

MCL 704 APPLIED MATHEMATICS FOR THERMOFLUIDS

Problem Set 3: Basics of Second Order Linear ODEs

Classify the following linear differential equations as constant coefficient or variable coefficient equations.

1. $y'' + \omega^2 y = 0$

2. $y' = \frac{y}{x}$

3. $y'' + 4y'' + 4y' = e^x$

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

5. $(1 - x^2)y'' - 2xy' + 6y = 0$

Examine whether the following functions are linearly independent in the region $x > 0$.

6. $x, 3x + 1, 2x + 2$

7. $x, x^2 - 1, x^2 - 2x + 1$

8. $\sin x, \sin 2x, \sin 3x$

9. $\cos x, \cos 2x, \cos 3x$

10. $1, \cos x, \sin x$

11. $x, \frac{1}{x}$

12. $x^2, \frac{1}{x^2}$

13. $e^x, \cosh x, \sinh x$

14. $e^{-x}, \cosh x, \sinh x$

15. $\ln x, \ln x^2, \ln x^3$

16. Show that $y_1 = \cos x$ and $y_2 = 2\sin x - \cos x$ are linearly independent solutions of $y'' + y = 0$. Express the solution $\phi(x) = \sin x$ as a linear combination of y_1 and y_2 .

17. Show that $y_1 = \cos \omega x$ and $y_2 = \sin \omega x$ are linearly independent solutions of $y'' + \omega^2 y = 0$.

18. Show that $y_1 = e^{-x} \cos \omega x$ and $y_2 = e^{-x} \sin \omega x$ are linearly independent solutions of $y'' + 2y' + 2y = 0$.

19. Show that $y_1 = e^{-x}$, $y_2 = e^{2x}$ are linearly independent solutions of $y'' - y' - 2y = 0$.

20. Show that $y_1 = 1$, $y_2 = x$, $y_3 = e^{-x}$ are linearly independent solutions of $y''' + y'' = 0$.