

**Question 1** (ca. 14 marks)

Decide whether the following statements are true or false, and justify your answers.

- a) There exists a solution  $y(t)$  of  $y' = y^2 - 2$  satisfying  $y(0) = 1$  and  $y(1) = 2$ .
- b) The maximal solution of the initial value problem  $y' = y^2 \cos t$ ,  $y(0) = 1$  exists at time  $t = 2$ .
- c) Every solution  $y(t)$  of  $t^2 y'' - ty' + y = 0$ ,  $t > 0$ , satisfies  $\lim_{t \downarrow 0} y(t) = 0$ .
- d) The initial value problem  $(\cos x)y'' + (\sin x)y' + y = 0$ ,  $y(0) = y'(0) = 1$  has a power series solution  $y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  which is defined at  $x = 1$ .
- e) If  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  satisfies  $\mathbf{A}^2 = \mathbf{I}_n$  (the  $n \times n$  identity matrix) then  $e^{\mathbf{A}t} = (\cosh t)\mathbf{I}_n + (\sinh t)\mathbf{A}$ .
- f) Every solution  $\mathbf{y}(t)$  of the system  $\mathbf{y}' = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{y}$  satisfies  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{y}(t) = (0, 0)^T$ .
- g) There exist real numbers  $b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots$  such that  $x - x^2 = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k \sin(k\pi x)$  for all  $x \in [0, 1]$ .

**Question 2** (ca. 7 marks)

Consider the differential equation

$$(x-1)^2 y'' + 2(x^2-1)y' - 4y = 0. \quad (\text{DE})$$

- a) Show that  $x_0 = 1$  is a regular singular point of (DE).
- b) Determine the general solution of (DE) on  $(1, \infty)$ .  
*Hint:* It turns out that  $r_1 - r_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ , but the more complicated machinery developed in the lecture/textbook for this case is not needed.
- c) Using the result of b), discuss the general solution of (DE) on  $(-\infty, 1)$  and on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Question 3** (ca. 5 marks)

Consider the ODE

$$y' = t^3 + \frac{2}{t}y - \frac{1}{t}y^2, \quad t > 0. \quad (\text{R})$$

- a) Show that there exists a solution  $y_1(t)$  of the form  $y_1(t) = t^r$ .
- b) Show that the substitution  $y = y_1 + 1/z$  transforms (R) into a first-order linear ODE, and explain the precise correspondence between solutions of (R) and solutions of the linear ODE.
- c) Solve the linear ODE in b) and use the result to determine the general solution of (R).

**Question 4** (ca. 9 marks)

Consider  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & -2 \\ -4 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- a) Determine a fundamental system of solutions of the system  $\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y}$ .
- b) Solve the initial value problem  $\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{b}$ ,  $\mathbf{y}(0) = (0, 0, 0)^\top$ .

**Question 5** (ca. 6 marks)

Consider the differential equation

$$(3xy + 2y^2) dx + (3x^2 + 6xy + 3y^2) dy = 0. \quad (\text{DF})$$

- a) Show that  $(0, 0)$  is the only singular point of (DF).
- b) Transform (DF) into an exact equation and determine the general solution in implicit form.
- c) Is every point of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  on a unique integral curve of (DF)?

