Math 225 – Quiz #9: Higher-Order Applications

Clearly and neatly show all work for each problem. Solutions with no work will receive no credit.

- 1. A 4-foot spring measures 8 feet long after an 8-pound weight is attached to it. The medium through which the weight moves offers resistance equal to $\sqrt{2}$ times the instantaneous velocity. Set up and solve a differential equation to find the equation of motion if the weight is released from the equilibrium position with a downward velocity of 4 ft/s.
- 2. When a mass of 2 kilograms is attached to a spring whose constant is 32 N/m, it comes to rest in the equilibrium position. A force equal to $f(t) = 68e^{-2t}\cos 4t$ is then applied to the system. Set up and solve a differential equation to find the equation of motion if there is no damping.
- 3. Given a beam of length L=1 and $w_0=48\,EI$, set up and solve a differential equation to find the deflection of the beam y(x) when:
 - a) The beam is simply supported at both ends, with $w(x) = w_0 x$.
 - b) The beam is embedded at its left end and free at its right end, with $w(x) = w_0 x$.

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