

HOMEWORK 4 SOLUTIONS

B.5

$$\textcircled{1} \quad y'' - 2y' - 3y = 3e^{2t}$$

Let's solve the homogeneous equation first:

$$r^2 - 2r - 3 = 0$$

$$(r-3)(r+1) = 0 \quad \text{so } r=3 \text{ and } r=-1.$$

So $y(t) = C_1 e^{3t} + C_2 e^{-t}$ is the gen. sol. of $y'' - 2y' - 3y = 0$.

Now let's find a particular solution to \textcircled{1}.

$$\text{Let } y = A e^{2t}. \text{ Then } y' = 2A e^{2t}, \quad y'' = 4A e^{2t}$$

$$\text{so } \textcircled{1} \text{ becomes } 4A e^{2t} - 2(2A e^{2t}) - 3A e^{2t} = 3e^{2t}$$

$$\text{so } 4A - 4A - 3A = 3$$

$$(A = -1)$$

So $y(t) = -e^{2t}$ is a solution to \textcircled{1}.

Therefore $\boxed{y(t) = C_1 e^{3t} + C_2 e^{-t} - e^{2t}}$ is the general solution.

$$\textcircled{2} \quad y'' + 2y' + 5y = 3\sin 2t.$$

Let's solve the homogeneous equation:

$$r^2 + 2r + 5 = 0$$

$$r = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 20}}{2} = \frac{-2 \pm 4i}{2} = -1 \pm 2i$$

$$\text{so } y = e^{rt} = e^{(-1+2i)t} = e^{-t} e^{2it} = e^{-t} (\cos(2t) + i\sin(2t))$$

$$\text{so } y(t) = C_1 e^{-t} \cos(2t) + C_2 e^{-t} \sin(2t) \text{ is a general solution to } y'' + 2y' + 5y = 0$$

Let's find a particular solution:

$$\text{Suppose } y = A \sin(2t) + B \cos(2t).$$

$$\text{Then } y' = 2A \cos(2t) - 2B \sin(2t), \quad y'' = -4A \sin(2t) - 4B \cos(2t)$$

So $y'' + 2y' + 5y = 3\sin(2t)$ implies

$$3\sin(2t) = -4A\sin(2t) - 4B\cos(2t) + 4A\cos(2t) - 4B\sin(2t) + 5A\sin(2t) + 5B\cos(2t)$$

$$\text{So } 3 = -4A - 4B + 5A = A - 4B$$

$$0 = -4B + 4A + 5B = 4A + B$$

$$A = 4B + 3 \text{ so } 4(4B + 3) + B = 0$$

$$17B + 12 = 0 \text{ so } B = \frac{-12}{17}$$

$$A = 4B + 3 = -\frac{48}{17} + 3 = \frac{3}{17}$$

$$\text{So } y(t) = \frac{3}{17}\sin(2t) - \frac{12}{17}\cos(2t)$$

So the general solution to (2) is

$$y(t) = c_1 e^t \cos(2t) + c_2 e^t \sin(2t) + \frac{3}{17} \sin(2t) - \frac{12}{17} \cos(2t)$$

(3) $y'' + y' + 4y = e^t - e^{-t}$. (because $2\sinh(t) = e^t + e^{-t}$)

Then the homogeneous equation is

$$y'' + y' + 4y = 0$$

$$\text{So } r^2 + r + 4 = 0$$

$$\text{So } r = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 16}}{2} = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{15}i}{2}$$

$$y = e^{rt} = e^{\frac{-1}{2}t} e^{\frac{\sqrt{15}}{2}it} = e^{\frac{-1}{2}t} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{15}}{2}t\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{15}}{2}t\right)$$

$$\text{So } y(t) = c_1 e^{\frac{-1}{2}t} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{15}}{2}t\right) + c_2 e^{\frac{-1}{2}t} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{15}}{2}t\right),$$

is the general solution to

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

Now let's find a particular solution. Since $g(t) = e^t + e^{-t}$.
Let's break it into two pieces.

