# MTL101::Linear Algebra and Differential Equations Tutorial 5



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#### Question 1

Find the solutions of the following initial value problems:

(a) 
$$y'' - 2y' - 3y = 0$$
,  $y(0) = 0$ ,  $y'(0) = 1$ 

(b) 
$$y'' + 10y = 0$$
,  $y(0) = \pi$ ,  $y'(0) = \pi^2$ .

# Question 1 (a)

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(a) 
$$y'' - 2y' - 3y = 0$$
,  $y(0) = 0$ ,  $y'(0) = 1$ .

#### Solution:

Consider the IVP

$$y'' - 2y' - 3y = 0, \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y'(0) = 1.$$
 (1)

- Suppose  $y = e^{mx}$  is the solution of (1).
- Hence, substituting the solution in (1), we get the following characteristic equation

$$m^2 - 2m - 3 = 0$$
  
$$\implies (m-3)(m+1) = 0 \implies m = 3, -1.$$

• Therefore,  $y(x) = c_1 e^{3x} + c_2 e^{-x}$ .

# Question 1 (a) contd...

• Since, y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 1,

$$\implies y(0) = c_1 + c_2 = 0$$
  
 $y'(0) = 3c_1 - c_2 = 1.$ 

- ullet On solving, we get  $c_1=rac{1}{4},c_2=-rac{1}{4}.$
- Hence,  $y(x) = \frac{e^{3x}}{4} \frac{e^{-x}}{4}$ .

# Question 1 (b)

#### Question 1(b)

(b) 
$$y'' + 10y = 0$$
,  $y(0) = \pi$ ,  $y'(0) = \pi^2$ .

#### Solution:

Consider the IVP

$$y'' + 10y = 0, \quad y(0) = \pi, \quad y'(0) = \pi^{2}.$$
 (2)

- Suppose  $y = e^{mx}$  is the solution of (2).
- Hence, substituting the solution in (2), we get the following characteristic equation

$$m^2 + 10 = 0$$
$$\implies m = \pm i\sqrt{10}.$$

• Therefore,  $y(x) = c_1 \cos \sqrt{10}x + c_2 \sin \sqrt{10}x$ .

# Question 1 (b) contd...

• Since,  $y(0) = \pi$ ,  $y'(0) = \pi^2$ ,

$$\implies y(0) = c_1 = \pi$$
$$y'(0) = \sqrt{10}c_2 = \pi^2.$$

- On solving, we get  $c_1=\pi, c_2=rac{\pi^2}{\sqrt{10}}.$
- Hence,  $y(x) = \pi \cos \sqrt{10}x + \frac{\pi^2}{\sqrt{10}} \sin \sqrt{10}x$ .

#### Question 2

Find a function  $\phi$  which has a continuous derivative on  $0 \le x \le 2$  which satisfies  $\phi(0) = 0, \phi'(0) = 1$ , and y'' - y = 0 for  $0 \le x \le 1$ , and y'' - 9y = 0 for  $1 \le x \le 2$ .

#### Solution:

• For  $0 \le x \le 1$ , y(x) satisfies the following IVP

$$y^{''} - y = 0, \ y(0) = 0, \ y'(0) = 1.$$

On solving, we get,

$$y(x) = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{-x}. (3)$$

• Since, y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 1

$$\implies y(0) = c_1 + c_2 = 0$$

$$v'(0) = c_1 - c_2 = 1.$$

### Question 2 contd...

- On solving, we get  $c_1 = \frac{1}{2}, c_2 = -\frac{1}{2}$ .
- Hence, for  $0 \le x \le 1$ ,

$$y_1(x) := y(x) = \frac{1}{2}e^x - \frac{1}{2}e^{-x}.$$
 (4)

• For  $1 \le x \le 2$ , y(x) satisfies

$$y''-9y=0.$$

On solving, we get,

$$y_2(x) := y(x) = c_3 e^{3x} + c_4 e^{-3x}.$$
 (5)

• Since, the function y(x) has a continuous derivative on  $0 \le x \le 2$ , hence,  $y_1(1) = y_2(1)$  and  $y_1'(1) = y_2'(1)$ .

# Question 2 contd...

Thus,

$$\frac{1}{2}e - \frac{1}{2}e^{-1} = c_3e^3 + c_4e^{-3}$$
$$\frac{1}{2}e + \frac{1}{2}e^{-1} = 3c_3e^3 - 3c_4e^{-3}.$$

- On solving, we get,  $c_3 = \frac{1}{6}(2e^{-2} e^{-4}), c_4 = \frac{1}{6}(e^4 2e^2).$
- Hence,

$$y(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}e^{x} - \frac{1}{2}e^{-x}, & \text{if } 0 \le x \le 1\\ \frac{1}{6}(2e^{-2} - e^{-4})e^{3x} + \frac{1}{6}(e^{4} - 2e^{2})e^{-3x}, & \text{if } 1 \le x \le 2. \end{cases}$$

#### Question 3

Consider the constant coefficient equation  $L(y)=y^{''}+a_1y^{'}+a_2y=0$ . Let  $\phi_1$  be the solution satisfying  $\phi_1(x_0)=1, \phi_1^{'}(x_0)=0$ , and  $\phi_2$  be the solution satisfying  $\phi_2(x_0)=0, \phi_2^{'}(x_0)=1$ . If  $\phi$  is a solution satisfying  $\phi(x_0)=\alpha, \phi_1^{'}(x_0)=\beta$ , show that  $\phi(x)=\alpha\phi_1(x)+\beta\phi_2(x)$  for all x.

