

MTH 204
Spring 2006
Exam 2

sections D & E

Name: Key

Section: D/E

Read the directions carefully.

Each question is worth 20 points.

**Write neatly in pencil and show all your work
(you will only get credit for what you put on paper).**

Do not use decimals in any intermediate step.

Please do not share calculators during the test.

**If you have trouble during the test, feel free to ask me for
help.**

1. Consider the differential equation $2x^2y'' + 5xy' + y = 0$ on the interval $(0, \infty)$.

A. Give the three conditions needed to have a fundamental set of solutions to this equation on $(0, \infty)$.

- y_1, y_2 are solutions to the DE
- y_1, y_2 are linearly independent
- # linearly independent solutions = order.

B. Consider the functions $f(x) = x^{-1/2}$, $g(x) = 3x^2$, and $h(x) = 2x^{-1}$. Do $f(x)$

and $g(x)$ form a fundamental set of solutions? Why or why not? Do $f(x)$ and $h(x)$ form a fundamental set of solutions? Why or why not?

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= x^{-1/2} \\ f'(x) &= -\frac{1}{2}x^{-3/2} \\ f''(x) &= \frac{3}{4}x^{-5/2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} g(x) &= 3x^2 \\ g'(x) &= 6x \\ g''(x) &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} h(x) &= 2x^{-1} \\ h'(x) &= -2x^{-2} \\ h''(x) &= 4x^{-3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\leadsto 2x^2f'' + 5xf' + f = 2x^2\left(\frac{3}{4}x^{-5/2}\right) + 5x\left(-\frac{1}{2}x^{-3/2}\right) + x^{-1/2} = \frac{3}{2}x^{-1/2} - \frac{5}{2}x^{-1/2} + x^{-1/2} = 0 \Rightarrow f \text{ is a solution}$$

$$2x^2g'' + 5xg' + g = 2x^2(6) + 5x(6x) + 3x^2 = 12x^2 + 30x^2 + 3x^2 = 45x^2 \neq 0 \Rightarrow g \text{ is not a solution}$$

$$2x^2h'' + 5xh' + h = 2x^2(4x^{-3}) + 5x(-2x^{-2}) + 2x^{-1} = 8x^{-1} - 10x^{-1} + 2x^{-1} = 0 \Rightarrow h \text{ is a solution}$$

$f(x), g(x)$ do not form a FSS since $g(x)$ is not a solution.

$$\begin{aligned} W(f(x), h(x)) &= \begin{vmatrix} f & h \\ f' & h' \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} x^{-1/2} & 2x^{-1} \\ -\frac{1}{2}x^{-3/2} & -2x^{-2} \end{vmatrix} = x^{-1/2}(-2x^{-2}) - \left(-\frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2}\right)(2x^{-1}) \\ &= -2x^{-3/2} + x^{-3/2} = -x^{-3/2} \neq 0 \Rightarrow f, h \text{ are linearly independent.} \end{aligned}$$

Then since $f(x), h(x)$ are linearly independent solutions to a 2nd order equation, they form a FSS.

2. Newton's law of cooling states that the rate of change in the temperature of a body is proportional to the difference in the temperature of that body and temperature of the surrounding medium. Now suppose that a murder victim is discovered at midnight with a recorded temperature of 31°C . An hour later, the temperature of the victim is 29°C . Assume that the temperature of the surrounding air remains a constant 21°C . Calculate the victim's time of death. Note: the "normal" temperature of a living person is 37°C .

