

MATH 201, SUMMER 2015, TEST 2

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1) [6 Marks] Find the general solution to the following differential equations.

a) [3 Marks]

$$y'' - 5y' + 6y = 0$$

Auxiliary equation:

$$m^2 - 5m + 6 = 0$$

$$(m-2)(m-3) = 0$$

$$\text{so } m = 2, 3$$

$$\text{Thus } y = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{3x} \quad \text{on } (-\infty, \infty)$$

b) [3 Marks]

$$y'' + 6y' + 9y = 0$$

$$m^2 + 6m + 9 = (m+3)^2 = 0$$

$$\text{so } m = -3 \text{ twice}$$

$$\text{Thus, } y = c_1 e^{-3x} + c_2 x e^{-3x} \quad \text{on } (-\infty, \infty)$$

2) [6 Marks] Find the general solution to the following differential equation.

$$y'' - 4y = 8e^{2x}$$

Complementary:

$$m^2 - 4 = 0 \Rightarrow (m+2)(m-2) = 0 \quad \text{so} \quad m = \pm 2$$

$$y_c = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{-2x}$$

$y_p = Ae^{2x}$  but this appears as a complementary solution

so take

$$y_p = Axe^{2x}, \quad y_p' = Ae^{2x} + 2Axe^{2x}$$

$$y_p'' = 2Ae^{2x} + 2Ae^{2x} + 4Axe^{2x}$$

Subbing into the D.E.:

$$4Ae^{2x} + 4Axe^{2x} - 4Axe^{2x} = 8e^{2x}$$

Thus,  $A=2$ .

The general solution is then

$$y = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{-2x} + 2xe^{2x} \quad \text{on} \quad (-\infty, \infty)$$

3) [6 Marks] Find the general solution to the following differential equation.

$$x^2 y'' - xy' + y = 2x$$

This is Cauchy-Euler so assume  $y_c = x^m$  for the complementary:

$$m(m-1) - m + 1 = 0$$

$$m^2 - 2m + 1 = 0$$

$$(m-1)^2 = 0 \quad \text{so } m=1 \text{ twice}$$

Thus,  $y_c = c_1 x + c_2 x \ln|x|$

Pick an interval  $\begin{matrix} (-\infty, 0) \\ \text{or} \\ (0, \infty) \end{matrix}$

For  $y_p$ , put the D.E. into standard form:

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

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} x & x \ln x \\ 1 & \ln x + 1 \end{vmatrix} = x \ln x + x - x \ln x = x$$

$$W_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & x \ln x \\ \frac{2}{x} & \ln x + 1 \end{vmatrix} = -2 \ln x$$

$$W_2 = \begin{vmatrix} x & 0 \\ 1 & \frac{2}{x} \end{vmatrix} = 2$$

$$u_1' = -\frac{2 \ln x}{x}$$

$$u_2' = \frac{2}{x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_1 &= -2 \int \frac{\ln x}{x} dx \quad u = \ln x \\ & \quad du = \frac{1}{x} dx \\ &= -2 \int u du \quad (\text{don't need}) \\ &= -u^2 + C = -(\ln x)^2 + C \end{aligned}$$

$$u_2 = \int \frac{2}{x} dx = 2 \ln x + C$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus } y_p &= -x(\ln x)^2 + 2x(\ln x)^2 \\ &= x(\ln x)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the general solution is  $y = c_1 x + c_2 x \ln x + x(\ln x)^2$  on  $(0, \infty)$

- 4) [6 marks] Find a nontrivial solution to the following non-linear differential equation. [Hint: Since you are only looking for a solution, you can pick your constants "conveniently" ...]

$$y'' + 2y(y')^3 = 0$$

No independent variable, so set  $u = y'$  with  $u$  considered

a function of  $y$ .  $y'' = \frac{du}{dy} \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{du}{dy} u$ .

The D.E. becomes

$$\frac{du}{dy} u + 2yu^3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{du}{u^2} = \int -2y dy \Rightarrow \frac{-1}{u} = -y^2 + C \quad \text{set } C=0.$$

$$\Rightarrow u = \frac{1}{y^2} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{y^2} \Rightarrow \int y^2 dy = \int dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{y^3}{3} = x + C_2 \quad \text{set } C_2=0.$$

$$y = \sqrt[3]{3x}.$$

No need to provide an interval  
in non-linear questions

- 5) [6 marks] Use the Laplace Transform to solve the following initial value problem. No other method of solution will receive any credit.

$$y' - y = 1 \quad y(0) = 0$$

$$sY(s) - y(0) - Y(s) = \frac{1}{s}$$

$$Y(s)(s-1) = \frac{1}{s}$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{s(s-1)}$$

$$\frac{1}{s(s-1)} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s-1}$$

$$1 = A(s-1) + Bs$$

$$B=1 \quad A=-1$$

Thus,

$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{s-1} - \frac{1}{s}$$

& so

$$\boxed{y(t) = e^t - 1}$$

on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ .