Chapter 3

3.1

3.1.10

The characteristic polynomial is

$$\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 3 = (\lambda + 3)(\lambda + 1)$$

and so

$$y(t) = Ae^{-t} + Be^{-3t} ag{3.1}$$

$$y'(t) = -Ae^{-t} - 3Be^{-3t} ag{3.2}$$

$$2 = A + B \tag{3.3}$$

$$-1 = -A - 3B$$
 (3.4)

This system gives $A = \frac{5}{2}$ and $B = -\frac{1}{2}$, hence

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{2}(5e^{-t} - e^{-3t})$$

As
$$t \to \infty$$
, $y(t) = e^{-t} \frac{1}{2} (5 - e^{-2t}) \to 0 \cdot \frac{5}{2} = 0$.
As $t \to -\infty$, $y(t) = e^{-3t} \frac{1}{2} (5e^{2t} - 1) \to \infty \cdot (-1) = -\infty$.
Setting $\frac{1}{2} (5e^{-t} - e^{-3t}) = 0$, we find a *t*-intercept with $t < 0$.

For large $t, y'(t) = -e^{-t}\frac{1}{2}(5-3e^{-2t})$ is negative. Hence we obtain the following graph:



Figure 3.1: The solution to Problem 10 of Chapter 3.1.

3.1.18

The differential equation

$$2y'' + 5y' + 2y = 0$$

has the characteristic polynomial

$$2\lambda^2 + 5\lambda + 2\lambda = 0$$

which has roots -1/2, 2.

3.1.21

The characteristic polynomial is

$$\lambda^2 - \lambda - 2$$

, which has roots $\lambda = -1, 2$. Hence the general solution is

$$y(t) = Ae^{-t} + Be^{2t}$$

with derivative

$$y'(t) = -Ae^{-t} + 2Be^{2t}$$

We must now solve the system of equations

$$\alpha = A + B \tag{3.5}$$

$$2 = -A + 2B \tag{3.6}$$

We obtain $B = \frac{1}{3}(\alpha + 2)$ and $A = \frac{2}{3}(\alpha - 1)$ through a simple addition of the equations. If $B \neq 0$ then $|y(t)| \to \infty$ as $t \to \infty$; on the other hand $\beta = 0$ results in a limit of zero.

3.2

3.2.2

$$\begin{vmatrix} \cos(t) & -\sin(t) \\ \sin(t) & \cos(t) \end{vmatrix} = \cos^2 t + \sin^2 t = \boxed{1}$$

3.2.7

$$p(t) = 0 \tag{3.7}$$

$$q(t) = 3/t \tag{3.8}$$

q(t) = 3/t (3.8) g(t) = 1 (3.9)

So the largest interval where a unique solution is guaranteed is $(0, \infty)$ [we have continuity on $(-\infty, 0)$ also but $1 \notin (-\infty, 0)$ so we are not interested in that interval].

3.2.24

We have

$$y_1(t) = \cos(2t)$$
 (3.10)

$$y_1''(t) = -4\cos(2t) \tag{3.11}$$

$$y_2(t) = \sin(2t)$$
 (3.12)

$$y_2''(t) = -4\sin(2t) \tag{3.13}$$

so it is clear that the DEs are satisfied. The Wronskian is

$$\begin{vmatrix} \cos(2t) & -2\sin(2t) \\ \sin(2t) & 2\cos(2t) \end{vmatrix} = 2\cos^2(2t) + 2\sin^2(2t) = \boxed{2}$$

So the two solutions make a fundamental set.

3.2.29

Using the notation of the book,

$$p(t) = -(1+2/t) \tag{3.14}$$

So we calculate

$$\int p(t) d(t) = -\int 1 + 2/t \, dt \tag{3.15}$$

$$= -(t+2\ln|t|+c)$$
(3.16)

$$W(t) = Ce^{-\int p(s) \, ds}$$
 (3.17)

$$= \boxed{Ct^2 e^t} \tag{3.18}$$

3.2.33

Simply apply the product rule to the first term then divide both sides by p(t).

