

# Math 2280 - Assignment 5

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**Section 3.4** - 1, 5, 18, 21

**Section 3.5** - 1, 11, 23, 28, 35, 47, 56

**Section 3.6** - 1, 2, 9, 17, 24

## Section 3.4 - Mechanical Vibrations

3.4.1 - Determine the period and frequency of the simple harmonic motion of a 4-kg mass on the end of a spring with spring constant  $16N/m$ .

**3.4.5** - Assume that the differential equation of a simple pendulum of length  $L$  is  $L\theta'' + g\theta = 0$ , where  $g = GM/R^2$  is the gravitational acceleration at the location of the pendulum (at distance  $R$  from the center of the earth;  $M$  denotes the mass of the earth).

Two pendulums are of lengths  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  and - when located at the respective distances  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  from the center of the earth - have periods  $p_1$  and  $p_2$ . Show that

$$\frac{p_1}{p_2} = \frac{R_1\sqrt{L_1}}{R_2\sqrt{L_2}}.$$

**3.4.18** - A mass  $m$  is attached to both a spring (with spring constant  $k$ ) and a dashpot (with damping constant  $c$ ). The mass is set in motion with initial position  $x_0$  and initial velocity  $v_0$ . Find the position function  $x(t)$  and determine whether the motion is overdamped, critically damped, or underdamped. If it is underdamped, write the position function in the form  $x(t) = C_1 e^{-pt} \cos(\omega_1 t - \alpha_1)$ . Also, find the undamped position function  $u(t) = C_0 \cos(\omega_0 t - \alpha_0)$  that would result if the mass on the spring were set in motion with the same initial position and velocity, but with the dashpot disconnected (so  $c = 0$ ). Finally, construct a figure that illustrates the effect of damping by comparing the graphs of  $x(t)$  and  $u(t)$ .

$$m = 2, \quad c = 12, \quad k = 50,$$

$$x_0 = 0, \quad v_0 = -8.$$

More room, if necessary, for Problem 3.4.18.

**3.4.21** - Same as problem 3.4.18, except with the following values:

$$m = 1, \quad c = 10, \quad k = 125,$$

$$x_0 = 6, \quad v_0 = 50.$$

More room, if necessary, for Problem 3.4.21.

## Section 3.5 - Nonhomogeneous Equations and Undetermined Coefficients

3.5.1 - Find a particular solution,  $y_p$ , to the differential equation

$$y'' + 16y = e^{3x}.$$



**3.5.11** - Find a particular solution,  $y_p$ , to the differential equation

$$y^{(3)} + 4y' = 3x - 1.$$

**3.5.23** - Set up the appropriate form of a particular solution  $y_p$ , but do not determine the values of the coefficients.<sup>1</sup>

$$y'' + 4y = 3x \cos 2x.$$

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<sup>1</sup>Unless you really, really want to.

**3.5.28** - Same instructions as Problem 3.5.23, but with the differential equation

$$y^{(4)} + 9y'' = (x^2 + 1) \sin 3x.$$

3.5.35 - Solve the initial value problem

$$y'' - 2y' + 2y = x + 1;$$

$$y(0) = 3, \quad y'(0) = 0.$$

**3.5.47** - Use the method of variation of parameters to find a particular solution to the differential equation

$$y'' + 3y' + 2y = 4e^x.$$

**3.5.56** - Same instructions as Problem 3.5.47, but with the differential equation

$$y'' - 4y = xe^x.$$

## Section 3.6 - Forced Oscillations and Resonance

3.6.1 - Express the solution of the initial value problem

$$x'' + 9x = 10 \cos 2t;$$

$$x(0) = x'(0) = 0,$$

as a sum of two oscillations in the form:

$$x(t) = C \cos(\omega_0 t - \alpha) + \frac{F_0/m}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} \cos \omega t.$$

More space, if necessary, for Problem 3.6.1.



**3.6.2** - Same instructions as Problem 3.6.1, but with the initial value problem:

$$x'' + 4x = 5 \sin 3t;$$

$$x(0) = x'(0) = 0.$$

More space, if necessary, for Problem 3.6.2.

**3.6.9** - Find the steady periodic solution  $x_{sp}(t) = C \cos(\omega t - \alpha)$  of the given equation  $mx'' + cx' + kx = F(t)$  with periodic forcing function  $F(t)$  of frequency  $\omega$ . Then graph  $x_{sp}(t)$  together with (for comparison) the adjusted forcing function  $F_1(t) = F(t)/m\omega$ .

$$2x'' + 2x' + x = 3 \sin 10t.$$

More space, if necessary, for Problem 3.6.9.

**3.6.17** - Suppose we have a forced mass-spring-dashpot system with equation:

$$x'' + 6x' + 45x = 50 \cos \omega t.$$

Investigate the possibility of practical resonance of this system. In particular, find the amplitude  $C(\omega)$  of steady periodic forced oscillations with frequency  $\omega$ . Sketch the graph of  $C(\omega)$  and find the practical resonance frequency  $\omega$  (if any).

**3.6.24** - A mass on a spring without damping is acted on by the external force  $F(t) = F_0 \cos^3 \omega t$ . Show that there are *two* values of  $\omega$  for which resonance occurs, and find both.