

MA 221 Homework Solutions

Due Tuesday February 3, 2009

4.3, pg. 177 # 1, 3, 5, 7, 17, 27, 29b

(Underlined problems are to be handed in)

In problems 1, 3, 5 and 7, the auxiliary equation for the given differential equation has complex roots. Find a general solution.

1.) $y'' + 9y = 0$

Auxiliary equation

$$r^2 + 9 = 0$$

$$r = \pm 3i$$

$$\alpha = 0, \beta = 3$$

$$y(t) = c_1 e^{(0)t} \cos 3t + c_2 e^{(0)t} \sin 3t$$

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3.) $z'' - 6z' + 10z = 0$

Auxiliary equation

$$r^2 - 6r + 10 = 0$$

$$r = 3 \pm i$$

$$\alpha = 3, \beta = 1$$

$$z = c_1 e^{3t} \cos t + c_2 e^{3t} \sin t$$

5.) $w'' + 4w' + 6w = 0$

Auxiliary equation

$$r^2 + 4r + 6 = 0$$

Using the quadratic equation $r = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 + 4ac}}{2a}$

$$r = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 24}}{2} = -2 \pm \sqrt{2}i$$

$$\alpha = -2, \beta = \sqrt{2}$$

$$w(t) = c_1 e^{-2t} \cos \sqrt{2}t + c_2 e^{-2t} \sin \sqrt{2}t$$

7.) $4y'' - 4y' + 26y = 0$

Auxiliary equation

$$2r^2 - 2r + 13 = 0$$

$$r = \frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{5}{2}i$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2}, \beta = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$y(t) = c_1 e^{t/2} \cos 5t/2 + c_2 e^{t/2} \sin 5t/2$$

In problem 17, find a general solution.

17.) $y'' - y' + 7y = 0$

Auxiliary equation

$$r^2 - r + 7 = 0$$

$$r = \frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}i$$

$$\alpha = 1/2, \beta = 3\sqrt{3}/2$$

$$y(t) = c_1 e^{t/2} \cos\left(\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}t\right) + c_2 e^{t/2} \sin\left(\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}t\right)$$

In problem 27, solve the given initial value problem.

$$27.) y''' - 4y'' + 7y' - 6y = 0, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 0, \quad y''(0) = 0$$

Auxiliary equation.

$$r^3 - 4r^2 + 7r - 6 = 0$$

Examining the divisors of -6 , that is, $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 6$, we find that $r = 2$ satisfies the equation. Next, we divide $r^3 - 4r^2 + 7r - 6 = 0$ by $r - 2$

$$r^3 - 4r^2 + 7r - 6 = (r - 2)(r^2 - 2r + 3) \Rightarrow r = 2; r = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4-12}}{2} = 1 \pm \sqrt{2}i$$

A general solution to the differential equation is given by

$$y(t) = c_1 e^{2t} + c_2 e^t \cos \sqrt{2}t + c_3 e^t \sin \sqrt{2}t$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = 2c_1 e^{2t} + c_2 e^t \cos \sqrt{2}t - \sqrt{2} c_2 e^t \sin \sqrt{2}t + c_3 e^t \sin \sqrt{2}t + \sqrt{2} c_3 e^t \cos \sqrt{2}t =$$

$$2e^{2t}c_1 + e^t c_2 (\cos t \sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2} \sin t \sqrt{2}) + e^t c_3 (\sin t \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2} \cos t \sqrt{2});$$

$$y'' = 4c_1 e^{2t} + c_2 e^t (-\cos \sqrt{2}t - 2\sqrt{2} \sin \sqrt{2}t) + c_3 e^t (-\sin \sqrt{2}t + 2\sqrt{2} \cos \sqrt{2}t) \Rightarrow c_1 + c_2$$

$$2c_1 + c_2 + \sqrt{2}c_3 = 0;$$

$$4c_1 - c_2 + 2\sqrt{2}c_3 = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = 1; \quad c_2 = 0; \quad c_3 = -\sqrt{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = e^{2t} - \sqrt{2} e^t \sin \sqrt{2}t$$

In problem 29b, find a general solution to the higher-order equation.

29.) b.

$$y''' + 2y'' + 5y' - 26y = 0$$

Auxiliary equation:

$$r^3 + 2r^2 + 5r - 26 = 0$$

Examining the divisors of -26 , that is, $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 13$, we find that $r = 2$ satisfies the equation.

Next, we divide $y^3 + 2y^2 + 5y - 26$ by $r - 2$

$$r^3 + 2r^2 + 5r - 26 = (r - 2)(r^2 + 4r + 13) \Rightarrow r = 2; \quad r = -2 \pm 3i \Rightarrow$$

A general solution to the differential equation is given by

$$y(t) = c_1 e^{2t} + c_2 e^{-2t} \cos 3t + c_3 e^{-2t} \sin 3t$$