Let's solve $y'' + y' + 4y = e^t$
 and $y'' + y' + 4y = e^{-t}$

First for $y'' + y' + 4y = e^t$, suppose $y = Ae^t$.

$$y'' = Ae^t = y' = y. \text{ So}$$

$$Ae^t + Ae^t + 4Ae^t = e^t \text{ so } A = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\text{Then } y(t) = \frac{1}{6}e^t.$$

For $y'' + y' + 4y = e^{-t}$, suppose $y = Ae^{-t}$.

$$y'' = Ae^{-t} = y \text{ and } y' = -Ae^{-t}.$$

$$Ae^{-t} - Ae^{-t} + 4Ae^{-t} = -e^{-t} \text{ so } A = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$\text{So } y(t) = -\frac{1}{4}e^{-t}.$$

Then the general solution to (13) is

$$y(t) = c_1 e^{-\frac{t}{2}} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{15}}{2}t\right) + c_2 e^{-\frac{t}{2}} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{15}}{2}t\right) + \frac{1}{6}e^t - \frac{1}{4}e^{-t}.$$

$$(14) \quad y'' - y' - 2y = \frac{e^{2t} + e^{-2t}}{2}.$$

Homogeneous: $r^2 - r - 2 = 0$, so $(r-2)(r+1) = 0$,

$$\text{so } r = 2 \text{ and } r = -1.$$

Therefore $y = c_1 e^{2t} + c_2 e^{-t}$ solves $y'' - y' - 2y = 0$.

Now let's solve $y'' - y' - 2y = \frac{-2t}{2}$.

$$\text{Let } y = Ae^{-t}, \quad y' = -2Ae^{-t}, \quad y'' = 4Ae^{-2t}$$

$$\text{So } y'' - y' - 2y = \frac{-2t}{2} \text{ implies}$$

$$4Ae^{-2t} + 2Ae^{-2t} - 2Ae^{-t} = \frac{-2t}{2}, \text{ so } A = +\frac{1}{8}$$

$$\text{So } y(t) = \frac{1}{8}e^{-2t}.$$

Now let's solve $y'' - y' - 2y = \frac{1}{2}e^{2t}$.

Since e^{2t} is a solution to the homogeneous DEQ,
then let $y = At e^{2t}$.

$$\text{So } y' = Ae^{2t} + 2At e^{2t}$$

$$y'' = 2Ae^{2t} + 2Ae^{2t} + 4At e^{2t} = 4At e^{2t} + 4Ae^{2t}.$$

So $y'' - y' - 2y = \frac{1}{2}e^{2t}$ implies

$$4At e^{2t} + 4Ae^{2t} - Ae^{2t} - 2At e^{2t} - 2At e^{2t} = \frac{1}{2}e^{2t}$$
$$+ 3Ae^{2t} = \frac{1}{2}e^{2t}$$
$$A = +\frac{1}{6}$$

$$\text{so } y(t) = +\frac{1}{6}t e^{2t}.$$

Combining everything we get that the gen. sol. to (14) is

$$y(t) = c_1 e^{2t} + c_2 e^{-t} + \frac{1}{8} t^2 e^{2t} + \frac{1}{6} t e^{2t}$$

$$(18) \quad y'' - 2y' - 3y = 3t e^{2t}, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 0.$$

The homogeneous eq is: $y'' - 2y' - 3y = 0$ so

$$r^2 - 2r - 3 = 0 \quad \text{so}$$

$$(r-3)(r+1) = 0 \quad \text{so } r=3 \text{ and } r=-1.$$

Then $y = c_1 e^{3t} + c_2 e^{-t}$ is the gen. sol. to $y'' - 2y' - 3y = 0$.

