92.234 Diff Eqns – Test 3 Fall 06

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Answer 5 all questions. Each problem is worth 20 points. Box in your answer(s) to each question. Good luck.

1. Set up the appropriate form of a particular solution y_p of the differential equation

$$y^{(5)} - y^{(3)} = e^x + 2x^2 - 5.$$

Do not determine the value of the coefficients.

2. Find the solution of the system of differential equations with given initial conditions

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x' &=& x+3y+4t\\ y' &=& x-y \end{array}$$

Assume x(0) = 5, y(0) = 0.

3. Given the differential equation

$$x'' + 4x' + 4x = 10\cos(3t),$$

find the steady periodic solution and express it in the form $x_{sp} = C \cos(\omega t - \alpha)$. Determine C and α to four decimal place accuracy (if using a calculator).

4. Consider two 10 gallon tanks of water and suppose they are both filled with salty water – however, do not assume that the concentrations of salt in both tanks are identical.

Suppose that fresh water flows into Tank A at the rate of 1 gal/min and into Tank B at the rate of 2 gal/min. At the same time 3 gal/min of salty water flows out of Tank A. Finally suppose that well mixed solutions are exchanged between the two tanks as follows:

1 gal/min is pumped from Tank A to Tank B

3 gal/min is pumped from Tank B to Tank A.

Let x(t) represent the amount of salt in Tank A at time t and y(t) the amount of salt in Tank B at time t.

- (a) Without doing any solving of DE's, but just from common sense, can you anticipate what is going to happen to x(t) and y(t) as $t \to \infty$?
- (b) Express this exchange of salt between Tanks A and B as a linear system of differential equations.
- (c) Using any of the methods which we have developed, determine the general solution. Note: you should obtain x(t) and y(t) which depend on only two parameters c_1 and c_2 which cannot be determined until x(0) and y(0) are specified.
- (d) Does the answer above correspond to your answer in (a); i.e., determine the limit as $t \to \infty$ of your expressions for x(t), y(t).

- 5. Consider the following spring system
 - (a) Determine the spring constant k of a spring stretched 0.5m by a force of 2 N.
 - (b) Suppose for that spring, a 2 kg mass is attached to the spring and released from rest from the stretched position $x_0 = 1$ m from the relaxed length. Suppose the damping constant c for the system is 4 (N sec/m) (i.e. the resistance force when stretched to x is given by -4x' N.). Find the position x(t) of this mass at time t. The DE is 2x'' + 4x' + 4x = 0 with IC's x(0) = 1, x'(0) = 0. Then $x(t) = e^{-t}(\cos t + \sin t)$.