

①(a) The characteristic equation of $4y'' + y' = 0$ is $4r^2 + r = 0$ which

has roots

$$\begin{aligned} r &= \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1^2 - 4(4)(0)}}{2(4)} = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1}}{8} = -\frac{1}{8} \pm \frac{1}{8} \\ &= -\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8}, -\frac{1}{8} - \frac{1}{8} \\ &= 0, -\frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the general solution to $4y'' + y' = 0$ is

$$y = c_1 e^{0x} + c_2 e^{-\frac{1}{4}x}$$

which is

$$y = c_1 + c_2 e^{-\frac{1}{4}x}.$$

where c_1, c_2 can be any constants.

①(b) The characteristic equation of

$$y'' - y' - 6y = 0 \text{ is } r^2 - r - 6 = 0$$

has roots

$$r = \frac{-(-1) \pm \sqrt{(-1)^2 - 4(1)(-6)}}{2(1)} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{25}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1 \pm 5}{2} = \frac{1+5}{2}, \frac{1-5}{2} = \frac{6}{2}, -\frac{4}{2} = 3, -2$$

Thus, the general solution to $y'' - y' - 6y = 0$ is

$$y = c_1 e^{3x} + c_2 e^{-2x}$$

where c_1, c_2 can be any constants.

①(c) The characteristic equation of

$y'' + 9y = 0$ is $r^2 + 9 = 0$ which

has roots

$$r = \frac{-0 \pm \sqrt{0^2 - 4(1)(9)}}{2(1)} = \frac{\pm \sqrt{-36}}{2} = \pm \frac{6\sqrt{-1}}{2}$$

$$= \pm 3i = 3i, -3i$$

These complex roots are of the form

$$\alpha \pm \beta i = 0 \pm 3i$$

Thus, the general solution to $y'' + 9y = 0$ is

$$y = c_1 e^{0x} \cos(3x) + c_2 e^{0x} \sin(3x)$$

which is

$$y = c_1 \cos(3x) + c_2 \sin(3x)$$

Where c_1, c_2 are any constants.

①(d) The characteristic equation of $y'' - 2y' + 2y = 0$ is $r^2 - 2r + 2 = 0$ which

has roots

$$r = \frac{-(-2) \pm \sqrt{(-2)^2 - 4(1)(2)}}{2(1)} = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{-4}}{2} = \frac{2 \pm 2\sqrt{-1}}{2}$$
$$= \frac{2+2i}{2}, \frac{2-2i}{2} = 1+i, 1-i$$

These complex roots are of the form

$$\alpha \pm \beta i = 1 \pm 1 \cdot i$$

Thus, the general solution to $y'' + 9y = 0$ is

$$y = c_1 e^{1 \cdot x} \cos(1 \cdot x) + c_2 e^{1 \cdot x} \sin(1 \cdot x)$$

which is

$$y = c_1 e^x \cdot \cos(x) + c_2 e^x \cdot \sin(x)$$

Where c_1, c_2 are any constants.

①(e) The characteristic equation of $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 8\frac{dy}{dx} + 16y = 0$ is $r^2 + 8r + 16 = 0$ which

has roots

$$r = \frac{-8 \pm \sqrt{8^2 - 4(1)(16)}}{2(1)} = \frac{-8 \pm 0}{2} = -4$$

Here we have $r = -4$ as a double root.

Thus, the general solution to

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 8\frac{dy}{dx} + 16y = 0 \text{ is given by}$$

$$y = c_1 e^{-4x} + c_2 x e^{-4x}$$

where c_1, c_2 are constants

①(f) The characteristic equation of $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 10\frac{dy}{dx} + 25y = 0$ is $r^2 - 10r + 25 = 0$ which

has roots

$$r = \frac{-(-10) \pm \sqrt{(-10)^2 - 4(1)(25)}}{2(1)} = \frac{10 \pm 0}{2} = 5$$

Here we have $r=5$ as a double root.