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = K(T-21) \quad \begin{cases} T(0) = 31 \\ T(1) = 29 \end{cases}$$

$$\int \frac{dT}{T-21} = \int K dt$$

$$\ln|T-21| = Kt + C$$

$$T-21 = e^{Kt+C} = C_1 e^{Kt}$$

$$T(t) = 21 + C_1 e^{Kt}$$

$$T(0) = 31 = 21 + C_1 e^0 \Rightarrow C_1 = 10$$

$$\text{So } T(t) = 21 + 10e^{Kt}$$

$$T(1) = 29 = 21 + 10e^K$$

$$8 = 10e^K$$

$$\frac{4}{5} = e^K \Rightarrow K = \ln\left(\frac{4}{5}\right)$$

$$\text{So } T(t) = 21 + 10e^{\ln(4/5)t}$$

Let t_0 = time of death.

$$T(t_0) = 37 = 21 + 10e^{\ln(4/5)t_0}$$

$$16 = 10e^{\ln(4/5)t_0}$$

$$\frac{8}{5} = e^{\ln(4/5)t_0}$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{8}{5}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{4}{5}\right)t_0$$

$$\Rightarrow t_0 = \frac{\ln(8/5)}{\ln(4/5)} \approx -2.10628$$

$$\left(-2.10628 \text{ hrs}\right) \left(\frac{60 \text{ min}}{1 \text{ hr}}\right) \approx -126.377 \text{ min.}$$

Time of death: 9:54 PM

3. $y_1(x) = x^4$ is a solution to the differential equation $x^2 y'' - 7xy' + 16y = 0$. Use reduction of order to find a second linearly independent solution on the interval $(0, \infty)$. Give the general solution. No points will be awarded if you use the integral formula.

$$y_2(x) = u(x) y_1(x) = u x^4$$

$$y_2' = u' x^4 + 4u x^3$$

$$y_2'' = u'' x^4 + 4u' x^3 + 4u' x^3 + 12u x^2 = u'' x^4 + 8u' x^3 + 12u x^2$$

Plugging y_2 into the DE we get

$$x^2 [u'' x^4 + 8u' x^3 + 12u x^2] - 7x [u' x^4 + 4u x^3] + 16u x^4 = 0$$

Regrouping in terms of u ,

$$u'' x^6 + u' [\underbrace{8x^5 - 7x^5}_{x^5}] + u [\underbrace{12x^4 - 28x^4 + 16x^4}_0] = 0$$

$$x^6 u'' + x^5 u' = 0$$

Let $w = u'$
 $w' = u''$

$$x^6 \frac{dw}{dx} + x^5 w = 0 \quad \text{Note: this is a 1st order, linear, separable equation}$$

$$x^6 \frac{dw}{dx} = -x^5 w$$

$$\int \frac{dw}{w} = -\int \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$\ln|w| = -\ln|x| = \ln|x^{-1}|$$

$$\Rightarrow w = x^{-1}$$

But $w = u'$

$$\text{So } u(x) = \int x^{-1} dx = \ln x$$

$$\text{Now } y_2(x) = u(x) y_1(x) = x^4 \ln x$$

$$\text{So the general solution is } y(x) = c_1 x^4 + c_2 x^4 \ln x$$

4. Two chemicals A and B are combined to form a chemical C. The rate of the reaction is proportional to the product of the instantaneous amounts of A and B not converted to C. Initially, there are 30 grams of A and B each, and for every 2 grams of B, 3 grams of A is used. It is observed after 10 minutes that 5 grams of C are formed.

A. Set up the differential equation with the appropriate "boundary" conditions.

Let $X(t)$ = amount of C at time t .

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dX}{dt} &= K \left(a - \frac{M}{M+N} X \right) \left(b - \frac{N}{M+N} X \right) & \begin{cases} X(0) = 0 \\ X(10) = 5 \end{cases} \\ &= K \left(30 - \frac{3}{2+3} X \right) \left(30 - \frac{2}{2+3} X \right) \\ &= K \left(30 - \frac{3}{5} X \right) \left(30 - \frac{2}{5} X \right) \\ &= K_1 (50 - X)(75 - X) \quad \text{where } K_1 = \frac{6}{25} K, \quad K > 0\end{aligned}$$

B. Give the order of the differential equation and state whether the equation is linear or nonlinear, separable or non-separable, and autonomous or non-autonomous.

