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1.) (5pts) Find the general solution of the DE $2x^2y'' + 7xy' + 3y = 2x^3$.

2.) (5pts) Solve the DE $xy''' + y'' = 0$

Solution

1.) $y = y_c + y_p$

To find y_c , we solve the homogeneous DE $2x^2y'' + 7xy' + 3y = 0$

The auxiliary equation is

$$2m^2 + 5m + 3 = 0$$

$$\Delta = 1, m = \frac{-5 \pm 1}{4} = -3/2$$

$$m = \frac{-5 + 1}{4} = -1$$

$$y_c = c_1 x^{-1} + c_2 x^{-3/2}$$

To find y_p we use variation of parameters.

Let $y_1 = x^{-1}, y_2 = x^{-3/2}$

$$y_p = u_1 y_1 + u_2 y_2$$

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} x^{-1} & x^{-3/2} \\ -x^{-2} & -\frac{3}{2}x^{-5/2} \end{vmatrix} = -\frac{1}{2}x^{-7/2}$$

$$u_1' = -\frac{x^{-3/2}(x)}{-\frac{1}{2}x^{-7/2}} = 2x^3 \Rightarrow u_1 = \frac{x^4}{2}$$

$$u_2' = \frac{x^{-1} \cdot x}{-\frac{1}{2}x^{-7/2}} = -2x^{7/2} \Rightarrow u_2 = -\frac{4}{9}x^{9/2}$$

$$y_p = \frac{x^4}{2} - \frac{4}{9}x^3 = \frac{x^3}{18}$$

$$y = c_1 x^{-1} + c_2 x^{-3/2} + \frac{x^3}{18}$$

2.) let $y = x^m$

$$x^m(m-1)(m-2)x^{m-3} + m(m-1)x^{m-2} = 0$$

$$x^{m-2} [m^3 - 3m^2 + 2m + m^2 - m] = 0$$

$$m^3 - 2m^2 + m = 0$$

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

$$m = 0, m = 1$$

$$y = c_1 + c_2 x + c_3 x \ln x$$