

Homo. Linear Const. Coeff DE  
Solve via Charac. Eqn.

DE:  $b_2 y'' + b_1 y' + b_0 y = 0$

Educated guess:  $y = e^{rx}$ ,  $r = \text{const.}$

$$b_2 (e^{rx})'' + b_1 (e^{rx})' + b_0 e^{rx} = 0$$

$$b_2 r^2 e^{rx} + b_1 r e^{rx} + b_0 e^{rx} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{b_2 r^2 + b_1 r + b_0 = 0} \text{ C.E.}$$

$b_1^2 - 4b_2 b_0$  Roots

$> 0$  1.  $r_1 \neq r_2$

$= 0$  2.  $r_1 = r_2 = r$

$< 0$  3.  $r = d \pm i\beta$

LI Sol'ns

$$e^{r_1 x}, e^{r_2 x}$$

$$e^{rx}, x e^{rx}$$

$$e^{dx} \cos \beta x, e^{dx} \sin \beta x$$

$$r = \frac{-b_1 \pm \sqrt{b_1^2 - 4b_2 b_0}}{2b_2} = \underbrace{\frac{-b_1}{2b_2}}_d \pm \underbrace{\frac{i}{2b_2} \sqrt{4b_2 b_0 - b_1^2}}_{\beta} \quad (+)$$

- Find the characteristic equation of the given differential equation. If the concept of characteristic equation is not appropriate, explain why and go on to the next exercise.
- Find two linearly independent solutions of the differential equation.
- Verify that these solutions are linearly independent for all values of the independent variable.

5.  $y'' - 4y' + 40y = 0$

6.  $y'' - 4y' + 40y = \cos \pi x$

7.  $x'' + x' - 6x = 0$

8.  $9y'' + 36y' + 4y = 0$

9.  $9y'' + 36y' + 4y^2 = 0$

10.  $mx''(t) + kx(t) = 0$ ,  $m, k$  constants

11.  $mx''(t) + kx(t) = k[h(t) - h(0)]$ ,  $m, k$  constants

12.  $L\theta'' + g\theta = 0$ ,  $L, g$  constants

13.  $L\theta'' + g \sin \theta = 0$ ,  $L, g$  constants

14.  $mx'' + px' + kx = 0$ ,  $m, p, k$  constants,  $p^2 - 4mk > 0$

15.  $mx'' + px' + kx = 0$ ,  $m, p, k$  constants,  $p^2 - 4mk = 0$

16.  $mx'' + px' + kx = 0$ ,  $m, p, k$  constants,  $p^2 - 4mk < 0$

In exercises 17-23,

- Write a general solution of the differential equation.
- Solve the initial-value problem.

17.  $u'' - 4u' + 40u = 0$ ,  $u(\pi/6) = 1$ ,  $u'(\pi/6) = -1$

18.  $9x'' + 36x' + 4x = 0$ ,  $x(0) = 2$ ,  $x'(0) = 3$

19.  $4y'' + 8y' + 5y = 0$ ,  $y(\pi) = 0$ ,  $y'(\pi) = -4$

20.  $z'' + z' - 6z = 0$ ,  $z(0) = 4$ ,  $z'(0) = -6$

21.  $x'' + 9x = 0$ ,  $x(\pi) = 3$ ,  $x'(\pi) = -9$

22.  $2w'' - 7w' + 3w = 0$ ,  $w(0) = 8$ ,  $w'(0) = 12$

23.  $x'' - 9x = 0$ ,  $x(0) = 18$ ,  $x'(0) = 18$

24. In the undamped spring-mass system model derived in section 5.1,

$$mx''(t) + kx(t) = 0, \quad x(0) = x_i, \quad x'(0) = v_i,$$

the parameters  $m, k$  in the differential equation are positive constants.

- Find a general solution of the differential equation.
- Argue that your solution is purely oscillatory, neither growing nor decaying with time.
- Find the angular frequency and period of these oscillations.
- Argue that the period of the oscillations in this spring-mass system depends only on the mass  $m$  and the spring constant  $k$ , not upon the initial conditions; i.e., the period of the oscillations is independent of how the motion is initiated.
- Find the solution of this initial-value problem.

- Write a general solution of the differential equation.

- Confirm the general solution you obtain using the analytic solution tool in DELAB.

1.  $y'' - 9y = 0$

2.  $4x''(t) + 8x'(t) + 5x(t) = 0$

3.  $w''(x) + 9w(x) = 0$

4.  $2z''(t) - 7z'(t) + 3z(t) = 0$

$$r^2 + 9 = 0 \Rightarrow r = \pm 3i$$

$$w'' = -9w$$

- Find the maximum displacement of the mass from its equilibrium position. Does it reduce to the value you expect when the initial velocity  $v_i$  is zero?

