

Answer Key

Math 204 - Differential Equations

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Duration: 90 minutes

Instructions: No calculators, no books, no notes, no questions, and no talking allowed. You must always **explain your answers** and **show your work** to receive **full credit**. If necessary, you can use the back of these pages, but make sure you have indicated doing so. **Print (i.e., use CAPITAL LETTERS)** and **sign your name**, and indicate your section below.

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1. (15 points) Find the general solutions of the differential equations.

(a) $y'' - 4y' + 5y = 0$

$$r^2 - 4r + 5 = 0 \Rightarrow r_{1,2} = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 20}}{2} = 2 \pm i$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 2, \mu = 1$$

$$\text{so } y(t) = c_1 e^{2t} \cos t + c_2 e^{2t} \sin t$$

(b) $y'' + 3y' - 4y = 0$

$$r^2 + 3r - 4 = 0 \Rightarrow (r-1)(r+4) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r_1 = 1, r_2 = -4$$

$$\text{so } y(t) = c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{-4t}$$

(c) $4y'' + 4y' + y = 0$

$$4r^2 + 4r + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2r+1)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow r_1 = r_2 = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{so } y(t) = c_1 e^{-t/2} + c_2 t e^{-t/2}$$

2. (20 points) Find the particular solutions of the differential equations given below.

(a) $y'' - y' + 3y = \sin t$

Since $\sin t$ is not a sol'n to the hom. eq'n,
we start with

$$\left. \begin{aligned} y(t) &= A \cos t + B \sin t \\ y'(t) &= -A \sin t + B \cos t \\ y''(t) &= -A \cos t - B \sin t \end{aligned} \right\} \rightarrow \begin{aligned} &(-A \cos t - B \sin t) - (-A \sin t + B \cos t) \\ &+ 3(A \cos t + B \sin t) = \sin t \end{aligned}$$

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

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

$$\text{so } 2A - B = 0 \Rightarrow B = 2A$$

$$A + 2B = 1 \Rightarrow 5A = 1 \Rightarrow A = 1/5 \text{ \& } B = 2/5$$

$$\text{then } \underline{\underline{y_p(t) = \frac{1}{5} \cos t + \frac{2}{5} \sin t}}$$

(b) $y'' + y' - 6y = e^{2t}$

$$r^2 + r - 6 = 0 \Rightarrow (r+3)(r-2) = 0 \Rightarrow r_1 = 2, r_2 = -3$$

so e^{2t} is a sol'n of the hom. eq'n.

so we try $y(t) = A t e^{2t}$

$$y'(t) = A(e^{2t} + 2t e^{2t})$$

$$y''(t) = A(4e^{2t} + 4t e^{2t})$$

$$\text{so } 4A e^{2t} + 4A t e^{2t} + A e^{2t} + 2A t e^{2t} - 6A t e^{2t} = e^{2t}$$

$$\Rightarrow (4A + A) e^{2t} + (4A + 2A - 6A) t e^{2t} = e^{2t}$$

$$\Rightarrow 5A e^{2t} = e^{2t} \Rightarrow 5A = 1 \Rightarrow A = 1/5$$

$$\text{then } \underline{\underline{y_p(t) = \frac{1}{5} t e^{2t}}}$$

3. (20 points)

(a) Solve the following initial value problem (IVP).

$$2xy' - y = x, \quad y(1) = 1$$

In standard form $y' - \frac{1}{2x}y = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\text{So } \mu(x) = \exp\left(\int -\frac{1}{2x} dx\right) = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{x} dx\right) = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \ln x\right) = x^{-1/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{-1/2} \cdot y' - \frac{1}{2x^{3/2}} \cdot y = \frac{1}{2} x^{-1/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(x^{-1/2} \cdot y\right)' = \frac{1}{2} \cdot x^{-1/2} \Rightarrow x^{-1/2} \cdot y = \frac{1}{2} \int x^{-1/2} dx = x^{1/2} + C$$

$$\text{So } y = x + C \cdot x^{1/2}$$

$$\text{Imposing the I.C. } 1 = 1 + C \Rightarrow C = 0$$

$$\text{So } \underline{y = x}$$

(b) Determine the largest open x -interval in which the IVP in part (a) is certain to have a unique solution.

$$\text{From (a), } p(x) = -\frac{1}{2x} \text{ \& } q(x) = 1/2$$

So $q(x)$ is continuous everywhere

\& $p(x)$ is " on $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$

Since 1 is in $(0, \infty)$, the largest interval is $(0, \infty)$

(c) Find the smallest positive integers a , b , and c so that $y = e^{-x}(c_1 \cos(2x) + c_2 \sin(2x))$ is the general solution of $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$.

