

2023-24 First Semester
MATH2023 Ordinary and Partial Differential Equations (1002)

Assignment 4 Suggested Solutions

1. (a) $r^2 - 2r + 2 = 0 \rightarrow r = 1 \pm i$
 $y = C_1 e^t \cos(t) + C_2 e^t \sin(t), \quad C_1, C_2 \in \mathbb{R}.$
- (b) $4r^2 + 9 = 0 \rightarrow r = \pm \frac{3}{2}i$
 $y = C_1 \cos\left(\frac{3}{2}t\right) + C_2 \sin\left(\frac{3}{2}t\right), \quad C_1, C_2 \in \mathbb{R}.$
- (c) $r^2 + 5r + 6.25 = 0 \rightarrow r_1 = r_2 = -2.5$
 $y = (C_1 + C_2 t)e^{-2.5t}, \quad C_1, C_2 \in \mathbb{R}.$

2. (a) The characteristic equation:

$$2r^2 + 3r - 2 = (r + 2)(2r - 1) = 0 \rightarrow r_1 = -2, r_2 = 1/2 \rightarrow y_1 = e^{-2t}, y_2 = e^{t/2}.$$

The general solution to the D.E. is

$$y(t) = c_1 e^{-2t} + c_2 e^{t/2}, \quad t > 0, \quad c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

The I.C. yield:

$$\begin{cases} 1 = y(0) = c_1 + c_2 \\ -\beta = y'(0) = -2c_1 + c_2/2 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} c_1 = (1 + 2\beta)/5 \\ c_2 = (4 - 2\beta)/5 \end{cases}.$$

- (b) To detect the local minimum of $y(t)$, we try to analyze on $y'(t)$ and the behavior of $y(t)$. With c_1, c_2 given in part (a),

$$y'(t) = -2c_1 e^{-2t} + 0.5c_2 e^{t/2}.$$

Since $\beta > 0$,

- For $\beta = 2$, $c_1 > 0$, $c_2 = 0$, $y'(t) < 0$, and

$$y \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty, \quad \text{there is no minimum;}$$

- For $\beta > 2$, $c_1 > 0$, $c_2 < 0$, $y'(t) < 0$, and

$$y \rightarrow -\infty \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty, \quad \text{there is no minimum;}$$

- For $0 < \beta < 2$, $c_1 > 0$, $c_2 > 0$, there is a local min at $t_0 = \frac{2}{5} \ln \frac{4c_1}{c_2}$.

$$y'(t)=0, \quad -2c_1 e^{-2t} + 0.5c_2 e^{\frac{t}{2}} = 0 \Rightarrow e^{-\frac{5}{2}t} = \frac{1}{4} \frac{c_2}{c_1} \Rightarrow t = \frac{2}{5} \ln \frac{4c_1}{c_2}$$

Hence $\beta = 2$ is the smallest value such that the solution has no minimum.

3. Since $y_1(x) = x^{-1/2} \sin x$, then $y_1' = -\frac{1}{2}x^{-3/2} \sin x + x^{-1/2} \cos x$.

(a) **Method 1:** Let $y_2 = v(x)y_1$ and plug y_2 into the DE:

$$\frac{x^2(v''y_1 + 2v'y_1' + \boxed{vy_1''}) + x(v'y_1 + \boxed{vy_1'}) + \boxed{(x^2 - 0.25)(vy_1)}}{\underbrace{v(x^2y_1'' + 2xy_1'y_1' + x^2v''y_1 + 2x^2v'y_1' + xv'y_1)}_{=0}} = 0$$

$$0 + x^2y_1v'' + (2x^2y_1' + xy_1)v' = 0$$

Separate variables and take integration w.r.t. x :

$$x^{3/2} \sin x \frac{dv'}{dx} = (-2x^{3/2} \cos x) v'$$

$$\int \frac{1}{v'} dv' = -2 \int \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} dx$$

$$\ln |v'| = -2 \ln \sin x + C$$

$$v' = \frac{C}{(\sin x)^2}$$

$$\rightarrow v(x) = -C_1 \cot x + C_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tan' x &= \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} = \sec^2 x \\ \cot' x &= -\frac{1}{\sin^2 x} = -\csc^2 x \\ \sec' x &= \tan x \sec x \\ \csc' x &= -\cot x \csc x \end{aligned}$$

Choose $C_1 = -1$, $C_2 = 0$, then $v(x) = \cot x$ and

$$y_2 = vy_1 = (\cot x)(x^{-1/2} \sin x) = x^{-1/2} \cos x.$$

(b) **Method 2:** Let $y_2 = v(x)y_1$, by the Abel's Theorem,

$$W(y_1, y_2)(x) = C \exp \left(- \int p(x) dx \right) = \frac{C}{x}$$

$$W(y_1, y_2)(x) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & vy_1 \\ y_1' & v'y_1 + vy_1' \end{vmatrix} = v'y_1^2$$

$$\rightarrow v'y_1^2 = \frac{C}{x}$$

Take $C = 1$, we have $v(x) = -\cot x$ and $y_2 = vy_1 = -x^{-1/2} \cos x$.

