

Math 2233.004
SECOND EXAM
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1. Given that $y_1(x) = x^2$ and $y_2(x) = x^{-3}$ are solutions to $x^2y'' + 2xy' - 6y = 0$.

(a) (5 pts) Show that the functions $y_1(x)$ and $y_2(x)$ are linearly independent.

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$$W[y_1, y_2] = y_1y_2' - y_1'y_2 = (x^2)(-3x^{-4}) - (2x)(x^{-3}) = -5x^{-2} \neq 0$$

So y_1 and y_2 are linearly independent. □

(b) (5 pts) Write down the general solution of $x^2y'' + 2xy' - 6y = 0$.

- y_1 and y_2 are two linearly independent solutions of a 2^{nd} order homogeneous linear ODE, so the general solution will be

$$\begin{aligned} y(x) &= c_1y_1(x) + c_2y_2(x) \\ &= c_1x^2 + c_2x^{-3} \end{aligned}$$

□

(c) (5 pts) Find the solution satisfying the initial conditions $y(1) = 1, y'(1) = 0$.

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$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= y(1) = c_1y_1(1) + c_2y_2(1) = c_1 + c_2 \\ 0 &= y'(1) = c_1y_1'(1) + c_2y_2'(1) = 2c_1 - 3c_2 \end{aligned}$$

Solving for c_1 and c_2 yields

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 &= \frac{3}{5} \\ c_2 &= \frac{2}{5} \end{aligned} \Rightarrow y(x) = \frac{3}{5}x^2 + \frac{2}{5}x^{-3}$$

□

2. (10 pts) Given that $y_1(x) = x^{-2}$ is one solution of $x^2y'' + 5xy' + 4y = 0$, use Reduction of Order (explicitly) to determine the general solution.

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$$\begin{aligned} y_2(x) &= y_1(x) \int^x \frac{1}{[y_1(x_1)]^2} \exp\left[-\int^{x_1} p(x_2)dx_2\right] dx_1 \\ &= x^{-2} \int^x \frac{1}{(x_1)^{-4}} \exp\left[-\int^{x_1} \frac{5}{x_2} dx_2\right] dx_1 \\ &= x^{-2} \int^x (x_1)^4 (x_1^{-5}) dx_1 \\ &= x^{-2} \ln|x| \end{aligned}$$

$$y(x) = c_1y_1(x) + c_2y_2(x) = c_1x^{-2} + c_2x^{-2} \ln|x|$$

□

3. Given that $y_1(x) = x$ and $y_2(x) = x^2$ are solutions of $x^2y'' - 2xy' + 2y = 0$.

(a) (10 pts) Use the Method of Variation of Parameters to find the general solution of

$$x^2y'' - 2xy' + 2y = x \quad .$$

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$$\begin{aligned} W[y_1, y_2] &= (x)(2x) - (1)(x^2) = x^2 \\ p(x) &= -\frac{2}{x} \\ g(x) &= \frac{1}{x} \\ y_p(x) &= -y_1 \int \frac{y_2 g}{W[y_1, y_2]} dx + y_2 \int \frac{y_1 g}{W[y_1, y_2]} dx \\ &= -x \int \frac{(x^2)(x^{-1})}{x^2} dx + x^2 \int \frac{(x)(x^{-1})}{x^2} dx \\ &= -x(\ln|x|) + x^2 \left(-\frac{1}{x}\right) \\ &= -x \ln|x| - x \end{aligned}$$

The general solution on this 2^{nd} order, non-homogeneous, linear ODE is thus

$$\begin{aligned} y(x) &= y_p(x) + c_1y_1(x) + c_2y_2(x) \\ &= -x \ln|x| - x + c_1x + c_2x^2 \\ &\approx -x \ln|x| + c_1x + c_2x^2 \end{aligned}$$

□

(b) (5 pts) Find the solution satisfying $y(1) = 0$, $y'(1) = 2$.

