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1. Find all solutions of the following equations:

- (a)  $y'' - 4y = 0$       (b)  $3y'' + 2y' = 0$       (c)  $y'' + 16y = 0$   
(d)  $y'' = 0$       (e)  $y'' - 4y' + 5y = 0$

2. Consider the equation  $y'' + y' - 6y = 0$

- (a) Compute the solution  $\phi$  satisfying  $\phi(0) = 1, \phi'(0) = 0$ .  
(b) Compute the solution  $\psi$  satisfying  $\psi(0) = 0, \psi'(0) = 1$ .  
(c) Compute  $\phi(1)$  and  $\psi(1)$ .

3. Find all solutions of  $y'' + y = 0$  satisfying:

- (a)  $\phi(0) = 1, \phi(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 2$       (b)  $\phi(0) = 0, \phi(\pi) = 0$   
(c)  $\phi(0) = 0, \phi'(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 0$       (d)  $\phi(0) = 0, \phi(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 0$

4. Consider the equation  $y'' + a_1y' + a_2y = 0$ , where the constants  $a_1, a_2$  are real. Suppose  $\alpha + i\beta$  is a complex root of the characteristic polynomial, where  $\alpha, \beta$  are real,  $\beta \neq 0$ .

- (a) Show that  $\alpha - i\beta$  is also a root.  
(b) Show that any solution  $\phi$  may be written in the form  $\phi(x) = e^{ax}(d_1 \cos \beta x + d_2 \sin \beta x)$ , where  $d_1, d_2$  are constants.  
(c) Show that  $\alpha = -\frac{a_1}{2}, \beta^2 = a_2 - \frac{a_1^2}{4}$ .  
(d) Show that every solution tends to zero as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$  if  $a_1 > 0$ .  
(e) Show that the magnitude of every non-trivial solution assumes arbitrarily large values as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$  if  $a_1 < 0$ .

5. Show that every solution of the constant coefficient equation  $y'' + a_1y' + a_2y = 0$  tends to zero as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  if, and only if, the real parts of the roots of the characteristic polynomial are negative.

6. Show that every solution of the constant coefficient equation  $y'' + a_1y' + a_2y = 0$  is bounded on  $0 \leq x < \infty$  if, and only if, the real parts of the roots of the characteristic polynomial are non-positive and the roots with zero real part have multiplicity one.

7. Consider the equation  $y'' + k^2y = 0$ , where  $k$  is a non-negative constant.

- (a) For what values of  $k$  will there exist non-trivial solutions  $\phi$  satisfying  
(i)  $\phi(0) = 0, \phi(\pi) = 0$ ,  
(ii)  $\phi'(0) = 0, \phi'(\pi) = 0$ ,  
(iii)  $\phi(0) = \phi(\pi), \phi'(0) = \phi'(\pi)$ ,  
(iv)  $\phi(0) = -\phi(\pi), \phi'(0) = -\phi'(\pi)$ ?  
(b) Find the non-trivial solutions for each of the cases (i) – (iv) in (a).

8. Find the solutions of the following initial value problems:

- (a)  $y'' - 2y' - 3y = 0, y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 1$   
 (b)  $y'' + 10y = 0, y(0) = \pi, y'(0) = \pi^2$

9. The functions  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  defined below exist for  $-\infty < x < \infty$ . Determine whether they are linearly dependent or independent there.

- (a)  $\phi_1(x) = \cos x, \phi_2(x) = \sin x$   
 (b)  $\phi_1(x) = x^2, \phi_2(x) = 5x^2$   
 (c)  $\phi_1(x) = x, \phi_2(x) = |x|$

10. (a) Show that the functions  $\phi_1(x) = x^2, \phi_2(x) = x |x|$ , are linearly independent for  $-\infty < x < \infty$ .

(b) Compute the Wronskian of these functions.

11. Consider the equation  $y'' + a_1y' + a_2y = 0$ , where  $a_1, a_2$  are real constants such that  $4a_2 - a_1^2 > 0$ . Let  $\alpha + i\beta, \alpha - i\beta$  ( $\alpha, \beta$  real) be the roots of the characteristic polynomial.