4. (a) $y'' - 10y' + 34y = te^{5t} \sin(3t) + t^3$

$$Y_H(t) = \boxed{c_1 e^{5t} \sin(3t) + c_2 e^{5t} \cos(3t)}, \quad c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Handwritten notes: $r^2 - 10r + 34 = 0$, $r = 5 \pm 3i$, $r_1 = -3i + 5$, $r_2 = 3i + 5$. $(A_1 t + B_1)e^{5t} \sin 3t + (A_2 t + B_2)e^{5t} \cos 3t$. $t(A_1 t + B_1)e^{5t} \sin 3t + t(A_2 t + B_2)e^{5t} \cos 3t$. $C_3 t^3 + C_2 t^2 + C_1 t + C_0$. $t(A_4 t^4 + A_3 t^3 + A_2 t^2 + A_1 t + A_0) + t(B_2 t^2 + B_1 t + B_0)e^{3t}$.

Then we may assume a particular solution to (N) has the form:

$$Y_P(t) = t(A_1 t + B_1)e^{5t} \sin(3t) + t(A_2 t + B_2)e^{5t} \cos(3t) + (C_3 t^3 + C_2 t^2 + C_1 t + C_0).$$

(b) $y'' - 3y' = \frac{2t^4}{3} + \frac{t^2 e^{3t}}{3} + \frac{\sin 3}{3}$

$$Y_H(t) = \boxed{c_1} + \boxed{c_2 e^{3t}}, \quad c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Handwritten notes: $r^2 - 3r = 0$, $r = 0$, $r_2 = 3$. $(B_2 t^2 + B_1 t + B_0)e^{3t}$. $t(A_4 t^4 + A_3 t^3 + A_2 t^2 + A_1 t + A_0) + t(B_2 t^2 + B_1 t + B_0)e^{3t}$.

Then we may assume a particular solution to (N) has the form:

$$Y_P(t) = t(A_4 t^4 + A_3 t^3 + A_2 t^2 + A_1 t + A_0) + t(B_2 t^2 + B_1 t + B_0)e^{3t}.$$

$$(c) \quad y'' - 4y' + 4y = \underbrace{\cos t}_{A_1 \cos t + A_2 \sin t} + \underbrace{4t^2 e^{2t}}_{(B_2 t^2 + B_1 t + B_0)e^{2t}} + \underbrace{te^t \sin 2t}_{(C_1 t + C_0)e^t \sin 2t + (D_1 t + D_0)e^t \cos 2t}$$

$r^2 - 4r + 4 = 0 \quad y_1 = e^{2t} \quad y_2 = e^t \Rightarrow Y_H(t) = \boxed{c_1 e^{2t} + c_2 t e^{2t}}, \quad c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}.$

Then we may assume the form as:

$$Y_P(t) = A_1 \cos t + A_2 \sin t + t^2 (B_2 t^2 + B_1 t + B_0) e^{2t} + (C_1 t + C_0) e^t \sin 2t + (D_1 t + D_0) e^t \cos 2t.$$

Remarks: Sort the terms in g before making any assumptions on the form of Y_P . Otherwise, you might involve unnecessary unknowns.

In 1(b), $g(t)$ is actually $t^2 e^{3t} + (2t^4 + \sin 3)$. Thus, the initial guess of Y_P should be

$$(A_4 t^4 + A_3 t^3 + A_2 t^2 + A_1 t + A_0) + (B_2 t^2 + B_1 t + B_0) e^{3t},$$

instead of

$$(A_4 t^4 + A_3 t^3 + A_2 t^2 + A_1 t + A_0) + (B_2 t^2 + B_1 t + B_0) e^{3t} + C.$$

5. (a) To solve the corresponding **homogeneous** equation with characteristic eqn.

$$y'' + 4y' = t^2 + 3e^t \quad B_0 e^t \quad r^2 + 4 = 0, \quad \rightarrow \quad r = \pm 2i$$

$$A_2 t^2 + A_1 t + A_0 \quad Y_H(t) = C_1 \sin(2t) + C_2 \cos(2t)$$

Based on the form of $g(t)$, assume that a particular solution to (N) has the form

$$Y_P(t) = At^2 + Bt + C + De^t$$

then $Y'_P = 2At + B + De^t$ and $Y''_P = 2A + De^t$. **Substitute** Y_P into (N):

$$2A + De^t + 4(At^2 + Bt + C + De^t) = t^2 + 3e^t$$

$$\begin{cases} 4A = 1, & 5D = 3 \\ 4B = 0, & 2A + 4C = 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} A = 1/4, & D = 3/5 \\ B = 0, & C = -1/8 \end{cases} \rightarrow Y_P(t) = \frac{1}{4}t^2 - \frac{1}{8} + \frac{3}{5}e^t$$

