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**Math 2250-1**  
**Quiz 9**  
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1) Consider the differential equation for  $x(t)$ , which could arise in a model for forced damped mechanical motion:

$$x''(t) + 2x'(t) + 5x(t) = 10 \sin(t).$$

1a) Find a particular solution to this differential equation using the method of undetermined coefficients. (6 points)

Try

$$\begin{aligned} &5 \cdot [x(t) = A \cdot \cos(t) + B \cdot \sin(t)] \\ &+ 2 \cdot [x'(t) = -A \cdot \sin(t) + B \cdot \cos(t)] \\ &+ 1 \cdot [x''(t) = -A \cdot \cos(t) - B \cdot \sin(t)] \\ &L(x) = \cos(t) \cdot [5A + 2B - A] \\ &\quad + \sin(t) \cdot [5B - 2A - B] \end{aligned}$$

Since we want  $L(x) = 10 \sin(t)$  we must have

$$\begin{aligned} 4A + 2B &= 0 \\ -2A + 4B &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} 2A + B &= 0 \\ -A + 2B &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

which has solution

$$\begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{5} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$
$$x_p(t) = -\cos(t) + 2 \sin(t)$$

(no time on quiz, but could you put this into phase amplitude form?)

1b) What is the general solution to the differential equation above?

(3 points)

$x(t) = x_p(t) + x_H(t)$ , need to find  $x_H(t)$ , the solutions to the homogeneous DE. The characteristic polynomial is  $p(r) = r^2 + 2r + 5 = (r + 1)^2 + 4$ , so the roots are  $r = -1 \pm 2i$  and

$$x_H(t) = c_1 e^{-t} \cdot \cos(2t) + c_2 e^{-t} \cdot \sin(2t) = e^{-t} (C_1 \cos(2t - \alpha_1)).$$

1c) Why is the particular solution you found in part (1a) called the steady-periodic solution for this forced and damped oscillation problem?

(1 point)

Because as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , the transient homogeneous solution  $x_H(t) = x_{tr}(t)$  converges to zero, so regardless of initial conditions,

$$x(t) = x_p(t) + x_H(t) \rightarrow x_p(t), \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty.$$

