

**List 9**

*Higher-order linear ODEs*

☆214. Solve the ODE  $t^2y'' + 3ty' + y = 0$ .

Note: This task is starred. I would *not* ask you to solve this ODE on any quiz or exam because it is second-order but does *not* have constant coefficients.

215. The second-order ODE

$$t^2y'' + 3ty' + y = 0$$

has general solution

$$y = \frac{C_1}{t} + \frac{C_2 \ln t}{t}.$$

(a) Use this general solution to find a formula for  $y'$ .

(b) Using the formulas for  $y$  and  $y'$ , give the solution to the IVP

$$t^2y'' + 3ty' + y = 0, \quad y(1) = 2, \quad y'(1) = 5.$$

Note: This is the same ODE has Task 214, but this task is not starred.

216. (a) Calculate the integral  $\int 3x^2 dx$ .

(b) Calculate the integral  $\int (x^3 + k) dx$ . (Your answer will include  $k$ .)

217. Solve  $y'' = 3x^2$  by first finding  $y' = \int (y'') dx$  and then finding  $y = \int (y') dx$ .

218. Classify each linear ODEs below as “homogeneous linear” or “non-homogeneous linear” or “not linear”.

(a)  $y'' - 9y' + 2y = 0$ .      (e)  $y'' = 5t$ .      (i)  $y'' = 5x^2$ .

(b)  $y'' + 9y' + 2y = t^3$ .      (f)  $y'' = 5y$ .      (j)  $y'' = 5y^2$ .

(c)  $y''' - y'' - y' - y = 0$ .      (g)  $x'' = 5x'$ .      (k)  $y'' = 5yt$ .

(d)  $x'' + 2x = 9x'$ .      (h)  $y'' = 5t^2$ .

A collection of functions  $y_1(t), y_2(t), \dots, y_k(t)$  are called a **fundamental set** of solutions for a homogeneous ODE if the general solution to the ODE is

$$y = C_1 \cdot y_1(t) + C_2 \cdot y_2(t) + \dots + C_k y_k(t).$$

We can also<sup>1</sup> say that the functions are “fundamental solutions” to the ODE.

219. The functions  $t^{10}$  and  $\frac{1}{t}$  form a fundamental set for

$$y'' - \frac{8}{t}y' - \frac{10}{t^2}y = 0.$$

Using this, give the general solution to that ODE.

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<sup>1</sup>Using linear algebra vocabulary that is not required for this class, the fundamental set is a “basis” for the solution space, the fundamental functions “span” the solutions space, and the general solution is the set of all “linear combinations” of the fundamental solutions.

☆220. Solve the ODE  $y'' - \frac{8}{t}y' - \frac{10}{t^2}y = 0$ .

Note: This task is starred. I would *not* ask you to solve this ODE on any quiz or exam because it is second-order but does *not* have constant coefficients. (But Task 219, with fundamental solution provided, is not starred.)

For a homogeneous linear ODE with constant coefficients

$$a_n y^{(n)} + \cdots + a_2 y'' + a_1 y' + a_0 y = 0,$$

the **characteristic polynomial** of this ODE is

$$a_n r^n + \cdots + a_2 r^2 + a_1 r + a_0.$$

221. For each of the following homogeneous linear ODEs with constant coefficients, write the characteristic polynomial and find its (real or complex) roots.

(a)  $y'' + y' - 2y = 0$ .

☆(d)  $y^{(4)} - 8y''' + 16y'' - 25y = 0$ .

(b)  $2y'' + y' - 21y = 0$ .

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

(c)  $y''' = -5y'' - y' + 5y$ .

(f)  $x'' - 10x' + 9x = 0$ .

If the set of fundamental solutions for a homogeneous linear ODE with constant coefficients can be found using the roots of its characteristic polynomial:

- for each root  $a \pm bi$  with multiplicity  $m$ , all of the functions  $t^k e^{at} \sin(bt)$  and  $t^k e^{at} \cos(bt)$  with  $k = 0, 1, \dots, m - 1$  are fundamental solutions.

