

Instructions: Show all work. Answers without work required to obtain the solution will not receive full credit. Some questions may contain multiple parts: be sure to answer all of them. Give exact answers unless specifically asked to estimate.

1. Use reduction of order to solve $t^2 y'' - t(t+2)y' + (t+2)y = 0, y_1 = t$.

$$y_2 = v y_1 = vt$$

$$y_2' = v't + v$$

$$y_2'' = v''t + 2v'$$

$$t^2(v''t + 2v') - t(t+2)(v't + v) + (t+2)vt = 0$$

$$t^3 v'' + 2t^2 v' - t^3 v' - t^2 v - 2t^2 v' - 2t v + t^2 v + 2t v = 0$$

$$t^3 v'' - t^3 v' = 0$$

$$t^3 (v'' - v') = 0$$

$$u = v'$$

$$u' = v''$$

$$u' - u = 0$$

$$\frac{du}{dt} = u$$

$$\int \frac{du}{u} = \int dt$$

$$\ln u = t + c$$

$$u = Ae^t$$

$$v' = Ae^t$$

$$v = \int Ae^t dt = Ae^t + c$$

or Ae^t

$$y_1 = t$$

$$y_2 = Ae^t \cdot t = Ate^t$$

$$y(t) = c_1 t + c_2 t e^t$$

2. Solve the homogeneous higher order equation $t^3 y''' - 3ty' + y = 0$.

$$y = x^r = t^r$$

$$y' = r x^{r-1} = r t^{r-1}$$

$$y'' = r x^{r-2} (r-1) = r(r-1) t^{r-2}$$

$$y''' = r(r-1)(r-2) x^{r-3} = r(r-1)(r-2) t^{r-3}$$

$$t^3 r(r-1)(r-2) t^{r-3} - 3t r t^{r-1} + t^r = 0$$

$$r(r-1)(r-2) t^r - 3r t^r + t^r = 0$$

$$t^r [r(r-1)(r-2) - 3r + 1] = 0$$

$$(r^2 - r)(r-2) - 3r + 1 = 0$$

$$r^3 - 2r^2 - r^2 + 2r - 3r + 1 = 0$$

$$r^3 - 3r^2 - r + 1 = 0 \quad \text{not factorable / real solutions}$$

$$y(t) \approx c_1 t^{-0.675} + c_2 t^{0.461} + c_3 t^{3.214}$$