**Question 6** (ca. 7 marks)

Determine all real solutions  $y(t)$  of

$$2y^{(5)} - y''' + y'' = 1 + t - 2\sin t.$$

## Solutions

- 1 a) False. There is the constant solution  $y(t) \equiv \sqrt{2}$ . By the Intermediate Value Theorem, a solution satisfying  $y(0) = 1$ ,  $y(1) = 2$  would attain the value  $\sqrt{2}$  at some  $t_0 \in (0, 1)$ , contradicting the Uniqueness Theorem. 2
- b) False. Solving this separable ODE in the standard way, we obtain  $dy/y^2 = \cos t dt$ ,  $-1/y = \sin t + C$ ,  $y = -\frac{1}{\sin t + C}$  as general solution. The initial condition  $y(0) = 1$  gives  $C = -1$ , so that  $y(t) = \frac{1}{1 - \sin t}$ ,  $t \in (-\frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$ . At  $t = 2$  this solution is not defined. 2
- c) True. This is an Euler equation with parameters  $\alpha = -1$ ,  $\beta = 1$ , indicial equation  $r^2 + (\alpha - 1)r + \beta = r^2 - 2r + 1 = (r - 1)^2$  and general solution  $y(t) = c_1 t + c_2 t \ln t$  on  $(0, \infty)$ . Since  $\lim_{t \downarrow 0} t = \lim_{t \downarrow 0} t \ln t = 0$ , it follows that  $\lim_{t \downarrow 0} y(t) = 0$ . 2
- d) True. The explicit form of this homogeneous linear 2nd-order ODE is

$$y'' + \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} y' + \frac{1}{\cos x} y = 0.$$

$x_0 = 0$  is an ordinary point and the coefficient functions  $p(x) = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$ ,  $q(x) = \frac{1}{\cos x}$  are analytic in the disk  $|z| < \pi/2$ , because the complex cosine function  $z \mapsto \cos z = \frac{1}{2}(e^{iz} + e^{-iz})$  has the same zeros  $z = (2k + 1)\pi/2$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , as the real cosine function.

For this note that  $\cos z = 0$  is equivalent to  $e^{2iz} = -1$  and, writing  $z = x + iy$ , in turn to  $e^{-2y+2ix} = e^{-2y}(\cos(2x) + i \sin(2x)) = -1$ . This implies  $\sin(2x) = 0$ , i.e.,  $x = m\pi/2$  with  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\cos(2x) = (-1)^m$ , which in turn forces that  $m = 2k + 1$  is odd and  $y = 0$ . Thus  $z = x = (2k + 1)\pi/2$ .

According to the lecture this guarantees that every associated IVP has a power series solution  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  with radius of convergence  $\geq \pi/2$  and hence is defined at  $x = 1$ . 2

- e) True.  $\Phi(t) = (\cosh t)\mathbf{I}_n + (\sinh t)\mathbf{A}$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi'(t) &= (\sinh t)\mathbf{I}_n + (\cosh t)\mathbf{A}, \\ \mathbf{A}\Phi(t) &= (\cosh t)\mathbf{A} + (\sinh t)\mathbf{A}^2 = (\cosh t)\mathbf{A} + (\sinh t)\mathbf{I}_n = \Phi'(t), \\ \Phi(0) &= (\cosh 0)\mathbf{I}_n + (\sinh 0)\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}_n.\end{aligned}$$

These properties characterize the matrix exponential function of  $\mathbf{A}$  uniquely, so that we must have  $\Phi(t) = e^{\mathbf{A}t}$ . 2

- f) True. Denoting the matrix in question by  $\mathbf{A}$ , we have  $\chi_{\mathbf{A}}(X) = X^2 + 2X + 2 = (X + 1 - i)(X + 1 + i)$ , so that the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  are  $\lambda_1 = -1 - i$ ,  $\lambda_2 = -1 + i$ . If  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2$  are corresponding eigenvectors, every solution of  $\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y}$  has the form

$$\mathbf{y}(t) = c_1 e^{(-1+i)t} \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 e^{(-1-i)t} \mathbf{v}_2 = e^{-t} (c_1 e^{it} \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 e^{-it} \mathbf{v}_2)$$

for some constants  $c_1, c_2$  and clearly satisfies  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{y}(t) = \mathbf{0}$ .

