

1. (a) Solve the initial value problem  $\frac{dy}{dx} = y^2 \sin x$ ,  $y(0) = 1$ .

$$y = \sec x \text{ solves the IVP}$$

- (b) Does the initial value problem in part (a) have a unique solution? Explain.

It does. Use the existence and uniqueness theorem for first-order IVPs.

2. Find the general solution of each of the following differential equations.

(a)  $y' + 4y = e^{-x}$

$$y = \frac{1}{3}e^{-x} + Ce^{-4x}$$

(b)  $y'' + 10y' + 25y = 0$

$$y = c_1e^{-5x} + c_2xe^{-5x}$$

(c)  $y'' - 2y' + 5y = 0$

$$y = c_1e^x \cos 2x + c_2e^x \sin 2x$$

3. (a) Solve the initial value problem  $y'' - 4y = 0$ ,  $y(0) = 1$ ,  $y'(0) = 6$ .

$$y = 2e^{2x} - e^{-2x}$$

- (b) Find a particular solution of the differential equation  $y'' - 4y = 8e^{2x} + 5 \sin x$ .

$$y = 2xe^{2x} - \sin x$$

4. Consider the differential equation  $x^2y'' - 2xy' + 2y = 0$ ,  $x > 0$ .

- (a) One solution of this differential equation is  $y_1(x) = x$ . Use the method of reduction of order to find a second linearly independent solution  $y_2(x)$  on the interval  $I = (0, \infty)$ . Briefly explain why the solutions  $y_1(x)$  and  $y_2(x)$  are linearly independent on  $I$ .

$y = Ax^2 + Bx$  is a solution by reduction of order, so  $y_2 = x^2$  is a second solution

$y_1 = x$  and  $y_2 = x^2$  are not proportional on  $I$ , so are linearly independent on  $I$

This can also be established using the Wronskian:  $W[x, x^2] = x^2 \neq 0$  for  $x > 0$

- (b) Find the general solution of this differential equation.

$$y = c_1x + c_2x^2$$

5. Newton's law of cooling states that the rate of change of the temperature of an object with respect to time  $t$  is proportional to difference between the temperature,  $W(t)$ , of the object at time  $t$  and the temperature,  $R$ , of the surrounding medium.

Suppose that the temperature of the water in my cup is  $45^\circ\text{F}$  at the beginning of class (at time  $t = 0$ ), and that room temperature  $R = 72^\circ\text{F}$  is constant. To determine the temperature of my water at the end of class using Newton's law of cooling, you would have to solve a certain initial value problem. Write this initial value problem down.

$$\frac{dW}{dt} = k(W - 72), \quad W(0) = 45$$