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6 QUESTIONS ON 4 PAGES	SHOW ALL YOUR WORK	TOTAL 100 POINTS

(15 pts) 1. Consider the non-homogeneous system of first order ODE's

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= y \\ y' &= -x + \frac{1}{\sin(t)}, \quad 0 < t < \pi. \end{aligned}$$

Given that the solutions of the associated homogeneous system are  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}_h = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} \sin(t) \\ \cos(t) \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} \cos(t) \\ -\sin(t) \end{bmatrix}$  for  $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ , find the general solution of the non-homogeneous system.

$$\Psi(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \sin(t) & \cos(t) \\ \cos(t) & -\sin(t) \end{bmatrix} \text{ is a fundamental matrix.}$$

$$\det(\Psi(t)) = -\sin^2(t) - \cos^2(t) = -1$$

$$\Psi^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \sin(t) & \cos(t) \\ \cos(t) & -\sin(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \Psi \int \Psi^{-1} \vec{b} dt \text{ where } \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sin(t)} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Psi^{-1} \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} \sin(t) & \cos(t) \\ \cos(t) & -\sin(t) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sin(t)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\cos(t)}{\sin(t)} \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\int \Psi^{-1} \vec{b} dt = \begin{bmatrix} \int \frac{\cos(t)}{\sin(t)} dt \\ \int -1 dt \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \ln|\sin(t)| + c_1 \\ -t + c_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$|\sin(t)| = \sin(t)$  for  $0 < t < \pi$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \Psi \int \Psi^{-1} \vec{b} dt = \begin{bmatrix} \sin(t) \cdot \ln(\sin(t)) - t \cos(t) \\ \cos(t) \cdot \ln(\sin(t)) + t \sin(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$+ c_1 \begin{bmatrix} \sin(t) \\ \cos(t) \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} \cos(t) \\ -\sin(t) \end{bmatrix} \quad c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

(20 pts) 2. Solve the initial value problem  $y'' + y' - 20y = 2e^{4t}$ ,  $y(0) = 0$ ,  $y'(0) = 1$  by using the method of undetermined coefficients.

First solve  $y'' + y' - 20y = 0 \rightsquigarrow$  char. eqn.  
 $(r+5)(r-4) = 0$   $r_1 = -5, r_2 = 4$

$$\text{So, } y_h = c_1 e^{-5t} + c_2 e^{4t}$$

For  $y_p$ , try  $y_p(t) = Ate^{4t}$  (repetition for  $r=4$ )

$$y_p' = Ae^{4t} + 4Ate^{4t}$$

$$y_p'' = 8Ae^{4t} + 16Ate^{4t}$$

$$y_p'' + y_p' - 20y_p = 8Ae^{4t} + 16Ate^{4t} + Ae^{4t} + 4Ate^{4t} - 20Ate^{4t}$$

$$= 9Ae^{4t} = 2e^{4t} \Rightarrow A = \frac{2}{9}$$

$$y = y_h + y_p = c_1 e^{-5t} + c_2 e^{4t} + \frac{2}{9} te^{4t}$$

$$y(0) = c_1 + c_2 = 0 \Rightarrow c_2 = -c_1$$

$$y' = -5c_1 e^{-5t} + 4c_2 e^{4t} + \frac{2}{9} e^{4t} + \frac{8}{9} te^{4t}$$

$$y'(0) = -5c_1 + 4c_2 + \frac{2}{9} = 1$$

$$9c_2 = 7/9 \Rightarrow c_2 = 7/81, c_1 = -7/81$$

$$\boxed{y(t) = -\frac{7}{81} e^{-5t} + \frac{7}{81} e^{4t} + \frac{2}{9} te^{4t}}$$

(10 pts) 3. Find a linear, constant coefficient, homogeneous ODE of the lowest possible order such that both of  $y_1(t) = e^{3t} + \cos(2t)$  and  $y_2(t) = e^{3t} - \cos(2t)$  are its solutions.

By superposition,  $\frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} = e^{3t}$  and  $\frac{y_1 - y_2}{2} = \cos(2t)$

are also solutions of this ODE.

Hence, its characteristic equation must contain the factors  $(r-3)$  and  $(r^2+4)$ .

The minimal order of such an ODE is 3, with char. eqn.  $(r-3)(r^2+4) = 0$

$$(r-3)(r^2+4) = r^3 - 3r^2 + 4r - 12$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{y''' - 3y'' + 4y' - 12y = 0}$$

(5+10+5=20 pts) 4. Suppose that an object of mass  $m = 2\text{kg}$  is attached to a linear spring with spring constant  $k = 20\text{kg/s}^2$  in a medium with damping coefficient  $\gamma = 4\text{kg/s}$ . An external force of  $F(t) = 10 \cos(\omega t) \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s}^2$  is applied on the object where  $\omega$  is constant.

