

Question 1 (a): [4] Discuss the existence of unique solution of the following initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} (x-2)y'' + \frac{x}{\sqrt{3-x}}y' + \frac{1}{x^2-4}y = \cos x \\ y(1) = 0, y'(1) = 1 \end{cases}$$

We have $(x-2)$ and $\cos x$ are continuous on \mathbb{R}

and $\frac{x}{\sqrt{3-x}}$ is continuous on $x < 3$

and $\frac{1}{x^2-4}$ is continuous on $\mathbb{R} - \{2, -2\}$

$a_2(x) \neq 0$ when $x \neq 2 \Rightarrow x_0 = 1 \in (-2, 2)$

\therefore the initial value problem has unique solution on $I = (-2, 2)$

Question 1 (b): [4] Solve the nonhomogeneous differential equation

$$y'' - 2y' - 3y = e^{2x} + 5 \cos 2x$$

We firstly find the solution y_c of

$y'' - 2y' - 3y = 0$, the characteristic equation

$$m^2 - 2m - 3 = 0 \Rightarrow m_1 = 3, m_2 = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow y_c = c_1 e^{3x} + c_2 e^{-x}$$

Now we will find the y_p solution

let $f(x) = e^{2x} + 5 \cos(2x)$

$f_1(x) = 5 \cos(2x) \Rightarrow m = \pm 2i \rightarrow y_p = A \cos(2x) + B \sin(2x)$

$f_2(x) = e^{2x} \Rightarrow m = 2 \rightarrow y_p = D e^{2x}$

$\Rightarrow y_p = D e^{2x} + A \cos(2x) + B \sin(2x)$

$$y'_p = 2D e^{2x} - 2A \sin(2x) + 2B \cos(2x)$$

$$y''_p = 4D e^{2x} - 4A \cos(2x) - 4B \sin(2x)$$

Sub into $y'' - 2y' - 3y = e^{2x} + 5 \cos 2x$

$$\Rightarrow D = -\frac{1}{3}, B = -\frac{4}{13}, A = -\frac{7}{13}$$

$$y = y_c + y_p$$

∴ the general solution

$$y = -\frac{1}{3} e^{2x} - \frac{7}{13} \cos(2x) - \frac{4}{13} \sin(2x) + c_1 e^{3x} + c_2 e^{-x}$$

Question 2: [4] show that $y_1 = \sin x$ is a solution of the differential equation

$$y'' + (3 \tan x)y' - 2y = 0, \quad x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$$

then find the second solution and obtain the general solution.

$$y_1 = \sin x \Rightarrow y_1' = \cos x \Rightarrow y_1'' = -\sin x \quad 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$$
$$\Rightarrow y_1'' + (3 \tan x)y_1' - 2y_1 = -\sin x + 3(\tan x)\cos x - 2\sin x$$
$$= -3\sin x + 3\sin x = 0$$

Thus $y_1 = \sin x$ is a solution of the D.E

$$y'' + (3 \tan x)y' - 2y = 0, \quad 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

thus the second solution y_2 is given by

$$y_2 = y_1 \int \frac{e^{\int -P(x) dx}}{(y_1)^2} dx, \quad \text{where } P(x) = 3 \tan x$$

$$\text{then } e^{\int -3 \tan x dx} = e^{-3 \ln(\cos x)} = e^{-\ln(\cos^3 x)} = \frac{1}{\cos^3 x} = \sec^3 x$$

$$\text{Thus } y_2 = \sin x \int \frac{\sec^3 x}{\sin^2 x} dx = \sin x \int \frac{(1 - \sin^2 x)\cos x}{\sin^2 x} dx$$

by letting $u = \sin x \Rightarrow du = \cos x dx$ then

$$I = \int \frac{1 - u^2}{u^2} du = \int \frac{du}{u^2} - \int du = -\frac{1}{u} - \sin x$$

$$\therefore y_2 = \sin x \left(-\frac{1}{\sin x} - \sin x \right) = -1 - \sin^2 x$$

therefore the general solution is given by

$$y = c_1 \sin x - c_2 (1 + \sin^2 x)$$
$$= c_1 \sin x + c_3 (1 + \sin^2 x)$$

Question 3 (a): [4] show whether the functions

$f_1(x) = x$, $f_2(x) = x \ln x$
are linearly independent or linearly dependent on $(0, \infty)$.

$$W(x) = \begin{vmatrix} x & x \ln x \\ 1 & \ln x + 1 \end{vmatrix} = x \neq 0 \text{ for all } x > 0$$

\therefore The $f_1 = x$ and $f_2 = x \ln x$ are linearly independent on $(0, \infty)$.

Question 3 (b): [4] solve the differential equation

$$2x^2 y'' - 3xy' - 3y = 0 \quad \text{For } x > 0.$$

$$\text{Let } y = x^m \Rightarrow y' = mx^{m-1} \Rightarrow y'' = m(m-1)x^{m-2}$$

$$\text{Sub into D.E. } 2x^2 [m(m-1)x^{m-2}] - 3x [mx^{m-1}] - x^m = 0$$

$$2x^m (2m^2 - 2m) - 3mx^m - 3x^m = 0$$

$$2x^m (2m^2 - 2m) - 3mx^m - 3x^m = 0$$

$$x^m [2m^2 - 5m - 3] = 0$$

Since $x^m \neq 0$, then we have $2m^2 - 5m - 3 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow m_1 = \frac{1}{2}, m_2 = 3$$

thus $y(x) = c_1 x^{-1/2} + c_2 x^3$

Question 4: [5] solve the system of the differential equations

$$\begin{cases} 16x'' - y = 0 \\ y'' - 16x = 32t \end{cases}$$

$$D^2 \otimes \begin{cases} 16D^2 x - y = 0 \\ 16x + D^2 y = 32t \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 16D^4 x - D^2 y = 0 \\ -16x + D^2 y = 32t \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \boxed{16x^{(4)} - 16x = 32t}$$

Now we solve this D.E.

$$x^{(4)} - x = 0 \quad x = e^{mt}$$

$$(m-1)(m+1)(m+i)(m-i) = 0 \Rightarrow m=1, m=-1, m=i, m=-i$$

$$\boxed{x_c(t) = c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{-t} + c_3 \cos t + c_4 \sin t}$$

$$x_p(t) = At + B, \quad x_p = -2t$$

$$\boxed{x(t) = x_c + x_p = c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{-t} + c_3 \cos t + c_4 \sin t - 2t}$$

Now we solve for (y)

$$y = 16x'', \text{ then } \begin{aligned} x' &= c_1 e^t - c_2 e^{-t} - c_3 \sin t + c_4 \cos t - 2 \\ x'' &= c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{-t} - c_3 \cos t - c_4 \sin t \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{y(t) = 16c_1 e^t + 16c_2 e^{-t} - 16c_3 \cos t - 16c_4 \sin t}$$