Math 321 Quiz 3

Name:

Solve the differential equation

$$y'' - y = 2e^x, \qquad y(0) = 10, y'(0) = 9$$

by performing the following steps:

1. Verify that  $y_p = xe^x$  is a solution to  $y'' - y = 2e^x$ .

2. Find two linearly independent solutions to y'' - y = 0 using the method of constant coefficients, then set  $y_c = \alpha_1 y_1 + \alpha_2 y_2$ .

3. The general solution to  $y'' - y = 2e^x$  is

$$y = y_p + y_c = xe^x + \alpha_1 y_1 + \alpha_2 y_2.$$

Determine  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  using the initial conditions.