

**4.3.14**  $y'' + 2y' + 3y = 0$

**Solution**  $\lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 3 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_{1/2} &= \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 12}}{2} \\ &= -1 \pm \sqrt{2}i\end{aligned}$$

$$y(t) = e^{-t} \left( c_1 \cos \sqrt{2}t + c_2 \sin \sqrt{2}t \right) \quad c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$


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**4.3.22**  $y'' + 4y' + 4y = 0$

**Solution**  $\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 4 = 0$

$$(\lambda + 2)(\lambda + 2) = 0$$

$$\lambda = -2$$

$$y(t) = c_1 e^{-2t} + c_2 t e^{-2t} \quad c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$


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**4.3.30**  $y'' - 2y' - 3y = 0, \quad y(0) = 2, \quad y'(0) = -3$

**Solution**  $\lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 3 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_{1/2} &= \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 + 12}}{2} \\ &= 1 \pm 2\end{aligned}$$

$$y(t) = c_1 e^{-t} + c_2 e^{3t}$$

$$y(0) = 2 \Rightarrow c_1 + c_2 = 2$$

$$y'(0) = -3 \Rightarrow -c_1 + 3c_2 = -3$$

$$4c_2 = -1 \Rightarrow c_2 = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$c_1 = 2 - c_2 = 2 + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{9}{4}$$

$$y(t) = \frac{9}{4} e^{-t} - \frac{1}{4} e^{3t}$$


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**4.3.37** Suppose that  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  are characteristic roots of the characteristic equation  $\lambda^2 + p\lambda + q = 0$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are real constants.

a. Prove that  $\lambda_1 \lambda_2 = q$ .

b. Prove that  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = -p$ .

**Solution**  $\lambda_1 = \frac{-p + \sqrt{p^2 - 4q}}{2}, \quad \lambda_2 = \frac{-p - \sqrt{p^2 - 4q}}{2}$

a.  $\lambda_1 \lambda_2 = \frac{p^2 - p^2 + 4q}{4} = q \quad \square$

b.  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = \frac{-2p}{2} = -p \quad \square$

**4.5.18**  $y'' + 3y' + 2y = 3e^{-4t}$ ,  $y(0) = 1$ ,  $y'(0) = 0$

**Solution** We first consider the associated homogeneous ODE:

$$y'' + 3y' + 2y = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = -1, \lambda_2 = -2$$

$$y_h(t) = c_1 e^{-t} + c_2 e^{-2t} \quad c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

We now look for a particular solution of the form  $y = ae^{-4t}$ :

$$16ae^{-4t} - 12ae^{-4t} + 2ae^{-4t} = 3e^{-4t}$$

$$6a = 3 \Rightarrow a = \frac{1}{2}$$

Thus, the general solution is given by

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{2}e^{-4t} + c_1 e^{-t} + c_2 e^{-2t}$$

$$y(0) = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} + c_1 + c_2 = 1$$

$$y'(0) = 0 \Rightarrow -2 - c_1 - 2c_2 = 0$$

$$c_1 = 3, c_2 = -\frac{5}{2}$$

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{2}e^{-4t} + 3e^{-t} - \frac{5}{2}e^{-2t}$$

**4.5.26**  $y'' + 4y = 4 \cos 2t$

**Solution** We look for a particular solution in the form  $y = t(a \sin 2t + b \cos 2t)$ :

$$y' = a \sin 2t + b \cos 2t + 2t(a \cos 2t - b \sin 2t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} y'' &= 2a \cos 2t - 2b \sin 2t + 2(a \cos 2t - b \sin 2t) - 4t(a \sin 2t + b \cos 2t) \\ &= 4a \cos 2t - 4b \sin 2t - 4t(a \sin 2t + b \cos 2t) \end{aligned}$$

$$y'' + 4y = 4 \cos 2t$$

$$4a \cos 2t - 4b \sin 2t - 4t(a \sin 2t + b \cos 2t) + 4t(a \sin 2t + b \cos 2t) = 4 \cos 2t$$

$$4a \cos 2t - 4b \sin 2t = 4 \cos 2t \Rightarrow a = 1, b = 0$$

$$y_p(t) = t \sin 2t$$