

Math 24 Discussion Section

Warm Up

Given $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$, a second-order linear homogeneous equation with constant coefficients, let r_1 and r_2 be the roots of the corresponding characteristic equation. Write the general solution for

- i. r_1 and r_2 both real but not equal.
- ii. r_1 and r_2 complex conjugates.
- iii. $r_1 = r_2$.

With your group, review the following terms and techniques including their associated formulas:

Repeated Roots
Complementary Solution

Reduction of Order
Particular Solution

Undetermined Coefficients
Variation of Parameters

Problems

1. Solve the following IVP: $y'' + 14y' + 49y = 0$, $y(-4) = -1$, $y'(-4) = 5$.
2. Find the general solution to $t^2 y'' + 2ty' - 2y = 0$ given that $y_1(t) = t$ is a solution.
3. (a) Given the nonhomogeneous equation $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = g(t)$, find the particular solution $Y(t)$ (if possible) when
 - i. $g(t) = 3e^{2t}$
 - ii. $g(t) = \sin(2t)$
 - iii. $g(t) = 3e^{2t} + \sin(2t)$
 - iv. $g(t) = \log(t)$
 - v. $g(t) = 3e^{2t} \sin(2t)$
- (b) What about the case where $y'' - y = e^t$?
- (c) List (or construct a table of) the families of functions for which you can apply the method of undetermined coefficients.
4. Find the solution to $y'' + 4y' + 3y = -e^{-t}(2 + 8t)$, $y(0) = 1$, $y'(0) = 2$.
5. Find the general solution of $y'' + 4y' + ry = t^{-2}e^{-2t}$.