

Pointers to the solutions for the practice test

1. Homogeneous equation $\Rightarrow y_c = C_1 \exp(\alpha) \cos(\alpha) + C_2 \exp(\alpha) \sin(\alpha)$

Particular solution — via undetermined coefficients:

$y_p = \exp(2x) (A \cos(x) + B \sin(x))$, we get $A = 7/5$, $B = -1/5$.

2. $k = \frac{12}{8} = 6 \text{ lb/ft}$, $m = \frac{32}{32} = 1 \text{ slug}$ } $x(0) = 1$, $x'(0) = -4$
 (a) Equation of motion: $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = 4 \text{ s}^{-1}$ } or faster: $mgy = k\Delta \Rightarrow \frac{k}{m} = \frac{g}{\Delta} = \frac{32}{2} \text{ s}^{-2}$

$x(t) = 1 \times \cos(4t) - 1 \times \sin(4t)$

(b) Amplitude: $A = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2}$; Period $T = \frac{2\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ s}$; Frequency $f = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{2}{\pi} \text{ s}^{-1}$

(c) $x(t) = \sqrt{2} \cos(4t + \frac{\pi}{4})$, smallest $t^* > 0$ for which $x(t^*) = 1$:

$\cos(4t^* + \frac{\pi}{4}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$, $4t^* + \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{7\pi}{4}$, $t^* = \frac{3\pi}{8} \text{ s}$

(d) $x'(t) = -4\sqrt{2} \sin(4t + \frac{\pi}{4}) = 0 \Leftrightarrow 4t + \frac{\pi}{4} = k\pi \Leftrightarrow t = -\frac{\pi}{16} + k\frac{\pi}{4}$

(e) $x'(\frac{3\pi}{16}) = -4\sqrt{2} \sin(\pi) = 0$

3. $y(x) = \cosh(\sqrt{3}x) + \frac{5}{\sqrt{3}} \sinh(\sqrt{3}x) = (\frac{1}{2} + \frac{5}{2\sqrt{3}}) e^{\sqrt{3}x} + (\frac{1}{2} - \frac{5}{2\sqrt{3}}) e^{-\sqrt{3}x}$

4. (a) Fundamental set of solutions: $(\alpha \cos(\ln \alpha), \alpha \sin(\ln \alpha))$

(b) Set $y = u y_2$
 $y' = u y_2' + u' y_2$
 $y'' = u y_2'' + 2u' y_2' + u'' y_2$ } $\alpha^2 y'' - \alpha y' + 2y = u(\alpha^2 y_2'' - \alpha y_2' + 2y_2) + u'(2\alpha y_2' - \alpha y_2) + u''(\alpha^2 y_2)$

With $y_2 = \alpha \sin(\ln \alpha)$
 $y_2' = \sin(\ln \alpha) + \cos(\ln \alpha)$, we get

$0 = u'(2\alpha^2 \sin(\ln \alpha) + 2\alpha^2 \cos(\ln \alpha) - \alpha^2 \sin(\ln \alpha)) + u''(\alpha^3 \sin(\ln \alpha))$

$0 = u'' + (\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{2}{\alpha} \frac{\cos(\ln \alpha)}{\sin(\ln \alpha)}) u'$

solution: $u' = \exp(-\int (\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{2}{\alpha} \frac{\cos(\ln \alpha)}{\sin(\ln \alpha)}) d\alpha) = \exp(-(\ln \alpha + 2 \ln|\sin(\ln \alpha)|)) = \frac{1}{\alpha} * \frac{1}{\sin^2(\ln \alpha)}$

$u = -\frac{\cos(\ln \alpha)}{\sin(\ln \alpha)}$, and $y = -\frac{\cos(\ln \alpha)}{\sin(\ln \alpha)} * \alpha \sin(\ln \alpha) = -\alpha \cos(\ln \alpha)$.

5. Homogeneous equation $\Rightarrow y_c = C_1 \exp(x) + C_2 x \exp(x)$

Particular solution — via variation of parameters:

$$y_1 = \exp(x), \quad y_2 = x \exp(x), \quad W = \begin{vmatrix} \exp(x) & x \exp(x) \\ \exp(x) & (x+1) \exp(x) \end{vmatrix} = \exp(2x)$$

$$W_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & x \exp(x) \\ \exp(x) \operatorname{Arctan}(x) & \text{---} \end{vmatrix} = -x \operatorname{Arctan}(x) \exp(2x), \quad u_1' = \frac{W_1}{W} = -x \operatorname{Arctan}(x)$$

$$W_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \exp(x) & 0 \\ \exp(x) & \exp(x) \operatorname{Arctan}(x) \end{vmatrix} = \operatorname{Arctan}(x) \exp(2x), \quad u_2' = \frac{W_2}{W} = \operatorname{Arctan}(x)$$

$$-u_1 = \int x \operatorname{Arctan}(x) dx = \frac{x^2}{2} \operatorname{Arctan}(x) - \int \frac{x^2}{2} \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx = \frac{x^2}{2} \operatorname{Arctan}(x) - \frac{1}{2} \int \left(1 - \frac{1}{1+x^2}\right) dx$$

