

Homework # 8 solutions

1. $y'' + y' = \frac{1}{1+e^{-t}}$, given $y_1(t) = e^{-t}$, $y_2(t) = 1$.

Variation of parameters

$$y_p(t) = u_1(t)y_1(t) + u_2(t)y_2(t) \quad \text{where}$$

$$u_1(t) = - \int \frac{y_2(t)g(t)}{W[y_1, y_2](t)} dt \quad u_2(t) = \int \frac{y_1(t)g(t)}{W[y_1, y_2](t)} dt$$

Our ode is in the standard form, therefore $g(t) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-t}}$, $W[e^{-t}, 1] = e^{-t} \cdot \frac{d}{dt}(1) - \frac{d}{dt}(e^{-t}) \cdot 1 = -(-1 \cdot e^{-t}) = e^{-t} \neq 0$

$$u_1(t) = - \int \frac{1 \cdot 1}{1+e^{-t}} \cdot \frac{1}{e^{-t}} dt = - \int \frac{e^t}{1+e^{-t}} dt$$

Simplify integrand

$$\frac{e^t}{1+e^{-t}} = \frac{e^t}{1 + \frac{1}{e^t}} = \frac{e^t}{\frac{e^t+1}{e^t}} = \frac{e^t \cdot e^t}{e^t+1}$$

$$\int \frac{e^t \cdot e^t}{e^t+1} dt = \int \frac{(u-1) du}{u} = - \int 1 - \frac{1}{u} du = \int \frac{1}{u} - 1 du = \ln|u| - u = \ln(e^t+1) - (e^t+1)$$

$$\text{let } u = e^t + 1$$

$$\frac{du}{dt} = e^t \Rightarrow du = e^t \cdot dt$$

$$u-1 = e^t$$

$$u_1(t) = \ln(e^t+1) - (e^t+1)$$

$$u_2(t) = \int e^{-t} \cdot \frac{1}{1+e^{-t}} \cdot \frac{1}{e^{-t}} dt = \int \frac{e^t \cdot e^t}{1+e^{-t}} dt = \int \frac{1}{1+e^{-t}} dt$$

Simplify integrand $\frac{1}{1+e^{-t}} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{e^t}} = \frac{1}{\frac{e^t+1}{e^t}} = \frac{e^t}{e^t+1}$

$$u_2(t) = \int \frac{e^t}{e^t+1} dt = \int \frac{1}{u} du = \ln|u| = \ln(e^t+1)$$

$$y_p(t) = \left[\ln(e^t + 1) - (e^t + 1) \right] e^{-t} + \left[\ln(e^t + 1) \right] \cdot 1$$

The general solution is

$$y(t) = c_1 e^{-t} + c_2 \cdot 1 + \left[\ln(e^t + 1) - (e^t + 1) \right] e^{-t} + \left[\ln(e^t + 1) \right] \cdot 1$$

2. $y'' + y = \tan(t) + 3t - 1$.

Break up into

$$y_1'' + y_1 = \tan(t) \quad (A)$$

$$y_2'' + y_2 = (3t - 1)$$

Step 1

Solve homogeneous problem

$$y'' + y = 0 \Rightarrow r^2 + 1 = 0 \quad r = \pm \sqrt{-1} = \pm i$$

$$y_c(t) = e^{0t} \cos(t) + e^{0t} \sin(t) = \cos(t) + \sin(t)$$

(A)

Variation of parameters

$$y_1^p(t) = u_1(t) y_1(t) + u_2(t) y_2(t) \quad \text{where } y_1(t) = \cos(t)$$

$$y_2(t) = \sin(t)$$

$$W[\cos(t), \sin(t)] = \cos(t) \cdot \cos(t) - \sin(t) \cdot (-\sin(t)) = \cos^2(t) + \sin^2(t) \equiv 1$$

$$u_1(t) = - \int \frac{\sin(t) \cdot \tan(t)}{1} dt$$

$$= - \int \sin(t) \cdot \frac{\sin(t)}{\cos(t)} dt = - \int \frac{\sin^2(t)}{\cos(t)} dt = \int \frac{-(1 - \cos^2(t))}{\cos(t)} dt$$

$$= - \int \frac{1}{\cos(t)} dt + \int \frac{\cos^2(t)}{\cos(t)} dt$$

$$= - \int \sec(t) dt + \int \cos(t) dt$$

$$= - \ln|\sec(t) + \tan(t)| + \sin(t)$$

$$u_2(t) = \int \frac{\cos(t) \cdot \tan(t)}{1} dt = \int \cos(t) \cdot \frac{\sin(t)}{\cos(t)} dt = \int \sin(t) dt = -\cos(t)$$

$$y_1^p(t) = \left[-\ln(\sec(t) + \tan(t)) + \sin(t) \right] \cos(t) + \left[-\cos(t) \right] \sin(t)$$

for (B) Use method of undetermined coefficients

$$y_2'' + y_2 = 3t + 1 \quad , \quad y_c = \sin(t) + \cos(t) \text{ so pick}$$

$$y_2^p(t) = At + B$$

$$y_2^{p'}(t) = A$$

$$y_2^{p''}(t) = 0 \quad , \quad \text{plug into ODE}$$

$$y_2^{p''} + y_2^p = (At + B) = (3t + 1) \Rightarrow A = 3 \quad , \quad B = 1.$$

$$y_2^p(t) = 3t + 1.$$

The general solution is

$$\cos(t) + \sin(t) + \left[-\ln(\sec(t) + \tan(t)) \right] \cos(t) - \cos(t) \sin(t) + (3t + 1)$$

