# **SOLUTION** Section 2.1 – Second-Order Linear Differential **Equations**

# Exercise

Use the substitution v = y' to write each second-order equation as a system of two first-order differential y'' + 2y' - 3y = 0equation.

# **Solution**

Let 
$$v = y' \implies v' = y''$$

$$y'' = -2y' + 3y$$

$$v' = -2v + 3y$$

The following system of the first-order equations:  $\begin{cases} y' = v \\ v' = -2v + 3y \end{cases}$ 

# Exercise

Use the substitution v = y' to write each second-order equation as a system of two first-order differential  $y'' + 3y' + 4y = 2\cos 2t$ equation.

# **Solution**

Let 
$$v = y' \implies v' = y''$$

$$y'' = -3y' - 4y + 2\cos 2t$$

$$v' = -3v - 4y + 2\cos 2t$$

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#### Exercise

Use the substitution v = y' to write each second-order equation as a system of two first-order differential  $y'' + 2y' + 2y = 2\sin 2\pi t$ equation.

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# **Solution**

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The following system of the first-order equations:

Use the substitution v = y' to write each second-order equation as a system of two first-order differential equation.  $y'' + \mu(t^2 - 1)y' + y = 0$ 

# **Solution**

Let 
$$v = y' \implies v' = y''$$
  

$$y'' = -\mu(t^2 - 1)y' - y$$

$$v' = -\mu \left(t^2 - 1\right)v - y$$

The following system of the first-order equations:

$$\begin{cases} y' = v \\ v' = -\mu \left(t^2 - 1\right)v - y \end{cases}$$

#### Exercise

Use the substitution v = y' to write each second-order equation as a system of two first-order differential equation. 4y'' + 4y' + y = 0

# Solution

Let 
$$v = y' \implies v' = y''$$

$$4y'' = -4y' - y$$

$$y'' = -y' - \frac{1}{4}y$$

$$v' = -v - \frac{1}{4}y$$

The following system of the first-order equations:  $\begin{cases} y' = v \\ v' = -v - \frac{1}{4}y \end{cases}$ 

# Exercise

Show that the functions  $y_1(x) = e^{-3x}$ ,  $y_2(x) = \cos 2x$ ,  $y_3(x) = \sin 2x$  are linearly independent.

# **Solution**

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} e^{-3x} & \cos 2x & \sin 2x \\ -3e^{-3x} & -2\sin 2x & 2\cos 2x \\ 9e^{-3x} & -4\cos 2x & -4\sin 2x \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 8e^{-3x} \sin^2 2x + 18e^{-3x} \cos^2 2x + 12e^{-3x} \sin 2x \cos 2x$$
$$+ 18e^{-3x} \sin^2 2x + 8e^{-3x} \cos^2 2x - 12e^{-3x} \sin 2x \cos 2x$$
$$= 26e^{-3x} \neq 0$$

 $\therefore$   $y_1, y_2, and y_3$  are linearly independent.

# Example

Determine whether  $\{e^x, xe^x, (x+1)e^x\}$  is a set of linearly independent.

#### **Solution**

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} e^{x} & xe^{x} & (x+1)e^{x} \\ e^{x} & (x+1)e^{x} & (x+2)e^{x} \\ e^{x} & (x+2)e^{x} & (x+3)e^{x} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (x+1)(x+3)e^{3x} + x(x+2)e^{3x} + (x+1)(x+2)e^{3x} - (x+1)^{2}e^{3x} - (x+2)^{2}e^{3x} - x(x+3)e^{3x}$$

$$= (x^{2} + 4x + 3 + x^{2} + 2x + x^{2} + 3x + 2 - x^{2} - 2x - 1 - x^{2} - 4x - 4 - x^{2} - 3x)e^{3x}$$

$$= 0$$

Thus the set  $\{e^x, xe^x, (x+1)e^x\}$  is linearly dependent.

#### Exercise

Use the Wronskian to show that are linearly independence  $y_1(x) = e^{-3x}$ ,  $y_2(x) = e^{3x}$ 

#### Solution

$$W(x) = \begin{vmatrix} e^{-3x} & e^{3x} \\ -3e^{-3x} & 3e^{3x} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 3 + 3$$

$$= 6 \neq 0$$
Thus the functions are linearly independent.

#### Exercise

Use the Wronskian to show that are linearly independence  $\mathbf{f}_1 = 1$ ,  $\mathbf{f}_2 = e^x$ ,  $\mathbf{f}_3 = e^{2x}$ 

#### **Solution**

The Wronskian is

$$W(x) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & e^x & e^{2x} \\ 0 & e^x & 2e^{2x} \\ 0 & e^x & 4e^{2x} \end{vmatrix} = e^x 4e^{2x} - 2e^{2x}e^x = 2e^{3x} \neq 0$$

Thus the functions are linearly independent.

