

Solutions to Homework Assignment 18

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1. The solution to the corresponding homogeneous equation is $c_1e^{2t} + c_2e^{3t}$, so let $Y(t) = u_1e^{2t} + u_2e^{3t}$. Then $Y' = u_1'e^{2t} + 2u_1e^{2t} + u_2'e^{3t} + 3u_2e^{3t} = 2u_1e^{2t} + 3u_2e^{3t}$ once we impose the condition $u_1'e^{2t} + u_2'e^{3t} = 0$.

Now $Y'' = 2u_1'e^{2t} + 4u_1e^{2t} + 3u_2'e^{3t} + 9u_2e^{3t}$. We get

$(2u_1'e^{2t} + 4u_1e^{2t} + 3u_2'e^{3t} + 9u_2e^{3t}) - 5(2u_1e^{2t} + 3u_2e^{3t}) + 6(u_1e^{2t} + u_2e^{3t}) = 2u_1'e^{2t} + 3u_2'e^{3t} = 2e^t$. From before, we also have $u_1'e^{2t} + u_2'e^{3t} = 0$. Solving yields $u_2'e^{3t} = 2e^t$, so $u_2' = 2e^{-2t}$ and $u_2 = -e^{-2t}$. (We do not need the constant of integration since it would just give us a term that solves the homogeneous equation.)

This gives $u_1'e^{2t} + 2e^{-2t}e^{3t} = 0$ so $u_1' = -2e^{-t}$. Finally, we get $u_1 = 2e^{-t}$, so $Y(t) = 2e^t - e^t = e^t$.

I will let you solve by undetermined coefficients; the annihilator is $D - 1$.

3. The general solution to the corresponding homogeneous equation is $c_1e^{-t} + c_2te^{-t}$. The Wronskian is $W = \begin{vmatrix} e^{-t} & te^{-t} \\ -e^{-t} & e^{-t}(1-t) \end{vmatrix} = e^{-2t}(1-t) + te^{-2t} = e^{-2t}$. Using the formula on page 183, we get

$$\begin{aligned} Y(t) &= -e^{-t} \int \frac{te^{-t}(3e^{-t})}{e^{-2t}} dt + te^{-t} \int \frac{e^{-t}(3e^{-t})}{e^{-2t}} dt \\ &= -e^{-t} \int 3t dt + te^{-t} \int 3 dt \\ &= -e^{-t} \left(\frac{3}{2}t^2 \right) + 3t^2e^{-t} \\ &= \frac{3}{2}t^2e^{-t}. \end{aligned}$$

Again, you can check undetermined coefficients on your own.

5. $y_1 = \cos t$ and $y_2 = \sin t$ solve the corresponding homogeneous equation, and their Wronskian is 1. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} Y(t) &= -\cos t \int \sin t \tan t dt + \sin t \int \cos t \tan t dt \\ &= -\cos t \int \frac{\sin^2 t}{\cos t} dt + \sin t \int \sin t dt \\ &= -\cos t \int \frac{1 - \cos^2 t}{\cos t} dt - \sin t \cos t \\ &= -\cos t \int (\sec t - \cos t) dt - \sin t \cos t \\ &= -\cos t (\ln |\sec t + \tan t| - \sin t) - \sin t \cos t \\ &= -\cos t \ln |\sec t + \tan t|. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $y(t) = c_1 \cos t + c_2 \sin t - \cos t \ln(\sec t + \tan t)$. ($\sin t$ and $\cos t$ are both positive in the interval specified.)

7. The general solution of the corresponding homogeneous equation is $c_1e^{-2t} + c_2te^{-2t}$. The Wronskian

is $W = \begin{vmatrix} e^{-2t} & te^{-2t} \\ -2e^{-2t} & e^{-2t}(1-2t) \end{vmatrix} = e^{-4t}[(1-2t) + 2t] = e^{-4t}$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} Y(t) &= -e^{-2t} \int \frac{te^{-2t}(t^{-2}e^{-2t})}{e^{-4t}} dt + te^{-2t} \int \frac{e^{-2t}(t^{-2}e^{-2t})}{e^{-4t}} dt \\ &= -e^{-2t} \int \frac{1}{t} dt + te^{-2t} \int \frac{1}{t^2} dt \\ &= e^{-2t} \ln t - e^{-2t}. \end{aligned}$$

The second term is a solution of the homogeneous equation, so we may disregard it.

The general solution is therefore $y(t) = c_1 e^{-2t} + c_2 t e^{-2t} + e^{-2t} \ln t$.

