

**Problem 21 in Section 3.2.** The problem tells us that  $y_{\text{homog}} = c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x$  is the general solution of the homogeneous problem  $y'' + y = 0$  and  $y_{\text{partic}} = 3x$  is a particular solution of the Differential Equation  $y'' + y = 3x$ . The problem tells us to find the solution of the Initial Value Problem

$$y'' + y = 3x, \quad y(0) = 2, \quad \text{and} \quad y'(0) = -2.$$

Solution. The general solution of  $y'' + y = 3x$  is

$$y = c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x + 3x.$$

We must evaluate the constants. We calculate

$$y' = -c_1 \sin x + c_2 \cos x + 3$$

Plug  $x = 0$  into  $y$  and  $y'$ . We must solve

$$\begin{aligned} 2 &= c_1 \cos(0) + c_2 \sin(0) + 3(0) \\ -2 &= -c_1 \sin(0) + c_2 \cos(0) + 3 \end{aligned}$$

We must solve

$$\begin{aligned} 2 &= c_1 \\ -2 &= c_2 + 3 \end{aligned}$$

We conclude that  $c_1 = 2$  and  $c_2 = -5$ . The solution of the Initial Value Problem is

$$y = 2 \cos x - 5 \sin x + 3x.$$

**Check.** We compute

$$\begin{aligned} y &= 2 \cos x - 5 \sin x + 3x \\ y' &= -2 \sin x - 5 \cos x + 3 \\ y'' &= -2 \cos x + 5 \sin x \end{aligned}$$

Plug  $y$ ,  $y'$ , and  $y''$  into the left side of the Differential Equation. We see that

$$y'' + y = (-2 \cos x + 5 \sin x) + (2 \cos x - 5 \sin x + 3x) = 3x. \checkmark$$

We compute  $y(0) = 2(1) - 5(0) + 3(0) = 2 \checkmark$  and  $y'(0) = -2 \sin(0) - 5 \cos(0) + 3 = -5 + 3 = -2 \checkmark$ . Our proposed answer does everything it is supposed to do. Our answer is correct.