#### Exercise

Use the Wronskian to show that are linearly independence  $\left\{e^x, xe^x, (x+1)e^x\right\}$ 

#### **Solution**

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} e^{x} & xe^{x} & (x+1)e^{x} \\ e^{x} & (x+1)e^{x} & (x+2)e^{x} \\ e^{x} & (x+2)e^{x} & (x+3)e^{x} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (x+1)(x+3)e^{3x} + x(x+2)e^{3x} + (x+1)(x+2)e^{3x} - (x+1)^{2}e^{3x} - (x+2)^{2}e^{3x} - x(x+3)e^{3x}$$

$$= (x^{2} + 4x + 3 + x^{2} + 2x + x^{2} + 3x + 2 - x^{2} - 2x - 1 - x^{2} - 4x - 4 - x^{2} - 3x)e^{3x}$$

$$= 0$$

Thus the set  $\{e^x, xe^x, (x+1)e^x\}$  is linearly dependent.

#### Exercise

Use the Wronskian to show that are linearly independence

$$y_1(x) = e^{-3x}$$
,  $y_2(x) = \cos 2x$ ,  $y_3(x) = \sin 2x$ 

#### **Solution**

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} e^{-3x} & \cos 2x & \sin 2x \\ -3e^{-3x} & -2\sin 2x & 2\cos 2x \\ 9e^{-3x} & -4\cos 2x & -4\sin 2x \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= 8e^{-3x}\sin^2 2x + 18e^{-3x}\cos^2 2x + 12e^{-3x}\sin 2x\cos 2x$$
$$+ 18e^{-3x}\sin^2 2x + 8e^{-3x}\cos^2 2x - 12e^{-3x}\sin 2x\cos 2x$$
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Use the Wronskian to show that are linearly independence  $y_1(x) = e^x$ ,  $y_2(x) = e^{2x}$ ,  $y_3(x) = e^{3x}$ 

#### **Solution**

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} e^{x} & e^{2x} & e^{3x} \\ e^{x} & 2e^{2x} & 3e^{3x} \\ e^{x} & 4e^{2x} & 9e^{3x} \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= 18e^{6x} + 3e^{6x} + 4e^{6x} - 2e^{6x} - 12e^{6x} - 9e^{6x}$$
$$= 2e^{6x} \neq 0$$

 $\therefore y_1, y_2, and y_3$  are linearly independent.

#### Exercise

Use the Wronskian to show that are linearly independence

$$y_1(x) = \cos^2 x$$
,  $y_2(x) = \sin^2 x$ ,  $y_3(x) = \sec^2 x$ ,  $y_4(x) = \tan^2 x$ 

#### **Solution**

Since 
$$\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x = 1$$
 &  $\sec^2 x = 1 + \tan^2 x$   
 $c_1 \cos^2 x + c_2 \sin^2 x + c_3 \sec^2 x + c_4 \tan^2 x = 0$   
Let:  $c_1 = c_2 = 0$   $c_3 = -1$   $c_4 = 1$   
 $\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x - \sec^2 x + \tan^2 x = 0$ 

The set of functions are linearly dependent.

#### Exercise

Determine whether the functions  $y_1(t)$  and  $y_2(t)$  are linearly dependent on the interval (0, 1)

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$$y_1(t) = \cos t \sin t$$
,  $y_2(t) = \sin 2t$ 

### **Solution**

$$y_1(t) = cy_2(t)$$
  
 $\cos t \sin t = c \sin 2t \rightarrow c = \frac{1}{2}$ 

The given functions are linearly dependent.

Determine whether the functions  $y_1(t)$  and  $y_2(t)$  are linearly dependent on the interval (0, 1)

$$y_1(t) = e^{3t}, \quad y_2(t) = e^{-4t}$$

#### **Solution**

$$y_1(t) = cy_2(t)$$
  
 $e^{3t} = ce^{-4t} \rightarrow e^{7t} = c$ 

Since an exponential function is strictly monotone, this is a contradiction.

Hence, given functions are linearly independent on (0, 1)

#### Exercise

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$$y_1(t) = te^{2t}, \quad y_2(t) = e^{2t}$$

#### **Solution**

$$y_1(t) = cy_2(t)$$

$$te^{2t} = ce^{2t} \rightarrow c = t$$

Hence, given functions are linearly independent on (0, 1)

# Exercise

Determine whether the functions  $y_1(t)$  and  $y_2(t)$  are linearly dependent on the interval (0, 1)

$$y_1(t) = t^2 \cos(\ln t), \quad y_2(t) = t^2 \sin(\ln t)$$

#### **Solution**

$$y_1(t) = cy_2(t)$$

$$t^2 \cos(\ln t) = ct^2 \sin(\ln t) \rightarrow \cos(\ln t) = c\sin(\ln t) \Rightarrow c = \cot(\ln t)$$

Hence, given functions are linearly independent on (0, 1)

#### Exercise

Determine whether the functions  $y_1(t)$  and  $y_2(t)$  are linearly dependent on the interval (0, 1)

$$y_1(t) = \tan^2 t - \sec^2 t$$
,  $y_2(t) = 3$ 

#### **Solution**

$$y_1(t) = cy_2(t)$$

$$\tan^2 t - \sec^2 t = 3c \quad \to \quad -1 = 3c \implies c = -\frac{1}{3}$$

The given functions are linearly dependent.

