

### Answer on Question #50739 – Math – Differential Calculus | Equations

Solve the initial value problem:  $d^2x/dt^2 + 2 dx/dt - 3x = 0$ ,  $x(2\pi) = 1$ ,  $x'(2\pi) = 13$

#### Solution

$$x'' + 2x' - 3x = 0, \quad x(2\pi) = 1, \quad x'(2\pi) = 13.$$

Characteristic equation is  $r^2 + 2r - 3 = 0$ , hence its solutions are

$$r = -3 \text{ or } r = 1.$$

So,  $x(t) = c_1 e^{-3t} + c_2 e^t$ , hence  $x'(t) = -3c_1 e^{-3t} + c_2 e^t$ .

From conditions

$$x(2\pi) = 1, \quad x'(2\pi) = 13$$

obtain the following system of linear equations with respect to  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ ,

which to be solved by Cramer's method :

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} c_1 e^{-6\pi} + c_2 e^{2\pi} = 1 \\ -3c_1 e^{-6\pi} + c_2 e^{2\pi} = 13 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} c_1 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & e^{2\pi} \\ 13 & e^{2\pi} \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} e^{-6\pi} & e^{2\pi} \\ -3e^{-6\pi} & e^{2\pi} \end{vmatrix}} \\ c_2 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} e^{-6\pi} & 1 \\ -3e^{-6\pi} & 13 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} e^{-6\pi} & e^{2\pi} \\ -3e^{-6\pi} & e^{2\pi} \end{vmatrix}} \end{cases}$$
$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} c_1 = \frac{-12e^{2\pi}}{4e^{-4\pi}} \\ c_2 = \frac{16e^{-6\pi}}{4e^{-4\pi}} \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} c_1 = -3e^{6\pi} \\ c_2 = 4e^{-2\pi} \end{cases}$$

Thus,  $x(t) = -3e^{6\pi-3t} + 4e^{t-2\pi}$  is the solution to the initial value problem.