

Math 2233 - Lecture 17 : Review Session for Exam 2

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1. Two Basic types of 2nd Order Linear ODEs
2. Solving 2nd Order Linear ODEs
 - ▶ Homogeneous Case
 - ▶ Nonhomogeneous Case
3. Two Simple Cases
 - ▶ Constant Coefficient ODEs : $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$
 - ▶ Euler-type ODEs : $ax^2y'' + bxy' + cy = 0$
4. The Laplace Transform Method

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- ▶ Step 3: The general solution of the inhomogeneous equation can now be constructed from y_1 , y_2 and y_p :

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Dividing the given equation by x^2 puts it in standard form:
 $y'' + \frac{1}{x}y' - \frac{1}{x^2}y = 0$; and so

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

Applying the Reduction of Order formula

$$\begin{aligned} y_2 &= y_1(x) \int \frac{1}{(y_1(x))^2} \exp\left(-\int^x p(s) ds\right) dx = x^{-1} \int \frac{1}{(x^{-1})^2} \exp\left[-\int^x \frac{1}{s} ds\right] dx \\ &= x^{-1} \int x^2 \exp[-\ln|x|] dx = x^{-1} \int x^2 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) dx \\ &= x^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{2}x^2\right) = \frac{1}{2}x \end{aligned}$$

Problem 2 of Practice Exam, Cont'd

With two independent solutions in hand, we can now write down the general solution:

$$y(x) = c_1 x^{-1} + c_2 \left(\frac{1}{2} x \right)$$

or

$$y(x) = c_1 x^{-1} + c_2 x$$

(since c_2 is just as arbitrary as $\frac{1}{2}c_2$).

Two Special Cases: Constant Coefficient and Euler-type Equations

	Constant Coefficients	Euler-type
ODE	$ay'' + by' + cy = 0$	$ax^2y'' + bxy' + cy = 0$
Ansatz	$y(x) = e^{\lambda x}$	$y(x) = x^r$
Aux. Eq.	$a\lambda^2 + b\lambda + c = 0$	$ar^2 + (b-a)r + c = 0$
Case (i) 2 real roots	$y(x) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 x} + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 x}$	$y(x) = c_1 x^{r_1} + c_2 x^{r_2}$
Case (ii) 1 real root	$y(x) = c_1 e^{\lambda x} + c_2 x e^{\lambda x}$	$y(x) = c_1 x^r + c_2 x^r \ln x $
Case (iii) 2 complex roots $\alpha \pm i\beta$	$y(x) = c_1 e^{\alpha x} \cos(\beta x) + c_2 e^{\alpha x} \sin(\beta x)$	$y(x) = c_1 x^\alpha \cos(\beta \ln x) + c_2 x^\alpha \sin(\beta \ln x)$

Problem 3 of the Practice Exam

3. Determine the general solution of the following differential equations.

(a) (5 pts) $y'' - 5y' + 6y = 0$

(b) (5 pt) $x^2y'' - 5xy' + 9y = 0$

(c) (5 pts) $y'' - 10y' + 25y = 0$

(d) (5 pts) $y'' + 2y' + 5y = 0$.

(e) (5 pts) $y'' + 4y' + 5y = 0$

(f) (5 pts) $x^2y'' - 5xy' + 13y = 0$

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The Laplace Transform Method

The **Laplace transform** of a function $f(x)$ is

$$\mathcal{L}[f](s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-sx} f(x) dx \quad . \quad (1)$$

Theorem

- (i) $\mathcal{L}[c_1 f_1 + c_2 f_2] = c_1 \mathcal{L}[f_1] + c_2 \mathcal{L}[f_2]$
- (ii) $\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{df}{dx}\right] = s\mathcal{L}[f] - f(0)$
- (iii) $\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{d^2 f}{dx^2}\right] = s^2 \mathcal{L}[f] - sf(0) - f'(0)$

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4. Your solution will then be $y(x) = f(x)$.

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Problem 6 of the Sample Exam

6. Solve the following initial value problems using the Laplace transform method.

$$y'' + 3y' + 2y = 0 \quad ; \quad y(0) = 3 \quad , \quad y'(0) = -5$$