

Quiz 1

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Write down the algebraic process and *circle the final answers*. No electrical devices and notes can be used in this quiz. Any correct answer without process will get only ONE POINT. You will have 20 minutes for 3 problems.

Problem 1. (3 points) Find the value of the directional derivative of $f(x, y) = 2x^2 - xy$ at the point $(1, 1)$ in the direction $\langle \cos \theta, \sin \theta \rangle$, where $\theta = \pi/3$.

Solution: We have $\nabla f(x, y) = \langle 4x - y, -x \rangle$, so

$$\nabla f(1, 1) \cdot \langle \cos \theta, \sin \theta \rangle = \langle 3, -1 \rangle \cdot \langle 1/2, \sqrt{3}/2 \rangle = \frac{3}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{3 - \sqrt{3}}{2}.$$

Problem 2. (3 points) Consider the function $f(x, y) = \sin(x + 2y)$ and the point $(0, \pi/2)$. Find the unit vectors that give the direction of steepest ascent and steepest descent at that point.

Solution: First, we compute $\nabla f(x, y) = \langle \cos(x + 2y), 2 \cos(x + 2y) \rangle$. Evaluating, it follows that $\nabla f(0, \pi/2) = \langle -1, -2 \rangle$. Normalizing, we get that

$$\text{steepest ascent} = \langle -1/\sqrt{5}, -2/\sqrt{5} \rangle \quad \text{and} \quad \text{steepest descent} = \langle 1/\sqrt{5}, 2/\sqrt{5} \rangle.$$

Problem 3. (4 points) Find the critical points of the following function. Use the Second Derivative Test to determine whether each critical point corresponds to a local maximum, local minimum, or saddle point:

$$f(x, y) = x^4 - \frac{1}{2}x - y^3 + 3y.$$

Solution: First we compute

$$\nabla f(x, y) = \langle 4x^3 - 1/2, -3y^2 + 3 \rangle,$$

from where we see that $\nabla f(x, y) = \langle 0, 0 \rangle$ is equivalent to $4x^3 = 1/2$ and $3y^2 = 3$. So the critical points of f are $(1/2, 1)$ and $(1/2, -1)$. The Hessian matrix of f at a point (x, y) is given by

$$\text{Hess } f(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} 12x^2 & 0 \\ 0 & -6y \end{pmatrix}.$$

With this we analyze the critical points:

- $D(1/2, 1) = -18 < 0$. Saddle point.
- $D(1/2, -1) = 18 > 0$, $f_{xx}(1/2, -1) = 3 > 0$. Local minimum.

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Problem 1. (5 points) Suppose $f(x, y) = x^2y + 2xy - 3y$ is a function on the region $R = [0, 2] \times [-1, 1]$.

(a) (2 points) Find critical point(s) of f in R .

(b) (3 points) Find the absolute maximum and minimum values of f on R .

Solution:

(a) Compute $\nabla f(x, y) = (2xy + 2y, x^2 + 2x - 3)$. So

$$\begin{cases} 2y(x+1) = 0 \\ x^2 + 2x - 3 = 0 \end{cases} \implies y = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad x = 1 \text{ or } -3.$$

So the critical point inside R is $(1, 0)$ ($(-3, 0)$ is outside). Have $f(1, 0) = 0$.

(b) Analyze all sides of the square:

- $f(0, y) = -3y$, $-1 \leq y \leq 1$. Maximum 3 at $(0, -1)$, minimum -3 at $(0, 1)$.
- $f(2, y) = 5y$, $-1 \leq y \leq 1$. Maximum 5 at $(2, 1)$, minimum -5 at $(2, -1)$.
- $f(x, 1) = x^2 + 2x - 3$, $0 \leq x \leq 2$. Minimum -3 at $(0, 1)$, maximum 5 at $(2, 1)$.
- $f(x, -1) = -x^2 - 2x + 3$, $0 \leq x \leq 2$. By symmetry, no new values.

Conclusion: absolute maximum at $(2, 1)$, absolute minimum at $(2, -1)$.

Problem 2. (5 points) Find the absolute maximum and minimum values of the function

$$f(x, y) = x^2 - xy + y^2 - 3x$$

on the region R bounded by the triangle with vertices $(0, 0)$, $(0, 3)$, $(3, 3)$.

Solution: First compute $\nabla f(x, y) = (2x - y - 3, -x + 2y)$. So

$$\begin{cases} 2x - y - 3 = 0 \\ -x + 2y = 0 \end{cases} \implies y = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad x = 2.$$

But $(2, 1)$ is not inside R . So no critical points. Now we analyze the sides of the triangle.

- $f(0, y) = y^2$, $0 \leq y \leq 3$. Minimum 0 at $(0, 0)$, maximum 9 at $(0, 3)$.
- $f(x, 3) = x^2 - 6x + 9$, $0 \leq x \leq 3$. Minimum 0 at $(3, 3)$, maximum 9 at $(0, 3)$.
- $f(x, x) = x^2 - 3x$, $0 \leq x \leq 3$. Minimum $-9/4$ at $(3/2, 3/2)$, maximum 0 at $(0, 0)$ and $(3, 3)$.

Conclusion: absolute maximum 9 at $(0, 3)$, absolute minimum at $(3/2, 3/2)$.

