

MATH 308 Sample Problems

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1. Consider the differential equation $y(3 + xy) dx - 3x dy = 0$.
 - (a) Show that the equation is not exact and find an integrating factor which will make the equation exact.
 - (b) Find the general solution of the equation.
 - (c) Solve the initial value problem (IVP) with $y(1) = 2$.
 - (d) Express your solution of the IVP in explicit form.
 - (e) Find the interval of validity of the solution of the IVP.
2. Find the general solution of the differential equation

$$x^2 y'' + xy' + \left(x^2 - \frac{1}{4}\right)y = x^{\frac{3}{2}},$$

given that $y_1 = x^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cos x$ is a solution of the corresponding homogeneous equation.

3. Find the general solution of the differential equation $2\ddot{y} + 4\dot{y} + 7y = 343t^2$.
4. Solve the initial value problem

$$\ddot{y} - 5\dot{y} + 4y = 2\delta(t - 1) + 5u_3(t), \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y'(0) = 3.$$

5. Find the general solution of the system of differential equations

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -2 \\ 6 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3e^{2t} \end{pmatrix}.$$