Thus, the general solution to

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 10\frac{dy}{dx} + 25y = 0 \text{ is given by}$$

$$y = c_1 e^{5x} + c_2 x e^{5x}$$

where c_1, c_2 are constants

① (g) The characteristic equation of $2y'' + 2y' + y = 0$ is $2r^2 + 2r + 1 = 0$ which

has roots

$$r = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{2^2 - 4(2)(1)}}{2(2)} = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{-4}}{4} = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4}\sqrt{-1}}{4}$$

$$= \frac{-2 \pm 2i}{4} = \frac{-2 + 2i}{4}, \frac{-2 - 2i}{4} = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i, -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}i$$

These complex roots are of the form

$$\alpha \pm \beta i = -\frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2}i$$

Thus, the general solution to $y'' + 9y = 0$ is

$$y = c_1 e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}x\right) + c_2 e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} \sin\left(\frac{1}{2}x\right)$$

which is

$$y = c_1 e^{-x/2} \cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + c_2 e^{-x/2} \sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$$

Where c_1, c_2 are any constants.

②(a)

In problem ① we saw that the general solution to $4y'' + y' = 0$ is given by

$$y = c_1 + c_2 e^{-x/4}$$

We want this solution to satisfy $y'(0) = 0, y(0) = 0$

$$\text{We have } y' = -\frac{1}{4} c_2 e^{-x/4}$$

Thus we want

$$0 = y(0) = c_1 + c_2 \underbrace{e^{-0/4}}_{e^0 = 1} = c_1 + c_2$$

$$0 = y'(0) = -\frac{1}{4} c_2 e^{-0/4} = -\frac{1}{4} c_2$$

That is,

$$\begin{cases} c_1 + c_2 = 0 & \text{①} \\ -\frac{1}{4} c_2 = 0 & \text{②} \end{cases}$$

Eqn ② gives $c_2 = 0$. Plug this into ① to get $c_1 = -c_2 = -0 = 0$. Thus, the solution we want is $y = 0 + 0 \cdot e^{-x/4} = 0$.

That is $y = 0$ the zero function

② (b) The characteristic equation of $y'' + 16y = 0$ is $r^2 + 16 = 0$. The roots are

$$r = \frac{-0 \pm \sqrt{0^2 - 4(1)(16)}}{2(1)} = \frac{\pm \sqrt{-64}}{2} = \frac{\pm \sqrt{64} \sqrt{-1}}{2}$$

$$= \pm \frac{8i}{2} = \pm 4i$$

The roots are of the form $\alpha \pm \beta i = 0 \pm 4i$

The general solution is

$$y = c_1 e^{0x} \cos(4x) + c_2 e^{0x} \sin(4x)$$

$$= c_1 \cos(4x) + c_2 \sin(4x)$$

We want this solution to satisfy $y'(0) = -2, y(0) = 2$

Note that

$$y' = -4c_1 \sin(4x) + 4c_2 \cos(4x)$$

So we want

$$-2 = y'(0) = -4c_1 \underbrace{\sin(0)}_0 + 4c_2 \underbrace{\cos(0)}_1 = 4c_2 \leftarrow c_2 = -\frac{1}{2}$$

and

$$2 = y(0) = c_1 \underbrace{\cos(0)}_1 + c_2 \underbrace{\sin(0)}_0 = c_1 \leftarrow c_1 = 2$$

Thus, the answer is

$$y = 2 \cos(4x) - \frac{1}{2} \sin(4x)$$

②(c) From problem ① the general solution to $y'' - y' - 6y = 0$ is $y = c_1 e^{3x} + c_2 e^{-2x}$

We want $y'(0) = 10$, $y(0) = 5$.

We have $y' = 3c_1 e^{3x} - 2c_2 e^{-2x}$.

$e^0 = 1$

These equations are

$$10 = y'(0) = 3c_1 e^{3 \cdot 0} - 2c_2 e^{-2 \cdot 0} = 3c_1 - 2c_2$$

$$5 = y(0) = c_1 e^{3 \cdot 0} + c_2 e^{-2 \cdot 0} = c_1 + c_2$$

So we want to solve

$$\begin{cases} 3c_1 - 2c_2 = 10 & \text{①} \\ c_1 + c_2 = 5 & \text{②} \end{cases}$$

Solving for c_1 in ② we get $c_1 = 5 - c_2$.

Plugging this into ① gives $3(5 - c_2) - 2c_2 = 10$.

This gives $15 - 3c_2 - 2c_2 = 10$.

So, $-5c_2 = -5$.

So, $c_2 = 1$.

Thus, $c_1 = 5 - c_2 = 5 - (1) = 4$

So, the answer is

$$y = 4e^{3x} + e^{-2x}$$