### Question 1 (ca. 12 marks)

Decide whether the following statements are true or false, and justify your answers.

- a) There exists a solution y(t) of  $y' = \ln \frac{y^2+1}{2}$  satisfying y(0) = 0, y(3) = 3.
- b) The maximal solution y(t) of the initial value problem  $y' = y^2 + t$ , y(0) = 1 is defined at  $t = \frac{1}{2}$ .
- c) The ODE  $(x^4-1)y''+(x^2-1)y'+(x-1)y=0$  has a nonzero power series solution  $y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x+2)^n$  which is defined at x = -4.
- d) Every solution of the system  $\mathbf{y}' = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{y}$  satisfies  $\lim_{t \to +\infty} \mathbf{y}(t) = (0, 0)^{\mathsf{T}}$ .
- e) If  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$  satisfies  $\mathbf{A}^3 = \mathbf{A}$  then  $e^{\mathbf{A}t} = \mathbf{I} + \sinh(t)\mathbf{A} + (\cosh t 1)\mathbf{A}^2$ . (**I** denotes the 3 × 3 identity matrix.)
- f) Suppose  $f, g: (0, \infty) \to \mathbb{R}$  are C<sup>1</sup>-functions. Then the initial value problem y' = f(t)g(y), y(1) = 1 has a solution y(t) that is defined for all t > 0.

#### Question 2 (ca. 9 marks)

Consider the differential equation

$$2x^{2}y'' + (x^{2} - 3x)y' + 2y = 0.$$
 (DE)

- a) Verify that  $x_0 = 0$  is a regular singular point of (DE).
- b) Determine the general solution of (DE) on  $(0, \infty)$ .
- c) Using the result of b), state the general solution of (DE) on  $(-\infty, 0)$  and on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

# Question 3 (ca. 6 marks)

For the initial value problem

$$y' = \frac{y+t}{2y-t}, \qquad y(2) = 2,$$
 (H)

determine the maximal solution y(t) and its domain.

*Hint:* The substitution z(t) = y(t)/t transforms (H) into a separable ODE. In order to see this, rewrite y' in terms of z. When solving the separable ODE, the formula  $\int \frac{2az+b}{az^2+bz+c} dz = \ln |az^2+bz+c| + C$  may be helpful.

Question 4 (ca. 8 marks)

Consider 
$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 8 & -6 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$
 and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

a) Determine a fundamental system of solutions of the system  $\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y}$ .

b) Solve the initial value problem  $\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{b}, \ \mathbf{y}(0) = (0, 0, 0)^{\mathsf{T}}.$ Hint: There is a particular solution of the form  $\mathbf{y}(t) = \mathbf{w}_0 + t \mathbf{w}_1 \ (\mathbf{w}_0, \mathbf{w}_1 \in \mathbb{R}^3).$ 

# Question 5 (ca. 6 marks)

For the function f sketched below, solve the initial value problem

$$y'' + 2y' + y = f(t), \quad y(0) = 1, \ y'(0) = 0$$

with the Laplace transform.



Note: For the solution y(t) explicit formulas valid in the intervals  $[0, 1], [1, 2], [2, \infty)$  are required. You *must* use the Laplace transform for the computation.

