

1. Give an example of a second-order linear differential equation, with two specific functions that are solutions and verify that their sum also satisfies that same differential equation.

$$y'' + y = 0, \quad y_1(x) = \sin x, \quad y_2(x) = \cos x$$

$$y_1'' = -\sin x \Rightarrow y_1'' + y_1 = -\sin x + \sin x = 0$$

$$y_2'' = -\cos x \Rightarrow y_2'' + y_2 = -\cos x + \cos x = 0$$

$$y'' + y = (-\sin x - \cos x) + (\sin x + \cos x) = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

2. Verify that $y_1(t) = t^2$ satisfies the differential equation

$$y'(t)^2 - 4y(t) = 0$$

Would you expect the function $y_2(t) = 2y_1(t) = 2t^2$ to also be a solution? (after all it is a constant multiple of $y_1(t)$). Explain. Verify that indeed $y_2(t)$ is **not** a solution.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} y_1(t) = t^2 \\ y_1'(t) = 2t \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} [y_1'(t)]^2 - 4y_1(t) = 0 \\ (2t)^2 - 4(t^2) = 0 \\ 4t^2 - 4t^2 = 0 \\ 0 = 0 \quad \checkmark \end{array} \quad y_1(t) \text{ is a sol.}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} y_2(t) = 2y_1(t) = 2t^2 \\ y_2'(t) = 4t \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} [y_2'(t)]^2 - 4y_2(t) = 0 \\ (4t)^2 - 4(2t^2) = 0 \\ 16t^2 - 8t^2 \neq 0 \quad \times \end{array} \quad y_2(t) \text{ is not a sol.}$$

3. Give an example of a second-order linear recurrence equation, with two specific sequences that are solutions and verify that their sum also satisfies that same recurrence equation.

$$a_n = 4a_{n-1} - 4a_{n-2} \quad (n \geq 2)$$

$$z^2 = 4z - 4$$

$$(z-2)^2 = 0$$

$$z = 2 \quad \text{gen sol: } a_n = C_1(2)^n + C_2 n(2)^n$$

$$u_n = 2^n, \quad v_n = 2^n \cdot n$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= 4u_{n-1} - 4u_{n-2} \\ &= 4(2^{n-1}) - 4(2^{n-2}) \\ &= 2^{n-2}(4 \cdot 2 - 4) \\ &= 2^{n-2} \cdot 4 \\ &= 2^n = u_n \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= 4v_{n-1} - 4v_{n-2} \\ &= 4((n-1)2^{n-1}) - 4((n-2)2^{n-2}) \\ &= 2^{n-2}(4(n-1) \cdot 2 - 4(n-2)) \\ &= 2^{n-2}(8n - 8 - 4n + 8) \\ &= 2^{n-2}(4n) \\ &= n \cdot 2^n = v_n \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{verify } w_n = u_n + v_n \Rightarrow w_n = 2^n + n2^n$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= 4w_{n-1} - 4w_{n-2} \\ &= (4u_{n-1} - 4u_{n-2}) + (4v_{n-1} - 4v_{n-2}) \\ &= u_n + v_n = w_n \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{gen sol: } a_n = C_1(2)^n + C_2 n(2)^n$$

4. Consider the non-linear recurrence

$$a(n) = a(n-1)^2, n \geq 0.$$

Check that both sequences

$$a_1(n) := 2^{2^n}, \quad a_2(n) := 3^{2^n},$$

are solutions. Does it follow that the new sequence

$$a_3(n) := a_1(n) + a_2(n) = 2^{2^n} + 3^{2^n},$$

is automatically yet-another-solution? Explain why or why not. By directly plugging-in into the recurrence find out whether it is true.

$$a_1(n) := 2^{2^n} \longrightarrow a(n) = a(n-1)^2 = (2^{2^{n-1}})^2 = 2^{2 \cdot 2^{n-1}} = 2^{2^n} = a_1(n) \checkmark$$

$$a_2(n) := 3^{2^n} \longrightarrow a(n) = a(n-1)^2 = (3^{2^{n-1}})^2 = 3^{2 \cdot 2^{n-1}} = 3^{2^n} = a_2(n) \checkmark$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_3(n-1)^2 &= [a_1(n-1) + a_2(n-1)]^2 \\ &= a_1(n-1)^2 + 2a_1(n-1)a_2(n-1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\times a_1(n) + a_2(n) = a_3(n) \quad \text{extra term}$$

→ failure b/c recurrence is non-linear

5. Write the Maple commands to solve each of the following problems, and give the Maple output.

a. Solve the Initial Value Problem Differential Equation

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

b. Solve the Initial Value Problem Difference Equation

$$a(n) - 3a(n-1) + a(n-2) = n, \quad a(0) = 1, \quad a(1) = 3.$$

c. Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a) \text{ dsolve}(\{\text{diff}(y(x), x\$2) + y(x) = 0, y(0) = 1, D(y)(0) = 1\}, y(x));$$

$$\text{output: } y(x) = \sin(x) + \cos(x)$$

$$b) \text{ rsolve}(\{a(n) - 3 \cdot a(n-1) + a(n-2) = n, a(0) = 1, a(1) = 3\}, a(n));$$

$$\text{output: } \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{3\sqrt{5}}{10} \right) \left(-\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} + \frac{3}{2} \right)^n + \left(\frac{3\sqrt{5}}{10} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \left(\frac{3}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n - \left(\frac{(\sqrt{5}+1)\sqrt{5} \left(-\frac{2}{3-\sqrt{5}} \right)^n}{5(-3-\sqrt{5})} - \frac{((\sqrt{5}-1)\sqrt{5} \left(-\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}-3} \right)^2)}{5(\sqrt{5}-3)} \right) - n - 1$$

$$c) \text{ with (LinearAlgebra)} \\ A := \text{matrix}([[3, 4], [2, 4]]);$$

$$\text{output: } A := \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{eigenvals}(A);$$

$$\text{output: } \left\{ \frac{7}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{33}}{2}, \frac{7}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{33}}{2} \right\}$$

$$\text{eigenvects}(A);$$

$$\text{output: } \left[\frac{7+\sqrt{33}}{2}, 1, \left\{ \frac{1}{8} + \frac{\sqrt{33}}{8} \right\} \right], \\ \left[\frac{7-\sqrt{33}}{2}, 1, \left\{ \frac{1}{8} - \frac{\sqrt{33}}{8} \right\} \right]$$