

MATH 54 S215/S205: REVIEW FOR BOYCE&DIPRIMA

Note: It may also be a good idea to consult the handout on sections 3.1–7.1.

- (1) Solve: $y'' - 4y = 0$.
Solve: $y'' - 4y = 4e^{2x}$, given $y = xe^{2x}$ is a solution.
Solve the above equations subject to the initial conditions $y(0) = 0$, $y'(0) = 4$.
- (2) When do the solutions of $y'' - 2y' = f(t)$ form a vector space? When they do, what is the general solution? What is a fundamental set?
- (3) Show that $W(af_1 + cf_2, bf_1 + df_2) = W(f_1, f_2) \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$.
Assume that $\{f_1, f_2\}$ is a linearly independent set. Why does this equation not prove that $\{af_1 + cf_2, bf_1 + df_2\}$ is linearly independent if and only if $\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$?
Explain why this statement is true anyway.
- (4) Consider the ODE $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = 0$, where $p(t)$ and $q(t)$ are continuous functions.
If y is a solution, $y(t_0) = 0$, $y'(t_0) = 0$; show $y(t) = 0$.
Explain why $y(t) = \cos^2(t)$ cannot be a solution.
If y_1, y_2 are solutions, $W(y_1, y_2)(t_0) = 0$; show $\{y_1, y_2\}$ is a linearly dependent set.
Explain why $y_1(t) = t^2 + t + 4$, $y_2(t) = t$ cannot both be solutions.
- (5) The system $x' = Ax$ has a spiral-shaped phase portrait. Explain why A cannot be a symmetric matrix.
The system $x' = Bx$ has a solution of the form $x(t) = \eta e^{\lambda t} + \xi t e^{\lambda t}$. Find $(B - \lambda I)\eta$, $(\lambda I - B)\eta$, and (most importantly) a second, linearly independent solution.
- (6) If $\Phi(t)$ is a fundamental matrix for an $n \times n$ system and t_0 is some value of t , what are $\text{rk}(\Phi(t_0))$ and $\dim NS(\Phi(t_0))$?
- (7) Fill in the blank: if $y'' = \lambda y$, $y'' - 9y = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}y$.
Solve: $y'' - 4y = \cosh(x)$, $y'(0) = 0$, $y'(1) = m$. Does the value of m affect the number of solutions?
- (8) $f(x) = x^2$, $0 \leq x < \pi$. Set up one integral each for the coefficients of the sine series and the cosine series (each of period 2π).
- (9) If $a_n = \frac{1 - \cos(n\pi)}{n}$ and $b_n = \sin(n\pi/2)$, plug in $n = 2m - 1$ and simplify.
- (10) Separate: $u_{xx} + u_{yy} + xu = 0$.