#### Solution:

Consider the equation with constant coefficients

$$L(y) = y'' + a_1 y' + a_2 y = 0. (6)$$

- Suppose  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  are the solution of (6) satisfying  $\phi_1(x_0) = 1, \phi_1'(x_0) = 0, \phi_2(x_0) = 0, \phi_2'(x_0) = 1.$
- This implies,

$$\phi_{i}^{"} + a_{1}\phi_{i}^{'} + a_{2}\phi_{i} = 0, \quad \forall i = 1, 2.$$
 (7)

### Question 3 contd...

• Also, one can calculate the wronskian of  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  at  $x_0$  as

$$W(\phi_1, \phi_2)(x_0) = \phi_1(x_0)\phi_2'(x_0) - \phi_1'(x_0)\phi_2(x_0)$$
  
= 1. (8)

- Since,  $W(\phi_1, \phi_2)(x) = \phi_1(x)\phi_2'(x) \phi_1'(x)\phi_2(x)$ .
- Differentiating wronskian with respect to x and using (7), we get,

$$W'(\phi_{1}, \phi_{2})(x) = \phi_{1}(x)\phi_{2}''(x) - \phi_{1}''(x)\phi_{2}(x)$$

$$= -\phi_{1}(x)(a_{1}\phi_{2}'(x) + a_{2}\phi_{2}(x)) + \phi_{2}(x)(a_{1}\phi_{1}'(x) + a_{2}\phi_{1}(x))$$

$$= -a_{1}(\phi_{1}(x)\phi_{2}'(x) - \phi_{1}'(x)\phi_{2}(x))$$

$$= -a_{1}W(\phi_{1}, \phi_{2})(x).$$
(9)

• Eq. (9) is a first order differential equation in W(x), on solving we get,  $W(x) = ce^{-a_1x}$ .

### Question 3 contd...

- Since,  $W(x_0) = 1$ , we get  $c = e^{a_1 x_0}$ .
- Hence,  $W(x) = e^{-a_1(x-x_0)} \neq 0, \ \forall x.$
- Hence, the solutions  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  are linearly independent and solution  $\phi$  can be expressed as linear combination of  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$ ,

$$\phi(x) = A\phi_1(x) + B\phi_2(x).$$

- Given that,  $\phi(x_0) = \alpha, \phi'(x_0) = \beta$ . Using these conditions, we get  $A = \alpha$  and  $B = \beta$ .
- Hence,  $\phi(x) = \alpha \phi_1(x) + \beta \phi_2(x)$ ,  $\forall x$ .

#### Question 4

Let  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  be two differentiable functions on an interval I, which are not necessarily solutions of an equation L(y) = 0. Prove the following:

- (a) If  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  are linearly dependent on I, then  $W(\phi_1, \phi_2)(x) = 0$  for all x in I.
- (b) If  $W(\phi_1, \phi_2)(x_0) \neq 0$  for some  $x_0$  in I, then  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  are linearly independent on I.
- (c)  $W(\phi_1, \phi_2)(x) = 0$  for all x in I does not imply that  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  are linearly dependent on I.
- (d)  $W(\phi_1, \phi_2)(x) = 0$  for all x in I, and  $\phi_2(x) \neq 0$  on I, imply that  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  are linearly dependent on I.

# Question 4(a)

#### Question 4(a)

(a) If  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  are linearly dependent on I, then  $W(\phi_1, \phi_2)(x) = 0$  for all x in I.

#### Solution:

- Let  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  be linearly dependent functions on I.
- Then

$$c_1\phi_1(x) + c_2\phi_2(x) = 0, \ \forall \ x \in I,$$
 (10)

implies, at least one of  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  is non-zero.

• If it is possible, let us assume that  $\exists x_0 \in I$  such that  $W(\phi_1, \phi_2)(x_0) = \phi_1(x_0)\phi_2'(x_0) - \phi_1'(x_0)\phi_2(x_0) \neq 0$ .

# Question 4(a) contd...

 On differentiating (10), we get the following system of linear equations,

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc} \phi_1(x) & \phi_2(x) \\ \phi_1^{'}(x) & \phi_2^{'}(x) \end{array}\right) \left(\begin{array}{c} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \end{array}\right).$$

• At  $x = x_0 \in I$ ,

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \phi_1(x_0) & \phi_2(x_0) \\ \phi'_1(x_0) & \phi'_2(x_0) \end{pmatrix}}_{:=A} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$
(11)

- Since,  $det(A) = W(\phi_1, \phi_2)(x_0) \neq 0$ .
- Hence, from (11), we get  $c_1 = c_2 = 0$ , which is a contradiction.
- Hence, our assumption is wrong. Thus,  $W(\phi_1, \phi_2)(x) = 0 \ \forall x \in I$ .

### Question 4(b)

#### Question 4(b)

(b) If  $W(\phi_1, \phi_2)(x_0) \neq 0$  for some  $x_0$  in I, then  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  are linearly independent on I.

#### Solution:

- Let  $W(\phi_1, \phi_2)(x_0) \neq 0$  for some  $x_0 \in I$ .
- To show:  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  are linearly independent on I, consider

$$c_1\phi_1(x) + c_2\phi_2(x) = 0 \ \forall \ x \in I,$$
 (12)

• On differentiating (10), we get the following system of linear equations,

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc} \phi_1(x) & \phi_2(x) \\ \phi_1^{'}(x) & \phi_2^{'}(x) \end{array}\right) \left(\begin{array}{c} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \end{array}\right).$$

• At  $x = x_0 \in I$ ,

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \phi_1(x_0) & \phi_2(x_0) \\ \phi_1'(x_0) & \phi_2'(x_0) \end{pmatrix}}_{} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$
(13)

# Question 4(b) contd...

- Since,  $det(A) = W(\phi_1, \phi_2)(x_0) \neq 0$ .
- So, from (13), we get  $c_1 = c_2 = 0$ .
- Hence,  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  are linearly independent on I.

# Question 4(c)

### Question 4(c)

(c)  $W(\phi_1, \phi_2)(x) = 0$  for all x in I does not imply that  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  are linearly dependent on I.

#### Solution:

- For example, take  $\phi_1 = x$  and  $\phi_2 = |x|$ .
- Then, for  $x \geq 0$ ,  $W(\phi_1, \phi_2) = \begin{vmatrix} x & x \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$ .
- For x < 0,  $W(\phi_1, \phi_2) = \begin{vmatrix} x & -x \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$ .
- Consider,  $c_1x + c_2|x| = 0$ , then

for 
$$x \ge 0$$
,  $c_1x + c_2x = 0$ ,  
for  $x < 0$ ,  $c_1x - c_2x = 0$ .

