

# MA 102 (Ordinary Differential Equations)

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## Higher-order linear IVPs; Wronskian; Undetermined coefficients and the Annihilator method.

- (1) Determine the largest interval  $(a, b)$  in which the given IVP is certain to have a unique solution:
  - (a)  $e^x y'' - \frac{y'}{x-3} + 3y = \ln x$ ,  $y(1) = 3$ ,  $y'(1) = 2$ .
  - (b)  $(1-x)y'' - 3xy' + 3y = \sin x$ ,  $y(0) = 1$ ,  $y'(0) = 1$ .
  - (c)  $x^2 y'' + 4y = \cos x$ ,  $y(1) = 0$ ,  $y'(1) = -1$ .
- (2) Let  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  be two solutions of  $y''(x) + p(x)y'(x) + q(x)y = 0$  defined in the interval  $[a, b]$ . Show that if their Wronskian  $W(y_1, y_2) = 0$  at least one point in  $[a, b]$  then  $W(y_1, y_2) = 0$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ .
- (3) If  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are linearly independent solutions of  $xy'' + 2y' + xe^x y = 0$  and if  $W(y_1, y_2)(1) = 2$ , find the value of  $W(y_1, y_2)(5)$ .
- (4) (a) Verify that the functions  $y_1(x) = x^3$  and  $y_2(x) = x^2|x|$  are linearly independent solutions of the differential equation  $x^2 y'' - 4xy' + 6y = 0$  on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ ; (b) Show that  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are linearly dependent on  $(-\infty, 0)$ , but are linearly independent on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ ; (c) Although  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are linearly independent, show that  $W(y_1, y_2) = 0$  for all  $x \in (-\infty, \infty)$ . Does this violate the fact that  $W(y_1, y_2) = 0$  for every  $x \in (-\infty, \infty)$  implies  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are linearly dependent?
- (5) Let  $p(x), q(x) \in C(I)$ . Assume that the functions  $y_1, y_2 \in C^2(I)$  are solutions of the differential equations  $y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$  on an open interval  $I$ . Prove that (a) if  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are zero at the same point in  $I$ , then they cannot be a fundamental set of solutions on that interval; (b) if  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  have a common point of inflection  $x_0$  in  $I$ , then they cannot be a fundamental set of solutions on that interval.
- (6) Let  $S = \{f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid L(f) = 0\}$ , where  $L(f) := f''' + f'' - 2$ . Find the  $\text{Ker}(L)$ . Let  $S_0 \subset \text{Ker}(L)$  be the subspace of solutions  $g$  such that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g(x) = 0$ . Find  $g \in S_0$  such that  $g(0) = 0$  and  $g'(0) = 2$ .
- (7) Find the general solution of the following differential equations.
  - (a)  $\frac{d^4 y}{dx^4} + y(x) = 0$ .
  - (b)  $\frac{d^5 y}{dx^5} - 2\frac{d^4 y}{dx^4} + \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} = 0$ .
  - (c)  $\frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} - \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + \frac{dy}{dx} - y(x) = 0$ .
  - (d)  $\frac{d^5 y}{dx^5} + 5\frac{d^4 y}{dx^4} + 10\frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} + 10\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 5\frac{dy}{dx} + y(x) = 0$ .
- (8) Solve the following initial-value problems:
  - (a)  $y'' - 2y' + y = 2xe^{2x} + 6e^x$ ;  $y(0) = 1$ ,  $y'(0) = 0$ .
  - (b)  $y''(x) + y(x) = 3x^2 - 4\sin x$ ,  $y(0) = 0$ ,  $y'(0) = 1$ .
- (9) Use the method of undermined coefficients to find a particular solution to the following differential equations:
  - (a)  $y'' - 3y' + 2y = 2x^2 + 3e^{2x}$ .
  - (b)  $y''(x) - 3y'(x) + 2y(x) = xe^{2x} + \sin x$ .
- (10) Use the annihilator method to determine the form of a particular solution for the equations:
  - (a)  $y''(x) - 5y'(x) + 6y(x) = \cos(2x) + 1$ .
  - (b)  $y''(x) - 5y'(x) + 6y(x) = e^{3x} - x^2$ .