

Before we used ode45 only for autonomous systems.

Here once you rewrite equation as a second-order system, there is time dependence on the RHS (i.e. it's not autonomous).

To use ode45 the same way we did before, you can treat it as a 3-dim system, where time is a new independent variable  $z$ :

$$x' = y$$

$$y' = g(x,y,z)$$

$$z' = 1$$

(here  $x = \text{theta}$ ,  $y = \text{theta}'$ ,  $z = \text{time}$ ).

What changes in the code:

- you have to give initial conditions  $z = 0$  at  $t = 0$

- in the program that computes the RHS, the vector of the RHS is 3-dimensional and the third component = 1.

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