- On solving above equations for  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ , we get  $c_1 = c_2 = 0$ .
- Hence,  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  are linearly independent on I.

# Question 4(d)

#### Question 4(d)

(d)  $W(\phi_1, \phi_2)(x) = 0$  for all x in I, and  $\phi_2(x) \neq 0$  on I, imply that  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  are linearly dependent on I.

#### Solution:

- Case (i) When  $\phi_1 = 0, \phi_2 \neq 0$ .
  - Then,  $W(\phi_1,\phi_2)(x)=\phi_1(x)\phi_2^{'}(x)-\phi_1^{'}(x)\phi_2(x)=0.$
  - Also,  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  are linearly dependent on I as every zero function is linearly dependent to every function.

# Question 4(d) contd...

- Case (ii) When  $\phi_1 \neq 0, \phi_2 \neq 0$ .
  - Given,

$$W(\phi_1, \phi_2)(x) = 0,$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi_1(x)\phi_2'(x) - \phi_1'(x)\phi_2(x) = 0,$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\phi_2}{\phi_2} = \frac{d\phi_1}{\phi_1},$$

$$\Rightarrow \log \phi_2 = \log \phi_1 + \log C,$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi_2 = C\phi_1, \text{ where } C \text{ is the integration constant.}$$

• Hence,  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  are linearly dependent on I as both are scaler multiple of each other.

#### Question 5

Find all solutions of the following equations:

(a) 
$$4y'' - y = e^x$$

(b) 
$$y'' + 4y = \cos x$$

(c)  $y'' + 9y = \sin 3x$ .

#### Recall: Short methods of finding particular integral:

Consider the general  $n^{th}$  order linear equation of the form

$$f(D)y = (a_0D^n + a_1D^{n-1} + ... + a_{n-1}D + a_n)y = q(x),$$

where the coefficients  $a_0, a_1, ..., a_n$  are constants.

(i) 
$$q(x) = e^{\alpha x}$$
,  $\alpha$  constant

when 
$$f(\alpha) \neq 0$$
,  $\frac{1}{f(D)}e^{\alpha x} = \frac{e^{\alpha x}}{f(\alpha)}$ ,  
when  $f(\alpha) = 0$ ,  $\frac{1}{f(D)}e^{\alpha x} = \frac{1}{(D-\alpha)^p \phi(D)}e^{\alpha x} = \frac{x^p e^{\alpha x}}{p!\phi(\alpha)}$ ,  $\phi(\alpha) \neq 0$ .

#### Recall: Short methods of finding particular integral:

(ii) 
$$q(x) = \cos(ax + b)$$
 or  $\sin(ax + b)$ ,  $a, b$  constant

when 
$$f(-a^2) \neq 0$$
,  $\frac{1}{f(D^2)} \cos(ax + b) = \frac{\cos(ax + b)}{f(-a^2)}$   
 $\frac{1}{f(D^2)} \sin(ax + b) = \frac{\sin(ax + b)}{f(-a^2)}$ 

(iii)

$$\frac{1}{f(D)}\cos(ax+b) = Re\left[\frac{1}{f(D)}e^{i(ax+b)}\right]$$
$$\frac{1}{f(D)}\sin(ax+b) = Im\left[\frac{1}{f(D)}e^{i(ax+b)}\right]$$

where symbols *Re* and *Im* read as 'real part of' and 'imaginary part of' respectively.

# Question 5(a)

#### Question 5(a)

(a) 
$$4y'' - y = e^x$$

#### Solution:

- First we solve the homogeneous equation 4y'' y = 0.
- Auxiliary equation is given by,  $4m^2 1 = 0 \implies m = \pm \frac{1}{2}$ .
- Hence, the complementary function is,  $y_c(x) = c_1 e^{\frac{1}{2}x} + c_2 e^{-\frac{1}{2}x}$ .
- Now, for the given ODE we assume the particular integral of the form  $y_p(x) = Ae^x$ ,

$$y_{p}^{'}(x) = Ae^{x} = y_{p}^{''}(x).$$

# Question 5(a) contd...

Replacing in the given ODE, we get

$$4Ae^{x} - Ae^{x} = e^{x}$$

- Therefore,  $A = \frac{1}{3}$  and hence,  $y_p(x) = \frac{1}{3}e^x$ .
- Hence, the general solution is,

$$y(x) = y_c(x) + y_p(x),$$
  
=  $c_1 e^{\frac{1}{2}x} + c_2 e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} + \frac{1}{3} e^x.$ 

# Question 5(b)

### Question 5(b)

(b) 
$$y'' + 4y = \cos x$$

#### Solution:

- First we solve the homogeneous equation y'' + 4y = 0.
- Characteristic equation is given by,  $m^2 + 4 = 0 \implies m = \pm i2$ .
- Hence, the complementary function is,  $y_c(x) = c_1 \cos 2x + c_2 \sin 2x$ .
- Now, the particular integral is

$$y_p(x) = \frac{1}{3}\cos x.$$

• Hence, the general solution is,

$$y(x) = y_c(x) + y_p(x),$$
  
=  $c_1 \cos 2x + c_2 \sin 2x + \frac{1}{3} \cos x.$ 

# Question 5(c)

### Question 5(c)

(c) 
$$y'' + 9y = \sin 3x$$
.

