

of  $A$ . For what values of  $A$  do oscillations occur? Give the phase plane diagram for this case. Find the complete solution and give the phase plane diagram for  $A = 0$ . Discuss the period of the motion for  $A$  in the range  $-\frac{4}{27} \leq A \leq 0$ .

6. If  $\ddot{x} = x^3 - 3x^2 - 6x + 8$ , for what range of  $x$  do oscillations occur? Give the phase plane diagram.
7. If  $\ddot{x} = f(x)$  where (i)  $f = 1 - x$  (ii)  $f = 1 - x^3$  (iii)  $f = \cos x$  (iv)  $f = x^3 - x$  find the equilibrium positions and determine the stability properties in each case.
8. A rocket is launched vertically from the Earth's surface  $r = R$  with speed  $\dot{r} = V$ , so that the angular momentum  $h = 0$ . Use Newton's law and the inverse square law of gravitational attraction to determine the relationship

$$\dot{r}^2 = \frac{2\mu}{r} + V^2 - \frac{2\mu}{R}.$$

Use the phase plane to discuss the motion for different values of  $V$  and find the complete solution for  $r$  as a function of  $t$  in the case when  $V^2 = 2\mu/R$ .

9. An infinite string  $(-\infty < x < \infty)$  is given a displacement  $\eta = \operatorname{sech} x$  at  $t = 0$  and is released from rest. Find and sketch its subsequent displacement  $\eta(x, t)$ .
10. A semi-infinite string  $x \geq 0$  is held fixed with zero displacement  $\eta$  at  $x = 0$  for all  $t \geq 0$ . If it is released from rest at  $t = 0$  with displacement  $\eta = xe^{-3x}$ , find and sketch its subsequent displacement  $\eta(x, t)$ . Find the slope of the string at  $x = 0$ .
11. A semi-infinite string  $x \geq 0$  is forced to oscillate by a vertical displacement  $\eta = a \sin \omega t$  of its end  $x = 0$ . If the string is at rest with zero displacement at  $t = 0$ , find and sketch its displacement  $\eta(x, t)$  for  $t \geq 0$ .
12. The displacement  $x$  of a damped spring system is governed by the equation

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 5\frac{dx}{dt} + 4x = 0.$$

If the system is released with zero displacement and initial speed  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 1$  at  $t = 0$ , find  $x$  as a function of  $t$ . Find the maximum displacement and show that it occurs at time  $t = \frac{1}{3} \ln 4$ . Sketch  $x$  as a function of  $t$ .

The system is now forced so that  $x$  satisfies the equation

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 5\frac{dx}{dt} + 4x = 34 \cos t$$

and the system is now released from rest with zero displacement at  $t = 0$ . Find  $x$  as a function of  $t$  and show that at large times there is a periodic motion with amplitude  $\sqrt{34}$ .