

Question 10**(9 marks)**

The displacement, x , of a mass on the end of a damped spring is given by

$$x(t) = 3e^{-t} \sin(t), \quad t \geq 0$$

where x is in centimetres and t is in seconds.

- (a) Determine when the mass first returns to its starting position at $x = 0$. (2 marks)
- (b) Determine an expression for the velocity of the mass. (2 marks)
- (c) Determine the displacement of the mass when it first changes direction. (3 marks)
- (d) The mass is considered to have stopped oscillating when the oscillation amplitude $A(t) = 3e^{-t}$ drops to 0.01 cm. How long does it take for the spring to stop oscillating? (2 marks)