$$u_1 = -\frac{x^2}{2} \operatorname{Arctan}(x) + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Arctan}(x) = -\frac{1}{2} (1+x^2) \operatorname{Arctan}(x) + \frac{x}{2}$$

$$u_2 = \int \operatorname{Arctan}(x) dx = x \operatorname{Arctan}(x) - \int \frac{x}{1+x^2} dx = x \operatorname{Arctan}(x) - \frac{1}{2} \ln(1+x^2)$$

$$y_p = u_1 y_1 + u_2 y_2 = \dots$$

6. Auxiliary equation: $0 = m^4 - m^3 - 2m^2 = m^2(m-2)(m+1)$ has solutions: $0, 0, -1, 2$

$$y = C_1 + C_2 x + C_3 \exp(-x) + C_4 \exp(2x)$$

7. $\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + \frac{\beta}{m} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{k}{m} x = 0$, with $\frac{\beta}{m} = 10 \text{ s}^{-1}$, $\frac{k}{m} = 16 \text{ s}^{-2}$.

Auxiliary equation has roots -2 and -8 , so $x(t) = C_1 \exp(-2t) + C_2 \exp(-8t)$

$$(a) \left. \begin{array}{l} x(0) = 1 \\ x'(0) = 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow x(t) = \frac{4}{3} \exp(-2t) - \frac{1}{3} \exp(-8t)$$

$$(b) \left. \begin{array}{l} x(0) = 1 \\ x'(0) = -12 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow x(t) = -\frac{2}{3} \exp(-2t) + \frac{5}{3} \exp(-8t)$$

$$8. (a) y = C_1 \exp(x) + C_2 \exp(-x) + C_3 x \exp(x) + C_4 x \exp(-x) \\ = C_1 \cosh(x) + C_2 \sinh(x) + C_3 x \cosh(x) + C_4 x \sinh(x)$$

$$(b) y_p = A x^2 \cosh(x) + B x^2 \sinh(x) \xrightarrow[\text{calculations}]{\text{matchy}} A=0, B = \frac{1}{8}$$

9. Homogeneous equation $\Rightarrow y_c = C_1 x + C_2 x^2$

Particular solution — via variation of parameters

$$y_1 = x, \quad y_2 = x^2, \quad W = \begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 \\ 1 & 2x \end{vmatrix} = x^2, \quad W_2 = \begin{vmatrix} x & 0 \\ 1 & x^2 \exp(x) \end{vmatrix} = x^3 \exp(x), \quad W_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & x^2 \\ x^2 \exp(x) & 2x \end{vmatrix} = -x^4 \exp(x)$$

$$u_2' = \frac{W_2}{W} = x \exp(x), \quad u_2 = \int x \exp(x) dx = x \exp(x) - \int \exp(x) dx = (x-1) \exp(x)$$

$$u_1' = \frac{W_1}{W} = -x^2 \exp(x), \quad u_1 = -\int x^2 \exp(x) dx = -x^2 \exp(x) + 2 \int x \exp(x) dx = (-x^2 + 2x - 2) \exp(x)$$

$$y_p = u_1 y_1 + u_2 y_2 = \dots = (x^2 - 2x) \exp(x); \quad y = y_c + y_p.$$

10. Homogeneous equation $\Rightarrow y_c = C_1 \exp(x) \cos(2x) + C_2 \exp(x) \sin(2x)$

Particular solution — via undetermined coefficients:

$$y_p = A x \exp(x) \cos(2x) + B x \exp(x) \sin(2x) \Rightarrow A=0, \quad B = \frac{1}{4}.$$

11. Variation of parameters: $y_1 = \cos(\ln x), \quad y_2 = \sin(\ln x)$

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} \cos(\ln x) & \sin(\ln x) \\ \frac{1}{x} \sin(\ln x) & \frac{1}{x} \cos(\ln x) \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$W_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & \sin(\ln x) \\ \frac{1}{x^2} \sec(\ln x) & \dots \end{vmatrix} = -\frac{1}{x^2} \frac{\sin(\ln x)}{\cos(\ln x)}; \quad W_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \cos(\ln x) & 0 \\ \dots & \frac{1}{x^2} \sec(\ln x) \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{x^2}$$

$$u_1' = \frac{W_1}{W} = -\frac{1}{x} \frac{\sin(\ln x)}{\cos(\ln x)} \Rightarrow u_1 = \ln |\cos(\ln x)|$$

$$u_2' = \frac{W_2}{W} = \frac{1}{x} \dots \Rightarrow u_2 = \ln(x)$$

$$y_p = u_1 y_1 + u_2 y_2 \quad y_p(1) = 0$$

$$y_p' = \underbrace{u_1' y_1 + u_2' y_2}_{=0} + u_1 y_1' + u_2 y_2' \quad y_p'(1) = 0$$

$$y = C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2 + y_p \text{ satisfies } \begin{matrix} y(1) = 1 \\ y'(1) = 1 \end{matrix}, \text{ so that}$$

$$C_1 \times 1 + C_2 \times 0 + 0 = 1$$

$$C_1 \times 0 + C_2 \times 1 + 0 = 1, \text{ i.e. } C_1 = C_2 = 1$$

$$y = (1 + \ln |\cos(\ln x)|) \cos(\ln x) + (1 + \ln(x)) \sin(\ln x)$$