

### Section 3.5

2. The characteristic equation is  $9r^2 + 6r + 1 = 0$ , with the *double* root  $r = -1/3$ . Based on the discussion in this section, the general solution is  $y(t) = c_1 e^{-t/3} + c_2 t e^{-t/3}$ .

3. The characteristic equation is  $4r^2 - 4r - 3 = 0$ , with roots  $r = -1/2, 3/2$ . The general solution is  $y(t) = c_1 e^{-t/2} + c_2 e^{3t/2}$ .

4. The characteristic equation is  $4r^2 + 12r + 9 = 0$ , with the *double* root  $r = -3/2$ . Based on the discussion in this section, the general solution is  $y(t) = (c_1 + c_2 t) e^{-3t/2}$ .

5. The characteristic equation is  $r^2 - 2r + 10 = 0$ , with complex roots  $r = 1 \pm 3i$ . The general solution is  $y(t) = c_1 e^t \cos 3t + c_2 e^t \sin 3t$ .

6. The characteristic equation is  $r^2 - 6r + 9 = 0$ , with the *double* root  $r = 3$ . The general solution is  $y(t) = c_1 e^{3t} + c_2 t e^{3t}$ .

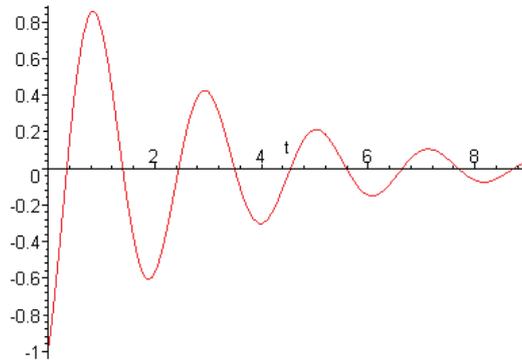
7. The characteristic equation is  $4r^2 + 17r + 4 = 0$ , with roots  $r = -1/4, -4$ . The general solution is  $y(t) = c_1 e^{-t/4} + c_2 e^{-4t}$ .

8. The characteristic equation is  $16r^2 + 24r + 9 = 0$ , with the *double* root  $r = -3/4$ . The general solution is  $y(t) = c_1 e^{-3t/4} + c_2 t e^{-3t/4}$ .

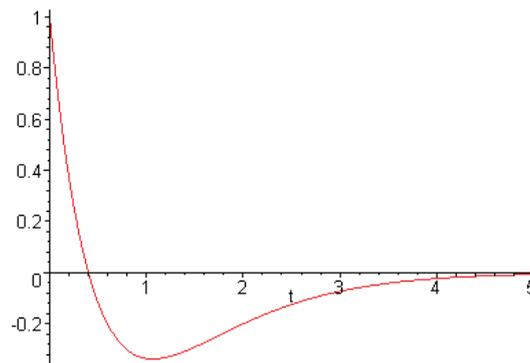
10. The characteristic equation is  $2r^2 + 2r + 1 = 0$ , with complex roots  $r = -\frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2}i$ . The general solution is  $y(t) = c_1 e^{-t/2} \cos t/2 + c_2 e^{-t/2} \sin t/2$ .

11. The characteristic equation is  $9r^2 - 12r + 4 = 0$ , with the *double* root  $r = 2/3$ . The general solution is  $y(t) = c_1 e^{2t/3} + c_2 t e^{2t/3}$ . Invoking the first initial condition, it follows that  $c_1 = 2$ . Now  $y'(t) = (4/3 + c_2) e^{2t/3} + 2c_2 t e^{2t/3}/3$ . Invoking the second initial condition,  $4/3 + c_2 = -1$ , or  $c_2 = -7/3$ . Hence  $y(t) = 2e^{2t/3} - \frac{7}{3}t e^{2t/3}$ . Since the *second* term dominates for large  $t$ ,  $y(t) \rightarrow -\infty$ .

13. The characteristic equation is  $9r^2 + 6r + 82 = 0$ , with complex roots  $r = -\frac{1}{3} \pm 3i$ . The general solution is  $y(t) = c_1 e^{-t/3} \cos 3t + c_2 e^{-t/3} \sin 3t$ . Based on the first initial condition,  $c_1 = -1$ . Invoking the second initial condition,  $1/3 + 3c_2 = 2$ , or  $c_2 = \frac{5}{9}$ . Hence  $y(t) = -e^{-t/3} \cos 3t + \frac{5}{9} e^{-t/3} \sin 3t$ .



