

**Math 3323 Exam 1 Practice**  
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- (1) For each equation below, say which method is well suited to find its solutions (there could be more than one!), and then use it to find a formula for the general solution to the equation

(a)  $y' = (2 + \cos(x))y$     (e)  $y' = (1 + x)y(100 - y)$   
(b)  $y' = \cos(x)y$     (f)  $y' = 3xy + x$   
(c)  $y' = \frac{\sin(t)}{2 + \cos(t)}y$     (g)  $y' = 2y^2$   
(d)  $y' = -5y^2$     (h)  $y' = 9y + 4x$

- (2) Consider the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (y - 1)(y - 2)$$

Then,

- (a) Use separation of variables to find a general formula for a solution  $y(x)$  that is written in terms of the initial value  $y(0)$ .  
(b) Provide two examples of solutions to differential equation which are constant.  
(c) Determine what happens with  $y(x)$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  in these two cases 1) when  $1 < y(0) < 2$  and when  $y(0) > 2$ .

- (3) Consider the differential equation

$$\dot{x} = \frac{x(x - 2)}{(x + 2)t^2}$$

and find a solution such that  $x(0) = 0$  and find a solution such that  $x(0) = 2$ .

- (4) Consider the first order linear differential equation

$$\dot{x} - \frac{2}{1+t}x = 0.$$

- (a) Find all solutions to this equation, writing the undetermined parameter  $C$  in terms of the initial value,  $x(0)$ .  
(b) Find the solution to the equation

$$\dot{x} - \frac{2}{1+t}x = (1 + t)^2 \sin(t),$$

with initial value  $x(0) = 0$ .

- (c) By adding up the solutions obtained in (a) and (b), find a solution to the second differential equation taking the value 3 at  $t = 0$ .

(5) Pair each function on the left column with the linear system it solves on the right column

$$\text{i) } \mathbf{x}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{4t} \\ e^{4t} \end{pmatrix} \qquad \text{a) } \dot{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} x$$

$$\text{ii) } \mathbf{x}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 4e^{-t} \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \text{b) } \dot{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} x$$

$$\text{iii) } \mathbf{x}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} t + \frac{1}{2}(e^{2t} - 1) \\ \frac{1}{3}(e^{3t} - 1) \end{pmatrix} \qquad \text{d) } \dot{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} x$$

$$\text{iv) } \mathbf{x}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(t+1) \\ \sin(t+1) \end{pmatrix} \qquad \text{c) } \dot{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} x + \begin{pmatrix} 2-2t \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(6) The functions

$$x_1(t) = e^{9t} \text{ and } x_2(t) = e^{-3t}$$

both solve the second order linear differential equation

$$\ddot{x} - 6\dot{x} - 27x = 0.$$

Using this information, find a solution  $x$  to the above equation for each of the following initial conditions

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{(a) } x(0) = 0, \dot{x}(0) = 1 & \text{(d) } x(0) = -11, \dot{x}(0) = 8 \\ \text{(b) } x(0) = 3, \dot{x}(0) = 1 & \text{(e) } x(0) = 10, \dot{x}(0) = 23 \\ \text{(c) } x(0) = -13, \dot{x}(0) = 59 & \text{(f) } x(0) = 8, \dot{x}(0) = 4 \end{array}$$