

7.4) Using boundary conditions

Worked example

Find y in terms of x , given that $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - y = 2e^{-x}$, and that $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ and $y = 0$ at $x = 0$.

Your turn

Find y in terms of x , given that $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - y = 2e^x$, and that $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ and $y = 0$ at $x = 0$.

$$y = -\frac{1}{2}e^x + \frac{1}{2}e^{-x} + xe^x$$

Worked example

Find y in terms of x , given that $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 25y = 3 \cos 5x$, and that $\frac{dy}{dx} = 5$ and $y = 0$ at $x = 0$.

Your turn

Find x in terms of t , given that $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + x = 3 \sin 2t$, and that $\frac{dx}{dt} = 1$ and $x = 0$ at $t = 0$.

$$x = 3 \sin t - \sin 2t$$

Worked example

Solve the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 16y = \sin 4x$$

subject to boundary conditions $y = 0, \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ when $x = 0$

Your turn

Solve the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 9y = \sin 3x$$

subject to boundary conditions $y = 0, \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ when $x = 0$

$$y = \frac{1}{18} \sin 3x - \frac{1}{6} x \cos 3x$$