

# Practice Test 2 - Solutions



How many solutions are there to the IVP  $y'' + \cos(x)y' + \frac{1}{1+x^2}y = 0$  where  $y(0) = 2$  and  $y'(0) = -1$ ? What is the domain of each solution?

$\cos(x)$  and  $\frac{1}{1+x^2}$  are continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$

Since 0, the initial value, is in  $\mathbb{R}$

Our existence & uniqueness theorem implies

there is a unique solution to the IVP

and the domain is  $\mathbb{R}$ , where those functions and their functions are continuous.

7) Give a general solution to  $2y''' + 3y'' + 2y' = 0$ .

Char poly:  $2r^3 + 3r^2 + 2r = r(2r^2 + 3r + 2)$

roots:  $r = 0, \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{9 - 4 \cdot 2 \cdot 2}}{4} = \frac{-3 \pm i\sqrt{5}}{4}$

So genl soln is

$$y = C_1 \underbrace{e^{0t}}_1 + C_2 e^{-3/4t} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{5}}{4}t\right) + C_3 e^{-3/4t} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{5}}{4}t\right)$$

$$y = C_1 + e^{-3/4t} \left( C_2 \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{5}}{4}t\right) + C_3 \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{5}}{4}t\right) \right)$$

- 6) Show that  $y_1 = x$  and  $y_2 = x \ln x$  are linearly independent solutions to the differential equation  $x^2 y'' - xy' + y = 0$ . Give a general solution. Then find the solution that satisfies the initial conditions  $y(1) = 7$  and  $y'(1) = 2$ .

- Check that they are solutions.

$$y_1 = x, \quad y_1' = 1, \quad y_1'' = 0$$

$$\text{So } x^2 \cdot 0 - x \cdot 1 + x = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$y_2 = x \ln x, \quad y_2' = \ln x + 1, \quad y_2'' = \frac{1}{x} \quad * \text{ domain } x \neq 0$$

$$x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{x} - x \cdot (\ln x + 1) + x \ln x = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

- Check that they are lin indep. Wronskian

$$W(y_1, y_2) = \det \begin{pmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{pmatrix} = \det \begin{pmatrix} x & x \ln x \\ 1 & \ln x + 1 \end{pmatrix} = x(\ln x + 1) - x \ln x \\ = x \neq 0 \quad \checkmark \text{ on domain.}$$

- Genl soln

$$y = C_1 x + C_2 x \ln x.$$

- For initial conditions

$$y' = C_1 + C_2 (\ln x + 1)$$

$$\text{Then } 7 = y(1) = C_1 \cdot 1 + C_2 \cdot 1 \cdot 0 = C_1$$

$$2 = y'(1) = C_1 + C_2 (0 + 1) = C_1 + C_2$$

$$\text{So } C_1 = 7, \quad C_2 = -5$$

$$\text{+ soln is } \boxed{y = 7x - 5x \ln x}$$

9) Give a differential equation that has  $y = 3xe^{-x} + 2x^2 \cos(x/3)$  as a solution.

Let's  $y = 3xe^{-x} + 2x^2 \cos(\frac{1}{3}x)$

Can see roots  $-1$  w/ multiplicity at least 2  
 $\rightarrow$   $\frac{1}{3}i$  w/ multiplicity at least 3.

So we  $L = (D - -1)^2 (D^2 + (\frac{1}{3})^2)^3$

$$L = (D+1)^2 (D^2 + \frac{1}{9})^3$$

E.g.  $Ly = 0.$

(No need to multiply this out.)

8) Give general solutions to the following differential equations:

a) •  $y'' - 4y' + 4y = \sin(2x)$

b) •  $y^{(4)} - 4y'' + 4y = 6e^{2x}$

a)

$$y'' - 4y' + 4y = \sin 2x$$

homogeneous:  $L = D^2 - 4D + 4 = (D-2)^2$

$$r^2 - 4r + 4 = (r-2)^2$$

$$h = C_1 e^{2x} + C_2 x e^{2x}$$

particular  $A = D^2 + 4$ ;  $AL = (D^2 + 4)(D-2)^2$

So  $p = k_1 \cos(2x) + k_2 \sin(2x) + \cancel{k_3 e^{2x} + k_4 x e^{2x}}$   
in h.

