

To receive credit you MUST SHOW ALL YOUR WORK. Answers which are not supported by work will not be considered.

1. (Pb. 2 p. 132 text) Given that $y = x + 1$ is a solution of

$$(x+1)^2 y'' - 3(x+1)y' + 3y = 0,$$

find a linearly independent solution by reducing the order. Write the general solution.

We do the substitution $y = (x+1) \cdot v$

$$\text{Then } y' = 1 \cdot v + (x+1)v' = v + (x+1)v'$$

$$y'' = v' + 1 \cdot v' + (x+1)v'' = 2v' + (x+1)v''$$

and substitute in the original equation

$$(x+1)^2 [2v' + (x+1)v''] - 3(x+1) \cdot [v + (x+1)v'] + 3(x+1)v = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x+1)^3 v'' + 2(x+1)^2 v' - 3(x+1)^2 v' - 3(x+1)v + 3(x+1)v = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x+1)^3 v'' - (x+1)^2 v' = 0, \text{ or dividing by } (x+1)^2$$

$$(x+1)v'' - v' = 0$$

Substituting $w = v'$ get the 1st order linear ODE

$$(x+1)w' = w$$

This is also separable so $\frac{dw}{w} = \frac{dx}{x+1}$

One solution is $\ln w = \ln(x+1)$, or $w = x+1$

Then $v' = w = x+1$, so take $v = \frac{1}{2}(x+1)^2$ (just one solution is fine)

Substitute back, to get

$$y_2 = \frac{1}{2}(x+1)^3 \text{ a second solution of the initial D.E.}$$

As $y_1 = x+1$ and $y_2 = \frac{1}{2}(x+1)^3$ are independent, they form a fundam. set of solutions for the linear D.E.

The general solution is $y = c_1(x+1) + c_2 \frac{1}{2}(x+1)^3$ or
 $y = c_1(x+1) + c_2(x+1)^3$

2. (Pb. 2, p. 143 text) Find the general solution for $y'' - 2y' - 3y = 0$.

$$\lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 3 = 0 \Leftrightarrow (\lambda - 3)(\lambda + 1) = 0$$

$$\lambda_1 = 3, \lambda_2 = -1$$

$y_1(x) = e^{3x}, y_2(x) = e^{-x}$ fundam. set. of solutions

General solution: $y(x) = c_1 e^{3x} + c_2 e^{-x}$

3. (Pb. 44, p. 144 text) Solve the IVP $9y'' - 6y' + y = 0, y(0) = 3, y'(0) = -1$.

$$9\lambda^2 - 6\lambda + 1 = 0 \Leftrightarrow (3\lambda - 1)^2 = 0 \text{ so } \lambda_{1,2} = \frac{1}{3}$$

General solution is $y(x) = c_1 e^{\frac{1}{3}x} + c_2 x e^{\frac{1}{3}x}$

$$3 = y(0) = c_1$$

$$y'(x) = \frac{1}{3} c_1 e^{\frac{x}{3}} + c_2 e^{\frac{x}{3}} \left(\frac{1}{3}x + 1 \right) \quad \text{so } c_2 = 3$$

$$-1 = y'(0) = \frac{1}{3} c_1 + c_2$$

$$c_2 = -1 - \frac{1}{3}c_1 = -2$$

Thus, the solution of the IVP is

$$y(x) = 3e^{\frac{x}{3}} - 2xe^{\frac{x}{3}}$$

4. Find the general solution for $y''' - 2y'' + 4y' - 8y = 0$.

charact. eqn. $\lambda^3 - 2\lambda^2 + 4\lambda - 8 = 0 \Leftrightarrow$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lambda^2(\lambda - 2) + 4(\lambda - 2) = 0 \Leftrightarrow (\lambda - 2)(\lambda^2 + 4) = 0$$

so roots are $\lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_{2,3} = \pm 2i$

General solution is

$$y(x) = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 \cos(2x) + c_3 \sin(2x)$$