

1. Solve the initial value problem.

$$y'' + 3y' + 2y = 0, \quad y(0) = 5, \quad y'(0) = -3$$

$$\begin{aligned} r^2 + 3r + 2 &= 0 \\ (r + 2)(r + 1) &= 0 \\ r &= -2, -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= c_1 e^{-2t} + c_2 e^{-t} \\ y'(t) &= -2c_1 e^{-2t} - c_2 e^{-t} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 + c_2 &= 5, -2c_1 - c_2 = -3 \\ c_1 &= -2, c_2 = 7 \end{aligned}$$

$$y(t) = -2e^{-2t} + 7e^{-t}$$

2. (a) Demonstrate that the following set of functions is linearly independent by computing a Wronskian:

$$\begin{aligned} &\{te^t, e^{-t}, 1\} \\ W &= \begin{vmatrix} te^t & e^{-t} & 1 \\ e^t + te^t & -e^{-t} & 0 \\ 2e^t + te^t & e^{-t} & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 1 + t + 2 + t = 3 + 2t \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

(b) Demonstrate that the following set of functions is linearly dependent without computing a Wronskian:

$$\begin{aligned} &\{\sin^2 t, \cos^2 t, t^2, 3\} \\ 3 \sin^2 t + 3 \cos^2 t + 0t^2 - 3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

3. Consider the differential equation

$$t^2 y'' + 2ty' - 2y = 0, \quad t > 0$$

Use the fact that $y_1(t) = \frac{1}{t^2}$ is a solution to this equation and the method of Reduction of Order to find a second linearly independent solution of the form $y_2(t) = v(t) \cdot y_1(t)$.

$$\begin{aligned} y_2 &= vt^{-2} \\ y_2' &= v't^{-2} - 2vt^{-3} \\ y_2'' &= v''t^{-2} - 2v't^{-3} - 2v't^{-3} + 6vt^{-4} \\ &= v''t^{-2} - 4v't^{-3} + 6vt^{-4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} t^2 (v''t^{-2} - 4v't^{-3} + 6vt^{-4}) + 2t (v't^{-2} - 2vt^{-3}) - 2(vt^{-2}) &= 0 \\ v'' - 4v'/t + 6v/t^2 + 2v'/t - 4v/t^2 - 2vt/t^2 &= 0 \\ v'' - 2v'/t &= 0 \\ \frac{v''}{v'} &= \frac{2}{t} \\ \ln v' &= 2 \ln t \\ v' &= t^2 \\ v &= \frac{1}{3}t^3 \quad (\text{or just } t^3 \text{ since equation is linear}) \end{aligned}$$

$$y_2(t) = t$$

4. Solve the following differential equation using the method of Undetermined Coefficients.

$$y'' - y = te^{3t}$$

$$\begin{aligned} r^2 - 1 &= 0 \\ r &= \pm 1 \\ y_c(t) &= c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{-t} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Y(t) &= (A + Bt)e^{3t} \\ Y'(t) &= 3(A + Bt)e^{3t} + Be^{3t} \\ Y''(t) &= 9(A + Bt)e^{3t} + 3Be^{3t} + 3Be^{3t} \\ &= 9(A + Bt)e^{3t} + 6Be^{3t} \end{aligned}$$

$$9(A + Bt)e^{3t} + 6Be^{3t} - (A + Bt)e^{3t} = te^{3t}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 9A + 6B - A &= 0, 9B - B = 1 \\ B &= \frac{1}{8}, A = -\frac{3}{4}B = -\frac{3}{32} \end{aligned}$$

$$y(t) = c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{-t} - \frac{3}{32}e^{3t} + \frac{1}{8}te^{3t}$$

5. Solve the following differential equation using the Method of Variation of Parameters.

$$y'' - 6y' + 9y = \frac{e^{3t}}{t^3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} r^2 - 6r + 9 &= 0 \\ (r - 3)^2 &= 0 \\ r &= 3, 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$y_1(t) = e^{3t}, y_2(t) = te^{3t}$$