Then determine  $k_1$  &  $k_2$ :

$$p' = -2k_1 \sin(2x) + 2k_2 \cos(2x)$$

$$p'' = -4k_1 \cos(2x) + 4k_2 \sin(2x)$$

$$\sin 2x = p'' - 4p' + 4p$$

$$= \underbrace{(-4k_1 - 8k_2 + 4k_1)}_{=0} \cos 2x + \underbrace{(4k_2 + 8k_1 + 4k_2)}_{=1} \sin 2x$$

So  $k_2 = 0$

$\Rightarrow k_1 = \frac{1}{8}$

Hence  $p = \frac{1}{8} \cos 2x$

$\Rightarrow$  genl soln is  $y = \frac{1}{8} \cos 2x + C_1 e^{2x} + C_2 x e^{2x}$

$$8b) \quad y^{(4)} - 4y'' + 4y = 6e^{2t}$$

$$L = D^4 - 4D^2 + 4 = (D^2 - 2)^2$$

homogeneous char poly  $(r^2 - 2)^2$   
 roots  $\pm\sqrt{2}$ , both double roots.

$$h = C_1 e^{\sqrt{2}t} + C_2 t e^{\sqrt{2}t} + C_3 e^{-\sqrt{2}t} + C_4 t e^{-\sqrt{2}t}$$

particular  $A = D - 2 \leftarrow$  no roots in common w/  $L$ .

$$\text{So } p = k_1 e^{2t} + h.$$

$$\text{determine } k_1: \quad p' = 2k_1 e^{2t} \quad p'' = 4k_1 e^{2t}$$

$$p''' = 8k_1 e^{2t} \quad p^{(4)} = 16k_1 e^{2t}$$

$$6e^{2t} = \cancel{16k_1 e^{2t}} - \cancel{4 \cdot 4k_1 e^{2t}} + 4k_1 e^{2t}$$

$$\text{So } k_1 = \frac{3}{2}$$

Genl soln is

$$y = \frac{3}{2} e^{2t} + C_1 e^{\sqrt{2}t} + C_2 t e^{\sqrt{2}t} + C_3 e^{-\sqrt{2}t} + C_4 t e^{-\sqrt{2}t}$$

(1) For the autonomous differential equation  $\frac{dx}{dt} = x^2 - 4x + 3$ :

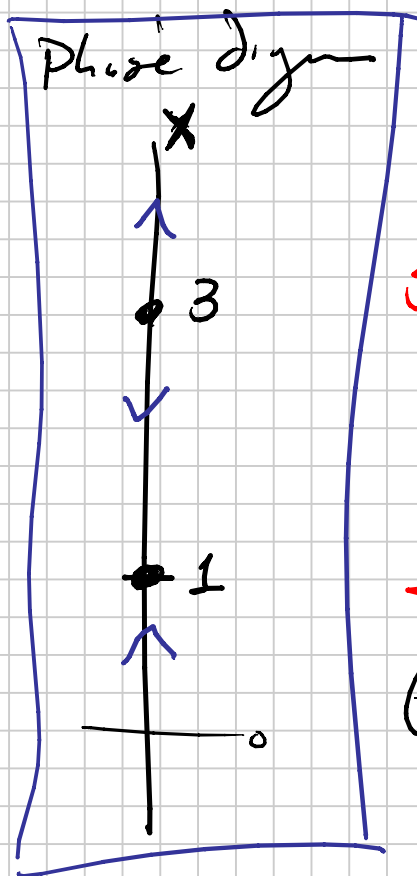
- Find all critical points and draw a phase diagram. For each critical point, determine if it is stable, unstable, or semi-stable.
- If  $x(t)$  is a solution to the IVP  $x_0 = x(0)$ , determine  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t)$  in terms of  $x_0$ .
- Sketch several solution curves on an appropriate domain.
- Give a general solution to the differential equation.

a) crit pts where  $f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 3 = 0$   
 $(x-1)(x-3) = 0$

So crit pts  $x=1, x=3$

$(x-1)(x-3) = \frac{dx}{dt} = f(x)$

+	+	+	incr
+	0	0	const
+	-	-	decr
0	-	0	const
-	-	+	incr



3 is unstable

1 is stable.