3.3

3.3.4

$$e^{2-\frac{\pi}{2}i} = e^2 \left[\cos(-\frac{\pi}{2}) + i\sin(-\frac{\pi}{2}) \right] = e^2 [0-i] = \boxed{-e^2}$$

3.3.16

Characteristic polynomial:

$$\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 6.25 = (\lambda - (-2 + 1.5i))(\lambda - (-2 - 1.5i))$$

Thus the general solution is

$$y(t) = e^{-2t} \left[A\cos(\frac{3}{2}t) + B\sin(\frac{3}{2}t) \right]$$

3.3.22

Characteristic polynomial:

$$\lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 2 = (\lambda - (-1+i))(\lambda - (-1-i))$$

Thus the general solution is

$$y(t) = e^{-t} \Big[A\cos(t) + B\sin(t) \Big]$$
 (3.19)

which gives

$$y'(t) = e^{-t} \left[-A\sin(t) + B\cos(t) \right] - e^{-t} \left[A\cos(t) + B\sin(t) \right]$$
(3.20)

The initial conditions give

$$2 = y(\pi/4) = e^{-\pi/4} \Big[A\cos(\pi/4) + B\sin(\pi/4) \Big]$$
(3.21)

$$=\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}e^{-\pi/4}\Big[A+B\Big] \tag{3.22}$$

$$2\sqrt{2}e^{\pi/4} = A + B \tag{3.23}$$

$$-2 = y'(\pi/4) = e^{-\pi/4} \left[-A\sin(\pi/4) + B\cos(\pi/4) \right] - e^{-\pi/4} \left[A\cos(\pi/4) + B\sin(\pi/4) \right]$$
(3.24)

$$= e^{-\pi/4} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \Big[-A + B \Big] - e^{-\pi/4} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \Big[A + B \Big]$$
(3.25)

$$2\sqrt{2}e^{\pi/4} = 2A \tag{3.26}$$

$$\sqrt{2}e^{\pi/4} = A = B \tag{3.27}$$

$$y(t) = \sqrt{2}e^{(\pi/4)-t} \Big(\cos(t) + \sin(t)\Big)$$
(3.28)

It oscillates with decaying magnitude.

3.3.24

The roots of the characteristic polynomial are $\lambda = \frac{1}{5}(-1 \pm i\sqrt{34})$, so the general solution is

$$u(t) = e^{-t/5} \left(A \cos(\frac{\sqrt{34}}{5}t) + B \sin(\frac{\sqrt{34}}{5}t) \right)$$
(3.29)

Taking the derivative,

$$u'(t) = \frac{\sqrt{34}}{5}e^{-t/5} \left(-A\sin(\frac{\sqrt{34}}{5}t) + B\cos(\frac{\sqrt{34}}{5}t) \right) - \frac{1}{5}e^{-t/5} \left(A\cos(\frac{\sqrt{34}}{5}t) + B\sin(\frac{\sqrt{34}}{5}t) \right) - \frac{1}{5}e^{-t/5} \left(A\cos(\frac{\sqrt{34}}{5}t) + B\sin(\frac{\sqrt{34}}{5$$

We apply the initial conditions to obtain

$$2 = u(0) = A (3.31)$$

$$1 = u'(0) = \frac{\sqrt{34}}{5}B - \frac{2}{5} \tag{3.32}$$

Hence

$$u(t) = e^{-t/5} \left(2\cos(\frac{\sqrt{34}}{5}t) + \frac{7}{\sqrt{34}}\sin(\frac{\sqrt{34}}{5}t) \right)$$
(3.33)

$\mathbf{3.4}$

3.4.2

The characteristic polynomial is $9\lambda^2 + 6\lambda + 1$, which factors as

$$9\lambda^2 + 6\lambda + 1 = (3\lambda + 1)^2 = 0$$

so as to yield root $\lambda = -1/3$ with multiplicity 2. Hence the general solution is

$$y(t) = (At + B)e^{-t/3}$$

3.4.14

The general solution is

$$y(t) = (At + B)e^{-2t} (3.34)$$

with derivative

$$y'(t) = (At + B)(-2)e^{-2t} + Ae^{-2t}$$
(3.35)

$$= (-2At - 2B + A)e^{-2t} ag{3.36}$$

$$2 = y(-1) = (-A+B)e^{2}$$
(3.37)

$$1 = y'(-1) = (3A - 2B)e^2$$
(3.38)

whence

$$A = 5e^{-2} (3.39)$$

$$B = 7e^{-2} (3.40)$$

So the solution is

$$y(t) = (5t+7)e^{-2t-2} \tag{3.41}$$

It's easy to see that $y \to 0$ as $t \to \infty$; a denominator with exponential e^{2t+2} will grow much faster than a numerator that's a polynomial of degree 1.

