

MAP 2302 (Differential Equations) — Key  
TEST 2, Thursday March 25, 2010

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Remember that no documents or calculators are allowed during the test. You shall show all your work to deserve the full mark assigned to any question. Good luck.

1. [20] Given that  $y = \sin(2x)$  solves the differential equation:  $y^{(4)} - 2y''' + 6y'' - 8y' + 8y = 0$ , find the general solution.

Since  $\sin(2x)$  solves the DE,  $2i$  and  $-2i$  are roots of the auxiliary equation:  $m^4 - 2m^3 + 6m^2 - 8m + 8 = 0$ ;  
So  $m^4 - 2m^3 + 6m^2 - 8m + 8 = (m - 2i)(m + 2i)(\text{Quadratic polynomial})$   
 $= (m^2 + 4)(m^2 - 2m + 2)$

Now the roots of  $m^2 - 2m + 2 = 0$  are

$$m_3 = \frac{2 + \sqrt{2^2 - 4(2)}}{2}, \text{ and } m_4 = \frac{2 - \sqrt{2^2 - 8}}{2}$$
$$= 1 + \frac{\sqrt{-4}}{2} = 1 - i$$
$$= 1 + i$$

general solution:  $y = C_1 \sin(2x) + C_2 \cos(2x) + e^x (C_3 \sin x + C_4 \cos x)$   
 $C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4 = \text{arbitrary constants.}$

2. [20] Use the method of undetermined coefficients to solve the differential equation:  
 $y'' + 6y' + 13y = e^x \sin x$

Homogeneous equation:  $y'' + 6y' + 13y = 0$

Auxiliary equation:  $m^2 + 6m + 13 = 0$

$$m^2 + 6m + 9 + 4 = 0$$

$$(m+3)^2 - (2i)^2 = 0$$

$$(m+3-2i)(m+3+2i) = 0$$

$$m_1 = -3+2i, \quad m_2 = -3-2i$$

$$y_c = e^{-3x} (C_1 \sin(2x) + C_2 \cos(2x)), \quad C_1, C_2 = \text{arbitrary constants}$$

Seek a particular solution of given D.E. in the form

$$y_p = (a \sin x + b \cos x) e^x.$$

$$\text{So } y_p' = (a \cos x + (-b) \sin x + a \sin x + b \cos x) e^x$$

$$= ((a+b) \cos x + (a-b) \sin x) e^x$$

$$y_p'' = (- (a+b) \sin x + (a-b) \cos x + (a+b) \cos x + (a-b) \sin x) e^x$$

$$= (-2b \sin x + 2a \cos x) e^x$$

$$y_p'' + 6y_p' + 13y_p = (-2b \sin x + 2a \cos x + 6(a+b) \cos x + 6(a-b) \sin x + 13a \sin x + 13b \cos x) e^x$$

$$= ((19a - 8b) \sin x + (8a + 19b) \cos x) e^x$$

$$= e^x \sin x$$

Hence

$$19a - 8b = 1 \quad (1)$$

$$8a + 19b = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$19 \cdot (1) + 8 \cdot (2) \text{ yields: } (19^2 + 8^2)a = 19 \rightarrow a = \frac{19}{19^2 + 8^2}$$

$$-8 \cdot (1) + 19 \cdot (2) \text{ yields: } (8^2 + 19^2)b = -8 \rightarrow b = \frac{-8}{19^2 + 8^2}$$

$$\text{General solution: } y = e^{-3x} (C_1 \sin(2x) + C_2 \cos(2x)) + e^x \left( \frac{19}{19^2 + 8^2} \sin x - \frac{8}{19^2 + 8^2} \cos x \right).$$

3. [10+20] a) Solve the Cauchy-Euler equation:  $x^2 y'' - xy' + 4y = 0$ . Write the general solution in terms of the variable  $x > 0$ . b) Use the method of variation of parameters to find the general solution of the differential equation:  $y'' + 4y' + 4y = x^{-4} e^{-2x}$ .

a)  $x = e^t$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dy}{dx} = x \frac{dy}{dx}$   
 $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = \frac{d}{dt} \left( x \frac{dy}{dx} \right) = \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dy}{dx} + x \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$   
 $= x \frac{dy}{dx} + x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$