(Book draws this horizontal)

b) If  $x_0 > 3, \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = +\infty$   
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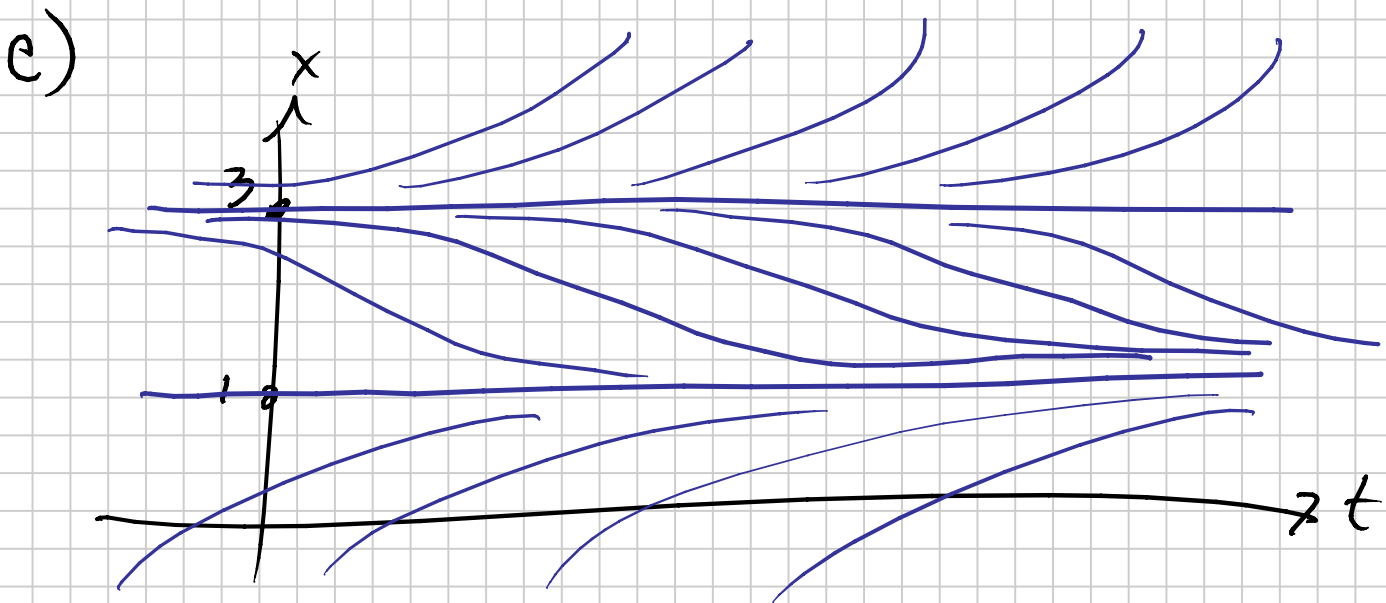
$x_0 = 3, \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = 3$

$x_0 < 3, \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = 1$

we don't need to make separate cases for

$1 < x_0 < 3, x_0 = 1,$   
 and  $x_0 < 1$

since  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = 1$   
 for all of them.



d) Solve  $\frac{dx}{dt} = x^2 - 4x + 3$

Separable.

$$\int \frac{1}{x^2 - 4x + 3} dx = \int 1 dt$$

$$\int \frac{1}{(x-1)(x-3)} dx = t + C$$

$$\int \frac{-1/2}{x-1} + \frac{1/2}{x-3} dx = t + C$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( -\ln|x-1| + \ln|x-3| \right) = t + C$$

$$\ln \frac{x-3}{x-1} = 2t + 2C \Rightarrow$$

Scrut down.

$$\frac{1}{x^2 - 4x + 3} = \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{B}{x-3}$$

$$= \frac{A(x-3) + B(x-1)}{(x-1)(x-3)}$$

$$= \frac{(A+B)x - (3A+B)}{(x-1)(x-3)}$$

$$\Rightarrow A+B=0 \Rightarrow B=-A$$

$$3A+B=-1 \Rightarrow 2A=-1$$

$$A = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$B = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{x-3}{x-1} = C' e^{2t}}$$

could solve for x ...

