

## 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)  $y' = e^t y + 5$

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

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

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

(b) 
$$\begin{aligned} C_1 + C_2 &= y_0 \\ r_1 C_1 + r_2 C_2 &= v_0 \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

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  $c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2$  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.*