

# MAT 330: Differential Equations

## Project One Template

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**Problem 1:** Consider a time-varying population that follows the logistic population model. The population has a limiting population of 800, and at time  $t = 0$ , its population of 200 is growing at a rate of 60 per year.

a) Write a differential equation for the population  $P(t)$  that models this scenario.

**Solution:**

[We use  $\frac{dp}{dt} = kP(M - P)$  to find  $k$ , and to find  $k$  we substitute the limiting population. While solving for  $k$ , we will get

$60 = k \cdot 200(800 - 200)$ . With that we conclude that  $k = 0.0005$ . The differential equation will be

$\frac{dp}{dt} = 0.0005P(800 - P)$ , we can simplify this to and we can get  $\frac{dp}{dt} = 0.4P - 0.0005P^2$ .]

b) Identify an appropriate solution technique and solve this differential equation.

**Solution:**

We can simplify this by multiplying numerator and denominator by 2, which gives:

$$P(t) = \frac{800Ce^{\frac{t}{2.5}}}{1 + Ce^{\frac{t}{2.5}}}$$

Use initial condition  $P(0)=200$

At  $t=0$ , we plug in:

$$P(0) = \frac{800C}{1 + C} = 200$$

Multiply both sides by  $1+C$ :

$$800C = 200(1 + C) \Rightarrow 800C = 200 + 200C \Rightarrow 600C = 200 \Rightarrow C = \frac{1}{3}$$

Final particular solution:

Substitute  $C=1/3$  into the formula:

$$P(t) = \frac{800 * e^{\frac{t}{2.5}}}{1 + \frac{1}{3}e^{\frac{t}{2.5}}} = \frac{800e^{\frac{t}{2.5}}}{3 + e^{\frac{t}{2.5}}}$$

Final Answer:

$$P(t) = \frac{800e^{\frac{t}{2.5}}}{3 + e^{\frac{t}{2.5}}}$$

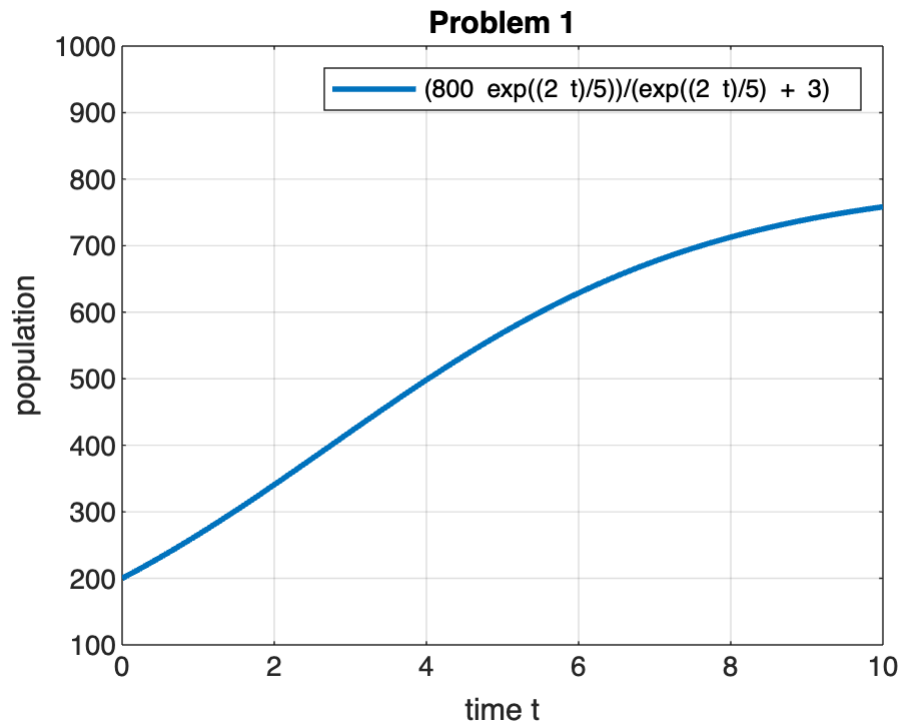
**c) Use MATLAB to plot your solution for  $t = 0$  to  $t = 10$ .**