- (a) Show that  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  defined by  $\phi_1(x) = e^{\alpha x} \cos \beta x, \phi_2(x) = e^{\alpha x} \sin \beta x$  are solutions of the equation.  
 (b) Compute  $W(\phi_1, \phi_2)$ , and show that  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  are linearly independent on any interval  $I$ .

12. Find all solutions of the following equations:

- (a)  $y'' + 4y = \cos x$       (b)  $y'' + 9y = \sin 3x$   
 (c)  $y'' + y = \tan x, \left(-\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$   
 (d)  $y'' - 4y' + 5y = 3e^{-x} + 2x^2$       (e)  $y'' - 7y' + 6y = \sin x$   
 (f)  $y'' + y = 2 \sin x \sin 2x$       (g)  $y'' + y = \sec x, \left(-\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$   
 (h)  $y'' - y = e^x$       (i)  $6y'' + 5y' - 6y = x$

13. Consider the equation  $y'' + \omega^2 y = A \cos \omega x$ , where  $A, \omega$  are positive constants.

- (a) Find all solutions on  $0 \leq x < \infty$ .  
 (b) Show that every solution  $\phi$  is such that  $|\phi(x)|$  assumes arbitrarily large as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ .

14. Are the following sets of functions defined on  $-\infty < x < \infty$  linearly independent or dependent there?. Why?.

- (a)  $\phi_1(x) = 1, \phi_2(x) = x, \phi_3(x) = x^3$       (b)  $\phi_1(x) = e^{ix}, \phi_2(x) = \sin x, \phi_3(x) = 2 \cos x$   
 (c)  $\phi_1(x) = x, \phi_2(x) = e^{2x}, \phi_3(x) = |x|$

15. Find all solutions of the following equations:

- (a)  $y''' - 8y = 0$       (b)  $y^{(4)} + 16y = 0$       (c)  $y''' - 5y'' + 6y' = 0$       (d)  $y^{(100)} + 100y = 0$   
 (d)  $y^{(4)} - 16y = 0$       (e)  $y^{(4)} + 5y'' + 4y = 0$       (f)  $y''' - 3y' - 2y = 0$

16. (a) Compute the wronskian of four linearly independent solutions of the equation  $y^{(4)} + 16y = 0$ .

(b) Compute that solution  $\phi$  of this equation which satisfies  $\phi(0) = 1, \phi'(0) = 0, \phi''(0) = 0, \phi'''(0) = 0$ .

17. Find four linearly independent solutions of the equation  $y^{(4)} + \lambda y = 0$ , in case

- (a)  $\lambda = 0$       (b)  $\lambda > 0$       (c)  $\lambda < 0$

18. Consider the equation  $y''' - 4y' = 0$ .

- (a) Compute three linearly independent solutions.
- (b) Compute the wronskian of the solutions found in (a).
- (c) Find that solution  $\phi$  satisfying  $\phi(0) = 0, \phi'(0) = 1, \phi''(0) = 0$ .

19. Consider the equation  $y^{(5)} - y^{(4)} - y' + y = 0$ .

- (a) Compute five linearly independent solutions.
- (b) Compute the wronskian of the solutions found in (a).
- (c) Find that solution  $\phi$  satisfying  $\phi(0) = 1, \phi'(0) = \phi''(0) = 0, \phi'''(0) = \phi^{(4)} = 0$ .