3.4.23

$$(t^2v)' = 2tv + t^2v' \tag{3.42}$$

$$(t^2v)'' = 2tv' + 2v + 2tv' + t^2v''$$
(3.43)

$$t^2v'' + 4tv' + 2v \tag{3.44}$$

$$0 = t^{2}y'' - 4ty' + 6y = t^{2}(t^{2}v'' + 4tv' + 2v) - 4t(2tv + t^{2}v') + 6(t^{2}v) \quad (3.45)$$
$$= t^{4}v'' + 4t^{3}v' + 2t^{2}v - 8t^{2}v - 4t^{3}v' + 6t^{2}v \qquad (3.46)$$

=

$$0 = t^4 v'' (3.47)$$

Since t > 0,

$$0 = v'' \tag{3.48}$$

Hence

$$v(t) = at + b \tag{3.49}$$

$$y(t) = at^3 + bt^2 \tag{3.50}$$

A new solution that would form a fundamental solution set with t^2 would be t^3 .

$\mathbf{3.5}$

3.5.4

The characteristic polynomial is $\lambda^2 + \lambda - 6 = (\lambda + 3)(\lambda - 2) = 0$, hence

$$y_h = Ae^{2t} + Be^{-3t} ag{3.51}$$

First we tackle the non-homogeneous equation with $g(t) = 12e^{3t}$:

$$y_3 := c_1 e^{3t} (3.52)$$

$$y_3'' + y_3' - 6y_3 = 9c_1e^{3t} + 3c_1e^{3t} - 6c_1e^{3t}$$
(3.53)

$$= 6c_1 e^{3t}$$
 (3.54)

$$=12e^{3t} \tag{3.55}$$

$$\therefore c_1 = 2 \tag{3.56}$$

Then the other:

$$y_{-2} := c_2 e^{-2t} \tag{3.57}$$

$$y''_{-2} + y'_{-2} - 6y_{-2} = 4c_2e^{-2t} - 2c_2e^{-2t} - 6c_2e^{-2t}$$
(3.58)

$$= -4c_2e^{3t} = 12e^{3t} \tag{3.59}$$

$$\therefore c_2 = -3 \tag{3.60}$$

Combining, we obtain

$$y_p = 2e^{3t} - 3e^{-2t} y(t) = y_h + y_p = Ae^{2t} + Be^{-3t} + 2e^{3t} - 3e^{-2t}$$
(3.61)

3.5.10

$$y_h = A\sin t + B\cos t \tag{3.62}$$

Let y_1 signify the particular solution corresponding to the sine term, y_2 , to the other:

$$y_1 := c_1 \sin(2t) + k_1 \cos(2t) \tag{3.63}$$

$$y_1'' := -4(c_1\sin(2t) + k_1\cos(2t)) \tag{3.64}$$

$$y_1'' + y_1 = (-3c_1)\sin(2t) + (-3k_1)\cos(2t)$$
(3.65)

$$= 2\sin(2t)$$
(3.66)

$$= 3\sin(2t) \tag{3.66}$$

$$c_{2} = (-1, 0) \tag{3.67}$$

$$\therefore (c_1, c_2) = (-1, 0)$$

$$y_1(t) = -\sin(2t)$$
(3.67)
(3.68)

We solve for y_2 via complexification. By Euler's formula:

$$t\cos(2t) = Re(te^{i2t}) \tag{3.69}$$

And so we continue like so:

$$y_2(t) := (ct+k)e^{i2t} \tag{3.70}$$

$$y_2''(t) + y_2(t) = (-3ct - 3k + 4ic)e^{i2t}$$

$$= te^{i2t}$$
(3.71)
(3.72)

$$\therefore -3c = 1 \tag{3.73}$$

$$-3k - \frac{4i}{3} = 0 \tag{3.74}$$

$$k = -\frac{4i}{9}y_2(t) \qquad \qquad := (-\frac{1}{3}t - \frac{4}{9}i)e^{i2t}$$
(3.75)

$$= \left(-\frac{1}{3}t - \frac{4}{9}i\right)(\cos(2t) + i\sin(2t)) \tag{3.76}$$

Taking real parts,

$$\Re y_2 = -\frac{1}{3}t\cos(2t) + \frac{4}{9}\sin(2t) \tag{3.77}$$

So the general solution is

$$y(t) := A\sin t + B\cos t - \sin(2t) - \frac{1}{3}t\cos(2t) + \frac{4}{9}\sin(2t)$$
(3.78)

$$= A\sin t + B\cos t - \frac{5}{9}\sin(2t) - \frac{1}{3}t\cos(2t)$$
(3.79)

