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Quiz 4

You must show all work to receive full credit!!

Problem 1. (2 points) Write the form of a particular solution suggested by the method of undetermined coefficients. DO NOT find the coefficients.

(a) $y'' + 2y' = t^2 + t$

Aux eqn: $r^2 + 2r = 0$

$$r(r+2) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow r = 0$ is a simple root

$$t^2 + t = (t^2 + t)e^{0t}$$

Guess $y_p = t(At^2 + Bt + C)$

(b) $y'' - 4y' + 4y = te^{2t} - \sin(2t)$

Aux eqn: $r^2 - 4r + 4 = 0$

$$(r-2)^2 = 0$$

$\Rightarrow r = 2$ is a double root

Guess $y_p = t^2(At + B)e^{2t} + C\sin(2t) + D\cos(2t)$

Problem 2. (3 points) Use variation of parameters to find a general solution to the differential equation

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

Aux eqn: $r^2 + 2r + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow (r+1)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow r = -1$ (mult. 2)

$y_h = c_1 e^{-t} + c_2 t e^{-t}$. Let $y_1 = e^{-t}$, $y_2 = t e^{-t}$.

$$\begin{cases} e^{-t} v_1' + t e^{-t} v_2' = 0 \\ -e^{-t} v_1' + (e^{-t} - t e^{-t}) v_2' = e^{-t} \end{cases}$$

Adding equations gives $e^{-t} v_2' = e^{-t} \Rightarrow v_2' = 1 \Rightarrow v_2 = t$.

Substitute $v_2' = 1$: $e^{-t} v_1' = -t e^{-t} \Rightarrow v_1' = -t \Rightarrow v_1 = -\frac{1}{2} t^2$.

Then $y_p = v_1 y_1 + v_2 y_2 = -\frac{1}{2} t^2 e^{-t} + t^2 e^{-t} = \frac{1}{2} t^2 e^{-t}$ and

general solution is $y(t) = c_1 e^{-t} + c_2 t e^{-t} + \frac{1}{2} t^2 e^{-t}$