

# TWK2A

## Section 4.1

### Problems

1. Verify that  $y = c_1e^{4x} + c_2e^{-x}$  is the general solution of  $y'' - 3y' - 4y = 0$  on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ . Solve the IVP  $y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 2$ .
2. Verify that  $y = c_1 + c_2 \cos x + c_3 \sin x$  is the general solution of  $y''' + y' = 0$  on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ . Solve the IVP  $y(\pi) = 0, y'(\pi) = 2, y''(\pi) = -1$ .
3. Given that  $y = c_1 + c_2x^2$  is a two-parameter family of solutions of  $xy'' - y' = 0$  on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ , show that constants  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  do not exist which satisfy  $y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 1$ . Explain why this does not violate Theorem 4.1.
4. The function  $y = c_1e^x \cos x + c_2e^x \sin x$  is a solution of  $y'' - 2y' + 2y = 0$  on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ . Determine whether or not constants  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  can be found satisfying **(a)**  $y(0) = 1, y'(\pi) = 0$ , **(b)**  $y(0) = 1, y(\pi) = -1$ , **(c)**  $y(0) = 1, y(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 1$ , **(d)**  $y(0) = 0, y(\pi) = 0$ .
5. Are  $f_1(x) = x, f_2(x) = x^2$  and  $f_3(x) = 4x - 3x^2$  linearly independent on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ ?
6. Are  $f_1(x) = 5, f_2(x) = \cos^2 x$  and  $f_3(x) = \sin^2 x$  linearly independent on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ ?
7. Show that  $\{x^2, x^3\}$  forms a fundamental set of solutions of  $x^2y'' - 6xy' + 12y = 0$  on  $(0, \infty)$ . What is the general solution?
8. Verify that  $y_{p_1} = 3e^{2x}$  and  $y_{p_2} = x^2 + 3x$  are, respectively, particular solutions of

$$\begin{aligned}y'' - 6y' + 5y &= -9e^{2x} \\y'' - 6y' + 5y &= 5x^2 + 3x - 16\end{aligned}$$

Hence, find particular solutions of

$$y'' - 6y' + 5y = 5x^2 + 3x - 16 - 9e^{2x}$$

and

$$y'' - 6y' + 5y = -10x^2 - 6x + 32 + e^{2x}.$$

9. (a) By inspection find a particular solution of

$$y'' + 2y = 10.$$

- (b) By inspection find a particular solution of

$$y'' + 2y = -4x.$$

- (c) Find a particular solution of

$$y'' + 2y = -4x + 10.$$

- (d) Find a particular solution of

$$y'' + 2y = 8x + 5.$$

10. Suppose that  $y_1 = e^x$  and  $y_2 = e^{-x}$  are solutions of a homogeneous linear differential equation. Explain why  $y_3 = \cosh x$  and  $y_4 = \sinh x$  are also solutions of the equation.
11. The function  $y = c_1x^2 + c_2x^4 + 3$  is a solution of  $x^2y'' - 5xy' + 8y = 24$  on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ . Determine whether or not constants  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  can be found satisfying **(a)**  $y(-1) = 0, y(1) = 4$ , **(b)**  $y(0) = 1, y(1) = 2$ , **(c)**  $y(0) = 3, y(1) = 4$ , **(d)**  $y(1) = 3, y(2) = 15$ .
12. Are  $f_1(x) = 0, f_2(x) = x$  and  $f_3(x) = e^x$  linearly independent on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ ?
13. Are  $f_1(x) = 2 + x$  and  $f_2(x) = 2 + |x|$  linearly independent on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ ?
14. Show that  $\{e^{\frac{x}{2}}, xe^{\frac{x}{2}}\}$  forms a fundamental set of solutions of  $4y'' - 4y' + y = 0$  on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ . What is the general solution?
15. Show that  $\{\cos(\ln x), \sin(\ln x)\}$  forms a fundamental set of solutions of  $x^2y'' + xy' + y = 0$  on  $(0, \infty)$ . What is the general solution?
16. Verify that  $y = c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x + x \sin x + (\cos x) \ln(\cos x)$  is the general solution of  $y'' + y = \sec x$  on  $(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$ .
17. Verify that  $y = c_1x^{-\frac{1}{2}} + c_2x^{-1} + \frac{1}{15}x^2 - \frac{1}{6}x$  is the general solution of  $2x^2y'' + 5xy' + y = x^2 - x$  on  $(0, \infty)$ .

18. Are  $f_1(x) = \cos 2x$ ,  $f_2(x) = 1$  and  $f_3(x) = \cos^2 x$  linearly independent on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ ?
19. Suppose that  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_k$  are  $k$  nontrivial (i.e.  $y_j \neq 0$ ) solutions of a homogeneous linear  $n$ th-order DE with constant coefficients, and that  $k = n + 1$ . Is the set  $\{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_k\}$  linearly dependent or independent on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ ? Discuss.
20. Use the Wronskian to show that

$$\{e^x, e^{-2x}\}$$

are linearly independent on  $(0, \infty)$ .

21. Use the Wronskian to show that

$$\{1, \cos x, \sin x\}$$

are linearly independent on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ . Note that

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix} = iae - afh - idb + dch + gbf - gce.$$