15(a). The characteristic equation is  $4r^2 + 12r + 9 = 0$ , with the *double* root  $r = -\frac{3}{2}$ . The general solution is  $y(t) = c_1 e^{-3t/2} + c_2 t e^{-3t/2}$ . Invoking the first initial condition, it follows that  $c_1 = 1$ . Now  $y'(t) = (-3/2 + c_2)e^{-3t/2} - \frac{3}{2}c_2 t e^{-3t/2}$ . The second initial condition requires that  $-3/2 + c_2 = -4$ , or  $c_2 = -5/2$ . Hence the specific solution is  $y(t) = e^{-3t/2} - \frac{5}{2}t e^{-3t/2}$ .



(b). The solution crosses the  $x$ -axis at  $t = 0.4$ .

(c). The solution has a minimum at the point  $(16/15, -5e^{-8/5}/3)$ .

(d). Given that  $y'(0) = b$ , we have  $-3/2 + c_2 = b$ , or  $c_2 = b + 3/2$ . Hence the solution is  $y(t) = e^{-3t/2} + (b + \frac{3}{2})t e^{-3t/2}$ . Since the *second* term dominates, the *long-term* solution depends on the *sign* of the coefficient  $b + \frac{3}{2}$ . The critical value is  $b = -\frac{3}{2}$ .

16. The characteristic roots are  $r_1 = r_2 = 1/2$ . Hence the general solution is given by  $y(t) = c_1 e^{t/2} + c_2 t e^{t/2}$ . Invoking the initial conditions, we require that  $c_1 = 2$ , and that  $1 + c_2 = b$ . The specific solution is  $y(t) = 2e^{t/2} + (b - 1)t e^{t/2}$ . Since the *second* term dominates, the *long-term* solution depends on the *sign* of the coefficient  $b - 1$ . The critical value is  $b = 1$ .

18(a). The characteristic roots are  $r_1 = r_2 = -2/3$ . Therefore the general solution is given by  $y(t) = c_1 e^{-2t/3} + c_2 t e^{-2t/3}$ . Invoking the initial conditions, we require that  $c_1 = a$ , and that  $-2a/3 + c_2 = -1$ . After solving for the coefficients, the specific solution is  $y(t) = a e^{-2t/3} + \left(\frac{2a}{3} - 1\right) t e^{-2t/3}$ .

(b). Since the *second* term dominates, the *long-term* solution depends on the *sign* of the coefficient  $\frac{2a}{3} - 1$ . The critical value is  $a = 3/2$ .

20(a). The characteristic equation is  $r^2 + 2ar + a^2 = 0$ , with *double* root  $r = -a$ . Hence one solution is  $y_1(t) = c_1 e^{-at}$ .

(b). Recall that the Wronskian satisfies the differential equation  $W' + 2aW = 0$ . The solution of this equation is  $W(t) = c e^{-2at}$ .

(c). By definition,  $W = y_1 y_2' - y_1' y_2$ . Hence  $c_1 e^{-at} y_2' + a c_1 e^{-at} y_2 = c e^{-2at}$ . That is,  $y_2' + a y_2 = c_2 e^{-at}$ . This equation is first order *linear*, with general solution  $y_2(t) = c_2 t e^{-at} + c_3 e^{-at}$ . Setting  $c_2 = 1$  and  $c_3 = 0$ , we obtain  $y_2(t) = t e^{-at}$ .

22(a). Write  $ar^2 + br + c = a(r^2 + \frac{b}{a}r + \frac{c}{a})$ . It follows that  $\frac{b}{a} = -2r_1$  and  $\frac{c}{a} = r_1^2$ . Hence  $ar^2 + br + c = ar^2 - 2ar_1 r + ar_1^2 = a(r^2 - 2r_1 r + r_1^2) = a(r - r_1)^2$ . We find that  $L[e^{rt}] = (ar^2 + br + c)e^{rt} = a(r - r_1)^2 e^{rt}$ . Setting  $r = r_1$ ,  $L[e^{r_1 t}] = 0$ .

