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21D EXAM PROBLEMS

The last time I taught this class we did not cover Chapter 7. These are the problems related to Chapter 3 that I used on the midterms and final that year. Problems 1 and 3 should be considered to be extra credit level problems. To study for Chapter 7 I recommend doing some homework problems from each of the sections we've covered.

1. Find the general solution to the second order differential equation $y'' - \frac{3}{t}y' + \frac{4}{t^2}y = 0$.

Hint: Start by computing $(D - \frac{1}{t})(D - \frac{2}{t})[y]$.

2.a. Solve the initial value problem $y'' + y = \cos(bt)$, $y(0) = 1$, $y'(0) = 0$, for $b \neq 1$.

b. Solve the same initial value problem for $b = 1$.

c. Plot the solutions to this initial value problem for $b = 0$ and $b = 1$.

3. Consider the homogeneous second order differential equation

$$(x^2 - 1)y'' - 2xy' + 2y = 0.$$

a. Check that $y_1(x) = x$ is a solution to this equation.

b. Find the general solution to this equation.

c. Solve the inhomogenous equation $(x^2 - 1)y'' - 2xy' + 2y = (x^2 - 1)^2$.