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1. For the ODE

\[ y'' + 7y' + 12y = 0 \]

(a) (5 points) Find the general solution.

\[ y = C_1 e^{-3t} + C_2 e^{-4t} \]

(b) (5 points) With the parameterized initial value \( y(0) = 1, y'(0) = \alpha \), determine the critical value of \( \alpha \) when the behavior of the solution changes.

\[ C_1 + C_2 = 1 \Rightarrow C_2 = -\alpha - 3, \quad C_1 = 4 + \alpha \]

\[ -3C_1 - 4C_2 = \alpha \]

\[ y = (4 + \alpha) e^{-3t} + (-\alpha - 3)e^{-4t} \]

\( t \to \infty \), \( y \) is dominated by \((4 + \alpha) e^{-3t}\)

\( \alpha + 4 > 0 \), \( y \to 0 \) from above \( \Rightarrow \) Crit. value: \( \alpha = -4 \)

\( \alpha + 4 < 0 \), \( y \to 0 \) from below

(c) (5 points) Note that the initial value \( y(0) \) is specified as a positive number, if the solution is eventually negative this means its graph passes the \( x \)-axis at some time. In this case, find this time and express it in terms of \( \alpha \).

When \( y(t) = 0 \), the graph passes the \( x \)-axis

\[ (4 + \alpha) e^{-3t} + (-\alpha - 3)e^{-4t} = 0 \]

\[ \Rightarrow e^t = \frac{\alpha + 3}{\alpha + 4} \Rightarrow t = \ln \left( \frac{\alpha + 3}{\alpha + 4} \right) \]

\[ b/c \quad \alpha + 4 < 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\alpha + 3}{\alpha + 4} = 1 - \frac{1}{\alpha + 4} > 1 \Rightarrow t > 0. \]
2. For the ODE

\[ x^2 y'' - 3xy' + 4y = 0, \quad x > 0 \]

(a) (5 points) Find the general solution.

\[ y = C_1 x^2 + C_2 x^2 \ln x \]

(b) (5 points) With the initial value \( y(1) = 1, \ y'(1) = 3 \), solve the IVP.

\[ C_1 = 1 \]
\[ 2C_1 + C_2 = 3 \Rightarrow C_2 = 1 \]

\[ y = x^2 + x^2 \ln x \]
3. For the following second order ODE

\[ y'' - y' - 2y = e^t + e^{-t} \]

(a) (5 points) Find the complementary solution

\[ y_c = C_1 e^{2t} + C_2 e^{-t} \]

(b) (5 points) Find a particular solution to formulate the general solution.

\[ Y_1 \text{ solves } y'' - y' - 2y = e^t \]
\[ Y_1 = A e^t, \quad Y_1' = A e^t, \quad Y_1'' = A e^t \]
\[ Y_1'' - Y_1' - 2Y_1 = -2Ae^t = 1 \Rightarrow A = -\frac{1}{2} \]

\[ Y_2 \text{ solves } y'' - y' - 2y = e^{-t} \]
\[ Y_2 = Bte^t, \quad Y_2' = Be^{-t} - Bte^{-t}, \quad Y_2'' = -2Be^{-t} + Bte^{-t} \]
\[ Y_2'' - Y_2' - 2Y_2 = -3Be^{-t} = e^{-t} \Rightarrow B = -\frac{1}{3} \]

General solution: \[ y = C_1 e^{2t} + C_2 e^{-t} - \frac{1}{2} e^t - \frac{1}{3} te^{-t} \]
4. For the ODE

\[ y^{(4)} + 2y^{(3)} + 4y'' + 8y' = 2t + 2 + 3\cos t + 6\sin t \]

(a) (5 points) Find the complementary solution

\[ r^4 + 2r^3 + 4r^2 + 8r = 0 \]
\[ r^3(r + 2) + 4r(r + 2) = 0 \]
\[ r(r + 2)(r^2 + 4) = 0 \]
\[ r = 0, -2, 2i, -2i \]

\[ Y_c = C_1 + C_2 e^{-2t} + C_3 \cos 2t + C_4 \sin 2t \]

(b) (5 points) Find a particular solution and then formulate the general solution.

