

## Review

1. Write a homogeneous differential equation such that  $t^2e^{3t} + 5$  is a solution.
2. Write a homogeneous differential equation such that  $e^{-2t} \cos(4t) + e^t$  is a solution.

## Nonhomogeneous ODEs

1. Find a solution to the following ODEs.

(a)  $y'' - y' + y = 4t^2 + 8$

(c)  $y'' - 6y' + 9y = e^{3t}$

(b)  $2y'' - y' = 5 \cos(t)$

2. You may assume without checking that  $t^3e^{-t}$  is a solution to  $y''' + 3y'' + 3y' + y = 6e^{-t}$ , that  $\sin(t)$  is a solution to  $y''' + 3y'' + 3y' + y = -2 \sin(t) + 2 \cos(t)$ . Find a solution to the following ODEs.

(a)  $y''' + 3y'' + 3y' + y = e^{-t}$

(b)  $y''' + 3y'' + 3y' + y = e^{-t} + \sin(t) - \cos(t)$

3. Find the general solution to the following ODEs.

(a)  $2y'' - y' = 5 \cos(t)$ .

(b)  $y'' + 2y' + 5y = 26e^{2t}$ .

4. Find a solution to the following initial value problems.

(a)  $2y'' - y' = 5 \cos(t); \quad y(0) = 3; \quad y'(0) = 0$ .

(b)  $y'' + 2y' + 5y = 26e^{2t}; \quad y(0) = 3; \quad y'(0) = 9$ .

## Wronskian

1. (a) Find the Wronskian of 1 and  $e^{t^2}$ .  
(b) Are 1 and  $e^{t^2}$  linearly independent? (Hint: Use part (a))  
(c) Is there any linear ODE for which both 1 and  $e^{t^2}$  are solutions?
2. (a) Find the Wronskian of  $t|t|$  and  $t^2$ .  
(b) Are  $t|t|$  and  $t^2$  linearly independent?

## Definitions and Theorems

### Definitions:

- Pre-Wronskian
- Wronskian

### Theorems:

- If  $y_1$  is a solution to the ODE  $a_n y^{(n)} + \dots + a_1 y' + a_0 y = f_1$  and  $y_2$  is a solution to the ODE  $a_n y^{(n)} + \dots + a_1 y' + a_0 y = f_2$  then  $c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2$  is a solution to  $a_n y^{(n)} + \dots + a_1 y' + a_0 y = c_1 f_1 + c_2 f_2$ . The textbook calls this the “superposition principle” but it is really just part of the definition of ‘linear transformation.’
  - If  $y_p$  is a solution to the ODE  $a_n y^{(n)} + \dots + a_1 y' + a_0 y = f$  and the general solution of the homogeneous ODE  $a_n y^{(n)} + \dots + a_1 y' + a_0 y = 0$  is  $c_1 y_1 + \dots + c_n y_n$  then  $y_p + c_1 y_1 + \dots + c_n y_n$  is the general solution to  $a_n y^{(n)} + \dots + a_1 y' + a_0 y = f$ . This is really just a statement about linear transformations that we first saw in chapter 1, section 5 of the linear algebra textbook.
  - (If we have time) The Wronskian Lemma: Suppose  $y_1, \dots, y_n$  are solutions to a linear ODE. Then the Wronskian  $W[y_1, \dots, y_n]$  is nonzero everywhere if  $y_1, \dots, y_n$  are linearly independent and otherwise it is zero everywhere.
- Caution:** This is not true if  $y_1, \dots, y_n$  are not all solutions to the same linear ODE. For arbitrary functions, if the Wronskian is nonzero at any point then they are linearly independent, but there *are* linearly independent functions whose Wronskian is zero everywhere.

**Most important idea today:** If  $T$  is a linear transformation then the set of solutions to  $T(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{b}$  is just the kernel of  $T$  translated by some vector and therefore to find all solutions to a nonhomogeneous linear ODE it is enough to find one solution to the nonhomogeneous ODE and all solutions to the corresponding homogeneous ODE.