

## Section 1.3

1. Problem 1: Order is 2, and it is linear (divide by the leading  $t^2$ )
2. Problem 3: Order is 4, and it is linear.
3. Problem 5: Order is 2, and nonlinear (because of  $\sin(t + y)$  term).
4. Problem 7: Do you know the definition of  $\cosh(t)$ ? See our class website before doing this problem- There are practice problems there). You might use the definition directly, or from the practice sheet, see that:

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cosh(x)) = \sinh(x) \quad \frac{d}{dx}(\sinh(x)) = \cosh(x)$$

Now, to solve problem 7, we want to verify that either  $y(t) = e^t$  or  $y(t) = \cosh(t)$  satisfies the differential equation:  $y'' - y = 0$ .

If  $y(t) = e^t$ , then  $y'(t) = e^t$ , and  $y''(t) = e^t$ , so

$$y'' - y = e^t - e^t = 0$$

If  $y(t) = \cosh(t)$ , then  $y' = \sinh(t)$  and  $y''(t) = \cosh(t)$ , so again,

$$y'' - y = \cosh(t) - \cosh(t) = 0$$

5. Problem 9: Show that  $y(t) = 3t + t^2$  satisfies the ODE:  $ty' - y = t^2$ .

First compute the derivative, then substitute into the expression:

$$y' = 3 + 2t$$

so that:

$$ty' - y = t(3 + 2t) - (3t + t^2) = 3t + 2t^2 - 3t - t^2 = t^2$$

6. Problem 14: Show that the function

$$y(t) = e^{t^2} \int_0^t e^{-s^2} ds + e^{t^2}$$

solves:  $y' - 2ty = 1$ .

To show this directly, we need to recall how to differentiate a function like:

$$g(t) = \int_0^t f(s) ds$$

From the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus,  $g'(t) = f(t)$ .

Therefore, if  $y(t)$  is as given above, the derivative is found by using the product rule:

$$y' = (2te^{t^2}) \cdot \int_0^t e^{-s^2} ds + e^{t^2} e^{-t^2} + 2te^{t^2}$$

If we simplify a bit, and subtract:

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= 2te^{t^2} \int_0^t e^{-s^2} ds + 1 + 2te^{t^2} \\ -2ty &= -2t \left( e^{t^2} \int_0^t e^{-s^2} ds + e^{t^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

We see that the only remaining term is 1.

(NOTE: In Section 2.1, we'll see where this strange integral is coming from)

7. Problem 15: We did something similar in class: If  $y = e^{rt}$ , substitute it into the differential equation-

$$y' + 2y = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad re^{rt} + 2e^{rt} = 0$$

Now solve for  $r$ :

$$(r + 2)e^{rt} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad r + 2 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad r = -2$$

Note that  $e^{rt} = 0$  has no solution.

Conclusion:  $y(t) = e^{-2t}$ .

*Side Remark:* We solved this in Section 1.2 by doing this:

$$y' = -2y \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{1}{y} dy = -2 dt \quad \Rightarrow \quad \int \frac{1}{y} dy = -2 \int dt$$

so that:

$$\ln |y| = -2t + c \quad \Rightarrow \quad y(t) = Ae^{-2t}$$

8. Same setup as Problem 15: If  $y(t) = e^{rt}$ ,

$$y'(t) = re^{rt} \quad y''(t) = r^2 e^{rt}$$

Substitute these into the DE:  $y'' - y' - 6y = 0$  and solve for  $r$ :

$$r^2 e^{rt} + re^{rt} - 6e^{rt} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad e^{rt} (r^2 + r - 6) = 0$$

Again,  $e^{rt} = 0$  has no solution, so just solve:

$$r^2 + r - 6 = 0 \quad (r + 3)(r - 2) = 0 \quad r = -3, 2$$

Either  $y = e^{-3t}$  or  $y = e^{2t}$  will solve the DE.

9. Problem 19: In this case, assume  $y = t^r$ , so  $y' = rt^{r-1}$  and  $y'' = r(r-1)t^{r-2}$ . Substitute these into the DE:

$$t^2 y'' + 4ty' + 2y = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad t^2 \cdot r(r-1)t^{r-2} + 4t \cdot rt^{r-1} + 2t^r = 0$$

Simplify and factor out  $t^r$ :

$$t^r(r(r-1) + 4r + 2) = 0$$

This equation must be true for ALL  $t > 0$  (given in the problem), so  $t^r = 0$  does not give a solution. Solve for  $r$ :

$$r^2 - r + 4r + 2 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad r^2 + 3r + 2 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad (r+1)(r+2) = 0$$

Therefore,  $y(t) = \frac{1}{t}$  and  $y(t) = \frac{1}{t^2}$  solve the differential equation.

10. Problem 21: The order is 2, linear.

11. Problem 25: Show that each of these:

$$u(x, y) = \cos(x) \cosh(y) \quad u(x, y) = \ln(x^2 + y^2)$$

solve the Partial Differential Equation (PDE):

$$u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$$

If  $u(x, y) = \cos(x) \cosh(y)$ , then

$$u_x = -\sin(x) \cosh(y) \quad u_{xx} = -\cos(x) \cosh(y)$$

Similarly,

$$u_y = \cos(x) \sinh(y) \quad u_{yy} = \cos(x) \cosh(y)$$

And if we add  $u_{xx}$  to  $u_{yy}$ , we get zero.

If  $u(x, y) = \ln(x^2 + y^2)$ , then:

$$u_x = \frac{2x}{x^2 + y^2} \quad u_{xx} = \frac{-2(x^2 - y^2)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$$

Similarly,

$$u_y = \frac{2y}{x^2 + y^2} \quad u_{yy} = \frac{-2(y^2 - x^2)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$$

And again we see that if we add  $u_{xx}$  and  $u_{yy}$ , we get zero.