\[ Y_1 \text{ solves } y^{(4)} + 2y^{(3)} + 4y'' + 8y' = 2t + 2 \]
\[ Y_1 = t(A + B) = At^2 + Bt \]
\[ Y_1' = 2At + B, \quad Y_1'' = 2A, \quad Y_1''' = Y_1^{(4)} = 0 \]
\[ Y_1^{(4)} + 2Y_1^{(3)} + 4Y_1'' + 8Y_1' = 8A + 16At + 8B = 2t + 2 \]
\[ \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{8}, \quad B = \frac{1}{8} \]
\[ Y_1 = \frac{1}{8}t^2 + \frac{1}{8}t \]

\[ Y_2 \text{ solves } y^{(4)} + 2y^{(3)} + 4y'' + 8y' = 3\cos t + 6\sin t \]
\[ Y_2 = A\cos t + B\sin t, \quad Y_2' = -A\sin t + B\cos t, \quad Y_2'' = -A\cos t - B\sin t \]
\[ Y_2''' = A\sin t - B\cos t, \quad Y_2^{(4)} = A\cos t + B\sin t \]
\[ Y_2^{(4)} + 2Y_2^{(3)} + 4Y_2'' + 8Y_2' = \cos t (A - 2B - 4A + 8B) \]
\[ + \sin t (B + 2A - 4B - 8A) \]
\[ = \cos t (-3A + 6B) + \sin t (-3B - 6A) = 3\cos t + 6\sin t \]
\[ \Rightarrow -3A + 6B = 3 \Rightarrow \quad -A + 2B = 1 \Rightarrow \quad -A - 4A - 4 = 1 \Rightarrow \quad A = -1 \]
\[ -3B - 6A = 6 \Rightarrow \quad -B - 2A = 2 \Rightarrow \quad B = 0 \]

\( Y_2 = -\cos t \)

Gen. soln: \( y = C_1 + C_2 e^{2t} + C_3 \cos 2t + C_4 \sin 2t + \frac{1}{8} t^2 + \frac{1}{8} t - \cos t \)
5. A mass of 2 kg is attached with a spring with the spring constant being 8 N/m. Suppose there is no damping. At \( t = 0 \) the mass is stretched further 0.1 meter down from the equilibrium and then released.

(a) (5 points) Find the displacement of the mass from the equilibrium at any later time \( t \).

\[ 2u'' + 8u = 0, \quad u(0) = 0.1, \quad u'(0) = 0 \]

\[ u(t) = C_1 \cos 2t + C_2 \sin 2t \]

\[ C_1 = 0.1, \quad C_2 = 0 \]

\[ u(t) = 0.1 \cos 2t \]

(b) (2 points) Find the natural frequency of the vibration.

\[ \text{Natural frequency} = 2 \]

(c) (3 points) Suppose in addition there is an external force \( 2 \sin \omega t \). Find \( \omega \) such that resonance happens.

\[ \omega = 2 \]

(d) (5 points) Find the displacement of the mass from the equilibrium at any later time \( t \) under the condition of the force.

\[ 2u'' + 8u = 2 \omega^2 t \sin \omega t \]

\[ u(t) = C_1 \cos 2t + C_2 \sin 2t + \frac{1}{4} t \sin 2t \]

\[ C_1 = 0.1, \quad 2C_2 = 0 \]

\[ u(t) = 0.1 \cos 2t + \frac{1}{4} t \sin 2t. \]

(\text{It’s a coincidence that } C_1, C_2 \text{ here is identical to that in Part (a). In general it’s not true})
6. A mass of 2 kg is attached with a spring with the spring constant being 8 N/m. Suppose there is a damping force with the damping coefficient being $\gamma \text{ N}\cdot\text{s/m}$. At $t = 0$ the mass is stretched further 0.1 meter down from the equilibrium and then released.

