

1. Solve the following differential equations.

i)  $\frac{dy}{dt} + 2017y = 0, \quad y(0) = 5.$

ii)  $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} - 10\frac{dy}{dt} + 21y = 0, \quad y(0) = 5, \quad \frac{dy}{dt}(0) = 19.$

iii)  $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} - 6\frac{dy}{dt} + 25y = 0, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad \frac{dy}{dt}(0) = 15.$

iv)  $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 8\frac{dy}{dt} + 16y = 0, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad \frac{dy}{dt}(1) = 10.$

v)  $\frac{d^6y}{dt^6} - y = 0.$  (It is sufficient to find a basis for the space of solutions.)

2. In each of the following, find a linear homogeneous differential equation with constant coefficients with the given functions as a basis for its space of solutions.

i)  $\phi_1(t) = e^t, \quad \phi_2(t) = e^{2t}.$

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iii)  $\phi_1(t) = e^{-kt}, \quad \phi_2(t) = t e^{-kt}, \quad \phi_3(t) = e^{2t},$  where  $k$  is a real number.

iv)  $\phi_1(t) = e^{\sigma t} \cos(\omega t), \quad \phi_2(t) = e^{\sigma t} \sin(\omega t),$  where  $\sigma$  and  $\omega \neq 0$  are real numbers.

v)  $\phi_1(t) = 1, \quad \phi_2(t) = t, \quad \phi_3(t) = t^2, \quad \phi_4(t) = e^{-t} \cos(t), \quad \phi_5(t) = e^{-t} \sin(t).$

3. By comparing the real and imaginary parts of the identity

$$e^{i(\theta+\phi)} = e^{i\theta} e^{i\phi},$$

show the angle addition identities for sin and cos:

$$\begin{aligned} \sin(\theta + \phi) &= \sin(\theta) \cos(\phi) + \cos(\theta) \sin(\phi), \quad \text{and} \\ \cos(\theta + \phi) &= \cos(\theta) \cos(\phi) - \sin(\theta) \sin(\phi). \end{aligned}$$

**4** (Simple harmonic motion). Consider a mass hanging on a spring with spring constant  $k$ . After an initial stretch of the spring to balance the force of gravity, the mass will hang at rest. Choose a coordinate system such that the  $y$ -axis is aligned with the spring, and such that the rest point of the mass is at  $y = 0$ .

If the mass is moved a distance  $y$  from  $y = 0$ , it will be acted on by a restoring force due to the spring, given by Hooke's law:  $\mathbf{F}_{\text{restoring}} = -ky$ . In the absence of other forces (such as damping), the motion of the mass is described by

$$m \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} = -ky \quad (\text{Newton's second law}),$$

or, bringing to standard form for a linear equation,

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + \omega^2 y = 0, \quad \text{where } \omega^2 = k/m. \quad (1)$$

- i) Find the roots of the characteristic polynomial of (1), and conclude that  $\phi_1(t) = \cos(\omega t)$  and  $\phi_2(t) = \sin(\omega t)$  are a basis for the space of solutions of (1).
- ii) Check that for real numbers  $A \geq 0$  and  $\phi \in (-\pi, \pi]$ , the function

$$A \cos(\omega t + \phi),$$

is a solution of (1). Therefore, we have

$$A \cos(\omega t + \phi) = c_1 \cos(\omega t) + c_2 \sin(\omega t)$$

for some real numbers  $c_1, c_2$ . Find  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  in terms of  $A$  and  $\phi$ . (*Suggestion:* Expand  $\cos(\omega t + \phi)$  using the angle addition identity, and make use of the fact that any vector is expressed uniquely as a linear combination of basis elements.)

- iii) Find  $A$  and  $\phi$  so that the function  $A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$  is a solution of (1) with initial conditions

$$y(0) = y_0, \quad \frac{dy}{dt}(0) = v_0 \omega.$$

Conclude that any solution of (1) may be written in the form  $A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$ .

- iv) The parameters  $\omega$ ,  $A$  and  $\phi$  are called the frequency, amplitude and phase of the motion, respectively. Briefly describe (with sketches, if possible) how the graph of  $A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$  depends on these three parameters.