

**Math 240 - Test 2**  
October 15, 2020

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Show all work to receive full credit. Supply explanations where necessary.

1. (12 points) Consider the equation  $(x^2 + 1)y'' - 2xy' + 2y = 0$ .

(a) Verify that  $y_1(x) = x$  and  $y_2(x) = 1 - x^2$  are solutions.

$$\begin{array}{l}
 y(x) = x \dots \\
 y'(x) = 1 \\
 y''(x) = 0
 \end{array}
 \left. \begin{array}{l}
 (x^2+1)(0) - 2x(1) + 2x \\
 = -2x + 2x = 0 \checkmark
 \end{array} \right\}
 \begin{array}{l}
 y(x) = 1-x^2 \\
 y'(x) = -2x \\
 y''(x) = -2
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{l}
 (x^2+1)(-2) - 2x(-2x) \\
 + 2(1-x^2) \\
 = -2x^2 - 2 + 4x^2 + 2 - 2x^2 \\
 = 0 \checkmark
 \end{array}$$

(b) Use the Wronskian to show that  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are linearly independent.

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} x & 1-x^2 \\ 1 & -2x \end{vmatrix} = -2x^2 - (1-x^2) = -x^2 - 1 \leq -1 \neq 0 \Rightarrow y_1 \& y_2 \text{ ARE LIN. INDEP.}$$

(c) Use what you've learned in parts (a) and (b) to find the solution of the IVP  $(x^2 + 1)y'' - 2xy' + 2y = 0$ ;  $y(1) = 1$ ,  $y'(1) = -1$ .

$$\begin{array}{l}
 y(x) = c_1 x + c_2 (1-x^2) \\
 y(1) = 1 \Rightarrow c_1 = 1
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{l}
 y'(x) = 1 + c_2 (-2x) \\
 y'(1) = -1 \Rightarrow 1 - 2c_2 = -1 \\
 c_2 = 1
 \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{y(x) = x + 1 - x^2}$$

(d) Is your solution in part (c) unique? Explain.

$$y'' - \frac{2x}{x^2+1} y' + \frac{2}{x^2+1} y = 0$$

Yes!  $P(x)$  and  $Q(x)$  ARE CONTINUOUS EVERYWHERE. By our EXISTENCE/UNIQUENESS THEOREM FOR LINEAR EQUATIONS, THERE IS A UNIQUE SOLUTION DEFINED FOR ALL REAL #'S.

2. (8 points) Given below are the differential equations or the equations of motion of some mass-spring systems. Each describes exactly one of the following situations: *simple harmonic motion*, *underdamped motion*, *overdamped motion*, or *critically damped motion*. Match each equation with the corresponding situation.

(a)  $x(t) = 2e^{-2t} + 5te^{-2t}$

CRITICALLY DAMPED

THE CHAR. EQN HAS A REPEATED SOLUTION.  $\text{Disc.} = 0$

(b)  $x'' + 8x' + 17x = 0$

$$\text{Disc} = 8^2 - 4(1)(17) \\ = -4 < 0$$

UNDERDAMPED

(c)  $x(t) = \sqrt{6} \sin(4t + \pi)$

↑ No DAMPING

SIMPLE HARMONIC MOTION

(d)  $2x'' + 5x' + 3x = 0$

$$\text{Disc} = 5^2 - 4(2)(3) \\ = 1 > 0$$

OVERDAMPED

3. (8 points) Find the general solution:  $y^{(4)} - 2y''' + y'' = 0$

CHAR eqn is  $r^4 - 2r^3 + r^2 = 0$

$$r^2(r^2 - 2r + 1) = 0$$

$$r^2(r-1)^2 = 0 \quad r = 0, 0, 1, 1$$

$$y(x) = c_1 + c_2 x + c_3 e^x + c_4 x e^x$$

4. (8 points) Solve the following initial value problem.

