

1. Solve the initial value problems  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 4x\sqrt{y-1}$ ,  $y(2) = 1$  and  $\frac{dy}{dx} = y^2 \sin x$ ,  $y(0) = 1$ .

Can you be certain if either of these initial value problems has a unique solution?

2. Find the general solution of each of the following differential equations. (Your solutions should be real-valued.)

(a)  $y' + 4y = e^{-x}$                       (c)  $xy' - y = 4xy^2$  Hint: make the substitution  $u = y^{-1}$

(b)  $x + xy^2 + e^{x^2}y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$               (d)  $y'' + 10y' + 25y = 0$               (e)  $y'' - 2y' + 5y = 0$

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

(b) Find the general solution of each of the following non-homogeneous differential equations.

(i)  $y'' - 4y = 8e^{2x}$               (ii)  $y'' - 4y = 5 \sin x$               (iii)  $y'' - 4y = 4e^{2x} - 5 \sin x$

(c) Explain how the results of parts (i) and (ii) above can be used to obtain the answer to part (iii).

4. The function  $y_1(x) = x$  is solution of the differential equation  $x^2y'' - 2xy' + 2y = 0$ ,  $x > 0$ .

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

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, and is  $50^\circ\text{F}$  ten minutes later. Assume 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. Then solve it.

6. Boyle-Mariotte's law for ideal gases. For a gas at low pressure  $p$  (and constant temperature), the rate of change of the volume  $V = V(p)$  is equal to  $-V/p$ . Determine the volume as a function of  $p$ .