Alternatively, the system is asymptotically stable since  $\text{trace}(\mathbf{A}) = -2 < 0$  and  $\det(\mathbf{A}) = 2 > 0$ . So there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that every solution  $\mathbf{y}(t)$  with  $|\mathbf{y}(0)| < \delta$  satisfies  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{y}(t) = \mathbf{0}$ . An arbitrary nonzero solution  $\mathbf{y}(t)$  can be scaled by the constant  $c = \frac{\delta}{2\mathbf{y}(0)}$  to obtain  $|c\mathbf{y}(0)| < \delta$ . Since  $t \mapsto c\mathbf{y}(t)$  is a solution as well, it follows that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} c\mathbf{y}(t) = \mathbf{0}$  and hence  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{y}(t) = \mathbf{0}$ . 2

- g) True. The function  $f(x) = x - x^2$ ,  $x \in [0, 1]$ , can be extended to an odd 2-periodic function on  $\mathbb{R}$ , since  $f(0) = f(1) = 0$ . The extension is piecewise  $C^1$  (in fact even  $C^1$ ) and hence represented by its Fourier series everywhere. Since  $L = 2$  and the extension is odd, its Fourier series is a pure sine series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k \sin(k\pi x)$ . +2

$$\sum_1 = 12 + 2$$

- 2 a) The explicit form of (DE) is

$$y'' + \frac{2(x+1)}{x-1} y' - \frac{4}{(x-1)^2} y = 0$$

$$\iff y'' + \left( \frac{4}{x-1} + 2 \right) y' - \frac{4}{(x-1)^2} y = 0$$

One sees that the coefficient of  $y'$  has a pole of order 1 at  $x_0 = 1$ , and the coefficient of  $y$  has a pole of order 2 at  $x_0 = 1$ . This implies that  $x_0 = 1$  is a regular singular point. 1

- b) From a) we have, using the notation in the lecture, that  $p_0 = 4$ ,  $p_1 = 2$ ,  $q_0 = -4$  and all other coefficients  $p_i$ ,  $q_i$  are zero.  $\implies$  The indicial equation is

$$r^2 + (p_0 - 1)r + q_0 = r^2 + 3r - 4 = (r - 1)(r + 4) = 0.$$

$\implies$  The exponents at the singularity  $x_0 = 1$  are  $r_1 = 1$ ,  $r_2 = -4$ . We have  $r_1 - r_2 = 5 \in \mathbb{Z}$ , but we will show that nevertheless two fundamental solutions  $y_1$ ,  $y_2$  of the form

$$y_1(x) = (x-1) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x-1)^n, \quad y_2(x) = (x-1)^{-4} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n (x-1)^n \quad \text{1}$$

exist. For this it will be convenient to use the abbreviation  $t = x - 1$ , which turns (DE) into

$$t^2 y'' + 2t(t+2)y' - 4y = t^2 y'' + (2t^2 + 4t)y' - 4y = 0.$$

First we determine  $y_1(x)$ . We have

$$y_1 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n t^{n+1},$$

$$t^2 y_1''(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1) n a_n t^{n+1},$$

$$t^2 y_1'(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1) a_n t^{n+2} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_{n-1} t^{n+1},$$

$$t y_1'(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1) a_n t^{n+1}.$$

Substituting these into (DE) gives, setting  $a_{-1} = 0$ ,

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [(n+1) n a_n + 2 n a_{n-1} + 4(n+1) a_n - 4 a_n] t^{n+1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [(n+5) n a_n + 2 n a_{n-1}] t^{n+1} = 0.$$

Equating coefficients gives the recurrence relation

$$a_n = -\frac{2}{n+5}a_{n-1} \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, \dots$$

The coefficient  $a_0$  can be chosen freely. Using the normalization  $a_0 = 1$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} y_1(x) &= (x-1) - \frac{2}{6}(x-1)^2 + \frac{2^2}{6 \cdot 7}(x-1)^3 - \frac{2^3}{6 \cdot 7 \cdot 8}(x-1)^4 \pm \dots \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n 2^n}{6 \cdot 7 \cdot 8 \cdots (n+5)} (x-1)^{n+1}. \end{aligned} \quad \boxed{2}$$

For the determination of  $y_2(x)$  we repeat the computation with exponents decreased by 5. The result is

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [(n-4)(n-5)b_n + 2(n-5)b_{n-1} + 4(n-4)b_n - 4b_n] t^{n-4} = \\ = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [n(n-5)b_n + 2(n-5)b_{n-1}] t^{n-4} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Here we obtain the recurrence relation

$$b_n = -\frac{2}{n} b_{n-1} \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, \dots$$

and, setting  $b_0 = 1$ ,  $b_5 = 0$

$$y_2(x) = (x-1)^{-4} - \frac{2}{1!}(x-1)^{-3} + \frac{2^2}{2!}(x-1)^{-2} - \frac{2^3}{3!}(x-1)^{-1} + \frac{2^4}{4!}, \quad \boxed{1\frac{1}{2}}$$

which is a finite sum!