Yes, it is ok to leave this answer like this

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(2) For the autonomous differential equation  $\frac{dx}{dt} = x^2(e^{2x-3} - 1)$ :

- (a) Find all critical point and draw a phase diagram. For each critical point, determine if it is stable, unstable, or semi-stable.
- (b) If  $x(t)$  is a solution to the IVP  $x_0 = x(0)$ , determine  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t)$  in terms of  $x_0$ .
- (c) Sketch several solution curves on an appropriate domain.

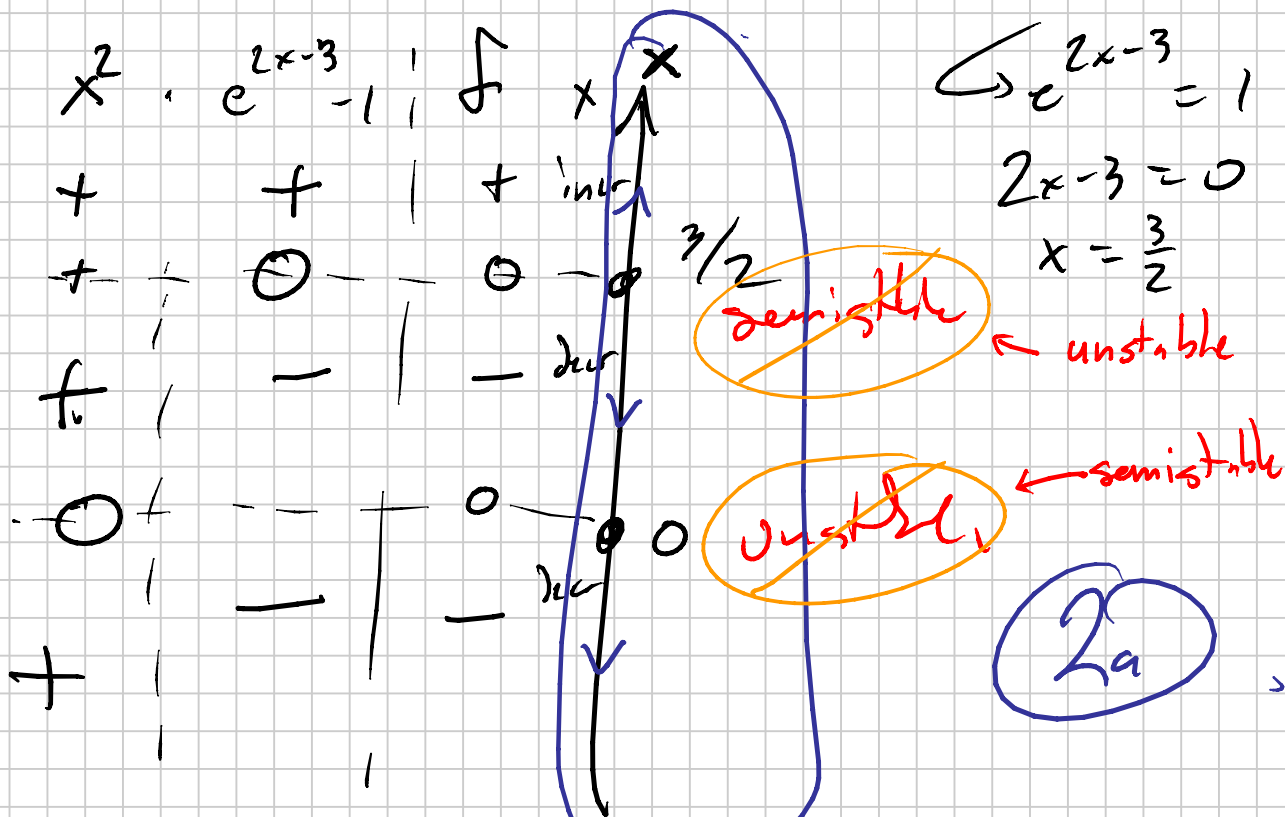
$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x) = x^2(e^{2x-3} - 1)$$

