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M555: Differential Equations I (Spring 2018)
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Good Problems 6: Sections 3.5, 3.6, Chapter 4



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Instructions Complete all problems, showing enough work. A selection of problems will be graded based on the organization and clarity of the work shown in addition to the final solution (provided one exists).

1. Find the general solution of the differential equation.

$$\begin{cases} y'' + y = \tan t \\ 0 < t < \frac{\pi}{2} \end{cases}$$

$$r^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$r = \pm i$$

$$y_h(t) = C_1 \cos(t) + C_2 \sin(t)$$

$$W(y_1, y_2) = 1.$$

$$y(t) = \underbrace{-\cos t \int \sin t \tan t \, dt}_{I_1} + \underbrace{\sin t \int \cos t \tan t \, dt}_{I_2}$$

$$I_1 = \int \sin t \tan t \, dt = \int \frac{\sin^2 t}{\cos t} \, dt = \int \frac{1 - \cos^2 t}{\cos t} \, dt = \int \sec t - \cos t \, dt = \ln|\sec t + \tan t| - \sin t + C_1$$

$$I_2 = \int \cos t \tan t \, dt = \int \sin t \, dt = -\cos t + C_2$$

$$y(t) = -\cos t \ln|\sec t + \tan t| + C_1 \cos t + C_2 \sin t$$

2. Consider the initial value problem (IVP),

$$\begin{cases} t^2 y'' - 7ty' + 7y = 0, \\ y(1) = 1, \\ y'(1) = -1. \end{cases}$$

This is a second order linear homogeneous differential equation with non-constant coefficients. Assume that the solutions are of the form

$$\varphi(t) = t^r$$

for some r . Plug this into the DE and solve for r to find the general solution, then find the particular solution of the IVP.

$$\varphi(t) = t^r$$

$$\varphi'(t) = r t^{r-1}$$

$$\varphi''(t) = r(r-1) t^{r-2}$$

$$t^2 \varphi'' - 7t \varphi' + 7\varphi = t^2 r(r-1) t^{r-2} - 7t r t^{r-1} + 7 t^r$$

$$= t^r (r^2 - r - 7r + 7)$$

$$= t^r (r^2 - 8r + 7) = 0$$

$$(r-7)(r-1) = 0$$

$$r=7, r=1$$

so the general solution is $\varphi(t) = C_1 t^7 + C_2 t$.

$$\varphi'(t) = 7C_1 t^6 + C_2$$

$$\varphi(1) = C_1 + C_2 = 1$$

$$\varphi'(1) = 7C_1 + C_2 = -1$$

$$-6C_1 = -2$$

$$C_1 = -1/3$$

$$C_2 = 1 - C_1 = 1 + 1/3 = 4/3$$

The solution of the IVP is

$$\varphi(t) = -\frac{1}{3} t^7 + \frac{4}{3} t$$

3. Consider the second order linear differential equation

$$at^2 y'' + bty' + cy = 0.$$

Differential equations of this type are known as *Euler equations*. Apply the method described in the previous good problem to find the general solution.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \varphi(t) = t^r \\ \varphi'(t) = r t^{r-1} \\ \varphi''(t) = r(r-1) t^{r-2} \end{array} \right\} \quad \begin{aligned} at^2 \varphi'' + b t \varphi' + c \varphi &= at^2 r(r-1) t^{r-2} + b t r t^{r-1} + c t^r \\ &= t^r (ar(r-1) + br + c) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

characteristic polynomial is: $ar^2 + (b-a)r + c = 0$

$$\text{or } r^2 + \left(\frac{b}{a} - 1\right)r + \frac{c}{a} = 0$$

$$r^2 + \left(\frac{b}{a} - 1\right)r + \left(\frac{b-a}{2a}\right)^2 = -\frac{c}{a} + \left(\frac{b-a}{2a}\right)^2$$

$$\left(r + \left(\frac{b-a}{2a}\right)\right)^2 = \frac{(b-a)^2 - 4ac}{(2a)^2}$$

$$r = \frac{-(b-a)}{2a} \pm \sqrt{\frac{(b-a)^2 - 4ac}{(2a)^2}}$$

$$r = \frac{-(b-a) \pm \sqrt{(b-a)^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = r_1, r_2$$

The general solution is,

$$\underline{\varphi(t) = C_1 t^{r_1} + C_2 t^{r_2}}$$

4. Find the general solution of the differential equation

$$y'' - 4y' + 4y = e^t \sin(t).$$

$$r^2 - 4r + 4 = 0$$

$$(r-2)^2 = 0$$

$$r = 2, 2$$

$$y_h(t) = C_1 e^{2t} + C_2 t e^{2t}$$

Undetermined Coefficients: Guess $Y(t) = e^t (A \cos t + B \sin t) = A e^t \cos t + B e^t \sin t$

$$Y'(t) = A e^t \cos t - A e^t \sin t + B e^t \sin t + B e^t \cos t$$

$$Y''(t) = (A+B) e^t \cos t + (-A+B) e^t \sin t$$

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$$Y''(t) = 2B e^t \cos t - 2A e^t \sin t$$

$$Y'' - 4Y' + 4Y = 2B e^t \cos t - 2A e^t \sin t - 4((A+B) e^t \cos t + (-A+B) e^t \sin t) + 4(A e^t \cos t + B e^t \sin t)$$

$$= e^t \cos t (2B - 4A - 4B + 4A) + e^t \sin t (-2A + 4A - 4B + 4B)$$

$$= 6B e^t \cos t + 2A e^t \sin t$$

$$\Rightarrow 6B = 0 \quad 2A = 1 \quad \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{2}, B = 0$$

So, $Y(t) = \frac{1}{2} e^t \cos t$

and

$$\boxed{\varphi(t) = y_h(t) + Y(t) = C_1 e^{2t} + C_2 t e^{2t} + \frac{1}{2} e^t \cos t}$$