

# Math 1B Quiz #12

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1. (3 pts) Given that  $y = \arctan(x)$  is a solution to the following differential equation, and find the most general solution:

$$y'' - y' - 12y = \frac{(1+x)^2}{(1+x^2)^2} - 12\arctan(x)$$

*We know that the general solution to any linear differential equation is*

$$y_g = y_c + y_p$$

*where  $y_p$  is some (any: you choose) particular solution to the differential equation, and  $y_c$  is the general solution to the corresponding homogeneous equation. So, since  $\arctan x$  is a solution, we can pick  $y_p = \arctan x$ , and then we have only to solve for  $y_c$ :*

$$0 = y_c'' - y_c' - 12y_c$$

$$0 = r^2 - r - 12$$

$$= (r-4)(r+3)$$

$$r = 4 \text{ or } -3$$

$$y_c = c_1 e^{4x} + c_2 e^{-3x}$$

$$y_g = c_1 e^{4x} + c_2 e^{-3x} + \arctan(x)$$

2. (3 pts) Solve the initial value problem:

$$y'' + 2y' + 5y = 0, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = -3$$

*The differential equation is linear homogeneous with constant coefficients. We begin by solving for the general solution. Then we fix the parameters based on the initial values.*

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

$$r^2 + 2r + 5 = 0$$

$$r = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{2^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 5}}{2}$$

$$= -1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 5}$$

$$= -1 \pm \sqrt{-4}$$

$$= -1 \pm 2\sqrt{-1}$$

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

$$1 = y(0) = e^{-0} (c_1 \cos(2 \cdot 0) + c_2 \sin(2 \cdot 0))$$

$$= c_1$$

$$-3 = y'(0) = \left[ -e^{-x} (c_1 \cos(2x) + c_2 \sin(2x)) \right. \\ \left. + e^{-x} (-2c_1 \sin(2x) + 2c_2 \cos(2x)) \right]_{x=0}$$

$$= -c_1 + 2c_2$$

$$= -1 + 2c_2$$

$$-2 = 2c_2$$

$$y = e^{-x} (\cos(2x) - \sin(2x))$$

3. (4 pts) Solve the differential equation:

$$y'' - y' - 2y = 10 \sin(x) + 4x$$

We know that the general solution is  $y = y_c + y_p$ . We begin by solving the homogeneous equation:

$$\begin{aligned} r^2 - r - 2 &= (r - 2)(r + 1) \\ y_c &= c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{-x} \end{aligned}$$

If we are clever, we find a particular solution by guessing:

$$\begin{aligned} y_p &= A \cos(x) + B \sin(x) + Cx + D \\ y_p'' - y_p' - 2y_p &= (-A \cos(x) - B \sin(x)) - (-A \sin(x) + B \cos(x) + C) \\ &\quad - 2(A \cos(x) + B \sin(x) + Cx + D) \\ &= (-A - B - 2A) \cos(x) + (-B + A - 2B) \sin(x) + (-2C)x + (-C - 2D) \\ -3A - B &= 0 \\ A - 3B &= 10 \\ -2C &= 4 \\ -C - 2D &= 0 \\ B &= -3A \\ 10 &= A - 3(-3A) = 10A \\ A &= 1 \\ B &= -3 \cdot 1 = -3 \\ C &= -2 \\ 2 - 2D &= 0 \\ D &= 1 \\ y_p &= \cos(x) - 3 \sin(x) - 2x + 1 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, putting everything together, we get

$$y = y_c + y_p = \boxed{c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{-x} + \cos(x) - 3 \sin(x) - 2x + 1}$$

Alternately, we could calculate this integral by varying our parameters. Since  $y_1 = e^{2x}$  and  $y_2 = e^{-x}$  are annihilated by the left hand side of the differential equation, they are a convenient basis in which to work this problem. So we declare that the general solution is

$$y = u_1 e^{2x} + u_2 e^{-x}.$$

Experience with these problems suggests that we should also demand of our solution that

$$u_1' e^{2x} + u_2' e^{-x} = 0.$$

Then plugging  $y$  into the differential equation and simplifying gives

$$u_1'(2e^{2x}) + u_2'(-e^{-x}) = \sin(x) + 4x$$

Solving these two equations for  $u_1'$  and  $u_2'$  and integrating by parts yields

$$\begin{aligned} u_1' &= \frac{(10 \sin(x) + 4x)e^{-x}}{2e^{2x}e^{-x} - (-1)e^{-x}e^{2x}} \\ &= \frac{(10 \sin(x) + 4x)e^{-x}}{3e^x} \\ u_2' &= \frac{(10 \sin(x) + 4x)e^{2x}}{-3e^x} \\ u_1 &= \frac{1}{3} \int (10 \sin(x) + 4x)e^{-2x} dx \\ &= \frac{10}{3} \int \sin(x)e^{-2x} dx + \frac{4}{3} \int xe^{-2x} dx \\ \int \sin(x)e^{kx} dx &= -\cos(x)e^{kx} + \int \cos(x)ke^{kx} dx \\ &= -\cos(x)e^{kx} + \sin(x)ke^{kx} - \int \sin(x)k^2e^{kx} dx \\ (k^2 + 1) \int \sin(x)e^{kx} dx &= -\cos(x)e^{kx} + \sin(x)ke^{kx} \\ \int \sin(x)e^{kx} dx &= \frac{k \sin(x) - \cos(x)}{k^2 + 1} e^{kx} + C \\ \int xe^{kx} &= \frac{x}{k} e^{kx} - \int \frac{1}{k} e^{kx} dx \\ &= \frac{kx - 1}{k^2} e^{kx} + C \\ u_1 &= \left( \frac{10}{3} \frac{-2 \sin(x) - \cos(x)}{5} + \frac{4}{3} \frac{-2x - 1}{4} \right) e^{-2x} + c_1 \\ u_2 &= \frac{-10}{3} \int \sin(x)e^x dx + \frac{-4}{3} \int xe^x dx \\ &= \left( \frac{-10}{3} \frac{\sin(x) - \cos(x)}{2} + \frac{-4}{3} \frac{x - 1}{1} \right) e^x + c_2 \\ y &= u_1 e^{2x} + u_2 e^{-x} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left( \frac{10-2\sin(x)-\cos(x)}{3 \cdot 5} + \frac{4-2x-1}{3 \cdot 4} \right) + c_1 e^{2x} \\
&\quad + \left( \frac{-10\sin(x)-\cos(x)}{3 \cdot 2} + \frac{-4x-1}{3 \cdot 1} \right) + c_2 e^{-x} \\
&= \boxed{-3\sin(x) + \cos(x) - 2x + 1 + c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{-x}}
\end{aligned}$$

*Sure enough, both methods give the same answer.*