20. Find all real valued solutions of the following equations:

- (a)  $y'' + y = 0$
- (b)  $y'' - y = 0$
- (c)  $y^{(4)} - y = 0$
- (d)  $y^{(5)} + 2y = 0$
- (e)  $y^{(4)} - 5y'' + 4y = 0$

21. Find the solution  $\phi$  of the initial-value problem

$$y''' + y = 0, \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y'(0) = 1, \quad y''(0) = 0.$$

22. Consider the equation  $y^{(4)} - k^4 y = 0$ , where  $k$  is a real constant.

- (a) Show that  $\cos kx, \sin kx, \cosh kx, \sinh kx$  are solutions if  $k \neq 0$ .  
(Note  $\cosh u = (e^u + e^{-u})/2, \sinh u = e^u - e^{-u})/2$ ).
- (b) Show that there are non-trivial solutions  $\phi$  satisfying  $\phi(0) = 0, \phi'(0) = 0, \phi(1) = 0, \phi'(1) = 0$ , if and only if  $\cos k \cosh k = 1$  and  $k \neq 0$ .
- (c) Compute all non-trivial solutions satisfying the conditions in (b).
- (d) For what values of  $k$  will there exist non-trivial solutions satisfying  $\phi^{(j)}(0) = \phi^{(j)}(1), \quad (j = 0, 1, 2, 3)$ ?
- (e) Compute all non-trivial solutions satisfying the conditions in (d).

23. Find all solutions of the following equations:

- (a)  $y''' - y' = x$
- (b)  $y^{(4)} + 16y = \cos x$
- (c)  $y^{(4)} - y = \cos x$
- (d)  $y^{(4)} - 4y^{(3)} + 6y'' - 4y' + y = e^x$

24. Find a particular solution of each of the following equations:

- (a)  $y'' + 4y = \cos x$
- (b)  $y'' + 4y = \sin 2x$
- (c)  $y'' - 4y = 3e^{2x} + 4e^{-x}$
- (d)  $y'' - y' - 2y = x^2 + \cos x$
- (e)  $y'' + 9y = x^2 e^{3x}$
- (f)  $y''' = x^2 + e^{-x} \sin x$
- (g)  $y''' + 3y'' + 3y' + y = x^2 e^{-x}$

25. Find all solutions of the following equations for  $x > 0$ :

- (a)  $x^2 y'' + 2xy' - 6y = 0$
- (b)  $2x^2 y'' + xy' - y = 0$
- (c)  $x^2 y'' + xy' - 4y = x$
- (d)  $x^2 y'' - 5xy' + 9y = x^3$
- (e)  $x^3 y''' + 2x^2 y'' - xy' + y = 0$

26. Find the particular solution of  $y'' + \frac{1}{x} y' - \frac{1}{x^2} y = (x^2 + x^{-3})^{-1}, \quad x > 0$ , given that two solutions of the associated homogeneous equations are  $y_1 = x$  and  $y_2 = \frac{1}{x}$ .

(Ans:  $y = \frac{1}{2}(1-x)\ln x + (x-\frac{1}{x})\ln(1-x)$ ).

27. Show that the solutions  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  of the linear second order differential equation  $y'' +$

$a_1(x)y' + a_2(x)y = 0$  that satisfy the conditions  $y_1(x_0) = 1, y'_1(x_0) = 0, y_2(x_0) = 0, y'_2(x_0) = 1$ , respectively, are linearly independent.

28. Show that the two point boundary value problem  $y'' + \pi^2y = 0, y(0) = 0, y(1) = 1$  has no solution while the two point boundary value problem  $y'' + \pi^2y = 0, y(0) = 0, y(1) = 0$  has infinite number of solutions.

29. For the constant coefficient differential equation  $y'' + 2\alpha y' + \beta^2y = 0, \alpha, \beta > 0$  show that the solutions are exponentially decaying if  $\alpha, \beta > 0$  (decaying exponentially if  $\alpha \geq \beta$  and oscillating if  $\alpha < \beta$ ), while the solutions are purely oscillating if  $\alpha = 0$ .

30. Consider the constant coefficient equation  $L(y) = y'' + a_1y' + a_2y = 0$ . Let  $\phi_1$  be the solution satisfying  $\phi_1(x_0) = 1, \phi'_1(x_0) = 0$  and let  $\phi_2$  be the solution satisfying  $\phi_2(x_0) = 0, \phi'_2(x_0) = 1$ . If  $\phi$  is a solution satisfying  $\phi(x_0) = \alpha, \phi'(x_0) = \beta$ . Show that  $\phi(x) = \alpha\phi_1(x) + \beta\phi_2(x)$  for all  $x$ .

