

Written HW6 – MATH 3504 Spring 2021

**Due by 24 February for timely completion credit**

We will explore resonance in this homework. Consider the differential equation

$$x'' + 3x = \sin(\omega t), \quad (1)$$

where  $\omega$  is an unknown constant.

- #1. Find the general solution of homogeneous differential equation  $x'' + 3x = 0$ .
- #2. Solve the nonhomogeneous equation (1) using the method of undetermined coefficients (*note: your solution will have the constant “ $\omega$ ” in it*).
- #3. Use your general solution above to find the solution which is subject to the initial conditions  $x(0) = 0$  and  $x'(0) = 1$ .
- #4. Write and plot the solution found in #3 using three different **integer** values of for  $\omega \neq 0$ . Include your plots in your submission.
- #5. What value of  $\omega$  would make equation (1) resonant? For this value of  $\omega$ , do the method of undetermined coefficients again to solve (1) (*note: redoing it is required – think about why!*). Plot the solution for this value and describe how it looks differently to the solutions you plotted in #4. Include your plot in the submission.