

**MAT 239 (Differential Equations), Prof. Swift**  
**Worksheet 24, Test Review**

1. Write down the general solution to  $(D-2)^3(D-4)y = 0$ . The independent variable is  $x$ .

$$r = 2, 2, 2, 4$$
$$y = (c_1 + c_2x + c_3x^2)e^{2x} + c_4e^{4x}$$

2. Write down the form of a particular solution to  $(D-2)^3(D-4)y = 5e^{2x} + 7\sin(4x)$

Rule 1:  $y_p = A e^{2x} + B \cos(4x) + C \sin(4x)$

Rule 2 modifiers for  $e^{2x}$  term:

$$y_p = A x e^{2x} + B \cos(4x) + C \sin(4x)$$

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$$y_p = A x^3 e^{2x} + B \cos(4x) + C \sin(4x)$$

3. Suppose that

$y_1(t)$  solves the IVP  $y'' + e^t y' + \sin(t)y = 0$ ,  $y(0) = 1$ ,  $y'(0) = 0$ ,

$y_2(t)$  solves the IVP  $y'' + e^t y' + \sin(t)y = 0$ ,  $y(0) = 0$ ,  $y'(0) = 1$ , and

$y_3(t)$  solves the IVP  $y'' + e^t y' + \sin(t)y = t^2$ ,  $y(0) = 0$ ,  $y'(0) = 0$ .

Write down the solution to the IVP  $y'' + e^t y' + \sin(t)y = t^2$ ,  $y(0) = \alpha$ ,  $y'(0) = \beta$ .

It is OK to write down the solution by inspection:

$$y = \alpha y_1(t) + \beta y_2(t) + y_3(t)$$

Proof: Look for a solution  $y = C_1 y_1(t) + C_2 y_2(t) + C_3 y_3(t)$

$y(0) = \alpha$ , so

$$y(0) = C_1 y_1(0) + C_2 y_2(0) + C_3 y_3(0) \stackrel{\text{def } \alpha}{=} \alpha$$

$$C_1 \cdot 1 + C_2 \cdot 0 + C_3 \cdot 0 = \alpha \quad \boxed{C_1 = \alpha}$$

similarly  $y'(0) = C_1 y_1'(0) + C_2 y_2'(0) + C_3 y_3'(0) \stackrel{\text{def } \beta}{=} \beta$ , so

$$\boxed{C_2 = \beta}$$

Finally,  $L[y] = C_1 L[y_1] + C_2 L[y_2] + C_3 L[y_3] \stackrel{\text{def } g(t)}{=} g(t)$

$$C_1 \cdot 0 + C_2 \cdot 0 + C_3 g(t) = g(t) \quad \boxed{C_3 = 1}$$