



Problem Set 6

Differential Equations

Fall 2024

As of right now, we have completed our expenditure of higher order differential equations. You should be familiar with the following concepts:

- Concepts:
 - Set of Solutions
 - Linear Independence
 - Existence & Uniqueness Theorem
- Methods to solve higher order ODEs:
 - Characteristic Equation
 - Euler's Formula
 - Undetermined Coefficients
 - Reduction of Order
 - Variation of Parameters

Now, as we step into more linear algebra, we are going to review the key contents of this part of the class.

1. (Reduction of Order or Integrating Method). Let a differential equation be:

$$y''(t) + \frac{2}{t}y'(t) = 0.$$

- (a) Verify that $y(t) = 1/t$ is one solution, then find a full set of solution.
- (b) Consider $\omega(t) = y'(t)$, solve the differential equation by using integrating factor.
- (c) Verify that the two methods give you the same set of the solutions.

2. (Complex Characteristics, Again). Find a full set of real solutions to the differential equation:

$$\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} = -y.$$

3. (Non-homogeneous Differential Equations). Solve the following differential equations.

(a) $y'' + 4y = t^2 + 3e^t.$

(b) $y'' + 2y' + y = \frac{e^{-x}}{x}.$

4. (Warm up in Linear Algebra). This problem reviews the basic concepts linear algebra concepts.
- (a) Which of the following set of vectors are linearly independent in \mathbb{R} -vector space, what about \mathbb{C} -vector space? Justify your answer.
- (i) $\alpha = \{(1, 1, 0), (0, 1, 1), (1, 0, 1)\},$
- (ii) $\beta = \{(0, 1), (2, 3), (4, 5)\},$
- (iii) $\gamma = \{1, i\}.$
- (b) Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1+i & -1+2i \\ 3+2i & 2-i \end{pmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{pmatrix} i & 3 \\ 2 & -2i \end{pmatrix}$, compute the following:
- (i) $A - 2B,$
- (ii) $BA,$
- (iii) $B^{-1}.$

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