

1. (a) An integrating factor is  $e^{t^2/2}$  and so  $e^{t^2/2}y = \int t^3 e^{t^2/2} dt$ . The integral can be done using integration by parts with  $u = t$  or it can be done by substitution with  $x = t^2/2$  and then integration by parts. The result is  $(t^2 - 2)e^{t^2/2} + C$  and so  $y = t^2 - 2 + Ce^{-t^2/2}$ . Using the initial condition,  $0 = -2 + C$  and so  $C = 2$ .
- (b) Separate variables:  $e^{-y}dy = -t^{-2}dt$ . Thus  $-e^{-y} = t^{-1} + C$ .
- (c) Set  $y = e^{rt}$  to obtain  $r^2 - 2r + 2 = 0$  and so  $r = 1 \pm \sqrt{-1}$ . Hence the general solution is  $y = C_1 e^{(1+i)t} + C_2 e^{(1-i)t}$ , which can be written  $y = e^t (D_1 \sin t + D_2 \cos t)$ .
- (d) The homogeneous equation  $y'' - 4y' + y = 0$  gives  $r^2 - 4r + 4 = 0$  and so  $r = -2$  is a double root. Thus the general solution to the homogeneous equation is  $y = (C_1 + C_2 t)e^{2t}$ . One can use variation of parameters or undetermined coefficients to find a particular solution. Using the latter, we set  $y = Ce^t$  and obtain  $y'' - 4y' + 4y = Ce^t$  and so  $C = 2$ . Thus the general solution is  $y = (C_1 + C_2 t)e^{2t} + 2e^t$ .
- (e) In matrix notation,  $\mathbf{x}' = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}$ . The determinant of  $\begin{pmatrix} 2-r & -1 \\ 3 & -2-r \end{pmatrix}$  is  $r^2 - 1$  and so  $r = \pm 1$ . Using  $\mathbf{x} = e^t \mathbf{c}$  we obtain

$$e^t \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = e^t \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = e^t \begin{pmatrix} 2c_1 - c_2 \\ 3c_1 - 2c_2 \end{pmatrix},$$

which has a solution  $e^t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . With  $\mathbf{x} = e^{-t} \mathbf{c}$  we obtain

$$-e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 2c_1 - c_2 \\ 3c_1 - 2c_2 \end{pmatrix},$$

which has a solution  $e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ . Thus the general solution is

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = d_1 e^t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + d_2 e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

2. (a) Let  $y = \sum a_n x^n$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} y'' - xy' - y &= \sum (n+1)(n+2)a_{n+2}x^n - \sum na_n x^n - \sum a_n x^n \\ &= \sum (n+1)((n+2)a_{n+2} - a_n)x^n, \end{aligned}$$

and so  $a_{n+2} = \frac{a_n}{n+2}$  is the recursion.

- (b) We are given  $a_0 = 1$  and  $a_1 = 2$ . It follows that

$$a_2 = \frac{a_0}{2} = \frac{1}{2}, \quad a_3 = \frac{a_1}{3} = \frac{2}{3}, \quad a_4 = \frac{a_2}{4} = \frac{1}{8}, \quad a_5 = \frac{a_3}{5} = \frac{2}{15}.$$

$$3. \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} = \frac{d\omega}{dt} = \frac{d\omega}{d\theta} \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{d\omega}{d\theta} \omega.$$

(b) Separate variables and integrate to get  $\omega^2/2 = K \cos \theta + C$ .

$$4. \mathcal{L}[y''(t)] = s^2Y(s) - s - 2, \quad \mathcal{L}[y(t)] = Y(s) \text{ and}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}[g(t)] &= \int_0^\infty g(t)e^{-st} dt = \int_0^1 (1-t)e^{-st} dt \\ &= \left. \frac{-(1-t)e^{-st}}{s} \right|_{t=0}^1 - \frac{1}{s} \int_0^1 e^{-st} dt = \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1-e^{-s}}{s^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$Y(s) = \frac{\frac{1}{s} - \frac{1-e^{-s}}{s^2} + s + 2}{s^2 - 1} = \frac{s^3 + 2s^2 + s - 1 + e^{-s}}{s^2(s^2 - 1)}.$$