

**VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY**  
**MATH 196 — PRACTICE TEST 1**

**Question 1.** Classify the differential equations below as linear or non-linear and state their order.

- (a)  $y' + y^2 = 0$
- (b)  $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 25x = \cos(t)$
- (c)  $yy'' = \sqrt{y}$
- (d)  $e^{\sin x^2} \frac{dy}{dx} + xy = e^{-x}$
- (e)  $e^{\cos x^4} \frac{dy}{dx} y = e^{-x}$

**Question 2.** The acceleration of an object moving in a straight line is proportional to the logarithm of the time elapsed since its departure. Find an equation for its position after time  $t$ . Is this a well defined problem?

**Question 3.** A 300  $\ell$  tank initially contains 10  $kg$  of salt dissolved in 100  $\ell$  of water. Brine containing 2  $kg/\ell$  of salt flows into the tank at the rate 4  $\ell/\text{min}$ , and the well-stirred mixture flows out of the tank at the rate 2  $\ell/\text{min}$ . How much salt does the tank contain when 80% of its capacity is full?

**Question 4.** Solve the following differential equations:

- (a)  $y' = -\frac{2xy^3 + e^x}{3x^2y^2 + \sin y}$
- (b)  $-x^2y' + xy^2 + 3y^2 = 0$
- (c)  $x^2y' = xy + y^2$
- (d)  $x^3 + 3y - xy' = 0$ .
- (e)  $y' = x^2 - 2xy + y^2$

**Question 5.** Consider the differential equation:

$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0,$$

and suppose that  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are two solutions. Let  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  be two arbitrary constants. Show that  $y = c_1y_1 + c_2y_2$  solves the equation.

**Question 6.** Solve the linear systems below, when possible.

(a)

$$\begin{cases} 3x + 5y - z = 13 \\ 2x + 7y + z = 28 \\ x + 7y + 2z = 32 \end{cases}$$

(b)

$$\begin{cases} 2x + 3y + 7z = 15 \\ x + 4y + z = 20 \\ x + 2y + 3z = 10 \end{cases}$$

(c)

$$\begin{cases} x - 3y + 2z = 6 \\ x + 4y - z = 4 \\ 5x + 6y + z = 20 \end{cases}$$

**Question 7.** Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 4 \\ 3 & -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Calculate whichever of the matrices  $AB$  and  $BA$  is defined.**Question 8.** Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 11 & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 13 \\ -4 & 0 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

What can you say about  $A^{-1}$ ?

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