$$2y'' - 2y' + y = 0; \quad y(0) = -1, \quad y'(0) = 0$$

CHAR EQN IS

$$2r^2 - 2r + 1 = 0$$

$$r = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 4(2)(1)}}{4}$$

$$= \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{-4}}{4} = \frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2}i$$

$$y(x) = c_1 e^{x/2} \cos \frac{1}{2}x$$

$$+ c_2 e^{x/2} \sin \frac{1}{2}x$$

$$y(0) = -1 \Rightarrow c_1 = -1$$

$$y'(x) = -\frac{1}{2} e^{x/2} \cos \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2} e^{x/2} \sin \frac{1}{2}x$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} c_2 e^{x/2} \sin \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2} c_2 e^{x/2} \cos \frac{1}{2}x$$

$$y'(0) = 0 \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} c_2 = 0$$

$$c_2 = 1$$

$$y(x) = e^{x/2} \left( \sin \frac{1}{2}x - \cos \frac{1}{2}x \right)$$

5. (5 points) For  $x > 0$ , let  $y_1(x) = \ln x^5$  and  $y_2(x) = \ln x$ . Compute the Wronskian of  $y_1$  and  $y_2$ . Briefly explain why  $y(x) = c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x)$  cannot be the general solution of a 2nd-order, linear, homogeneous differential equation.

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} \ln x^5 & \ln x \\ \frac{5x^4}{x^5} & \frac{1}{x} \end{vmatrix} = \frac{\ln x^5}{x} - \frac{5x^4 \ln x}{x^5}$$

$$= \frac{5 \ln x}{x} - \frac{5 \ln x}{x} = 0$$

$y_1$  AND  $y_2$  ARE  
NOT LINEARLY  
INDEPENDENT.

IN ORDER TO HAVE THE GENERAL  
SOLUTION OF A 2<sup>ND</sup> ORDER, LINEAR,  
HOMOGENEOUS EQUATION, WE NEED A LINEAR  
COMBINATION OF TWO LINEARLY INDEPENDENT  
SOLUTIONS.

6. (12 points) Find the general solution:  $y'' - 5y' + 4y = 2e^{4x}$

Corresponding Homogeneous

$$\text{Equation: } y'' - 5y' + 4y = 0$$

$$\text{Char. Eqn: } r^2 - 5r + 4 = 0$$

$$(r-4)(r-1) = 0$$

$$r=4, r=1$$

$$y_c(x) = c_1 e^{4x} + c_2 e^x$$

Nonhomogeneous Eqn:

$$\text{RHS: } g(x) = 2e^{4x}$$

$$y_p(x) = x^s A e^{4x}$$

Must choose  $s=1$

$$y_p(x) = A x e^{4x}$$

$$y_p'(x) = A e^{4x} + 4A x e^{4x} = A e^{4x} + 4y_p(x)$$

$$y_p''(x) = 4A e^{4x} + 4y_p'(x) = 8A e^{4x} + 16y_p(x)$$

$$y_p'' - 5y_p' + 4y_p = 2e^{4x}$$

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$$[8A e^{4x} + 16y_p(x)] - 5[A e^{4x} + 4y_p(x)] + 4y_p(x)$$

$$= (8A - 5A) e^{4x} = 2e^{4x}$$

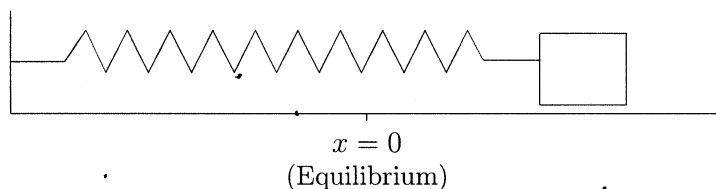
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$$3A = 2 \quad A = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$y_p(x) = \frac{2}{3} x e^{4x}$$

$$y(x) = c_1 e^{4x} + c_2 e^x + \frac{2}{3} x e^{4x}$$

7. (12 points) A 1-kg mass is attached to a spring with spring constant 16 N/m. The damping constant for the system is 10 N-sec/m. The mass is moved 1 m to the right of equilibrium (stretching the spring) and pushed to the left at 12 m/sec. Find the equation of motion. Is the system underdamped, overdamped, or critically damped? How do you know?



$$1x'' + 10x' + 16x = 0, \quad x(0) = 1, \quad x'(0) = -12$$

CHAR eqn is  $r^2 + 10r + 16 = 0$

$$(r+2)(r+8) = 0$$

$$r = -2, \quad r = -8$$

→ Two unique REAL SOLUTIONS

⇒ System is OVERDAMPED

$$x(t) = c_1 e^{-2t} + c_2 e^{-8t}$$

$$x(0) = 1 \Rightarrow c_1 + c_2 = 1$$

$$x'(t) = -2c_1 e^{-2t} - 8c_2 e^{-8t}$$

$$x'(0) = -12 \Rightarrow -2c_1 - 8c_2 = -12$$

$$x(t) = -\frac{2}{3} e^{-2t} + \frac{5}{3} e^{-8t}$$

$$2(c_1 + c_2 = 1)$$

$$-2c_1 - 8c_2 = -12$$

$$-6c_2 = -10$$

$$c_2 = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$c_1 + c_2 = 1$$

$$c_1 = -\frac{2}{3}$$

The following problems make up the take-home portion of the test. These problems are due October 20, 2020. You must work on your own.

