Math 1B quiz solutions

1 Find the general solution to  $y'' + 2y' + y = 5 \sin 2x$  using undetermined coefficients (7 points).

The auxillary equation is  $r^2 + 2r + 1 = 0$  which has a root only at r = -1. Thus the complementary solution is  $y = e^{-x} + xe^{-x}$ .

We will guess  $y_p = A \sin 2x + B \cos 2x$ . Then the derivatives are:

$$y'_p = 2A\cos 2x - 2B\sin 2x$$
$$y''_p = -4A\sin 2x - 4B\cos 2x$$

Then we plug these values into the differential equation to get:

$$y_p'' + 2y_p' + y_p = (-4A\sin 2x - 4B\cos 2x) + (4A\cos 2x - 4B\sin 2x) + (A\sin 2x + B\cos 2x) = (-3A - 4B)\sin 2x + (4A - 3B)\cos 2x$$

Since this is supposed to equal  $5 \sin 2x$ , then we have the following two equations:

$$-3A - 4B = 5$$
$$4A - 3B = 0$$

From the second we can solve and get  $A = \frac{3}{4}B$ . Then substitute this into the first equation to get:

$$-\frac{9}{4}B - 4B = 5$$
$$-\frac{25}{4}B = 5$$
$$B = -\frac{4}{25}5 = -\frac{4}{5}$$

and then  $A = -\frac{3}{4}\frac{4}{5} = -\frac{3}{5}$ . Thus, the general solution is:

$$y = -\frac{3}{5}\sin 2x - \frac{4}{5}\cos 2x + C_1e^{-x} + C_2xe^{-x}$$

2 Use variation of parameters to find the general solution to y'' + y' - 2y = $e^{2x}\cos x$  (8 points).

(There was a mistake in this problem. You had the option of doing the problem as stated or changing the equation to either  $y'' - y' - 2y = e^{2x} \cos x$ or to  $y'' + y' - 2y = e^{-2x} \cos x$ . It is certainly possible to solve the original equation, but it is more work than I intended. The solution will use the first of these alternate equations.)

The auxiliary equation is  $r^2 - r - 2 = 0$ . This factors as (r-2)(r+1), so it has roots r = -1 and r = 2. Thus the complementary solution is  $y_c =$  $C_1 e^{2x} + C_2 e^{-x}.$ 

To use variation of parameters, we try the solution  $y_p = u_1 e^{2x} + u_2 e^{-x}$ . Then we have the pair of equations:

$$u_1'e^{2x} + u_2'e^{-x} = 0$$
  
$$2u_1'e^{2x} - u_2'e^{-x} = e^{2x}\cos x$$

From the first we can solve for  $u'_1$  to get  $u'_1 = -e^{-3x}u'_2$ . Then substituting this into the second equation:

$$2e^{-3x}e^{2x}u'_{2} - u'_{2}e^{-x} = e^{2x}\cos x$$
$$-3e^{-x}u'_{2} = e^{2x}\cos x$$
$$u'_{2} = -\frac{1}{3}e^{3x}\cos x$$

Then, from our previous equation for  $u'_1$ , we have

$$u_1' = -e^{-3x} \left( -\frac{1}{3}e^{3x} \cos x \right) = \frac{1}{3} \cos x$$

We can solve this by taking the integral to find that  $u_1 = \frac{1}{3} \sin x$ . To find  $u_2$  we need to compute the integral  $\int -\frac{1}{3}e^{3x} \cos x \, dx$ . We use integration by parts with  $u = -\frac{1}{3}e^{3x}$ ,  $dv = \cos x \, dx$ , and  $du = -e^{3x} \, dx$ ,  $v = \sin x$ , so:

$$u_2 = \int -\frac{1}{3}e^{3x}\cos x \, dx = -\frac{1}{3}e^{3x}\sin x + \int e^{3x}\sin x \, dx$$

Using integration by parts again:

$$= -\frac{1}{3}e^{3x}\sin x + e^{3x}\cos x + \int 3e^{3x}\cos x \, dx$$

Now we have a multiple of our original integral, so we just move it over to the left side:

$$\int -\frac{10}{3}e^{3x}\cos x \, dx = -\frac{1}{3}e^{3x}\sin x + e^{3x}\cos x$$
$$\int -\frac{1}{3}e^{3x}\cos x \, dx = -\frac{1}{30}e^{3x}\sin x + \frac{1}{10}e^{3x}\cos x$$

Putting everything together the particular solution is:

$$y_p = -\frac{1}{3}e^{2x}\sin x + (-\frac{1}{30}e^{3x}\sin x - \frac{1}{10}e^{3x}\cos x)e^{-x}$$
$$= (-\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{30})e^{2x}\sin x - \frac{1}{10}e^{2x}\cos x$$
$$= -\frac{11}{30}e^{2x}\sin x - \frac{1}{10}e^{2x}\cos x$$

The general solution is:

$$y = -\frac{11}{30}e^{2x}\sin x - \frac{1}{10}e^{2x}\cos x + C_1e^{2x} + C_2e^{-x}$$