That one rule completely describes the fundamental set, but in practice the following rules are easier to use for second-order ODEs:

- if  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  distinct real roots, then use  $e^{r_1 t}$  and  $e^{r_2 t}$ .
- if  $r$  is a repeated real root, then use  $e^{rt}$  and  $t e^{rt}$ .
- if  $\lambda + \mu i$  is a complex root, then use  $e^{\lambda t} \sin(\mu t)$  and  $e^{\lambda t} \cos(\mu t)$ .

222. Give a set of fundamental solutions for the ODE

$$y'' + 3y' - 18y = 0.$$

223. Describe all possible solutions to the homogeneous ODE

$$y'' - 8y' + 25y = 0.$$

224. Find the general solution to the following homogeneous linear ODEs:

(a)  $y'' + y' - 2y = 0$ .

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

(b)  $y'' + 2y' + y = 0$ .

(f)  $y^{(4)} - 8y''' + 16y'' - 25y = 0$ .

(c)  $y''' + 3y'' - 4y' = 0$ .

(g)  $y^{(4)} + 8y'' + 16y = 0$ .

(d)  $y''' + y'' + y' + y = 0$ .

(h)  $y^{(5)} + y''' = 0$ .

225. Solve the IVP

$$y'' + 2y' + y = 0, \quad y(0) = 7, \quad y'(0) = 5.$$

226. Using the fact that  $r^3 - r^2 + r - 1 = (r - 1)(r^2 + 1)$ ,
- (a) Solve the ODE  $y''' - y'' + y' - y = 0$ .
- (b) Solve the IVP  $y''' - y'' + y' - y = 0$ ,  $y(0) = 5$ ,  $y'(0) = -3$ ,  $y''(0) = 1$ .

227. Give the homogeneous linear ODE with constant coefficients for which

$$y = C_1 e^{-t} + C_2 e^t + C_3 t e^t + C_4 t^2 e^t + C_5 e^{4t} \sin(3t) + C_6 e^{4t} \cos(3t)$$

is the general solution.

228. (a) Find the unique value of  $A$  for which  $y = Ae^{-2t}$  is a solution to

$$y'' - 8y' + 25y = 50e^{-2t}.$$

- (b) Give one particular solution to the ODE.

Given one particular solution  $y = y_{\text{NH}}(t)$  to a non-homogeneous linear ODE, the general solution will be

$$y = y_{\text{NH}} + y_{\text{Hom}},$$

where  $y_{\text{Hom}}$  solves the corresponding homogeneous ODE.

The format of  $y_{\text{NH}}$  depends on the non-homogeneous term  $f(t)$ . If  $\lambda + \omega i$  is not a root of the characteristic polynomial, then

$$\begin{aligned} f = ae^{\lambda t} &\Rightarrow y_{\text{NH}} = Ae^{\lambda t} \\ f = a \sin(\omega t) &\Rightarrow y_{\text{NH}} = A \sin(\omega t) + B \cos(\omega t) \\ f = a \cos(\omega t) &\Rightarrow y_{\text{NH}} = A \sin(\omega t) + B \cos(\omega t) \\ f = at^k &\Rightarrow y_{\text{NH}} = At^k + \dots + Yt + Z \end{aligned}$$

where  $A, B, \dots$  are unknown numbers. If  $f$  is a sum or product of terms on the left, then  $y_{\text{NH}}$  should be a sum or product of formulas on the right.

If  $\lambda + \omega i$  is a root of the characteristic polynomial (in this case we say the ODE has **resonance**) with multiplicity  $m$ , then multiply the suggested  $y_{\text{NH}}$  above by  $t^m$ .

229. Using Task 228(b), describe all possible solutions to the ODE

$$y'' - 8y' + 25y = 50e^{-2t}.$$

230. Write the form (use capital letters  $A, B, \dots$  for any unknown coefficients, and assume there is no resonance) of the non-homogeneous part of the solution to the constant-coefficient linear ODE  $a_k y^{(k)} + \dots + a_0 y = f(t)$  if...

