

Given that  $y_1 = t$  is a solution of the following equation:

$$y_1 = t$$

$$y = \sqrt{y_1} = \sqrt{t}$$

$$y' = \sqrt{t} + \frac{1}{2}t^{-1/2} = \frac{\sqrt{t}}{2} + \frac{1}{2}t^{-1/2}$$

$$y'' = \frac{1}{2}t^{-1/2} - \frac{1}{4}t^{-3/2} = \frac{t^{1/2}}{4} - \frac{1}{4}t^{-3/2}$$

$$\frac{1}{4}t^{1/2} - \frac{1}{4}t^{-3/2} - \frac{1}{2}t^{1/2} + \frac{1}{2}t^{-1/2} = 0$$

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$$\text{let } w = v'$$

$$w't^4 + w(2t^3 - t^2) = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{w} \frac{dw}{dt} = \frac{t^2 - 2t^3}{t^4}$$

$$\int \frac{1}{w} dw = \int \frac{t^2 - 2t^3}{t^4} dt$$

$$\ln w = \int t^{-2} - 2t^{-1} dt = -t^{-1} - 2\ln t + C$$

$$w = e^{-1/t} e^{\ln t^{-2}} e^C = C t^{-2} e^{-1/t}$$

$$w = v' \rightarrow v = \int C t^{-2} e^{-1/t} dt = C_1 e^{-1/t} + C_2$$

$$v = y/t \rightarrow y = C_1 t e^{-1/t} + C_2 t$$

given  $y_1 = 2$   
thus,  $y_2 = t e^{-1/t}$

$t e^{-1/t}$

$$t^3 y'' - t y' + y = 0.$$

Which of the following is also a solution?

(A)  $t^2 e^{-1/t}$

(B)  $t \ln(t)$

(C)  $t \ln^2(t)$

(D)  $t^2 e^t$

(E)  $t e^{-1/t}$

$$y = v y_1 = v x^5$$

$$y' = v' x^5 + 5v x^4$$

$$y'' = v'' x^5 + 5v' x^4 + 5v x^4 + 20v x^3$$

$$x^2 \left[ v'' x^5 + (10v' x^4 + 20v x^3) \right] - x \left[ v' x^5 + 5v x^4 \right] - 15v x^5$$

$$v'' x^7 + 10v' x^6 + 20v x^5 - v' x^6 - 5v x^5 - 15v x^5$$

$$v'' x^7 + 9v' x^6 = 0$$

$$\text{let } w = v'$$

$$w' x^7 + w'' x^6 = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{w} dw = -9x^{-1} dx$$

$$\ln w = -9 \ln x + C$$

$$w = C x^{-9}$$

$$v = \int C x^{-9} = -\frac{1}{8} C_1 x^{-8} + C_2$$

$$v = \frac{y}{y_1} \rightarrow y_2 = -\frac{1}{8} C_1 x^{-3} + C_2 x^5$$

$$\boxed{x^{-3}}$$

It is known that one of the solutions of the differential equation

$$x^2 y'' - xy' - 15y = 0 \quad (x > 0)$$

is  $y_1(x) = x^5$ . Use the method of reduction of order to find a second linearly independent solution  $y_2(x)$ . Recall that this method consists of substituting  $y_2(x) = v(x)y_1(x)$  into the differential equation above and reducing it to a first order equation for  $v$ .