9. We must first rewrite the equation as $y'' + \frac{1}{4}y = \frac{1}{2} \sec(t/2)$. Now $y_1 = \cos(t/2)$ and $y_2 = \sin(t/2)$ solve the corresponding homogeneous equation, and their Wronskian is $1/2$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} Y(t) &= -\cos(t/2) \int 2 \sin(t/2)(\sec(t/2)/2) dt + \sin(t/2) \int 2 \cos(t/2)(\sec(t/2)/2) dt \\ &= 2 \cos(t/2) \ln(\cos(t/2)) + \sin(t/2)t. \end{aligned}$$

The general solution is therefore $c_1 \cos(t/2) + c_2 \sin(t/2) + 2 \cos(t/2) \ln |\cos(t/2)| + t \sin(t/2)$.

11. $y_1 = e^{2t}$ and $y_2 = e^{3t}$ solve the corresponding homogeneous equation, and their Wronskian is e^{5t} . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} Y(t) &= -e^{2t} \int e^{-5t}(e^{3t})g(t) dt + e^{3t} \int e^{-5t}(e^{2t})g(t) dt \\ &= -e^{-2t} \int g(t)e^{-2t} dt + e^{3t} \int g(t)e^{-3t} dt. \end{aligned}$$

The general solution is $y(t) = c_1 e^{2t} + c_2 e^{3t} - e^{-2t} \int g(t)e^{-2t} dt + e^{3t} \int g(t)e^{-3t} dt$.

13. It is easy to verify that y_1 and y_2 are solutions of the corresponding homogeneous equation. Now rewrite the equation as $y'' - \frac{2}{t^2}y = 3 - \frac{1}{t^2}$ so it is in the proper form to use Theorem 3.7.1. The Wronskian of t^2 and t^{-1} is -3 . We get

$$\begin{aligned} Y(t) &= -t^2 \int [(-1/3)t^{-1}(3 - t^{-2})] dt + t^{-1} \int [(-1/3)t^2(3 - t^{-2})] dt \\ &= -t^2 \int (-t^{-1} + t^{-3}/3) dt + t^{-1} \int (-t^2 + 1/3) dt \\ &= -t^2 \left(-\ln t - \frac{1}{6}t^{-2} \right) + t^{-1}(-t^3/3 + t/3) \\ &= t^2 \ln t + \frac{1}{6} - t^2/3 + 1/3 \\ &= t^2 \ln t - t^2/3 + \frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

We may ignore the $-t^2/3$ since it is a solution of the corresponding homogeneous equation; we get

$$Y(t) = t^2 \ln t + \frac{1}{2}.$$

15. Again, I will leave verification to you. We have $y'' \frac{1+t}{t} y' + \frac{1}{t} y = te^{2t}$. The Wronskian of y_1 and y_2 is te^t . Now

$$\begin{aligned}
Y(t) &= -(1+t) \int \frac{e^t(te^{2t})}{te^t} dt + e^t \int \frac{(t+1)(te^{2t})}{te^t} dt \\
&= -(1+t) \int e^{2t} dt + e^t \int (t+1)e^t dt \\
&= -(1+t)e^{2t}/2 + e^t(te^t) \\
&= \frac{1}{2}(t-1)e^{2t}.
\end{aligned}$$

17. The Wronskian of y_1 and y_2 is x^3 . Rewrite the equation as $y'' - \frac{3}{x}y' + \frac{4}{x^2}y = \ln(x)$. We get

$$\begin{aligned}
Y(t) &= -x^2 \int \frac{x^2 \ln(x)(\ln(x))}{x^3} dx + x^2 \ln(x) \int \frac{x^2(\ln(x))}{x^3} dx \\
&= -x^2 \int \frac{(\ln(x))^2}{x} dx + x^2 \ln(x) \int \frac{\ln(x)}{x} dx \\
&= -x^2 \cdot \frac{(\ln(x))^3}{3} + x^2 \ln(x) \cdot \frac{(\ln(x))^2}{2} \\
&= \frac{1}{6}x^2(\ln(x))^3.
\end{aligned}$$

19. The Wronskian is $(1-x)e^x$. Rewrite the equation as $y'' + \frac{x}{1-x}y' - \frac{1}{1-x}y = \frac{g(x)}{1-x}$. We get

$$\begin{aligned}
Y(t) &= -e^x \int \frac{xg(x)}{(1-x)e^x} dx + x \int \frac{e^x g(x)}{(1-x)e^x} dx \\
&= -e^x \int \frac{xg(x)}{(1-x)^2 e^x} dx + x \int \frac{g(x)}{(1-x)^2} dx.
\end{aligned}$$