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**Problem 1** [10pts] Find the general solution of  $y'' + 3y' + 2y = 0$ .

$$\lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 2 = (\lambda + 1)(\lambda + 2) = 0$$

$$y = c_1 e^{-x} + c_2 e^{-2x}$$

**Problem 2** [5pts] Suppose a spring with mass  $m = 1$ , damping coefficient  $\beta = 3$  and spring constant  $k = 2$  has  $y(0) = 0$  and  $v(0) = 1$ . Find the resulting equation of motion.

$$\ddot{y} + 3\dot{y} + 2y = 0 \quad \text{same problem.}$$

$$y(t) = c_1 e^{-t} + c_2 e^{-2t} \quad y(0) = c_1 + c_2 = 0$$

$$y'(t) = -c_1 e^{-t} - 2c_2 e^{-2t} \quad \dot{y}(0) = -c_1 - 2c_2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow -c_2 = 1 \quad \therefore y = e^{-t} - e^{-2t}$$

**Problem 3** [10pts] Find the solution of  $y'' + 9y = 0$  with  $y(0) = 1$  and  $y'(0) = 0$ .

$$y = c_1 \cos(3t) + c_2 \sin(3t)$$

$$y(0) = c_1 = 1$$

$$y'(0) = 3c_2 = 0$$

$$\therefore y(t) = \cos 3t$$

**Problem 4** [5pts] Suppose a spring with mass  $m = 1$  is connected to a spring with spring constant  $k = 9$  oscillates without friction. If  $y(0) = 1$  and  $v(0) = 0$  then find the resulting equation of motion.

Same problem!

$$y(t) = \cos 3t$$

**Problem 5** [20pts] Solve  $(D - 1)^2(D^2 - 2D + 37)[y] = 0$ .

$$\sqrt{(D-1)^2((D-1)^2 + 36)}[y] = 0$$

$$y = c_1 e^x + c_2 x e^x + c_2 e^x \cos 6x + c_3 e^x \sin 6x$$

Problem 6 [10pts] Assume  $x > 0$ . Solve  $x^2y'' - xy' - 3y = 0$ .

$$\text{Let } y = x^R, \quad R(R-1) - R - 3 = 0$$

$$R^2 - 2R - 3 = 0$$

$$(R-3)(R+1) = 0$$

Hence  $R = 3, -1 \quad \therefore \boxed{y = C_1 x^3 + C_2/x}$

Problem 7 [10pts] Assume  $x > 0$ . Solve  $x^2y'' - xy' + 2y = 0$ .

$$R(R-1) - R + 2 = R^2 - 2R + 2$$

$$= (R-1)^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$R = 1 \pm i$$

$$\boxed{y = C_1 x \cos \ln(x) + C_2 x \sin \ln(x)}$$

Problem 8 [20pts] Set-up the minimal particular solution for the differential equations below (do not find A, B, ... etc..)

a.  $y'' + 2y' + y = e^{2x} + 3x$

$$(D^2 + 2D + 1)[y] = e^{2x} + 3x$$

$$(D-2)D^2(D+1)^2[y] = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \underline{y_p = Ae^{2x} + Bx + C}$$

b.  $(D^4 - 16)[y] = x \cos(2x) \rightarrow (D^2 + 4)^2$

$$(D^2 + 4)^2(D^2 - 4)[y] = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{y_p = (Ax^2 + Bx) \cos x + (Cx^2 + Dx) \sin x}$$

Problem 9 [40pts] Solve  $y'' + y' = 2e^x + x^2 \rightarrow \lambda^2 + \lambda = \lambda(\lambda+1) \rightarrow \underline{y_h = C_1 + C_2 e^{-x}}$

Let  $y_p = Ae^x + Bx^3 + Cx^2 + Dx$

$$y_p' = Ae^x + 3Bx^2 + 2Cx + D$$

$$y_p'' = Ae^x + 6Bx + 2C$$

$$y_p'' + y_p' = \underline{2Ae^x} + \underline{(6B+2C)x} + \underline{(3B)x^2} + \underline{2C+D} = \underline{2e^x + x^2}$$