#### Solution:

- First we solve the homogeneous equation y'' + 9y = 0.
- Auxiliary equation is given by,  $m^2 + 9 = 0 \implies m = \pm i3$ .
- Hence, the complementary function is,  $y_c(x) = c_1 \cos 3x + c_2 \sin 3x$ .
- Now, the particular integral is

$$y_{\rho}(x) = \frac{1}{D^2 + 9} \sin 3x = \frac{1}{D^2 + 9} e^{i3x}$$
$$= \frac{1}{(D+3i)(D-3i)} e^{i3x}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2ai} \left[ \frac{1}{D-3i} - \frac{1}{D+3i} \right] e^{i3x}$$

# Question 5(c) contd...

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$$= \frac{1}{2ai} \left[ \frac{1}{D-3i} e^{i3x} - \frac{e^{i3x}}{2ai} \right], \text{ (here } D-3i=0 \text{ for } D=3i)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2ai} \left[ e^{i3x} \int e^{-i3x} e^{i3x} dx - \frac{e^{i3x}}{2ai} \right],$$

$$= \frac{1}{2ai} \left[ xe^{i3x} - \frac{e^{i3x}}{2ai} \right],$$

$$= \frac{ix}{6} (\cos 3x + i \sin 3x) + \frac{1}{36} (\cos 3x + i \sin 3x),$$

$$y_p(x) = \frac{-x \cos 3x}{6} + \frac{\sin 3x}{36}, \text{ taking the imaginary part.}$$

• Hence, the general solution is,

$$y(x) = y_c(x) + y_p(x),$$
  
=  $c_1 \cos 3x + c_2^{'} \sin 3x - \frac{1}{6}x \cos 3x.$ 

#### Question 6

Let  $L(y) = y'' + a_1y' + a_2y = 0$ , where  $a_1, a_2$  are constants, and let p be the characteristic equation  $p(r) = r^2 + a_1r + a_2$ .

- (a) If A, are constants and  $p(\alpha) \neq 0$ , show that there is a solution  $\phi$  of  $L(y) = Ae^{\alpha x}$  of the form  $\phi(x) = Be^{\alpha x}$ , where B is a constant.
- (b) Compute a particular solution of  $L(y) = Ae^{\alpha x}$  in case  $p(\alpha) = 0$ .

# Question 6(a)

#### Solution:

- Given, the characteristic equation is  $p(r) = r^2 + a_1 r + a_2 = 0 \implies r_1 = \frac{-a_1 + \sqrt{a_1^2 4a_2}}{2}, r_2 = \frac{-a_1 \sqrt{a_1^2 4a_2}}{2}.$
- Hence, the complementary solution is  $y_c(x) = c_1 e^{r_1 x} + c_2 e^{r_2 x}$ .
- Since,  $p(\alpha) \neq 0 \implies \alpha$  is not a root of the characteristic equation i.e.  $\alpha \neq r_1 \& \alpha \neq r_2$ .
- Now, the particular integral is

$$y_{\rho}(x) = \frac{1}{f(D)}e^{\alpha x} = \frac{1}{(D - r_1)(D - r_2)}e^{\alpha x}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(\alpha - r_1)(\alpha - r_2)}e^{\alpha x}$$

$$= Be^{\alpha x}, \text{ where } B = \frac{1}{(\alpha - r_1)(\alpha - r_2)}$$

$$= \phi(x).$$

# Question 6(b)

#### Solution:

- Given,  $p(\alpha) = 0 \implies \alpha$  is not a root of the characteristic equation.
- Assume the particular integral of  $L(y) = Ae^{\alpha x}$  is of the form  $y_p(x) = cxe^{\alpha x}$

$$\therefore y_p'(x) = cx\alpha e^{\alpha x} + ce^{\alpha x}$$
$$y_p''(x) = cx\alpha^2 e^{\alpha x} + 2c\alpha e^{\alpha x}.$$

• Plugging in  $L(y) = Ae^{\alpha x}$  and comparing the coefficients, we get,

$$2c\alpha + a_1c = A \implies c = \frac{A}{2\alpha + a_1}$$

$$c\alpha^2 + a_1c\alpha + a_2c = 0 = cp(\alpha) = c.0 = 0, \text{ since, } \alpha \text{ is the root of } p(r).$$

• Hence,  $y_p(x) = \frac{A}{2\alpha + a_1} x e^{\alpha x}$ .

#### Question 7

Are the following set of functions defined on  $-\infty < x < \infty$  linearly dependent or independent there? Why?

- (a)  $\phi_1(x) = 1, \phi_2(x) = x, \phi_3(x) = x^3$
- (b)  $\phi_1(x) = x, \phi_2(x) = e^{2x}, \phi_3(x) = |x|.$

# Question 7(a)

### Question 7(a)

(a) 
$$\phi_1(x) = 1, \phi_2(x) = x, \phi_3(x) = x^3$$
.

#### Recall:

Let  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  be two differentiable functions on an interval I, such that  $W(\phi_1, \phi_2)(x_0) \neq 0$  for some  $x_0$  in I, then  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  are linearly independent on I.

#### Solution:

• 
$$W(\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3)(x) = \begin{vmatrix} \phi_1 & \phi_2 & \phi_3 \\ \phi'_1 & \phi'_2 & \phi'_3 \\ \phi''_1 & \phi''_2 & \phi''_3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x^3 \\ 0 & 1 & 3x^2 \\ 0 & 0 & 6x \end{vmatrix} = 6x.$$

- Since,  $W(\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3)(1) = 6 \neq 0$ .
- Hence,  $\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3$  are linearly independent on  $I = (-\infty, \infty)$ .

### Question 7(b)

### Question 7(b)

(b) 
$$\phi_1(x) = x, \phi_2(x) = e^{2x}, \phi_3(x) = |x|.$$

#### Solution:

• Consider  $c_1\phi_1 + c_2\phi_2 + c_3\phi_3 = 0$ .

for 
$$x \ge 0$$
:  $c_1 x + c_2 e^{2x} + c_3 x = 0$  (14)

for 
$$x < 0$$
:  $c_1 x + c_2 e^{2x} - c_3 x = 0$  (15)  
 $\implies c_3 = 0$ . ((14) – (15)).

• Thus, we have,

$$c_1x + c_2e^{2x} = 0$$

$$c_1x + c_2e^{2x} = 0$$

$$\implies \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} x & e^{2x} \\ 1 & 2e^{2x} \end{pmatrix}}_{:=A} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

# Question 7(b) contd...

- Since,  $det(A) \neq 0 \implies c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0$ .
- Hence,  $\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3$  are linearly independent on  $I = (-\infty, \infty)$ .

#### Question 8

Use the method of undetermined coefficients to find a particular solution of each of the following equations:

- (a)  $y'' + 4y = \cos x$
- (b)  $y'' + 4y = \sin 2x$
- (c)  $y'' y' 2y = x^2 + \cos x$
- (d)  $y'' + 9y = x^2 e^{3x}$ .