$$\text{Now } y'' - 2y' - 3y = 3t e^{2t}. \quad \text{Let } y = At e^{2t} + B e^{2t}$$

$$\text{So } y' = 2At e^{2t} + A e^{2t} + 2B e^{2t}$$

$$y'' = 4At e^{2t} + 4Ae^{2t} + 4At e^{2t} + 4Be^{2t}$$

$$3t e^{2t} = 4At e^{2t} + 4Ae^{2t} - 4At e^{2t} - 2At e^{2t} - 3At e^{2t} + 4Be^{2t} - 4Be^{2t} - 3Be^{2t}$$

$$\text{So } 3te^{2t} = -3Ate^{2t} + (2A-3B)e^{2t}$$

$$\text{So } -3A = 3 \text{ and}$$

$$2A-3B=0.$$

$$\text{So } \boxed{A=-1} \text{ and } \boxed{B = -\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$\text{So } y(t) = -te^{2t} - \frac{2}{3}e^{2t}.$$

The general solution is then

$$(y(t) = c_1 e^{3t} + c_2 e^{-t} - te^{2t} - \frac{2}{3}e^{2t})$$

$$\text{Now } y(0) = 1 \text{ and } y'(0) = 0.$$

$$y(0) = c_1 + c_2 - \frac{2}{3}$$

$$y'(0) = 3c_1 e^{3t} - c_2 e^{-t} - e^{2t} - 2te^{2t} - \frac{4}{3}e^{2t}$$

$$y'(0) = 3c_1 - c_2 - 1 - \frac{4}{3} = 3c_1 - c_2 - \frac{7}{3}.$$

$$\text{So } c_1 + c_2 - \frac{2}{3} = 1 \quad \text{so } c_1 + c_2 = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$3c_1 - c_2 - \frac{7}{3} = 0 \quad \text{so } 3c_1 - c_2 = \frac{7}{3}$$

$$\text{Then } 4c_1 = \frac{5}{3} + \frac{7}{3} = 4$$

$$\text{so } \boxed{c_1 = 1} \quad \text{Then } \boxed{c_2 = \frac{5}{3} - 1 = \frac{2}{3}}$$

$$\text{So } \boxed{y(t) = e^{3t} + \frac{2}{3}e^{-t} - te^{2t} - \frac{2}{3}e^{2t}}$$

$$\textcircled{19} \quad y'' + 4y = 3\sin 2t, \quad y(0) = 2, \quad y'(0) = -1.$$

$$\text{Homogeneous: } r^2 + 4 = 0, \quad \text{so } r = \pm 2i$$

$$\text{so } y = c_1 \cos(2t) + c_2 \sin(2t).$$

Now for the non-homogeneous. Let $y = A\sin(2t) + B\cos(2t)$.

$$\text{Then } y' = 2A\cos(2t) - 2B\sin(2t)$$

$$y'' = -4A\sin(2t) - 4B\cos(2t)$$

$$y'' + 4y = 3\sin(2t)$$

$$-4A\sin(2t) - 4B\cos(2t) + 4A\sin(2t) + 4B\cos(2t) = 0.$$

So it can't solve $3\sin(2t)$.

Therefore we need to multiply by t .

$$y = A\sin(2t) + Bt\sin(2t) + C\cos(2t) + Dt\cos(2t)$$

$$y' = 2A\cos(2t) + B\sin(2t) + 2Bt\cos(2t) - 2C\sin(2t) + D\cos(2t) - 2Dt\sin(2t)$$

$$y'' = \underbrace{-4A\sin(2t) + 2B\cos(2t)}_{+2B\cos(2t)} - 4Bt\sin(2t) - 4C\cos(2t) - 2D\sin(2t) + 4Dt\cos(2t)$$

$$y'' + 4y = -4A\sin 2t + 4A\sin 2t - 4Bt\sin 2t + 4Bt\sin 2t - 4C\cos 2t + 4C\cos 2t - 4Dt\cos 2t + 4Dt\cos 2t + 2B\cos 2t - 2D\sin 2t = 3\sin 2t$$

$$B=0 \text{ and } D=-\frac{3}{4}.$$

$$y = -\frac{3}{4}t\cos(2t)? \quad y' = -\frac{3}{4}\cos(2t) + \frac{3}{2}t\sin(2t)$$

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

$$\text{Then } y'' + 4y = 3\sin(2t) + 3t\cos(2t) - 3t\cos(2t) = 0$$

so $y(t) = -\frac{3}{4}t\cos(2t)$ is a solution.