Thus  $A = 1, \quad 6B + 2C = 0, \quad 2C + D = 0$   
 $3B = 1$

Hence  $B = 1/3, \quad C = -\frac{6B}{2} = -3B = -3(1/3) = -1, \quad D = -2C = 2$

$$\boxed{y = C_1 + C_2 e^{-x} + e^x + \frac{1}{3}x^3 - x^2 + 2x}$$

$$\nearrow y_1 = \cos x, \quad y_2 = \sin x$$

Problem 10 [20pts] Solve  $y'' + y = \csc(x)$

$$y_1 y_2' - y_2 y_1' = 1$$

$$v_2 = \int \frac{\cos(x) \csc(x) dx}{1} = \int \frac{\cos(x) dx}{\sin x} = \ln |\sin x|$$

$$v_1 = -\int \sin(x) \csc(x) dx = -\int dx = -x$$

$$y = C_1 \cos x + C_2 \sin x + \underbrace{\sin(x) \ln |\sin x| - x \cos x}_{y_p}$$

$f_1$  note  $y_p'' + y_p = \csc x$

Problem 11 [20pts] Solve  $y'' + y = \csc(x) + 2 \sin(x)$ . Hint: use the previous problem!

Solve  $y'' + y = 2 \sin x$

$$(D^2 + 1)(D^2 + 1)(y) = (D^2 + 1)(2 \sin x) = 0$$

$$y_p = Ax \cos x + Bx \sin x$$

$$y_p' = A(\cos x - x \sin x) + B(\sin x + x \cos x)$$

$$y_p' = \cos x (A + Bx) + \sin x (-Ax + B)$$

$$y_p'' = -\sin x (A + Bx) + \cos x (B) + \cos x (-Ax + B) - A \sin x$$

$$y_p'' = \cos(x) [2B - Ax] + \sin x [-2A - Bx]$$

against  $y_p$   
cancel

$$y_p'' + y_p = 2B \cos(x) - 2A \sin x = 2 \sin x$$

$$2B = 0, \quad -2A = 2$$

Thus  $y_{p2} = -x \cos x$  solves  $y'' + y = 2 \sin x$ .

Superposition yields,  $y = C_1 \cos x + C_2 \sin x + \sin x \ln |\sin x| - 2x \cos x$

**Problem 12** [10pts] Suppose  $y_1(x) = e^x$ ,  $y_2(x) = x$  and  $y_3(x) = x^2$  are solutions to a third order linear ODE  $L[y] = 0$ . Answer, (Yes, No, Possible) and explain why you say what you say:

a. Is  $\{y_1, y_2, y_3\}$  a fundamental solution set? (YES.)

$$W[e^x, x, x^2; x] = \det \begin{bmatrix} e^x & x & x^2 \\ e^x & 1 & 2x \\ e^x & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = e^x(2) - x(2e^x - 2xe^x) + x^2(e^x) = e^x[2 - 2x + x^2]$$

$$W(x) \neq 0 \text{ for } x^2 - 2x + 2 = (x-1)^2 + 1 \neq 0 \therefore \text{all } \mathbb{R}!$$

b. Is  $\{y_1, y_2, y_3\}$  a fundamental solution set of some constant coefficient third order ODE?

No. If  $y_2 = x$ ,  $y_3 = x^2$  then must be  $\lambda = 0$   
 char. value  $\Rightarrow y_1 = 1 \neq e^x$ !

**Problem 13** [20pts] Suppose  $T$  is an operator. We say  $f_1 \neq 0$  is an eigenfunction of  $T$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda$  iff  $(T - \lambda)[f_1] = 0$ . If  $f_2 \neq 0$  is a function with  $(T - \lambda)^2[f_2] = 0$  then we call  $f_2$  a generalized eigenfunction of order 2 with eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .

a. Suppose  $z \neq 0$  satisfies  $(T - \lambda)[z] = f_1$  where  $(T - \lambda)[f_1] = 0$ . Show that  $z$  is a generalized eigenfunction of order 2 with eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .

$$(T - \lambda)[z] = f_1 \Rightarrow (T - \lambda)[(T - \lambda)[z]] = (T - \lambda)[f_1] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (T - \lambda)^2[z] = 0$$

Thus  $z$  is a generalized e-function with e-value  $\lambda$ .

b. Show that  $y_1(x) = x^3$  is an eigenfunction of  $T = xD - 3$ .

