

- 1 The displacement, x m, of a particle at time t s is given by the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 8\frac{dx}{dt} + 25x = 0.$$

Initially the particle is at the origin and has a velocity of $\frac{1}{4}\text{ms}^{-1}$.

- (i) Find the particular solution for x . [8]

- (ii) Find the maximum displacement of the particle from its initial position, giving your answer correct to 3 significant figures. [4]

- (iii) Describe the behaviour of your solution for large values of t . [1]

In a different situation, an additional force is applied to the particle and the differential equation satisfied by x is

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 8\frac{dx}{dt} + 25x = 5\sin 5t.$$

- (iv) Using the same initial conditions as in part (i), find the new particular solution for x . [10]

- (v) Describe the behaviour of your new solution for large values of t . [1]

- 2 The differential equation

$$x\frac{dy}{dx} - ny = 2x - 1,$$

where n is a non-zero constant, is to be solved for $x > 0$.

Firstly consider the case $n \neq 1$.

- (i) Find the general solution for y in terms of x and n . [8]

- (ii) For $n = -1$, find the equation of the solution curve that passes through the point $(2, 0)$ and sketch the curve for $x > 0$. [4]

Now consider the case $n = 1$.

- (iii) Find the general solution for y in terms of x . [5]

- (iv) Show that the solution curve for which $y = 0$ when $x = 1$ has exactly one stationary point. [3]

Now consider the differential equation

$$x\frac{dy}{dx} - y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2x-1}}.$$

- (v) Use Euler's method, with a step length of 0.1 and initial conditions $y = 0$ when $x = 1$, to estimate y when $x = 1.3$. The algorithm is given by $x_{r+1} = x_r + h$, $y_{r+1} = y_r + hy'_r$. [4]

- 3 The resistance to motion of a small test car of mass 20 kg is modelled differently according to the aerodynamic features of the bodywork being tested. The motion of the test car is studied as it moves in a horizontal straight line. In each trial, the car is initially at rest at A; at time t s its velocity is v m s⁻¹ and its distance from A is x m. The only horizontal forces acting on the car are a driving force of 100 N and a varying resistance force of magnitude R N.

In the first trial, the resistance to motion is modelled by $R = 4v^2$.

- (i) Write down and solve a differential equation to show that

$$v^2 = 25\left(1 - e^{-\frac{2}{5}x}\right).$$

Find the value of v when $x = 10$. [9]

- (ii) Find the value of t when $x = 10$. [7]

In the second trial, the resistance to motion is modelled by $R = 2v$.

- (iii) Write down and solve a differential equation to find v in terms of t . State the terminal velocity of the car. [7]

- (iv) Find the value of t in the second trial when the car's speed is equal to the value of v found in part (i). [1]

- 4 Two species of small rodent, X and Y, compete for survival in the same environment. The populations of the species, at time t years, are x and y respectively and they are modelled by the simultaneous differential equations

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= 2(x - y), \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= \frac{3}{8}(x - 80e^{-\frac{1}{2}t}).\end{aligned}$$

- (i) Show that

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} - 2\frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{3}{4}x = 60e^{-\frac{1}{2}t}.$$

Find the general solution for x . [10]

- (ii) Find the corresponding general solution for y . [3]

When $t = 0$, $x = 40$ and $y = 50$.

- (iii) Find the particular solutions for x and y . [4]

- (iv) Find the time T at which the model predicts that the rodents of species X will die out. Find the population of species Y predicted at this time. [6]

- (v) Comment on the suitability of the model for times greater than T . [1]

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