So char. eqn has complex conjugate roots as

$$\lambda \pm i\mu \text{ with } \lambda = -1 \text{ \& } \mu = 2$$

$$\text{So the roots are } r_{1,2} = -1 \pm 2i$$

then the char. eqn is

$$(r + 1 - 2i) \cdot (r + 1 + 2i) = (r + 1)^2 - (2i)^2$$

$$= r^2 + 2r + 1 + 4 = r^2 + 2r + 5$$

then the original diff. eqn is

$$y'' + 2y' + 5y = 0$$

$$\text{So } a = 1, b = 2, c = 5$$

4. (20 points) (a) Show that the following differential equation is not exact

$$(2xy - e^{-2x})dx + xdy = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2xy - e^{-2x}) + xy' = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow M(x,y) = 2xy - e^{-2x} \quad \& \quad N(x,y) = x$$

$$\Rightarrow M_y = 2x \neq N_x = 1$$

so DE is not exact.

- (b) Find an integrating factor which makes it exact and verify that the new differential equation is exact. (DO NOT SOLVE THE DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION.)

$$\frac{d\mu}{dx} = \frac{M_y - N_x}{N} \mu = \frac{2x - 1}{x} \mu \text{ is a fun of } x \text{ only}$$

$$\text{so } \frac{\mu'}{\mu} = 2 - \frac{1}{x} \Rightarrow \ln \mu = 2x - \ln x$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu(x) = e^{2x} e^{-\ln x} = \frac{e^{2x}}{x}$$

$$\text{so DE becomes } \left(2e^{2x}y - \frac{1}{x}\right) + e^{2x}y' = 0 \quad (*)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(2e^{2x}y - \frac{1}{x}\right) = 2e^{2x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} e^{2x}$$

$\Rightarrow (*)$ is exact

5. (15 points) Verify that $y = t^2$ is a solution of the differential equation

$$y'' - \frac{4}{t}y' + \frac{6}{t^2}y = 0$$

for $t > 0$. Using Abel's theorem, find the general solution of this differential equation.

We first verify that t^2 is a solution:

$$(t^2)'' - \frac{4}{t} \cdot (t^2)' + \frac{6}{t^2} \cdot t^2 = 2 - 8 + 6 = 0. \text{ Let } y_1 = t^2.$$

Note that $p(t) = -\frac{4}{t}$. By Abel's theorem we have that

$$W(y_1, y_2) = C \cdot e^{\int \frac{4}{t} dt} = C \cdot e^{\ln t^4} = Ct^4$$

On the other hand,

$$W(t^2, y_2) = \begin{vmatrix} t^2 & y_2 \\ 2t & y_2' \end{vmatrix} = Ct^4$$

Thus, $t^2 \cdot y_2' - 2t \cdot y_2 = Ct^4$. Standard form is

$y_2' - \frac{2}{t}y_2 = Ct^2$. This is a first order linear differential equation with integrating factor

$$\mu(t) = e^{\int -\frac{2}{t} dt} = \frac{1}{t^2}.$$

Thus, $\left(\frac{y_2}{t^2}\right)' = C$ and $y_2 = Ct^3$. We may take

$C = 1$ and so $y_2 = t^3$.

The general solution is $\boxed{y = C_1 t^2 + C_2 t^3}$

6. (15 points) If the differential equation

$$ty'' + 2y' + te^t y = 0$$

for $t > 0$ has y_1 and y_2 as fundamental set of solutions and if $W(y_1, y_2)(1) = 3$, then find the value of $W(y_1, y_2)(5)$. Justify your answer.

The standard form is $y'' + \frac{2}{t} y' + e^t y = 0$

Now we can use Abel's theorem, and

we have

$$W(y_1, y_2) = C e^{\int -\frac{2}{t} dt} = \frac{C}{t^2}$$

For $t=1$, we get $3 = W(y_1, y_2)(1) = C$

thus $C=3$.

Now for $t=5$, we get $W(y_1, y_2)(5) = \frac{3}{5^2} = \frac{3}{25}$