

# Mid-term

King Saud University,  
College of Sciences  
Mathematical Department.

Mid-Term 2/S1/2011  
Full Mark:40. Time 1H30mn  
13/12/2012

**Question 1[6,6].** Given the initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} (x-1)y'' - xy' + y = 1 \\ y(2) = 0, y'(2) = 1. \end{cases} \quad (*)$$

a) Find the largest interval for which the initial value problem (\*) has a unique solution.

b) If  $y_1 = e^x$  is a solution for the homogeneous equation  $(x-1)y'' - xy' + y = 0$ , then by using the method of reduction of order find its second solution  $y_2$ .

**Question 2[6,6].** a) The motion of a spring-mass system is described by

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 16y = 0,$$

where  $y$  is the displacement and  $t$  is time. Determine the solution satisfying  $y(0) = 1$ , and  $y'(0) = 8$ .

b) By using the undetermined coefficients method, give only the form of the particular solution  $y_p$  of the differential equation

$$y^{(3)} - 3y'' + 3y' - y = 8 - 2x + x^2e^x.$$

**Question 3[7].** Solve the nonhomogeneous differential equation

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

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

$$\begin{cases} 4y'' - 4x = 1 \\ x'' - y = t^3. \end{cases}$$

# Answer Sheet

Exam 2/S1/2011

Answer to Q1

a.)

$a_2(x) = x-1$ ,  $a_1(x) = -x$ ,  $a_0(x) = 1$ ,  $f(x) = 1$   
are continuous on  $\mathbb{R} = (-\infty, \infty)$ . (3)

$$a_2(x) = x-1 = 0 \Rightarrow x=1.$$

Since  $x_0 = 2$ , then the

largest interval for which the  
given I.V.P. has a unique solution is  $(1, \infty)$

b)  $y = e^x u(x) \Rightarrow y' = e^x(u'+u)$ ,  $y'' = e^x(u''+2u'+u)$ .

Thus  $(x-1)y'' - xy' + y = (x-1)e^x(u''+2u'+u) - xe^x(u'+u) + e^xu = 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x-1)u'' + (2x-2-x)u' = 0$$

let  $v = u'$ , then

$$(x-1)v' + (x-2)v = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dv}{v} = \frac{2-x}{x-1} dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln \left| \frac{v}{C} \right| = -(x - \ln|x-1|)$$

$$\Rightarrow v(x) = C_1 e^{-x} (x-1)$$

Hence  $u' = C_1 e^{-x} (x-1) \Rightarrow u(x) = C_1 \int (x-1)e^{-x} dx + C_2$

$$\Rightarrow u(x) = -xe^{-x} \Rightarrow \boxed{y_2 = -x}$$

with  $C_1 = 1$   
 $C_2 = 0$

Answer to Q2

a)  $y'' + 16y = 0$

Charact Eq:  $m^2 + 16 \Rightarrow m_1 = 4i, m_2 = -4i$  (2)

$y = C_1 \cos 4t + C_2 \sin 4t$  (2)

$y(0) = 1 \Rightarrow 1 = C_1$

$y' = -4C_1 \sin 4t + 4C_2 \cos 4t$

$y'(0) = 8 \Rightarrow 4C_2 = 8 \Rightarrow C_2 = 2$  (2)

Thus  $y_p = \cos 4t + 2 \sin 4t$

b) Charact Eq:  $m^3 - 3m^2 + 3m - 1 = 0, m_1 = 1$  (2)

$m^3 - 3m^2 + 3m - 1 = (m-1)(m^2 - 2m + 1) = 0$

$m^2 - 2m + 1 = 0 \Leftrightarrow (m-1)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow m_2 = m_3 = 1$

$m=1$  is a root of order of multiplicity 3 (triple root)

Thus  $y_p = (Ax + B) + x^3 (Cx^2 + Dx + E)e^x$  (4)

$s=3$  since  $r=1$  is a triple root.

Hence  $y_p = (Ax + B) + (Cx^5 + Dx^4 + Ex^3)e^x$

---

Answer to Q3  $x^2 y'' - xy' + y = 2x, x > 0$  (Cauchy-Euler Eq)

$$y = x^m$$

Charact Eq  $m^2 - 2m + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow (m-1)^2 = 0$

$$y_{gh} = C_1 x + C_2 x \ln x$$

Using the method of variation of parameters, we have

$$\begin{cases} C_1' x + C_2' x \ln x = 0 \\ C_1' + C_2' (\ln x + 1) = \frac{2}{x} \end{cases}$$

with  $y_p = C_1(x)x + C_2(x)x \ln x$

$$\Delta = W = \begin{vmatrix} x & x \ln x \\ 1 & \ln x + 1 \end{vmatrix} = x$$

$$C_1'(x) = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 0 & x \ln x \\ \frac{2}{x} & \ln x + 1 \end{vmatrix}}{x} = -\frac{2 \ln x}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow C_1(x) = -2 \int \frac{\ln x}{x} dx$$

Let  $u = \ln x \Rightarrow du = \frac{dx}{x}$

$$C_1(x) = -2 \int u du = \frac{-2u^2}{2} = -u^2 = -(\ln x)^2$$

$$C_2(x) = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} x & 0 \\ 1 & \frac{2}{x} \end{vmatrix}}{x} = \frac{2}{x} \Rightarrow C_2(x) = 2 \ln x$$

Hence  $y_p = -(\ln x)^2 x + 2x(\ln x)^2 = x(\ln x)^2$

$$y_g = y_{gh} + y_p = C_1 x + C_2 x \ln x + x(\ln x)^2$$

Answer to Q4 : 
$$\begin{cases} 4y'' - 4x = 1 \\ x'' - y = t^3 \end{cases}$$

operator form 
$$\begin{cases} 4D^2[y] - 4x = 1 \rightarrow (1) \\ D^2[x] - y = t^3 \rightarrow (2) \end{cases}$$

(2)

We apply  $4D^2$  to (2), we get

$$4D^4[x] - 4D^2[y] = 24t \rightarrow (3)$$

(1) + (3) yields

$$4x^{(4)} - 4x = 1 + 24t \rightarrow (3)$$

(2)

Ch Eq:  $4m^4 - 4 = 0 \Rightarrow m^4 - 1 = 0 = (m^2 - 1)(m^2 + 1) \Rightarrow$   
 $m_1 = 1, m_2 = -1, m_3 = i, m_4 = -i$

Hence  $x_{gh}(t) = C_1 e^t + C_2 e^{-t} + C_3 \cos t + C_4 \sin t$

$x_p = At + B, x'_p = A, x''_p = 0$

Hence  $-4At - 4B = 1 + 24t$

$\Rightarrow A = -6, B = -\frac{1}{4}$

(2)

$\Rightarrow x_p(t) = -6t - \frac{1}{4}$

Hence  $x(t) = C_1 e^t + C_2 e^{-t} + C_3 \cos t + C_4 \sin t - 6t - \frac{1}{4}$

$x'(t) = C_1 e^t - C_2 e^{-t} - C_3 \sin t + C_4 \cos t - 6$

$x''(t) = C_1 e^t + C_2 e^{-t} - C_3 \cos t - C_4 \sin t$

Thus  $y(t) = C_1 e^t + C_2 e^{-t} - C_3 \cos t - C_4 \sin t - t^3$

(2)

~~✶~~