

(1) [4 points] Complete:

Definition: A linear 2<sup>nd</sup> order DE has the form

$$a(t)y'' + b(t)y' + c(t)y = f(t)$$

where  $a(t), b(t), c(t), f(t)$  are continuous functions on an interval  $I = (\alpha, \beta)$ .

Theorem Let  $a, b, c$  be constants & suppose  $a \neq 0$ .

Suppose  $r$  is a real number that satisfies

$$ar^2 + br + c = 0 \quad \text{(Characteristic or Auxiliary Equation)}$$

Then  $y = e^{rt}$  is a solution of the homogeneous equation

$$ay'' + by' + cy = 0$$

Theorem If  $y_1, y_2$  are solutions of

$$(*) \quad ay'' + by' + cy = 0,$$

then

$y = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2$  is also a solution where  $c_1, c_2$  are any constants.

Existence Uniqueness Theorem for 2<sup>nd</sup> order linear IVPs

with constant coefficients Let  $t_0, a, b, c, Y_0, Y_1 \in \mathbb{R}, a \neq 0$ .

The IVP

$ay'' + by' + cy = 0; \quad y(t_0) = Y_0, \quad y'(t_0) = Y_1,$   
has a unique solution valid on the interval  $I = (-\infty, \infty)$ .

(p. 2)

Definition Two functions  $y_1(t), y_2(t)$  (defined on an interval  $I$ ) are linearly dependent on  $I$  if there exist constants  $c_1, c_2$  not both zero such that

$$c_1 y_1(t) + c_2 y_2(t) = 0$$

for all  $t \in I$ . Otherwise, they are linearly independent on  $I$ .

Lemma Two functions  $y_1(t), y_2(t)$  (on  $I$ ) are linearly dependent on  $I$  if and only if at least one function is a constant multiple of the other.

(2) [6 points] Solve the IVP  
 $y'' + y' - 2y = 0, \quad y(0) = 5, \quad y'(0) = -1.$

AE:  $r^2 + r - 2 = 0$   
 $(r + 2)(r - 1) = 0$   
 $r = 1, -2$

$y_1 = e^t, y_2 = e^{-2t}$  are solutions.

Let  $y = c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{-2t}$  where  $c_1, c_2$  are constants.

$$y(0) = c_1 + c_2 = 5.$$

$$y' = c_1 e^t - 2c_2 e^{-2t},$$

$$y'(0) = c_1 - 2c_2 = -1.$$

$$\begin{cases} c_1 + c_2 = 5 \\ c_1 - 2c_2 = -1 \end{cases}$$

$$3c_2 = 6, \quad c_2 = 2 \text{ \&}$$

$$c_1 = 3.$$

Hence  $y = 3e^t + 2e^{-2t}$   
is the solution to the IVP.