



#### 4.1 Second-Order Equations

For each of the second-order differential equations in Exercises 1–8, decide whether the equation is linear or nonlinear. If the equation is linear, state whether the equation is homogeneous or inhomogeneous.

1.  $y'' + 3y' + 5y = 3 \cos 2t$
2.  $t^2 y'' = 4y' - \sin t$
3.  $t^2 y'' + (1 - y)y' = \cos 2t$
4.  $ty'' + (\sin t)y' = 4y - \cos 5t$
5.  $t^2 y'' + 4yy' = 0$
6.  $y'' + 4y' + 7y = 3e^{-t} \sin t$
7.  $y'' + 3y' + 4 \sin y = 0$
8.  $(1 - t^2)y'' = 3y$

In Exercises 13 and 14, show, by direct substitution, that the given functions  $y_1(t)$  and  $y_2(t)$  are solutions of the given differential equation. Then verify, again by direct substitution, that any linear combination  $C_1 y_1(t) + C_2 y_2(t)$  of the two solutions is also a solution.

13.  $y'' - y' - 6y = 0$ ,  $y_1(t) = e^{3t}$ ,  $y_2(t) = e^{-2t}$
14.  $y'' + 4y = 0$ ,  $y_1(t) = \cos 2t$ ,  $y_2(t) = \sin 2t$

In Exercise 17–20, use Definition 1.22 to explain why  $y_1(t)$  and  $y_2(t)$  are linearly independent solutions of the given differential equation. In addition calculate the Wronskian and use it to explain the independence of the given solutions.

17.  $y'' - y' - 2y = 0$ ,  $y_1(t) = e^{-t}$ ,  $y_2(t) = e^{2t}$
18.  $y'' + 9y = 0$ ,  $y_1(t) = \cos 3t$ ,  $y_2(t) = \sin 3t$
19.  $y'' + 4y' + 13y = 0$ ,  $y_1(t) = e^{-2t} \cos 3t$ ,  $y_2(t) = e^{-2t} \sin 3t$
20.  $y'' + 6y' + 9y = 0$ ,  $y_1(t) = e^{-3t}$ ,  $y_2(t) = te^{-3t}$

21. (Optional extra) Show that the functions

$$y_1(t) = t^2 \quad \text{and} \quad y_2(t) = t|t|$$

are linearly independent on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ . Next, show that the Wronskian of the two functions is identically zero on the interval  $(-\infty, \infty)$ . Why doesn't this result contradict Proposition 1.27?

26. (Optional extra) Unfortunately, Theorem 1.23 does not show us how to find two independent solutions. However, there is a technique that can be used to find a second solution when one solution is known.

(a) Show that  $y_1(t) = t^2$  is a solution of

$$t^2 y'' + t y' - 4y = 0. \quad (1)$$

(b) Let  $y_2(t) = v y_1(t) = v t^2$ , where  $v$  is a yet to be determined function of  $t$ . Note that if  $y_2/y_1 = v$  and  $v$  is nonconstant, then  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are independent. Show that the substitution  $y_2 = v t^2$  reduces equation (1) to the separable equation

$$5v' + t v'' = 0. \quad (2)$$

Solve equation (2) for  $v$ , form the solution  $y_2 = v t^2$ , and then state the general solution of equation (1).

### 4.3 Linear, Homogeneous Equations with Constant Coefficients

The equations in Exercises 1 and 2 have distinct, real, characteristic roots. Find the general solution in each case.

1.  $y'' - y' - 2y = 0$
2.  $2y'' - 3y' - 2y = 0$

The equations in Exercises 9 and 10 have complex characteristic roots. Find the general solution in each case.

9.  $y'' + y = 0$
10.  $y'' + 4y = 0$

The equations in Exercises 17 and 18 have repeated, real, characteristic roots. Find the general solution in each case.

17.  $y'' - 4y' + 4y = 0$
18.  $y'' - 6y' + 9y = 0$

In Exercise 25–29, find the solution of the given initial value problem.

25.  $y'' - y' - 2y = 0, \quad y(0) = -1, \quad y'(0) = 2$
26.  $10y'' - y' - 3y = 0, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 0$
27.  $y'' - 2y' + 17y = 0, \quad y(0) = -2, \quad y'(0) = 3$
28.  $y'' + 25y = 0, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = -1$
29.  $y'' + 10y' + 25y = 0, \quad y(0) = 2, \quad y'(0) = -1$

38. (Optional extra) Given that the characteristic equation  $\lambda^2 + p\lambda + q = 0$  has a double root,  $\lambda = \lambda_1$ , show, by direct substitution, that  $y = t e^{\lambda_1 t}$  is a solution of  $y'' + p y' + q y = 0$ .

#### 4.4 Harmonic Motion

In Exercise 7–10, place each equation in the form  $y = Ae^{-ct} \cos(\omega t - \phi)$ . Then, on one plot, place the graph of  $y = Ae^{-ct} \cos(\omega t - \phi)$ ,  $y = Ae^{-ct}$ , and  $y = -Ae^{-ct}$ . For the last two, use a different line style and/or color that for the first.

7.  $y = e^{-t/2}(\cos 5t + \sin 5t)$
8.  $y = e^{-t/4}(\sqrt{3} \cos 4t - \sin 4t)$
9.  $y = e^{-0.1t}(0.2 \cos 2t + 0.1 \sin 2t)$
10.  $y = e^{-0-2t}(\cos 4.2t - 1.2 \sin 4.2t)$

13. The undamped system

$$\frac{2}{5}x'' + kx = 0, \quad x(0) = 2, \quad x'(0) = v_0$$

is observed to have period  $\pi/2$  and amplitude 2. Find  $k$  and  $v_0$ .

14. Consider the undamped oscillator

$$mx'' + kx = 0, \quad x(0) = x_0, \quad x'(0) = v_0.$$

Show that the amplitude of the resulting motion is  $\sqrt{x_0^2 + mv_0^2/k}$ .

21. (Optional extra) If  $\mu > 2\sqrt{km}$ , the system  $mx'' + \mu x' + kx = 0$  is over-damped. The system is allowed to come to equilibrium. Then the mass is given a sharp tap, imparting an instantaneous downward velocity  $v_0$ .

(a) Show that the position of the mass is given by

$$x(t) = \frac{v_0}{\gamma} e^{-\mu t/(2m)} \sinh \gamma t,$$

where

$$\gamma = \frac{\sqrt{\mu^2 - 4mk}}{2m}.$$

(b) Show that the mass reaches its lowest point at

$$t = \frac{1}{\gamma} \tanh^{-1} \frac{2m\gamma}{\mu},$$

a time independent initial conditions.

(c) Show that, in the critically damped case, the time it takes the mass to reach its lowest point is given by  $t = 2m/\mu$ .