*Note:* If instead we stipulate the recurrence relation  $b_n = (-2/n)b_{n-1}$  for all  $n$ , then we obtain

$$\tilde{y}_2(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n 2^n}{n!} (x-1)^{n-4} = (x-1)^{-4} e^{-2(x-1)} = y_2(x) - \frac{2^5}{5!} y_1(x).$$

*Alternative solution:* We use the general recurrence relation for the functions  $a_n(r)$ , viz.  $a_0(r) = 1$  and

$$\begin{aligned} a_n(r) &= -\frac{1}{F(r+n)} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} [(r+k)p_{n-k} + q_{n-k}] a_{n-1}(r) \\ &= -\frac{1}{(r+n-1)(r+n+4)} [(r+n-1)2] a_{n-1}(r) = -\frac{2a_{n-1}(r)}{r+n+4}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the coefficients  $a_n(1)$  of  $y_1(x)$  satisfy the recurrence relation  $a_n(1) = -\frac{2a_{n-1}(1)}{n+5}$  (the same as for  $a_n$  above) and the coefficients  $a_n(-4)$  of  $y_1(x)$  satisfy the recurrence relation  $a_n(-4) = -\frac{2a_{n-1}(-4)}{n}$  (the same as for  $b_n$  above, except that it holds also for

$n = 5$ ). The rest of the computation remains the same and leads to  $y_1(x)$  and the nonterminating series solution  $\tilde{y}_2(x)$ .

The general (real) solution on  $(1, \infty)$  is then  $y(x) = c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x)$ ,  $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ . 1/2  
That solutions are defined on the whole of  $(1, \infty)$ , is guaranteed by the analyticity of  $p(x)$ ,  $q(x)$  in  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{1\}$ , but follows also readily from the easily established fact that the radius of convergence of both power series is  $\infty$ .

- c) The solution on  $(-\infty, 1)$  is exactly the same (i.e., the formulas for  $y_1(x)$ ,  $y_2(x)$  remain unchanged), since according to the general theory we have to replace  $(x - 1)^r$  by  $|x - 1|^r$ . But this leaves  $y_2(x)$  unchanged and changes only the sign of  $y_1(x)$ . The linear span of  $y_1(x)$ ,  $y_2(x)$  remains the same. 1

Since  $y_1(x)$  is analytic everywhere and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} y_2(x) = \infty$ , the solution on  $\mathbb{R}$  is  $y(x) = c_1 y_1(x)$ ,  $c_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ . +1

$$\sum_2 = 7 + 1$$

- 3 a) Substituting  $y_1(t) = t^r$  into the ODE gives

$$r t^{r-1} = t^3 + 2 t^{r-1} - t^{2r-1},$$

so that we can take  $r = 2$  and  $y_1(t) = t^2$ . 1

- b)  $y = t^2 + 1/z \implies y' = 2t - z'/z^2$   
Substituting this into (R) gives

$$\begin{aligned} 2t - \frac{z'}{z^2} &= t^3 + \frac{2}{t} \left( t^2 + \frac{1}{z} \right) - \frac{1}{t} \left( t^2 + \frac{1}{z} \right)^2 \\ &= t^3 + 2t + \frac{2}{tz} - t^3 - \frac{2t}{z} - \frac{1}{tz^2} \\ \iff z' &= \left( 2t - \frac{2}{t} \right) z + \frac{1}{t}. \end{aligned}$$

