

## Ordinary Differential Equations *Classification*

### Question

Show that  $y = x$  is a solution of  $y'' + y = x$ .

Find a solution  $y$  to satisfy  $y(\pi) = 1$  and  $y'(\pi) = 0$ .

### Answer

If  $y = y_1(x) = x$  then this will give  $y_1' = 1$  and  $y_1'' = 0$ . Thus

$$y_1'' + y_1 = 0 + x.$$

$y_2 = A \cos x + B \sin x$  is a solution of  $y'' + y = 0$  and so

$$y = y_1(x) + y_2(x) = x + A \cos x + B \sin x$$

is also a solution.

The solution will satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= y(\pi) = \pi - A \\ 0 &= y'(\pi) = 1 - B \end{aligned}$$

if  $A$  and  $B$  take the values

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \pi - 1 \\ B &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

So the solution is

$$y = x + (\pi - 1) \cos x + \sin x$$