

Section 4.3

Find the general solution of the given second-order differential equation.

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$$2y'' - 5y' + 6y = 0$$

$$2m^2 - 5m + 6 = 0$$

$$a = 2, b = -5, c = 6$$

$$b^2 - 4ac = 5^2 - 4(2)(6) = 25 - 48 = -23$$

$$m = \frac{5 \pm i\sqrt{-23}}{4} = \frac{5}{4} \pm i\frac{\sqrt{23}}{4}$$

$$\text{So } y = e^{\frac{5}{4}x} (c_1 \cos(\frac{\sqrt{23}}{4}x) + c_2 \sin(\frac{\sqrt{23}}{4}x))$$

Repeated Roots

Consider the following higher-order differential equation.

5. $y^{(4)} - 2y'' + y = 0$

Find all the roots of the auxiliary equation. (Enter your answer as a comma-separated list.)

$$\begin{aligned} m^4 - 2m^2 + 1 &= 0 \\ (m^2 - 1)^2 &= (m-1)^2(m+1)^2 \\ m=1, \text{ mult. of } 2. \\ m=-1, \dots &\quad 2. \end{aligned}$$

General Soln: $c_1 e^x + c_2 x e^x + c_3 e^{-x} + c_4 x e^{-x}$
 Multiplicity of 3?
 $c_1 e^x + c_2 x e^x + c_3 x^2 e^x$

Solve the given boundary-value problem. (If an answer does not exist, enter DNE.)

11. $y'' - 2y' + 2y = 0, \quad y(0) = 7, \quad y(\pi) = 7$

$$\begin{aligned}
 r^2 - 2r + 2 &= 0 \\
 r^2 - 2r + 1^2 - 1^2 + 2 & \\
 = (r-1)^2 + 1 &\stackrel{\text{SFT}}{=} 0 \\
 (r-1)^2 &= -1 \\
 r &= 1 \pm i \\
 y &= e^x (c_1 \cos(x) + c_2 \sin(x)) \\
 &= c_1 e^x \cos(x) + c_2 e^x \sin(x) \\
 \text{BC: } y(0) &= y(\pi) = 7 \\
 c_1 e^0 \cos(0) + c_2 \sin(0) &= 7 \\
 \boxed{c_1 = 7} \\
 c_1 e^\pi \cos(\pi) + c_2 e^\pi \sin(\pi) &= 7 \\
 c_1 = 7e^{-\pi} &\quad \text{contradiction.} \\
 \text{No soln. m satisfies both.}
 \end{aligned}$$