

MA 341-004, Introduction to Differential Equations

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Test I: n-th order linear ODEs

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Directions: Show your work, if you doubt that you've shown enough detail then ask. If you need more space to work a problem just ask me for some paper.

1. (10 pts) Suppose a cup of coffee cools according to Newton's Law of Cooling. Further suppose that at $t = 0$ the coffee is at $T = 160$ then after one minute the coffee cools to $T = 140$. If the room the coffee is cooling in has an ambient temperature of 100 then find the temperature at time t . If my daughter Hannah likes to steal my coffee once it cools to 90 degrees do I need to worry about her sneaky plans to sip my coffee when I'm not looking?

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = k(T - 100), \text{ by Newton's Law of Cooling.}$$

$$T' - kT = -100k$$

$$\lambda - k = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = k \Rightarrow T_h = e^{kt}$$

Guess $T_p = A$ then $T_p' = 0$ & $-kA = -100k$
 $\therefore \underline{A = 100}$

Hence, $T(t) = 100 + C_1 e^{kt}$

Now apply the data $T(0) = 160$ & $T(1) = 140$

$$T(0) = 160 = 100 + C_1 \Rightarrow \underline{C_1 = 60}$$

$$T(1) = 140 = 100 + 60e^k \Rightarrow \frac{40}{60} = \frac{2}{3} = e^k$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \ln(2/3).$$

Therefore,

$$T(t) = 100 + 60 e^{\ln(2/3)t} = 100 + 60 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^t$$

Mathematically, Hannah is no problem $T(t) \rightarrow 90$ ever. However, in practice Hannah will spill coffee of any temperature, so its never safe if $h < 1$ meter.

2. (10pts) Given that $\mu = \exp(\int P dx)$ show that

$$y = \frac{1}{\mu} \int \mu Q dx$$

is a solution to $dy/dx + Py = Q$. Assume that P, Q are continuous.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + Py = Q \quad \text{multiply by } \mu = e^{\int P dx}$$

$$e^{\int P dx} \frac{dy}{dx} + e^{\int P dx} Py = e^{\int P dx} Q \quad (\text{I.})$$

$$\text{But notice } \frac{d}{dx}(\mu) = \frac{d}{dx}(e^{\int P dx}) = e^{\int P dx} \frac{d}{dx} \int P dx = \mu P.$$

So we can rewrite (I.) above

$$\mu \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{d\mu}{dx} y = \mu Q$$

$$\underbrace{\mu \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{d\mu}{dx} y}_{\frac{d}{dx}(\mu y)} = \mu Q$$

Integrate both sides w.r.t. x ,

$$\mu y = \int \mu Q dx$$

$$\therefore \boxed{y = \frac{1}{\mu} \int \mu Q dx}$$

Remark: alternatively we can just differentiate the given alleged solⁿ and see if it works.

3. (10 pts) Find the solution to

$$(2x + y \cos(xy))dx + (x \cos(xy) - 2y)dy = 0$$

that passes through the point $(\pi/2, 1)$. Notice this is an exact equation.

Since this is an exact eqⁿ we know
 $\exists F = F(x, y)$ such that

$$\textcircled{I} \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = 2x + y \cos(xy)$$

$$\textcircled{II} \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = x \cos(xy) - 2y$$

integrate \textcircled{I} w.r.t. x , hold y fixed,

$$F = \int \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} dx = \int [2x + y \cos(xy)] dx$$

$$\therefore \underline{F = x^2 + \frac{y \sin(xy)}{y} + C_1(y)} \quad \textcircled{III}$$

Now substitute \textcircled{III} into \textcircled{II}

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = \cancel{x \cos(xy)} + \frac{\partial C_1}{\partial y} = \cancel{x \cos(xy)} - 2y$$

$$\therefore \int \frac{dC_1}{dy} dy = \int -2y dy$$

$$\Rightarrow C_1 = -y^2 + C_2$$

So we find $F(x, y) = x^2 - y^2 + \sin(xy)$

Solⁿ's have the form $x^2 - y^2 + \sin(xy) = k$
the question that remains is what is k ?
we know $(\pi/2, 1)$ is on the solⁿ so

$$\frac{\pi^2}{4} - 1 + \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = k \Rightarrow k = \frac{\pi^2}{4}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{x^2 - y^2 + \sin(xy) = \frac{\pi^2}{4}}$$

