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**Worksheet 8**  
**Advanced Mathematics II for Mechanical Engineering**

**Problem 36:** Determine a fundamental system for the following differential equation

$$u'''(x) - 5u''(x) + 8u'(x) - 4u(x) = 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Show that the solutions that you found do really build a fundamental system.

**Problem 37:** For the differential equation

$$Ly(x) = x^2y''(x) - 2xy'(x) + 2y(x) = x^3 \ln x, \quad x > 0,$$

determine

- a) the general solution of  $Ly(x) = 0$  by using reduction of order. Hint: One solution is  $y_1(x) = x$ ;
- b) the general solution of  $Ly(x) = 0$  using the ansatz  $y = x^\alpha$ ;
- c) a particular solution of  $Ly(x) = x^3 \ln x$  using the method of variation of constants;
- d) the solution of the IVP  $Ly(x) = x^3 \ln x, y(1) = y'(1) = 1$ .

**Problem 38:** Solve the following differential equation  $y''' - 6y'' + 9y' = s(x)$  for the perturbation function  $s(x)$  :

- a)  $s(x) = 9,$     b)  $s(x) = x,$     c)  $s(x) = e^x,$     d)  $s(x) = xe^{3x},$     e)  $s(x) = 9 + 2x + 3xe^{3x}.$

In each case, the type of the ansatz should match the type of the perturbation function.

**Problem 39:** Given the following differential equation,

$$Ly(x) := y'''(x) + 3y''(x) + 3y'(x) + y(x) = x + 6e^{-x},$$

- a) determine the general solution of  $Ly(x) = 0$ .
- b) determine a particular solution of  $Ly(x) = x + 6e^{-x}$  using an ansatz of the same type as the right hand side and give the general solution of the nonhomogeneous differential equation.

**Problem 40:** Solve the initial value problem (IVP)

$$y''(x) - 4y'(x) + 7y(x) = e^x \sin(x), \quad y(0) = 6/13, \quad y'(0) = 1.$$

**Due Date:** Wednesday, June 15, 2005, 1:00 pm (in the slots outside room 208.1 of the Mathematics Building)