

Ecuaciones Diferenciales Ordinarias Quiz #7ANSWER KEY

① Since $y_1(t) = t^{-1}$ is a solution to the differential equation,

(*) $t^2 y'' + 3t y' + y = 0$, with domain $t > 0$, find a second, linearly independent, solution to the equation.

Use the method of reduction of order (I always forget the formula). Hence: $y_2(t) = v(t) y_1(t) = v(t) t^{-1}$,

We must find $v(t)$: $y_2' = v' t^{-1} - v t^{-2}$

$$y_2'' = v'' t^{-1} - 2v' t^{-2} + 2v t^{-3}$$

hence, eq'n (*) becomes:

$$t^2(v'' t^{-1} - 2v' t^{-2} + 2v t^{-3}) + 3t(v' t^{-1} - v t^{-2}) + v t^{-1} = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } v'' \left(\frac{t^2}{t}\right) + v' \left(\frac{-2t^2}{t^2} + 3\right) + v \left(\frac{2 \cdot t^2}{t^3} - \frac{3t}{t^2} + \frac{1}{t}\right) = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } t v'' + v' = 0.$$

Reduction of order: $V = v' \Rightarrow tV' + V = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{V'}{V} = -\frac{1}{t} \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \log V = -\frac{d}{dt} \log t \Rightarrow \log V = -\log t.$$

$$\Rightarrow V = t^{-1} \Rightarrow v' = t^{-1} \Rightarrow \boxed{v(t) = \log t}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } y_2(t) = (\log t) t^{-1} \Rightarrow \boxed{y_2(t) = \frac{\log t}{t}}$$

② Find a particular solution to:

$$y'' + 2y' + 2y = 2e^{-t} \cos t.$$

To find a particular solution, we require first to find a solution to the homogeneous equation:

$$y_h'' + 2y_h' + 2y_h = 0$$

which has a characteristic eqn:

$$r^2 + 2r + 2 = 0$$

By the quadratic formula:

$$r = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{2^2 - 4(1)(2)}}{2} = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 8}}{2}$$

is. $r_{1,2} = -1 \pm i$.

Hence:

$$y_h(t) = e^{(-1+i)t} = e^{-t} e^{it} \\ = e^{-t} (\cos t + i \sin t)$$

The real sol'n:

$$y_h(t) = C_1 e^{-t} \cos t + C_2 e^{-t} \sin t.$$

For the particular solution; the first trial is:

$$y_p(t) = 2e^{-t} \cos t \Rightarrow y_{p,1}(t) = A e^{-t} \cos t + e^{-t} B \sin t, \leftarrow \text{NO!}$$

But this is repeated: Multiply by t :

$$y_p(t) = t e^{-t} A \cos t + t e^{-t} B \sin t$$