This is of the form  $z' = a(t)z + b(t)$ , hence first-order (inhomogeneous) linear. 2  
Since  $y = t^2 + 1/z$  is equivalent to  $z = 1/(y - t^2)$  and  $y(t) \neq t^2$  for all  $t$  in the domain of  $y$  (by the Uniqueness Theorem), this defines a one-to-one correspondence between solutions of (R) different from  $y_1$  and solutions of  $z' = \left( 2t - \frac{2}{t} \right) z + 1/t$ . 1/2

- c) The general solution of  $z' = \left( 2t - \frac{2}{t} \right) z$  is

$$z(t) = c \exp \left( \int 2t - \frac{2}{t} dt \right) = c \exp (t^2 - 2 \ln t) = c e^{t^2}/t^2, \quad c \in \mathbb{R} \quad 1$$

Variation of parameters then yields a particular solution  $z_p$  of  $z' = \left( 2t - \frac{2}{t} \right) z + 1/t$ :

$$z_p(t) = e^{t^2}/t^2 \int t^2 e^{-t^2} (1/t) dt = e^{t^2}/t^2 \left( -\frac{1}{2} e^{-t^2} \right) = -\frac{1}{2t^2}. \quad 1$$

$\Rightarrow$  The general solution of  $z' = \left(2t - \frac{2}{t}\right)z + 1/t$  is

$$z(t) = -\frac{1}{2t^2} + ce^{t^2}/t^2 = \frac{2ce^{t^2} - 1}{2t^2}, \quad c \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$\Rightarrow$  The general solution of (R) is

$$y_c(t) = t^2 + \frac{2t^2}{2ce^{t^2} - 1} = t^2 \frac{2ce^{t^2} + 1}{2ce^{t^2} - 1}, \quad c \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}, \quad \boxed{1\frac{1}{2}}$$

or, slightly simplified,

$$y_c(t) = t^2 \frac{ce^{t^2} + 1}{ce^{t^2} - 1}, \quad c \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}.$$

For  $c = \infty$  we obtain the special solution  $y(t) = t^2$ , which would otherwise be missing.

The (maximal) solutions  $y_\infty(t) = t^2$ ,  $y_0(t) = -t^2$ , and  $y_c(t)$  for  $c < 0$  are defined on  $(0, \infty)$ . For  $c \geq 1$  the same is true, since then  $ce^{t^2} > 1$  for all  $t > 0$ .

“Solutions”  $y_c(t)$  with  $0 < c < 1$  do, strictly speaking, not form solutions of their own (because their maximal domain is not an interval) but give rise to two maximal solutions (“branches”)  $y_c^{(1)}(t)$ ,  $y_c^{(2)}(t)$  with domains  $(0, \sqrt{-\ln c})$  and  $(\sqrt{-\ln c}, \infty)$ , respectively.  $\boxed{+1}$

$$\sum_3 = 7 + 1$$

4 The characteristic polynomial of  $\mathbf{A}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_{\mathbf{A}}(X) &= \begin{vmatrix} X-1 & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & X+1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & X+3 \end{vmatrix} = (X+3)[(X-1)(X+1) - 4 \cdot 2] = (X+3)(X^2 - 9) \\ &= (X-3)(X+3)^2. \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  The eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  are  $\lambda_1 = 3$  with algebraic multiplicity 1 and  $\lambda_2 = -3$  with algebraic multiplicity 2.  $\boxed{2}$

$\lambda_1 = 3$ :

$$\mathbf{A} - 3\mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -2 & -2 \\ -4 & -4 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -6 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -6 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow$  The eigenspace corresponding to  $\lambda_1 = 3$  is generated by  $\mathbf{v}_1 = (1, -1, 0)^\top$ .

$\lambda_2 = -3$ :

$$\mathbf{A} + 3\mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 & -2 \\ -4 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow$  The eigenspace corresponding to  $\lambda_2 = -3$  is generated by  $\mathbf{v}_2 = (1, 2, 0)^\top$  and  $\mathbf{v}_3 = (1, 0, 2)^\top$ .