4. (20 pts) Find the general solutions to the following differential equations,

(a.) $y'' + y' - 2y = 0$

$$\lambda^2 + \lambda - 2 = (\lambda + 2)(\lambda - 1) = 0 \quad \therefore \lambda_1 = -2, \lambda_2 = 1$$

$$y = C_1 e^{-2x} + C_2 e^x$$

(b.) $y'' + 4y' + 8y = 0$

$$\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 8 = 0 \rightarrow \lambda = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 32}}{2} = -2 \pm 2i$$

$$\alpha = -2, \beta = 2 \quad \therefore y = C_1 e^{-2x} \cos(2x) + C_2 e^{-2x} \sin(2x)$$

(c.) $y''' + y' = 0$

$$\lambda^3 + \lambda = \lambda(\lambda^2 + 1) = 0 \quad \lambda = 0 \quad \& \quad \lambda = \pm i$$

$$\therefore y = C_1 + C_2 \cos(x) + C_3 \sin(x)$$

(d.) $y''' - 3y'' - y' + 3y = 0$ it is useful to notice that the polynomial

$$\lambda^3 - 3\lambda^2 - \lambda + 3 = 0$$

has $\lambda = 1$ as one of its solutions. \Rightarrow the polynomial above factors,

$$(\lambda - 1)(\lambda^2 + B\lambda + C) = \lambda^3 - 3\lambda^2 - \lambda + 3$$

$$\lambda^3 + B\lambda^2 + C\lambda - \lambda^2 - B\lambda - C = \lambda^3 - 3\lambda^2 - \lambda + 3$$

$$\lambda^3 + \lambda^2[B - 1] + \lambda[C - B] - C = \lambda^3 - 3\lambda^2 - \lambda + 3$$

$$\therefore C = -3$$

$$C - B = -1 \Rightarrow B = C + 1 = -3 + 1 = -2 = B$$

$$B - 1 = -3 \Rightarrow -2 - 1 = -3 \quad \text{consistent} \quad \text{😊}$$

So our aux eqⁿ is $(\lambda - 1)(\lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 3) = 0$

$$(\lambda - 1)(\lambda - 3)(\lambda + 1) = 0$$

$$\therefore y = C_1 e^x + C_2 e^{3x} + C_3 e^{-x}$$

5. (10 pts) Find the general solution of

$$y'' + y' - 2y = e^x$$

notice part (a.) of the previous problem is useful here.

We know $y_h = c_1 e^{-2x} + c_2 e^x$ from 4a.

Overlap of e^x with $e^x \Rightarrow y_p = A x e^x$

$$y_p' = A(e^x + x e^x) = A e^x (1+x)$$

$$y_p'' = A[e^x(1+x) + e^x] = A e^x (2+x)$$

$$y_p'' + y_p' - 2y_p = e^x$$

$$A e^x (2+x) + A e^x (1+x) - 2A x e^x = e^x$$

$$3A e^x + \cancel{2A e^x x} - \cancel{2A x e^x} = e^x$$

$$\Rightarrow 3A = 1 \therefore A = 1/3$$

Hence,

$$y = c_1 e^{-2x} + c_2 e^x + \frac{1}{3} x e^x$$

6. (15 pts) Find the general solution of

$$y'' + y = 3x^2 + x + 1$$

$$\lambda^2 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = \pm i$$

$$\Rightarrow y_h = C_1 \cos(x) + C_2 \sin(x)$$

no overlap.

