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1 Problem 1 (10.2.8)

Problem 10.2.8. Find the solutions to

- (i) $(D^2 + 2D + 1)x(t) = 0$ with $x(0) = 1, \dot{x}(0) = 0$
- (ii) $(D^4 + 1)x(t) = 0$
- (iii) $(D^3 - 3D^2 - 9D - 5)x(t) = 0$ (5 is a root)
- (iv) $(D + 1)^2(D^4 - 256)x(t) = 0$

Figure 1: Problem statement

Solution

1.1 Part 1

The ode to solve is

$$\begin{aligned} x''(t) + 2x'(t) + x(t) &= 0 \\ x(0) &= 1 \\ x'(0) &= 0 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

This is a constant coefficient ODE. Assuming the solution has the form $x = Ae^{\lambda t}$ and substituting this back in (1) gives the characteristic equation (the constant A drops out)

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda^2 e^{\lambda t} + 2\lambda e^{\lambda t} + e^{\lambda t} &= 0 \\ (\lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 1)e^{\lambda t} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since $e^{\lambda t} \neq 0$, the above gives

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 1 &= 0 \\ (\lambda + 1)^2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $\lambda = -1$. (double root). Since the root is double, then the basis solutions are $x_1(t) = e^{\lambda t}, x_2(t) = te^{\lambda t}$ and the general solution is a linear combination of these basis solutions. Therefore the general solution is

$$x(t) = Ae^{-t} + Bte^{-t} \tag{2}$$

The constants A, B are found from initial conditions. At $t = 0$ and using $x(0) = 1$ gives

$$1 = A \tag{3}$$

Solution (2) becomes

$$x(t) = e^{-t} + Bte^{-t} \tag{4}$$

Taking derivative of (4) gives

$$x'(t) = -e^{-t} + Be^{-t} - Bte^{-t}$$

Using $x'(0) = 0$ on the above gives

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= -1 + B \\ B &= 1 \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

Substituting (3,5) in (4) gives the final solution

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= e^{-t} + te^{-t} \\ &= (1 + t)e^{-t} \end{aligned}$$

1.2 Part 2

The ode to solve is

$$x''''(t) + x(t) = 0$$

As was done in the above part, substituting $x = Ae^{\lambda t}$ in the above and simplifying gives the characteristic equation

$$\lambda^4 + 1 = 0$$

Hence the roots are $\lambda^4 = -1$ or $\lambda^4 = e^{-i\frac{\pi}{2}}$. There are 4 roots that divide the unit circle equally, each is 90 degrees phase shifted (anti clockwise) from the other, starting from first root at phase $-\frac{\pi}{2} = -45$ degrees. Hence the roots are

$$\lambda_1 = \cos(-45) + i \sin(-45)$$

$$\lambda_2 = \cos(45) + i \sin(45)$$

$$\lambda_3 = \cos(135) + i \sin(135)$$

$$\lambda_4 = \cos(225) + i \sin(225)$$

or

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - i \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$\lambda_2 = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + i \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$\lambda_3 = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + i \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$\lambda_4 = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - i \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

Therefore the basis solutions are

$$x_1(t) = e^{\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - i \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)t}$$

$$x_2(t) = e^{\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + i \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)t}$$

$$x_3(t) = e^{\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + i \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)t}$$

$$x_4(t) = e^{\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - i \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)t}$$

The general solution is linear combination of the above basis solutions, which becomes

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= c_1 e^{\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - i \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)t} + c_2 e^{\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + i \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)t} + c_3 e^{\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + i \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)t} + c_4 e^{\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - i \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)t} \\ &= c_1 e^{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}t} e^{-i \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}t} + c_2 e^{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}t} e^{i \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}t} + c_3 e^{-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}t} e^{i \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}t} + c_4 e^{-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}t} e^{-i \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}t} \\ &= e^{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}t} \left(c_1 e^{-i \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}t} + c_2 e^{i \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}t} \right) + e^{-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}t} \left(c_3 e^{i \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}t} + c_4 e^{-i \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}t} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Using Euler relation, the above can be rewritten as

$$x(t) = e^{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}t} \left(c_1 \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}t\right) + c_2 \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}t\right) \right) + e^{-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}t} \left(c_3 \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}t\right) + c_4 \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}t\right) \right)$$

