

MTH 256 Lesson 15 - Second-Order ODEs as Systems

1. Set up the 2nd-order ordinary differential equation  $y'' - 3y' + 2y = 0$  as a system of linear equations, then find the general solution using eigenvalues. Finally, find a particular solution which satisfies the initial conditions  $y(0) = 1$  and  $y'(0) = 0$ .

2. Solve the initial value problem  $y'' - 4y' + 3y = 0$ ,  $y(0) = 7$ , and  $y'(0) = 11$  using the characteristic equation shortcut.

3. Solve the initial value problem  $y'' + 2y' + 10y = 0$ ,  $y(0) = 3$ , and  $y'(0) = 6$ .