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1.) (3pts) Knowing that  $y_1 = e^x$  is a solution to the DE

$$y'' - 2y' + y = 0,$$

find a second solution  $y_2$  linearly independent to  $y_1$  by using only the method of reduction of order.

2.) (7pts) Solve the following DE by using only the annihilator approach

$$y'' + y' + y = \cos x.$$

Solution

$$1) \quad y_2 = y_1 \int \frac{e^{-\int P(x)} dx}{y_1^2} dx$$

$$y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow P(x) = -2 \text{ and } e^{-\int P(x) dx} = e^{2x}$$

$$y_2 = e^x \int \frac{e^{2x}}{e^{2x}} dx = x e^x$$

$$\underline{y_2 = x e^x}$$

$$2) \quad y = y_c + y_p$$

First, we solve  $y'' + y' + y = 0$

$$m^2 + m + 1 = 0$$

$$m = \frac{-1 \pm i\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$y_c = e^{-\frac{x}{2}} \left( c_1 \cos \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} x + c_2 \sin \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} x \right)$$

Now, we can write  $(D^2 + D + 1)y = \cos x$ .

We know that  $(D^2 + 1)(\cos x) = 0$

$$(D^2 + D + 1)(D^2 + 1)y = 0$$

$$(m^2 + m + 1)(m^2 + 1) = 0$$

$$m = \frac{-1 \pm i\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$m = \pm i$$

$$y = e^{-x/2} \left( c_1 \cos \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} x + c_2 \sin \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} x \right) + c_3 \cos x + c_4 \sin x$$

$$y_p = A \cos x + B \sin x$$

$$y_p'' + y_p' + y_p = \cos x \Rightarrow -A \sin x + B \cos x = \cos x$$

$$\Rightarrow A = 0, B = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow y_p = \sin x$$

$$\boxed{y = e^{-\frac{x}{2}} \left( c_1 \cos \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} x + c_2 \sin \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} x \right) + \sin x}$$