this is 0 if  $x=0$  or  $e^{2x-3} - 1 = 0$

$$e^{2x-3} = 1$$

$$2x-3 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{3}{2}$$



~~semistable~~

← unstable

~~unstable~~

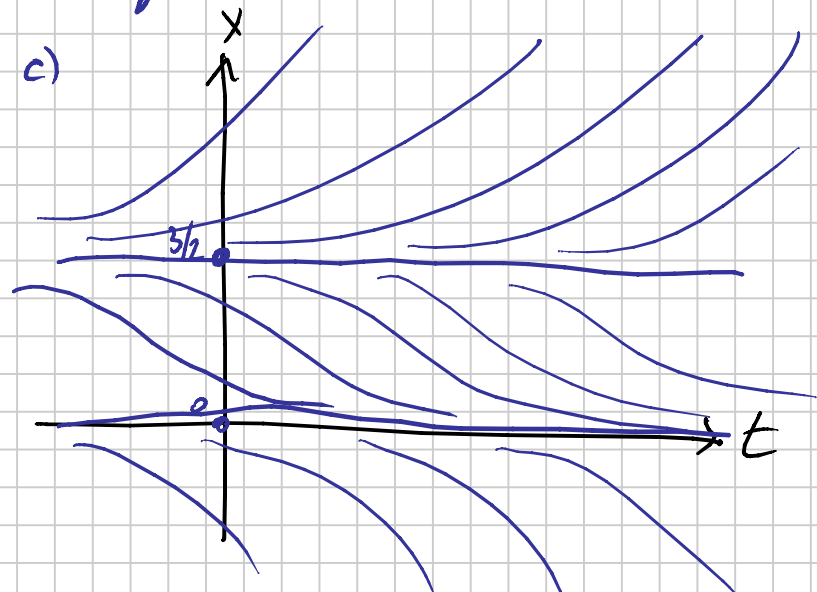
← semistable

(oops, I don't know how I got that swapped)

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Phase diagram

- b)  $\frac{3}{2} < x_0 \implies \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = +\infty$
- $\frac{3}{2} = x_0 \implies \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = \frac{3}{2}$
- $0 \leq x_0 < \frac{3}{2} \implies \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = 0$
- $x_0 < 0 \implies \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = -\infty$





(3) Make a differential equation that mathematically models the spread of a rumor in the situation described below. Determine the relevant domains for your variables. Qualitatively describe how the rumor may spread depending on initial conditions.

In a large university with a fixed population of people, the rate of change of the number of those people who have heard a certain rumor is proportional to the number that have not yet heard the rumor.

This is constant.  
It doesn't depend on P

$\nearrow k.$

$P = \#$  of people who heard rumor.

$M =$  total # of people

$M - P = \#$  who haven't heard it.

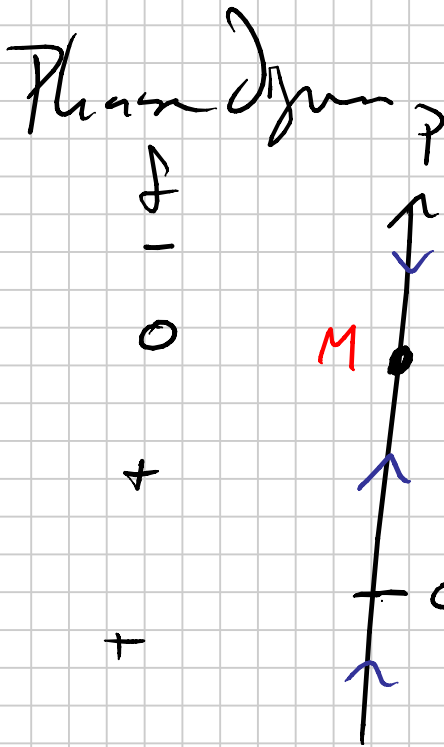
$$\frac{dP}{dt} = \underbrace{k}_{f(P)} (M - P)$$

pos. const.  $\downarrow$  pos. const.  $\downarrow$

assume  $k > 0$ .

$M > 0$

$\Rightarrow 0 \leq P \leq M$ .



Just one crit pt  $P=M$ .

