

Assignment 1, due day Sep 26 at classroom

1. Determine the order of the following equations; also state whether the equation is linear or nonlinear.

$$(a) \frac{d^4 y}{dt^4} + 3t^4 \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + y = \sin t^4; \quad (b) \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + \cos(t + y) = t^2$$

$$(c) u_{xx} + u_y + u_{yyyx} = 0; \quad (d) u_t + uu_x = 1 + u_{xxx}$$

2. Verify that  $y_1 = e^{-3t}$  and  $y_2 = e^t$  are the solutions of the following equation

$$y'' + 2y' - 3y = 0, t > 0.$$

3. Consider a population  $p$  of field mice that grows at a rate proportional to the current population:

$$\frac{dp}{dt} = rp \quad \text{where } r \text{ is a constant.}$$

- (a) Assume that  $p(0) = p_0$ . Find the rate  $r$  so that the population doubles in 30 days.  
 (b) Find  $r$  if the population doubles in  $N$  days.
4. Find the general solution of the following problem and use it to determine how the solutions behave as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  :

$$(a) y' + 3y = 1 + e^{-2t} \quad (b) y' - 2y = t^2 e^{2t} \quad (c) y' + y = te^{-t} + 1$$

5. Solve the equation:  $t^3 y' + 4t^2 y = e^{-t}, y(-1) = 0, t < 0$  by the method of integrating factor.

6. Find the solutions to the following initial problem

$$(a) y' + 2y = te^{-2t}, y(1) = 0; \quad (b) y' + \frac{2}{t}y = \cos(t)/t^2, y(\pi) = 0$$

$$(c) y' - 2y = e^{2t}, y(0) = 2, t > 0.$$

7. Find the general solutions of the following equations by the method of separation of variables.

$$(a) \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x - e^{-x}}{y + e^y} \quad (b) y' = 2 \sin(2x)/(3 + 2y), \quad (c) xy' = (1 - y^2)$$

$$(d) y' = 2x/(1 + 2y), y(2) = 0.$$

8. Find the value of  $y_0$  for which the solution of the initial value problem

$$y' - y = 1 + te^{-t}, \quad y(0) = y_0$$

remains finite as  $t \rightarrow \infty$