#### Question 6 (ca. 6 marks)

a) Determine a real fundamental system of solutions of

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

b) Determine the general real solution of

$$y''' + y'' - 2y = 1 - 2t^3 + e^{-t} \cos t.$$

# **Solutions**

- 1 a) False:  $y' = \ln \frac{y^2+1}{2}$  has the constant solution  $y_1(t) \equiv 1$ . Because of continuity, a solution  $y_2(t)$  with the indicated property would have to attain the value 1. If  $y_2(t_0) = 1$  then, on the domain of  $y_2(t)$ , we would have two distinct solutions of the IVP  $y' = \ln \frac{y^2+1}{2}$ ,  $y(t_0) = 1$ , which according to the Existence and Uniqueness Theorem is impossible.
- b) True. Denoting the maximal domain by (a, b), we have y'(t) > 0 for  $t \in [0, b)$ , i.e., y(t) is increasing on [0, b). Thus, if b is finite, we must have  $\lim_{t\uparrow b} y(t) = +\infty$ . On the other hand, as long as  $0 \le t \le 1$  and y(t) exists, it is bounded from above by the solution z(t) of  $z' = z^2 + 1$ , z(0) = 1, which is  $z(t) = \tan(t + \pi/4)$  and exists for  $t \in [0, \pi/4)$ . Hence  $b \ge \pi/4 > 1/2$ , and y(1/2) is well-defined.
- c) False. The point  $x_0 = -2$  is an ordinary point, so that nonzero power series solutions y(x) of the indicated form exist, but their guaranteed radius of convergence (and in fact the true radius of convergence) is only the distance from -2 to the nearest singularity of  $q(x) = \frac{x-1}{x^4-1} = \frac{1}{(x+1)(x^2+1)}$ , which is -1. Thus R = 1 and y(x) is not defined at x = -4.
- d) False. As derived in the lecture, this is true iff the system is asymptotically stable, which in turn is the case iff the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  have negative real part. But  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{A}) = -1 + 1 = 0$ , contradiction! (In fact  $\chi_{\mathbf{A}}(X) = X^2 + 8$ , and  $\lambda_{1/2} = \pm 2\sqrt{2}i$  are purely imaginary.
- e) True. We have  $a(\mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{0}$  for  $a(X) = X^3 X = X(X-1)(X+1)$ . The ODE a(D)y = 0 has the fundamental system 1,  $e^t$ ,  $e^{-t}$ , Hence 1,  $\sinh t = \frac{1}{2}e^t \frac{1}{2}e^{-t}$ ,  $\cosh t 1 = -1 + \frac{1}{2}e^t + \frac{1}{2}e^{-t}$  solve the ODE. Since the corresponding Wronski matrix is the  $3 \times 3$  identity matrix,  $e^{\mathbf{A}t}$  admits the indicated representation; cf. lecture. [2]
- f) False. Here is a counterexample: Take f(t) = 1,  $g(y) = y^2$ , so that the ODE is  $y' = y^2$ . Its solutions are y(t) = 1/(C-t),  $C \in \mathbb{R}$ . The (maximal) solution satisfying y(1) = 1 is the one with C = 2, and is defined on  $(-\infty, 2)$ . Hence no solution of the IVP is defined at t = 2 (or at larger t).

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**2** a) The explicit form of (DE) is

$$y'' + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{2x}\right)y' + \frac{1}{x^2}y = 0$$

 $p(x) := \frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{2x}$  has a pole of order 1 at 0, and  $q(x) := \frac{1}{x^2}$  has a pole of order 2 at 0. This shows that 0 is a regular singular point of (DE).

Alternatively, use that the limits defining  $p_0, q_0$  below are finite.

b) From a) we have  $p_0 = \lim_{x\to 0} x p(x) = -3/2$ ,  $q_0 = \lim_{x\to 0} x^2 q(x) = 1$ . (These coefficients can just be read off from the explicit form.)  $\implies$  The indicial equation is

$$r^{2} + (p_{0} - 1)r + q_{0} = r^{2} - \frac{5}{2}r + 1 = (r - 2)(r - 1/2) = 0.$$

 $\implies$  The exponents at the singularity  $x_0 = 0$  are  $r_1 = 2$ ,  $r_2 = 1/2$ . Since  $r_1 - r_2 \notin \mathbb{Z}$ , there exist two fundamental solutions  $y_1, y_2$  of the form

$$y_1(x) = x^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+2},$$
  
$$y_2(x) = x^{1/2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n x^{n+1/2}$$
  
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with normalization  $a_0 = b_0 = 1$ . First we determine  $y_1(x)$ . We have

$$0 = 2x^{2}y_{1}'' + (x^{2} - 3x)y_{1}' + 2y_{1}$$
  
=  $2x^{2}\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+2)(n+1)a_{n}x^{n} + (x^{2} - 3x)\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+2)a_{n}x^{n+1} + 2\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n}x^{n+2}$   
=  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [2(n+2)(n+1) - 3(n+2) + 2]a_{n}x^{n+2} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+2)a_{n}x^{n+3}$   
=  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (2n^{2} + 3n)a_{n}x^{n+2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+1)a_{n-1}x^{n+2}$   
=  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [n(2n+3)a_{n} + (n+1)a_{n-1}]x^{n+2}.$ 