**Solution:**

```
%[Insert your MATLAB code and plot here.]
%define the function/variable of interest
syms P(t) t;

%solution
P(t) = ((800*exp(0.4*t))/(3+exp(0.4*t)));

%plot
%figure
figure;
fplot(P(t), [0, 10], '-', 'LineWidth', 2);
%grid on
grid on;
%label axes and title
xlabel('time t');
ylabel('population');
title('Problem 1');
legend;
%y lims
ylim([100, 1000]);
```



**d) How long will it take for the population to achieve 95% of its maximum population?**

**Solution:**

To find 95% of the max population we start with  $0.95 \cdot 800 = 760$

Then we set our solution = to 760.

$$760 = \frac{800e^{\frac{t}{2.5}}}{3 + e^{\frac{t}{2.5}}}$$

$$760 \left( 3 + e^{\frac{t}{2.5}} \right) = 800e^{\frac{t}{2.5}}$$

$$\text{then distribute 760: } 2280 + 760e^{\frac{t}{2.5}} = 800e^{\frac{t}{2.5}}$$

$$\text{we rearrange and then simplify the equation: } 2280 = (800 - 760)e^{\frac{t}{2.5}}$$

$$2280 = 40e^{\frac{t}{2.5}}$$

$$57 = e^{\frac{t}{2.5}}$$

$$\text{apply ln: } \ln(57) = \frac{t}{2.5}$$

$t \sim 10.107$

the time it will take to reach 95% of the max pop is approximately 10.11 yrs.

**e) Use the MATLAB `dsolve()` function to solve the differential equation and plot the solution on a new figure. The results provided by `dsolve()` and your solution from part (b) should match.**

**Solution:**

```
%[Insert your MATLAB code and plot here.]
%define the function/ variables of interest
syms P(t) t;

%compute the derivatives of p(t) with respect to t using diff() funct
Dy = diff(P(t));

%define the diff equation
ode = Dy == 0.4*P-0.0005*P^2
```

$\text{ode}(t) =$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} P(t) = \frac{2P(t)}{5} - \frac{P(t)^2}{2000}$$

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%define the conditions
cond1 = P(0) == 200;

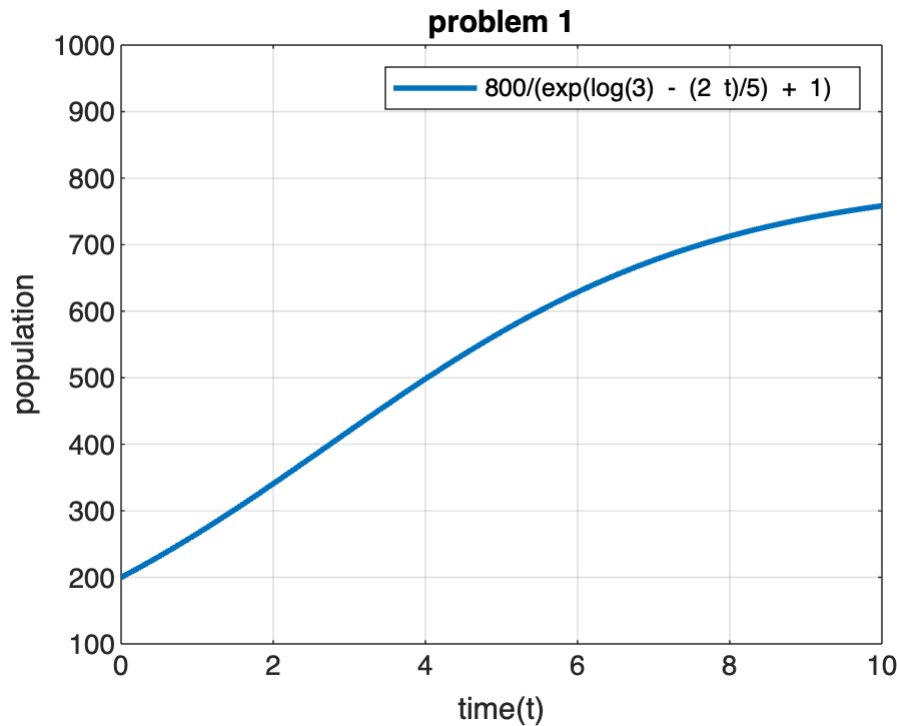
%solve the the diff equation using dsolve()
Soln(t) = dsolve(ode, cond1)
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$\text{Soln}(t) =$