# Question 8(a)

### Question 8(a)

(a) 
$$y'' + 4y = \cos x$$

- First we solve the homogeneous equation y'' + 4y = 0.
- Characteristic equation is given by,  $m^2 + 4 = 0 \implies m = \pm i2$ .
- Hence, the complementary function is,  $y_c(x) = c_1 \cos 2x + c_2 \sin 2x$ , where  $c_1, c_2$  are arbitrary constants.
- Since, the complementary function and the non-homogeneous term of differential equation does not have common term, so, let the trial solution be  $y_p(x) = A\cos x + B\sin x$ , where A,B are unknown constants

$$y_p'(x) = -A\sin x + B\cos x$$
  
$$y_p''(x) = -A\cos x - B\sin x.$$

# Question 8(a)

- Replacing in the given ODE and comparing coefficients, we get  $A = \frac{1}{3}$ , B = 0.
- Hence,  $y_p(x) = \frac{1}{3}\cos x$ .

# Question 8(b)

### Question 8(b)

(b) 
$$y'' + 4y = \sin 2x$$

- The complementary function is,  $y_c(x) = c_1 \cos 2x + c_2 \sin 2x$ , where  $c_1, c_2$  are arbitrary constants.
- Since, the complementary function and the non-homogeneous term of differential equation have common term, so, let the trial solution be  $y_p(x) = x(A\sin 2x + B\cos 2x)$ , where A, B are unknown constants

$$y_{p}^{'}(x) = A\sin 2x + B\cos 2x + x(2A\cos 2x - 2B\sin 2x)$$
  
$$y_{p}^{''}(x) = 4A\cos 2x - 4B\sin 2x + x(-4A\sin 2x - 4B\cos 2x).$$

- Replacing in the given ODE and comparing coefficients, we get  $A=0, B=-\frac{1}{4}$ .
- Hence,  $y_p(x) = -\frac{1}{4}x\cos 2x$ .

# Question 8(c)

### Question 8(c)

(c) 
$$y'' - y' - 2y = x^2 + \cos x$$

- First we solve the homogeneous equation y'' y' 2y = 0.
- Characteristic equation is given by,  $m^2 m 2 = 0 \implies m = 2, -1$ .
- Hence, the complementary function is,  $y_c(x) = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{2x}$ , where  $c_1, c_2$  are arbitrary constants.
- Since, the complementary function and the non-homogeneous term of Differential equation does not have common term, so, let the trial solution be  $y_p(x) = Ax^2 + Bx + C + D\sin x + E\cos x$ , where A, B, C, D, E are unknown constants.
- Differentiating with respect to x,

$$y_p'(x) = 2Ax + B + D\cos x - E\sin x$$
  
$$y_p''(x) = 2A - D\sin x - E\cos x$$

## Question 8(c) contd...

Plugging in the given ODE and comparing coefficients both sides, we get

$$-2A = 1,$$
  
 $-2A - 2B = 0,$   
 $2A - B - 2C = 0,$   
 $-D + E - 2D = 0,$   
 $-E - D - 2E = 1.$ 

- On solving, we get  $A=-\frac{1}{2}, B=\frac{1}{2}, C=-\frac{3}{4}, D=-\frac{1}{10}, E=-\frac{3}{10}.$
- Hence,  $y_p(x) = -\frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{2}x \frac{3}{4} \frac{1}{10}\sin x \frac{3}{10}\cos x$ .

# Question 8(d)

## Question 8(d)

(d) 
$$y'' + 9y = x^2 e^{3x}$$
.

#### Solution:

- Let the trial solution is,  $y_p(x) = (Ax^2 + Bx + C)e^{3x}$ , where, A, B, C are unknown constants.
- Differentiating with respect to x,

$$y_p'(x) = (2Ax + B)e^{3x} + 3(Ax^2 + Bx + C)e^{3x},$$
  
 $y_p''(x) = e^{3x}(9Ax^2 + (12A + 9B)x + 2A + 6B + 9C).$ 

• Plugging in the given ODE and comparing coefficients both sides, we get

$$18A = 1,$$
  
 $12A + 18B = 0$   
 $2A + 6B + 18C = 0.$ 

## Question 8(d) contd...

- On solving, we get  $A = \frac{1}{18}, B = -\frac{1}{27}, C = \frac{1}{162}$ .
- Hence,  $y_p(x) = (\frac{1}{18}x^2 \frac{1}{27}x + \frac{1}{162})e^{3x}$ .

## Question 9

#### Question 9

Find a real solution.

(a) 
$$x^2y'' - 4xy' + 6y = 0$$
,

(b) 
$$4x^2y'' + 12xy' + 3y = 0$$

(c) 
$$x^2y'' + 7xy' + 9y = 0$$
,

(d) 
$$x^2y'' - 2.5xy' - 2y = 0$$
,

(e) 
$$x^2y'' + 7xy' + 13y = 0$$
.

## Question 9

### Recall: Cauchy's homogeneous linear equation

An equation of the form  $x^n \frac{d^n y}{dx^n} + k_1 x^{n-1} \frac{d^{n-1} y}{dx^{n-1}} + ... + k_n y = X$ , where X is the function of x, is called Cauchy's homogeneous linear equation.

- **1** Such equations can be reduced to linear differential equation with constant coefficients by putting  $x = e^t$  or  $t = \log x$ .
- 2 Hence, by chain rule, we have

$$x\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt},$$
$$x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} - \frac{dy}{dt}.$$

After making these substitutions in given ODE, this results a linear equation with constant coefficients.

# Question 9(a)

### Question 9(a)

(a) 
$$x^2y'' - 4xy' + 6y = 0$$
,

- Put  $x = e^t$  in the given ODE.
- Then it is transformed into a linear differential equation with constant coefficient,  $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} 5\frac{dy}{dt} + 6y = 0$ .
- Characteristic equation is given by,  $m^2 5m + 6 = 0 \implies m = 2, 3$ .
- Hence, the solution is  $y(x) = c_1 e^{2t} + c_2 e^{3t} = c_1 x^2 + c_2 x^3$ , x > 0, where  $c_1, c_2$  are arbitrary constants.

