

ODE: Assignment-4

1. Reduce the following second order differential equation to first order differential equation and hence solve.

(i) $xy'' + y' = y'^2$ (iii) $yy'' + y'^2 + 1 = 0$ (iii) $y'' - 2y' \coth x = 0$

2. Find the curve $y = y(x)$ for which $y'' = y'$ and the line $y = x$ is tangent at the origin.

3. Find the differential equation satisfied by each of the following two-parameter families of plane curves:

(i) $y = \cos(ax + b)$ (ii) $y = ax + b/x$ (iii) $y = ae^x + bxe^x$

- 4.(a) Find the values of m such that $y = e^{mx}$ is a solution of

(i) $y'' + 3y' + 2y = 0$ (ii) $y'' - 4y' + 4y = 0$ (iii) $y''' - 2y'' - y' + 2y = 0$

- (b) Find the values of m such that $y = x^m$ ($x > 0$) is a solution of

(i) $x^2y'' - 4xy' + 4y = 0$ (ii) $x^2y'' - 3xy' - 5y = 0$

5. If $p(x), q(x), r(x)$ are continuous functions on an interval $\mathcal{I}$, then show that the set of solutions of the following linear homogeneous equation is a real vector space:

$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0, \quad x \in \mathcal{I}. \quad (*)$$

Also show that the set of solutions of the linear non-homogeneous equation

$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = r(x), \quad x \in \mathcal{I} \quad (**)$$

is not a real vector space. Further, suppose $y_1(x), y_2(x)$ are any two solutions of (**). Obtain conditions on the constants a and b so that $ay_1 + by_2$ is also its solution.

6. Are the following functions linearly dependent on the given intervals?

(i) $\sin 4x, \cos 4x$ $(-\infty, \infty)$ (ii) $\ln x, \ln x^3$ $(0, \infty)$

(iii) $\cos 2x, \sin^2 x$ $(0, \infty)$ (iv) $x^3, x^2|x|$ $[-1, 1]$

- 7.(a) Show that a solution to (*) with x -axis as tangent at any point in $\mathcal{I}$ must be identically zero on $\mathcal{I}$.

- (b) Let $y_1(x), y_2(x)$ be two solutions of (*) with a common zero at any point in $\mathcal{I}$. Show that y_1, y_2 are linearly dependent on $\mathcal{I}$.

- (c) Show that $y = x$ and $y = \sin x$ are not a pair solutions of equation (*), where $p(x), q(x)$ are continuous functions on $\mathcal{I} = (-\infty, \infty)$.

- 8.(a) Let $y_1(x), y_2(x)$ be two twice continuously differentiable functions on an interval $\mathcal{I}$. Suppose that the Wronskian $W(y_1, y_2)$ does not vanish anywhere in $\mathcal{I}$. Show that there exists unique $p(x), q(x)$ on $\mathcal{I}$ such that (*) has y_1, y_2 as fundamental solutions.

- (b) Construct equations of the form (*) from the following pairs of solutions:

(i) e^{-x}, xe^{-x} (ii) $e^{-x} \sin 2x, e^{-x} \cos 2x$ (iii) $x, x^2 + 1$

9. Let $y_1(x), y_2(x)$ are two linearly independent solutions of (*). Show that

(i) between consecutive zeros of y_1 , there exists a unique zero of y_2 ;

(ii) $\phi(x) = \alpha y_1(x) + \beta y_2(x)$ and $\psi(x) = \gamma y_1(x) + \delta y_2(x)$ are two linearly independent solutions of (*) iff $\alpha\delta \neq \beta\gamma$.