1.3 Part 3

The ode to solve is

$$x'''(t) - 3x''(t) - 9x'(t) - 5x(t) = 0$$

As was done in the above part, substituting $x = Ae^{\lambda t}$ in the above and simplifying gives the characteristic equation

$$\lambda^3 - 3\lambda^2 - 9\lambda - 5 = 0$$

Since one root is 5, then the above can be written as

$$(\lambda - 5)(\Delta) = 0$$

Where

$$\Delta = \frac{\lambda^3 - 3\lambda^2 - 9\lambda - 5}{\lambda - 5}$$

Using long division gives

$$\Delta = (\lambda + 1)^2$$

Therefore the roots of the characteristic equation are

$$\lambda_1 = 5$$

$$\lambda_2 = -1$$

$$\lambda_3 = -1$$

roots λ_2, λ_3 are the same. $\lambda = -1$ is a double root. Therefore the basis solutions are

$$x_1(t) = e^{5t}$$

$$x_2(t) = e^t$$

$$x_3(t) = te^t$$

Where t multiplies the last basis $x_3(t)$ due to the double root. The general solution is linear combination of the above basis solutions, which gives

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= c_1x_1(t) + c_2x_2(t) + c_3x_3(t) \\ &= c_1e^{5t} + c_2e^t + c_3te^t \end{aligned}$$

1.4 Part 4

The ode to solve is

$$(D + 1)^2(D^4 - 256)x(t) = 0$$

This has the characteristic equation $(\lambda + 1)^2(\lambda^4 - 256) = 0$. The roots of $(\lambda^4 - 256)$ are given by $\lambda^4 = 256$. Let $\lambda^2 = \omega$. Therefore $\omega^2 = 256$ which gives $\omega = \pm 16$.

When $\omega = 16$, then $\lambda^2 = 16$ which gives $\lambda = \pm 4$ and when $\omega = -16$, then $\lambda^2 = -16$ which gives $\lambda = \pm 4i$.

The other part $(\lambda + 1)^2 = 0$ gives $\lambda = -1$, double root. Therefore the roots of the characteristic equation are

$$\lambda_1 = 4$$

$$\lambda_2 = -4$$

$$\lambda_3 = 4i$$

$$\lambda_4 = -4i$$

$$\lambda_5 = -1$$

$$\lambda_6 = -1$$

Root $\lambda = -1$ is a double root. Therefore the basis solutions as

$$x_1(t) = e^{4t}$$

$$x_2(t) = e^{-4t}$$

$$x_3(t) = e^{4it}$$

$$x_4(t) = e^{-4it}$$

$$x_5(t) = e^{-t}$$

$$x_6(t) = te^{-t}$$

Where t was multiplied by e^{-t} in $x_6(t)$ since the root is double. The solution is linear combination of the above basis solutions, which gives

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= c_1x_1(t) + c_2x_2(t) + c_3x_3(t) + c_4x_4(t) + c_5x_5(t) + c_6x_6(t) \\ &= c_1e^{4t} + c_2e^{-4t} + c_3e^{4it} + c_4e^{-4it} + c_5e^{-t} + c_6te^{-t} \\ &= e^{-t}(c_5 + tc_6) + c_1e^{4t} + c_2e^{-4t} + c_3 \sin(4t) + c_4 \cos(4t) \end{aligned}$$

Where Euler relation was used in the last step above to rewrite $c_3e^{4it} + c_4e^{-4it}$.