# Exercise

Determine whether the functions  $y_1(t)$  and  $y_2(t)$  are linearly dependent on the interval (0, 1)

$$y_1(t) \equiv 0, \quad y_2(t) = e^t$$

#### **Solution**

$$y_1(t) = cy_2(t)$$

$$0 \equiv ce^t \rightarrow c \equiv 0$$

The given functions are linearly dependent.

# Exercise

Find a particular solution satisfying the given initial conditions

$$y'' - 4y = 0$$
;  $y_1(t) = e^{2t}$ ,  $y_2(t) = 2e^{-2t}$ ;  $y(0) = 1$ ,  $y'(0) = -2$ 

#### Solution

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} e^{2t} & 2e^{-2t} \\ 2e^{2t} & -4e^{-2t} \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= -8 \neq 0$$

$$\begin{split} y(t) &= C_1 y_1(t) + C_2 y_2(t) \\ y(t) &= C_1 e^{2t} + 2C_2 e^{-2t} \\ y'(t) &= 2C_1 e^{2t} - 4C_2 e^{-2t} \\ & \begin{cases} C_1 + 2C_2 = 1 \\ C_1 - 2C_2 = -1 \end{cases} & \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = -4 & \Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 0 & \Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = -2 \\ & C_1 = 0, \quad C_2 = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$y(t) = e^{-2t}$$

Find a particular solution satisfying the given initial conditions

$$y'' - y = 0$$
;  $y_1(t) = 2e^t$ ,  $y_2(t) = e^{-t+3}$ ;  $y(-1) = 1$ ,  $y'(-1) = 0$ 

#### **Solution**

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} 2e^t & e^{-t+3} \\ 2e^t & -e^{-t+3} \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= -4e^3 \neq 0$$

 $\therefore$   $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are linearly independent.

$$y(t) = C_{1}y_{1}(t) + C_{2}y_{2}(t)$$

$$y(t) = 2C_{1}e^{t} + C_{2}e^{-t+3}$$

$$y(-1) = 1 \rightarrow 2C_{1}e^{-1} + C_{2}e^{4} = 1$$

$$y'(t) = 2C_{1}e^{t} - C_{2}e^{-t+3}$$

$$y'(-1) = 0 \rightarrow 2C_{1}e^{-1} - C_{2}e^{4} = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} 2C_{1} + e^{5}C_{2} = e \\ 2C_{1} - e^{5}C_{2} = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$C_{1} = \frac{e}{4}, \quad C_{2} = \frac{1}{2e^{4}}$$

$$y(t) = \frac{e}{4}e^{t} + \frac{1}{2e^{4}}e^{-t+3}$$

# Exercise

Find a particular solution satisfying the given initial conditions

$$y'' + y = 0$$
;  $y_1(t) = 0$ ,  $y_2(t) = \sin t$ ;  $y(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 1$ ,  $y'(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 1$ 

#### **Solution**

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & \sin t \\ 0 & \cos t \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= 0$$

$$y(t) = C_1 y_1(t) + C_2 y_2(t)$$

$$y(t) = C_2 \sin t \qquad y\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 1 \quad \rightarrow \quad C_2 = 1$$

$$y'(t) = C_2 \cos t$$

$$y'\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 0 \le 1$$

$$y(t) = C_2 \sin t$$

Find a particular solution satisfying the given initial conditions

$$y'' + y = 0$$
;  $y_1(t) = \cos t$ ,  $y_2(t) = \sin t$ ;  $y(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 1$ ,  $y'(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 1$ 

#### **Solution**

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} \cos t & \sin t \\ -\sin t & \cos t \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= \cos^2 t + \sin^2 t$$
$$= 1 \neq 0$$

 $\therefore$   $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are linearly independent.

$$y(t) = C_1 y_1(t) + C_2 y_2(t)$$

$$y(t) = C_1 \cos t + C_2 \sin t \qquad y\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 1 \quad \rightarrow \quad C_2 = 1$$

$$y'(t) = -C_1 \sin t + C_2 \cos t \qquad y'\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 1 \quad \rightarrow \quad C_1 = -1$$

$$y(t) = -\cos t + \sin t$$

#### Exercise

Find a particular solution satisfying the given initial conditions

$$y'' - 4y' + 4y = 0$$
;  $y_1(t) = e^{2t}$ ,  $y_2(t) = te^{2t}$ ;  $y(0) = 2$ ,  $y'(0) = 0$ 

### Solution

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} e^{2t} & te^{2t} \\ 2e^{2t} & (1+2t)e^{2t} \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= (1+2t-2t)e^{4t}$$
$$= e^{4t} \neq 0$$

$$y(t) = C_1 y_1(t) + C_2 y_2(t)$$

$$y(t) = C_1 e^{2t} + C_2 t e^{2t}$$

$$y(0) = 2 \rightarrow C_1 = 2$$

$$y'(t) = 2C_1 e^{2t} + C_2 (1+2t) e^{2t}$$

$$y'(0) = 0 \rightarrow 2C_1 + C_2 = 0 \rightarrow C_2 = -4$$

$$y(t) = 2e^{2t} - 4te^{2t}$$

Find a particular solution satisfying the given initial conditions

$$2y'' - y' = 0$$
;  $y_1(t) = 1$ ,  $y_2(t) = e^{t/2}$ ;  $y(2) = 0$ ,  $y'(2) = 2$ 

