

Good Luck!

**This quiz has a back side!** Don't forget about Question 3 and Bonus Question!

1. (5 points) Solve the following initial value problem  $\begin{cases} y'' + 2y' + 5y = 0 \\ y(0) = 1; y'(0) = 1 \end{cases}$

*Solution:* The associated characteristic polynomial is  $p(r) = r^2 + 2r + 5$ . Its roots are

$$r_1 = -1 + 2i \quad \text{and} \quad r_2 = -1 - 2i.$$

Therefore the fundamental set of solutions is given by

$$\{e^{-t} \cos 2t, e^{-t} \sin 2t\}.$$

The general solution of the problem is

$$y = c_1 e^{-t} \cos 2t + c_2 e^{-t} \sin 2t.$$

Setting the initial conditions we find  $c_1 = 1$  and  $c_2 = 2$ , thus the solution of the IVP is

$$y = e^{-t} \cos 2t + 2e^{-t} \sin 2t$$

2. (5 points) Find the general solution of the following differential equation:  $y'' + 2y' + 5y = 3 \sin 2t$

*Solution:* The general solution of the problem is given by

$$y = y_p + c_1 e^{-t} \cos 2t + c_2 e^{-t} \sin 2t$$

Using the method of undetermined coefficients, we guess a particular solution of the form

$$y_p = A \sin 2t + B \cos 2t.$$

Differentiating we have  $y'_p = 2A \cos 2t - 2B \sin 2t$  and  $4y''_p = -4A \sin 2t - 4B \cos 2t$ .  
Substituting into the equation we have:

$$(A - 4B) \sin 2t + (4A + B) \cos 2t = 3 \sin 2t$$

The general solution of the problem is

$$y = \frac{3}{17} \sin 2t - \frac{12}{17} \cos 2t + c_1 e^{-t} \cos 2t + c_2 e^{-t} \sin 2t$$

3. (5 points) Given the equation  $y'' + 4xy' + (4x^2 + 2)y = 8e^{-x(x+2)}$  and one of its solutions  $y_1 = e^{-x^2}$ ,
- (a) Given the solutions  $y_1 = e^{-x^2}$  and  $y_2 = xe^{-x^2}$ , show that they form a fundamental set of solutions for the complementary equation.
  - (b) Given a solution of the form  $y = ue^{-x^2}$ , write the differential equation relative to the function  $u$ .

*Solution:*

- (a) In order to show that  $\{y_1, y_2\}$  is the fundamental set of solutions, we have to prove that  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are two solutions of the problem and they are linearly independent. Plugging  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  into the equation we can easily verify that they are solutions. In order to prove that they are linearly independent we can either compute the Wronskian or observe that  $\frac{y_2}{y_1}$  is not a constant.
- (b) If  $y = ue^{-x^2}$  then

$$y' = u'e^{-x^2} - 2xue^{-x^2} \quad \text{and} \quad y'' = u''e^{-x^2} - 4xu'e^{-x^2} - 2ue^{-x^2} + 4x^2ue^{-x^2}.$$

Therefore the equation becomes:

$$u''e^{-x^2} = 8e^{-x(x+2)}.$$

[Bonus] (2 points) Find the general solution of the equation  $y'' + 4xy' + (4x^2 + 2)y = 8e^{-x(x+2)}$ .

*Solution:* In order to find the general solution it is enough to solve the differential equation  $u''e^{-x^2} = 8e^{-x(x+2)}$ .

Multiplying by  $e^{x^2}$  we have

$$u'' = 8e^{-2x}$$

Therefore

$$u' = 4e^{-2x} + c_1$$

and

$$u = 2e^{-2x} + c_1x + c_2$$

Therefore

$$y = ue^{-x^2} = e^{-x^2}(2e^{-2x} + c_1x + c_2)$$

[Bonus+] (1 point) What is the Italian for recipe?

*Solution:* Ricetta