Therefore D.E. becomes

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} - 2 \frac{dy}{dt} + 4y = 0. \text{ Aux. eqn: } m^2 - 2m + 4 = 0$$

$$\Delta = (-2)^2 - 4(4) = -12$$

$$m_1 = \frac{2 + i\sqrt{12}}{2} = 1 + i\sqrt{3}$$

$$m_2 = \frac{2 - i\sqrt{12}}{2} = 1 - i\sqrt{3}$$

$$y_c = (C_1 \sin(\sqrt{3}t) + C_2 \cos(\sqrt{3}t)) e^t$$

$$= (C_1 \sin(\sqrt{3} \ln x) + C_2 \cos(\sqrt{3} \ln x)) x, \quad C_1, C_2 = \text{arbitrary constants}$$

b) Homogeneous eqn:  $y'' + 4y' + 4y = 0$ . Aux. eqn:  $m^2 + 4m + 4 = 0$

$$(m+2)^2 = 0$$

$$m_1 = m_2 = -2$$

$$y_c = (C_1 + C_2 x) e^{-2x}, \quad C_1, C_2 = \text{arbitrary constants}$$

Seek a particular solution in the form:  $y_p = v_1(x) e^{-2x} + v_2(x) x e^{-2x}$

with

$$v_1' e^{-2x} + v_2' x e^{-2x} = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \int v_1' + x v_2' = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$-2v_1' e^{-2x} + (1-2x)v_2' e^{-2x} = x^{-4} e^{-2x} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} -2v_1' + (1-2x)v_2' = x^{-4} \quad (2) \end{array} \right.$$

$$2 \cdot (1) + (2) \text{ yields: } v_2' = x^{-4} \Rightarrow v_2 = \int x^{-4} dx = -\frac{x^{-3}}{3}$$

$$(1) \rightarrow v_1' = -x v_2' = -x(x^{-4}) = -x^{-3} \Rightarrow v_1 = \int -x^{-3} dx = \frac{x^{-2}}{2}$$

$$y_p = \frac{x^{-2}}{2} e^{-2x} - x \left( \frac{x^{-3}}{3} \right) e^{-2x} = x^{-2} \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} \right) e^{-2x} = \frac{x^{-2}}{6} e^{-2x}$$

General solution:  $y = (C_1 + C_2 x + \frac{x^{-2}}{6}) e^{-2x}$



5. [15] Use the method of Frobenius to find two linearly independent series solutions of the form  $x^r \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  to the differential equation  $2x^2 y'' + 3xy' + (4x - 6)y = 0$ ,  $0 < x < R$ .

(First find and solve the indicial equation, then for each indicial root, find a recurrence relation between  $a_n$  and  $a_{n-1}$ . This will be enough.)

Seek  $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+r}$ . Then  $y' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (n+r) x^{n+r-1}$ ,  $y'' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (n+r)(n+r-1) x^{n+r-2}$

D.E. becomes:

$$2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (n+r)(n+r-1) x^{n+r} + 3 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (n+r) x^{n+r} + 4 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+r+1} - 6 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+r} = 0$$

Replace  $n+1$  by  $n$

8 or 
$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [2(n+r)(n+r-1) + 3(n+r) - 6] a_n x^{n+r} + 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{n-1} x^{n+r} = 0$$

or

$$(2r(r-1) + 3r - 6) a_0 x^r + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [2(n+r)(n+r-1) + 3(n+r) - 6] a_n + 4a_{n-1} x^{n+r} = 0$$

Hence

| Indicial eqn:  $(2r(r-1) + 3r - 6) a_0 = 0$ ,  $a_0 \neq 0$

and

(\*)  $2(2(n+r)(n+r-1) + 3(n+r) - 6) a_n + 4a_{n-1} = 0$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$

Indicial eqn reduces to  $2r^2 + r - 6 = 0$  or  $(2r-3)(r+2) = 0$

$r_1 = 3/2$ ,  $r_2 = -2$

For  $r = 3/2$ , (\*) becomes:

|  $[2(n+3/2)(n+1/2) + 3(n+3/2) - 6] a_n + 4a_{n-1} = 0$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$

For  $r = -2$ , (\*) becomes:

|  $[2(n-2)(n-3) + 3(n-2) - 6] a_n + 4a_{n-1} = 0$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$