$$\frac{800}{e^{\log(3) - \frac{2t}{5}} + 1}$$

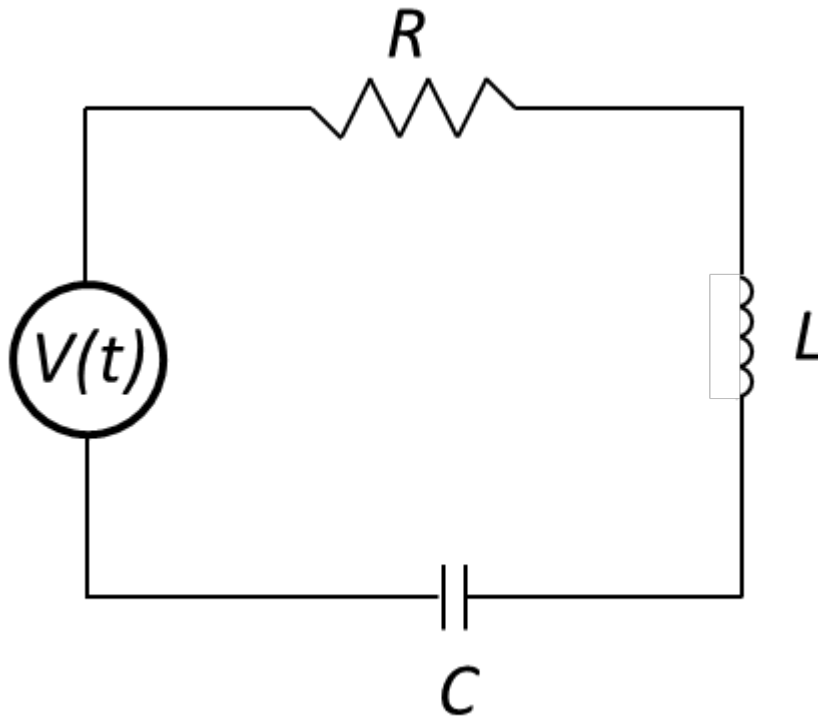
```
%plot the solution
%figure
figure;
fplot(Soln, [0,10], '-', 'LineWidth', 2);
%grid on
grid on;
%label axes & title
xlabel('time(t)');
ylabel('population');
title('problem 1');
%legend
legend;
%y limits
```

```
ylim([100, 1000]);
```



**Problem 2:** Consider the RLC circuit shown below, where the initial current flowing through the circuit at time  $t = 0$  is  $I_0 = 5$ , and the initial charge on the capacitor at time  $t = 0$  is  $Q_0 = 2$ . The components have values of

$$R = 100 \, \Omega, L = 5 \, \text{H}, \text{ and } C = \frac{1}{450,500} \, \text{F}.$$



a) Write a differential equation for  $Q(t)$ , the charge across the capacitor, assuming the voltage source  $V(t) = 0$ .

**Solution:** We will use Kirchhoffs voltage law using  $V(t)=0$ :

$$L \frac{d^2 Q}{dt^2} + R \frac{dQ}{dt} + \frac{1}{C} Q = 0$$

Then we plug in the given component values:

$$5 \frac{d^2 Q}{dt^2} + 100 \frac{dQ}{dt} + 450500 Q = 0$$

we can simplify the equation by dividing each term by 5;

$$\frac{d^2 Q}{dt^2} + 20 \frac{dQ}{dt} + 90100 Q = 0$$

b) Classify the differential equation

**Solution:**

The differential equation is a second-order, linear, homogenous differential equation with constant coefficients.

**c) Identify an appropriate solution technique, and solve the differential equation for  $Q(t)$ .**

**Solution:**

solve using the characteristic equation method:

Replace:  $\frac{d^2Q}{dt^2} \rightarrow r^2$ ,  $\frac{dQ}{dt} \rightarrow r$ ,  $Q \rightarrow 1$  :

$$r^2 + 20r + 90100 = 0$$

use the quadratic form:

$$r = \frac{-20 \pm \sqrt{20^2 - 4(1)(90100)}}{2} = -10 \pm 300i$$

Since the roots are complex the general solution is:

$$Q(t) = e^{-10t}(A\cos(300t) + B\sin(300t))$$

apply the initial conditions and use the product rule:

$$Q(0) = e^0(A\cos(0) + B\sin(0)) = A \Rightarrow A = 2$$

$$Q'(t) = \frac{d}{dt}[e^{-10t}(A\cos(300t) + B\sin(300t))]$$

$$Q'(t) = e^{-10t}[(-10A + 300B)\cos(300t) + (-10B - 300A)\sin(300t)]$$

at  $t = 0$ :

$$Q'(0) = (-10A + 300B)(1) + (-10B - 300A)(0) = -10A + 300B$$

set  $Q'(0) = 5$

$$-10(2) + 300B = 5 \Rightarrow -20 + 300B = 5 \Rightarrow 300B = 25 \Rightarrow B = \frac{1}{12}$$

final answer:

$$Q(t) = e^{-10t}\left(2\cos(300t) + \frac{1}{12}\sin(300t)\right)$$

**d) Use MATLAB to plot your solution for time  $t = 0$  to  $1$ .**

**Solution:**

```
%[Insert your MATLAB code and plot here.]  
%define the function/variables
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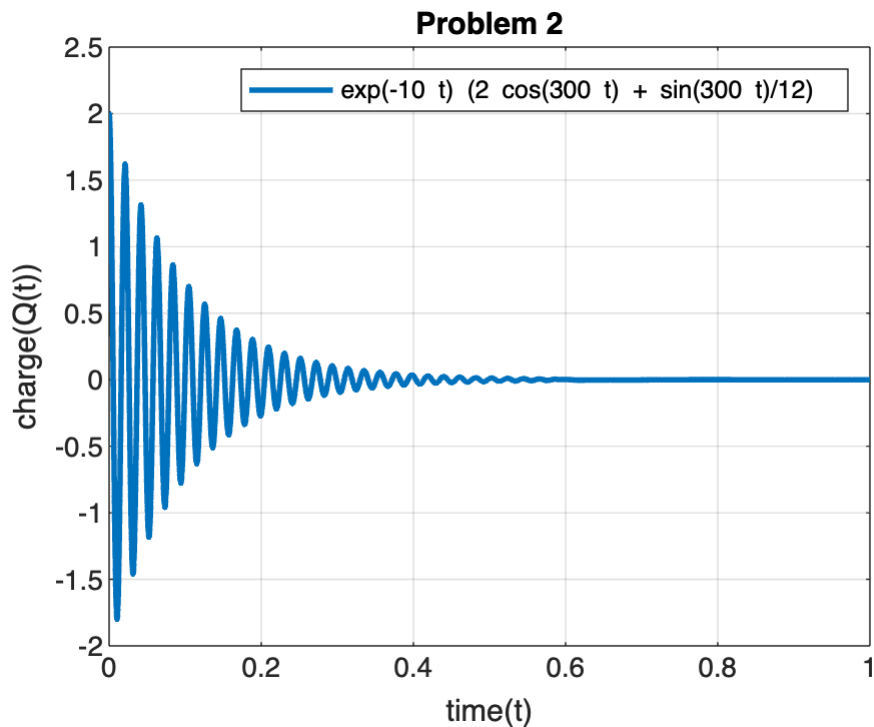
```

syms Q(t) t;

%equation
Q(t) = exp(-10*t)*[2*cos(300*t)+(1/12)*sin(300*t)];

%plot the equation
%figure
figure;
fplot(Q(t), [0,1], '-', 'LineWidth', 2);
%grid on;
grid on;
%label axes & title
xlabel('time(t)');
ylabel('charge(Q(t))');
title('Problem 2');
%legend
legend;
%y limits
ylim([-2, 2.5]);

```



e) Use the MATLAB `dsolve()` function to solve the differential equation and plot the solution on a new figure. The results provided by `dsolve()` and your solution from part (b) should match.

**Solution:**

```

%[Insert your MATLAB code and plot here.]
%define the function/variables

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```
syms Q(t) t;

%derivatives of Q(t) w/ respect to t using the diff() funct
Dy(t) = diff(Q(t));
Dy2(t) = diff(Q(t),2);

%define the diff equation
ode = Dy2(t)+20*Dy(t)+90100*Q(t) == 0
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ode =

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} Q(t) + 20 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} Q(t) + 90100 Q(t) = 0$$

