

Math 4009 -Homework on Linear Second Order ODE's

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1. Find the general solution of each of the following differential equations.

(a) $x'' = 0$

(b) $x'' + x = 0$

(c) $x'' - x = 0$

(d) $x'' + 3x = 0$

(e) $x'' - 2x' + x = 0$

(f) $x'' + x' - 6x = 0$

2. Find the general solution of each of the following differential equations.

(a) $x'' + x = e^t + t$

(b) $2y'' + 12y' + 18y = e^{-3x}$

(c) $2y'' + 3y' + y = 3 \sin x$

(d) $x'' + 4x = \cos 3t$

(e) $x'' + x' + 4x = 2 \sinh t$

3. Find the solution of each of the following initial value problems and sketch the graphs of the solution.

(a)
$$\begin{cases} x'' + x' - 2x = 2t, \\ x(0) = 0, \quad x'(0) = 1 \end{cases}$$

(b)
$$\begin{cases} y'' + 4y = t^2 + 3e^x, \\ y(0) = 0, \quad y'(0) = 2 \end{cases}$$

(c)
$$\begin{cases} z'' + 8z' - 9z = 0 \\ z(0) = 1, \quad z'(0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

4. Let k, m, γ be positive constants. State the general solution of:

(a) Free particle motion: $mx'' = 0$.

(b) Spring equation: $mx'' + kx = 0$

(c) Motion with retardation:

$$mx'' + 2\gamma x' = 0$$

5. Consider the initial value problem

$$2y'' + 3y' - 2y = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} y(0) = 0 \\ y'(0) = -\beta \end{cases}$$

where $\beta > 0$.

(a) Solve the initial value problem.

(b) Plot the solution when $\beta = 1$. Find the coordinates (x_0, y_0) of the minimum point of the solution in this case.

(c) Find the smallest value of β for which the solution has no minimum point.

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