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1 Assignment 2

1. Define the Wronskian $w(y_1, y_2)$ of any two continuous functions y_1 and y_2 defined in an interval $(a, b) \subset \mathbb{R}$. Show that $w(y_1, y_2) = 0$ if y_1 and y_2 are linearly dependent. If y_1 and y_2 are any two solutions of a second order linear homogeneous ODE, then $w(y_1, y_2)$ is either identically zero or non-zero at any point of the interval.
 2. If y_1 and y_2 are two linearly independent solutions of a second order linear homogeneous ODE, then prove that $y = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2$, where c_1 and c_2 are constants, is a general solution.
 3. Find the general solution of the following second order equations using the given known solution y_1
 - $x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + x \frac{dy}{dx} - y = 0$ where $y_1(x) = x^2$ $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + x \frac{dy}{dx} - 4y = 0$ where $y_1(x) = x^2$
 - $(x-1) \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = 0$ where $y_1(x) = x^2$ $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - (2x+1) \frac{dy}{dx} + (x+1)y = 0$ where $y_1(x) = e^x$
4. Find the general solution of each of the following equations ($D^n \equiv \frac{d^n}{dx^n}$)
 - $(D^4 - 81)y = 0$
 - $(D^3 - 4D^2 + 5D - 2)y = 0$
 - $(D^4 + 2D^3 + 3D^2 + 2D + 1)y = 0$
 - $(D^2 - 3D - 6)y = 3 \sin 2x$ $(D^2 + 1)y = 2 \cos x$
 - $(D^2 - 3D + 2)y = (4x + 5)e^{3x}$
5. Solve using the method of variation of parameters ($D^n \equiv \frac{d^n}{dx^n}$)
 - $(D^2 + 1)y = \csc x$ $(D^2 - D - 6)y = e^{-x}$
 - $(D^2 + a^2)y = \tan(ax)$ $x^2 y'' - 4xy' + 6y = 21x^{-4}$
 - $x^2 y'' - 2xy' + 2y = x^3 \cos x$
6. Solve using the method of undetermined coefficients ($D^n \equiv \frac{d^n}{dx^n}$)
 - $(D^3 - 2D^2 - 5D + 6)y = 18e^x$
 - $(D^2 + 25)y = 50 \cos 5x + 30 \sin 5x$ $(D^3 - 2D^2 + 4D - 8)y = 8(x^2 + \cos 2x)$
7. Show that the general solution of $L(y) = f_1(x) + f_2(x)$, where $L(y)$ is a linear differential operator, is $y = y_1 + y_2^*$, where y_1 is the general solution of $L(y) = 0$ and y_2^* is the sum of any particular solutions of $L(y) = f_1(x)$ and $L(y) = f_2(x)$.
8. Solve the following using Frobenius method
 - $9x(1-x)y'' - 12y' + 4y = 0$
 - $2x^2 y'' + xy' - (x^2 + 1)y = 0$
 - $x^2 y'' + 6xy' + (6 + x^2)y = 0$