(a) (5 points) Determine the conditions on $\gamma$ for the vibration to be respectively under-damped, critically-damped and overdamped.

\[
\sqrt{4k\gamma} = \sqrt{4\times8\times2} = 8.
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
\gamma > 8 & \quad \text{over-damped} \\
\gamma = 8 & \quad \text{crit. damped} \\
\gamma < 8 & \quad \text{under-damped}
\end{align*}
\]

(b) (5 points) In case the vibration is critically damped, find the displacement of the mass from the equilibrium and determine if it will pass through the equilibrium.

\[
2u'' + 8u' + 8u = 0
\]

\[
u = C_1 e^{-2t} + C_2 t e^{-2t}
\]

\[
C_1 = 0.1, \quad -2C_1 + C_2 = 0 \Rightarrow C_2 = 0.2
\]

\[
u = 0.1 e^{-2t} + 0.2 t e^{-2t}
\]

If $u(t) = 0$, then

\[
0.1 e^{-2t} + 0.2 t e^{-2t} = 0
\]

\[
\Rightarrow t = -0.5 < 0 \quad \text{doesn’t pass.}
\]

(c) (5 points) Suppose in addition there is an external force $2 \sin 2t$. With the same initial conditions, find the transient solutions and the steady-state solutions.

\[
2u'' + 8u' + 8u = 2 \sin 2t
\]

\[
u'' + 4u' + 4u = \sin 2t
\]

Set $U = A \cos 2t + B \sin 2t$

\[
u'' + 4u' + 4u = \cos 2t (-4A + 8B + 4A) + \sin 2t (-4B - 8A + 4B)
\]

\[
= 8B \cos 2t - 8A \sin 2t = \sin 2t
\]

\[
\Rightarrow A = -\frac{1}{8}, \quad B = 0
\]

\[
u = C_1 e^{-2t} + C_2 t e^{-2t} - \frac{1}{8} \cos 2t
\]

$u(0) = 0.1 \Rightarrow C_1 - \frac{1}{8} = 0.1 \Rightarrow C_1 = 0.225$

$u'(0) = 0 \Rightarrow -2C_1 + C_2 = 0 \Rightarrow C_2 = 0.45$. 

Transient solution: $0.225 e^{-2t} + 0.45 t e^{2t}$

Steady-state solution: $-\frac{1}{8} \cos 2t$. 
7. For the ODE

\[ x^2 y'' - (x + 2)xy' + (x + 2)y = x^3 e^x \]

(a) (5 points) Verify that \( y_1 = x \) solves the homogeneous ODE

\[ x^2 y'' - (x + 2)xy' + (x + 2)y = 0 \]

\[ y_1' = 1, \quad y_1'' = 0, \quad x^2[0 - (x+2)x \cdot 1 + (x+2)x] = 0 \quad \checkmark \]

(b) (10 points) Find the complementary solution using the technique of reduction of orders (i.e., variation of parameters).

Hint: You should set \( y_2(t) = u(t)y_1(t) \) then find \( u \) by solving \( y_1 u'' + (2y_1' + py_1)u' = 0 \)

Standard form:

\[ y'' - \frac{x+2}{x} y' + \frac{x+2}{x^2} y = x e^x \]

\[ y_1 = u_1, \quad x u'' + (2 \cdot 1 - \frac{x+2}{x} \cdot x) u' = 0 \]

\[ u'' = u' \Rightarrow u' = e^x \Rightarrow u = e^x \Rightarrow y_2 = x e^x \]

\[ y_c = C_1 x + C_2 x e^x \]

Note: The problem continues at the next page
(c) (10 points) Find a particular solution using the method of variation of parameter. 

Hint: The formula you should use is \( y = y_1 \int \frac{-y_2 g}{W(y_1, y_2)} \, dt + y_2 \int \frac{y_1 g}{W(y_1, y_2)} \, dt \)

Hint: You may have to use integration by parts.

\[
y_1 = x, \quad y_2 = xe^x, \quad W(y_1, y_2) = \left| \begin{array}{c} x \\ x^2 e^x \end{array} \right| = x^2 e^x
\]

\[
u_1 = \int \frac{-y_2 g}{W(y_1, y_2)} \, dt = \int -\frac{x e^x \cdot xe^x}{x^2 e^x} \, dx = \int -\frac{e^x}{x} \, dx = -e^x
\]

\[
u_2 = \int \frac{y_1 g}{W(y_1, y_2)} \, dt = \int \frac{x \cdot xe^x}{x^2 e^x} \, dx = \int \frac{1}{x} \, dx = \ln x
\]

\[Y = u_1 y_1 + u_2 y_2 = -e^x \cdot x + x \cdot xe^x = (x^2 - x)e^x\]

\[y = C_1 x + C_2 xe^x + (x^2 - x)e^x.\]