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$$\begin{aligned} 0 = y(1) = 0 + c_1 + c_2 & \Rightarrow c_1 = -3 \\ 2 = y'(1) = -1 + c_1 + 2c_2 & \Rightarrow c_2 = 3 \end{aligned} \quad \Rightarrow \quad y(x) = -x \ln|x| - 3x + 3x^2$$

□

4. (10 pts) Given that $y_1(x) = x + 1$ is one solution of $y'' - (1+x)y' + y = 0$, explain how one can construct a formula for the general solution of $y'' - (1+x)y' + y = \sin(x)$. (You need not carry out any explicit computations.)

• (1) Given $y_1(x)$, use Reduction of Order formula to find a second linear independent solution $y_2(x)$ of $y'' - (1+x)y' + y = 0$.

(2) Now that you have two linear independent solutions of $y'' - (1+x)y' + y = 0$, use Variation of Parameters formula to find a particular solution $y_p(x)$ of $y'' - (1+x)y' + y = \sin(x)$.

(3) The general solution of $y'' - (1+x)y' + y = \sin(x)$ will be

$$y_p(x) = y_p(x) + c_1y_1(x) + c_2y_2(x)$$

□

5. Determine the general solution of the following differential equations.

(a) (5 pts) $y'' - 6y' + 13y = 0$

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$$\lambda^2 - 6\lambda + 13 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 52}}{2} = 3 \pm 2i$$

$$y(x) = c_1 e^{3x} \cos(2x) + c_2 e^{3x} \sin(2x)$$

□

(b) (5 pts) $y'' - 6y' + y = 0$

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$$\lambda^2 - 6\lambda + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 4}}{2} = 3 \pm 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$y(x) = c_1 e^{(3+2\sqrt{2})x} + c_2 e^{(3-2\sqrt{2})x}$$

□

(c) (5 pts) $y'' - 4y' + 4y = 0$

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$$\lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 2 \text{ (double root)}$$

$$y(x) = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 x e^{2x}$$

□

6. Find the general solution of the following Euler-type differential equations.

(a) (5 pts) $x^2 y'' - 4xy' - 6 = 0$

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$$0 = r(r-1) - 4r - 6 = r^2 - 5r - 6 = (r-3)(r-2) \Rightarrow r = 2, 3$$

$$y(x) = c_1 x^2 + c_2 x^3$$

□

(b) (5 pts) $4x^2 y'' + y = 0$

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$$0 = 4r(r-1) + 1 = 4r^2 - 4r + 1 = (2r-1)(2r-1) \Rightarrow r = \frac{1}{2} \text{ (double root)}$$

$$y(x) = c_1 x^{\frac{1}{2}} + c_2 x^{\frac{1}{2}} \ln|x|$$

□

(c) (5 pts) $x^2 y'' - 7xy' + 25y = 0$

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$$0 = r(r-1) - 7r + 25 = r^2 - 8r + 25 \Rightarrow r = \frac{8 \pm \sqrt{64 - 100}}{2} = 4 \pm 3i$$

$$y(x) = c_1 x^4 \cos(3 \ln|x|) + c_2 x^4 \sin(3 \ln|x|)$$



7. Determine the general solution of the following differential equations.

(a) (10 pts) $y''' + y'' - 5y' + 3y = 0$

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$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \lambda^3 + \lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 3 = (\lambda + 3)(\lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 1) = (\lambda + 3)(\lambda - 1)^2 \\ y(x) &= c_1 e^{-3x} + c_2 e^x + c_3 x e^{3x} \end{aligned}$$

□

(b) (10 pts) $y'''' + 8y'' + 16y = 0$

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$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \lambda^4 + 8\lambda^2 + 16 = (\lambda^2 + 4)^2 = ((\lambda + 2i)(\lambda - 2i))^2 = (\lambda + 2i)^2 (\lambda - 2i)^2 \\ y(x) &= c_1 e^0 \cos(2x) + c_2 x e^0 \cos(2x) + c_3 e^0 \sin(2x) + c_4 x e^0 \sin(2x) \\ &= c_1 \cos(2x) + c_2 x \cos(2x) + c_3 \sin(2x) + c_4 x \sin(2x) \end{aligned}$$

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