

Math 207
Exam 2 Answers

1. Let $A(t)$ = Amount of acid in the tank (in gallons) at t minutes

$$\text{IVP: } \frac{dA}{dt} = 4(0.1) - 2\left(\frac{A}{200+2t}\right) = 0.4 - \frac{A}{100+t}, \quad A(0) = 0.1(200) = 2 \text{ gallons}$$

This is a linear equation with solution $A = 0.2(100 + t) - \frac{1800}{100+t}$

OR $A = \frac{0.2t^2 + 40t + 200}{100+t}$

2. (a) IVP: $\frac{dP}{dt} = 2P - 400,000, \quad P(0) = 150,000$

Note that with the initial condition $\frac{dP}{dt}$ is negative, which means that the population is decreasing. In fact, if $P < 200,000$, $\frac{dP}{dt}$ is negative. So, the population will continue to decrease at a faster and faster rate as time goes on. Eventually, the population will reach 0.
(Note: You could also solve the diff. eq to see this or look at a direction field.)

(b) If A is the fishing rate in fish/year, then $\frac{dP}{dt} = 2P - A$. In order for the cod population to remain constant at 150,000, we need $\frac{dP}{dt} = 2(150,000) - A = 0 \Rightarrow A = \boxed{300,000 \text{ fish/year}}$

3. (a) IVP: $2y'' + 4y' + 24y = 0, \quad y(0) = -2, \quad y'(0) = 14$

Solutions to the Aux. Equation: $r = -1 \pm 4i$

Solution: $y = c_1 e^{-t} \cos(4t) + c_2 e^{-t} \sin(4t)$

Using initial conditions: $c_1 = -2, \quad c_2 = 3 \Rightarrow \boxed{y = -2e^{-t} \cos(4t) + 3e^{-t} \sin(4t)}$

(b) The object will oscillate around the equilibrium as $t \rightarrow \infty$. The amplitude of the oscillation will approach 0.

4. Solutions to the Aux. Equation: $r = 0, \quad r = 2$

Homogeneous Solution: $y_h = c_1 + c_2 e^{2t}$

Particular Solution Form: $y_p = A \cos t + B \sin t$

Matching Coefficients to find A & B: $A = -\frac{1}{5}$, $B = -\frac{2}{5}$

Solution: $y = c_1 + c_2e^{-2t} - \frac{1}{5}\cos t - \frac{2}{5}\sin t$

5. Answers may vary. Here's one solution.

Since the general solution of a linear second-order differential equation with constant coefficients can consist of a homogeneous solution and a particular solution, we can look at the terms with the constants as the homogeneous solution and the rest as the particular solution. $y_h = c_1e^{3t} + c_2te^{3t}$, $y_p = 2t^2 + 1$.

The homogeneous solution points to an auxiliary equation with a double root of $r = 3$. $(r - 3)^2 = r^2 - 6r + 9 = 0$ is such an equation.

If this is the auxiliary equation, then the differential equation must look like $y'' - 6y' + 9y = f(t)$.

To find $f(t)$, keep in mind that the particular solution must yield $f(t)$ when it is plugged into $y'' - 6y' + 9y$. Since $y_p'' - 6y_p' + 9y_p = 18t^2 - 24t + 13$, we must have that $f(t) = 18t^2 - 24t + 13$.

Differential EQ: $y'' - 6y' + 9y = 18t^2 - 24t + 13$