(b). Differentiating Eq.(i) with respect to  $r$ ,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} L[e^{rt}] = a t e^{rt} (r - r_1)^2 + 2a e^{rt} (r - r_1).$$

Now observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} L[e^{rt}] &= \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ a \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} (e^{rt}) + b \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (e^{rt}) + c (e^{rt}) \right] \\ &= \left[ a \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial r} e^{rt} \right) + b \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial r} e^{rt} \right) + c \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial r} e^{rt} \right) \right] \\ &= a \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} (t e^{rt}) + b \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (t e^{rt}) + c (t e^{rt}). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $L[t e^{r_1 t}] = a t e^{r_1 t} (r - r_1)^2 + 2a e^{r_1 t} (r - r_1)$ . Setting  $r = r_1$ ,  $L[t e^{r_1 t}] = 0$ .

23. Set  $y_2(t) = t^2 v(t)$ . Substitution into the ODE results in

$$t^2 (t^2 v'' + 4t v' + 2v) - 4t (t^2 v' + 2tv) + 6t^2 v = 0.$$

After collecting terms, we end up with  $t^4 v'' = 0$ . Hence  $v(t) = c_1 + c_2 t$ , and thus  $y_2(t) = c_1 t^2 + c_2 t^3$ . Setting  $c_1 = 0$  and  $c_2 = 1$ , we obtain  $y_2(t) = t^3$ .

24. Set  $y_2(t) = t v(t)$ . Substitution into the ODE results in

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

After collecting terms, we end up with  $t^3v'' + 4t^2v' = 0$ . This equation is *linear* in the variable  $w = v'$ . It follows that  $v'(t) = ct^{-4}$ , and  $v(t) = c_1t^{-3} + c_2$ . Thus  $y_2(t) = c_1t^{-2} + c_2t$ . Setting  $c_1 = 1$  and  $c_2 = 0$ , we obtain  $y_2(t) = t^{-2}$ .

26. Set  $y_2(t) = tv(t)$ . Substitution into the ODE results in  $v'' - v' = 0$ . This ODE is *linear* in the variable  $w = v'$ . It follows that  $v'(t) = c_1e^t$ , and  $v(t) = c_1e^t + c_2$ . Thus  $y_2(t) = c_1te^t + c_2t$ . Setting  $c_1 = 1$  and  $c_2 = 0$ , we obtain  $y_2(t) = te^t$ .

28. Set  $y_2(x) = e^xv(x)$ . Substitution into the ODE results in

$$v'' + \frac{x-2}{x-1}v' = 0.$$

This ODE is *linear* in the variable  $w = v'$ . An integrating factor is

$$\begin{aligned} \mu &= \exp\left(\int \frac{x-2}{x-1} dx\right) \\ &= \frac{e^x}{x-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Rewrite the equation as  $\left[\frac{e^xv'}{x-1}\right]' = 0$ , from which it follows that  $v'(x) = c(x-1)e^{-x}$ . Hence  $v(x) = c_1xe^{-x} + c_2$  and  $y_2(x) = c_1x + c_2e^x$ . Setting  $c_1 = 1$  and  $c_2 = 0$ , we obtain  $y_2(x) = x$ .

29. Set  $y_2(x) = y_1(x)v(x)$ , in which  $y_1(x) = x^{1/4}\exp(2\sqrt{x})$ . It can be verified that  $y_1$  is a solution of the ODE, that is,  $x^2y_1'' - (x - 0.1875)y_1 = 0$ . Substitution of the given form of  $y_2$  results in the differential equation

$$2x^{9/4}v'' + (4x^{7/4} + x^{5/4})v' = 0.$$

This ODE is *linear* in the variable  $w = v'$ . An integrating factor is

$$\begin{aligned} \mu &= \exp\left(\int \left[2x^{-1/2} + \frac{1}{2x}\right] dx\right) \\ &= \sqrt{x} \exp(4\sqrt{x}). \end{aligned}$$

Rewrite the equation as  $[\sqrt{x} \exp(4\sqrt{x}) v']' = 0$ , from which it follows that

$$v'(x) = c \exp(-4\sqrt{x})/\sqrt{x}.$$

Integrating,  $v(x) = c_1\exp(-4\sqrt{x}) + c_2$  and as a result,

$$y_2(x) = c_1x^{1/4}\exp(-2\sqrt{x}) + c_2x^{1/4}\exp(2\sqrt{x}).$$

Setting  $c_1 = 1$  and  $c_2 = 0$ , we obtain  $y_2(x) = x^{1/4}\exp(-2\sqrt{x})$ .