#### **Solution**

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & e^{t/2} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2}e^{t/2} \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2}e^{t/2} \neq 0$$

 $\therefore$   $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are linearly independent.

$$\begin{split} y(t) &= C_1 y_1(t) + C_2 y_2(t) \\ y(t) &= C_1 + C_2 e^{t/2} \\ y'(t) &= \frac{1}{2} C_2 e^{t/2} \\ y'(t) &= -4 + \frac{4}{e} e^{t/2} \\ \end{split} \qquad \begin{aligned} y(2) &= 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad C_1 + e C_2 = 0 \\ y'(2) &= 2 \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{1}{2} e C_2 = 2 \end{aligned}$$

#### Exercise

Find a particular solution satisfying the given initial conditions

$$y'' - 3y' + 2y = 0$$
;  $y_1(t) = 2e^t$ ,  $y_2(t) = e^{2t}$ ;  $y(-1) = 1$ ,  $y'(-1) = 0$ 

#### **Solution**

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} 2e^t & e^{2t} \\ 2e^t & 2e^{2t} \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= 2e^{3t} \neq 0$$

$$y(t) = C_{1}y_{1}(t) + C_{2}y_{2}(t)$$

$$y(t) = 2C_{1}e^{t} + C_{2}e^{2t}$$

$$y'(t) = 2C_{1}e^{t} + 2C_{2}e^{2t}$$

$$y'(-1) = 0 \rightarrow 2e^{-1}C_{1} + 2e^{-2}C_{2} = 2$$

$$\begin{cases} 2eC_{1} + C_{2} = e^{2} \\ eC_{1} + C_{2} = e^{2} \end{cases}$$

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 2e & 1 \\ e & 1 \end{vmatrix} = e \quad \Delta_{1} = \begin{vmatrix} e^{2} & 1 \\ e^{2} & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad \Delta_{2} = \begin{vmatrix} 2e & e^{2} \\ e & e^{2} \end{vmatrix} = e^{3}$$

$$C_{1} = 0, \quad C_{2} = e^{2}$$

$$y(t) = e^{2t+2} \begin{vmatrix} C_{1} + C_{2} - C_{2}$$

Find a particular solution satisfying the given initial conditions

$$ty'' + y' = 0$$
;  $y_1(t) = \ln t$ ,  $y_2(t) = \ln 3t$ ;  $y(3) = 0$ ,  $y'(3) = 3$ 

# **Solution**

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} \ln t & \ln 3t \\ \frac{1}{t} & \frac{1}{t} \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= \frac{1}{t} (\ln t - \ln 3t) \neq 0$$

$$\begin{split} y(t) &= C_1 y_1(t) + C_2 y_2(t) \\ y(t) &= C_1 \ln t + C_2 \ln 3t & y(3) = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad (\ln 3) C_1 + (\ln 9) C_2 = 0 \\ y'(t) &= \frac{C_1}{t} + \frac{C_2}{t} & y'(3) = 3 \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{1}{3} \left( C_1 + C_2 \right) = 3 \\ & \left[ \frac{(\ln 3) C_1 + (2 \ln 3) C_2}{C_1 + C_2} = 0 \right. \\ & \left. C_1 + C_2 = 9 \right. \\ & \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} \ln 3 & 2 \ln 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -\ln 3 \quad \Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 \ln 3 \\ 9 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -18 \ln 3 \quad \Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \ln 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = 9 \ln 3 \\ & C_1 = 18, \quad C_2 = -9 \end{vmatrix} \\ y(t) &= 18 \ln t - 9 \ln 3t \end{split}$$

Find a particular solution satisfying the given initial conditions

$$t^2y'' - ty' - 3y = 0$$
;  $y_1(t) = t^3$ ,  $y_2(t) = -\frac{1}{t}$ ;  $y(-1) = 0$ ,  $y'(-1) = -2$   $(t < 0)$ 

#### **Solution**

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} t^3 & -\frac{1}{t} \\ 3t^2 & \frac{1}{t^2} \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= 4t \neq 0$$

 $\therefore y_1$  and  $y_2$  are linearly independent.

$$\begin{split} y(t) &= C_1 y_1(t) + C_2 y_2(t) \\ y(t) &= C_1 t^3 - \frac{C_2}{t} \\ y'(t) &= 3C_1 t^2 + \frac{C_2}{t^2} \\ & \begin{cases} y'(-1) = 0 \\ 3C_1 + C_2 = 0 \end{cases} \\ 3C_1 + C_2 = -2 \end{cases} \qquad \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -4 \quad \Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \quad \Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 3 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \\ C_1 &= -\frac{1}{2}, \quad C_2 = -\frac{1}{2} \\ \end{cases} \\ y(t) &= -\frac{1}{2} t^3 + \frac{1}{2t} \end{aligned}$$