Then the gen. sol. is $y(t) = c_1\cos(2t) + c_2\sin(2t) - \frac{3}{4}t\cos(2t)$.

$$y'(t) = -2c_1\sin(2t) + 2c_2\cos(2t) - \frac{3}{4}\cos(2t) + \frac{3}{2}t\sin(2t)$$

$$y(0) = c_1, \quad y'(0) = 2c_2 - \frac{3}{4}$$

$$y(0) = 2 \text{ so } \boxed{c_1 = 2}$$

$$y'(0) = -1 \text{ so } 2c_2 - \frac{3}{4} = -1 \text{ so } 2c_2 = -\frac{1}{4} \text{ so } \boxed{c_2 = -\frac{1}{8}}$$

$$\text{So } \boxed{y(t) = 2\cos(2t) - \frac{1}{8}\sin(2t) - \frac{3}{4}t\cos(2t)}$$

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$$\textcircled{10} \quad y'' - 2y' + y = \frac{e^t}{1+t^2}$$

$$y'' - 2y' + y = 0 \Rightarrow r^2 - 2r + 1 = 0 \\ (r-1)^2 = 0 \\ \therefore r = 1.$$

So $y(t) = c_1 e^t + c_2 t e^t$ solves the homogeneous eq.

$$\text{Let } y(t) = u_1(t)e^t + u_2(t)t e^t$$

$$y'(t) = u_1(t)e^t + u_1'(t)e^t + u_2(t)e^t + u_2(t)t e^t + u_2'(t)t e^t$$

$$\text{Suppose } u_1'(t)e^t + u_2'(t)t e^t = 0.$$

$$\text{Then } y'(t) = u_1(t)e^t + u_2(t)e^t + u_2(t)t e^t.$$

$$y''(t) = u_1'(t)e^t + u_1(t)e^t + u_2'(t)e^t + u_2(t)e^t + u_2'(t)t e^t \\ + u_2(t)t e^t + u_2(t)t e^t,$$

Since $u_1'(t)e^t + u_2'(t)t e^t$, then

$$y''(t) = u_1(t)e^t + u_2'(t)e^t + 2u_2(t)e^t + u_2(t)t e^t.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } y'' - 2y' + y &= u_1(t)e^t + u_2'(t)e^t + 2u_2(t)e^t + u_2(t)t e^t \\ &\quad - 2u_1(t)e^t - 2u_2(t)e^t - 2u_2(t)t e^t + u_1(t)e^t + u_2(t)t e^t \\ &= e^t(u_1(t) + u_2'(t) + 2u_2(t) - 2u_1(t) - 2u_2(t) + u_1(t)) \\ &\quad + t e^t(u_2(t) - 2u_2(t) + u_2(t)) \\ &= u_2'(t)e^t. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Then } u_2'(t) = \frac{1}{1+t^2} \text{ so } u_2(t) = \int \frac{1}{1+t^2} dt.$$

$$\text{Let } t = \tan \theta, \text{ then } dt = \sec^2 \theta \text{ so } \int \frac{1}{1+t^2} dt = \int \frac{\sec^2 \theta}{\sec^2 \theta} d\theta = \theta = \arctan t.$$