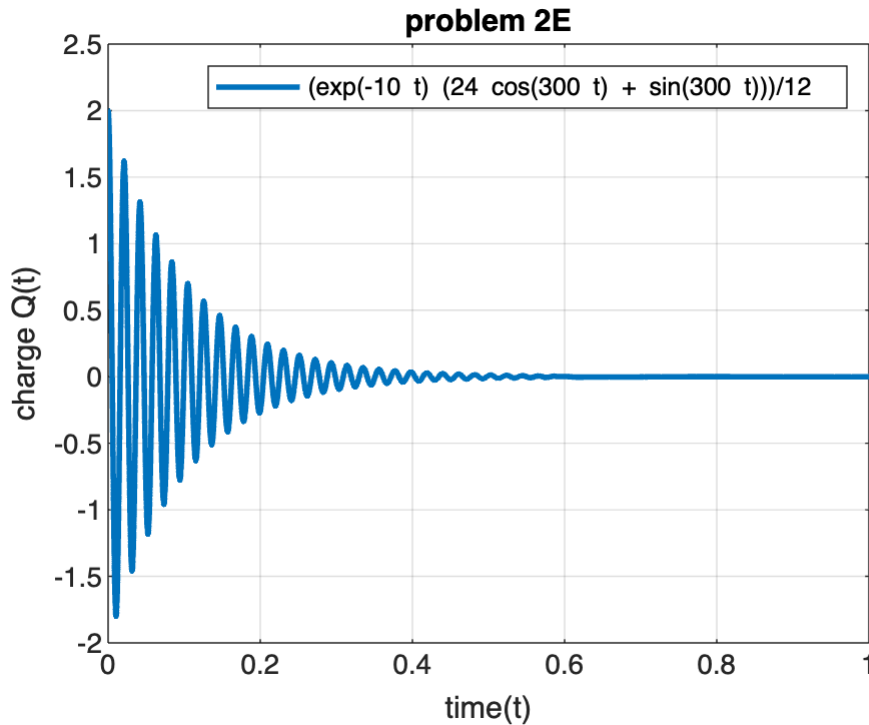
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%define the set of initial conditions
cond1 = Q(0) == 2;
cond2 = Dy(0) == 5;
%put the conditions together
cond = [cond1; cond2];

%solve the diff equation using dsolve()
Soln = dsolve(ode, cond)
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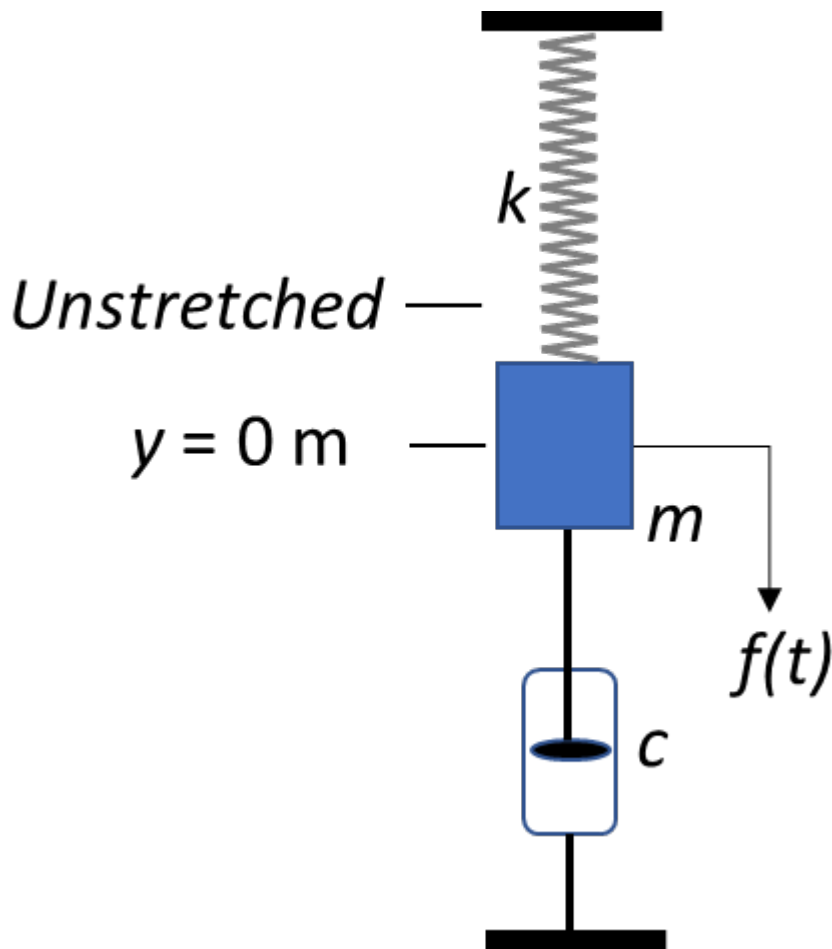
Soln =

