

**Math 222: Midterm #2**

Show all work on problems that are more than straightforward calculations. Clearly mark answers.

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1) Consider a mass-on-a-spring system with the given mass, damping coefficient, and spring constant. For each situation, **determine** whether the system is underdamped, overdamped, or critically damped; **explain** how you can tell; and **sketch** a sample graph of what its motion might look like. Do not solve.

A)  $m=3$   
 $b=6$   
 $k=3$

B)  $m=1$   
 $b=2$   
 $k=3$

C)  $m=2$   
 $b=5$   
 $k=3$

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2) Suppose an electric circuit consists of a resistor (with  $R=20 \Omega$ ), an inductor (with  $L=10 \text{ H}$ ), a capacitor (with  $C = 0.001 \text{ F}$ ), and a voltage source providing oscillating voltage  $E=60\sin(120\pi t)$ , all connected in series (i.e. as a single loop). Write a differential equation to model this circuit, using  $t$  (time) as the independent variable and  $q$  (charge) as the dependent variable. Do not solve.

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3) Find the specific solution to  $y'' - 2y' - 15 = 0$ . with initial conditions  $y(0)=1, y'(0)=-1$ .

4) Find the general solution to  $y'' + 4y' + 13y = 0$ .

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5) Find the specific solution to  $y'' + 4y' + 13y = 26t^2$  with initial conditions  $y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 1$ .

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6) Assume that  $y_1 = e^{5t}$  and  $y_2 = t e^{5t}$  are solutions to some second order differential equation.

a) Calculate the Wronskian  $W(y_1, y_2)$ .

b) What does the value of  $W(y_1, y_2)$  tell you about  $y_1$  and  $y_2$ ?

7) Find the general solution to  $y'' - 10y' + 25y = 0$ .

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8) Find the general solution to  $y'' - 10y' + 25y = \frac{e^{5t}}{t^5}$ .

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9) Find the general solution to  $y'''' + y''' - 3y'' - 5y' - 2y = 0$ .

Show me what you can do!

Bonus I: Find the 8th derivative of  $e^x \sin(x)$ . There *is* a shortcut!  
Don't waste time trying to find ALL of the lesser derivatives. Look for patterns.

Bonus II: Prove that the difference of any two solutions of any nonhomogeneous equation must be a solution of the corresponding homogeneous equation.

Bonus III: Explain *why* solving the characteristic (aka auxiliary) quadratic leads to the correct  $r$ -values.

Bonus IV: You know how to raise  $e$  to complex powers, but how would you calculate, say,  $5^{2+3i}$ ?

Bonus V: Find the quasi-frequency of the underdamped system in Problem #1.