$$\text{So } u_2(t) = \arctan t + C.$$

$$\text{Now } u_1'(t)e^t + u_2'(t)t e^t = 0$$

$$u_1'(t) + u_2'(t)t = 0$$

$$u_1'(t) + \frac{t}{1+t^2} = 0 \quad \text{so } u_1'(t) = -\frac{t}{1+t^2}.$$

$$\text{Then } u_1(t) = - \int \frac{t}{1+t^2} dt. \quad \begin{aligned} &\text{Let } u = 1+t^2 \\ &du = 2t dt \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore u_1(t) = -\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{du}{u} = -\frac{1}{2} \ln|u| = -\frac{1}{2} \ln(1+t^2)$$

$$\text{Then } \boxed{y(t) = c_1 e^t + c_2 t e^t - \frac{1}{2} \ln(1+t^2) e^t + (\text{arctant}) t e^t}$$

$$(15) \quad t y'' - (1+t)y' + y = t^2 e^{2t}, \quad t > 0. \quad y_1(t) = 1+t, \quad y_2(t) = e^t.$$

Let's first verify y_1 and y_2 are solutions of the homogeneous eqn.

$$y_1' = 1, \quad y_1'' = 0$$

$$t y_1'' - (1+t)y_1' + y_1 = 0 - (1+t)(1) + (1+t) = 0. \quad \text{So } y_1 \text{ is a solution.}$$

$$y_2 = e^t, \quad y_2' = e^t, \quad y_2'' = e^t$$

$$t y_2'' - (1+t)y_2' + y_2 = e^t (t - (1+t) + 1) = e^t (0) = 0.$$

So y_2 is a solution.

Now let's solve the nonhomogeneous DFEQ.

$$\text{Suppose } y = u_1(t)(1+t) + u_2(t)e^t.$$

$$\text{Then } y' = u_1'(t)(1+t) + u_1(t) + u_2'(t)e^t + u_2(t)e^t.$$

$$\text{Suppose } u_1'(t)(1+t) + u_2'(t)e^t = 0.$$

$$\text{Then } y' = u_1(t) + u_2(t)e^t$$

$$y'' = u_1'(t) + u_2'(t)e^t + u_2(t)e^t.$$

$$\begin{aligned} t y'' - (1+t)y' + y &= t u_1'(t) + t u_2'(t)e^t + t u_2(t)e^t - u_1(t) - u_2(t)e^t \\ &\quad - (u_1(t) - t u_2(t)e^t) + u_1(t) + u_1(t)t + u_2(t)e^t \\ &= t u_1'(t) + t u_2'(t)e^t \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } t u_1'(t) + t u_2'(t) e^t = t^2 e^{2t}$$

$$\text{and } u_1'(t)(1+t) + u_2'(t)e^t = 0$$

$$u_1'(t) + u_2'(t) e^t = t e^{2t}$$

$$(1+t)u_1'(t) + u_2'(t)e^t = 0$$

$$\text{After subtracting we get } -t u_1'(t) = t e^{2t}$$

$$\text{so } u_1'(t) = -e^{2t}$$

$$\text{so } \boxed{u_1(t) = -\frac{1}{2} e^{2t}}$$

$$\text{while } u_2'(t)e^t = -(1+t)u_1'(t) = (1+t)e^{2t}$$

$$\text{so } u_2'(t) = (1+t)e^t.$$

$$\text{so } u_2(t) = \int (1+t)e^t dt = e^t + \int t e^t dt$$

$$= e^t + t e^t - \int e^t dt$$

$$\boxed{u_2(t) = t e^t.}$$

$$\text{so } y(t) = -\frac{1}{2} e^{2t} (1+t) + t e^t e^t$$

$$= e^{2t} \left(t - \frac{1+t}{2} \right) = \boxed{\left(\frac{t-1}{2} \right) e^{2t}}$$

That's a particular solution (which is what the question asks).

A general soln would be $y(t) = c_1(1+t) + c_2 e^t + \left(\frac{t-1}{2} \right) e^{2t}$.

Alternative Solution

Suppose $y = \alpha t(1+t) + \beta t^2 e^t$.

