

MATH 226 (Winter, 2025)

Test 2

1. (5 marks) Use either the method of undetermined coefficients or annihilators to solve the differential equation $y'' - 6y' + 5y = 8e^x$.

[H] $y'' - 6y' + 5y = 0$

$$m^2 - 6m + 5 = 0$$

$$(m-1)(m-5) = 0$$

$$m = 1, 5$$

$$\therefore y_h = C_1 e^x + C_2 e^{5x}$$

$$y_p = A x e^x$$

$$y_p' = A x e^x + A e^x$$

$$y_p'' = A x e^x + 2A e^x$$

$$(A x e^x + 2A e^x) - 6(A x e^x + A e^x) + 5A x e^x = 8e^x$$

$$-4A e^x = 8e^x$$

$$A = -2$$

$$\therefore y_p = -2x e^x$$

$$\therefore y = C_1 e^x + C_2 e^{5x} - 2x e^x$$

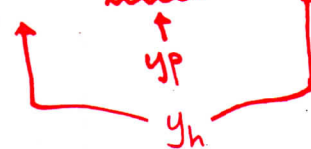
OR $(D^2 - 6D + 5)y = 8e^x$

$$(D-1)(D-5)y = 8e^x$$

annihilate with $D-1$

$$(D-1)^2(D-5)y = 0$$

$$y = C_1 e^x + C_2 x e^x + C_3 e^{5x}$$



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2. (6 marks) Use variation of parameters to find the general solution of $y'' + y = \sec x \tan x$, starting from

$$\begin{cases} u_1' y_1 + u_2' y_2 = 0 \\ u_1' y_1' + u_2' y_2' = f(x) \end{cases}$$

$$[H] \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} y'' + y = 0 \\ m^2 + 1 = 0 \\ m = \pm i \end{array} \right\} \therefore y_h = C_1 \cos x + C_2 \sin x$$

$$y_p = u_1 \cos x + u_2 \sin x$$

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} \cos x & \sin x \\ -\sin x & \cos x \end{vmatrix} = \cos^2 x + \sin^2 x = 1$$

$$u_1' = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 0 & \sin x \\ \sec x \tan x & \cos x \end{vmatrix}}{W} = \frac{-\sin x \sec x \tan x}{1} = -\tan^2 x = 1 - \sec^2 x$$

$$\therefore u_1 = \int (1 - \sec^2 x) dx = x - \tan x$$

$$u_2' = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} \cos x & 0 \\ -\sin x & \sec x \tan x \end{vmatrix}}{W} = \frac{\cos x \sec x \tan x}{1} = \tan x$$

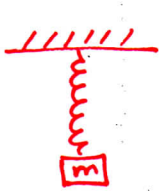
$$\therefore u_2 = \int \tan x dx = \ln |\sec x| \quad (\text{or } -\ln |\cos x|)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore y_p &= (x - \tan x) \cos x + (\ln |\sec x|) \sin x \\ &= \underbrace{x \cos x - \sin x}_{\text{part of } y_h} + (\ln |\sec x|) \sin x \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore y = C_1 \cos x + C_2 \sin x + \underbrace{x \cos x - \sin x}_{\text{part of } y_h} + (\ln |\sec x|) \sin x$$

or could leave as $x \cos x - \sin x$

3. (4 marks) A 5 kg mass is attached to a spring, causing it to stretch 2 m. The mass is released 1 m below the equilibrium position with an initial upward velocity of 3 m/s and is subject to a damping force that is twice its velocity. Set up, **but do not solve**, the initial-value problem (both differential equation and initial conditions) for the equation of motion $x(t)$ of the mass. Recall $g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$.



$$m = 5 \text{ kg}, \quad s = 2 \text{ m}, \quad \beta = 2 \text{ kg/s}$$

$$mg = ks \Rightarrow k = \frac{mg}{s} = \frac{5(9.8)}{2} = 24.5 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}}$$

$$x'' + \frac{\beta}{m} x' + \frac{k}{m} x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x'' + \frac{2}{5} x' + \frac{24.5}{5} x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x'' + 0.4x' + 4.9x = 0, \quad \underbrace{x(0) = 1 \text{ m}, \quad x'(0) = -3 \text{ m/s}}_{\text{I.C.}}$$

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4. (5 marks) Find a power series solution of the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} + xy = 0$ and then convert it to a closed form solution.

$$y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n, \quad y' = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n n x^{n-1}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n n x^{n-1} + x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = 0$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n n x^{n-1} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+1} = 0$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n+1} (n+1) x^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{n-1} x^n = 0$$

$$a_1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{n+1} (n+1) x^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{n-1} x^n = 0$$

$$a_1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [a_{n+1} (n+1) + a_{n-1}] x^n = 0$$

$$a_0 \text{ free, } a_1 = 0, \text{ and } a_{n+1} = \frac{-a_{n-1}}{n+1} \text{ for } n \geq 1$$

Evens

(odds all 0)

(Jump of 2)

$$a_2 = \frac{-a_0}{2}$$

$$a_4 = \frac{-a_2}{4} = \frac{(-1)^2 a_0}{2 \cdot 4}$$

$$a_6 = \frac{-a_4}{6} = \frac{(-1)^3 a_0}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6}$$

$$a_8 = \frac{-a_6}{8} = \frac{(-1)^4 a_0}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 8}$$

In general,

$$a_{2k} = \frac{(-1)^k a_0}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdots (2k)}$$

$$= \frac{(-1)^k a_0}{2^k k!} \quad (\text{works for } k=0)$$

$$\therefore y = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k a_0}{2^k k!} x^{2k} = a_0 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right)^k = a_0 e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$$

5. (5 marks) Use Laplace transforms to solve the initial-value problem.

$$y'' + 2y' + y = 1 + \delta(t-3), \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y'(0) = 0$$

$$s^2 Y(s) - \overset{0}{s y(0)} - \overset{0}{y'(0)} + 2(s Y(s) - \overset{0}{y(0)}) + Y(s) = \frac{1}{s} + e^{-3s}$$

$$(s^2 + 2s + 1) Y(s) = \frac{1}{s} + e^{-3s}$$

$$(s+1)^2 Y(s) = \frac{1}{s} + e^{-3s}$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{s(s+1)^2} + \frac{1}{(s+1)^2} e^{-3s}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \frac{1}{s(s+1)^2} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s+1} + \frac{C}{(s+1)^2}$$

$$1 = A(s+1)^2 + Bs(s+1) + Cs$$

$$s=0 \Rightarrow A=1$$

$$s=-1 \Rightarrow C=-1$$

$$s=1 \Rightarrow 1 = 4A + 2B + C = 4 + 2B - 1$$

$$\rightarrow 2B = -2 \Rightarrow B = -1$$

$$\therefore Y(s) = \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s+1} - \frac{1}{(s+1)^2} + \frac{1}{(s+1)^2} e^{-3s}$$

$$\therefore y(t) = 1 - e^{-t} - te^{-t} + (t-3)e^{-(t-3)} u(t-3).$$