

Answer on Question #62147 – Math – Differential Equations

Question

Which of the following represent the solution of the differential equation $d^2y/dx^2+4y=0$

$$5\tan 2x+5\cos 2x$$

$$5\sin 2x+4\cos 2x$$

$$5\sin 2x-3\cos 2x$$

$$5\sin^2 2x-3\cos 2x$$

Solution

The differential equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4y = 0 \quad (1)$$

has the characteristic equation

$$\lambda^2 + 4 = 0,$$

its roots are

$$\lambda_1 = 2i, \lambda_2 = -2i.$$

Hence the solution of the differential equation (1) is

$$y = C_1 \sin(2x) + C_2 \cos(2x);$$

So, $y=5\sin 2x+4\cos 2x$ and $y=5\sin 2x-3\cos 2x$ can be solutions of the differential equation (1).

Answer: $y=5\sin 2x+4\cos 2x$; $y=5\sin 2x-3\cos 2x$.