(a) Write a differential equation for the position  $x(t)$  of the object at time  $t$ . Is this system overdamped, critically damped or underdamped?

$$2x'' + 4x' + 20x = 10 \cos(\omega t) \Rightarrow x'' + 2x' + 10x = 5 \cos(\omega t)$$

$$\Delta = 4^2 - 4 \cdot 2 \cdot 20 = -144 < 0. \text{ So, the system is underdamped.}$$

(b) Find the general solution of this differential equation and write it in the form  $x(t) = x_p(t) + x_h(t)$  with  $x_p(t) = A \cos(\omega t) + B \sin(\omega t)$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x_h(t) = 0$ . (In your answer,  $A$  and  $B$  should be expressed in terms of  $\omega$ ).

$$x'' + 2x' + 10x = 0 \rightarrow r^2 + 2r + 10 = 0$$

$$(r+1)^2 + 3^2 = 0 \Rightarrow r_{1,2} = -1 \pm 3i$$

$$x_h(t) = c_1 e^{-t} \cos(3t) + c_2 e^{-t} \sin(3t)$$

$$x_p(t) = A \cos(\omega t) + B \sin(\omega t) \Rightarrow x_p'(t) = -\omega A \sin(\omega t) + \omega B \cos(\omega t)$$

$$x_p''(t) = -\omega^2 A \cos(\omega t) - \omega^2 B \sin(\omega t)$$

$$x_p'' + 2x_p' + 10x_p = -\omega^2 A \cos(\omega t) - \omega^2 B \sin(\omega t)$$

$$+ 2(-\omega A \sin(\omega t) + \omega B \cos(\omega t)) + 10(A \cos(\omega t) + B \sin(\omega t))$$

$$= (2\omega B + (10 - \omega^2)A) \cos(\omega t) + (-2\omega A + (10 - \omega^2)B) \sin(\omega t)$$

$$\text{So, } 2\omega B + (10 - \omega^2)A = 5$$

$$-2\omega A + (10 - \omega^2)B = 0 \rightarrow A = \frac{10 - \omega^2}{2\omega} B$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(2\omega + \frac{(10 - \omega^2)^2}{2\omega}\right) B = 5 \Rightarrow B = 5 \cdot \frac{2\omega}{(10 - \omega^2)^2 + 2\omega^2}, A = 5 \frac{10 - \omega^2}{(10 - \omega^2)^2 + 2\omega^2}$$

(c) Find the value of  $\omega$  which maximizes the amplitude of  $x_p(t)$ .

$$R^2 = A^2 + B^2 = 5^2 \frac{(2\omega)^2 + (10 - \omega^2)^2}{((2\omega)^2 + (10 - \omega^2)^2)^2} = \frac{5^2}{(2\omega)^2 + (10 - \omega^2)^2}$$

We should maximize  $R^2$ , hence minimize its denominator  $(10 - \omega^2)^2 + (2\omega)^2 = \omega^4 - 16\omega^2 + 100$

This happens when  $\omega^2 = 8$ , namely,  $\boxed{\omega = 2\sqrt{2}}$

(15 pts) 5. Find the general solution of the differential equation  $8(x-1)^2 y'' + 2(x-1)y' + y = 0$ ,  $x > 1$ .

Try a solution of the form  $y = (x-1)^r$ .

$$y' = r(x-1)^{r-1}, y'' = r(r-1)(x-1)^{r-2}$$

$$8(x-1)^2 r(r-1)(x-1)^{r-2} + 2(x-1)r(x-1)^{r-1} + (x-1)^r = 0$$

$$(8r(r-1) + 2r + 1)(x-1)^r = 0$$

We need  $8r(r-1) + 2r + 1 = 0$ , hence

$$8r^2 - 6r + 1 = 0. \quad r_{1,2} = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 32}}{16} = \frac{6 \pm 2}{16}$$

$$r_1 = \frac{1}{2}, r_2 = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\boxed{y = c_1 (x-1)^{1/2} + c_2 (x-1)^{1/4}}$$

(4+10+6=20 pts) 6. Consider the initial value problem

$$(1+x^2)y'' + y = 0, \quad y(0) = 1, y'(0) = -1.$$

(a) Find all ordinary points and all singular points of the differential equation in the complex plane.

$y'' + \frac{1}{1+x^2}y = 0$ . 0 and  $\frac{1}{1+x^2}$  are rational functions. So they are analytic wherever they are continuous. Hence the only singularities are  $\pm i$ , all other points are ordinary.

(b) Find the recursion relation for a power series solution of the ODE centered at  $x_0 = 0$  and calculate the first 5 non-zero terms of the solution of the IVP.

$$y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n, \quad y' = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1}, \quad y'' = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2}$$

$$(1+x^2) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = 0$$

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = 0$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+2)(n+1) a_{n+2} x^n + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = 0$$

$$n=0, x^0: 2a_2 + a_0 = 0 \Rightarrow a_2 = -a_0/2$$

$$n=1, x^1: 3 \cdot 2 \cdot a_3 + a_1 = 0 \Rightarrow a_3 = -a_1/6$$

$$n \geq 2, x^n: (n+2)(n+1) a_{n+2} + (n(n-1)+1) a_n = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{n+2} = -\frac{n^2-n+1}{n^2+3n+2} a_n$$

$$y(0) = 1 \Rightarrow a_0 = 1, \quad y'(0) = -1 \Rightarrow a_1 = -1$$

$$a_2 = -\frac{1}{2}, \quad a_3 = \frac{1}{6}, \quad a_4 = -\frac{3}{12} \cdot a_2 = \frac{1}{8} \cdot \left[ y = 1 - x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{6}x^3 + \frac{1}{8}x^4 + \dots \right]$$

(c) Determine a lower bound for the radius of convergence of the power series solutions of this ODE centered at  $x_0 = 0$ .

The distance from  $x_0 = 0$  to the nearest singularity ( $\pm i$ ) is 1. Hence, the power series solution above has a radius of convergence  $\rho \geq 1$ .