

Differential Equations with Linear Algebra (M427J)

Some answers to practice problems # 3

Spring 2026

Prof. Hector E. Lomeli

§2.1 # 2 (a). 0.

§2.1 # 2 (e). $5t - 6$.

§2.1 # 2 (b). $-3e^{2t}$.

§2.1 # 2 (f). $5t^2 - 12t + 2$.

§2.1 # 2 (c). $-4e^{3t}$.

§2.1 # 2 (d). $(r - 5)(r - 1)e^{rt}$.

§2.1 # 2 (g). $5t^2 - 2t - 10$.

§2.1 # 6 (b). $W[y_1, y_2](t) = e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}}$.

§2.1 # 6 (c). The wronskian is never zero on the interval, so the solutions are linearly independent and form a fundamental set of solutions.

§2.1 # 6 (d). The solution satisfies $y(t) = C_1 y_1(t) + C_2 y_2(t)$, where C_1 and C_2 are constants that we need to determine. Using the initial conditions, we get the system of equations

$$C_1 y_1(0) + C_2 y_2(0) = 0, \quad C_1 y_1'(0) + C_2 y_2'(0) = 1.$$

Solving, we find that $C_1 = 0$ and $C_2 = 1$. The solution is $y(t) = y_2(t) = e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}} \int_0^t e^{\frac{s^2}{2}} ds$.

§2.2 # 2. $y(t) = C_1 e^{t/6} + C_2 e^t$.

§2.2 # 4. $y(t) = C_1 e^{r_1 t} + C_2 e^{r_2 t}$, where $r_1 = -1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$, $r_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} - 1$.

§2.2 # 6. $y(t) = \frac{16}{9} e^{\frac{5}{2} - \frac{5t}{2}} + \frac{29}{9} e^{2t-2}$.

§2.2.1 # 4. $y(t) = C_1 e^{t/8} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{15}}{8}t\right) + C_2 e^{t/8} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{15}}{8}t\right)$.

§2.2.1 # 6. $y(t) = e^{-t} \sin(2t)$.

§2.2.1 # 8. $y(t) = e^{(t-1)/4} \left[\frac{3}{\sqrt{23}} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{23}}{4}(t-1)\right) + \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{23}}{4}(t-1)\right) \right]$.