

NAME: Solutions

1. (5 points). Use the method of undetermined coefficients to find the general solution of the ODE:

$$y'' + 4y = 2.$$

homog. ODE: $y'' + 4y = 0$ $y_{\text{homog}}(t) = C_1 \cos 2t + C_2 \sin 2t$

particular soln: Guess $y_p = A + Bt + Ct^2$

$$y_p' = B + 2Ct$$

$$y_p'' = 2C$$

Substitute: $2C + 4A + 4Bt + 4Ct^2 = 2$

$y_p(t) = \frac{1}{2}$ check: $y_p'' + 4y_p = 0 + 4 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 2$

$$\begin{aligned} B &= 0 \\ C &= 0 \\ A &= \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

General Soln: $y(t) = \frac{1}{2} + C_1 \cos 2t + C_2 \sin 2t$

2. (5 points). Use the variation of parameters method and find the most general solution of the ODE:

$$y'' - 3y' + 2y = e^t.$$

homog. ODE: $r^2 - 3r + 2 = 0$ $\left\{ \begin{aligned} y_{\text{homog}}(t) &= C_1 e^t + C_2 e^{2t} \\ y_1(t) &= e^t \quad y_2(t) = e^{2t} \end{aligned} \right.$

$$W(y_1, y_2)(t) = \begin{vmatrix} e^t & e^{2t} \\ e^t & 2e^{2t} \end{vmatrix} = e^{3t}$$

particular soln:

$$u_1' = \frac{-y_2 y_1'}{W} = -\frac{e^{2t} \cdot e^{2t}}{e^{3t}} = -1 \quad u_1(t) = -t$$

$$u_2' = \frac{y_1 y_1'}{W} = \frac{e^t \cdot e^{2t}}{e^{3t}} = e^{-t} \quad u_2(t) = -e^{-t}$$

$$y_p(t) = (u_1 y_1)(t) + (u_2 y_2)(t) = -te^t - e^{-t}$$

note that $-e^t$ is a soln to the homog. problem so we take

$$y(t) = C_1 e^t + C_2 e^{2t} - te^t. \quad y_p(t) = -te^t$$

Check: $y_p' = -e^t(1+t)$ $y_p'' = -e^t(2+t)$ $\left\{ \begin{aligned} (-2-t+3(1+t)-2t)e^t &= e^t \\ \text{yes!} \end{aligned} \right.$