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DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS  
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MATH 204

**Question 1. a) [7]** Show that  $f(x) = \cosh 2x$ ,  $g(x) = e^{-2x}$  are solutions of the differential equation:  $y'' - 4y = 0$ , and show that  $\{\cosh 2x, e^{-2x}\}$  is a fundamental set of solutions of the differential equation:  $y'' - 4y = 0$ .

**b) [8]** If the function  $y_1 = x$  is a solution of the differential equation

$$x^2 y'' - (x^2 + 2x)y' + (x + 2)y = 0, \quad x > 0.$$

Use the method of reduction of order to find the second solution  $y_2$ , and hence find the general solution.

(Hint:  $\int \sec \alpha x dx = \frac{1}{\alpha} \ln |\sec \alpha x + \tan \alpha x|$ )

**Question 2. [8]** Use the method of variation of parameters to find the general solution of the nonhomogeneous differential equation:

$$y'' - 2y' + 2y = e^x \tan x.$$

**Question 3. [8]** Determine only the form of the particular solution of the differential equation

$$y''' - 2y'' + y' = 7e^{-x} \sin 2x.$$

**Question 4. [9]** Solve the system of differential equations

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} + 2y = -x \\ 2\frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{dy}{dt} = -y. \end{cases}$$

Answer Sheet  
Mid-term 2

Q1 a)  $y_1 = \cosh 2x, y_1' = 2 \sinh 2x, y_1'' = 4 \cosh 2x$

$\Rightarrow y_1'' - 4y_1 = 0$

$y_2 = e^{-2x}, y_2' = -2e^{-2x}, y_2'' = 4e^{-2x}$  (3)

$\Rightarrow y_2'' - 4y_2 = 0$

To show that  $y_1 = \cosh 2x, y_2 = \sinh 2x$  form

a fundamental set of solutions for the DE,

we have to show that  $W[y_1, y_2](x) \neq 0$  (4)

where:  $W[y_1, y_2](x) = \begin{vmatrix} \cosh 2x & e^{-2x} \\ 2 \sinh 2x & -2e^{-2x} \end{vmatrix} = -2 \neq 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

b) Let  $y = xu, y' = xu' + u, y'' = xu'' + 2u'$

Thus  $x^2 [u'' + 2u'] - (x^2 + 2x)[xu' + u] + (x+2)xu = 0$

$\Rightarrow x^3 u'' - x^3 u' = 0 \Rightarrow u'' - u' = 0$  (3)

Let  $u' = w$ , then  $w' - w = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dw}{w} = dx$

$\Rightarrow w(x) = c_1 e^x$

$\Rightarrow u' = c_1 e^x \Rightarrow u = c_1 e^x + c_2$  (2)

Hence  $y = (c_1 e^x + c_2)x$ , take  $c_1 = 1, c_2 = 0, y = xe^x$

A fundamental set of solutions is  $\{x, xe^x\}$  (2)

$y_2 = c_1 x + c_2 x e^x$

Q2:  $y'' - 2y' + 2y = e^x \tan x$

HE:  $y'' - 2y' + 2y = 0$ , charact Eq:  $m^2 - 2m + 2 = 0$

$m_1 = 1+i, m_2 = 1-i$

$y_{sh} = (C_1 \cos x + C_2 \sin x) e^x$  (2)

$y_p = C_1(x) e^x \cos x + C_2(x) e^x \sin x$

where

$$\begin{cases} C_1' e^x \cos x + C_2' e^x \sin x = 0 \\ C_1' e^x (\cos x - \sin x) + C_2' e^x (\sin x + \cos x) = e^x \tan x \end{cases}$$

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} e^x \cos x & e^x \sin x \\ e^x (\cos x - \sin x) & e^x (\sin x + \cos x) \end{vmatrix} = e^{2x} \neq 0 \text{ for } \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$C_1'(x) = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 0 & e^x \sin x \\ e^x \tan x & e^x (\sin x + \cos x) \end{vmatrix}}{e^{2x}} = -\tan x \cdot \sin x$$
 (2)

$$= -\frac{\sin^2 x}{\cos x} = -\frac{1 - \cos^2 x}{\cos x} = -\frac{1}{\cos x} + \cos x$$

$$\Rightarrow C_1(x) = -\ln|\sec x + \tan x| + \sin x$$

$$C_2'(x) = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} e^x \cos x & 0 \\ e^x (\cos x - \sin x) & e^x \tan x \end{vmatrix}}{e^{2x}} = \tan x \cos x$$
 (2)

$$\Rightarrow C_2(x) = \int \sin x dx = -\cos x$$

$$y_a = y_{sh} + e^x \cos x (-\ln|\sec x + \tan x| + \sin x) + e^x \sin x (-\cos x)$$
 (2)

Q3:  $y''' - 2y'' + y' = 7e^{-x} \sin 2x$

$m^3 - 2m^2 + m = 0 \Rightarrow m(m^2 - 2m + 1) = 0 \Rightarrow m_1 = 0, m_2 = 1$  (double) (3)

$y_p = A e^{-x} \sin 2x + B e^{-x} \cos 2x$  (5)

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$$\underline{Q_4}: \begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} + 2y = -x \\ 2\frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{dy}{dt} = -y \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Operator form: } \begin{cases} (D+1)x + 2y = 0 \rightarrow (1) \\ 2Dx + (D+1)y = 0 \rightarrow (2) \end{cases}$$

Then to eliminate  $x$ , we apply  $(D+1)$  to (2) and apply  $-2D$  to (1), we have

$$-2D(D+1)x - 4Dy = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$2(D+1)Dx + (D+1)(D+1)y = 0$$

$$(D+1)(D+1)y - 4Dy = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y'' - 2y' + y = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\text{Charact eq: } m^2 - 2m + 1 = 0 \Leftrightarrow (m-1)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow m=1 \text{ (double root)}$$

$$\text{Thus } y_{gh} = (c_1 t + c_2) e^t \quad (3)$$

$$\text{From equation (2), } 2x' = -(c_1 t + c_2) e^t$$

$$= -e^t (c_1 t + c_2) - c_1 e^t$$

$$= -2e^t (c_1 t + c_2) - c_1 e^t$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x(t) = -c_1 e^t - 2c_2 e^t - 2c_1 \int t e^t dt$$

$$= -c_1 e^t - 2c_2 e^t - 2c_1 [t e^t - e^t]$$

$$= -2c_1 t e^t + c_1 e^t - 2c_2 e^t$$

$$= e^t (-2c_1 t + c_1 - 2c_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = -e^t (c_1 t + \frac{c_1}{2} - c_2) \quad (3)$$