#### Exercise

Find a particular solution satisfying the given initial conditions

$$y'' + \pi^2 y = 0$$
;  $y_1(t) = \sin \pi t + \cos \pi t$ ,  $y_2(t) = \sin \pi t - \cos \pi t$ ;  $y(\frac{1}{2}) = 1$ ,  $y'(\frac{1}{2}) = 0$ 

#### **Solution**

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} \sin \pi t + \cos \pi t & \sin \pi t - \cos \pi t \\ \pi \cos \pi t - \pi \sin \pi t & \pi \cos \pi t + \pi \sin \pi t \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \pi \sin^2 \pi t + \pi \cos^2 \pi t + 2\pi \sin \pi t \cos \pi t - 2\pi \sin \pi t \cos \pi t + \pi \sin^2 \pi t + \pi \cos^2 \pi t$$

$$= 2\pi \left( \sin^2 \pi t + \cos^2 \pi t \right)$$

$$= 2\pi \neq 0$$

$$y(t) = C_{1}y_{1}(t) + C_{2}y_{2}(t)$$

$$y(t) = C_{1}(\sin \pi t + \cos \pi t) + C_{2}(\sin \pi t - \cos \pi t)$$

$$y(\frac{1}{2}) = 1 \rightarrow C_{1} + C_{2} = 1$$

$$y'(t) = C_{1}(\pi \cos \pi t - \pi \sin \pi t) + C_{2}(\pi \cos \pi t + \pi \sin \pi t)$$

$$y'(\frac{1}{2}) = 0 \rightarrow -\pi C_{1} + \pi C_{2} = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} C_{1} + C_{2} = 1 \\ -C_{1} + C_{2} = 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow C_{1} = \frac{1}{2}, \quad C_{2} = \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{2}(\sin \pi t + \cos \pi t) + \frac{1}{2}(\sin \pi t - \cos \pi t)$$

$$= \sin \pi t$$

Find a particular solution satisfying the given initial conditions  $x^3y^{(3)} - x^2y'' + 2xy' - 2y = 0$ y(1) = 3, y'(1) = 2, y''(1) = 1  $y_1(x) = x$ ,  $y_2(x) = x \ln x$ ,  $y_3(x) = x^2$ 

#### Solution

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

$$y(x) = C_{1}y_{1}(x) + C_{2}y_{2}(x) + C_{3}y_{3}(x)$$

$$y(x) = C_{1}x + C_{2}x \ln x + C_{3}x^{2} \qquad y(1) = 3 \rightarrow C_{1} + C_{2} = 3$$

$$y'(x) = C_{1} + C_{2}(1 + \ln x) + 2C_{3}x \qquad y'(1) = 2 \rightarrow C_{1} + C_{2} + 2C_{3} = 2$$

$$y''(x) = \frac{C_{2}}{x} + 2C_{3} \qquad y''(1) = 1 \rightarrow C_{2} + 2C_{3} = 1$$

$$\begin{cases} C_{1} + C_{3} = 3 \\ C_{1} + C_{2} + 2C_{3} = 2 \\ C_{2} + 2C_{3} = 1 \end{cases} \qquad \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \qquad \Delta_{1} = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 1$$

$$C_{1} = 1, \quad C_{2} = -3, \quad C_{3} = 2$$

$$y(x) = x - 3x \ln x + 2x^{2}$$

Find a particular solution satisfying the given initial conditions  $y^{(3)} + 2y'' - y' - 2y = 0$ 

$$y(0) = 1$$
,  $y'(0) = 2$ ,  $y''(0) = 0$   $y_1(x) = e^x$ ,  $y_2(x) = e^{-x}$ ,  $y_3(x) = e^{-2x}$ 

#### Solution

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} e^{x} & e^{-x} & e^{-2x} \\ e^{x} & -e^{-x} & -2e^{-2x} \\ e^{x} & e^{-x} & 4e^{-2x} \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= -4e^{-2x} - 2e^{-2x} + e^{-2x} + e^{-2x} + 2e^{-2x} - 4e^{-2x}$$
$$= -6e^{-2x} \neq 0$$

 $\therefore$   $y_1, y_2, and y_3$  are linearly independent.

$$y(x) = C_1 y_1(x) + C_2 y_2(x) + C_3 y_3(x)$$

$$y(x) = C_1 e^x + C_2 e^{-x} + C_3 e^{-2x}$$

$$y(0) = 1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3 = 1$$

$$y'(x) = C_1 e^x - C_2 e^{-x} - 2C_3 e^{-2x}$$

$$y'(0) = 2 \rightarrow C_1 - C_2 - 2C_3 = 2$$

$$y''(x) = C_1 e^x + C_2 e^{-x} + 4C_3 e^{-2x}$$

$$y''(0) = 0 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + 4C_3 = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} C_1 + C_2 + C_3 = 1 \\ C_1 - C_2 - 2C_3 = 2 \\ C_1 + C_2 + 4C_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = -9 \quad \Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = -12 \quad \Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$C_1 = \frac{4}{3}, \quad C_2 = 0, \quad C_3 = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$y(x) = \frac{4}{3}e^x - \frac{1}{3}e^{-2x}$$