A fundamental system of solutions of  $\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y}$  is therefore

$$\mathbf{y}_1(t) = e^{3t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{y}_2(t) = e^{-3t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{y}_3(t) = e^{-3t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \boxed{3}$$

$\mathbf{A}$  is invertible, since 0 is not an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

$\Rightarrow$  The system  $\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{b}$  has the constant solution  $\mathbf{y}(t) \equiv -\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{b}$ , which is found by solving the system  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = -\mathbf{b}$ .

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & -2 & 0 \\ -4 & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & -3 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -9 & -6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & -3 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_3 = 1, x_2 = -2x_3/3 = -2/3, x_1 = 2x_2 + 2x_3 = 2/3$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{The constant solution is } \mathbf{y}(t) \equiv \left(\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}, 1\right)^T. \quad [1]$$

$\Rightarrow$  The general (real) solution of  $\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{b}$  is

$$\mathbf{y}(t) = c_1 e^{3t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{-3t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c_3 e^{-3t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{3} \\ -\frac{2}{3} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad c_1, c_2, c_3 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Fitting the initial conditions gives for  $c_1, c_2, c_3$  the linear system

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & -\frac{2}{3} \\ -1 & 2 & 0 & \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & -\frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow c_3 = -1/2, c_2 = -c_3/3 = 1/6, c_1 = -2/3 - c_2 - c_3 = -1/3$$

$\Rightarrow$  The solution of the IVP is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{y}(t) &= -\frac{1}{3} e^{3t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{6} e^{-3t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} e^{-3t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{3} \\ -\frac{2}{3} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{3}e^{3t} - \frac{1}{3}e^{-3t} \\ -\frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{3}e^{3t} + \frac{1}{3}e^{-3t} \\ 1 - e^{-3t} \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad [2]$$

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$$\sum_4 = 8$$


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5 a)  $M(x, y) = 3xy + 2y^2 = y(3x + 2y)$ ,  $N(x, y) = 3x^2 + 6xy + 3y^2 = 3(x + y)^2$  have no common zero except  $(0, 0)$ .  $\Rightarrow (0, 0)$  is the only singular point. [1]

b) We have

$$M_y - N_x = 3x + 4y - (6x + 6y) = -3x - 2y = M(-1/y).$$

Thus  $(M_y - N_x)/M$  depends only on  $y$ , and there is an integrating factor of the form  $g(y)$ .

The integrability condition  $(gM)_y = (gN)_x$  then becomes  $g'M + gM_y = gN_x$ , i.e.,

$$g' = \frac{g(N_x - M_y)}{M} = \frac{g}{y}.$$

The solution of this ODE is  $g(y) = cy$ , so that we can take  $g(y) = y$ . [2]

$\Rightarrow$  On  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus x\text{-axis}$  the ODE  $(3xy + 2y^2) dx + (3x^2 + 6xy + 3y^2) dy = 0$  is equivalent to the exact ODE

$$(3xy^2 + 2y^3) dx + (3x^2y + 6xy^2 + 3y^3) dy = 0. \quad [1]$$



An antiderivative  $f$  of the corresponding exact differential is determined in the usual way by “partial integration” with respect to  $x$ , say.

$$f(x, y) = \frac{3}{2} x^2 y^2 + 2 x y^3 + g(y),$$

$$f_y(x, y) = 3 x^2 y + 6 x y^2 + g'(y) \stackrel{!}{=} 3 x^2 y + 6 x y^2 + 3 y^3$$

$$\implies g'(y) = 3 y^3 \implies g(y) = \frac{3}{4} y^4 + C \implies f(x, y) = \frac{3}{2} x^2 y^2 + 2 x y^3 + \frac{3}{4} y^4 + C$$

The general implicit solution of the exact ODE is then given by (in slightly simplified form and with a different  $C$ )

$$6 x^2 y^2 + 8 x y^3 + 3 y^4 = C, \quad C \in \mathbb{R}. \quad \boxed{2}$$

Solutions with  $C < 0$  don't exist and for  $C = 0$  the  $x$ -axis is obtained, since  $6 x^2 y^2 + 8 x y^3 + 3 y^4 = y^2(6 x^2 + 8 x y + 3 y^2)$  and the quadratic has discriminant  $8^2 - 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 3 = -8 < 0$ .