2 Problem 2 (10.2.11)

Problem 10.2.11. Solve the following subject to $y(0) = 1, \dot{y}(0) = 0$

(i) $\ddot{y} - \dot{y} - 2y = e^{2x}$
(ii) $(D^2 - 2D + 1)y = 2 \cos x$
(iii) $y'' + 16y = 16 \cos 4x$
(iv) $y'' - y = \cosh x$

Figure 2: Problem statement

Solution

2.1 Part 1

The ode to solve is

$$y'' - y' - 2y = e^{2x} \quad (1)$$

This is second order constant coefficients inhomogeneous ODE. The general solution is

$$y(x) = y_h(x) + y_p(x) \quad (2)$$

Where $y_h(x)$ is the solution to $y'' - y' - 2y = 0$ and $y_p(x)$ is any particular solution to $y'' - y' - 2y = e^{2x}$. The homogenous solution is found using the characteristic polynomial method as was done in the above problems. Substituting $y = Ae^{\lambda x}$ in $y'' - y' - 2y = 0$ and simplifying gives

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda^2 - \lambda - 2 &= 0 \\ (\lambda + 1)(\lambda - 2) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

The roots are $\lambda_1 = -1, \lambda_2 = 2$. Therefore the basis solutions are

$$\begin{aligned} y_1(x) &= e^{-x} \\ y_2(x) &= e^{2x} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Hence $y_h(x)$ is linear combination of the above, which gives

$$y_h(x) = c_1 e^{-x} + c_2 e^{2x}$$

The particular solution is now found. Assuming $y_p = Ae^{2x}$. But e^{2x} is a basis solution of the homogeneous ode. Therefore y_p is multiplied by x giving

$$y_p = Axe^{2x}$$

Substituting this back in (1) and solving for A gives

$$\begin{aligned} y_p' &= Ae^{2x} + 2Axe^{2x} \\ y_p'' &= 2Ae^{2x} + 2Ae^{2x} + 4Axe^{2x} \\ &= 4Ae^{2x} + 4Axe^{2x} \end{aligned}$$

Eq (1) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} (4Ae^{2x} + 4Axe^{2x}) - (Ae^{2x} + 2Axe^{2x}) - 2(Axe^{2x}) &= e^{2x} \\ 4Ae^{2x} + 4Axe^{2x} - Ae^{2x} - 2Axe^{2x} - 2Axe^{2x} &= e^{2x} \\ 4A + 4Ax - A - 2Ax - 2Ax &= 1 \\ 3A &= 1 \\ A &= \frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

Hence the particular solution is

$$y_p(x) = \frac{1}{3}xe^{2x}$$

Therefore from (2) the general solution is

$$y(x) = c_1e^{-x} + c_2e^{2x} + \frac{1}{3}xe^{2x} \quad (4)$$

c_1, c_2 are now found from initial conditions. At $x = 0$, (4) becomes

$$1 = c_1 + c_2 \quad (5)$$

Taking derivative of (4) gives

$$y'(x) = -c_1e^{-x} + 2c_2e^{2x} + \frac{1}{3}e^{2x} + \frac{2}{3}xe^{2x}$$

At $x = 0$ the above gives

$$0 = -c_1 + 2c_2 + \frac{1}{3} \quad (6)$$

Eq (5,6) are now solved for c_1, c_2 . From (5)

$$c_1 = 1 - c_2$$

Substituting this back in (6) gives

$$0 = -(1 - c_2) + 2c_2 + \frac{1}{3}$$

$$c_2 = \frac{2}{9}$$

Therefore $c_1 = 1 - \frac{2}{9} = \frac{7}{9}$. The final solution (4) becomes

$$y(x) = \frac{7}{9}e^{-x} + \frac{2}{9}e^{2x} + \frac{1}{3}xe^{2x}$$

2.2 Part 2

The ode to solve is

$$y'' - 2y' + y = 2 \cos x \quad (1)$$

This is second order constant coefficients inhomogeneous ODE. Hence the general solution is

$$y(x) = y_h(x) + y_p(x) \quad (2)$$

Where $y_h(x)$ is the solution to $y'' - 2y' + y = 0$ and $y_p(x)$ is any particular solution to $y'' - 2y' + y = 2 \cos x$. The homogenous is found using the characteristic polynomial method. Substituting $y = Ae^{\lambda x}$ in $y'' - 2y' + y = 0$ and simplifying gives

$$\lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 1 = 0$$

$$(\lambda - 1)(\lambda - 1) = 0$$

roots are $\lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = 1$. (double root). The basis solutions are therefore