Equating coefficients gives the recurrence relation

$$a_n = -\frac{n+1}{n(2n+3)}a_{n-1}$$
 for  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots,$  1

and with  $a_0 = 1$  further  $a_n = (-1)^n \frac{n+1}{5 \cdot 7 \cdot 9 \cdots (2n+3)}$  for  $n \ge 1$ .

$$\implies y_1(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{n+1}{5 \cdot 7 \cdot 9 \cdots (2n+3)} x^{n+2}$$

$$= x^2 - \frac{2}{5} x^3 + \frac{3}{5 \cdot 7} x^4 - \frac{4}{5 \cdot 7 \cdot 9} x^5 + \frac{5}{5 \cdot 7 \cdot 9 \cdot 11} x^6 \mp \cdots$$

(For n = 1 the product in the denominator is understood as the the empty product 1.)

For the determination of  $y_2(x)$  we repeat the process with exponents decreased by

1.5:

$$0 = 2x^{2} y_{2}'' + (x^{2} - 3x)y_{2}' + 2y_{2}$$

$$= 2x^{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(n - \frac{1}{2}\right) b_{n} x^{n-3/2} + (x^{2} - 3x) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) b_{n} x^{n-1/2} + 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_{n} x^{n+1/2}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[2 \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(n - \frac{1}{2}\right) - 3 \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) + 2\right] b_{n} x^{n+1/2} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) b_{n} x^{n+3/2}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (2n^{2} - 3n) b_{n} x^{n+1/2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(n - \frac{1}{2}\right) b_{n-1} x^{n+1/2}$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[n(2n - 3)b_{n} + \left(n - \frac{1}{2}\right) b_{n-1}\right] x^{n+1/2}.$$

Here we obtain the recurrence relation

$$b_n = -\frac{n - \frac{1}{2}}{n(2n - 3)} b_{n-1} = -\frac{2n - 1}{2n(2n - 3)} b_{n-1} \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots,$$

and with  $b_0 = 1$  further  $b_n = (-1)^n \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdots (2n-1)}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdots (2n)(-1) \cdot 3 \cdots (2n-3)} = (-1)^{n-1} \frac{2n-1}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdots (2n)}$  for  $n \ge 1$ .

$$\implies y_2(x) = x^{1/2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{2n-1}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdots (2n)} x^{n+1/2}$$

$$= x^{1/2} + \frac{1}{2} x^{3/2} - \frac{3}{2 \cdot 4} x^{5/2} + \frac{5}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6} x^{7/2} - \frac{7}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 8} x^{9/2} \mp \cdots$$

Alternative solution: We use the general recurrence relation for the rational functions  $a_n(r)$ , viz.  $a_0(r) = 1$  and

$$a_n(r) = -\frac{1}{F(r+n)} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left[ (r+k)p_{n-k} + q_{n-k} \right] a_k(r) \quad \text{for } n \ge 1.$$

Since F(r) = (r-2)(r-1/2) and all coefficients  $p_i, q_i$  except for  $p_0, q_0$  and  $p_1 = 1/2$  are zero, we obtain

$$a_n(r) = -\frac{(r+n-1)p_1}{(r+n-2)(r+n-1/2)} a_{n-1}(r)$$
  
=  $-\frac{r+n-1}{(r+n-2)(2r+2n-1)}$  for  $n \ge 1$ .

Thus the coefficients  $a_n(2)$  of  $y_1(x)$  satisfy the recurrence relation  $a_n(2) = -\frac{n+1}{n(2n+3)} a_{n-1}(2)$ (the same as for  $a_n$  above) and the coefficients  $a_n(1/2)$  of  $y_2(x)$  satisfy the recurrence relation  $a_n(1/2) = -\frac{n-1/2}{(n-3/2)2n} a_{n-1}(1/2) = -\frac{2n-1}{(2n-3)2n} a_{n-1}(1/2)$  (the same as for  $b_n$ above). The rest of the computation remains the same.

