

Quiz 2 Solution

Each correct answer = 25 points, each incorrect answer is -6 points.

The letter A, used in the answers, is actually a number. It is given to prevent the non-solving a problem by substituting the answers in the given equation.

1. Find the general solution of $y'' - 8y' + 15y = 0$

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| 1. $y = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 x e^{Ax}$ | 2. $y = c_1 e^{3x} + c_2 e^{Ax}$ | 3. $y = e^{2x}(c_1 \sin x + c_2 \cos x)$ |
| 4. $y = c_1 e^{-x} + c_2 e^{Ax}$ | 5. $y = e^{-x}(c_1 + c_2 \ln x)$ | |

The characteristic polynomial is $k^2 - 8k + 15 = (k - 5)(k - 3)$, the general solution is

$$y = c_1 e^{3x} + c_2 e^{5x}$$

The answer is 2.

2. Solve the initial value problem $y'' - 4y' + 4y = 0$, $y(0) = 1$, $y'(0) = 0$.

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| 1. $y = e^{-2x}(c_1 + c_2 x)$ | 2. $y = e^{2x}(1 + Ax)$ | 3. $y = e^x(\sin x - \cos x)$ |
| 4. $y = e^x + Ae^{-x}$ | 5. $y = xe^x + Ax$ | |

The characteristic polynomial is $k^2 - 4k + 4 = (k - 2)^2$. The general solution is $y = e^{2x}(c_1 + c_2 x)$. Thus $y' = 2e^{2x}(c_1 + c_2 x) + e^{2x}c_2 = e^{2x}(2c_1 + c_2 + 2c_2 x)$. With the constraints we get

$c_1 = 1, c_2 = -2$. Hence the solution is $y = e^{2x}(1 - 2x)$

The answer is 2.

3. Find a particular solution of $y'' - y' + y = 6e^{2x}$

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| 1. $y = 3e^x$ | 2. $y = 2e^x + 2e^{-2x}$ | 3. $y = \cos x - 2 \sin x$ |
| 4. $y = 2e^{2x}$ | 5. $y = 3e^{2x}$ | |

We try by the method of undetermined coefficients $y = Ae^{2x}$.

$y' = 2Ae^{2x}$, $y'' = 4Ae^{2x}$. Plugging in the equation, since it this is not a solution of the homogenous equation,

$Ae^{2x}(4 - 2 + 1) = 6e^{2x}$. Thus $A = 2$.

The answer is 4.

4. Find the general solution of $y'' - 2y' + 5y = 0$

1. $y = \cos x - \sin x$

2. $y = e^x(\cos Ax + \sin Ax)$

3. $y = 2e^x + 2e^{-2x}$

4. $y = xe^x + Ax$

5. $y = Ax^2 + Bx$

The characteristic polynomial is $k^2 - 2k + 5 = 0$, which has complex roots

$$\frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 20}}{2} = \frac{2 \pm 4i}{2} = 1 \pm 2i. \text{ The general solution is } y = e^x(c_1 \cos 2x + c_2 \sin 2x).$$

The answer is 2.