$$y_1(x) = e^x \quad (3)$$

$$y_1(x) = xe^x$$

$y_h(x)$ is linear combination of the the above which gives

$$y_h(x) = c_1e^x + c_2xe^x$$

The particular solution is now found. Assuming $y_p = A \cos x$. Taking all derivatives of this solution gives the set $\{\cos x, \sin x\}$. Therefore

$$y_p = A \cos x + B \sin x$$

Substituting this back in (1) to solve for A, B gives

$$y_p' = -A \sin x + B \cos x$$

$$y_p'' = -A \cos x - B \sin x$$

Hence (1) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} y_p'' - 2y_p' + y_p &= 2 \cos x \\ (-A \cos x - B \sin x) - 2(-A \sin x + B \cos x) + (A \cos x + B \sin x) &= 2 \cos x \\ -A \cos x - B \sin x + 2A \sin x - 2B \cos x + A \cos x + B \sin x &= 2 \cos x \\ \cos x(-A - 2B + A) + \sin x(-B + 2A + B) &= 2 \cos x \\ -2B \cos x + 2A \sin x &= 2 \cos x \end{aligned}$$

Hence $A = 0$ and $B = -1$. Therefore the particular solution is

$$y_p(x) = -\sin x$$

Eq (2) becomes

$$y(x) = c_1 e^x + c_2 x e^x - \sin x \quad (4)$$

c_1, c_2 are now found from initial conditions. At $x = 0$, (4) becomes

$$1 = c_1 \quad (5)$$

The solution (4) becomes

$$y(x) = e^x + c_2 x e^x - \sin x \quad (6)$$

Taking derivative of (6) gives

$$y'(x) = e^x + c_2 e^x + c_2 x e^x - \cos x$$

At $x = 0$ the above gives

$$0 = 1 + c_2 - 1 \quad (6)$$

Therefore $c_2 = 0$ and now Eq (6) gives the final solution as

$$y(x) = e^x - \sin x$$

2.3 Part 3

The ode to solve is

$$y'' + 16y = 16 \cos 4x \quad (1)$$

This is second order constant coefficients inhomogeneous ODE. Hence the general solution is

$$y(x) = y_h(x) + y_p(x) \quad (2)$$

Where $y_h(x)$ is the solution to $y'' + 16y = 0$ and $y_p(x)$ is any particular solution to $y'' + 16y = 16 \cos 4x$. The homogenous is found using the characteristic polynomial method. Substituting $y = Ae^{\lambda x}$ in $y'' + 16y = 0$ and simplifying gives

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda^2 + 16 &= 0 \\ \lambda &= \pm 4i \end{aligned}$$

The roots are $\lambda_1 = 4i, \lambda_2 = -4i$. The basis solutions are therefore

$$\begin{aligned} y_1(x) &= e^{i4x} \\ y_2(x) &= e^{-i4x} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Therefore $y_h(x)$ is linear combination of the the above.

$$y_h(x) = c_1 e^{i4x} + c_2 e^{-i4x}$$

Which can be written, using Euler formula as

$$y_h(x) = c_1 \cos 4x + c_2 \sin 4x$$

The particular solution is now found. Assuming $y_p = A \cos 4x$. Taking all derivatives of this, the basis for y_p becomes $\{\cos 4x, \sin 4x\}$. But $\cos 4x$ is a basis of y_h . Therefore this set is multiplied by x . The whole set is multiplied by x and not just $\cos 4x$ because the set was generated by taking derivative of $\cos 4x$.

The basis set for y_p now becomes $\{x \cos 4x, x \sin 4x\}$. Hence y_p is linear combination of these basis, giving trial y_p as

$$y_p = Ax \cos 4x + Bx \sin 4x \quad (4)$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} y_p' &= (A \cos 4x - 4Ax \sin 4x) + (B \sin 4x + 4Bx \cos 4x) \\ y_p'' &= (-4A \sin 4x - 4A \sin 4x - 16Ax \cos 4x) + (4B \cos 4x + 4B \cos 4x - 16Bx \sin 4x) \\ &= -8A \sin 4x - 16Ax \cos 4x + 8B \cos 4x - 16Bx \sin 4x \end{aligned}$$

