

MAT 2440 spring 2017— Exercises No 1  
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These are the exercises for the Wed Jan 25.

*Exercises from the book*

Chapter 1.8 pages 23–27: No 1, No 5 and No 7

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1.1. Write the third order equation

$$y''' + py'' + qy' + ry = 0$$

on matrix form. What is the determinant of the corresponding matrix? What is the characteristic polynomial?

1.2. Show that the general solution of of the affine system

$$\dot{x} = f(x, t) + g(t), \quad (*)$$

can be written as the general solution of the associated linear system a particular solution of (\*) (that means just one).

1.3. If one also accepts negative solutions of the logistic equation, discuss the behavior when the initial value  $x_0$  is negative.

1.4. There is a version of the logistic equation that incorporates a harvesting term  $h$ ; that is, a constant term representing a continuous exploitation of the population. The equation the looks like

$$\dot{x} = rx(1 - x/k) - h.$$

Find the general solution and discussion the qualitative aspects.

1.5. Determine the general solution of the equation

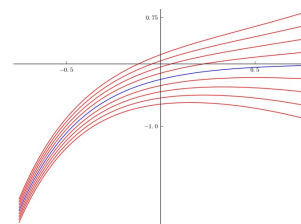
$$y' + y = \sin t.$$

Determine a solution such that  $y(0) = 2$ , and one with  $y'(3\pi/2) = 1$ .

1.6. Determine the general solution of the equation

$$y' - y = ae^{-bt} \quad (1)$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are positive constants. Show that  $y_0(t) = -a/(b + 1)e^{-bt}$  is a solution of the equation (1) and that it is the only solution that tends to a limit when  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . Assume that  $y$  is a solution such that for some  $t_0$  it holds that  $y(t_0) > y_0(t_0)$  then  $y(t) \rightarrow \infty$  then  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t) = \infty$  whereas  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t) = -\infty$  for solutions satisfying  $y(t_0) < y_0(t_0)$ . HINT: Answer:  $ce^x - a/(b + 1)e^{-bx}$ .



1.7. Find the general solution of

$$(1 + x^2)y' + 3xy = 6x.$$

1.8. Let  $f(t)$  be a function defined and twice differentiable in an interval  $I$  about zero, and assume that  $f$  is positive. Let  $y(t)$  be a solution of the equation

$$f(t)y' + 3ty = 6t.$$

Show that  $y$  has a local maximum at  $t = 0$  if  $y(0) > 2$  and a local minimum if  $y(0) < 2$ .

1.9. Find all solutions of

$$xy' = y.$$

Can you give a geometric explanation of the equation?

1.10. Determine all solutions of the differential equation

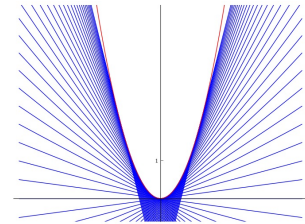
$$y' + \sqrt{y - c} = 0$$

where  $c$  is constant. Show that for any  $y_0 > c$  there are infinitely many continuously differentiable solutions satisfying  $y(t_0) = y_0$ . How many are twice differentiable?

1.11. Consider the equation

$$y = xy' - (y')^2, \tag{2}$$

which is one of the equations named *Clairot's equations*. If  $y$  is a solution of (2) show that  $y' = x/2$  or  $y'' = 0$ , and conclude that the solutions are either  $y = x^2/4$  or  $y = ax - a^2$  where  $a$  is an arbitrary constant. Show that the linear solutions are all the tangents to the parabola  $y = x^2/4$ . What condition must  $(x_0, y_0)$  satisfy for (2) to have a solution with  $y(x_0) = y_0$ ?



1.12. Show in detail that the Wronskian of two linearly dependent functions vanishes.