$$T[x^3] = xD[x^3] = x(3x^2) = 3x^3$$

$$\text{thus } (T - 3)[x^3] = 0$$

$y_1 = x^3$  has  $\lambda = 3$  and is e-function of  $T = xD$

c. Consider  $(xD - 3)^2[y] = 0$ . Find a generalized eigenfunction  $y_2$  of order 2 with eigenvalue 3 for the  $xD$  operator by solving the chain condition given in part (a.) for the case  $T = xD$ .

$$(xD - 3)[z] = x^3$$

$$x \frac{dz}{dx} - 3z = x^3$$

$$\frac{dz}{dx} - \frac{3}{x}z = x^2$$

$$\frac{1}{x^3} \frac{dz}{dx} - \frac{3}{x^4}z = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\frac{d}{dz} \left[ \frac{1}{x^3} z \right] = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\frac{1}{x^3} z = \ln x + C_1$$

$$z = \ln(x) x^3$$

(assume  $x > 0$ )

$$I = \exp\left(\int -\frac{3dx}{x}\right) = e^{-3\ln|x|} = e^{\ln|x|^{-3}} = \frac{1}{x^3}$$

d. use these results to solve the differential equation  $(xD - 3)^2[y] = 0$

$$y = C_1 x^3 + C_2 \ln(x) x^3$$

**Problem 14** [10pts] Suppose  $y_1(x) = 1$ ,  $y_2(x) = x$  and  $y_3(x) = x^2$  are solutions of  $L[y] = 0$  on  $(0, \infty)$ . Furthermore, suppose  $L$  is a third-order linear differential operator. Solve  $L[y] = x$ .

$$W[1, x, x^2; x] = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x & x^2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2x \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \underline{2}.$$

$$\det(S_1) = \det \begin{bmatrix} 0 & x & x^2 \\ x & 1 & 2x \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = x \det \begin{bmatrix} x & x^2 \\ 1 & 2x \end{bmatrix} = x(2x^2 - x^2) = \underline{x^3}.$$

$$\det(S_2) = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & x^2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2x \\ 0 & x & 2 \end{bmatrix} = -x \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x^2 \\ 0 & 2x \end{bmatrix} = \underline{-2x^2}.$$

$$\det(S_3) = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & x \end{bmatrix} = x.$$

We find  $V_1 = \int \frac{x^3}{2} dx = \frac{1}{8}x^4$ ,  $V_2 = \int \frac{-2x^2}{2} dx = -\frac{1}{3}x^3$ ,  $V_3 = \int \frac{x}{2} dx = \frac{1}{4}x^2$

Thus,  $y = C_1 + C_2x + C_3x^2 + \frac{1}{8}x^4 - \frac{1}{3}x^4 + \frac{1}{4}x^4$   $\frac{3-8+6}{24}$

$$\boxed{y = C_1 + C_2x + C_3x^2 + \frac{1}{24}x^4}$$

**Problem 15** [10pts] Derive Abel's formula for the  $n = 2$  linear differential equation

$$ay'' + by' + cy = 0 \longrightarrow y_j'' = \frac{-b}{a}y_j' - \frac{c}{a}y_j$$

You are given that  $y_1, y_2$  are fundamental solutions and  $a \neq 0$  on an interval  $I$ . Your goal is to find a formula for the Wronskian in terms of the arbitrary functions  $a$  and  $b$ . (curiously  $c$  does not appear in the formula)

$$W = y_1 y_2' - y_2 y_1'$$

$$W' = \cancel{y_1' y_2} + y_1 y_2'' - \cancel{y_2' y_1} - y_2 y_1''$$

$$= y_1 y_2'' - y_2 y_1''$$

$$= y_1 \left[ \frac{-b}{a} y_2' - \frac{c}{a} y_2 \right] - y_2 \left[ \frac{-b}{a} y_1' - \frac{c}{a} y_1 \right]$$

$$= \frac{-b}{a} (y_1 y_2' - y_2 y_1')$$

$$= \frac{-b}{a} W \quad \therefore \quad \frac{dW}{dx} = \frac{-b}{a} W$$

$$\int \frac{dW}{W} = \int \frac{-b}{a} dx$$

$$\ln |W| = \int \frac{-b}{a} dx$$

$$\boxed{W = C \exp\left(\int \frac{-b}{a} dx\right)}$$

Abel's  
Formula.