Substituting the above back in (1) gives

$$\begin{aligned} (-8A \sin 4x - 16Ax \cos 4x + 8B \cos 4x - 16Bx \sin 4x) + 16(Ax \cos 4x + Bx \sin 4x) &= 16 \cos 4x \\ \sin 4x(-8A - 16Bx + 16Bx) + \cos 4x(-16Ax + 8B + 16Ax) &= 16 \cos 4x \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} -16Ax + 8B + 16Ax &= 16 \\ -8A - 16Bx + 16Bx &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Or

$$\begin{aligned} 8B &= 16 \\ -8A &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

First equation gives $B = 2$. Second equation gives $A = 0$. Therefore the particular solution (4) becomes

$$y_p = 2x \sin 4x$$

From (2), the general solution becomes

$$\begin{aligned} y(x) &= y_h(x) + y_p(x) \\ &= c_1 \cos 4x + c_2 \sin 4x + 2x \sin 4x \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

c_1, c_2 are now found from initial conditions. At $x = 0$, (5) becomes

$$1 = c_1$$

Hence the solution (5) becomes

$$y(x) = \cos 4x + c_2 \sin 4x + 2x \sin 4x \quad (6)$$

Taking derivative of the above

$$y'(x) = -4 \sin 4x + 4c_2 \cos 4x + 2 \sin 4x + 8x \cos 4x$$

At $t = 0$ the above gives

$$0 = 4c_2$$

Hence $c_2 = 0$ and the final solution (6) becomes

$$y(x) = \cos 4x + 2x \sin 4x$$

2.4 Part 4

The ode to solve is

$$y'' - y = \cosh x \quad (1)$$

This is second order constant coefficients inhomogeneous ODE. Hence the general solution is

$$y(x) = y_h(x) + y_p(x) \quad (2)$$

Where $y_h(x)$ is the solution to $y'' + y = 0$ and $y_p(x)$ is any particular solution to $y'' + y = \cosh x$. The homogenous is found using the characteristic polynomial method. Substituting $y = Ae^{\lambda x}$ in $y'' + y = 0$ and simplifying gives

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda^2 - 1 &= 0 \\ \lambda &= \pm 1 \end{aligned}$$

roots are $\lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = -1$. The basis solutions are therefore

$$\begin{aligned} y_1(x) &= e^x \\ y_2(x) &= e^{-x} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Therefore $y_h(x)$ is linear combination of the the above.

$$y_h(x) = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{-x}$$

Which can be written, using Euler formula as

$$y_h(x) = c_1 \cosh x + c_2 \sinh x$$

The particular solution is now found. Assuming $y_p = A \cosh x$. Taking all derivatives of this, the basis for y_p becomes $\{\cosh x, \sinh x\}$. But $\cosh x$ is basis of y_h . Therefore this set is multiplied by x . The whole set is multiplied by x and not just $\cosh x$ because the set was generated by taking derivative of $\cosh x$.

The basis set for y_p becomes $\{x \cosh x, x \sinh x\}$. Hence y_p is linear combination of these basis, giving trial y_p as

$$y_p = Ax \cosh x + Bx \sinh x \quad (4)$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} y_p' &= A \cosh x + Ax \sinh x + B \sinh x + Bx \cosh x \\ y_p'' &= A \sinh x + A \sinh x + Ax \cosh x + B \cosh x + B \cosh x + Bx \sinh x \\ &= 2A \sinh x + Ax \cosh x + 2B \cosh x + Bx \sinh x \end{aligned}$$

Substituting the above back in (1) gives

$$\begin{aligned} (2A \sinh x + Ax \cosh x + 2B \cosh x + Bx \sinh x) - (Ax \cosh x + Bx \sinh x) &= \cosh x \\ \sinh x(2A + Bx - Bx) + \cosh x(Ax + 2B - Ax) &= \cosh x \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} 2B &= 1 \\ 2A &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $B = \frac{1}{2}, A = 0$ and (4) becomes

$$y_p = \frac{1}{2}x \sinh x$$

From (2), the general solution becomes

$$\begin{aligned} y(x) &= y_h(x) + y_p(x) \\ &= c_1 \cosh x + c_2 \sinh x + \frac{1}{2}x \sinh x \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

