

Math 415A: Homework #4

3.2: 9, 12, 17, 24, 25

3.3: 3, 12, 15

3.4: 11, 22

3.2.17 | $W(f, g) = 3e^{4t}$, $f(t) = e^{2t}$ ← given.

$$\textcircled{\frac{1}{2}} \quad f g' - g f' = 3e^{4t} \quad \textcircled{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$e^{2t} g' - 2e^{2t} g = 3e^{4t}$$

$$g' - 2g = 3e^{2t} \quad \textcircled{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\mu(t) = \exp \int -2 dt = e^{-2t} \quad \textcircled{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$e^{-2t} g(t) = \int 3e^{2t} e^{-2t} dt$$

$$= \int 3 dt \quad \textcircled{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$g(t) = 3te^{2t} + Ce^{2t} \quad \textcircled{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Second part of 3.2.24 | $y'' - 2y' + y = 0$, $y_1 = e^t$, $y_2 = te^t$

Need to check that y_1 and y_2 are indeed solutions in the first part!!

$$W(y_1, y_2)(t) = y_1 y_2' - y_2 y_1' \quad \textcircled{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= e^t (te^t + e^t) - te^t (e^t) \quad \textcircled{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= e^{2t} \quad \textcircled{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\neq 0 \quad \textcircled{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Thus y_1 and y_2 are linearly independent.

So they form a fundamental set of solutions

Alternatively, say

$$(*) \quad k_1 y_1(t) + k_2 y_2(t) = 0 \quad \text{for all } t$$

$$k_1 e^t + k_2 te^t = 0 \quad \text{for all } t$$

$$e^t (k_1 + k_2 t) = 0 \quad \text{for all } t$$

$$k_1 + k_2 t = 0 \quad \text{for all } t \quad (\text{since } e^t > 0)$$

In particular, if $t=0$, $k_1 = 0$.

Thus $k_2 t = 0$ for all t .

In particular, if $t=1$, $k_2 = 0$.

Hence (*) holds only if $k_1 = k_2 = 0$. So y_1 and y_2 are linearly independent.