

Extra Practice Problems

Linear Operators and Cramer's Rule

1. Let $R(f)$ be the operator defined by: $R(f) = f''(t) + 3t^2f(t)$. Find $R(f)$ for each function below:

(a) $f(t) = t^2$

(b) $f(t) = \sin(3t)$

(c) $f(t) = 2t - 5$

2. Let R be the operator defined in the previous problem. Show that R is a linear operator.

3. Let $F(y) = y'' + y - 5$. Explain why F is not linear.

4. Find the operator associated with the given differential equation, and classify it as linear or not linear:

(a) $y' = ty^2 = \cos(t)$

(b) $y'' = 4y' + 3y + \sin(t)$

(c) $y' = e^ty + 5$

(d) $y'' = -\cos(y) + \cos(t)$

5. Use Cramer's Rule to solve the following systems:

(a)
$$\begin{array}{rcl} C_1 + C_2 & = & 2 \\ -2C_1 - 3C_2 & = & 3 \end{array}$$

(b)
$$\begin{array}{rcl} C_1 + C_2 & = & y_0 \\ r_1C_1 + r_2C_2 & = & v_0 \end{array}$$

(c)
$$\begin{array}{rcl} C_1 + C_2 & = & 2 \\ 3C_1 + C_2 & = & 1 \end{array}$$

(d)
$$\begin{array}{rcl} 2C_1 - 5C_2 & = & 3 \\ 6C_1 - 15C_2 & = & 10 \end{array}$$

(e)
$$\begin{array}{rcl} 2x - 3y & = & 1 \\ 3x - 2y & = & 1 \end{array}$$

6. Suppose L is a linear operator. Let y_1, y_2 each solve the equation $L(y) = 0$ (so that $L(y_1) = 0$ and $L(y_2) = 0$). Show that anything of the form $c_1y_1 + c_2y_2$ will also solve $L(y) = 0$.

Go back to Section 2.4, page 76 and look at Exercises 23-26. This section generalizes those results.