

Note: Monday's office hour has to be moved to 3-4 due to a departmental commitment of mine. Apologies for the change!

Practice

§2.1: 13,16,20,29,31,33 §2.2: 3,5,9,12

Hand In

6) Find a general solution for the differential equations:

a) $y' + \sin(t)y = 0$

b) $y' + 2y = -t + e^{4t}$

7) Solve the initial value problem:

$$y' + 5y = \sin(t), \quad y(0) = 1$$

8) Determine the general solution of the differential equation

$$2 \frac{dy}{dt} = y^2 \cdot \sin^2(t)$$

9) Consider the differential equation:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x + x^3}{y}$$

a) Solve the initial value problem for $y(\frac{1}{2}) = 1$

b) Solve the initial value problem for $y(\frac{1}{2}) = -1$

c) For which x values does the initial value problem $y(2) = 2$ have a solution?

10) Solve the Bernoulli equation

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = 2y - 4y^2$$

11) (Problems 35,36 from §2.1:)

Variation of Parameters. Consider the following method of solving the general linear equation of first order:

$$y' + p(t)y = g(t). \quad (\text{i})$$

(a) If $g(t)$ is identically zero, show that the solution is

$$y = A \exp \left[- \int p(t) dt \right], \quad (\text{ii})$$

where A is a constant.

(b) If $g(t)$ is not identically zero, assume that the solution is of the form

$$y = A(t) \exp \left[- \int p(t) dt \right], \quad (\text{iii})$$

where A is now a function of t . By substituting for y in the given differential equation, show that $A(t)$ must satisfy the condition

$$A'(t) = g(t) \exp \left[\int p(t) dt \right]. \quad (\text{iv})$$

(c) Find $A(t)$ from Eq. (iv). Then substitute for $A(t)$ in Eq. (iii) and determine y . This technique is known as the method of **variation of parameters**; it is discussed in detail in Section 3.7 in connection with second order linear equations.

Solve the differential equation $y' - 2y = t^2 e^{2t}$ using this method.