c_1, c_2 are now found from initial conditions. At $x = 0$, (5) becomes

$$1 = c_1$$

Hence the solution (5) becomes

$$y(x) = \cosh x + c_2 \sinh x + \frac{1}{2}x \sinh x \quad (6)$$

Taking derivative of the above

$$y'(x) = \sinh x + c_2 \cosh x + \frac{1}{2} \sinh x + \frac{1}{2}x \cosh x$$

At $t = 0$ the above gives

$$0 = c_2 \cosh x$$

Hence $c_2 = 0$ and the final solution (6) becomes

$$y(x) = \cosh x + \frac{1}{2}x \sinh x$$

3 Problem 3 (10.3.5)

Solve $x^2y' + 2xy = \sinh x$ with $y(1) = 2$

Solution

Dividing by $x \neq 0$

$$y' + 2\frac{y}{x} = \frac{\sinh x}{x^2}$$

The integrating factor is $I = e^{\int \frac{2}{x} dx} = e^{2 \ln x} = x^2$. Multiplying both sides by this integration factor makes the left side a complete differential

$$\frac{d}{dx}(yx^2) = x^2 \frac{\sinh x}{x^2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(yx^2) = \sinh x$$

Integrating gives

$$yx^2 = \int \sinh x dx + C$$

$$yx^2 = \cosh x + C$$

$$y = \frac{\cosh x}{x^2} + \frac{C}{x^2} \tag{1}$$

At $x = 1$ the above becomes

$$2 = \cosh 1 + C$$

$$C = 2 - \cosh 1$$

Hence the solution (1) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} y(x) &= \frac{\cosh x}{x^2} + \frac{2 - \cosh 1}{x^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{x^2}(\cosh x + 2 - \cosh 1) \end{aligned}$$

Where $x \neq 0$

4 Problem 4 (10.3.8)

Solve

$$(1 + x^2)y' = 1 + xy$$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= \frac{1 + xy}{1 + x^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + x^2} + \frac{xy}{1 + x^2} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

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

This is linear in y first order ODE. It has the form $y' + p(x)y = q(x)$. The integration factor is

$$\begin{aligned} I &= e^{\int p(x)dx} \\ &= e^{-\int \frac{x}{1+x^2}dx} \end{aligned}$$

But $\int \frac{x}{1+x^2}dx = \frac{1}{2} \ln(1 + x^2)$. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} I &= e^{-\frac{1}{2} \ln(1+x^2)} \\ &= e^{\ln(1+x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}} \\ &= (1 + x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + x^2}} \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying both sides of (1) by this integrating factor makes the left side a complete differential

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \left(y \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + x^2}} \right) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + x^2}} \frac{1}{1 + x^2} \\ \frac{d}{dx} \left(y \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + x^2}} \right) &= \frac{1}{(1 + x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \\ &= (1 + x^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Integrating gives

$$y \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + x^2}} = \int (1 + x^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} dx + C \quad (2)$$

To integrate $\int \frac{1}{(1+x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} dx$, let $x = \tan u$, then $dx = (1 + \tan^2 u) du$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{1}{(1+x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} dx &= \int \frac{1}{(1+\tan^2 u)^{\frac{3}{2}}} (1+\tan^2 u) du \\ &= \int \frac{1}{(1+\tan^2 u)^{\frac{1}{2}}} du \\ &= \int \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{\sin^2 u}{\cos^2 u}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}} du \\ &= \int \frac{\cos u}{(\cos^2 u + \sin^2 u)^{\frac{1}{2}}} du \\ &= \int \cos u \, du \\ &= \sin u \end{aligned}$$

But $\sin u = \frac{\frac{\sin u}{\cos u}}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{\sin^2 u}{\cos^2 u}}} = \frac{\tan u}{\sqrt{1 + \tan^2 u}} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$. Hence

$$\int \frac{1}{(1+x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} dx = \frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$$

Therefore the final solution (2) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} y \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} &= \frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} + C \\ y &= x + C\sqrt{1+x^2} \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

