

MA 108 - Spring 2018 Tutorial Sheet 3

1. (a) Verify that $y_1 = 1/(x-1)$ and $y_2 = 1/(x+1)$ are solutions of $(x^2-1)y'' + 4xy' + 2y = 0$ on $\mathbb{R} - \{\pm 1\}$. Find the general solution.
(b) Find the solution with initial conditions $y(0) = -5$, $y'(0) = 1$.
(c) What is the interval of validity of this solution?
2. Compute the Wronskians of the given set of functions.
(a) $\{e^x, e^x \sin x\}$.
(b) $\{x^{1/2}, x^{-1/3}\}$.
(c) $\{x \ln |x|, x^2 \ln |x|\}$.
3. Let y_1 and y_2 be two solutions of ODE. Find the Wronskian $W(y_1, y_2; x)$ of following ODE's.
(a) $y'' + 3(x^2 + 1)y' - 2y = 0$ given that $W(\pi) = -1$.
(b) $(1 - x^2)y'' - 2xy' + a(a + 1)y = 0$ given that $W(0) = 1$.
(c) $x^2y'' + xy' + (x^2 - \nu^2)y = 0$ given that $W(1) = 1$.
4. Suppose p_1, p_2, q_1, q_2 are continuous on (a, b) and the equations $y'' + p_1(x)y' + q_1(x)y = 0$ and $y'' + p_2(x)y' + q_2(x)y = 0$ have the same solutions on (a, b) . Show that $p_1 = p_2$ and $q_1 = q_2$ on (a, b) . [Hint. Use Abel's formula.]
5. Solve the following IVPs.
(a) $y'' - 2y' + 2y = 0$, $y(0) = 3$, $y'(0) = -2$.
(b) $y'' + 14y' + 50y = 0$, $y(0) = 2$, $y'(0) = -17$.
(c) $6y'' - y' - y = 0$, $y(0) = 10$, $y'(0) = 0$.
(d) $4y'' - 4y' - 3y = 0$, $y(0) = \frac{13}{12}$, $y'(0) = \frac{23}{24}$.
(e) $4y'' - 12y' + 9y = 0$, $y(0) = 3$, $y'(0) = \frac{5}{2}$.
6. Find the general solution of following ODE.
[Hint: Find two linearly independent solution of homogeneous part and then use variation of parameter method to find a particular solution.]
(a) $x^2y'' + xy' - 4y = 2x^4$.
(b) $x^2y'' - 3xy' + 3y = x$.
(c) $y'' - 3y' + 2y = 1/(1 + e^{-x})$.
(d) $x^2y'' + xy' - 4y = -6x - 4$.

- (e) $x^2y'' - 2xy' + 2y = x^{9/2}$.
- (f) $y'' - 2y' + y = 14x^{3/2}e^x$.
- (g) $y'' + 4y = \sin 2x \sec^2 2x$.
7. (Principle of Superposition) Assume y_1 is a solution of $a(x)y'' + b(x)y' + c(x)y = f_1(x)$ and y_2 is a solution of $a(x)y'' + b(x)y' + c(x)y = f_2(x)$. Show that $y_1 + y_2$ is a solution of $a(x)y'' + b(x)y' + c(x)y = f_1(x) + f_2(x)$.
8. Find a particular solution of $y'' + 4xy' + (4x^2 + 2)y = 4e^{-x(x+2)}$, given that $y_1 = e^{-x^2}$, $y_2 = xe^{-x^2}$ are solutions of homogeneous part.
9. Find a particular solution using variation of parameters method.
- (a) $y'' - 2y' + y = 14x^{3/2}e^x$.
- (b) $y'' - y = \frac{4e^{-x}}{1 - e^{-2x}}$.
- (c) $y'' + y = \sec x \tan x$.
- (d) $y'' - 3y' + 2y = \sin e^{-x}$.
- (e) $x^2y'' - x(x+2)y' + (x+2)y = 2x^3$, $x > 0$,
the fundamental set of solutions of homogeneous part is $\{x, xe^x\}$
- (f) $(1-x)y'' + xy' - y = 2(x-1)^2e^{-x}$, $0 < x < 1$;
the fundamental set of solutions of homogeneous part is $\{e^x, x\}$.