

M1B/Schoenbrun Linear Differential Equations

Solve the differential equations with the stated conditions:

1)  $y'' + 5y' + 4y = 0$  where  $y(0) = -1$  and  $y'(0) = 1$

$$r^2 + 5r + 4 = 0 \rightarrow (r + 4)(r + 1) = 0 \rightarrow r = -4, -1$$

$$y(x) = Ae^{-x} + Be^{-4x}$$

$$y'(x) = -Ae^{-x} - 4Be^{-4x}$$

$$y(0) = A + B = -1$$

$$y'(0) = -A - 4B = 1$$

$$-3B = 0 \rightarrow B = 0 \rightarrow A = -1$$

$$y(x) = -e^{-x}$$

2)  $y'' + 2y' + y = 0$  where a)  $y(0) = 1$  and  $y'(0) = 0$

and b)  $y(0) = -1$  and  $y'(0) = -1$

$$r^2 + 2r + 1 = 0 \rightarrow (r + 1)^2 = 0 \rightarrow r = -1$$

$$y(x) = Ae^{-x} + Bxe^{-x}$$

$$y'(x) = -Ae^{-x} + B[-xe^{-x} + e^{-x}]$$

a)  $y(0) = A = 1$

$$y'(0) = -A + B = 0 \rightarrow B = 1$$

$$y(x) = e^{-x} + xe^{-x}$$

b)  $y(0) = A = -1$

$$y'(0) = -A + B = -1 \rightarrow B = 0$$

$$y(x) = -e^{-x}$$

3)  $y'' + 4y' + 5y = 0$  where a)  $y(0) = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $y'(0) = 1$   
and b)  $y(0) = -1$  and  $y'(0) = -3$

From problem 1,

$$y(x) = Ae^{-x} + Be^{-4x}$$

$$y'(x) = -Ae^{-x} - 4Be^{-4x}$$

a)

$$y(0) = A + B = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$y'(0) = -A - 4B = 1$$

$$-3B = \frac{3}{2} \rightarrow B = -\frac{1}{2} \rightarrow A = 1$$

$$y(x) = e^{-x} - \frac{1}{2}e^{-4x}$$

b)

$$y(0) = A + B = -1$$

$$y'(0) = -A - 4B = -3$$

$$-3B = -4 \rightarrow B = \frac{4}{3} \rightarrow A = -\frac{7}{3}$$

$$y(x) = -\frac{7}{3}e^{-x} + \frac{4}{3}e^{-4x}$$