The general (real) solution on  $(0, \infty)$  is then  $y(x) = c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x), c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ .  $\left| \frac{1}{2} \right|$ 

That solutions are defined on the whole of  $(0, \infty)$ , is guaranteed by the analyticity of p(x), q(x) in  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ , but follows also readily from the easily established fact that the radius of convergence of both power series is  $\infty$ .

c) The solution on  $(-\infty, 0)$  is  $y(x) = c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2^-(x)$  with the same power series  $y_1(x)$  as in b) and

$$y_2^{-}(x) = (-x)^{1/2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}(2n-1)}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdots (2n)} x^n.$$
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(This is <u>not</u> the same as  $y_2(-x)$ , which has negative coefficients when written in terms of powers of -x.)

Since  $y_1(x)$  is analytic at zero but  $y_2(x)$  is not, the general solution on  $\mathbb{R}$  is  $y(x) = c y_1(x), c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

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**3** Suppressing the argument t as usual, we have  $y' = \frac{y/t+1}{2y/t-1} = \frac{z+1}{2z-1}$  and hence

$$z' = \left(\frac{y}{t}\right)' = \frac{y't - y}{t^2} = \frac{y' - z}{t} = \frac{1}{t}\left(\frac{z+1}{2z-1} - z\right) = \frac{-2z^2 + 2z + 1}{t(2z-1)}.$$
 (2)

This is a separable equation and can be solved by the usual method, noting that y(2) = 2 corresponds to z(2) = 1:

$$\frac{2z-1}{-2z^2+2z+1} dz = \frac{dt}{t}$$

$$\int_1^z \frac{2\zeta-1}{-2\zeta^2+2\zeta+1} d\zeta = \int_2^t \frac{d\tau}{\tau}$$

$$\left[ -\frac{1}{2} \ln \left| -2\zeta^2+2\zeta+1 \right| \right]_1^z = \left[ \ln |\tau| \right]_2^t$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} \ln \left( -2z^2+2z+1 \right) = \ln t - \ln 2 = \ln \frac{t}{2}$$

$$\ln \left( -2z^2+2z+1 \right) = -2 \ln \frac{t}{2}$$

$$-2z^2+2z+1 = e^{-2\ln \frac{t}{2}} = \frac{4}{t^2}$$

$$2z^2-2z-1+\frac{4}{t^2} = 0$$

$$z = \frac{1}{4} \left( 2 \pm \sqrt{4-8\left(\frac{4}{t^2}-1\right)} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 \pm \sqrt{3-\frac{8}{t^2}} \right) \quad [3]$$

Since z(2) = 1, the correct sign is '+'. The solution of (H) is then

$$y(t) = t z(t) = \frac{t}{2} \left( 1 + \sqrt{3 - \frac{8}{t^2}} \right)$$
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with maximal domain determined by  $3 - 8/t^2 > 0$ , i.e.,  $t > \sqrt{8/3} = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}$  (since it must be an interval containing t = 2).

4 a) The characteristic polynomial of A is

$$\chi_{\mathbf{A}}(X) = \begin{vmatrix} X-3 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & X-1 & 0 \\ -8 & 6 & X+2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} X-3 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & X-1 & 0 \\ -2+X-X^2 & 2-2X & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{vmatrix} X-3 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & X-1 & 0 \\ X-X^2 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = (-1)(X-X^2)(X-1) = X(X-1)^2.$$

 $\implies$  The eigenvalues of **A** are  $\lambda_1 = 0$  with algebraic multiplicity 1 and  $\lambda_2 = 1$  with algebraic multiplicity 2.

$$\mathbf{A} - 0\mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 8 & -6 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(Substitute X = 0 in the computation above.)

 $\implies$  The eigenspace corresponding to  $\lambda_2 = 1$  is one-dimensional and generated by  $\mathbf{v}_2 = (1, 1, 1)^{\mathsf{T}}$ . (This is also clear from the fact that **A** has constant row sums zero.)

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 8 & -6 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \to \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(Substitute X = 1 in the computation above.)

 $\implies$  The eigenspace corresponding to  $\lambda_1 = 1$  is one-dimensional and generated by  $\mathbf{v}_2 = (0, 1, -2)^{\mathsf{T}}$ .

A further generalized eigenvector  $\mathbf{v}_3$  can be found by solving  $(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{I})\mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{v}_2$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 & -1 & | & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 \\ 8 & -6 & -3 & | & -2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 & | & 2 \\ 0 & -6 & -3 & | & 6 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 & | & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

e.g.,  $\mathbf{v}_3 = (-1, -1, 0)^{\mathsf{T}}$ .