1st order, non linear, separable, autonomous.

C. What is the limiting amount of C after a long time? How much of A and B are left over a long time? (Hint: What are the critical points?; **DO NOT** solve the DE)

$$\frac{dX}{dt} = K(50 - X)(75 - X) = 0 \quad \text{Critical points: } X = 50, 75$$

Int	TV	+/-	↑/↓
$(-\infty, 50)$	0	+	↑
$(50, 75)$	60	-	↓
$(75, \infty)$	100	+	↑

↑
x = 75 unstable
↓
x = 50 asymptotically stable
↑

Limiting amount of C = 50g.

$$\text{Remaining A} = 30 - \frac{3}{5}(50) = 0 \text{ g}$$

$$\text{Remaining B} = 30 - \frac{2}{5}(50) = 10 \text{ g}$$

5. Find the general solution of $y^{(4)} + y''' + y'' = 0$.

Assume $y(x) = e^{rx}$

$$y'(x) = r e^{rx}$$

$$y''(x) = r^2 e^{rx}$$

$$y'''(x) = r^3 e^{rx}$$

$$y^{(4)}(x) = r^4 e^{rx}$$

$$r^4 e^{rx} + r^3 e^{rx} + r^2 e^{rx} = 0$$

$$e^{rx} (r^4 + r^3 + r^2) = 0$$

$$r^2(r^2 + r + 1) = 0 \quad \text{since } e^{rx} \text{ is never } 0.$$

$$r^2 = 0$$

$$r = 0, 0$$

$$r^2 + r + 1 = 0$$

$$r = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4(1)(1)}}{2(1)} = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{3}}{2} i$$

$$y_1(x) = e^{0x} = 1$$

$$y_2(x) = x e^{0x} = x$$

$$y_3(x) = e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}x\right)$$

$$y_4(x) = e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}x\right)$$

$$y(x) = c_1 + c_2 x + c_3 e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}x\right) + c_4 e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}x\right)$$

Bonus (10 points): $y_1(x) = e^x$ is a solution to the homogeneous differential equation

$y'' - 3y' + 2y = 0$. Use reduction of order to find a particular solution $y_p(x)$ that satisfies the

nonhomogeneous equation $y'' - 3y' + 2y = 5e^{3x}$.

$$y_p(x) = u(x)y_1(x) = ue^x$$

$$y_p' = u'e^x + ue^x$$

$$y_p'' = u''e^x + u'e^x + u'e^x + ue^x = u''e^x + 2u'e^x + ue^x$$

Plugging y_p into the nonhomogeneous equation
 $u''e^x + 2u'e^x + ue^x - 3[u'e^x + ue^x] + 2ue^x = 5e^{3x}$

Regrouping in terms of u ,

$$u''e^x + \underbrace{u'[2e^x - 3e^x]}_{-e^x} + \underbrace{u[e^x - 3e^x + 2e^x]}_0 = 5e^{3x}$$

$$e^x u'' - e^x u' = 5e^{3x}$$

$$u'' - u' = \frac{5e^{3x}}{e^x} = 5e^{2x}$$

$$\text{Let } w = u' \\ w' = u''$$

$$\frac{dw}{dx} - w = 5e^{2x}$$

$$P(x) = -1$$

$$\text{IF} = e^{-\int dx} = e^{-x}$$

$$e^{-x} \left[\frac{dw}{dx} - w \right] = 5e^{2x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} [e^{-x} w] = 5e^x$$

$$e^{-x} w = \int 5e^x dx = 5e^x$$

$$\Rightarrow w = 5e^{2x}$$

$$u = \int 5e^{2x} dx = \frac{5}{2} e^{2x}$$

$$\text{So } y_p(x) = u(x)y_1(x) = \left(\frac{5}{2} e^{2x} \right) (e^x) = \frac{5}{2} e^{3x}$$

This is a 1st order, linear, nonseparable, nonhomogeneous equation.