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M555: Differential Equations I (Su.19)

Good Problems 4

Selections from Chapter 3



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**Instructions.** Complete all problems, showing enough work. All work must be done on this paper. You may use your own hand-written notes, but you may not use any electronic devices.

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1. [15 points] Find the general solution of the Euler equation  $t^2 y'' - 5t y' + 9y = 0$ .

Euler! Char. Eqn:  $r^2 - 6r + 9 = 0$   
 $(r-3)^2 = 0$   
 $r = 3, 3$

$$y = C_1 t^3 + C_2 t^3 \ln|t|, \quad t \neq 0.$$

2. [15 points] Compute the Wronskian of the functions  $t^r$  and  $t^r \ln(t)$  for  $t > 0$  and  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$W(t^r, t^r \ln t) = \begin{vmatrix} t^r & t^r \ln t \\ r t^{r-1} & r t^{r-1} \ln t + t^{r-1} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= r t \ln t - t - r t \ln t = -t \neq 0 \quad \text{since } t > 0.$$

3. [20 points] Suppose  $g$  is an arbitrary continuous function. Write down an integral solution to the non-homogeneous differential equation,

$$y'' + 4y' + 13y = g(t).$$

Homog: Char. Eqn:  $r^2 + 4r + 13 = 0$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} r^2 + 4r + 4 &= -9 \\ (r+2)^2 &= -3^2 \\ r &= -2 \pm 3i \end{aligned} \right\} y_h = C_1 \underbrace{e^{-2t} \cos(3t)}_{y_1} + C_2 \underbrace{e^{-2t} \sin(3t)}_{y_2}.$$

$$W = (e^{-2t})^2 \begin{vmatrix} \cos(3t) & \sin(3t) \\ -2\cos(3t) - 3\sin(3t) & -2\sin(3t) + 3\cos(3t) \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= e^{-4t} \left[ -2\cancel{\cos(3t)\sin(3t)} + 3\cos^2(3t) + 2\cancel{\cos(3t)\sin(3t)} + 3\sin^2(3t) \right]$$

$$= 3e^{-4t}$$

$$W_1 = -g(t)e^{-2t} \sin(3t)$$

$$W_2 = g(t)e^{-2t} \cos(3t)$$

V.o.P. soln to non-homog. eqn:  $y = y_1 \int \frac{W_1}{W} dt + y_2 \int \frac{W_2}{W} dt$

$$y = \frac{1}{3} e^{-2t} \cos(3t) \int -g(t) e^{2t} \sin(3t) dt + \frac{1}{3} e^{-2t} \sin(3t) \int g(t) e^{2t} \cos(3t) dt$$

4. [15 points] You wish to use the method of undetermined coefficients to determine a solution of the non-homogeneous differential equation. Write down a suitable form of the entire solution. Do **NOT** solve for the undetermined coefficients.

$$y'' + 2y' + 2y = 3e^{-t} + 2e^{-t} \cos t + 4e^{-t} t^2 \sin t$$

Homog.  $r^2 + 2r + 2 = 0$

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

$$r = -1 \pm i$$

$$y_h = C_1 e^{-t} \cos t + C_2 e^{-t} \sin t$$

$$y_1 = A e^{-t}$$

$$y_2 = t(Bt^2 + Ct + D)e^{-t} \cos t + t(Et^2 + Ft + G)e^{-t} \sin t$$

So,

$$y(t) = A e^{-t} + (Bt^3 + Ct^2 + Dt)e^{-t} \cos t + (Et^3 + Ft^2 + Gt)e^{-t} \sin t + C_1 e^{-t} \cos t + C_2 e^{-t} \sin t$$

5. [15 points] Solve the initial value problem using your favorite method.

$$\begin{cases} y'' + 4y = t^2, \\ y(0) = 0, \quad y'(0) = 2. \end{cases}$$

Homog.  $r^2 + 4 = 0$

$$r = \pm 2i$$

$$y_h = C_1 \cos(2t) + C_2 \sin(2t)$$

$$y = At^2 + Bt + C$$

$$y' = 2At + B$$

$$y'' = 2A$$

$$y'' + 4y = 2A + 4At^2 + 4Bt + 4C = t^2$$

$$4A = 1 \rightarrow A = 1/4$$

$$4B = 0 \rightarrow B = 0$$

$$2A + 4C = 0 \quad C = -1/8$$

$$y = 1/4 t^2 - 1/8 + C_1 \cos(2t) + C_2 \sin(2t)$$

$$y(0) = -1/8 + C_1 = 0 \rightarrow C_1 = 1/8$$

$$y' = 1/2 t - 2 \sin(2t) C_1 + 2 \cos(2t) C_2$$

$$y'(0) = 2C_2 = 2 \rightarrow C_2 = 1$$

$$y = \frac{1}{4} t^2 - \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} \cos(2t) + \sin(2t)$$

6. [20 points] Consider the differential equation  $xy'' - y' + 4x^3y = 0$ ,  $x > 0$ .

a.) Show that  $y_1(x) = \sin(x^2)$  is a solution.

$$y_1' = 2x \cos(x^2)$$

$$y_1'' = 2 \cos(x^2) - 4x^2 \sin(x^2)$$

$$xy_1'' - y_1' + 4x^3y_1 = \underline{2x \cos(x^2)} - \underline{4x^3 \sin(x^2)} - \underline{2x \cos(x^2)} + \underline{4x^3 \sin(x^2)} = 0 \quad \square$$

b.) Use the method of reduction of order to find the general solution of the DE.

$$y = v \sin(x^2)$$

$$y' = v' \sin(x^2) + 2xv \cos(x^2)$$

$$y'' = v'' \sin(x^2) + 4xv' \cos(x^2) + v(2 \cos(x^2) - 4x^2 \sin(x^2))$$

$$xy'' - y' + 4x^3y = v''(x \sin(x^2)) + v'(4x^2 \sin(x^2) - \sin(x^2)) + v(0) = 0$$

$$\rightarrow v'' = \frac{1-4x^2}{x} v'$$

$$\int \frac{1}{v'} d(v') = \int \left( \frac{1}{x} - 4x \right) dx \rightarrow \ln(v') = \ln x - 2x^2 + C_1$$

$$\rightarrow v' = C_1 x e^{-2x^2}$$

$$v = C_1 \int \underline{-4x} e^{-2x^2} \underline{dx} = C_1 e^{-2x^2} + C_2$$

$$\text{So, } y = v \sin(x^2) = (C_1 e^{-2x^2} + C_2) \sin(x^2) = \boxed{C_1 e^{-2x^2} \sin(x^2) + C_2 \sin(x^2) = y}$$

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