3. The general equation for the spring-mass system is

$$mu'' + \gamma u' + k u = 0$$

$$m = 1 \text{ kg} \quad , \quad k = 4 \text{ N/m} \quad , \quad \gamma = 5 \text{ N/m} \quad \text{so we have}$$

$$u'' + 5u' + 4u = 0$$

Case I

mass is lifted and released $\Rightarrow u(0) = -1$ (remember \downarrow is $^+*$)

$$u'(0) = 0$$

Solving

$$u'' + 5u' + 4u = 0 \Leftrightarrow r^2 + 5r + 4 = 0 \Leftrightarrow (r+1)(r+4) = 0$$

$$r = -1, r = -4$$

$$u(t) = c_1 e^{-t} + c_2 e^{-4t}$$

Applying initial conditions

$$u(0) = -1 \Rightarrow c_1 + c_2 = -1 \dots (i)$$

$$u'(t) = -c_1 e^{-t} - 4c_2 e^{-4t} \Rightarrow u'(0) = 0 \Rightarrow -c_1 - 4c_2 = 0 \dots (ii)$$

Solving

$$c_1 = -1 - c_2 \text{ plug into (ii)} \quad -(-1 - c_2) - 4c_2 = 0$$

$$1 + c_2 - 4c_2 = 0$$

$$1 - 3c_2 = 0 \Rightarrow c_2 = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$c_1 = -1 - \frac{1}{3} = -\frac{4}{3}$$

$$u(t) = -\frac{4}{3} e^{-t} + \frac{1}{3} e^{-4t}$$

Case II

lifted 1m and given a downward velocity of 4m/s

$$u(0) = -1$$

$$u'(0) = 4$$

$$u(0) = -1 \Rightarrow c_1 + c_2 = -1 \dots (i)$$

$$u'(0) = 4 \Rightarrow -c_1 - 4c_2 = 4 \dots (ii)$$

$$\text{from } c_1 = -1 - c_2 \Rightarrow \text{plug into (ii)} \quad (-1 - c_2) - 4c_2 = 4$$

$$-1 - 5c_2 = 4$$

$$-5c_2 = 5 \quad c_2 = -1$$

$$c_1 = -1 - (-1) = 0$$

$$u(t) = -e^{-4t}$$

$$mu'' + \gamma u' + ku = 0$$

$$u(0) = u_0, \quad u'(0) = 0$$

The system is critically damped $\Rightarrow b^2 - 4mk = 0$, therefore $r = -\frac{\gamma}{2m}$

$$u(t) = c_1 e^{-\frac{\gamma}{2m}t} + c_2 t e^{-\frac{\gamma}{2m}t}$$

Applying initial conditions

$$u(0) = u_0, \quad u'(0) = 0$$

$$u(0) = u_0 \Rightarrow c_1 + 0 = u_0 \Rightarrow c_1 = u_0 \Rightarrow u(t) = u_0 e^{-\frac{\gamma}{2m}t} + c_2 t e^{-\frac{\gamma}{2m}t}$$

$$u'(t) = u_0 \left(-\frac{\gamma}{2m}\right) e^{-\frac{\gamma}{2m}t} + c_2 \left[t \cdot \left(-\frac{\gamma}{2m}\right) e^{-\frac{\gamma}{2m}t} + e^{-\frac{\gamma}{2m}t} \cdot 1 \right]$$

$$u'(0) = 0 \Rightarrow u_0 \left(-\frac{\gamma}{2m}\right) + c_2 \left[e^0 \right] = 0$$

$$c_2 = \frac{u_0 \gamma}{2m}$$

$$u(t) = u_0 e^{-\frac{\gamma}{2m}t} + \frac{u_0 \gamma}{2m} t e^{-\frac{\gamma}{2m}t}$$

Let's show that :

$$(a) \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(t) = 0$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[u_0 e^{-\frac{\gamma}{2m}t} \right] + \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{u_0 \gamma}{2m} t e^{-\frac{\gamma}{2m}t} \right]$$

$$= 0$$

$$\text{because } e^{-kt} \rightarrow 0$$

\hookrightarrow here use l'Hopital's rule

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} t e^{-\frac{\gamma}{2m}t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{t}{e^{+\frac{\gamma}{2m}t}} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\frac{\gamma}{2m} e^{+\frac{\gamma}{2m}t}}$$

$$= 0$$

$$\text{because } e^{kt} \rightarrow \infty$$

(b) $u(t) = 0$ for $t > 0$, assuming $u_0 \neq 0$, otherwise the pendulum goes nowhere!

mass

Try to solve

$$u(t) = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$u_0 e^{-\frac{\gamma}{2m}t} + u_0 \frac{\gamma}{2m} t e^{-\frac{\gamma}{2m}t} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{u_0 \gamma}{2m} t e^{-\frac{\gamma}{2m}t} = -u_0 e^{-\frac{\gamma}{2m}t}$$

so $t = -\frac{2m}{\gamma} < 0$ because $m, \gamma > 0$ so the mass does not cross the equilibrium position for any $t > 0$.