

# Mathematics 2403 Hour Examination

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**Directions:** Do all problems. Show your work and justify your answers. Calculators are allowed, but this is a closed book examination.

1 (36) Find all solutions to each of the following equations:

a.  $y'' - 3y' - 10y = 0$

b.  $y'' - 3y' - 10y = 20e^{5x}$

c.  $y'' - 3y' - 10y = \cos(5x)$

2. (12) Solve the initial value problem  $y'' - y = \sin x$ ,  $y(0) = 0$ ,  $y'(0) = 1$ .

3. (12) Show that the set  $\{e^{2x}, e^{3x}\}$  is linearly independent.

4. (12) If  $(D^2 + 4)^2 D^3 (D - 2)^4 y = 0$ , what is the form of the general solution to this equation? (You needn't determine the constants; remember that  $D$  means "differentiate".)

5. (28) An unforced mass-spring system without damping has equation  $4x'' + 9x = 0$ .

a. (8) Find the circular frequency and the period of this system.

b. (10) Find the general (real) solution to the equation  $4x'' + 9x = 0$ .

c. (10) If this system is set in motion with an initial displacement of  $\frac{1}{2}$  and initial velocity of  $\frac{1}{2}$ , what is the amplitude of the motion?

**Answers.** 1. a.  $y = C_1 e^{5x} + C_2 e^{-2x}$  b.  $y = C_1 e^{5x} + C_2 e^{-2x} + \frac{20}{7} x e^{5x}$

$$y = C_1 e^{5x} + C_2 e^{-2x} - \frac{7}{290} \cos(5x) - \frac{3}{290} \sin(5x)$$

2.  $y = \frac{3}{4} e^x - \frac{3}{4} e^{-x} - \frac{1}{2} \sin(x)$

4.

$$C_1 \sin(2x) + C_2 \cos(2x) + C_3 x \sin(2x) + C_4 x \cos(2x) + C_5 + C_6 x + (C_8 + C_9 x) e^{2x}$$

5. a. circular frequency =  $3/2$ , period =  $4/3$ . b.  $C_1 \cos\left(\frac{3t}{2}\right) + C_2 \sin\left(\frac{3t}{2}\right)$

c.  $\frac{\sqrt{13}}{6}$