

1. (3) What does it mean for three functions  $y_1(x)$ ,  $y_2(x)$ ,  $y_3(x)$  to be *linearly dependent*?

there are constants  $A, B, C$  (not all zero)  
such that  $Ay_1(x) + By_2(x) + Cy_3(x) = 0$ .

2. (3,5) Suppose the functions  $y_1(x) = x$ ,  $y_2(x) = x^2$ , and  $y_3(x) = x^3$  are solutions to a linear homogeneous differential equation.

- (a) Write down two more solutions to the differential equation.

$$y_4(x) = x + x^2$$

$$y_5(x) = x^2 + x^3 \quad (\text{any linear combination of } x, x^2, x^3 \text{ is a solution})$$

- (b) Use the Wronskian to determine whether  $y_1$ ,  $y_2$ , and  $y_3$  are linearly independent.

$$W(y_1, y_2, y_3) = \begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & x^3 \\ 1 & 2x & 3x^2 \\ 0 & 2 & 6x \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= x \begin{vmatrix} 2x & 3x^2 \\ 2 & 6x \end{vmatrix} - x^2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3x^2 \\ 0 & 6x \end{vmatrix} + x^3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2x \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 12x^3 - 6x^3 - 6x^3 + 2x^3$$

$$= 2x^3 \neq 0$$

hence linearly independent

3. (6) Solve the initial value problem  $y'' - 4y' + 3y = 0$ ,  $y(0) = 7$ ,  $y'(0) = 11$ .

$$\text{Char. equation: } r^2 - 4r + 3 = 0$$

$$(r-3)(r-1) = 0$$

$$r = 3, 1$$

$$y = Ae^{3x} + Be^x \rightarrow 7 = Ae^0 + Be^0$$

$$y' = 3Ae^{3x} + Be^x \rightarrow 11 = 3Ae^0 + Be^0$$

$$7 = A + B \rightarrow 7 = 2 + B$$

$$11 = 3A + B$$

$$-4 = -2A$$

$$A = 2$$

$$B = 5$$

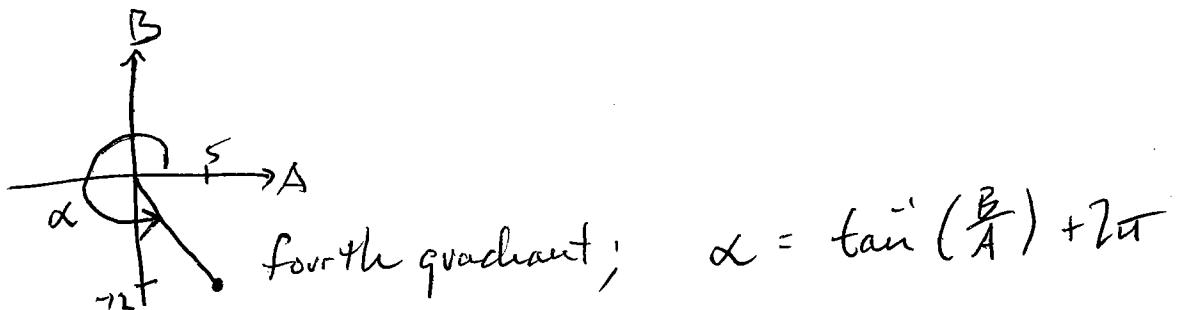
$$y(x) = 2e^{3x} + 5e^x$$

4. (6) Convert the function

$$x(t) = \underbrace{5 \cos(13t)}_{A} - \underbrace{12 \sin(13t)}_{B}$$

into the form  $x(t) = C \cos(\omega t - \alpha)$ . Use an exact expression (possibly involving  $\tan^{-1}$ ) for  $\alpha$ , rather than a decimal value.

$$C = \sqrt{A^2 + B^2} = \sqrt{25+144} = 13$$



$$x(t) = 13 \cos\left(13t - \left(\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{-12}{5}\right) + 2\pi\right)\right)$$

5. (5,3) This problem concerns the differential equation  $y'' + 16y = e^{3x}$ .

