

Math 242, Exam 3, Spring 2017, 1:15 Class

Write everything on the blank paper provided. **You should KEEP this piece of paper.** If possible: return the problems in order (use as much paper as necessary), use only one side of each piece of paper, and leave 1 square inch in the upper left hand corner for the staple. If you forget some of these requests, don't worry about it – I will still grade your exam.

The exam is worth 50 points. Each problem is worth 10 points. Please make your work coherent, complete, and correct. Please CIRCLE your answer. Please **CHECK** your answer whenever possible.

The solutions will be posted later today. The exams will be returned in class on Thursday, March 30.

**No Calculators or Cell phones.**

- (1) **State the Existence and Uniqueness Theorem for second order linear Differential Equations.**

Consider the Initial Value Problem

$$y'' + P_1(x)y' + P_2(x)y = Q(x), \quad y(x_0) = y_0, \quad y'(x_0) = y_1.$$

If  $P_1$ ,  $P_2$ , and  $Q$  are continuous on some open interval  $I$  which contains  $x_0$ , then the Initial Value Problem has a unique solution which is defined on all of  $I$ .

- (2) **Find the general solution of  $\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{y}{x} = y^2$ .**

This is a Bernoulli equation. Let  $v = y^{-1}$ . Compute  $\frac{dv}{dx} = -y^{-2} \frac{dy}{dx}$ . Multiply both sides by  $-y^{-2}$  to obtain  $-y^{-2} \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{y^{-1}}{x} = -1$  or

$$\frac{dv}{dx} - \frac{1}{x}v = -1.$$

Multiply both sides by  $e^{\int -\frac{1}{x} dx} = \frac{1}{x}$  to obtain

$$\frac{1}{x} \frac{dv}{dx} - \frac{1}{x^2}v = -\frac{1}{x}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{1}{x}v \right) = -\frac{1}{x}$$

$$\frac{1}{x}v = -\ln|x| + C$$

$$v = -x \ln|x| + Cx$$

$$\frac{1}{y} = -x \ln|x| + Cx$$

$\frac{1}{-x \ln x  + Cx} = y$
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Check Plug  $\frac{1}{-x \ln(x) + Cx} = y$  into the left side of the differential equation to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{y}{x} &= -\frac{-1 - \ln x + C}{(-x \ln(x) + Cx)^2} + \frac{1}{(-x \ln(x) + Cx)} \\ &= \frac{1}{(-x \ln(x) + Cx)^2} \left[ -(-1 - \ln x + C) + \frac{(-x \ln(x) + Cx)}{x} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{(-x \ln(x) + Cx)^2} = y^2. \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

(3) Find the general solution of  $y'' - 4y' + 13y = 0$ .

We consider the characteristic polynomial  $r^2 - 4r + 13 = 0$ . The roots of this polynomial are

$$r = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 4(13)}}{2} = \frac{4 \pm 2\sqrt{4 - (13)}}{2} = 2 \pm 3i.$$

The solution of the differential equation is

$$y = e^{2x}(c_1 \cos(3x) + c_2 \sin(3x)).$$

Check We compute

$$y' = e^{2x}(-3c_1 \sin(3x) + 3c_2 \cos(3x) + 2c_1 \cos 3x + 2c_2 \sin 3x);$$

so

$$y' = e^{2x}([-3c_1 + 2c_2] \sin(3x) + [2c_1 + 3c_2] \cos(3x));$$

$$y'' = e^{2x}([-9c_1 + 6c_2] \cos(3x) + [-6c_1 - 9c_2] \sin(3x)) + 2e^{2x}([-3c_1 + 2c_2] \sin(3x) + [2c_1 + 3c_2] \cos(3x)).$$

So,

$$y'' = e^{2x}([-5c_1 + 12c_2] \cos(3x) + [-12c_1 - 5c_2] \sin(3x))$$

Plug the proposed solution into the Differential Equation:

$$y'' - 4y' + 13y = e^{2x} \begin{cases} [-5c_1 + 12c_2] \cos(3x) + [-12c_1 - 5c_2] \sin(3x) \\ -4([2c_1 + 3c_2] \cos(3x) + [-3c_1 + 2c_2] \sin(3x)) \\ +13(c_1 \cos(3x) + c_2 \sin(3x)) \end{cases}$$

and this is zero.  $\checkmark$

(4) Find the general solution of  $y'' + y' - 2y = e^x$ .