The corresponding fundamental system of solutions is:

$$\mathbf{y}_{1}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1\\1\\1 \end{pmatrix},$$
  
$$\mathbf{y}_{2}(t) = e^{t} \begin{pmatrix} 0\\1\\-2 \end{pmatrix},$$
  
$$\mathbf{y}_{3}(t) = e^{t} \begin{pmatrix} -1\\-1\\0 \end{pmatrix} + t e^{t} \begin{pmatrix} 0\\1\\-2 \end{pmatrix}.$$
  
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Changing signs in  $\mathbf{y}_3(t)$ , i.e., choosing (0, -1, 2) as generator of the eigenspace for  $\lambda_2 = 1$  makes the figures slightly simpler.

b)  $\mathbf{y}(t) = \mathbf{w}_0 + t \mathbf{w}_1$  is a solution iff  $\mathbf{w}_1 = \mathbf{y}'(t) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y}(t) + \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{w}_0 + t \mathbf{A}\mathbf{w}_1 + \mathbf{b}$ , which is equivalent to  $\mathbf{w}_1 = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{w}_0 + \mathbf{b} \wedge \mathbf{A}\mathbf{w}_1 = \mathbf{0}$ . Thus we need to solve  $\mathbf{A}^2\mathbf{w}_0 + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{0}$ .

$$\mathbf{A}^{2} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 & -1 \\ -4 & 3 & 1 \\ 14 & -10 & -4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{Ab} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 & -1 & 2 \\ -4 & 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 14 & -10 & -4 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -4 & 3 & 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 2 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -4 & 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The solution with  $x_1 = 0$  is  $x_2 = 1, x_3 = -4$ , i.e.,  $\mathbf{w}_0 = (0, 1, -4)^{\mathsf{T}}$ , giving

$$\mathbf{w}_{1} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 8 & -6 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix},$$
$$\mathbf{y}_{p}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$
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The general solution of  $\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{b}$  is  $\mathbf{y}(t) = \mathbf{y}_p(t) + c_1\mathbf{y}_1(t) + c_2\mathbf{y}_2(t) + c_3\mathbf{y}_3(t)$ . In order to satisfy the required initial condition,  $(c_1, c_2, c_3)$  needs to solve

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & | & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & | & -1 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 & | & 4 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & | & 4 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

 $\implies c_3 = 2, c_2 = -1, c_1 = 2$ , and the final answer is

$$y(t) = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1\\1\\1 \end{pmatrix} - e^{t} \begin{pmatrix} 0\\1\\-2 \end{pmatrix} + 2e^{t} \begin{pmatrix} -1\\-1\\0 \end{pmatrix} + 2te^{t} \begin{pmatrix} 0\\1\\-2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0\\1\\-4 \end{pmatrix} + t\begin{pmatrix} 2\\2\\2 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 2+2t-2e^{t}\\3+2t-3e^{t}+2te^{t}\\-2+2t+2e^{t}-4te^{t} \end{pmatrix}.$$
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**5** Writing  $Y(s) = \mathcal{L}\{y(t)\}, F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$ , and applying the Laplace transform to both sides of the ODE gives

$$\mathcal{L}\{y'' + 2y' + y\} = s^2 Y(s) - s y(0) + 2(s Y(s) - y(0)) + Y(s)$$
  
=  $(s^2 + 2s + 1)Y(s) - s - 2 = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = F(s).$ 

Further we have

$$f(t) = u(t) - u(t-1) - (u(t-1) - u(t-2))$$
  
= u(t) - 2u(t-1) + u(t-2), [1]

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

$$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{-2e^{-s} + e^{-2s}}{s(s+1)^2}$$
[1]

$$= \frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{(s+1)^2}$$
$$= \frac{1}{s} + \left(\frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s+1} - \frac{1}{(s+1)^2}\right) (-2e^{-s} + e^{-2s})$$
[1]

The inverse Laplace transform of  $\frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s+1} - \frac{1}{(s+1)^2}$  is  $1 - e^{-t} - t e^{-t}$ .

