

① a)  $y_0 = 1, y_1 = 1 - 0.1(1)^2 = .9; y_2 = .9 - 0.1(.9)^2 = .9 - .081 = .819$

b)  $y_0 = 1, y_1 = 1 - (0.05)(1)^2 = .95.$

$y_2 = .95 - 0.05(.95)^2 \approx .904875$

$y_3 = y_2 - 0.05(y_2)^2 \approx .8639; y_4 \approx .8639 - 0.05(.8639)^2 \approx .8266$

c)  $\int \frac{dy}{y^2} = \int -dt \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{y} = -t + C \Rightarrow \frac{1}{y} = t + C \Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{t+C}$

$y(0) = 1 = \frac{1}{C} \Rightarrow C = 1 \Rightarrow y(t) = \frac{1}{t+1}$

$y(.2) = \frac{1}{1.2} \approx .8333$ . The second answer, from part b, is closer than the answer from part a.

②  $y'' - y' - 2y = 0$  has characteristic equation

$\alpha^2 - \alpha - 2 = 0$ . This factors to  $(\alpha - 2)(\alpha + 1) = 0$ , so the solutions are  $\alpha = 2$  and  $\alpha = -1$ . This gives

$y(t) = C_1 e^{2t} + C_2 e^{-t}$

③  $y'' + y' + y = 0$  has char. eq.  $\alpha^2 + \alpha + 1 = 0$ .

Using the quadratic formula:  $\alpha = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{3}i}{2}$ .

Thus, the general solution is:

$y(t) = C_1 e^{-\frac{1}{2}t} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t\right) + C_2 e^{-\frac{1}{2}t} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t\right)$

$y(0) = C_1 = 0, y'(t) = -\frac{1}{2}C_2 e^{-\frac{1}{2}t} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t\right) + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}C_2 e^{-\frac{1}{2}t} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t\right)$

so  $y'(0) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}C_2 = 1 \Rightarrow C_2 = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$ , so

$y(t) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}t} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t\right)$

④  $y'' + 6y' + 9y = 0$  has a double root  $\lambda = -3$  to its characteristic equation. Therefore, the general solution is:

$$y_g(t) = C_1 e^{-3t} + C_2 t e^{-3t}$$

$$y(0) = C_1 = 0, \text{ so } y'(t) = C_2 (e^{-3t} - 3t e^{-3t}),$$

$$\text{so } y'(0) = C_2 = 1, \text{ so } \boxed{y(t) = t e^{-3t}}$$

⑤ The general solution is a sum of the solution to the homogeneous equation plus any particular solution to the nonhomogeneous equation. We find the general solution to the homogeneous equation first:

$y'' + y = 0$  has characteristic equation roots  $i$  and  $-i$ , so the general solution is  $y_h(t) = C_1 e^{it} + C_2 e^{-it}$ .

We <sup>can</sup> leave it in this complex form since ~~it's~~ it is maybe easier to differentiate. Since  $2i$  is not a root of the characteristic equation, we can write the solution in the form  $y_p(t) = \cancel{A_1 e^{2it}} + A_1 \cos 2t + A_2 \sin 2t$ .

$$y_p' = -2A_1 \sin 2t + 2A_2 \cos 2t$$

$$y_p'' = -4A_1 \cos 2t - 4A_2 \sin 2t$$

Therefore,

$$y_p'' + y_p = -3A_1 \cos(2t) - 3A_2 \sin 2t = \sin 2t,$$

whence  $-3A_1 = 0$ ,  $-3A_2 = 1$ , whence  $A_1 = 0$ ,  $A_2 = -1/3$ .

Thus, the general solution is:

$$y_g(t) = C_1 e^{it} + C_2 e^{-it} - \frac{1}{3} \sin(2t)$$

$$y(0) = \boxed{C_1 + C_2 = 0}$$

$$y'(t) = iC_1 e^{it} - iC_2 e^{-it} - \frac{2}{3} \cos(2t)$$

$$y'(0) = iC_1 - iC_2 - \frac{2}{3} = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{C_1 - C_2 = \frac{2}{3}i}$$
 Adding these equations gives:

$$2C_1 = -\frac{2}{3}i \Rightarrow C_1 = -\frac{1}{3}i \Rightarrow C_2 = \frac{1}{3}i \Rightarrow$$

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{3} i e^{it} + \frac{1}{3} i e^{-it} - \frac{1}{3} \sin(2t)$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} \left[ \frac{e^{it} - e^{-it}}{2i} \right] - \frac{1}{3} \sin(2t) = \boxed{\frac{2}{3} \sin(t) - \frac{1}{3} \sin(2t)}$$