

MATH 238 Homework 5

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In Problems 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, **10**, 11, **12**, 13, **14**, 15, and 16, the indicated function $y_1(x)$ is a solution of the given differential equation. Use reduction of order or formula (5), as instructed, to find a second solution $y_2(x)$.

$$y_2(x) = y_1(x) \int \frac{e^{-\int P(x)dx}}{y_1^2(x)} dx, \quad y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = 0 \quad (5)$$

Problem 4.2.010

Given: $x^2y'' + 2xy' - 6y = 0$; $y_1 = x^2$

Find: $y_2(x)$

SOLUTION: We can simply use the reduction formula (5). All we need to do is identify our $P(x)$ and plug in values, we should arrive at our answer.

Solving for $P(x)$.

$$\begin{aligned} x^2y'' + 2xy' - 6y &= 0; \quad y_1 = x^2 \\ y'' + \frac{2}{x}y' - \frac{6}{x^2}y &= 0 \\ \implies P(x) &= \frac{2}{x} \end{aligned}$$

Plugging into (5) and evaluating.

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_2(x) &= y_1(x) \int \frac{e^{-\int P(x)dx}}{y_1^2(x)} dx \\
 y_2(x) &= (x^2) \int \frac{e^{-\int (\frac{2}{x})dx}}{(x^2)^2} dx \\
 y_2(x) &= x^2 \int \frac{e^{-2 \ln |x|}}{x^4} dx \\
 y_2(x) &= x^2 \int \frac{(\frac{1}{x^2})}{x^4} dx \\
 y_2(x) &= x^2 \int x^{-6} dx
 \end{aligned}$$

Integrating continued.

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_2(x) &= x^2 \left(-\frac{x^{-5}}{5} \right) \\
 y_2(x) &= -\frac{1}{5x^3}
 \end{aligned}$$

Because the differential equation is homogeneous and linear, we can drop the constants.

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{y_2(x) = \frac{1}{x^3}, \quad y_g = c_1 e^x + \frac{c_2}{x^3}}$$

Problem 4.2.012

Given: $4x^2 y'' + y = 0$; $y_1 = x^{\frac{1}{2}} \ln x$

Find: $y_2(x)$

SOLUTION: We can simply use the reduction formula (5). All we need to do is identify our $P(x)$ and plug in values, we should arrive at our answer.

Solving for $P(x)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 4x^2 y'' + y &= 0; \quad y_1 = x^{\frac{1}{2}} \ln x \\
 4x^2 y'' + 0y' + y &= 0 \\
 y'' + 0y' + \frac{1}{4x^2} y &= 0 \\
 \Rightarrow P(x) &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Plugging into (5) and evaluating.

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_2(x) &= y_1(x) \int \frac{e^{-\int P(x)dx}}{y_1^2(x)} dx \\
 y_2(x) &= (x^{\frac{1}{2}} \ln x) \int \frac{e^{-\int (0)dx}}{(x^{\frac{1}{2}} \ln x)^2} dx \\
 y_2(x) &= (x^{\frac{1}{2}} \ln x) \int \frac{e^0}{x(\ln x)^2} dx \\
 y_2(x) &= (x^{\frac{1}{2}} \ln x) \int \frac{1}{x(\ln x)^2} dx
 \end{aligned}$$

Using u-substitution.

$$\begin{aligned}
 u = \ln x &\implies du = \frac{1}{x} dx \\
 y_2(x) &= \left(x^{\frac{1}{2}} \ln x\right) \int u^{-2} du \\
 y_2(x) &= \left(x^{\frac{1}{2}} \ln x\right) (-u^{-1}) \\
 y_2(x) &= \left(x^{\frac{1}{2}} \ln x\right) (-(\ln x)^{-1}) \\
 y_2(x) &= \left(x^{\frac{1}{2}} \cancel{\ln x}\right) \left(\frac{-1}{\cancel{\ln x}}\right) \\
 y_2(x) &= -\sqrt{x}
 \end{aligned}$$

Because the differential equation is homogeneous and linear, we can drop the constants.

$$\implies \boxed{y_2(x) = \sqrt{x}, \quad y_g = c_1 \sqrt{x} \ln x + c_2 \sqrt{x}}$$

Problem 4.2.014

Given: $x^2 y'' - 3xy' + 5y = 0$; $y_1 = x^2 \cos(\ln x)$

Find: $y_2(x)$

SOLUTION: We can simply use the reduction formula (5). All we need to do is identify our $P(x)$ and plug in values, we should arrive at our answer.

Solving for $P(x)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^2 y'' - 3xy' + 5y &= 0; \quad y_1 = x^2 \cos(\ln x) \\
 y'' + \frac{-3}{x} y' + \frac{5}{x^2} y &= 0 \\
 \implies P(x) &= -\frac{3}{x}
 \end{aligned}$$

plug into (5) and evaluating.

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_2(x) &= y_1(x) \int \frac{e^{-\int P(x) dx}}{y_1^2(x)} dx \\
 y_2(x) &= (x^2 \cos(\ln x)) \int \frac{e^{\int (\frac{3}{x}) dx}}{(x^2 \cos(\ln x))^2} dx \\
 y_2(x) &= (x^2 \cos(\ln x)) \int \frac{x^3}{x^4 \cos^2(\ln x)} dx \\
 y_2(x) &= (x^2 \cos(\ln x)) \int \frac{1}{x \cos^2(\ln x)} dx
 \end{aligned}$$

Using u-substitution.

$$\begin{aligned}u &= \ln x \implies du = \frac{1}{x} dx \\y_2(x) &= (x^2 \cos(\ln x)) \int \frac{1}{\cos^2(u)} du \\y_2(x) &= (x^2 \cos(\ln x)) \int \sec^2(u) du \\y_2(x) &= (x^2 \cos(\ln x)) (\tan(u)) \\y_2(x) &= (x^2 \cos(\ln x)) (\tan(\ln x)) \\y_2(x) &= x^2 \sin(\ln x)\end{aligned}$$

Because the differential equation is homogeneous and linear, we can drop the constants.

$$\implies \boxed{y_2(x) = x^2 \sin(\ln(x)), \quad y_g = c_1 x^2 \cos(\ln x) + c_2 x^2 \sin(\ln(x))}$$

Problem 4.2.020

In Problems 17, 18, 19, and **20** the indicated function $y_1(x)$ is a solution of the associated homogeneous equation. Use the method of reduction (5) of order to find a second solution $y_2(x)$ of the homogeneous equation and a particular solution $y_p(x)$ of the given nonhomogeneous equation.

Given: $y'' - 4y' + 3y = x$; $y_1 = e^x$

Find: $y_2(x)$ and $y_p(x)$

SOLUTION:

$$\implies \boxed{y_2(x) = e^{3x}, \quad y_p(x) = \left(\frac{x}{3} + \frac{4}{9}\right), \quad y_g = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{3x} + \left(\frac{x}{3} + \frac{4}{9}\right)}$$

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