$$\implies y(t) = 1 - 2 u_1(t) \left( 1 - e^{1-t} + (1-t)e^{1-t} \right) + u_2(t) \left( 1 - e^{2-t} + (2-t)e^{2-t} \right)$$

$$= 1 - 2 u_1(t) \left( 1 - t e^{1-t} \right) + u_2(t) \left( 1 + e^{2-t} - t e^{2-t} \right)$$

$$= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } 0 \le t \le 1, \\ -1 + 2t e^{1-t} & \text{for } 1 \le t \le 2, \\ 2t e^{1-t} + e^{2-t} - t e^{2-t} & \text{for } t \ge 2. \end{cases}$$

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The 3rd expression can also be written as  $(2t + e - te)e^{1-t}$ .

**6** a) The characteristic polynomial is

$$a(X) = X^{3} + X^{2} - 2$$
  
=  $(X - 1)(X^{2} + 2X + 2)$   
=  $(X - 1)(X + 1 - i)(X + 1 + i).$ 

with zeros  $\lambda_1 = 1$ ,  $\lambda_2 = -1 + i$ ,  $\lambda_3 = -1 - i$ , all of multiplicity 1.

 $\implies$  A complex fundamental system of solutions is  $e^t$ ,  $e^{(-1+i)t}$ ,  $e^{(-1-i)t}$ , and the corresponding real fundamental system is

$$e^t$$
,  $e^{-t}\cos t$ ,  $e^{-t}\sin t$ .  $1\frac{1}{2}$ 

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- b) In order to obtain a particular solution  $y_p(t)$  of the inhomogeneous equation, we solve the two equations  $a(D)y_i = b_i(t)$  for  $b_1(t) = 1 - 2t^3$ ,  $b_2(t) = e^{-t}e^{it} = e^{(-1+i)t}$ . Superposition then yields the particular solution  $y_p(t) = y_1(t) + \operatorname{Re} y_2(t)$ .
  - (1) Since  $\mu = 0$  is not a root of a(X), the correct Ansatz is  $y_1(t) = c_0 + c_1 t + c_2 t^2 + c_3 t^3$ .

$$y_1''' + y_1'' - 2y_1 = 6c_3 + 2c_2 + 6c_3t - 2(c_0 + c_1t + c_2t^2 + c_3t^3)$$
  
=  $6c_3 + 2c_2 - 2c_0 + (6c_3 - 2c_1)t - 2c_2t^2 - 2c_3t^3 \stackrel{!}{=} 1 - 2t^3$ 

 $\implies c_3 = 1, c_2 = 0, c_1 = 3c_3 = 3, c_0 = (6c_3 + 2c_2 - 1)/2 = 5/2, \text{ so that} \\ y_1(t) = \frac{5}{2} + 3t + t^3. \qquad \qquad \boxed{1}$ 

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(2) Since  $\mu = -1 + i$  is a zero of a(X) of multiplicity 1, the correct Ansatz is  $y_2(t) = ct e^{(-1+i)t}$ .

$$y_2''' + y_2'' - 2 y_2 = (D - 1)(D + 1 + i)(D + 1 - i) [ct e^{(-1+i)t}]$$
  
=  $c(D - 1)(D + 1 + i)e^{(-1+i)t}$   
=  $c(D - 1) [2i e^{(-1+i)t}]$   
=  $c 2i(-2 + i)e^{(-1+i)t} = c(-2 - 4i)e^{(-1+i)t}$ 

 $\implies c = \frac{1}{-2-4i} = \frac{-2+4i}{2^2+4^2} = \frac{-1+2i}{10} \implies y_2(t) = \frac{-1+2i}{10} t e^{(-1+i)t}.$   $\boxed{1\frac{1}{2}}$ 

Putting things together gives

$$y_p(t) = \frac{5}{2} + 3t + t^3 + \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{-1+2i}{10}t\,\mathrm{e}^{(-1+i)t}\right)$$
$$= \frac{5}{2} + 3t + t^3 - \frac{1}{10}t\,\mathrm{e}^{-t}\cos t - \frac{1}{5}t\,\mathrm{e}^{-t}\sin t.$$
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The general real solution is then

$$y(t) = y_p(t) + c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{-t} \cos t + c_3 e^{-t} \sin t, \quad c_1, c_2, c_3 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

