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Let $y: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a C^∞ function that satisfies the differential equation

$$y'' + y' - y = 0 \text{ for } x \in [0, L], \text{ where } L \text{ is a positive constant. Suppose}$$

that $y(0) = y(L) = 0$. Which of the following statements is true?

A. $y(x) = 0$ for $0 \leq x \leq L$

B. $y(x) > 0$ for some $0 < x < L$

C. $y(x) < 0$ for some $0 < x < L$.

Find and justify your answer.

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Let k be a positive integer. For which values of the real number c does the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} - 2c \frac{dx}{dt} + x = 0$$

have a solution satisfying $x(0) = x(2\pi k) = 0$?

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Let $y: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous, with $y(0) = y(1) = 0$. Assume that

$$y'' \text{ exists on } 0 < x < 1, \text{ with } y'' + 2y' + y \geq 0.$$

Which of the following statements is true?

A. $y(x) > 0$ for $0 < x < 1$

B. $y(x) \leq 0$ for $0 < x < 1$

C. There exist $x_1 > x_2 > 0$ such that $y(x_1) < 0 < y(x_2)$.

Find and justify your answer.

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Consider the equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = y - \sin y$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Show that there

exists $\varepsilon > 0$ such that if $|y_0| < \varepsilon$, then the solution $y = f(x)$

with $f(0) = y_0$ satisfies $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = 0$

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i. Find a basis for the space of real solutions of the differential equation

$$(*) \quad \sum_{n=0}^7 \frac{d^n x}{dt^n} = 0$$

ii. Find a basis for the subspace of real solutions of (*) that satisfy

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = 0.$$

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