

Section 4.1b

Homework Solutions

Higher Order D.E.s

(129) 15, 18, 23, 25, 31

15) Since $f_3(x) = 4f_1(x) - 3f_2(x)$, the three solutions are not linearly independent.

OR By using the Wronskian we have

$$\begin{aligned} W &= \begin{vmatrix} f_1(x) & f_2(x) & f_3(x) \\ f'_1(x) & f'_2(x) & f'_3(x) \\ f''_1(x) & f''_2(x) & f''_3(x) \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & 4x-3x^2 \\ 1 & 2x & 4-6x \\ 0 & 2 & -6 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= x \begin{vmatrix} 2x & 4-6x \\ 2 & -6 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} x^2 & 4x-3x^2 \\ 2 & -6 \end{vmatrix} + 0 \underset{\rightarrow 0}{=} -1 \\ &= x(-12x-8+12x) - (-6x^2-8x+6x) \\ &= -8x + 8x = 0 \\ \therefore &\text{not linearly independent} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 18) \quad W &= \begin{vmatrix} \cos(2x) & 1 & \cos^2(x) \\ -2\sin(2x) & 0 & -2\cos(x)\sin(x) \\ -4\cos(2x) & 0 & +2\sin^2(x)-2\cos^2(x) \end{vmatrix} \\ \therefore &-1 \begin{vmatrix} -2\sin(2x) & -2\cos(x)\sin(x) \\ -4\cos(2x) & 2\sin^2(x)-2\cos^2(x) \end{vmatrix} + 0 \underset{\rightarrow 0}{=} 0 \\ &\leftarrow \text{True I.D.'s} \\ &= -1 \begin{vmatrix} -2\sin(2x) & -\sin(2x) \\ -4\cos(2x) & -2\cos(2x) \end{vmatrix} = \begin{cases} \therefore \text{not} \\ \text{linearly} \\ \text{independent} \end{cases} \\ &= 4\sin(2x)\cos(2x) - 4\sin(2x)\cos(2x) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$23) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} y = e^{-3x} \\ y' = -3e^{-3x} \\ y'' = 9e^{-3x} \end{array} \right\} \therefore y'' - y' - 12y = (9 - (-3) - 12)e^{-3x} = 0 \checkmark$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} y = e^{4x} \\ y' = 4e^{4x} \\ y'' = 16e^{4x} \end{array} \right\} \quad y'' - y' - 12y = (16 - 4 - 12)e^{4x} = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

Solutions work \Rightarrow check for independence

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} e^{-3x} & e^{4x} \\ -3e^{-3x} & 4e^{4x} \end{vmatrix} = 4e^x - (-3e^x) = 7e^x \neq 0 \checkmark$$

$$\therefore \boxed{y = c_1 e^{-3x} + c_2 e^{4x}}$$

$$25) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} y = e^x \cos(2x) \\ y' = e^x \cos(2x) - 2e^x \sin(2x) \\ y'' = e^x \cos(2x) - 2e^x \sin(2x) - 2e^x \sin(2x) - 4e^x \cos(2x) \\ = 4e^x \sin(2x) - 3e^x \cos(2x) \end{array} \right.$$

$$y'' - 2y' + 5y = (-3 - 2 + 5)e^x \cos(2x) + (4 + 4)e^x \sin(2x) \\ = 0 \quad \checkmark \quad \text{1st solution works}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} y = e^x \sin(2x) \\ y' = e^x \sin(2x) + 2e^x \cos(2x) \\ y'' = e^x \sin(2x) + 2e^x \cos(2x) + 2e^x \cos(2x) - 4e^x \sin(2x) \\ = -3e^x \sin(2x) + 4e^x \cos(2x) \end{array} \right.$$

$$y'' - 2y' + 5y = (-3 - 2 + 5)e^x \sin(2x) + (4 - 4)e^x \cos(2x) = 0 \quad \checkmark \\ \text{2nd solution works.}$$

25) continued \Rightarrow check for linear independence

$$\begin{aligned}\omega &= \begin{vmatrix} e^x \cos(2x) & e^x \sin(2x) \\ e^x \cos(2x) - 2e^x \sin(2x) & e^x \sin(2x) + 2e^x \cos(2x) \end{vmatrix} \\ &= e^{2x} \cancel{\sin(2x)\cos(2x)} + 2e^{2x} \cos^2(2x) \\ &\quad - (\cancel{e^{2x} \sin(2x)\cos(2x)} - 2e^{2x} \sin^2(2x)) \\ &= 2e^{2x} (\sin^2(2x) + \cos^2(2x)) = 2e^{2x} \neq 0\end{aligned}$$

\therefore linearly independent

$$31) \quad y = C_1 e^{2x} + C_2 e^{5x} + 6e^x$$
$$y' = 2C_1 e^{2x} + 5C_2 e^{5x} + 6e^x$$
$$y'' = 4C_1 e^{2x} + 25C_2 e^{5x} + 6e^x$$

$$\Rightarrow y'' - 7y' + 10y$$

$$= 4C_1 e^{2x} + 25C_2 e^{5x} + 6e^x - 14C_1 e^{2x} - 35C_2 e^{5x} + 42e^x$$
$$+ 10C_1 e^{2x} + 10C_2 e^{5x} + 60e^x$$

$$= (\cancel{4C_1} - \cancel{14C_1} + \cancel{10C_1}) e^{2x} + (\cancel{25C_2} - \cancel{35C_2} + \cancel{10C_2}) e^{5x}$$
$$+ (6 - 42 + 60) e^x = 24e^x \checkmark$$