Guess $y_p = Ax^2 + Bx + C$

$$y_p' = 2Ax + B$$

$$y_p'' = 2A$$

$$y_p'' + y_p = 3x^2 + x + 1$$

$$2A + Ax^2 + Bx + C = 3x^2 + x + 1$$

$$\underline{x^2} \quad A = 3$$

$$\underline{x} \quad B = 1$$

$$\underline{1} \quad 2A + C = 1 \Rightarrow 6 + C = 1 \therefore \underline{C = -5}$$

$$\underline{y_p = 3x^2 + x - 5}$$

Thus

$$y = C_1 \cos(x) + C_2 \sin(x) + 3x^2 + x - 5$$

7. (10 pts) Find the general solution of

$$y'' + y = \sec(x)$$

via the method of variation of parameters. Recall,

$$v_1 = \int \frac{-gy_1}{y_1 \frac{dy_2}{dx} - y_2 \frac{dy_1}{dx}} dx \quad v_2 = \int \frac{gy_2}{y_1 \frac{dy_2}{dx} - y_2 \frac{dy_1}{dx}} dx$$

Note $\lambda^2 + 1 = 0 \therefore \lambda = \pm i \Rightarrow y_1 = \cos(x), y_2 = \sin(x)$

$$y_1 y_2' - y_2 y_1' = \cos^2 x + \sin^2 x = 1 \text{ thus}$$

$$V_1 = \int -\sec(x) \cos(x) dx = \int -dx = \underline{-x = V_1}$$

$$V_2 = \int \sec(x) \sin(x) dx$$

$$= \int \frac{\sin(x) dx}{\cos(x)} \quad \text{let } u = \cos(x)$$

$$du = -\sin(x) dx$$

$$= \int -\frac{du}{u}$$

$$= -\ln|u|$$

$$= -\ln|\cos(x)|$$

$$\therefore \boxed{y = C_1 \cos(x) + C_2 \sin(x) - x \cos(x) - \ln|\cos(x)| \sin(x)}$$

Remark: this solⁿ is incorrect. Why?

8. (6 pts) Find the general solution of

$$y'' + y = \sec(x) + 3x^2 + x + 1$$

please use the previous two problems for the sake of time.

$$y'' + y = 3x^2 + x + 1 \quad \text{has} \quad y_{p_1} = 3x^2 + x - 5$$

$$y'' + y = \sec(x) \quad \text{has} \quad y_{p_2} = -x \cos(x) - \ln|\cos(x)|/\sin(x)$$

By superposition,

$$y = C_1 \cos(x) + C_2 \sin(x) + 3x^2 + x - 5 - x \cos(x) - \ln|\cos(x)|/\sin(x)$$

9. (9 pts) Use the method of annihilators to find the correct form for the particular solution (don't find A, B, C, ... just set it up) of the following differential equation, $D = d/dx$ as usual,

$$(D+1)(D^2+1)(D-3)^2[y](x) = e^{3x}$$

e^{3x} is annihilated by $D-3 = A$.

$$(D-3)(D+1)(D^2+1)(D-3)^2[y](x) = (D-3)e^{3x} = 0$$

Corresponding homog. eqⁿ is

$$(D+1)(D^2+1)(D-3)^3[y](x) = 0 \quad \text{with solⁿ } 2$$

$$y_h = C_1 e^{-x} + C_2 \cos(x) + C_3 \sin(x) + C_4 e^{3x} + C_5 x e^{3x} + C_6 x^2 e^{3x}$$

→ suggests $y_p = Ax^2 e^{3x}$ works. (extra part)

BONUS: (5 pts) Let $f(x) = \text{Re}\{\exp(ix)\}$ and let $g(x) = \text{Im}\{\exp(ix)\}$ prove that f and g are linearly independent.

$$\exp(ix) = \cos(x) + i \sin(x)$$

$$f(x) = \text{Re}\{\exp(ix)\} = \cos(x)$$

$$g(x) = \text{Im}\{\exp(ix)\} = \sin(x)$$

$$C_1 \cos(x) + C_2 \sin(x) = 0 \quad \xrightarrow{x=0} \quad C_1 \cos(0) + 0 = 0 \quad \therefore \underline{C_1 = 0}$$

$$\text{(this calculation proves L.I.)} \quad \xrightarrow{x=\pi/2} \quad C_1(0) + C_2 = 0 \quad \therefore \underline{C_2 = 0}$$

So $C_1 = C_2 = 0$.