#### Exercise

Find a particular solution satisfying the given initial conditions  $y^{(3)} - 6y'' + 11y' - 6y = 0$ y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 0, y''(0) = 3  $y_1(x) = e^x$ ,  $y_2(x) = e^{2x}$ ,  $y_3(x) = e^{3x}$ 

#### **Solution**

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} e^{x} & e^{2x} & e^{3x} \\ e^{x} & 2e^{2x} & 3e^{3x} \\ e^{x} & 4e^{2x} & 9e^{3x} \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= 18e^{6x} + 3e^{6x} + 4e^{6x} - 2e^{6x} - 12e^{6x} - 9e^{6x}$$

$$=2e^{6x} \neq 0$$

 $\therefore$   $y_1, y_2, and y_3$  are linearly independent.

$$y(x) = C_{1}y_{1}(x) + C_{2}y_{2}(x) + C_{3}y_{3}(x)$$

$$y(x) = C_{1}e^{x} + C_{2}e^{2x} + C_{3}e^{3x} \qquad y(0) = 0 \rightarrow C_{1} + C_{2} + C_{3} = 0$$

$$y'(x) = C_{1}e^{x} + 2C_{2}e^{2x} + 3C_{3}e^{3x} \qquad y'(0) = 0 \rightarrow C_{1} + 2C_{2} + 3C_{3} = 0$$

$$y''(x) = C_{1}e^{x} + 4C_{2}e^{2x} + 9C_{3}e^{3x} \qquad y''(0) = 3 \rightarrow C_{1} + 2C_{2} + 3C_{3} = 3$$

$$\begin{cases} C_{1} + C_{2} + C_{3} = 0 \\ C_{1} + 2C_{2} + 3C_{3} = 0 \\ C_{1} + 4C_{2} + 9C_{3} = 3 \end{cases} \qquad \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \quad \Delta_{1} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = 3 \quad \Delta_{2} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = -6$$

$$C_{1} = \frac{3}{2}, \quad C_{2} = -3, \quad C_{3} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$y(x) = \frac{3}{2}e^{x} - 3e^{2x} + \frac{3}{2}e^{3x}$$

#### Exercise

Find a particular solution satisfying the given initial conditions  $y^{(3)} - 3y'' + 3y' - y = 0$ y(0) = 2, y'(0) = 0, y''(0) = 0  $y_1(x) = e^x$ ,  $y_2(x) = xe^x$ ,  $y_3(x) = x^2e^x$ 

#### **Solution**

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} e^{x} & xe^{x} & x^{2}e^{x} \\ e^{x} & (1+x)e^{x} & (2x+x^{2})e^{x} \\ e^{x} & (2+x)e^{x} & (2+4x+x^{2})e^{x} \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= (2+6x+5x^{2}+x^{3}+2x^{2}+x^{3}+2x^{2}+x^{3}-x^{2}-x^{3}-2x-4x^{2}-x^{3}-2x-4x^{2}-x^{3})e^{3x}$$
$$= (2+2x)e^{3x} \neq 0$$

$$y(x) = C_1 y_1(x) + C_2 y_2(x) + C_3 y_3(x)$$

$$y(x) = C_1 e^x + C_2 x e^x + C_3 x^2 e^x$$

$$y(0) = 2 \rightarrow C_1 = 2$$

$$y'(x) = C_1 e^x + C_2 (1+x) e^x + C_3 (2x+x^2) e^x$$

$$y'(0) = 0 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 = 0$$

$$y''(x) = C_1 e^x + C_2 (2+x) e^x + C_3 (2+4x+x^2) e^x \qquad y''(0) = 0 \quad \to \quad C_1 + 2C_2 + 2C_3 = 0$$

$$C_1 = 2, \quad C_2 = -2, \quad C_3 = 1$$

$$y(x) = 2e^x - 2xe^x + x^2e^x$$

Find a particular solution satisfying the given initial conditions  $y^{(3)} - 5y'' + 8y' - 4y = 0$ 

$$y(0) = 1$$
,  $y'(0) = 4$ ,  $y''(0) = 0$   $y_1(x) = e^x$ ,  $y_2(x) = e^{2x}$ ,  $y_3(x) = xe^{2x}$ 