To solve the homogeneous problem we consider  $r^2 + r - 2 = 0$ , which is  $(r + 2)(r - 1) = 0$ . The general solution of the homogeneous problem is  $y = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{-2x}$ . Now we look for a solution of the non-homogeneous problem. We would try  $y = Ae^x$ , except this is already a solution of the homogeneous problem. So, instead, we try  $y = Axe^x$ . We compute  $y' = Ae^x(x + 1)$  and  $y'' = Ae^x(x + 2)$ . Plug this candidate into the Differential Equation to obtain

$Ae^x(x + 2 + x + 1 - 2x) = e^x$ ; so we take  $A = 1/3$ . The general solution of the Differential Equation is

$$y = c_1e^x + c_2e^{-2x} + (1/3)xe^x.$$

Check: We compute

$$\begin{cases} y = c_1e^x + c_2e^{-2x} + (1/3)xe^x \\ y' = c_1e^x - 2c_2e^{-2x} + (1/3)e^x(x + 1) \\ y'' = c_1e^x + 4c_2e^{-2x} + (1/3)e^x(x + 2) \end{cases}$$

Plug this into the DE:

$$\begin{aligned} y'' + y' - 2y &= \begin{cases} c_1e^x + 4c_2e^{-2x} + (1/3)e^x(x + 2) \\ +c_1e^x - 2c_2e^{-2x} + (1/3)e^x(x + 1) \\ -2(c_1e^x + c_2e^{-2x} + (1/3)xe^x) \end{cases} \\ &= (1/3)e^x(x + 2) + (1/3)e^x(x + 1) - 2(1/3)xe^x = e^x \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

(5) **Solve the initial value problem**  $y'' - y = 12e^{3x}$ ,  $y(0) = 1$ ,  $y'(0) = 9$ .

The solution of the homogeneous problem is  $y = c_1e^x - c_2e^{-x}$ . We look for a number  $A$  with  $y = Ae^{3x}$  is a solution of the given problem; so,

$$Ae^{3x}(9 - 1) = 12e^{3x}.$$

We take  $A = 12/8 = 3/2$ . The general solution of the differential equation is

$$y = c_1e^x - c_2e^{-x} + 3/2e^{3x}$$

We compute

$$\begin{cases} y' = c_1e^x + c_2e^{-x} + (9/2)e^{3x} \\ 1 = y(0) = c_1 - c_2 + 3/2 \\ 9 = y'(0) = c_1 + c_2 + (9/2) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} -\frac{1}{2} = c_1 - c_2 \\ \frac{9}{2} = c_1 + c_2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} 4 = 2c_1 \\ \frac{9}{2} = c_1 + c_2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} 2 = c_1 \\ \frac{5}{2} = c_2 \end{cases}$$

$$y = 2e^x - \frac{5}{2}e^{-x} + 3/2e^{3x}$$

Check: We compute

$$\begin{cases} y = 2e^x - \frac{5}{2}e^{-x} + \frac{3}{2}e^{3x} \\ y' = 2e^x + \frac{5}{2}e^{-x} + \frac{9}{2}e^{3x} \\ y'' = 2e^2x - \frac{5}{2}e^{-x} + \frac{27}{2}e^{3x} \end{cases}$$

$$y(0) = 2 - \frac{5}{2} + \frac{3}{2} = 1 \checkmark \quad y'(0) = 2 + \frac{5}{2} + \frac{9}{2} = 9 \checkmark$$

$$y'' - y = (2e^2x - \frac{5}{2}e^{-x} + \frac{27}{2}e^{3x}) - (2e^x - \frac{5}{2}e^{-x} + \frac{3}{2}e^{3x}) = 12e^x. \checkmark$$