(0) = 0.$$

Numerical solution is developed by applying Euler's method. Accuracy can be improved by increasing the number of intervals. 128 intervals results in a better result especially for the velocity function.

x(t) versus time

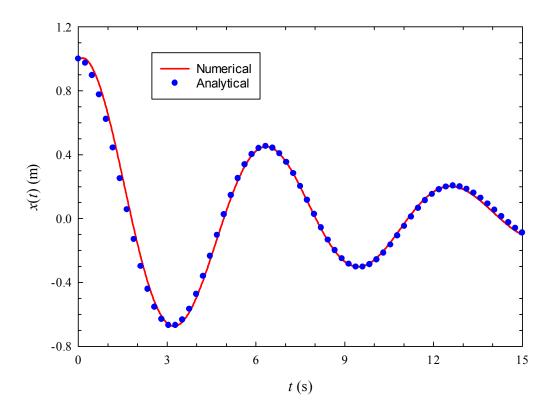


Fig. 1: Analytical and numerical solutions for position. Number of intervals = 64.

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v(t) versus time

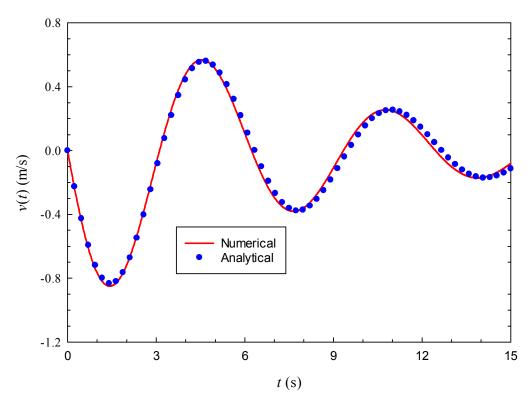


Fig. 2: Analytical and numerical solutions for velocity. Number of intervals = 64.

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