### **Solution**

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} e^{x} & e^{2x} & xe^{2x} \\ e^{x} & 2e^{2x} & (1+2x)e^{2x} \\ e^{x} & 4e^{2x} & (4+4x)e^{2x} \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= (8+8x+4+8x+4x-2x-4-8x-4-4x)e^{5x}$$
$$= (6x+4)e^{5x} \neq 0$$

$$\begin{split} y(x) &= C_1 y_1(x) + C_2 y_2(x) + C_3 y_3(x) \\ y(x) &= C_1 e^x + C_2 e^{2x} + C_3 x e^{2x} \\ y'(x) &= C_1 e^x + 2C_2 e^{2x} + C_3 (1 + 2x) e^{2x} \\ y''(x) &= C_1 e^x + 2C_2 e^{2x} + (4 + 4x) C_3 e^{2x} \\ y''(x) &= C_1 e^x + 4C_2 e^{2x} + (4 + 4x) C_3 e^{2x} \\ &= 1 \\ \begin{cases} C_1 + C_2 &= 1 \\ C_1 + 2C_2 + C_3 &= 4 \\ C_1 + 4C_2 + 4C_3 &= 0 \end{cases} & \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 1 & \Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = -12 & \Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 13 \\ C_1 &= -12, \quad C_2 &= 13, \quad C_3 &= -10 \\ \end{split}$$

$$y(x) = -12e^x + 13e^{2x} - 10xe^{2x}$$

Find a particular solution satisfying the given initial conditions  $y^{(3)} + 9y'' = 0$ 

$$y(0) = 3$$
,  $y'(0) = -1$ ,  $y''(0) = 2$   $y_1(x) = 1$ ,  $y_2(x) = \cos 3x$ ,  $y_3(x) = \sin 3x$ 

#### Solution

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \cos 3x & \sin 3x \\ 0 & -3\sin 3x & 3\cos 3x \\ 0 & -9\cos 3x & -9\sin 3x \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= 27\sin^2 3x + 27\cos^2 3x$$
$$= 27 \neq 0$$

 $\therefore y_1, y_2, and y_3$  are linearly independent.

$$y(x) = C_1 y_1(x) + C_2 y_2(x) + C_3 y_3(x)$$

$$y(x) = C_1 + C_2 \cos 3x + C_3 \sin 3x \qquad y(0) = 3 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 = 3$$

$$y'(x) = -3C_2 \sin 3x + 3C_3 \cos 3x \qquad y'(0) = -1 \rightarrow 3C_3 = -1$$

$$y''(x) = -9C_2 \cos 3x - 9C_3 \sin 3x \qquad y''(0) = 0 \rightarrow -9C_2 = 0$$

$$C_1 = 3, \quad C_2 = 0, \quad C_3 = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$y(x) = 3 - \frac{1}{3} \sin 3x$$

#### Exercise

Find a particular solution satisfying the given initial conditions  $y^{(3)} - 3y'' + 4y' - 2y = 0$ 

$$y(0) = 1$$
,  $y'(0) = 0$ ,  $y''(0) = 0$   $y_1(x) = e^x$ ,  $y_2(x) = e^x \cos x$ ,  $y_3(x) = e^x \sin x$ 

#### **Solution**

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} e^x & e^x \cos x & e^x \sin x \\ e^x & (\cos x - \sin x)e^x & (\sin x + \cos x)e^x \\ e^x & -2e^x \sin x & 2e^x \cos x \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= \left(2\cos^2 x - \sin x \cos x + \cos^2 x - 2\sin^2 x - \sin x \cos x + \sin^2 x + 2\sin^2 x + 2\sin x \cos x - 2\cos^2 x\right)e^{3x}$$
$$= e^{3x} \neq 0$$

$$y(x) = C_{1}y_{1}(x) + C_{2}y_{2}(x) + C_{3}y_{3}(x)$$

$$y(x) = C_{1}e^{x} + C_{2}e^{x}\cos x + C_{3}e^{x}\sin x$$

$$y(0) = 1 \rightarrow C_{1} + C_{2} = 1$$

$$y'(x) = C_{1}e^{x} + C_{2}(\cos x - \sin x)e^{x} + C_{3}(\sin x + \cos x)e^{x}$$

$$y'(0) = 0 \rightarrow C_{1} + C_{2} + C_{3} = 0$$

$$y''(x) = C_{1}e^{x} - 2C_{2}e^{x}\sin x + 2C_{3}e^{x}\cos x$$

$$y''(0) = 0 \rightarrow C_{1} + C_{2} + C_{3} = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} C_{1} + C_{2} = 1 \\ C_{1} + C_{2} + C_{3} = 0 \\ C_{1} + 2C_{3} = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} C_{1} + C_{2} = 1 \\ C_{1} + C_{2} - C_{3} = 0 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \quad \Delta_{1} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2$$

$$C_{1} = 2, \quad C_{2} = -1, \quad C_{3} = -1$$

$$y(x) = 2e^{x} - e^{x}\cos x - e^{x}\sin x$$

Find a particular solution satisfying the given initial conditions  $x^3y^{(3)} - 3x^2y'' + 6xy' - 6y = 0$ y(1) = 6, y'(1) = 14, y''(1) = 1  $y_1(x) = x$ ,  $y_2(x) = x^2$ ,  $y_3(x) = x^3$ 