# Question 9(b)

### Question 9(b)

(b) 
$$4x^2y'' + 12xy' + 3y = 0$$

#### Solution:

• Using the transformation  $x = e^t$ , we get the following linear differential equation with constant coefficient

$$4\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 8\frac{dy}{dt} + 3y = 0.$$

- Characteristic equation is given by,  $4m^2 + 8m + 3 = 0 \implies m = -1, -\frac{3}{2}$ .
- Hence, the solution is  $y(x)=c_1e^{-t}+c_2e^{-\frac{3}{2}t}=c_1x^{-1}+c_2x^{-\frac{3}{2}},\ x>0$ , where  $c_1,c_2$  are arbitrary constants.

# Question 9(c)

### Question 9(c)

(c) 
$$x^2y'' + 7xy' + 9y = 0$$
,

#### Solution:

• Using the transformation  $x = e^t$ , we get the following linear differential equation with constant coefficients

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 6\frac{dy}{dt} + 9y = 0.$$

- Characteristic equation is given by,  $m^2 + 6m + 9 = 0 \implies m = -3, -3$ .
- Hence, the solution is  $y(x)=c_1e^{-3t}+c_2te^{-3t}=c_1x^{-3}+c_2x^{-3}\log x,\ x>0,$  where  $c_1,c_2$  are arbitrary constants.

# Question 9(d)

### Question 9(d)

(d) 
$$x^2y'' - 2.5xy' - 2y = 0$$
,

#### Solution:

• Using the transformation  $x = e^t$ , we get the following linear differential equation with constant coefficient

$$2\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} - 7\frac{dy}{dt} - 4y = 0.$$

- Characteristic equation is given by,  $2m^2 7m 4 = 0 \implies m = 4, -\frac{1}{2}$ .
- Hence, the solution is  $y(x) = c_1 e^{4t} + c_2 e^{-\frac{1}{2}t} = c_1 x^4 + c_2 x^{-\frac{1}{2}}, \ x > 0$ , where  $c_1, c_2$  are arbitrary constants.

# Question 9(e)

### Question 9(e)

(e) 
$$x^2y'' + 7xy' + 13y = 0$$
.

#### Solution:

• Using the transformation  $x = e^t$ , we get the following linear differential equation with constant coefficient

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 6\frac{dy}{dt} + 13y = 0.$$

- Characteristic equation is given by,  $m^2 + 6m + 13 = 0 \implies m = -3 \pm 2i$ .
- Hence, the solution is  $y(x) = e^{-3t}(c_1 \cos 2t + c_2 \sin 2t) = x^{-3}(c_1 \cos(\log x^2) + c_2 \sin(\log x^2), x > 0,$  where  $c_1, c_2$  are arbitrary constants.

## Question 10

#### Question 10

Solve the initial value problems.

(a) 
$$x^2y'' - 2xy' + 2y = 0, y(1) = 1.5, y'(1) = 1.$$

(b) 
$$x^2y'' + 3xy' + y = 0, y(1) = 3, y'(1) = -4.$$

(c) 
$$x^2y'' - 3xy' + 4y = 0, y(1) = 0, y'(1) = 3.$$

# Question 10(a)

#### Question 10(a)

(a) 
$$x^2y'' - 2xy' + 2y = 0, y(1) = 1.5, y'(1) = 1.$$

#### Solution:

• Above ODE can be reduced to following linear differential equation with constant coefficients by using  $x = e^t$ ,

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} - 3\frac{dy}{dt} + 2y = 0.$$

- Characteristic equation is given by,  $m^2 3m + 2 = 0 \implies m = 1, 2$ .
- Hence, the solution is  $y(x) = c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{2t} = c_1 x + c_2 x^2, x > 0$ .

# Question 10(a) contd...

• Since, y(1) = 1.5, y'(1) = 1, putting these initial conditions, we get

$$y(1) = c_1 + c_2 = 1.5$$
  
 $y'(1) = c_1 + 2c_2 = 1.$ 

- On solving we get,  $c_1 = 2, c_1 = -\frac{1}{2}$ .
- Hence,  $y(x) = 2x \frac{1}{2}x^2$ .

# Question 10(b)

### Question 10(b)

(b) 
$$x^2y'' + 3xy' + y = 0, y(1) = 3, y'(1) = -4.$$

#### Solution:

• Above ODE can be reduced to following linear differential equation with constant coefficients by using  $x = e^t$ ,

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 2\frac{dy}{dt} + y = 0.$$

- Characteristic equation is given by,  $m^2 + 2m + 1 = 0 \implies m = -1, -1$ .
- Hence, the solution is  $y(x) = c_1 e^{-t} + c_2 t e^{-t} = (c_1 + c_2 \log x) x^{-1}, \ x > 0.$
- Since, y(1) = 3, y'(1) = -4, putting these initial conditions, we get,  $c_1 = 3$ ,  $c_1 = -1$ .
- Hence,  $y(x) = (3 \log x)x^{-1}$ , x > 0.

# Question 10(c)

### Question 10(c)

(c) 
$$x^2y'' - 3xy' + 4y = 0, y(1) = 0, y'(1) = 3.$$

#### Solution:

• Above ODE can be reduced to following linear differential equation with constant coefficients by using  $x = e^t$ ,

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} - 4\frac{dy}{dt} + 4y = 0.$$

- Characteristic equation is given by,  $m^2 4m + 4 = 0 \implies m = 2, 2$ .
- Hence, the solution is  $y(x) = c_1 e^{2t} + c_2 t e^{2t} = (c_1 + c_2 \log x)x^2, \ x > 0.$
- Since, y(1) = 0, y'(1) = 3, putting these initial conditions, we get,  $c_1 = 0$ ,  $c_1 = 3$ .
- Hence,  $y(x) = 3x^2 \log x$ , x > 0.

## Question 11

#### Question 11

Find all solutions of the following equations:

- (a) y''' 8y = 0.
- (b)  $y^{(4)} + 16y = 0$ .
- (c)  $y^{(100)} + 100y = 0$ .
- (d)  $y^{(4)} 16y = 0$ .

