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(12 each) 1. Solve each of the following problems:

a.  $y^{(5)} + ay'''' + by'''' + cy'' + dy' = 0$ , where the characteristic polynomial is  $(\lambda - 1)^2 * \lambda * (\lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 4)$

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$$y = c_1 + c_2 e^t + c_3 e^{4t}$$

$(\lambda - 4)(\lambda - 1)$   
 $\lambda = 1, \lambda = 4, \lambda = 0$

This is a multiple root.

b.  $y'' + 4y' + 6y = 0$

$$y^2 + 4y + 6 = 0$$

$$\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 4(1)(6)}}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 24}}{2}$$

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$$y = c_1 e^{-2t} \cos \sqrt{2}t + c_2 e^{-2t} \sin \sqrt{2}t$$

$-2 \pm i\sqrt{2}$

c.  $y'' + 4y' + 4y = 0, y(0) = 1, y'(0) = -1$

$$y^2 + 4y + 4 = 0$$

$$(y + 2)(y + 2) = -2$$

$$y = c_1 e^{-2t} + c_2 e^{-2t}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = c_1 + c_2$$

$$y' = -2c_1 e^{-2t} - 2c_2 e^{-2t} \Rightarrow -1 = -2c_1 - 2c_2$$

$c_1 = ? \quad c_2 = ?$

$-1 = -2(c_1 + c_2)$

$\frac{1}{2} = c_1 + c_2$

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(6) 2. Under what circumstances can the equation

$$y'' + \beta y' + \kappa^2 y = 0$$

represent a linear oscillator? Explain your answer.

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~~$\beta = 0$~~   
 ✓  $\kappa^2$  is not zero, because if  $\kappa = 0$  then there is no spring constant  
 ~~$y'' \neq 0$ , because this is the mass.~~

(8) 3. Determine the largest interval for which the problem

$$(1 + \sin t)y'' + \cos(3t)y' + \frac{1}{t-2}y = 0, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 0$$

is guaranteed to have a unique solution.

$$(1 + \sin t)y'' = -\cos(3t)y' - \frac{1}{t-2}$$

$$\frac{1}{t-2} = -(1 + \sin t)y'' - \cos(3t)y'$$

$$-9 \quad y'' = \frac{-\cos(3t)y' - \frac{1}{t-2}}{(1 + \sin t)} \quad \boxed{-\infty < t < \frac{3\pi}{2}}$$

(20) 5. A mass of 2 kg stretches a spring 2.5 m. The mass is pulled down an additional meter and released in a medium for which the damping coefficient is exactly half of that needed for critical damping. Describe the subsequent motion.

$$\text{mass} = \frac{2kg}{32 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{sec}^2}} = \frac{1}{16} \quad \left. \vphantom{\text{mass}} \right\} \text{mass with gravity}$$

$$k = \text{spring constant} \Rightarrow \frac{2kg}{2.5} =$$

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$$\omega_0^2 = \frac{k}{m} \Rightarrow \frac{k}{\frac{1}{16}} \Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = \omega_0$$

$$c = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$u = my'' + cy' + ky \Rightarrow u = \frac{1}{16}y'' + \frac{1}{2}y' + ky$$

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_0} = \text{Period}$$