

MATHEMATICS: TERM 2 QUESTIONS 9

DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS (SECOND ORDER)

1. Find the general solutions to the following differential equations:

(i) $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - y = e^{3x}$

(ii) $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 3\frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = 2e^x - 5e^{2x}$

(iii) $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2\frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = 10 \sin 2x$

(iv) $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - \frac{dy}{dx} = \cos 3x + \sin 3x$

(v) $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 3\frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = e^{-2x}$

(vi) $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 8\frac{dy}{dx} + 25y = 48 \cos x - 16 \sin x$

2. Find the solution to the initial value problem

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 5\frac{dy}{dx} + 6y = 36x - 10e^{2x}, \quad y(0) = -\frac{1}{2}, \quad y'(0) = -15.$$

3. Find the solution to the boundary value problem

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 2\frac{dy}{dx} + y = (x^2 + 2x - 1)e^{2x}, \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y(1) = 0.$$

4. Find the general solutions to the following differential equations:

(i) $x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 2x \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = 4x^3$

(ii) $x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 3x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = 0$

Solutions

1. (i) $y = Ae^x + Be^{-x} + \frac{e^{3x}}{8}$
(ii) $y = Ae^x + Be^{2x} - 2xe^x - 5xe^{2x}$
(iii) $y = (A \cos x + B \sin x)e^{-x} - 2 \cos 2x - \sin 2x$
(iv) $y = A + Be^x - \frac{\cos 3x}{15} - \frac{2 \sin 3x}{15}$
(v) $y = Ae^{-x} + Be^{-2x} - xe^{-2x}$
(vi) $y = (A \cos 3x + B \sin 3x)e^{-4x} + 2 \cos x$
2. $y = -5e^{-2x} + 10e^{-3x} + 6x - 5 - \frac{e^{2x}}{2}$
3. $y = (x - 1)e^x + (x - 1)^2e^{2x}$
4. (i) $y = Ax + Bx^2 + 2x^3$
(ii) $y = \frac{A + B \ln x}{x}$