# Question 11(a)

### Question 11(a)

(a) 
$$y''' - 8y = 0$$
.

- The characteristic equation is given by,  $m^3 8 = 0 \implies m = 2, -1 \pm i\sqrt{3}$ .
- Hence,  $y(x) = c_1 e^{2x} + e^{-x} (c_2 \cos \sqrt{3}x + c_3 \sin \sqrt{3}c)$ , where  $c_1, c_2, c_3$  are arbitrary constants.

# Question 11(b)

#### Question 11(b)

(b) 
$$y^{(4)} + 16y = 0$$
.

- The characteristic equation is given by,  $m^4 + 16 = 0 \implies m^2 = \pm 4i$ .
- Case (i)  $m^2 = 4i$  $\implies m = \pm 2\sqrt{i} = \pm (\sqrt{2} + i\sqrt{2}).$
- Case (ii)  $m^2 = -4i = 4i^3$  $\implies m = \pm 2i^{\frac{3}{2}} = \pm (-\sqrt{2} + i\sqrt{2}).$
- Hence,  $y(x) = e^{\sqrt{2}x}(c_1\cos\sqrt{2}x + c_2\sin\sqrt{2}x) + e^{-\sqrt{2}x}(c_3\cos\sqrt{2}x + c_4\sin\sqrt{2}x)$ , where  $c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4$  are arbitrary constants.

## Question 11(c)

### Question 11(c)

(c) 
$$y^{(100)} + 100y = 0$$
.

#### Solution:

• The characteristic equation is given by,

$$\begin{split} m^{100} + 100 &= 0 \\ \implies m^{100} = -100 = -\{100^{\frac{1}{100}}\}^{100} \\ \implies m &= (-1)^{\frac{1}{100}} 100^{\frac{1}{100}} \\ &= e^{\frac{(2n+1)}{100}i\pi} 100^{\frac{1}{100}} \\ &= (\cos\frac{(2n+1)\pi}{100} + i\sin\frac{(2n+1)\pi}{100})100^{\frac{1}{100}}, \text{ for } n = 0, 1, 2, ..., 99. \end{split}$$

• Hence,  $y(x) = \sum_{0}^{99} e^{100\frac{1}{100}} \cos \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{100} x \left[ c_n \cos \left( 100^{\frac{1}{100}} \sin \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{100} x \right) + d_n \sin \left( 100^{\frac{1}{100}} \sin \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{100} x \right) \right]$ , where  $c_n, d_n$  are arbitrary constants.

# Question 11(d)

### Question 11(d)

(d) 
$$y^{(4)} - 16y = 0$$
.

- The characteristic equation is given by,  $m^4 16 = 0 \implies m = \pm 2, \pm 2i$ .
- Hence,  $y(x) = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{-2x} + c_3 \cos 2x + c_4 \sin 2x$ , where  $c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4$  are arbitrary constants.

## Question 12

#### Question 12

Use the variation of parameters method to solve the following equations:

(a) 
$$y''' - y' = x$$
.

(b) 
$$y^{(4)} + 16y = \cos x$$
.

(b) 
$$y^{(4)} - 4y^{(3)} + 6y'' - 4y' + y = e^{x}$$
.

## Question 12

#### Recall: Variation of parameters method

Consider the  $N^{th}$  order non-homogeneous differential equation

$$y^{(N)} + a_1 y^{(N-1)} + ... + a_{N-1} y^{'} + a_N y = g,$$

where  $a_1, a_2, ..., a_N$  are arbitrary constants and g is the function of x. Then variation of parameter method gives particular integral given by:

$$y_p(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{N} (-1)^{N+k} y_k(x) \int \frac{W_k(s)g(s)}{W(s)}$$

where, W is the Wronskian of fundamental set  $y_1, y_2, ..., y_N$  and  $W_k$  is the determinant of submatrix of Wronskian matrix obtained by deleting last row and  $k^{th}$  column.

# Question 12(a)

#### Question 12a

(a) 
$$y''' - y' = x$$
.

- The characteristic equation is given by,  $m^3 m = 0 \implies m = 0, \pm 1$ .
- Hence,  $y_c(x) = c_1 + c_2 e^x + c_3 e^{-x}$ , where  $c_1, c_2, c_3$  are arbitrary constants.
- Let  $y_1(x) = 1, y_2(x) = e^x, y_3(x) = e^{-x}$ .
- Then,  $W(y_1, y_2, y_3) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & e^x & e^{-x} \\ 0 & e^x & -e^{-x} \\ 0 & e^x & e^{-x} \end{vmatrix} = 2.$
- In the same way,  $W_1(y_1,y_2,y_3)=\begin{vmatrix} e^x & e^{-x} \\ e^x & -e^{-x} \end{vmatrix}=-2,$

# Question 12(a) contd...

• 
$$W_2(y_1, y_2, y_3) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & e^{-x} \\ 0 & -e^{-x} \end{vmatrix} = -e^{-x},$$

• 
$$W_3(y_1, y_2, y_3) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & e^x \\ 0 & e^x \end{vmatrix} = e^x$$
.

Hence,

$$y_{\rho}(x) = y_1 \int \frac{f(x)W_1}{W} dx - y_2 \int \frac{f(x)W_2}{W} dx + y_3 \int \frac{f(x)W_3}{W} dx$$

$$= 1 \int \frac{x(-2)}{2} dx - e^x \int \frac{x(-e^{-x})}{2} dx + e^{-x} \int \frac{x(e^x)}{2} dx$$

$$= -\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x}{2} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= -\frac{x^2}{2} + 1.$$

## Question 12(a) contd...

• Hence, the general solution is,

$$y(x) = c_1 + c_2 e^x + c_3 e^{-x} - \frac{x^2}{2} + 1,$$

where  $c_1, c_2, c_3$  are arbitrary constants.

# Question 12(b)

#### Question 12b

(b) 
$$y^{(4)} + 16y = \cos x$$
.

