FINAL EXAM (LENSTRA) - ANSWER KEY

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(1)

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = e^{-3t} \begin{bmatrix} 1\\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(2) (a) You really just do this by guessing! Start with 1 and x, and modify your guess!

$$y_1(x) = 1$$
, $y_2(x) = x$ $y_3(x) = \frac{1}{16}e^{4x}$

(b) Yes! The Wronskian is identically zero, hence nonzero at *some* point, and that is enough to determine linear independence!

(3)

$$(D+1)(D^2+4)[y] = 0$$

I found this because e^{-x} corresponds to a root r = -1 and $\cos(2x)$ corresponds to a root r = 2i. Hence I looked for a simple equation which has roots $-1, \pm 2i$.

$$y(t) = Ae^{-t} + B\cos(2t) + C\sin(2t)$$

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 $u(x,t) = \cosh(3t)\sin(3x)$