$f(P) = 0$  if  $P=M$

$f(P) < 0$  if  $P > M$

$f(P) > 0$  if  $P < M$

Use this model,  
Eventually anyone hears the rumor  
no matter how many people  
initially knew it.

(11) Solve the differential equation  $Ly = 7e^{-3t}$   
 where  $L$  is the linear differential operator  $L = (D^2 - 9)D$ .

$$L = (D-3)(D+3)D$$

homogeneous  $y_h = C_1 e^{3t} + C_2 e^{-3t} + C_3 e^{0t} = 1$

particular Since  $E = 7e^{-3t}$ ,  $A = (D-3) = D+3$

So  $y_p$  is a soln to  $ALy = 0$

$$(D-3)(D+3)^2 D y = 0$$

$$y_p = \cancel{k_1 e^{3t}} + \cancel{k_2 e^{-3t}} + k_3 t e^{-3t} + \cancel{k_4}$$

*in homogeneous soln.*

Take  $y_p = k t e^{-3t}$ , solve for  $k$ .

$$L = D^3 - 9D \Rightarrow \text{need } y_p' \text{ or } y_p^{(3)}$$

$$y_p' = k (e^{-3t} - 3t e^{-3t}) = k (1-3t) e^{-3t}$$

$$y_p'' = k (-3 e^{-3t} + (1-3t)(-3) e^{-3t}) = k (-6+9t) e^{-3t}$$

$$y_p^{(3)} = k (9 e^{-3t} + (-6+9)(-3) e^{-3t}) = k (27-27t) e^{-3t}$$

$$7e^{-3t} = k (27-27t) e^{-3t} - 9k (1-3t) e^{-3t}$$

$$\leadsto 7 = 18k \quad k = \frac{7}{18}$$

$$y = \frac{7}{18} t e^{-3t} + C_1 e^{3t} + C_2 e^{-3t} + C_3$$

- (4) An object moving horizontally experiences resistance due to friction that is:  
 (a) proportional to the square root of its speed (absolute value of velocity) and  
 (b) in the direction opposite its motion.

If there are no other forces contributing to its horizontal motion, obtain an equation for its velocity  $v(t)$  at time  $t$  with initial velocity  $v(0) = v_0 > 0$ .

Also obtain an equation for its position  $x(t)$  with initial position  $x(0) = x_0$ .

$$F_{\text{friction}} = -k \sqrt{|v|}, \quad \text{const } k > 0.$$

proportional to  $\sqrt{\text{root of speed}}$  in opposite direction

Newton's law:  $m v' = F_{\text{fric}}$       const  $m > 0$ .

$$m v' = -k \sqrt{|v|}$$

Assume  $v > 0$  since  $v_0 > 0$ ,  
 then  $m v' = -k \sqrt{v}$

$$\Rightarrow v^{-1/2} \frac{dv}{dt} = -\frac{k}{m} \Rightarrow \int v^{-1/2} dv = \int -\frac{k}{m} dt$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 v^{1/2} = -\frac{k}{m} t + C. \quad \text{at } t=0, 2v_0^{1/2} = C.$$

$$v^{1/2} = -\frac{k}{2m} t + v_0^{1/2}$$

Here  $v(t) = \left( -\frac{k}{2m} t + v_0^{1/2} \right)^2$  (whenever  $v(t) > 0$ .)

Since  $x' = v$ ,  $x(t) = \int \left( -\frac{k}{2m} t + v_0^{1/2} \right)^2 dt$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{-2m}{k} \left( -\frac{k}{2m} t + v_0^{1/2} \right)^3 + C'$$

at  $t=0$ ,  $x_0 = \frac{-2m}{3k} v_0^{3/2} + C' \Rightarrow C' = x_0 + \frac{2}{3} \frac{m}{k} v_0^{3/2}$

Here  $x(t) = -\frac{2}{3} \frac{m}{k} \left( -\frac{k}{2m} t + v_0^{1/2} \right)^3 + \frac{2}{3} \frac{m}{k} v_0^{3/2} + x_0$

Could simplify a little bit, but not wholly worth it...

$$x(t) = \frac{2}{3} \frac{m}{k} \left( \left( \frac{k}{2m} t + v_0^{1/2} \right)^3 + v_0^{3/2} \right) + x_0$$