5 Problem 5 (10.3.9)

Solve (a) $y' + xy = xy^2$ (b) $3xy' + y + x^2y^4 = 0$

Solution

5.1 Part a

The ode has the form

$$y' + p(x)y = q(x)y^m$$

Where $p(x) = x$, $q(x) = x$ and $m = 2$. Therefore this is Bernoulli ODE. The first step is to divide throughout by $y^m = y^2$ which gives

$$\frac{y'}{y^2} + p(x)y^{-1} = q(x) \quad (1)$$

Setting

$$v(x) = y^{-1} \quad (2)$$

Taking derivatives of the above w.r.t. x gives

$$v'(x) = \frac{-1}{y^2}y'(x) \quad (3)$$

Substituting (2,3) into (1) gives

$$-v'(x) + p(x)v(x) = q(x)$$

But here $p(x) = x$ and $q(x) = x$. The above becomes

$$\begin{aligned} -v'(x) + xv(x) &= x \\ v'(x) - xv(x) &= -x \end{aligned}$$

This is linear ODE in $v(x)$. The integrating factor is $e^{\int -x dx} = e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$. Multiplying both sides of the above by this integrating factor makes the left side a complete differential

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(ve^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \right) = -xe^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$$

Integrating gives

$$ve^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} = - \int xe^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx + C \quad (4)$$

To integrate $\int xe^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx$, let $u = x^2$. Then $du = 2xdx$. Substituting gives

$$\begin{aligned} \int xe^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx &= \int xe^{-\frac{u}{2}} \frac{du}{2x} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int e^{-\frac{u}{2}} du \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{e^{-\frac{u}{2}}}{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= -e^{-\frac{u}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

But $u = x^2$. Therefore

$$\int xe^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx = -e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$$

Substituting the above in (4) gives

$$ve^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} = e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} + C$$

$$v = 1 + e^{\frac{x^2}{2}} C$$

But $v = y^{-1}$, therefore

$$y^{-1} = 1 + e^{\frac{x^2}{2}} C$$

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{\frac{x^2}{2}} C}$$

Where C is constant of integration.

5.2 Part b

The ode is

$$3xy' + y + x^2y^4 = 0$$

Dividing by $3x$ for $x \neq 0$ gives

$$y' + \frac{y}{3x} + \frac{x}{3}y^4 = 0$$

$$y' + \frac{1}{3x}y = -\frac{x}{3}y^4$$

Now this ODE has the Bernoulli form,

$$y' + p(x)y = q(x)y^m$$

Where $p(x) = \frac{1}{3x}$, $q(x) = -\frac{x}{3}$ and $m = 4$. Therefore this is Bernoulli ODE. The first step is to divide throughout by $y^m = y^4$ which gives

$$\frac{y'}{y^4} + p(x)y^{-3} = q(x) \quad (1)$$

Setting

$$v(x) = y^{-3} \quad (2)$$

Taking derivatives of the above w.r.t. x gives

$$v'(x) = \frac{-3}{y^4}y'(x) \quad (3)$$

Substituting (2,3) into (1) gives

$$-\frac{1}{3}v'(x) + p(x)v(x) = q(x)$$

But here $p(x) = \frac{1}{3x}$, $q(x) = -\frac{x}{3}$. The above becomes

$$-\frac{1}{3}v'(x) + \frac{1}{3x}v(x) = -\frac{x}{3}$$

$$v'(x) - \frac{1}{x}v(x) = x$$

This is linear in $v(x)$. The integrating factor is $e^{-\int \frac{1}{x} dx} = e^{-\ln x} = \frac{1}{x}$. Multiplying both sides of the above by this integrating factor make the left side a complete differential

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(v \frac{1}{x} \right) = 1$$

Integrating gives

$$\begin{aligned}v \frac{1}{x} &= x + C \\v &= x^2 + xC\end{aligned}\tag{4}$$

But $v(x) = y^{-3}$. Therefore the above becomes

$$\begin{aligned}y^{-3} &= x^2 + xC \\y^3(x) &= \frac{1}{x^2 + xC}\end{aligned}$$

Or

$$y(x) = (x^2 + xC)^{-\frac{1}{3}}$$