$$\frac{e^{-10t} (24 \cos(300t) + \sin(300t))}{12}$$

```
%plot the solution
%figure
figure;
fplot(Soln, [0, 1], '-', 'LineWidth', 2);
%grid on
grid on;
%label axes &title
xlabel('time(t)');
ylabel('charge Q(t)');
title('problem 2E');
%legend
legend;
%y limits
ylim([-2, 2.5]);
```



**Problem 3:** Consider the spring-mass system shown below. A mass of  $m = 5$  kg has stretched a spring by  $s_0 = 1.5$  meters and is at rest. A damping system is connected that provides a damping force equal to 30 times the instantaneous velocity of the mass. At time  $t = 0$ , the mass at rest has an external force of  $f(t) = 25 \sin(10t)$  applied.



**a) Write a differential equation that models the mass location  $y(t)$  as a function of time.**

**Solution:**

the spring constant  $k$ : 32.67

Use Newton's 2nd law, The standard order ODE for a damped driven spring mass system is:

$$my''(t) + cy'(t) + ky(t) = f(t)$$

substitute in the values:

$$5y''(t) + 30y'(t) + 32.67y(t) = 25\sin(10t)$$

**b) Identify an appropriate solution technique, and solve the differential equation for  $y(t)$ .**

**Solution:**

solve using undetermined coefficients:

$$5y'' + 30y' + 32.67y = 0$$

characteristic equation:

$$5r^2 + 30r + 32.67 = 0$$

$$r = \frac{(-30 \pm \sqrt{30^2 - 4(5)(32.67)})}{10} = -3 \pm -1.568$$

which gives us:  $C_1e^{-1.43t} + C_2e^{-4.57t}$

finding the particular solution:

$$5(-100A\cos(10t) - 100B\sin(10t)) + 30(-10A\sin(10t) + 10\cos(10t)) + 32.7(A\cos(10t) + B\sin(10t))$$

simplifies:

$$(-467.3A + 300B)\cos(10t) + (-467.3B - 300A)\sin(10t)$$

set up equations:

$$-467.3A + 300B = 0$$

$$A = 0.083$$

$$-467.3B - 300A = 0$$

$$B = 0.129$$

general solution:

$$y(t) = C_1e^{-1.43t} + C_2e^{-4.57t} + 0.083\sin(10t) - 0.129\cos(10t)$$

solve for C1 and C2:

$$y(0) = C_1e^{-1.43(0)} + C_2e^{-4.57(0)} + 0.083\sin(10(0)) - 0.129\cos(10(0))$$

$$C_1 + C_2 = 0.129$$

use  $y'(0) = 0$ :

$$-1.43C_1 - 4.57C_2 = 0.083$$

$$-1.43C_1 = 0.083 + 4.57C_2$$

$$C_1 = \frac{(0.083 + 4.57C_2)}{-\frac{1}{43}}$$

$$\frac{(0.083 + 4.57C_2)}{-\frac{1}{43}} + C_2 = 0.129$$

so:  $C_1 = 0.214$  and  $C_2 = -0.085$

final answer :

