Higher Order Linear Differential Equations- HW Problems

1. Show that f(x) = x, $g(x) = x^2 - 2x$, and $h(x) = 8x - 2x^2$ are linearly dependent by finding real numbers c_1, c_2 , and c_3 such that $c_1f(x) + c_2g(x) + c_3h(x) = 0$ for all x.

2. Use the Wronskian to show that the functions in problem number 1 are linearly dependent on \mathbb{R} .

3. Use the Wronskian to show that e^{2x} , e^{4x} , and e^{6x} are linearly independent on \mathbb{R} .

4. $y^{(3)} - 2y'' - 5y' + 6y = 0$ has $y_1 = e^x$, $y_2 = e^{-2x}$, and $y_3 = e^{3x}$ as linearly independent solutions. Find the particular solution where y(0) = 0, y'(0) = -4, and y''(0) = 14.

In problems 5 and 6 you are given the complementary solution y_c and a particular solution y_p of a differential equation. Find the solution to the given initial value problem.

5.
$$y'' + 9y = 18x$$
, $y_c = c_1 \cos(3x) + c_2 \sin(3x)$, $y_p = 2x$,
 $y(0) = 3$, $y'(0) = 7$.

6.
$$y'' + 4y' + 13y = 13x + 17$$
,
 $y_c = c_1 e^{-2x} \cos(3x) + c_2 e^{-2x} \sin(3x)$; $y_p = x + 1$,
 $y(0) = 5$, $y'(0) = -1$.