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Date: Mar 22nd, 2017 Time: 11:30am Duration: 35 minutes.

This exam has 4 questions for a total of 501 points.

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS**

- Show and explain all of your work unless the question directs otherwise. Simplify all answers.
- The use of a calculator is not permitted.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided on the question sheets. If you run out of room for an answer, ask for extra paper.

This is a two-stage exam. You have 35 minutes to complete the exam individually, then you will hand in the tests and join your group to redo the test as a group in the remaining 35 minutes.

Question:	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Points:	3	2	6	6	3	20
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- 3 1. Find the general solution of  $t^2 z'' + tz' + 9z = 0$ .

$z = t^r$ , characteristic eqn

$$r(r-1) + r + 9 = 0 \Leftrightarrow r^2 - r + r + 9 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow r^2 + 9 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow r = \pm 3i$$

$$\therefore z(t) = c_1 \cos(3 \ln(t)) + c_2 \sin(3 \ln(t))$$

- 2 2. For which of the ODEs below could you use the method of undetermined coefficients (MoUC) to find a particular solution? In cases where MoUC applies, give the form of the particular solution.

This is the only case where MoUC applies.

(a)  $4y'' + ty = 2\cos(t)$ ,

(b)  $y'' + 3y' - y = t \cos(2t)$

(c)  $y'' - 2y' + y = \frac{e^t}{1+t^2}$

$$y_p = (At + B) \cos(2t) + (Ct + D) \sin(2t)$$

- 6 100 2. Consider the ODE  $y'' - 2y' + y = e^t/t$ . Given that two linearly independent solutions of the associated homogeneous ODE are  $y_1(t) = e^t$  and  $y_2(t) = te^t$ , find a general solution of the ODE.  $t > 0$

$$y_p(t) = v_1 e^t + v_2 t e^t$$

$v_1(t)$  &  $v_2(t)$  must satisfy

$$\begin{cases} v_1' e^t + v_2' t e^t = 0 \\ v_1' e^t + v_2' (e^t + t e^t) = \frac{e^t}{t} \end{cases} \text{ set } \begin{cases} 1 \\ 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} v_1' + v_2' t = 0 \\ v_1' + v_2' (1+t) = \frac{1}{t} \end{cases} \text{ set } \begin{cases} 1 \\ 2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} v_2' = \frac{1}{t} \\ v_1' = -t v_2' = -1 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} v_2 = \ln(t) + e^{\int \frac{1}{t} dt} \\ v_1 = -t + e^{\int -1 dt} \end{cases}$$

not linearly independent of  $y_2(t)$

$$\therefore y_p(t) = (-t e^t) + \ln(t) t e^t$$

$$\therefore y(t) = c_1 e^t + c_2 t e^t + \ln(t) t e^t$$

3. Consider the ODE  $y'' - 4y' + 4y = 0$ . The characteristic equation has a double root,  $r = 2$ , and so one solution of the ODE is  $y_1(t) = e^{2t}$ . Use reduction of order to derive a second linearly independent solution. Write the general solution.

$$\text{Let } y_2(t) = v(t)y_1(t) = v(t)e^{2t}$$

$$\text{Then } y_2' = v'e^{2t} + 2ve^{2t}$$

$$y_2'' = v''e^{2t} + 4v'e^{2t} + 4ve^{2t}$$

The ODE becomes

$$y_2'' - 4y_2' + 4y_2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow v''e^{2t} + 4v'e^{2t} + 4ve^{2t} - 4v'e^{2t} - 8ve^{2t} + 4ve^{2t} = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow v'' = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow v = At + B \rightarrow 0$$

$$\therefore y_2(t) = te^{2t}$$

general solution:

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



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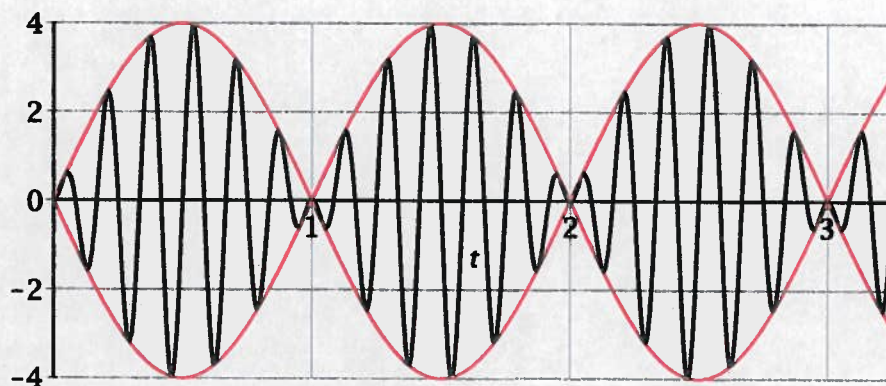
4. The solution behaviour of a particular mass-spring system is shown below. With reference to the figure, answer the following questions:

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(a) What is the illustrated behaviour called? (2 names)

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(b) What ingredients are necessary to produce this behaviour? List all of them.



a) Beats or amplitude modulation (as in AM radio).  
It is useful for tuning instruments, or selecting a radio station.

b) • low damping (so that the mass-spring system wants to oscillate even in the absence of forcing)

• a forcing frequency of the form  $F_0 \cos(\gamma t)$

•  $\gamma$  very close to  $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$  (not equal!)

c) The beat period is 2.

**BONUS PROBLEM, 2pts** Determine the mass-spring frequency (in the absence of forcing) and the forcing frequency for the mass-spring system in question 4.

$$\text{Beat period} = 2 = \frac{2\pi}{\theta} \Leftrightarrow \theta = \pi = \frac{\gamma - \omega}{2}$$

$$\text{"note" period} = \frac{1}{6} = \frac{2\pi}{\phi} \Leftrightarrow \phi = 12\pi = \frac{\gamma + \omega}{2}$$

Solve for  $\gamma$  &  $\omega$ :

$$\begin{cases} \gamma - \omega = 2\pi \\ \gamma + \omega = 24\pi \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} 2\gamma = 26\pi \\ 2\omega = 22\pi \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \gamma = 13\pi \\ \omega = 11\pi \end{cases}$$

We don't actually know that  $\gamma > \omega$ . What we do know is that the forcing frequency is either  $13\pi$  or  $11\pi$ , & the mass-spring system wants to oscillate at the other frequency.