(3.80)

3.5.20

 $\lambda = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 5}}{2} = -1 \pm 2i$ We solve using complexification.

$$c_{j} := c e^{(2i-1)t}$$
 (3.81)

$$y_p := c e^{(2i-1)t}$$
(3.81)
$$y''_p + 2y'_p + 5y_p = 0$$
(3.82)

So we must multiply by t and try again:

$$y_p := cte^{(2i-1)t} (3.83)$$

$$y_p'' + 2y_p' + 5y_p = 4ice^{(2i-1)t}$$
(3.84)

$$c = -i \tag{3.85}$$

So the particular solution is

$$\Re(y_p) = \Re(-ite^{(2i-1)t})$$
(3.86)

$$= te^{-t}\sin(2t) \tag{3.87}$$

Hence the solution, after accounting for initial conditions, is

$$y(t) = e^{-t} \left(\cos(2t) + \frac{1}{2}\sin(2t) + t\cos(2t) \right)$$
(3.88)

3.6

3.6.1

Based on the characteristic polynomial, $y_1(t) = e^{2t}$ and $y_2(t) = e^{3t}$. You can check that $W(y_1, y_2) = e^{5t}$

$$Y(t) = -e^{2t} \int_{t_0}^t \frac{e^{3s} \cdot 2e^s}{e^{5s}} \, ds + e^{3t} \int_{t_0}^t \frac{e^{2s} \cdot 2e^s}{e^{5s}} \, ds \tag{3.89}$$

$$= -e^{2t} \int_{t_0}^t 2e^{-s} \, ds + e^{3t} \int_{t_0}^t 2e^{-2s} \, ds \tag{3.90}$$

$$= -e^{2t} \cdot (-2e^{-t}) \Big|_{0}^{t} + e^{3t} \cdot (-e^{-2t}) \Big|_{0}^{t}$$
(3.91)

$$= -e^{2t} \cdot (-2e^{-t} + 2) + e^{3t} \cdot (-e^{-2t} + 1)$$

$$= 2e^{t} - 2e^{2t} - e^{t} + e^{3t}$$
(3.92)
(3.93)

$$= \boxed{e^t - 2e^{2t} + e^{3t}}$$
(3.94)

Trying the method of undetermined coefficients with

$$y_p := ce^t \tag{3.95}$$

gives a particular solution of

$$c = 1 \tag{3.97}$$

which is consistent with our findings (the e^{2t} and e^{3t} terms may be contributed by the homogeneous solution).

3.6.7

The homogeneous part of the general solution is

$$y_h = e^{-2t}(At + B)$$

Call $y_1(t) = te^{-2t}$ and $y_2(t) = e^{-2t}$. Then $W(y_1, y_2) = -2te^{-4t} - (1-2t)e^{-4t} = -e^{-4t}$ a particular solution is given by

$$y_p(t) = -te^{-2t} \int_{t_0}^t \frac{e^{-2s}s^{-2}e^{-2s}}{-e^{-4s}} \, ds + e^{-2t} \int_{t_0}^t \frac{se^{-2s}s^{-2}e^{-2s}}{-e^{-4s}} \, ds \tag{3.98}$$

We choose a convenient value for t_0 :

$$= -te^{-2t} \int_{1}^{t} -\frac{1}{s^2} \, ds + e^{-2t} \int_{1}^{t} -\frac{1}{s} \, ds \tag{3.99}$$

$$= -te^{-2t} \cdot -\frac{1}{t} \Big|_{1}^{t} + e^{-2t} \cdot -\ln t \Big|_{1}^{t}$$
(3.100)

$$= (-te^{-2t})(-t^{-1}+1) - e^{-2t}\ln t$$
(3.101)

$$=e^{-2t}(1-t-\ln t) \tag{3.102}$$

We can throw out the summands that also solve the homogeneous equation to obtain that the particular solution is $Y(t) = -e^{-2t} \ln t$. So the general solution is

$$y_h + y_p = \boxed{e^{-2t}(At + B - \ln t)}$$