

Math 220 – Section 4.7 Solutions

2. The differential equation

$$t(t-3)y'' + 2ty' - y = t^2$$

written in standard form is

$$y'' + \frac{2}{t-3}y' - \frac{1}{t(t-3)}y = \frac{t}{t-3}$$

We identify the functions p , q , and g as

$$p(t) = \frac{2}{t-3}, \quad q(t) = \frac{1}{t(t-3)}, \quad g(t) = \frac{t}{t-3}$$

The functions p and g are continuous everywhere except $t = 3$. The function q is continuous everywhere except $t = 0, 3$. By the existence and uniqueness theorem, we know that there is a unique solution on the interval $(0, 3)$ since the initial conditions are $y(1) = Y_0$ and $y'(1) = Y_1$.

10. The given differential equation is

$$t^2y'' + 2ty' - 6y = 0$$

The characteristic equation and its roots are:

$$r(r-1) + 2r - 6 = 0$$

$$r^2 - r + 2r - 6 = 0$$

$$r^2 + r - 6 = 0$$

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

$$r = -3, r = 2$$

The solution is then

$$y(t) = c_1t^{-3} + c_2t^2$$

12. The given differential equation is

$$t^2z'' + 5tz' + 4z = 0$$

The characteristic equation and its roots are:

$$r(r-1) + 5r + 4 = 0$$

$$r^2 - r + 5r + 4 = 0$$

$$r^2 + 4r + 4 = 0$$

$$(r+2)^2 = 0$$

$$r = -2$$

The solution is then

$$y(t) = c_1t^{-2} + c_2t^{-2} \ln t$$

15. The given differential equation is

$$y'' - \frac{1}{t}y' + \frac{5}{t^2}y = 0$$

Multiplying the equation by t^2 we get

$$t^2y'' - ty' + 5y = 0$$

The characteristic equation and its roots are:

$$r(r-1) - r + 5 = 0$$

$$r^2 - r - r + 5 = 0$$

$$r^2 - 2r + 5 = 0$$

$$r = -1 \pm 2i$$

The solution is then

$$y(t) = t^{-1}(c_1 \cos(2 \ln t) + c_2 \sin(2 \ln t))$$