31. (a) Let  $\phi_n$  be any function satisfying the boundary value problem  $y'' + n^2y = 0, y(0) = y(2\pi), y'(0) = y'(2\pi)$ , where  $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . Show that  $\int_0^{2\pi} \phi_n(x)\phi_m(x) dx = 0$ , if  $m \neq n$   
 (b) Show that  $\cos nx$  and  $\sin nx$  are functions satisfying the above boundary value problem. The result of (a) then implies that

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \cos nx \cos mx dx = 0, \quad \int_0^{2\pi} \cos nx \sin mx dx = 0, \quad \int_0^{2\pi} \sin nx \sin mx dx = 0, \quad (n \neq m)$$

32. Are the following statements true or false?. If the statement is true, prove it; otherwise give a counterexample.

(a) "If  $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n$  are linearly independent functions on an interval  $I$ , then any subset of them forms a linearly independent set of functions on  $I$ ."

(b) "If  $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n$  are linearly dependent functions on an interval  $I$ , then any subset of them forms a linearly dependent set of functions on  $I$ ."

33. Solve the following IVPs (Initial Value Problems):

(a)  $y'' - 16y = 0, y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 20$  (Ans :  $y = 3e^{4x} - 2e^{-4x}$ )

(b)  $y'' - 4y' + 4y = 0, y(0) = 0, y'(0) = -3$  (Ans :  $y = -3xe^{2x}$ )

(c)  $y'' + 6y' + 9y = 0, y(0) = -4, y'(0) = 14$  (Ans :  $y = (2x - 4)e^{-3x}$ )

(d)  $4y'' + 20y' + 25y = 0, y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 2$  (Ans :  $y = (1 + \frac{9x}{2})e^{-5x/2}$ )

(e)  $y'' - y' = 0, y(0) = -1, y'(0) = 1$  (Ans :  $y = e^x - 2$ )

34. Solve the following IVPs (Initial Value Problems):

(a)  $y'' - y' - 2y = 3e^{2x}, y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 2$  (Ans :  $y = \frac{1}{3}e^{2x} - \frac{1}{3}e^{-x} + xe^{2x}$ )

(b)  $y'' + y' - 2y = -6 \sin 2x - 18 \cos 2x, y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 2$  (Ans :  $y = 3 \cos 2x + \frac{5}{3}e^{2x} - \frac{14}{3}e^{-x}$ )

35. Solve the following IVPs: ( $D = \frac{d}{dx}$ ):

(a)  $(D^2 + 4D + 5)y = 0, y(0) = 0, y'(0) = -3$  (Ans :  $y = -3e^{-2x} \sin x$ )

(b)  $(D^2 - 2D + \pi^2 + 1)y = 0, y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 1 - \pi$  (Ans :  $y = e^x(\cos \pi x - \sin \pi x)$ )

(c)  $(D^2 + 2D + 2)y = 0, y(0) = 1, y'(0) = -1$  (Ans :  $y = e^{-x} \cos x$ )

36. Solve the following IVPs:

(a)  $x^2y'' - 4xy' + 4y = 0, y(1) = 4, y'(1) = 13$  (Ans :  $y = x + 3x^4$ )

(b)  $4x^2y'' + 4xy' - y = 0, y(4) = 2, y'(4) = -\frac{1}{4}$  (Ans :  $y = 4x^{-1/2} + x^{1/2}$ )

**37.** Find a particular solution of:

- (a)  $y'' + y = 3x^2 - 6$  (*Ans :*  $3x^2 - 12$ )
- (b)  $y'' + y = 6 \sin x$  (*Ans :*  $-3x \cos x$ )
- (c)  $y'' + 4y' + 4y = 10 \cosh x$  (*Ans :*  $\frac{5}{2}(\frac{e^x}{3} - e^{-x})$ )
- (d)  $y^{(4)} - 5y'' + 4y = 10 \cos x$  (*Ans :*  $\cos x$ )

