

Problem Bank 5: Second-Order and Higher Order Linear ODEs

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1 Constant coefficient ODEs

1. Find the general solutions of the following equations. Show the details of your calculation:

- (a) $y'' - 2y' - 3y = 0$
- (b) $y'' - 2y' + 5y = 0$
- (c) $y'' + 6y' + 13y = 0$
- (d) $4\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} - 20\frac{dx}{dt} + 25x = 0$

2. Solve the ODE with the given initial values:

- (a) $y'' - 4y' + 3y = 0, y(0) = 6, y'(0) = 10$
- (b) $4y'' + 4y' + y = 0, y(0) = 2, y'(0) = 0$
- (c) $y'' - 3y' - 4y = 0, y(0) = 0, y'(0) = -5$
- (d) $y'' + 4y' + 29y = 0, y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 15$
- (e) $y'' - 4y' + 13y = 0, y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 3$

3. Find a 2-order ODE, the solutions of which contain $1, e^x, 2e^x$.

2 Equations with non-constant coefficients

Find the general solutions of the following equations. Show the details of your calculation.

- 1. $y'' - \frac{y'}{x} + \frac{y}{x^2} = \frac{2}{x}$
- 2. $x^2y'' - xy' + 4y = x \sin \ln x$
- 3. Prove that $y_1 = e^{x^2}$ and $y_2 = xe^{x^2}$ are solutions of the ODE $y'' - 4xy' + (4x^2 - 2)y = 0$, and write the general solution. Solve it with the initial conditions $y(1) = 1$ and $y'(1) = 0$.

4. Solve the ODE $(2x - 1)y'' - (2x + 1)y' + 2y = 0$ in the general case (no initial value), knowing that $y_1(x) = e^x$ is a solution.
5. Solve the ODE $x^2y'' - 2xy' + 2y = 0$ in the general case (no initial value), knowing that $y_1(x) = x$ is a solution.

3 Nonhomogeneous ODEs

1. Solve the following ODEs:

- (a) $y'' + 3y' + 2y = 10e^{-3x}$
- (b) $y'' + 5y' + 4y = x^2$
- (c) $y'' + 4y' + 4y = \cos x$
- (d) $y'' - 5y' + 6y = xe^{2x}$
- (e) $y'' + y = x \cos 2x$
- (f) $y'' - y = e^x \cos 2x$

2. Solve the ODE with the given initial values:

- (a) $y'' + 4y = x^2, y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 0$
- (b) $y'' - 2y' = 6e^{2x} - 4e^{-2x}, y(0) = -1, y'(0) = 6$
- (c) $y'' + 2y' + 0.75y = 2 \cos x - 0.25 \sin x + 0.09x, y(0) = 2.78, y'(0) = -0.43$

4 Higher order ODE

1. $y^{(4)} - 2y^{(3)} + 5y'' = 0$
2. $y^{(4)} + y = 0$
3. $y''' = e^{2x} - \cos x$
4. $y''' + 3y'' + 3y' + y = 0$