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} e^{3t} & te^{3t} \\ 3e^{3t} & e^{3t} + 3te^{3t} \end{vmatrix} = e^{6t}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Y(t) &= -e^{3t} \int_{t_0}^t \frac{se^{3s} \left(\frac{e^{3s}}{s^3} \right)}{e^{6s}} ds + te^{3t} \int_{t_0}^t \frac{e^{3s} \left(\frac{e^{3s}}{s^3} \right)}{e^{6s}} ds \\ &= -e^{3t} \int_{t_0}^t s^{-2} ds + te^{3t} \int_{t_0}^t s^{-3} ds \\ &= -e^{3t} \left(-\frac{1}{s} \Big|_{t_0}^t \right) + te^{3t} \left(-\frac{1}{2s^2} \Big|_{t_0}^t \right) \\ &= \frac{e^{3t}}{t} - \frac{e^{3t}}{t_0} - \frac{e^{3t}}{2t} + \frac{te^{3t}}{2t_0^2} \\ &= \frac{e^{3t}}{2t} - \frac{e^{3t}}{t_0} + \frac{te^{3t}}{2t_0^2} \end{aligned}$$

Let $t_0 = 1$ and then note that the terms with t_0 are linearly dependent with the fundamental solutions set. So, we can drop them.

$$y(t) = c_1 e^{3t} + c_2 t e^{3t} + \frac{e^{3t}}{2t}$$

6. (a) A sixth order homogeneous linear differential equation with constant coefficients has a characteristic equation that factors as follows:

$$(r - 2)^4 (2r^2 - r + 1) = 0$$

Find the general solution $y(t)$.

$$\begin{aligned} 2r^2 - r + 1 &= 0 \\ r &= \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{-7}}{4} = \frac{1}{4} \pm i \frac{\sqrt{7}}{4} \end{aligned}$$

$$y(t) = c_1 e^{2t} + c_2 t e^{2t} + c_3 t^2 e^{2t} + c_4 t^3 e^{2t} + c_5 e^{t/4} \sin \frac{t\sqrt{7}}{4} + c_6 e^{t/4} \cos \frac{t\sqrt{7}}{4}$$

- (a) Use the Method of Undetermined Coefficients to find the form of $y(t)$ so that $y(t)$ is a solution to the following differential equation. (Do not solve for the coefficients!)

$$y''' + y'' = 1 + \sin 2t$$

$$r^3 + r^2 = 0$$

$$r^2(r + 1) = 0$$

$$y_c(t) = c_1 + c_2t + c_3e^{-t}$$

$$Y(t) = At^2 + B \cos 2t + C \sin 2t$$

$$y(t) = c_1 + c_2t + c_3e^{-t} + At^2 + B \cos 2t + C \sin 2t$$

7. For the following differential equation, let $y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ be a series solution.

$$4xy'' + xy' + 3x^2y = 0$$

(a) Find a recurrence relation for the coefficients a_n .

$$y'(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1}$$

$$y''(x) = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2}$$

$$4x \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2} + x \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1} + 3x^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = 0$$

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} 4n(n-1) a_n x^{n-1} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 3a_n x^{n+2} = 0$$

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} 4(m+1)(m) a_{m+1} x^m + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m a_m x^m + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} 3a_{m-2} x^m = 0$$

$$m = 1: \quad 4(2)(1) a_2 + 1(a_1) = 0 \implies a_2 = -\frac{1}{8} a_1$$

$$m \geq 2: \quad 4(m+1)(m) a_{m+1} + m a_m + 3a_{m-2} = 0 \implies a_{m+1} = -\frac{m a_m + 3a_{m-2}}{4(m+1)(m)}$$

(b) If $a_0 = 1$ and $a_1 = 2$, find a_2 and a_3 .

$$a_2 = -\frac{1}{8} a_1 = -\frac{1}{8} (2) = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$a_3 = -\frac{2a_2 + 3a_0}{4(3)(2)} = -\frac{2\left(-\frac{1}{4}\right) + 3(1)}{24} = -\frac{5}{48}$$