- The characteristic equation is given by,  $m^4+16=0 \implies m=\pm\sqrt{2}\pm i\sqrt{2}$ .
- Hence,  $y_c(x) = e^{\sqrt{2}x}(c_1\cos(\sqrt{2}x) + c_2\sin(\sqrt{2}x)) + e^{-\sqrt{2}x}(c_3\cos(\sqrt{2}x) + c_4\sin(\sqrt{2}x)),$  where  $c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4$  are arbitrary constants.
- Let  $y_1(x) = e^{\sqrt{2}x} \cos(\sqrt{2}x), y_2(x) = e^{\sqrt{2}x} \sin(\sqrt{2}x), y_3(x) = e^{-\sqrt{2}x} \cos(\sqrt{2}x), y_4(x) = e^{-\sqrt{2}x} \sin(\sqrt{2}x).$
- Then,  $W(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) = 256$ .

## Question 12(b) contd...

- In similar way we calculate,  $W_1(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) = 8\sqrt{2}e^{-\sqrt{2}x}\left(\cos\left(\sqrt{2}x\right) + \sin\left(\sqrt{2}x\right)\right)$ ,
- $W_2(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) = 8\sqrt{2}e^{-\sqrt{2}x} \left(\cos\left(\sqrt{2}x\right) \sin\left(\sqrt{2}x\right)\right)$ ,
- $W_3(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) = -8\sqrt{2}e^{\sqrt{2}x}\left(\cos\left(\sqrt{2}x\right) \sin\left(\sqrt{2}x\right)\right)$ ,
- $W_4(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) = 8\sqrt{2}e^{\sqrt{2}x}\left(\cos\left(\sqrt{2}x\right) + \sin\left(\sqrt{2}x\right)\right)$ .
- Hence, plugging all the values in below formula we calculate the particular integral,

$$y_{p}(x) = -y_{1} \int \frac{f(x)W_{1}}{W} dx + y_{2} \int \frac{f(x)W_{2}}{W} dx$$
$$-y_{3} \int \frac{f(x)W_{3}}{W} dx + y_{4} \int \frac{f(x)W_{4}}{W} dx$$
$$= \frac{1}{17} \cos x.$$

## Question 12(b) contd...

Hence, the general solution is,

$$\begin{split} y(x) &= e^{\sqrt{2}x} (c_1 \cos(\sqrt{2}x) + c_2 \sin(\sqrt{2}x)) \\ &+ e^{-\sqrt{2}x} (c_3 \cos(\sqrt{2}x) + c_4 \sin(\sqrt{2}x)) + \frac{1}{17} \cos x, \end{split}$$

where  $c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4$  are arbitrary constants.

# Question 12(c)

#### Question 12c

(c) 
$$y^{(4)} - 4y^{(3)} + 6y'' - 4y' + y = e^{x}$$
.

- The characteristic equation is given by,  $m^4 - 4m^3 + 6m^2 - 4m + 1 = 0 \implies m = 1, 1, 1, 1.$
- Hence,  $y_c(x) = (c_1 + c_2x + c_3x^2 + c_4x^3)e^x$ , where  $c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4$  are arbitrary constants.
- Let  $y_1(x) = e^x$ ,  $y_2(x) = xe^x$ ,  $y_3(x) = x^2e^x$ ,  $y_4(x) = x^3e^x$ .
- Then,  $W(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) =$   $\begin{vmatrix} e^x & xe^x & x^2e^x & x^3e^x \\ e^x & (x+1)e^x & (2x+x^2)e^x & (x^3+3x^2)e^x \\ e^x & (x+2)e^x & (4x+x^2+2)e^x & (x^3+6x^2+6x)e^x \\ e^x & (x+3)e^x & (6x+x^2+6)e^x & (x^3+9x^2+18x+6)e^x \end{vmatrix} = 12e^{4x}.$

## Question 12(c) contd...

• In similar way we calculate,  $W_1(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) = \begin{vmatrix} xe^x & x^2e^x & x^3e^x \\ (x+1)e^x & (2x+x^2)e^x & (x^3+3x^2)e^x \\ (x+2)e^x & (4x+x^2+2)e^x & (x^3+6x^2+6x)e^x \end{vmatrix} = 2x^3e^{3x},$ 

• 
$$W_2(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) = \begin{vmatrix} e^x & x^2 e^x & x^3 e^x \\ e^x & (2x + x^2)e^x & (x^3 + 3x^2)e^x \\ e^x & (4x + x^2 + 2)e^x & (x^3 + 6x^2 + 6x)e^x \end{vmatrix} = 6x^2 e^{3x},$$

• 
$$W_3(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) = \begin{vmatrix} e^x & xe^x & x^3e^x \\ e^x & (x+1)e^x & (x^3+3x^2)e^x \\ e^x & (x+2)e^x & (x^3+6x^2+6x)e^x \end{vmatrix} = 6xe^{3x},$$

# Question 12(c) contd...

• 
$$W_4(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) = \begin{vmatrix} e^x & xe^x & x^2e^x \\ e^x & (x+1)e^x & (2x+x^2)e^x \\ e^x & (x+2)e^x & (4x+x^2+2)e^x \end{vmatrix} = 2e^{3x}.$$

• Hence,

$$y_{p}(x) = -y_{1} \int \frac{f(x)W_{1}}{W} dx + y_{2} \int \frac{f(x)W_{2}}{W} dx$$

$$-y_{3} \int \frac{f(x)W_{3}}{W} dx + y_{4} \int \frac{f(x)W_{4}}{W} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{12} \left[ -e^{x} \int 2x^{3} dx + xe^{x} \int 6x^{2} dx - x^{2} e^{x} \int 6x dx + x^{3} e^{x} \int 2dx \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{12} \left[ -\frac{e^{x}x^{4}}{2} + 2x^{4} e^{x} - 3x^{4} e^{x} + 2x^{4} e^{x} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{24} x^{4} e^{x}.$$

## Question 12(c) contd...

• Hence, the general solution is,

$$y(x) = (c_1 + c_2x + c_3x^2 + c_4x^3)e^x + \frac{1}{24}x^4e^x,$$

where  $c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4$  are arbitrary constants.