$$y(t) = 0.214e^{-1.43t} - 0.085e^{-4.57t} + 0.083\sin(10t) - 0.129\cos(10t)$$

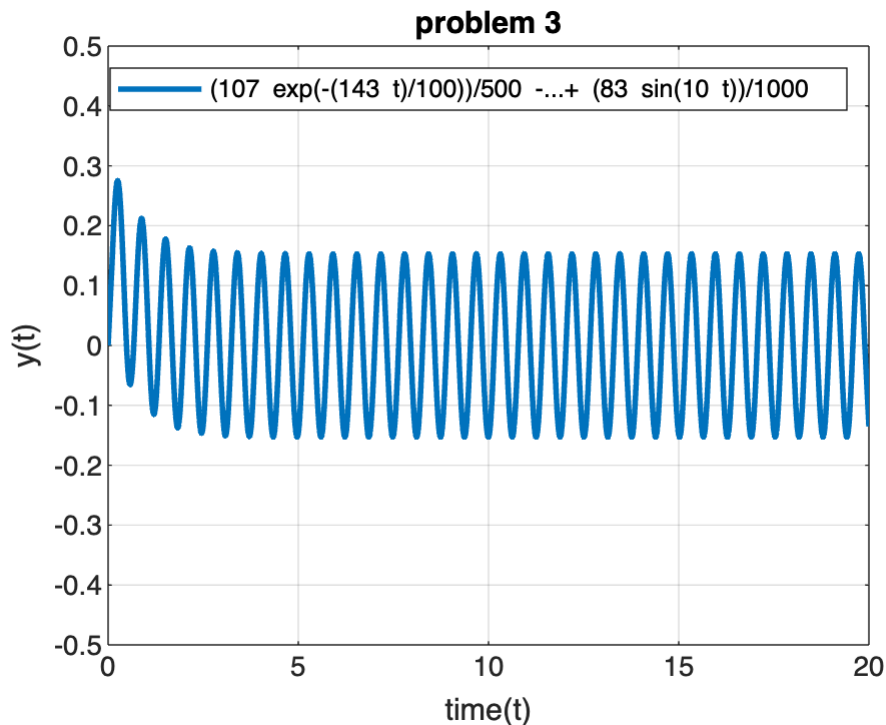
c) Use MATLAB to plot your solution for  $t = 0$  to  $t = 20$ .

**Solution:**

```
%[Insert your MATLAB code and plot here.]
%define the function/variables
syms y(t) t;

%equation
y(t) = 0.214*exp(-1.43*t)-0.085*exp(-4.57*t) +
0.083*sin(10*t)-0.129*cos(10*t);

%plot the solution
%figure
figure;
fplot(y(t), [0, 20], '-', 'LineWidth', 2);
%grid on
grid on;
%label axes and title
xlabel('time(t)');
ylabel('y(t)');
title('problem 3');
%legend
legend;
%y limits
ylim([-0.5, 0.5]);
```



**d) What is the steady-state solution of  $y(t)$ ?**

**Solution:**

The steady state is  $y(t) = 0.083\sin(10t) - 0.129\cos(10t)$ . The steady state shows what the spring does as time 't' moves in the positive infinity direction. As this exponential function grows it will trend toward 0 showing that to be the steady state.

**e) Use the MATLAB `dsolve()` function to solve the differential equation and plot the solution on a new figure. The results provided by `dsolve()` and your solution from part (b) should match.**

**Solution:**

```
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%define the function/ variables
syms y(t) t;

%derivatives of y(t) w/ respect to t using the diff() function
Dy(t) = diff(y(t));
Dy2(t) = diff(y(t),2);

%define the diff equation
ode = 5*Dy2(t)+30*Dy(t)+32.7*y(t) == 25*sin(10*t)
```

ode =

$$5 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} y(t) + 30 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} y(t) + \frac{327 y(t)}{10} = 25 \sin(10t)$$

```
%define the set of conditions
cond1 = y(0) == 1.5;
cond2 = Dy(0) == 0;
%put the conditions together
cond = [cond1, cond2];

%solve the diff equation using dsolve()
Soln = dsolve(ode, cond)
```

Soln =

$$\frac{25 \sqrt{246} e^{-t\sigma_2} e^{3t+\sigma_4} (\sigma_3 - \sin(10t)\sigma_2)}{246 (\sigma_2^2 + 100)} - \frac{e^{-t\sigma_2} (8856797268295 \sqrt{246} - 75711582882873)}{492 \sigma_5^2 (30 \sqrt{246} + 5573)} - \frac{25 \sqrt{246}}{246}$$

where

$$\sigma_1 = \frac{\sqrt{246}}{10} - 3$$

$$\sigma_2 = \frac{\sqrt{246}}{10} + 3$$

$$\sigma_3 = 10 \cos(10t)$$

$$\sigma_4 = \frac{\sqrt{246} t}{10}$$

$$\sigma_5 = 30 \sqrt{246} - 5573$$

```
%plot the solution
%figure
figure;
fplot(Soln, [0, 20], '-', 'LineWidth', 2);
%grid on
grid on;
%label axes and title
xlabel('time (t)');
ylabel('y(t)');
title('problem 3E');
%legend
legend;
%y limits
ylim([-0.5, 0.5]);
```

### problem 3E