Hence the **general solution for (N)** is

$$Y(t) = Y_H + Y_P = C_1 \sin(2t) + C_2 \cos(2t) + \frac{1}{4}t^2 - \frac{1}{8} + \frac{3}{5}e^t$$

Set in the **initial conditions**:

$$\begin{cases} Y(0) = C_2 - 1/8 + 3/5 = 7/5 \\ Y'(0) = 2C_1 + 3/5 = 3/5 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} C_1 = 0 \\ C_2 = 37/40 \end{cases}$$

Solution to the IVP is

$$Y(t) = \frac{37}{40} \cos(2t) + \frac{1}{4}t^2 - \frac{1}{8} + \frac{3}{5}e^t.$$

$$y'' - 2y' + y = te^t + 4 \quad \boxed{(At + A_0)e^t} \quad \text{guess} \Rightarrow t^2(At + A_0)e^t$$

$$r^2 - 2r + 1 = (r-1)^2 = 0 \quad \boxed{y_1 = e^t \quad y_2 = te^t}$$

(b) **General solution to (H):**

$$Y_H = C_1 e^t + C_2 t e^t.$$

Based on $g(t)$, assume $Y_P = e^t(At + B) + C$. **Take** Y_H **into consideration**, the form is **adjusted** as

$$Y_P = t^2 e^t(At + B) + C.$$

Substitution gives

$$e^t [At^3 + (6A + B)t^2 + (6A + 4B)t + 2B] - 2e^t [At^3 + (3A + B)t^2 + 2Bt] + e^t [At^3 + Bt^2] + C = te^t + 4$$

$$\rightarrow A = 1/6, \quad B = 0, \quad C = 4$$

The **general solution to (N)** is

$$Y = Y_H + Y_P = C_1 e^t + C_2 t e^t + \frac{1}{6} t^3 e^t + 4.$$

Set in IC's:

$$\begin{cases} Y(0) = C_1 + 4 = 1 \\ Y'(0) = C_1 + C_2 = 1 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} C_1 = -3 \\ C_2 = 4 \end{cases}$$

Solution to the IVP is

$$Y(t) = -3e^t + 4te^t + \frac{1}{6}t^3e^t + 4.$$

6. Denote $t = \ln x$ and $u(t) = y(x)$, then

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{du}{dx} = \frac{du}{dt} \frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{du}{dt} \frac{1}{x} = u' \frac{1}{x},$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{du}{dt} \cdot \frac{1}{x} \right) = \frac{d^2u}{dt^2} \frac{dt}{dx} \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \frac{du}{dt} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{x} \right) = (u'' - u') \frac{1}{x^2}.$$

After substitution, the original DE becomes a linear DE with constant coefficients,

$$u'' + (2 - 1)u' - 6u = 0, \quad \rightarrow \quad u(t) = c_1 e^{2t} + c_2 e^{-3t}.$$

Substitute $t = \ln x$ back and we yield the general solution for y is

$$y(x) = c_1 x^2 + c_2 x^{-3}, \quad c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Remarks: In fact, any equations in the form of

$$x^2 y'' + \alpha x y' + \beta y = 0$$

are called **Euler equations**. Substituting $t = \ln x$ and $u(t) = y(x)$, the Euler equation can be transformed into a DE with constant coefficients

$$u'' + (\alpha - 1)u' + \beta u = 0,$$

which can be solved easily.

7. Let $v = \frac{dy}{dt}$, then $v' = y''$ and the equation becomes a first order linear ODE

$$t^2 v' + 2tv = 1, \quad t > 0.$$

By taking the integrating factor as t^2 , we have

$$(t^2 v)' = 1 \quad \rightarrow \quad t^2 v = t + c_1$$

Thus, $v = t^{-2}(t + c_1)$ where $c_1 \in \mathbb{R}$. Solve for y :

$$v = \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{1}{t} + \frac{c_1}{t^2} \quad \rightarrow \quad y = \ln t + \frac{c_1}{t} + c_2$$

where $c_{1,2}$ are arbitrary constants.

8. Let $v = \frac{dy}{dt}$, then

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{dv}{dy} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{dv}{dy} v,$$

The original equation becomes

$$v \frac{dv}{dy} + yv^3 = 0,$$

which is a first order separable equation about unknown function $v(y)$.

$$\frac{dv}{dy} = -yv^2, \quad \text{for } v \neq 0$$

$$\int -\frac{dv}{v^2} = \int y \, dy + c \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{1}{v} = \frac{y^2 + c_1}{2}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = v = \frac{2}{y^2 + c_1},$$

which is also separable.

$$\int \frac{y^2 + c_1}{2} \, dy = \int 1 \, dt + c_2$$

$$\frac{1}{6}y^3 + c_1 y + c_2 = t, \quad c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

For $v = 0$, $\frac{dy}{dt} = 0$ and the solution is $y = c$.