

**Homework #6**

Math 527, UNH fall 2011

Will not be collected; do as practice for exam.

**Problem 1:**

Show that the general solution  $y(t)$  of  $y'' + \omega^2 y = 0$  can be written in two equivalent forms,

$$y(t) = c_1 e^{i\omega t} + c_2 e^{-i\omega t}$$

$$y(t) = c_3 \cos \omega t + c_4 \sin \omega t,$$

by deriving formulae for  $c_3$  and  $c_4$  in terms of  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ , and vice versa. Note that real-valued solutions  $y(t)$  are obtained by setting  $c_3$  and  $c_4$  to real-valued constants. This derivation allows you, in practice, to go straight from  $\lambda = \pm i\omega$  to the form involving sines and cosines, completely skipping the complex exponentials.

**Problem 2:**

Generalizing the results of problem 1, show that the ansatz  $y = e^{\lambda t}$  in the ODE  $y'' + 2\mu y' + \omega^2 y = 0$ , (for  $\mu > 0$  and  $\omega^2 > 0$ ) results  $\lambda = -\mu \pm i\omega$ , and that the general solution  $y(t)$  can be written in either of these forms

$$y(t) = c_1 e^{-\mu t} e^{i\omega t} + c_2 e^{-\mu t} e^{-i\omega t}$$

$$y(t) = c_3 e^{-\mu t} \cos \omega t + c_4 e^{-\mu t} \sin \omega t,$$

This derivation allows you, in practice, to go straight from  $\lambda = -\mu \pm i\omega$  to the form involving sines and cosines, completely skipping the complex exponentials.

**Problem 3:**

Find the solution of the forced mass-spring system  $my'' + ky = F_0 \sin(\sqrt{k/m}t)$  with initial conditions  $y(0) = y'(0) = 0$ . Note that the solution grows without bound as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . This is called *resonant forcing*: since the forcing frequency is the same as the frequency of natural oscillation, the pushing is always in synch with the motion, and the oscillations always grow in time.

**Problems 4-9:** Find the general solution of the linear nonhomogeneous ODE. If you solve a problem with judicious guessing, try solving it again with variation of parameters, just for practice.

**Problem 4:**  $y'' - 2y' + 5y = e^x \cos x$

**Problem 5:**  $y'' - 4y = (x^2 - 3) \sin 2x$

**Problem 6:**  $y''' - 2y'' - 4y' + 8y = 6xe^{2x}$

**Problem 7:**  $y'' + 2y' + y = e^{-t} \ln t$

**Problem 8:**  $y'' + y = \cos^2 t$

**Problem 9:**  $3y'' - 6y' + 6y = e^x \sec x$