

The following statement and two questions are taken from a study guide to the *Fundamentals of Engineering (FE)* exam. **Answer the questions BELOW the box**, not the ones in it.

Under certain conditions the motion of an oscillating spring is described by the differential equation $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 16x = 0$, where x is the displacement in feet of the end of the spring, and t is the time in seconds. At $t = 0$ seconds, the displacement is $\frac{1}{4}$ foot upward and the velocity is 0 feet per second; that is, $x(0) = \frac{1}{4}$ and $x'(0) = 0$.

1. What is the general solution of the system? (c_1 and c_2 are constants.)

- (a) $x = c_1e^{-t} + c_2e^{-3t}$ (b) $x = c_1e^{-4t} + c_2e^{4t}$ (c) $x = c_1 \sin 4t$
 (d) $x = c_1 \cos 4t$ (e) $x = c_1 \cos 4t + c_2 \sin 4t$

2. The solution that fits the initial conditions is

- (a) $x = \frac{1}{4}e^{-4t}$ (b) $x = \frac{1}{3} \sin 4t$ (c) $x = 4 \cos 4t$
 (d) $x = \frac{1}{4} \cos 4t$ (e) $x = \frac{1}{4} \cos 4t + \frac{1}{3} \sin 4t$

- Without doing any computations you can determine that two of the choices cannot be the answer to **of Exercise 1**. Which two are they, and why?
- Determine whether choice (b) **of Exercise 1** is a solution to the equation.
- Determine which of the choices **for Exercise 2** satisfies the initial conditions.
- Is $y = 2e^{-3t} - \frac{1}{13} \sin 2t - \frac{8}{13} \cos 2t$ a solution to the initial value problem

$$y'' + 4y' + 3y = 5 \sin 2t, \quad y(0) = \frac{5}{13}, \quad y'(0) = -\frac{67}{13}?$$

Equation 1: $\frac{dy}{dx} + 3y = 0$

Equation 2: $x^2y'' + xy' + x^2y = 0$

Equation 3: $y'' + 9y = 13e^{-2t}$

Equation 4: $15.3\frac{d^4y}{dx^4} = 1.4$

Equation 5: $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{y}$

Equation 6: $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$

$$a_n(x)\frac{d^n y}{dx^n} + a_{n-1}(x)\frac{d^{n-1}y}{dx^{n-1}} + \cdots + a_2(x)\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + a_1(x)\frac{dy}{dx} + a_0(x)y = f(x)$$

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D. $5\frac{dy}{dx} - 3y = \sin x$

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Autonomous: $\frac{dy}{dx} = F(y)$

Separable: $\frac{dy}{dx} = g(x)h(y)$