8. (5 points) Consider the following equation:

$$y'' + 4y = x \cos x + \cos 2x.$$

Solve the corresponding homogeneous equation. Then find the appropriate form of the particular solution for the nonhomogeneous equation. Do not solve for the undetermined coefficients.

Corresponding Homogeneous eqn:

$$y'' + 4y = 0$$

$$\text{Char. Eqn: } \therefore r^2 + 4 = 0$$

$$r = \pm 2i$$

$$y_c(x) = C_1 \cos 2x + C_2 \sin 2x$$

Nonhomogeneous eqn:

$$\textcircled{1} \quad g(x) = x \cos x$$

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$$y_{p_1}(x) = (Ax + B) \cos x + (Cx + D) \sin x$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad g(x) = \cos 2x$$

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$$y_{p_2}(x) = x (E \cos 2x + F \sin 2x)$$

$$y(x) = C_1 \cos 2x + C_2 \sin 2x$$

$$+ (Ax + B) \cos x + (Cx + D) \sin x$$

$$+ Ex \cos 2x + Fx \sin 2x$$

9. (10 points) Use variation of parameters to solve the following differential equation.

$$x'' - 4x' + 4x = \frac{e^{2t}}{t^2}, \quad t > 0$$

CORRESPONDING HOMOGENEOUS

EQUATION:

$$x'' - 4x' + 4x = 0$$

CHAR EQN:

$$r^2 - 4r + 4 = 0$$

$$(r-2)^2 = 0$$

$$r = 2, 2$$

$$x_c(t) = c_1 e^{2t} + c_2 t e^{2t}$$

NONHOMOGENEOUS EQN HAS

$$g(t) = \frac{e^{2t}}{t^2}$$

VARIATION OF PARAMETERS

FORMULA ...

$$W(x_1, x_2) = \begin{vmatrix} e^{2t} & t e^{2t} \\ 2e^{2t} & e^{2t} + 2t e^{2t} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= e^{4t}$$

$$V_1(t) = \int \frac{-\frac{e^{2t}}{t^2} (t e^{2t})}{e^{4t}} dt$$

$$= \int -\frac{1}{t} dt = -\ln t$$

$$V_2(t) = \int \frac{\frac{e^{2t}}{t^2} (e^{2t})}{e^{4t}} dt$$

$$= \int \frac{1}{t^2} dt = -\frac{1}{t}$$

$$x_p(t) = -e^{2t} \ln t - t e^{2t} \left(\frac{1}{t}\right)$$

$$= -e^{2t} \ln t - e^{2t}$$

GENERAL SOLUTION IS

$$x(t) = c_3 e^{2t} + c_2 t e^{2t} - e^{2t} \ln t$$

10. (10 points) Solve:  $y'' - 2y' + 5y = 5x + 8 + x \sin x$

$$y'' - 2y' + 5y = 0$$

$$r^2 - 2r + 5 = 0$$

$$r^2 - 2r + 1 = -4$$

$$(r-1)^2 = -4$$

$$r = 1 \pm 2i$$

$$y_1(x) = e^x \cos 2x$$

$$y_2(x) = e^x \sin 2x$$

$$y_c(x) = e^x (c_1 \cos 2x + c_2 \sin 2x)$$

$$g(x) = 5x + 8$$

↓

$$y_{p_1}(x) = Ax + B$$

$$y''_{p_1} - 2y'_{p_1} + 5y_{p_1}$$

$$= 0 - 2A + 5(Ax + B)$$

$$= 5x + 8$$

$$5A = 5$$

$$-2A + 5B = 8$$

$$A = 1, B = 2$$

$$y_{p_1}(x) = x + 2$$

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CONTINUING UP THERE

$$g(x) = x \sin x$$

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$$y_{p_2}(x) = (Ax + B) \cos x + (Cx + D) \sin x$$

$$y'_{p_2}(x) = (A + Cx + D) \cos x + (-Ax - B + C) \sin x$$

$$y''_{p_2}(x) = (-Ax - B + 2C) \cos x + (-2A - Cx - D) \sin x$$

$$y''_{p_2} - 2y'_{p_2} + 5y_{p_2} = x \sin x$$

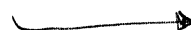
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$$(-Ax - B + 2C) - 2(A + Cx + D) + 5(Ax + B) = 0$$