#### **Solution**

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & x^3 \\ 1 & 2x & 3x^2 \\ 0 & 2 & 6x \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= 12x^3 + 2x^3 - 6x^3 - 6x^3$$
$$= 2x^3 \neq 0$$

$$y(x) = C_{1}y_{1}(x) + C_{2}y_{2}(x) + C_{3}y_{3}(x)$$

$$y(x) = C_{1}x + C_{2}x^{2} + C_{3}x^{3} \qquad y(1) = 1 \rightarrow C_{1} + C_{2} + C_{3} = 6$$

$$y'(x) = C_{1} + 2C_{2}x + 3C_{3}x^{2} \qquad y'(1) = 14 \rightarrow C_{1} + 2C_{2} + 3C_{3} = 14$$

$$y''(x) = 2C_{2} + 6C_{3}x \qquad y''(1) = 1 \rightarrow 2C_{2} + 6C_{3} = 1$$

$$\begin{cases} C_{1} + C_{2} + C_{3} = 6 \\ C_{1} + 2C_{2} + 3C_{3} = 14 \\ 2C_{2} + 6C_{3} = 1 \end{cases} \qquad \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \quad \Delta_{1} = \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 1 & 1 \\ 14 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = -19 \quad \Delta_{2} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 6 & 1 \\ 1 & 14 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 46$$

$$C_1 = -\frac{19}{2}, \quad C_2 = 23, \quad C_3 = -\frac{15}{2}$$

$$y(x) = -\frac{19}{2}x + 23x^2 - \frac{15}{2}x^3$$

Find a particular solution satisfying the given initial conditions  $x^3y^{(3)} + 6x^2y'' + 4xy' - 4y = 0$ y(1) = 1, y'(1) = 5, y''(1) = -11  $y_1(x) = x$ ,  $y_2(x) = x^{-2}$ ,  $y_3(x) = x^{-2} \ln x$ 

#### Solution

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} x & x^{-2} & x^{-2} \ln x \\ 1 & -2x^{-3} & (1 - 2\ln x)x^{-3} \\ 0 & 6x^{-4} & (-5 + 6\ln x)x^{-4} \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= (10 - 12\ln x + 6 - 6 + 12\ln x + 5 - 6\ln x)x^{-6}$$
$$= (15 - 6\ln x)x^{-6} \neq 0$$

$$y(x) = C_{1}y_{1}(x) + C_{2}y_{2}(x) + C_{3}y_{3}(x)$$

$$y(x) = C_{1}x + C_{2}x^{-2} + C_{3}x^{-2} \ln x \qquad y(1) = 1 \implies C_{1} + C_{2} = 1$$

$$y'(x) = C_{1} - 2C_{2}x^{-3} + C_{3}x^{-3}(1 - 2\ln x) \qquad y'(1) = 5 \implies C_{1} - 2C_{2} + C_{3} = 5$$

$$y''(x) = 6C_{2}x^{-4} + C_{3}x^{-4}(-5 + 6\ln x) \qquad y''(1) = -11 \implies 6C_{2} - 5C_{3} = -11$$

$$\begin{cases} C_{1} + C_{2} = 1 \\ C_{1} - 2C_{2} + C_{3} = 5 \\ 6C_{2} - 5C_{3} = -11 \end{cases} \qquad \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 6 & -5 \end{vmatrix} = 9 \quad \Delta_{1} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & -2 & 1 \\ -11 & 6 & -5 \end{vmatrix} = 18 \quad \Delta_{2} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -11 & -5 \end{vmatrix} = -9$$

$$C_{1} = 2, \quad C_{2} = -1, \quad C_{3} = 1$$

$$y(x) = 2x - x^{-2} + x^{-2} \ln x$$

When the values of a solution to a differential equation are specified at two different points, these conditions. (In contrast, initial conditions specify the values of a function and its derivative at the same point). The purpose of this is to show that for boundary value problems there is no existence-uniqueness theorem. Given that every solution to

$$y'' + y = 0$$
 is of the form  $y(t) = c_1 \cos t + c_2 \sin t$ 

Where  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are arbitrary constants, show that

- a) There is a unique solution to the given differential equation that satisfies the boundary conditions y(0) = 2 and  $y(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 0$
- b) There is no solution to given equation that satisfies y(2) = 0 and  $y(\pi) = 0$
- c) There are infinitely many solution to the given DE equation that satisfy y(0) = 2 and  $y(\pi) = -2$

# **Solution**

a) 
$$\lambda^2 + 1 = 0 \rightarrow \underline{\lambda = \pm i}$$
  
 $y(t) = c_1 \cos t + c_2 \sin t$   
 $y(0) = 2 \rightarrow \underline{2 = c_1}$   
 $y(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 0 \rightarrow \underline{0 = c_2}$   
 $\underline{y(t) = 2 \cos t}$ 

b) 
$$y(0) = 2 \rightarrow 2 = c_1$$
  
 $y(\pi) = 0 \rightarrow 0 = -c_1$ 

This system is inconsistent, so there is no solution satisfying the given boundary.

$$y(0) = 2 \rightarrow 2 = c_1$$

$$y(\pi) = -2 \rightarrow -2 = -c_1$$

$$y(t) = 2\cos t + c_2 \sin t$$

Which has infinitely many solutions given  $c_2$  is an arbitrary constant.