Then by theorem 3.6.1

$$Y = -y_1(t) \int_{t_0}^t \frac{y_2(s)y_1(s)}{w(y_1, y_2)(s)} ds + y_2(t) \int_{t_0}^t \frac{y_1(s)y_2(s)}{w(y_1, y_2)(s)} ds$$

$$y_1 = 1+t \quad y_2 = e^t$$

$$g(t) = \frac{t^2 e^{2t}}{t} = t e^{2t}.$$

$$W(y_1, y_2)(t) = y_1 y_2' - y_1' y_2 \\ = (1+t)e^t - e^t = t e^t$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } Y &= -(1+t) \int \frac{(e^t) t e^{2t}}{t e^t} dt + e^t \int \frac{(1+t) t e^{2t}}{t e^t} dt \\ &= -(1+t) \int e^{2t} dt + e^t \int (1+t) e^t dt \\ &= -(1+t) \left(\frac{1}{2} e^{2t} \right) + e^t \left(e^t + t e^t - e^t \right) \\ &= -\frac{(1+t)}{2} e^{2t} + t e^{2t} = e^{2t} \left(t - \frac{1+t}{2} \right) \\ &= e^{2t} \left(\frac{t-1}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\text{So } Y(t) = e^{2t} \left(\frac{t-1}{2} \right)}$$

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(6)

$$m = 100 \text{ g}$$

$$L = 5 \text{ cm}$$

$$\text{Initial velocity } 10 \text{ cm/s so } u(0) = 10 \text{ cm/s}$$

$$\text{Starts at eq. pos. so } u(0) = 0 \text{ cm}$$

$$g = 9.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} = 980 \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{s}^2}$$

$$mg = kL \quad \text{so} \quad k = \frac{(100\text{g})(980 \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{s}^2})}{5\text{cm}} = \frac{98 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{s}^2}}{5} = 19.6 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{s}^2}$$

$$\text{We know } m\ddot{u} + ku = 0$$

$$\text{so } m\ddot{u} + 19.6u = 0$$

$$\ddot{u} + 19.6u = 0$$

$$r^2 + 19.6 = 0 \quad \text{so} \quad r = 14i$$

$$\text{Then } u(t) = A \cos(14t) + B \sin(14t)$$

$$u(0) = 0$$

$$\text{so } A = 0.$$

$$\dot{u}(t) = -14B \sin(14t) + 14A \cos(14t)$$

$$\dot{u}(0) = 14B \quad \text{so} \quad 14B = 10 \quad \text{so } B = \frac{5}{7}$$

Then $u(t) = \frac{5}{7} \sin(14t)$

The spring first returns to its initial position

when $14t = \pi \quad \text{so} \quad t = \frac{\pi}{14} \text{ s}$

$$3.8 \quad (9) \quad mg = 6 \text{ lb} \quad \text{so} \quad m = \frac{6 \text{ lb}}{32 (\text{ft/s}^2)} = \frac{6}{32} \text{ lb.}$$

$$k = 1 \text{ lb/in} = 12 \text{ lb/ft}$$

$$\text{so } \frac{6}{32} u'' + 12 u = 4 \cos(7t).$$

Let's solve the homogeneous part:

$$\frac{6}{32} r^2 + 12 = 0 \quad \text{so} \quad r^2 = \frac{-12 \cdot 32}{6} = -64$$

$$\text{so } r = 8i$$

$$\text{so } u(t) = A \cos(8t) + B \sin(8t).$$

Now let's find a solution to the nonhomogeneous example:

$$\text{Let } u(t) = C \cos(7t) + D \sin(7t)$$

$$u'(t) = -7C \sin(7t) + 7D \cos(7t)$$

$$u''(t) = -49C \cos(7t) - 49D \sin(7t)$$

$$\text{so } \frac{6}{32} (-49C \cos(7t) - 49D \sin(7t)) + 12C \cos(7t) + 12D \sin(7t) = 4 \cos(7t)$$

$$\text{so } \left(-\frac{49 \cdot 6}{32} + 12 \right) C = 4$$

$$\text{and } \left(-\frac{49 \cdot 6}{32} + 12 \right) D = 0 \quad \text{so } D = 0.$$

$$C = \frac{4 \cdot 32}{-\frac{49 \cdot 6}{32} + 12} = \frac{4 \cdot 32}{6(64 - 49)} = \frac{2 \cdot 32}{3(15)} = \frac{64}{45}.$$

