

## MAP2302: Differential Equations.

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Practice 12.

**Topics:** 6.2;, 6.3: Homogeneous Linear Equations with constant coefficients. The Annihilator method.

**Note:** Finding the annihilator follow these very informal rules:

1. For separated terms, an annihilator multiplies the other;
2. In different terms, but one includes the other -one is a factor of the other, take the one at the highest power;
3. Within the same term, one goes into the other.

Basic annihilators:  $D^{n+1}$  annihilates  $x^n$ ;  $(D - \alpha)$  annihilates  $e^{\alpha x}$  and  $(D^2 + \beta^2)$  annihilates  $\sin \beta x$  or  $\cos \beta x$ .

Exercises 6.3 page 337: Find a differential operator that annihilates the given function:

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| 11. $x^4 - x^2 + 11$              | 12. $3x^2 - 6x + 1$            | Ans (12): $D^3$                     |
| 13. $e^{-7x}$                     | 14. $e^{5x}$                   | Ans(14): $(D - 5)$                  |
| 15. $e^{2x} - 6e^x$               | 16. $x^2 - e^x$                | Ans(16): $D^3(D - 1)$               |
| 17. $x^2e^{-x} \sin 2x$           | 18. $xe^{3x} \cos 5x$          | Ans(18): $[(D - 3)^2 + 25]^2$       |
| 19. $xe^{-2x} + xe^{-5x} \sin 3x$ | 20. $x^2e^x - x \sin 4x + x^3$ | Ans(20): $D^4(D - 1)^3(D^2 + 16)^2$ |

Examples taken from another book (Differential equations by Dennis Zill: Exercises 4.5 page 156, ninth edition):

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| 15. $1 + 6x - 2x^3$                 | Ans: $D^4$   |
| 16. $x^3(1 - 5x)$                   | Ans: $D^5$   |
| 17. $1 + 7e^{2x}$                   | Ans: $D(D - 2)$  |
| 18. $x + 3xe^{6x}$                  | Ans: $D^2(D - 6)^2$  |
| 19. $\cos 2x$                       | Ans: $D^2 + 4$   |
| 20. $1 + \sin x$                    | Ans: $D(D^2 + 1)$  |
| 21. $13x + 9x^2 - \sin 4x$          | Ans: $D^3(D^2 + 16)$   |
| 22. $8x - \sin x + 10 \cos 5x$      | Ans: $D^2(D^2 + 1)(D^2 + 25)$  |
| 23. $e^{-x} + 2xe^x - x^2e^x$       | Ans: $(D + 1)(D - 1)^3$  |
| 25. $3 + e^x \cos 2x$               | Ans: $D[(D - 1)^2 + 4] = D[D^2 + 2D + 5]$                            |
| 26. $e^{-x} \sin x - e^{2x} \cos x$ | Ans: $[(D + 1)^2 + 1][(D - 2)^2 + 1] = (D^2 + 2D + 2)(D^2 - 2D + 5)$ |