

## MAP2302: Differential Equations.

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Practice 7.

**Topics:** 4.4 & 4.5 Nonhomogeneous Equations: the Method of Undetermined Coefficients.

**Terminology:** Characteristic polynomial, auxiliary equation, complementary solution, null solution, particular solution, general solution. The superposition principle.

**Examples:**

a.  $y'' + 4y' - 2y = 2x^2 - 3x + 6$ ;

Ans:  $y_p = -x^2 - \frac{5}{2}x - 9$ .

b.  $y'' - y' + y = 2 \sin(3x)$ ;

Ans:  $y_p = \frac{6}{73} \cos(3x) - \frac{16}{73} \sin(3x)$

c.  $y'' - 2y' - 3y = 4x - 5 + 6xe^{2x}$ ;

Ans:  $y_p = -\frac{4}{3}x + \frac{23}{9} - (2x + \frac{4}{3})e^{2x}$

d.  $y'' - 6y' + 9y = e^{3x}$ ;

Ans: General Solution:  $y(x) = C_1e^{3x} + C_2xe^{3x} + \frac{1}{2}x^2e^{3x}$

1. Find a particular solution to the differential equation (problems taken from 9 to 26, p180):

9.  $y'' + 3y = -9$

11.  $y'' + y = 2^x$

12.  $2x' + x = 3t^2$                       Ans:  $x_p(t) = 3t^2 - 12t + 24$

13.  $y'' - y' + 9y = 3 \sin(3t)$

14.  $2z'' + z = 9e^{2t}$                       Ans:  $z_p(t) = e^{2t}$

15.  $y'' - 5y' + 6y = xe^x$

17.  $y'' + 4y = 8 \sin(2t)$

23.  $y''(\theta) - 7y'(\theta) = \theta^2$

24.  $y'' + y = 4x \cos(x)$                       Ans:  $y_p(x) = x \cos(x) + x^2 \sin(x)$

From exercises 4.5 page 185:

1. Given that  $y_1(t) = \cos(t)$  is a solution to  $y'' - y' + y = \sin(t)$  and  $y_2(t) = e^{2t}/3$  is a solution to  $y'' - y' + y = e^{2t}$  use the superposition principle to find solutions to the following DEs:

a.  $y'' - y' + y = 5 \sin(t)$

b.  $y'' - y' + y = \sin(t) - 3e^{2t}$

c.  $y'' - y' + y = 4\sin(t) + 18e^{2t}$

From exercises 4.5 page 186: Find a general solution to the DE:

17.  $y'' - 2y' - 3y = 3t^2 - 5$

19.  $y'' - 3y' + 2y = e^x \sin(x)$

A vibrating spring with damping that is under external force can be modeled by  $my + by + ky = g(t)$  where  $m$  is the mass of the spring system,  $b$  is the damping constant,  $k$  is the spring constant,  $g(t)$  is the force on the system at time  $t$ , and  $y(t)$  is the displacement from the equilibrium of the spring system at time  $t$ .

43. A mass spring system is driven by a sinusoidal external force  $g(t) = 5 \sin(t)$ . The mass equals 1, the spring constant equals 3 and the damping coefficient equals 4. Find its equation of motion.

Ans:  $y(t) = -\cos(t) + \frac{1}{2}\sin(t) + C_1e^{-3t} + C_2e^{-t}$