

Math 1B: The Ultimate Quiz

Monday, April 27

1. (4 pts) Find the unique solution to the differential equation $xy' = y + x^2 \sin x$ given the condition $y(\pi) = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned}xy' &= y + x^2 \sin x \\y' - y/x &= x \sin x \\I &= e^{\int -1/x} \\&= e^{-\ln x} \\&= 1/x \\y'/x - y/x^2 &= \sin x \\(y/x)' &= \sin x \\y/x &= -\cos x + C \\y &= Cx - x \cos x \\0 &= C\pi + \pi \\C &= -1 \\y &= -x - x \cos x\end{aligned}$$

2. (6 pts) Find the unique solution to the differential equation $y'' - 2y' + y = 2e^x/x^3$ given the conditions $y(1) = 4e$ and $y(2) = \frac{9}{2}e^2$.

- (a) First get two solutions to the homogeneous equation: $y_1 = e^x, y_2 = xe^x$.
(b) $W = y_1 y_2' - y_2 y_1' = e^{2x}$.
(c)

$$\begin{aligned}y &= -y_1 \int \frac{Gy_2}{aW} + y_2 \int \frac{Gy_1}{aW} \\&= -e^x \int \frac{2e^x x e^x}{x^3 e^{2x}} + x e^x \int \frac{2e^x e^x}{x^3 e^{2x}} \\&= -e^x \int \frac{2}{x^2} + x e^x \int \frac{2}{x^3} \\&= -e^x (-2/x + C_1) + x e^x (-1/x^2 + C_2) \\&= C_1 e^x + C_2 x e^x + 2e^x/x - e^x/x \\&= C_1 e^x + C_2 x e^x + e^x/x\end{aligned}$$

The boundary conditions then give

$$\begin{aligned}C_1 e + C_2 e + e &= 4e \\C_1 + C_2 &= 3 \\C_1 e^2 + 2C_2 e^2 + e^2/2 &= \frac{9}{2}e^2 \\C_1 + 2C_2 &= 4 \\C_2 &= 1 \\C_1 &= 2\end{aligned}$$

The solution is therefore $y = 2e^x + xe^x + e^x/x$.