- (a)  $f(t) = e^{4t}$ .
- (b)  $f(t) = \cos(2t)$ .
- (c)  $f(t) = \cos(2t) + \sin(2t)$ .
- (d)  $f(t) = \cos(2t) + \sin(3t)$ .
- (e)  $f(t) = e^{9t} + 7$ .
- (f)  $f(t) = t^4 + \sin(t)$ .
- (g)  $f(t) = t^3 \sin(6t)$ .

231. Give the form of  $y_{\text{NH}}$  for

(a)  $y'' - 2y' - 24y = e^{4t}$ .

(b)  $y'' + 2y' - 24y = e^{4t}$ . (This is **not** the same as the answer to part (a).)

(c)  $y'' - 8y' + 16y = e^{4t}$ .

232. Solve the non-homogeneous linear ODE

$$y'' - 2y' - 2y = 26e^{5t}.$$

233. Solve the IVP

$$\frac{1}{2}y'' - 5y' + 8y = 0, \quad y(0) = 5, \quad y'(0) = 22$$

(a) by first solving the ODE and then finding  $C_1, C_2$ .

(b) by using Laplace transforms. For this you will need to use the fact that

$$\mathcal{L}[y''] = s^2 \cdot Y - s \cdot y(0) - y'(0).$$

This is a consequence of the rule  $\mathcal{L}[f'] = s \cdot F - f(0)$ , which we have seen before, with  $f = y'$ .

234. Solve the IVP

$$x'' - x' = (1 + t) \sin t, \quad x(0) = 0, \quad x'(0) = 1.$$

235. Solve the following higher-order ODEs (they all have constant coefficients):

(a)  $y'' - 4y' - 60y = 0$

(g)  $x'' - 4x' + 13x = 0$

(b)  $y'' - 10y' + 23y = 0$

(h)  $x'' + 3x' + 2x = 4t^2 - 11$

(c)  $y'' + 8y' + 17y = 0$

(i)  $y'' - 2y' + 82y = 0$

(d)  $x'' + 7x' + 10x = 0$

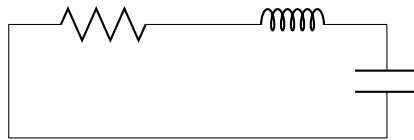
(j)  $y'' - y' = 8 \sin(t)$

(e)  $y'' - y' - 12y = 0$

(f)  $y'' - y' - 12y = 13e^{10t}$

(k)  $y''' - 6y'' + 5y' = 0$

236. *RLC circuit*: The current  $i(t)$  in the circuit



satisfies the second-order differential equation

$$\frac{d^2i}{dt^2} + \frac{R}{L} \frac{di}{dt} + \frac{1}{LC} i = 0.$$

Using  $R = 6 \Omega$ ,  $L = 2 \text{ H}$ , and  $C = 0.04 \text{ F}$ , solve the IVP

$$i'' + 3i' + \frac{25}{2}i = 0, \quad i(0) = \frac{1}{10} \text{ ampere}, \quad i'(0) = 0 \frac{\text{ampere}}{\text{second}}.$$

237. Solve the IVP  $y'' - 9y = -32te^t$ ,  $y(0) = 5$ ,  $y'(0) = \frac{1}{2}$ .

238. Complete the following table:

Linear ODE	Constant coefficients?	Homogeneous?
$ty'' + \sin(t)y = 0$	no	yes
$y'' - 5y' - y = 0$		
$y'' - 5y' = y$		
$x'' + tx' - 7x = 0$		
$x'' = x + t$		
$x' = \cos(t)$		
$x' = \cos(t)x$		

239. Solve the ODE

$$y' + 17y = 0$$

for  $y(t)$  using...

- (a) separation of variables (this is a separable ODE).
- (b) characteristic polynomials (this is a homogeneous linear ODE with constant coefficients).

240. Solve the IVP

$$x' + 3x = 8, \quad x(0) = 9$$

in several ways:

- (a) Separation of variables (this is separable).
- (b) Variation of parameters (this is first-order linear).
- (c) Integrating factor (this is first-order linear).
- (d) The “big formula” for first-order linear ODEs.
- (e) Laplace transformations.
- (f) Characteristic polynomials (this is a non-homogeneous linear IVP with constant coefficients, so you will also need  $x_{\text{NH}}$  for the polynomial  $g(t) = 8$ ).