(a) Using the method of undetermined coefficients, find a particular solution to the equation.

$$\text{use } y_p = Ae^{3x} \quad y'' + 16y = e^{3x} \text{ becomes}$$

$$y'_p = 3Ae^{3x}$$

$$y''_p = 9Ae^{3x}$$

$$9Ae^{3x} + 16Ae^{3x} = e^{3x}$$

$$25A = 1$$

$$A = \frac{1}{25}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{25}e^{3x}$$

(b) Find a general solution to the equation.

$$r^2 + 16 = 0; \quad r = \pm 4i$$

$$y_c = A\cos(4x) + B\sin(4x)$$

$$y = y_c + y_p = \boxed{A\cos(4x) + B\sin(4x) + \frac{1}{25}e^{3x}}$$

6. (4,4) Consider the differential equation

$$y^{(5)} - 6y^{(4)} + 21y^{(3)} - 62y'' + 108y' - 72y = x^2e^{2x} + x\sin(3x).$$

(a) Using the fact that  $r^5 - 6r^4 + 21r^3 - 62r^2 + 108r - 72 = (r-2)^3(r^2+9)$ , find a general solution to the associated homogeneous equation. (That is, find the complementary solution  $y_c$ .)

$$r = 2, 2, 2, \pm 3i$$

$$\boxed{y_c = Ae^{2x} + Bxe^{2x} + Cx^2e^{2x} + D\cos(3x) + E\sin(3x)}$$

(b) Using the table below, set up the appropriate form of a particular solution (but do not determine the values of the coefficients).

$P_m = b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 + \dots + b_mx^m$	$x^s(A_0 + A_1x + A_2x^2 + \dots + A_mx^m)$
$a \cos kx + b \sin kx$	$x^s(A \cos kx + B \sin kx)$
$e^{rx}(a \cos kx + b \sin kx)$	$x^s e^{rx}(A \cos kx + B \sin kx)$
$P_m(x)e^{rx}$	$x^s(A_0 + A_1x + A_2x^2 + \dots + A_mx^m)e^{rx}$
$P_m(x)(a \cos kx + b \sin kx)$	$x^s[(A_0 + A_1x + \dots + A_mx^m) \cos kx + (B_0 + B_1x + \dots + B_mx^m) \sin kx]$

use these two

$$Y_p = x^3(A_0 + A_1x + A_2x^2)e^{2x} + x^3(B_0 + B_1x)\cos(3x) \\ + x^3(C_0 + C_1x)\sin(3x)$$

7. (5,3) Recall the equation  $mx'' + cx' + kx = 0$  for free motion of a mass-spring-dashpot system.

(a) Find a general solution for the position function  $x(t)$  when  $m = 1$ ,  $c = 6$ ,  $k = 13$ . Is this system underdamped or overdamped?

$$x'' + 6x' + 13x = 0$$

$$r^2 + 6r + 13 = 0$$

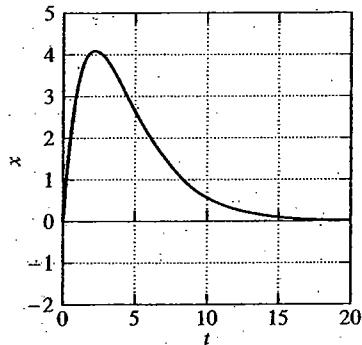
$$r = \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 52}}{2} = \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{-16}}{2} = \frac{-6 \pm 4i}{2}$$

$$r = -3 \pm 2i$$

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

underdamped

- (b) Suppose the damping constant  $c$  is changed, and a solution to the new system has the graph shown below. Was  $c$  increased or decreased? Explain briefly how you know.



The picture shows a critically damped or overdamped system.  
Thus  $c$  has increased.

8. (8) Consider the endpoint problem

$$y'' + 2y' + \lambda y = 0, \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y(\pi) = 0.$$

Is  $\lambda = 5$  an eigenvalue? If so give an eigenfunction; otherwise say why not.

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

$$r^2 + 2r + 5 = 0 \quad r = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4-20}}{2} = \frac{-2 \pm 4i}{2}$$

$$r = -1 \pm 2i$$

$$y(x) = e^{-x} (A \cos(2x) + B \sin(2x))$$

$$\underline{y(0)=0}: \quad 0 = A \underbrace{\cos(0)}_1 + B \underbrace{\sin(0)}_0$$

$$A=0$$

$$\text{So now } y = e^{-x} B \sin(2x).$$

$$\underline{y(\pi)=0}: \quad 0 = e^{-\pi} B \underbrace{\sin(2\pi)}_0, \quad \text{true for any } B.$$

So  $y = B e^{-x} \sin(2x)$  is a solution to the endpoint problem.  $\lambda=5$  is an eigenvalue.

~~An eigenfunction is  $y = B e^{-x} \sin(2x)$  for any  $B \neq 0$ .~~