Since the  $x$ -axis (equivalently, the function  $y(x) \equiv 0$ ) is a solution of (DF), multiplication by  $y$  hasn't introduced any new solution, and  $6 x^2 y^2 + 8 x y^3 + 3 y^4 = C$ ,  $C \geq 0$  solves (DF) as well.  $\boxed{\frac{1}{2}}$

- c) Yes. This is implicit in the preceding discussion. Intersection points of integral curves must be singular, so that the only candidate for such a point is the origin. But the corresponding contour of  $f$ , the 0-contour, consists of a single integral curve, viz. the  $x$ -axis.  $\boxed{+1}$

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$$\sum_5 = 6 + 1$$


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**6** The characteristic polynomial is

$$\begin{aligned} a(X) &= 2X^5 - X^3 + X^2 = X^2(2X^3 - X + 1) \\ &= X^2(X + 1)(2X^2 - 2X + 1) && \text{(since } -1 \text{ is a root)} \\ &= 2X^2(X + 1)(X^2 - X + \tfrac{1}{2}) \\ &= 2X^2(X + 1) \left( X - \frac{1+i}{2} \right) \left( X - \frac{1-i}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

with zeros  $\lambda_1 = 0$  of multiplicity 2,  $\lambda_2 = -1$ ,  $\lambda_3 = (1+i)/2$ ,  $\lambda_4 = (1-i)/2$ .

$\implies$  A complex fundamental system of solutions of the associated homogeneous equation is  $1, t, e^{-t}, e^{(1+i)t/2}, e^{(1-i)t/2}$ , and the corresponding real fundamental system is

$$1, \quad t, \quad e^{-t}, \quad e^{t/2} \cos(t/2), \quad e^{t/2} \sin(t/2). \quad \boxed{2}$$

In order to obtain a particular solution  $y_p(t)$  of the inhomogeneous equation, we solve the two systems  $a(D)y_i = b_i(t)$  for  $b_1(t) = 1 + t$ ,  $b_2(t) = e^{it}$ . Superposition and extraction of the real part then yields the particular solution  $y_p(t) = y_1(t) - 2 \operatorname{Im} y_2(t)$ .  $\boxed{1}$

- (1) Since  $\mu = 0$  is a zero of multiplicity 2 of  $a(X)$ , the proper Ansatz in this case is  $y_1(t) = c_0 t^2 + c_1 t^3$ . Substituting it into the ODE we get

$$2 \cdot 0 - 6 c_1 + 2 c_0 + 6 c_1 t = 1 + t.$$

$$\implies c_1 = 1/6, \quad c_0 = 1, \quad \text{and } y_1(t) = t^2 + t^3/6. \quad \boxed{1\frac{1}{2}}$$

- (2) Since  $a(D)e^{it} = a(i)e^{it}$  and  $a(i) \neq 0$ , we can take  $y_2(t) = \frac{1}{a(i)}e^{it}$ . Since  $a(i) = 2i^5 - i^3 + i^2 = 3i - 1$ , we obtain

$$y_2(t) = \frac{1}{-1 + 3i} e^{it} = \frac{-1 - 3i}{10} (\cos t + i \sin t),$$

$$\operatorname{Im} y_2(t) = -\frac{3}{10} \cos t - \frac{1}{10} \sin t. \quad \boxed{1\frac{1}{2}}$$

It follows that a particular real solution of the inhomogeneous equation is  $y_p(t) = t^2 + \frac{1}{6}t^3 + \frac{3}{5}\cos t + \frac{1}{5}\sin t$  and that the general real solution of the inhomogeneous equation is

$$y(t) = t^2 + \frac{1}{6}t^3 + \frac{3}{5}\cos t + \frac{1}{5}\sin t + c_1 + c_2 t + c_3 e^{-t} + c_4 e^{t/2} \cos(t/2) + c_5 e^{t/2} \sin(t/2),$$

$$c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4, c_5 \in \mathbb{R}. \quad \boxed{1}$$

$$\sum_6 = 7$$

$$\sum = 47 + 5$$

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