

**Ordinary Differential Equations**  
*Classification*

**Question**

Find a solution of  $y'' + y = 0$  given that  $y(\pi/2) = 2y(0)$  and  $y(\pi/4) = 3$ .

**Answer**

$y = A \cos x + B \sin x$ , for any  $A$  or  $B$ , gives a solution to  $y'' + y = 0$ .

To satisfy the given conditions:

$$0 = y(\pi/2) - 2y(0) + B - 2A$$

$$3 = y(\pi/4) = \frac{A}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{B}{\sqrt{2}}$$

provided that

$$A = \sqrt{2}$$

$$B = 2\sqrt{2}$$

So the solution is

$$y = \sqrt{2} \cos x + 2\sqrt{2} \sin x$$