## Section 3.2

17.) Find the characteristic equation and the general solution:

$$y'' + y' - 2y = 0 \implies r^2 + r - 2 = (r+2)(r-1) \implies r_1 = -2, r_2 = 1$$
  
 $\therefore y = c_1 e^{-2t} + c_2 e^t \text{ and } y' = -2c_1 e^{-2t} + c_2 e^t$ 

Solve for  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  given  $y(t_0) = 1$ ,  $y'(t_0) = 0$ :

$$1 = c_1 e^{-2(0)} + c_2 e^0 = c_1 + c_2$$
$$0 = -2c_1 e^{-2(0)} + c_2 e^0 = -2c_1 + c_2$$
$$\therefore c_1 = \frac{1}{3}, c_2 = \frac{2}{3}$$
$$\therefore y_1 = \frac{1}{3} e^{-2t} + \frac{2}{3} e^t$$

Now solve for  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  given  $y(t_0) = 0$ ,  $y'(t_0) = 1$ :

$$0 = c_1 e^{-2(0)} + c_2 e^0 = c_1 + c_2$$
$$1 = -2c_1 e^{-2(0)} + c_2 e^0 = -2c_1 + c_2$$
$$\therefore c_1 = -\frac{1}{3}, c_2 = \frac{1}{3}$$
$$\therefore y_2 = \frac{1}{3} e^t - \frac{1}{3} e^{-2t}$$

Thus  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  comprise the fundamental set described by theorem 3.2.5

18.) Find the characteristic equation and the general solution:

$$y'' + 4y' + 3y = 0 \implies r^2 + 4r + 3 = (r+3)(r+1) \implies r_1 = -3, r_2 = -1$$
  
 $y = c_1 e^{-3t} + c_2 e^{-t} \text{ and } y' = -3c_1 e^{-3t} - c_2 e^{-t}$ 

Solving for  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  given  $y(t_0) = 1$ ,  $y'(t_0) = 0$ :

$$1 = c_1 e^{-3(1)} + c_2 e^{-1} = c_1 e^{-3} + c_2 e^{-1}$$

$$0 = -3c_1 e^{-3(1)} - c_2 e^{-1} = -3c_1 e^{-3} - c_2 e^{-1}$$

$$\therefore c_1 = -\frac{1}{2e^3}, c_2 = \frac{3}{2e}$$

$$\therefore y_1 = \frac{3}{2} e^{-(t+1)} - \frac{1}{2} e^{-3(t+1)}$$

Now solve for  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  given  $y(t_0) = 0$ ,  $y'(t_0) = 1$ :

$$0 = c_1 e^{-3} + c_2 e^{-1}$$

$$1 = -3c_1 e^{-3} - c_2 e^{-1}$$

$$\therefore c_1 = -\frac{e^3}{2}, c_2 = \frac{e}{2}$$

$$\therefore y_2 = \frac{1}{2} e^{-t+1} - \frac{1}{2} e^{-3t+3}$$

Thus  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  comprise the fundamental set described by theorem 3.2.5

## Section 3.4

18.) Let 
$$y = v(t)y_1$$
:
$$y = v(t)y_1 = v(t)t^2, \ y' = v'(t)t^2 + 2tv(t)$$

$$y'' = v''(t)t^2 + 2tv'(t) + 2v(t) + 2tv'(t) = t^2v''(t) + 4tv'(t) + 2v(t)$$

$$\therefore t^2y'' - 4ty' + 6y = t^2 \left[t^2v''(t) + 4tv'(t) + 2v(t)\right] - 4t \left[v'(t)t^2 + 2tv(t)\right] + 6v(t)t^2$$

$$= t^4v''(t) + 4t^3v'(t) - 4t^3v'(t) + 2t^2v(t) + 6t^2v(t) - 8t^2v(t) = t^4v''(t) = 0$$
Let  $w(t) = v'(t)$ :
$$t^4v''(t) = t^4w'(t) = 0 \implies w'(t) = 0 \implies w(t) = v'(t) = c_1$$

$$\implies v(t) = c_1t + c_2$$

$$\therefore y = (c_1t + c_2)y_1 = c_1t^3 + c_2t^2$$

Thus  $y_2 = t^3$  is another solution to the equation.

19.) Let 
$$y = v(t)y_1$$
:

$$y = tv(t), \ y' = v(t) + tv'(t), \ y'' = v'(t) + v'(t) + tv''(t) = 2v'(t) + tv''(t)$$

$$\therefore \ t^2y'' + 2ty' - 2y = t^2 \left[ 2v'(t) + tv''(t) \right] + 2t \left[ v(t) + tv'(t) \right] - 2tv(t)$$

$$= 2t^2v'(t) + t^3v''(t) + 2tv(t) + 2t^2v'(t) - 2tv(t) = t^3v''(t) + 4t^2v'(t)$$

$$= tv''(t) + 4v'(t) = 0$$

Let w(t) = v'(t):

$$tv''(t) + 4v'(t) = tw'(t) + 4w(t) = 0 \implies w'(t) + \frac{4}{t}w(t) = 0$$

$$\mu(t) = e^{\int p(t)dt} = e^{4\ln|t|} = t^4$$

$$\therefore w(t) = v'(t) = \frac{1}{\mu(t)} \int \mu(t)g(t) dt = \frac{1}{t^4} \int 0t^4 = \frac{c_1}{t^4}$$

$$\therefore v(t) = \int \frac{c_1}{t^4} dt = -\frac{c_1}{3t^3} + c_2$$

$$\therefore y = v(t)y_1 = \left(c_2 - \frac{c_1}{3t^3}\right)t = c_2t - \frac{c_1t}{3t^3} = c_2t - \frac{c_1}{t^2}$$

Thus  $y_2 = t^{-2}$  is another solution to the equation.

20.) Let 
$$y = v(t)y_1$$
:

$$y = t^{-1}v(t), \ y' = -t^{-2}v(t) + t^{-1}v'(t), \ y'' = 2t^{-3}v(t) - t^{-2}v'(t) - t^{-2}v'(t) + t^{-1}v''(t)$$

$$\therefore \ t^2y'' + 3ty' + y = t^2 \left[ t^{-1}v''(t) - 2t^{-2}v'(t) + 2t^{-3}v(t) \right] + 3t \left[ t^{-1}v'(t) - t^{-2}v(t) \right] + t^{-1}v(t)$$

$$= tv''(t) - 2v'(t) + 2t^{-1}v(t) + 3v'(t) - 3t^{-1}v(t) + t^{-1}v(t) = tv''(t) + v'(t) = 0$$
Let  $w(t) = v'(t)$ :

$$tv''(t) + v'(t) = tw'(t) + w(t) = 0 \implies w'(t) + \frac{1}{t}w(t) = 0$$

$$\mu(t) = e^{\int p(t)dt} = e^{\ln|t|} = t$$

$$\therefore w(t) = v'(t) = \frac{1}{t} \int 0t \ dt = \frac{c_1}{t}$$

$$\therefore v(t) = \int \frac{c_1}{t} \ dt = c_1 \ln|t| + c_2$$

$$\therefore y = v(t)y_1 = (c_1 \ln|t| + c_2) t^{-1} = c_1 t^{-1} \ln|t| + c_2 t^{-1}$$

Thus  $y_2 = t^{-1} \ln |t| = t^{-1} \ln t$  is also a solution to the equation.