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Quiz 3
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1. (5 points) The ODE $(2t \ln(t) - t)y'' + (2 \ln(t) + 1)y' - \frac{4}{t}y = 0$ is solved by the functions $y_1 = t^2$ and $y_2 = \ln(t)$. Use the Wronskian to determine whether these two solutions form a fundamental solution set. Be sure to show your work and state your conclusion.

$$\text{The Wronskian: } W(y_1, y_2)(t) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} t^2 & \ln(t) \\ 2t & \frac{1}{t} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= t^2 \cdot \frac{1}{t} - 2t \ln(t) = t - 2t \ln(t)$$

$$\text{Note: } t - 2t \ln(t) = t(1 - 2 \ln(t)) = 0 \Rightarrow \ln(t) = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow t = e^{1/2}$$

So, the Wronskian is zero at $t = e^{1/2}$. Since $W = 0$ at one point then it is zero at every point b/c $W(y_1, y_2)(t) = W(y_1, y_2)(t_0) e^{-\int_{t_0}^t p(x) dx}$

Thus, $W(y_1, y_2)(t) = 0$ for all t , i.e., y_1 and y_2 do not form a fundamental solution set.

2. (6 points) Find the general solution to the following ODE.

$$y'' + 9y' - 10y = 0$$

$$\text{Let } y = e^{rt} \Rightarrow y' = r e^{rt}, y'' = r^2 e^{rt} \Rightarrow r^2 e^{rt} + 9r e^{rt} - 10 e^{rt} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{rt}(r^2 + 9r - 10) = 0 \Rightarrow r^2 + 9r - 10 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (r + 10)(r - 1) = 0 \Rightarrow r_1 = -10, r_2 = 1. \text{ Then, a general}$$

$$\text{solution: } y(t) = C_1 e^{-10t} + C_2 e^t.$$

3. (9 points) The function $y_1 = \frac{1}{t}$ is a solution to the ODE

$$2t^2 y'' + ty' - 3y = 0, \quad t > 0 \quad (*)$$

Use Reduction of Order to find the general solution to the ODE.

$y_1 = \frac{1}{t}$ is given to be a solution to (*). Let $y_2(t) = v(t)y_1(t)$

$$\Rightarrow y_2(t) = v \cdot \frac{1}{t} \Rightarrow y_2' = v' \cdot \frac{1}{t} + v \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{t^2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow y_2'' = v'' \cdot \frac{1}{t} + v' \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{t^2}\right) + v' \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{t^2}\right) + 2v \cdot \frac{1}{t^3}$$

$$= v'' \cdot \frac{1}{t} - 2v' \cdot \frac{1}{t^2} + 2v \cdot \frac{1}{t^3}$$

Substituting y_2, y_2', y_2'' into (*):

$$2t^2 \left(v'' \cdot \frac{1}{t} - 2v' \cdot \frac{1}{t^2} + 2v \cdot \frac{1}{t^3} \right) + t \left(v' \cdot \frac{1}{t} - v \cdot \frac{1}{t^2} \right)$$

$$- 3v \cdot \frac{1}{t} = 0. \quad \text{Expanding this}$$

$$2v''t - 4v' + 4v \cdot \frac{1}{t^2} + v' - v \cdot \frac{1}{t} - 3v \cdot \frac{1}{t} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2v''t - 3v' = 0. \quad \text{Reduction of order: Let } v' = w.$$

$$\Rightarrow 2w't - 3w = 0 \Rightarrow w' = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{t} \Rightarrow \frac{dw}{dt} = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{dw}{w} = \int \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{dt}{t} \Rightarrow \ln w = \frac{3}{2} \ln t + A = \ln t^{3/2} + A$$

$$\Rightarrow w = e^A t^{3/2} = A t^{3/2} = v' \Rightarrow v = \int w dt = A \int t^{3/2} = A t^{5/2} + B$$

$$\text{Set } A=1, B=0 \Rightarrow v = t^{5/2} \Rightarrow y_2(t) = t^{5/2} t^{-1} = t^{3/2}$$

Thus, the general solution is:

$$y(t) = C_1 t^{-1} + C_2 t^{3/2}$$