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Math 46: Quiz 6

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Please show all work and solve the following problems.

1. Solve the following ODEs:

- (a) $y'' + 5y' + 6y = 0$
- (b) $y'' + 4y' + 4y = 0$
- (c) $y'' + y = 0$

Solution: (a) Using the characteristic equation:

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda^2 + 5\lambda + 6 &= 0 \\ (\lambda + 3)(\lambda + 2) &= 0 \\ \lambda &= -3, \lambda = -2 \\ y(x) &= c_1 e^{-3x} + c_2 e^{-2x}\end{aligned}$$

(b) Using the characteristic equation:

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 4 &= 0 \\ (\lambda + 2)(\lambda + 2) &= 0 \\ \lambda &= -2, \lambda = -2 \\ y(x) &= c_1 e^{-2x} + c_2 x e^{-2x}\end{aligned}$$

(c) Using the characteristic equation:

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda^2 + 1 &= 0 \\ \lambda &= \pm\sqrt{-1} \\ \lambda &= \pm i \\ y(x) &= c_1 \cos(x) + c_2 \sin(x)\end{aligned}$$

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