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Key**ONLY SCIENTIFIC CALCULATORS ALLOWED**

1. [10 points] A mass-spring system has mass $m = 2$, damping $\gamma = 2$, and spring constant $k = 7$. (Don't worry about the units.) There is no external forcing.

a. Write down the differential equation for this system.

$$2u'' + 2u' + 7u = 0$$

b. What is the general solution?

$$2r^2 + 2r + 7 = 0$$

$$r = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 4 \cdot 2 \cdot 7}}{4} = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{-13}}{4} = -\frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{13}}{2}i$$

$$u(t) = C_1 e^{-\frac{1}{2}t} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{13}}{2}t\right) + C_2 e^{-\frac{1}{2}t} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{13}}{2}t\right)$$

c. Is this system under damped, over damped or critically damped?

2. [10 points] Consider $y'' - xy' + x^2y = 0$ with initial conditions $y(0) = 1$ and $y'(0) = 3$. Assume that the solution has a Taylor series:

$$y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{y^{(n)}(0)}{n!} \cdot x^n.$$

Find the first five terms: a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4 .

$$y(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + a_4 x^4 + \dots$$

$$y(0) = a_0. \text{ Since } y(0) = 1, \text{ we have } a_0 = 1.$$

$$y'(0) = a_1. \text{ Since } y'(0) = 3, \text{ we have } a_1 = 3.$$

$$y'' = x y' \overset{\text{minus}}{-} x^2 y$$

$$y''(0) = 0 \quad \text{Hence } a_2 = \frac{0}{2!} = 0.$$

$$y''' = y' + x y'' - 2x y - x^2 y'$$

$$y'''(0) = 3 + 0 - 0 - 0 = 3 \quad a_3 = \frac{y'''(0)}{3!} = \frac{3}{3!} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$y^{(4)} = y'' + y''' + x y'' - 2y - 2x y' - 2x y' - x^2 y''$$

$$y^{(4)}(0) = \underbrace{2y''(0)}_0 + 0 - 2\underbrace{y(0)}_1 - 0 - 0 - 0 = -2$$

$$a_4 = \frac{y^{(4)}(0)}{4!} = \frac{-2}{4!} = \frac{-1}{12}.$$

Thus,

$$y(x) \approx 1 + 3x + \frac{1}{2}x^3 - \frac{1}{12}x^4$$