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$$(-2A - Cx - D) - 2(-Ax - B + C) + 5(Cx + D) = x$$

OVER





$$4A - 2C = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$C = 2A$$

$$-2A + 4B + 2C - 2D = 0$$

$$2A + 4C = 1$$

$$2A + 8A = 1 \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{10}$$

$$-2A + 2B - 2C + 4D = 0$$

$$C = \frac{1}{5}$$

ADD AND SUBTRACT ROWS 2 & 4 TO

GET

$$2B + 4C - 6D = 0$$

$$-4A + 6B + 2D = 0$$

$$2B - 6D = -\frac{4}{5}$$

$$6B + 2D = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$20B = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$B = \frac{2}{100}$$

$$20D = \frac{14}{5}$$

$$D = \frac{14}{100}$$

$$y_{P_2}(x) = \left(\frac{1}{10}x + \frac{1}{50}\right) \cos x$$

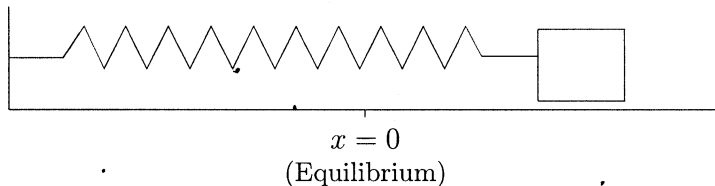
$$+ \left(\frac{1}{5}x + \frac{7}{50}\right) \sin x$$

GENERAL SOLUTION IS

$$y(x) = c_1 e^x \cos 2x + c_2 e^x \sin 2x + x + 2$$

$$+ \left(\frac{1}{10}x + \frac{1}{50}\right) \cos x + \left(\frac{1}{5}x + \frac{7}{50}\right) \sin x$$

11. (10 points) A 1/2-kg mass is attached to a spring with spring constant 5 N/m. The damping constant for the system is 1 N-sec/m. The mass is moved 2m to the left of equilibrium (compressing the spring) and released from rest. Find the equation of motion. Write your final result in terms of a single trig function with a phase shift. Use technology to graph your solution and attach a copy of the graph.



$$\frac{1}{2}x'' + x' + 5x = 0; \quad x(0) = -2, \quad x'(0) = 0$$

$$x'' + 2x' + 10x = 0$$

$$r^2 + 2r + 10 = 0$$

$$r^2 + 2r + 1 = -9$$

$$(r+1)^2 = -9$$

$$r = -1 \pm 3i$$

$$x(t) = c_1 e^{-t} \cos 3t + c_2 e^{-t} \sin 3t$$

$$x(0) = -2 \Rightarrow c_1 = -2$$

$$x'(t) = -c_1 e^{-t} \cos 3t - 3c_1 e^{-t} \sin 3t - c_2 e^{-t} \sin 3t + 3c_2 e^{-t} \cos 3t$$

$$x'(0) = 0 \Rightarrow -c_1 + 3c_2 = 0$$

$$2 + 3c_2 = 0 \Rightarrow c_2 = -\frac{2}{3}$$

$$x(t) = -2e^{-t} \cos 3t - \frac{2}{3}e^{-t} \sin 3t$$

$$A = \sqrt{(-2)^2 + \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{40}{9}} = \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{10}$$

$$\tan \phi = \frac{-2}{-2/3} = 3$$

$$c_1, c_2 < 0 \Rightarrow \phi \text{ IN QUAD 3.}$$

$$\phi = \pi + \tan^{-1} 3$$

$$x(t) = \frac{2\sqrt{10}}{3} e^{-t} \sin(3t + \pi + \tan^{-1} 3)$$

SEE ATTACHED GRAPH.