**38.** Find the general solution of the following:

- (a)  $y''' - y' = 0$  (*Ans :*  $y = c_1 + c_2 e^{-x} + c_3 e^x$ )
- (b)  $y''' - y'' - y' + y = 0$  (*Ans :*  $y = (c_1 + c_2 x) e^x + c_3 e^{-x}$ )
- (c)  $y^{(4)} - 5y'' + 4y = 0$  (*Ans :*  $y = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{-x} + c_3 e^{2x} + c_4 e^{-2x}$ )
- (d)  $x^3 y''' + x^2 y'' - 2xy' + 2y = 0$  (*Ans :*  $y = c_1 x^{-1} + c_2 x + c_3 x^2$ )

**39.** Find the general solution of:

- (a)  $y'' + 4y = 4 \sec 2x$  (*Ans :*  $y = c_1 \cos 2x + c_2 \sin 2x + \cos 2x \ln \cos 2x + 2x \sin 2x$ )
- (b)  $y'' - 4y' + 4y = 6 + \frac{e^x}{x}$  (*Ans :*  $y = (c_1 + c_2 x + x \ln x - x) e^{2x} + \frac{3}{2}$ )
- (c)  $y'' + 2y' + y = 4e^{-x} \ln x$  (*Ans :*  $y = (c_1 + c_2 x) e^{-x} + x^2 e^{-x} (2 \ln x - 3)$ )
- (d)  $y'' + 2y' + 2y = 2e^{-x} \sec^3 x$  (*Ans :*  $y = e^{-x} (c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x - \cos 2x \sec x)$ )
- (e)  $x^2 y'' - 4xy' + 6y = 42x^{-4}$  (*Ans :*  $y = c_1 x^2 + c_2 x^3 + x^{-4}$ )
- (f)  $x^2 y'' - 2xy' + 2y = 5x^3 \cos x$  (*Ans :*  $y = c_1 + c_2 x + c_3 x^2 - 5x \cos x$ )
- (g)  $xy'' - y' = x^2 e^x$  (*Ans :*  $y = xc_1 + c_2 + (xe^x - e^x)$ )

**40.** In each case verify that  $y_1$  is a solution of the given differential equation and find a general solution:

- (a)  $y'' - y = 3e^{2x}, y_1 = e^{2x}$  (*Ans :*  $c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{-x} + e^{2x}$ )
- (b)  $y'' + y' - 2y = 14 + 2x - 2x^3, y_1 = x^2$  (*Ans :*  $c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{-2x} + x^2 - 1$ )
- (c)  $y'' + 4y = 12 \sin 2x, y_1 = 3x \cos 2x$  (*Ans :*  $y = c_1 \cos 2x + c_2 \sin 2x + 3x \cos 2x$ )
- (d)  $y'' - 4y' + 3y = 2e^{3x}, y_1 = xe^{3x}$  (*Ans :*  $y = c_1 e^{3x} + c_2 e^x + xe^{3x}$ )

**41.** Find a general solution of the homogeneous linear system

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy_1}{dx} &= 3x_1 + x_2 - x_3 \\ \frac{dy_2}{dx} &= x_1 + 3x_2 - x_3 \\ \frac{dy_3}{dx} &= 3x_1 + 3x_2 - x_3\end{aligned}$$

**42.** Find a general solution of the nonhomogeneous linear systems using diagonalization method, undetermined coefficients method and variation of parameters method.

- (a)  $y'_1 = 2y_2 + x, \quad y'_2 = 2y_1 + 1$
- (b)  $y'_1 = y_2 + e^3 x, \quad y'_2 = y_1 - 3e^3 x$ .

**43.** Solve the initial value problem

$$y'_1 = y_1 + 2y_2 + e^{2t} - 2t$$

$$y'_2 = -y_2 + 1 + t$$

$$y_1(0) = 1, \quad y_2(0) = -4$$

$$(\text{Ans: } y_1 = 4e^{-t} - 4e^t + e^{2t}, \quad y_2 = -4e^{-t} + t)$$