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M555: Differential Equations I (Spring 2018)
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Good Problems 5: Sections 3.1–3.4



Instructions Complete all problems, showing enough work. A selection of problems will be graded based on the organization and clarity of the work shown in addition to the final solution (provided one exists).

1. Find the general solutions of the differential equations.

a.) $6y'' - y' - y = 0$

b.) $y'' - 2y' + 6y = 0$

c.) $y'' - 2y' + y = 0$

2. Find the particular solutions of the initial value problems.

$$a.) \begin{cases} y'' + 4y' + 5y = 0 \\ y(0) = 1 \\ y'(0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$b.) \begin{cases} y'' + 4y' + 3y = 0 \\ y(0) = 2 \\ y'(0) = -1 \end{cases}$$

3. Consider the differential equation

$$(x - 1) y'' - x y' + y = 0, \quad x > 0.$$

a.) Show that $\varphi_1(x) = e^x$ is a solution.

b.) Use the method of reduction of order to find a second solution of the differential equation. Verify that the second solution is indeed a new solution.

4. Consider the differential equation

$$y'' + 4y = t^2 + 3e^t.$$

a.) Find the solution y_h of the associated homogeneous equation.

b.) Use the method of undetermined coefficients to find the general solution $y = Y + y_h$ of the given DE.