25. In the damped spring-mass system model derived in section 5.1,

$$mx''(t) + px'(t) + kx(t) = 0,$$

$$x(0) = x_i, \quad x'(0) = v_i,$$

the parameters  $m, p, k$  in the differential equation are positive constants.

- Find a general solution of this differential equation. If you need to consider different ranges of the parameters  $m, p, k$ , state them clearly.
- Argue that your solution is decaying toward a steady state of zero, regardless of the values of  $m, p, k$ . Which parameter(s) in the equation determine(s) the rate of decay? Are they the one(s) you expect?
- For what ranges of the parameters does the solution of this equation exhibit oscillations? Are the underlying oscillations of the same frequency as those of the undamped spring-mass model? (See exercise 24.)
- Find the solution of the initial-value problem.

26. The first example in this section begins with two complex exponential solutions

$$z_1 = e^{(-4+2i)x}, \quad z_2 = e^{(-4-2i)x}$$

of the differential equation

$$y'' + 8y' + 20y = 0.$$

It then obtains two new solutions

$$y_1 = e^{-4x} \cos 2x, \quad y_2 = e^{-4x} \sin 2x$$

as linear combinations of  $z_1, z_2$ .

- Write  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  as linear combinations of  $z_1, z_2$ .
  - Verify by substitution that  $y_1, y_2$  are indeed solutions of  $y'' + 8y' + 20y = 0$ . Why is this direct verification actually unnecessary?
27. The last example in this section shows that the differential equation
- $$\frac{3}{16}x''(t) + 2x(t) = 0,$$
- from the undamped spring-mass model of example 1, section 5.1, has the characteristic equation
- $$\frac{3}{16}r^2 + 2 = 0.$$
- The roots of this equation are  $r = \pm \sqrt{32/3}i \approx \pm 3.27i$ . Consequently,  $3x''/16 + 2x = 0$  has the linearly independent solutions

$$z_1 = e^{3.27it}, \quad z_2 = e^{-3.27it}.$$

WeBWorK assignment number PWDsolveOrder2 is due : 11/20/2013 at 09:00pm EST.

The link

<http://users.wpi.edu/pwdavis/Courses/MA2051B13/MA2051B13syllabus.htm>

leads to the syllabus for the course. It contains the homework and test schedule, grading policy, and other information.

The primary purpose of WeBWorK is to let you know that you are getting the correct answer or to alert you if you are making some kind of mistake. Usually you can attempt a problem as many times as you want before the due date. However, if you are having trouble figuring out your error, you should consult the book, or ask a fellow student, one of the TA's or your professor for help. Don't spend a lot of time guessing – it's not very efficient or effective.

Give 4 or 5 significant digits for (floating point) numerical answers. For most problems when entering numerical answers, you can if you wish enter elementary expressions such as  $2 \wedge 3$  instead of 8,  $\sin(3 * \pi / 2)$  instead of -1,  $e \wedge (\ln(2))$  instead of 2,  $(2 + \tan(3)) * (4 - \sin(5)) \wedge 6 - 7/8$  instead of 27620.3413, etc. Here's the list of the functions which WeBWorK understands.

You can use the Feedback button on each problem page to send e-mail to the professors.

1. (1 pt) Use the method of undetermined coefficients to solve the following differential equation:

$$y'' + y' = 0$$

Handwritten:  $y = e^{rx} \Rightarrow r^2 + r = 0$

$$y'' + y' = 4x$$

Handwritten:  $r^2 + r = 0 \Rightarrow r = 0, -1$

Answer:  $y(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + C_1 e^{-x} + C_2$

NOTE: The order of your answers is important in this problem. For example, webwork may expect the answer "A+B" but the answer you give is "B+A". Both answers are correct but webwork will only accept the former.

Answer(s) submitted:

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2. (1 pt) Use the method of undetermined coefficients to solve the following differential equation:

$$y'' + 6y' + 9y = 2e^{-x}$$

Answer:  $y(x) = \frac{1}{2}e^{-x} + C_1 e^{-3x} + C_2 e^{-3x}$

NOTE: The order of your answers is important in this problem. For example, webwork may expect the answer "A+B" but the answer you give is "B+A". Both answers are correct but webwork will only accept the former.

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3. (1 pt) Use the method of undetermined coefficients to solve the following differential equation:

$$y'' + 4y = 4x$$

Answer:  $y(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + C_1 x + C_2$

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4. (1 pt) Use the method of undetermined coefficients to solve the following differential equation:

$$y'' + 6y' + 9y = 2 \sin(x)$$

Answer:  $y(x) = \frac{1}{5} \sin(x) + \frac{1}{5} \cos(x) + C_1 e^{-3x} + C_2 e^{-3x}$

NOTE: The order of your answers is important in this problem. For example, webwork may expect the answer "A+B" but the answer you give is "B+A". Both answers are correct but webwork will only accept the former.

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