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## Math 5A - Midterm 1

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### Instructions:

- This exam consists of 4 problems worth 10 points each, for a total of 40 possible points.
- You must show all your work and fully justify your answers in order to receive full credit. Please indicate your answers clearly by placing a BOX around them. You may leave your answers in unsimplified form. Partial credit will be awarded for work that is relevant and correct.
- No books, calculators or other devices are allowed. You may use one 3" x 5" notecard.
- **BOX YOUR FINAL ANSWERS.** Write your answers and work on the test itself, in the space allotted. You may attach additional pages if necessary.

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1. Solve the initial value problem

$$y'' + 4y' + 8y = 0, \quad y(0) = 2, \quad y'(0) = -6.$$

$$r^2 + 4r + 8 = 0$$

$$r = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 32}}{2} = -2 \pm 2i$$

$$\Rightarrow y = e^{-2t} (c_1 \cos(2t) + c_2 \sin(2t))$$

$$y(0) = \underset{1}{e^0} (\underset{1}{c_1} \underset{0}{\cos 0} + \underset{0}{c_2} \underset{0}{\sin 0})$$

$$= c_1 = 2$$

$$y' = -2e^{-2t} (c_1 \cos(2t) + c_2 \sin(2t)) + e^{-2t} (-2c_1 \sin(2t) + 2c_2 \cos(2t))$$

$$y'(0) = -2c_1 + 2c_2 = -6$$

$$\Rightarrow c_2 = \frac{-6 + 2c_1}{2} = -3 + c_1 = -1$$

$$\boxed{y = e^{-2t} (2 \cos(2t) - \sin(2t))}$$

2. (a) Find the general solution of the homogeneous equation  $y'' - 4y' + 4y = 0$ .

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

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

$r = 2$  double root

$$y = c_1 e^{2t} + c_2 t e^{2t}$$

(b) Find the general solution of the non-homogeneous equation  $y'' - 4y' + 4y = \frac{e^{2t}}{t^2}$ .

Variation of Parameters

$$y_p = v_1 y_1 + v_2 y_2$$

$$y_1 = e^{2t} \quad y_2 = t e^{2t}$$

$$y_1' = 2e^{2t} \quad y_2' = (2t+1)e^{2t}$$

$$v_1' e^{2t} + v_2' t e^{2t} = 0$$

$$v_1' 2e^{2t} + v_2' (2t+1)e^{2t} = \frac{e^{2t}}{t^2}$$

Subtract  $2 \times$  (first equation) from (2nd equation)

$$\Rightarrow v_2' e^{2t} = \frac{e^{2t}}{t^2} \Rightarrow v_2' = t^{-2}$$

$$v_2 = \int t^{-2} dt = -t^{-1} = -\frac{1}{t}$$

$$v_1' = \frac{-v_2' t e^{2t}}{e^{2t}} = -t^{-2} \cdot t = -\frac{1}{t}$$

$$\Rightarrow v_1 = \int -\frac{1}{t} dt = -\ln|t|$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow y_p &= -\ln|t| \cdot e^{2t} + -\frac{1}{t} t e^{2t} \\ &= -\ln|t| e^{2t} - e^{2t} \end{aligned}$$

$$y = y_h + y_p = c_1 e^{2t} + c_2 t e^{2t} - \ln|t| e^{2t}$$

(The extra  $-e^{2t}$  can be absorbed into  $c_1 e^{2t}$  by changing  $c_1$  to  $c_1 - 1$ .)

3 (a) Find the general solution of the homogeneous equation  $y'' - 6y' + 5y = 0$ .

$$r^2 - 6r + 5 = 0$$
$$(r - 5)(r - 1) = 0$$

$$r = 5, 1$$

$$y = c_1 e^{5t} + c_2 e^t$$

(b) Find the general solution of the non-homogeneous equation  $y'' - 6y' + 5y = 12te^{-t}$

Undetermined coefficients:

guess:  $y_p = (At + B)e^{-t}$

$$y_p' = -(At + B)e^{-t} + Ae^{-t} = (-At + A - B)e^{-t}$$

$$y_p'' = -(-At + A - B)e^{-t} + -Ae^{-t}$$
$$= (At - 2A + B)e^{-t}$$

$$y_p'' - 6y_p' + 5y_p = [(At - 2A + B) - 6(-At + A - B) + 5(At + B)]e^{-t}$$
$$= [12At - 8A + 12B]e^{-t}$$
$$= 12te^{-t}$$

$$\Rightarrow 12A = 12 \quad \Rightarrow A = \frac{12}{12} = 1$$

$$12B - 8A = 0 \quad B = \frac{8A}{12} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$y_p = \left(t + \frac{2}{3}\right)e^{-t}$$

$$y = \left(t + \frac{2}{3}\right)e^{-t} + c_1 e^{5t} + c_2 e^t$$

4. Consider a mass-spring system with a 2 kg mass attached to the end of the spring. A force of 19.6 N is required to pull the mass 0.2 m from its equilibrium position. The mass is then released with initial velocity  $x'(0) = -0.7 \text{ m/s}$ , and we observe that the mass reaches its maximum speed precisely when it passes back through the equilibrium position.

(a) Show that there cannot be any damping (i.e.,  $b = 0$ )

$$mx'' + bx' + kx = 0.$$

When the mass passes through the equilibrium position,  $x = 0$ . Since speed is maximum at this instant,  $x'$  has a relative extremum (minimum) and thus  $x'' = 0$  at this instant.

$$\Rightarrow bx' = 0 \quad \text{since the velocity } x' \text{ is not } 0$$

$$\underline{b = 0.}$$

(b) Determine the spring constant  $k$ , and find the amplitude  $A$  of the motion of the mass (You may assume there is no damping, even if you cannot do part (a).)

$$2x'' + kx = 0.$$

$$F = kx$$

$$19.6 \text{ N} = k \cdot (0.2 \text{ m})$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{k = \frac{19.6}{0.2} = 98}$$

$$2x'' + 98x = 0$$

$$\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = \sqrt{49} = 7.$$

$$x = c_1 \cos(7t) + c_2 \sin(7t)$$

$$x(0) = 0.2$$

$$= c_1 \cancel{\cos 0} + c_2 \cancel{\sin 0}$$

$$= c_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{c_1 = 0.2}$$

$$x'(0) = -0.7$$

$$x'(t) = -7c_1 \sin(7t) + 7c_2 \cos(7t)$$

$$x'(0) = -7c_1 \cancel{\sin 0} + 7c_2 \cancel{\cos 0}$$

$$= 7c_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{c_2 = \frac{-0.7}{7} = -0.1}$$

$$A = \sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{0.04 + 0.01}$$

$$= \sqrt{0.05}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{5}}{10} \approx 0.223 \text{ m}$$