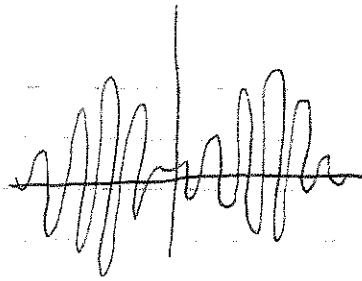
$$\text{so } u(t) = A \cos(8t) + B \sin(8t) + \frac{64}{45} \cos(7t).$$

$$\text{We know } u(0) = 0 \quad \text{so} \quad A + \frac{64}{45} = 0$$

$$u'(0) = 0 \quad \text{so} \quad 8B = 0$$

$$\text{so } A = -\frac{64}{45} \text{ and } B = 0$$

Then $u(t) = \frac{64}{45} (\cos(7t) - \cos(8t))$



(11) $mg = 8lb$ $m = \frac{8}{32} lb$
 $L = 6\text{in}$, $L = 0.5\text{ft}$

$\ddot{x} = 0.25 \frac{lb \cdot s}{ft}$ $F = 4 \cos(2t)$

$mg = kL$, so
 $k = \frac{mg}{L} = \frac{8}{0.5} = 16$.

a) $mu'' + 2u' + ku = F$

$\frac{8}{32} u'' + \frac{1}{4} u' + 16u = 4 \cos(2t)$.

Let $u = A \cos(2t) + B \sin(2t)$.

Then $u' = -2A \sin(2t) + 2B \cos(2t)$

$u'' = -4A \cos(2t) - 4B \sin(2t)$

$$4 \cos(2t) = \frac{8}{32} (-4A \cos(2t) - 4B \sin(2t)) + \frac{1}{4} (-2A \sin(2t) + 2B \cos(2t)) + 16(A \cos(2t) + B \sin(2t))$$

$$\cos(2t) \left(-A + \frac{1}{2}B + 16A \right) + \sin(2t) \left(-B - \frac{1}{2}A + 16B \right) = 4 \cos(2t)$$

$$4 = 15A + \frac{1}{2}B \quad \text{so} \quad 8 = 30A + B$$

$$0 = 30B - A$$

$240 = 900A + 30B$

$0 = -A + 30B$

$901A = 240$ so

$A = \frac{240}{901}$

and $B = \frac{A}{30} = \frac{8}{901}$

So $u(t) = \frac{240}{901} \cos(2t) + \frac{8}{901} \sin(2t)$ is the steady solution

b) Suppose m is a variable, let's maximize the amplitude.

$u = A \cos(2t) + B \sin(2t)$ implies $\cos(2t)(16A - 4mA + \frac{1}{2}B) + \sin(2t)(16B - 4mB + \frac{1}{2}A) = 0$

$(16 - 4m)A + \frac{1}{2}B = 0$ $(32 - 8m)A + B = 0$ $A(32 - 8m)^2 + (32 - 8m)B = 8(32 - 8m)$

$(16 - 4m)B - \frac{1}{2}A = 0$ $(32 - 8m)B - A = 0$ $-A + (32 - 8m)B = 0$

So $((32 - 8m)^2 + 1)A = 8(32 - 8m)$

$A = \frac{8(32 - 8m)}{(32 - 8m)^2 + 1}, B = \frac{8}{(32 - 8m)^2 + 1}$

Max amplitude when $32 = 8m$ so

$m = 4$