Quiz 3

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Problem 1. (3 points) Evaluate the iterated integral

$$\int_0^\pi \int_1^2 y \cos(xy) \, dx \, dy.$$

Solution: Just compute

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\pi \int_1^2 y \cos(xy) \, dx \, dy &= \int_0^\pi (\sin(xy)) \Big|_1^2 \, dy = \int_0^\pi (\sin(2y) - \sin y) \, dy \\ &= \left(-\frac{1}{2} \cos(2y) + \cos y \right) \Big|_0^\pi = -\frac{1}{2} - 1 - \left(-\frac{1}{2} + 1 \right) \\ &= -2. \end{aligned}$$

Problem 2. (3 points) Find the extreme values of $f(x, y) = x + 2y$ on the curve $x^2 + 2y^2 = 3$.

Solution: Since we have $\nabla f(x, y) = (1, 2)$ and $\nabla g(x, y) = (2x, 4y)$, writing that $\nabla f(x, y) = \lambda \nabla g(x, y)$ gives the system

$$\begin{cases} 1 = 2\lambda x \\ 2 = 4\lambda y \\ x^2 + 2y^2 = 3 \end{cases}$$

The first two equations immediately give $x = y$. So the constraint equation becomes $3x^2 = 3$, and $x = \pm 1$. Thus

- $f(1, 1) = 3$, absolute maximum.
- $f(-1, -1) = -3$, absolute minimum.

Problem 3. (4 points) Find the absolute maximum and minimum values of the function

$$f(x, y) = x^4 + 4y^4$$

on the region $R = \{(x, y) \mid x^2 + y^2 \leq 5\}$.

Solution: Since $\nabla f(x, y) = (4x^3, 16y^3)$ only vanishes for $(x, y) = (0, 0)$, which is inside R , we get the candidate $(0, 0)$, and $f(0, 0) = 0$ (which is automatically the absolute minimum, as $f \geq 0$). For the boundary, we use Lagrange multipliers with $\nabla g(x, y) = (2x, 2y)$ to get the system

$$\begin{cases} 4x^3 = 2\lambda x \\ 16y^3 = 2\lambda y \\ x^2 + y^2 = 5 \end{cases}$$

Then the first two equations give $x^3y = 4xy^3$. If $xy \neq 0$, then $x^2 = 4y^2$ and the constraint equation becomes just $5y^2 = 5$, and $y = \pm 1$. Then $x^2 = 4$ implies $x = \pm 2$, and we get four more candidates, all achieving the same value

$$f(2, 1) = f(-2, 1) = f(2, -1) = f(-2, -1) = 20.$$

If $xy = 0$, we get four more candidates

$$f(\sqrt{5}, 0) = f(-\sqrt{5}, 0) = 25 \quad \text{and} \quad f(0, \sqrt{5}) = f(0, -\sqrt{5}) = 100.$$

Conclusion: absolute minimum 0 at $(0, 0)$, absolute maximum 100 at $(0, \pm\sqrt{5})$.

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Problem 1. (3 points.) Compute the average of $f(x, y) = x \sin(xy)$ on the region $R = \{(x, y) \mid 0 \leq x \leq \pi/2, 1 \leq y \leq 2\}$.

Solution: Straightforward computation:

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{f} &= \frac{1}{\text{area}(R)} \iint_R x \sin(xy) \, dA = \frac{1}{(\pi/2)(2-1)} \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_1^2 x \sin(xy) \, dy \, dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} -\cos(xy) \Big|_{y=1}^{y=2} \, dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} (\cos x - \cos(2x)) \, dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left(\sin x - \frac{1}{2} \sin(2x) \right) \Big|_0^{\pi/2} = \frac{2}{\pi} (1 - 0 - (0 - 0)) \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi}.\end{aligned}$$

Problem 2. (3 points.) Evaluate the double integral $\iint_R y^2 \, dA$, where R is bounded by $x = -y^2 + 1$ and $x = 0$.

Solution: To avoid dealing with roots, we'll use the following order:

$$\begin{aligned}\iint_R y^2 \, dA &= \int_{-1}^1 \int_0^{1-y^2} y^2 \, dx \, dy = \int_{-1}^1 y^2 x \Big|_{x=0}^{x=1-y^2} \, dy \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 y^2(1-y^2) \, dy = 2 \int_0^1 y^2 - y^4 \, dy \\ &= 2 \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{5} \right) = \frac{4}{15}.\end{aligned}$$

Problem 3. (4 points.) Evaluate the following iterated integral by reversing the order of integration:

$$\int_0^2 \int_y^2 x^2 \cos(xy) \, dx \, dy.$$

Solution: The region of integration is the triangle with vertices in $(0,0)$, $(2,0)$ and $(2,2)$. So:

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^2 \int_y^2 x^2 \cos(xy) \, dx \, dy &= \int_0^2 \int_0^x x^2 \cos(xy) \, dy \, dx = \int_0^2 x \sin(xy) \Big|_{y=0}^{y=x} \, dx \\ &= \int_0^2 x \sin(x^2) \, dx \stackrel{(*)}{=} \frac{1}{2} \int_0^4 \sin u \, du \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (-\cos u) \Big|_0^4 = \frac{1 - \cos 4}{2},\end{aligned}$$

where in $(*)$ we make $u = x^2$, $du = 2x \, dx$ and adjust bounds of integration.

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Problem 1. (3 points.) Evaluate the following iterated integral using polar coordinates

$$\int_0^1 \int_{-\sqrt{1-x^2}}^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \sin(x^2 + y^2) \, dy \, dx.$$

Solution: First of all, recognize the region of integration as the right half of the unit disk. Not forgetting the correction factor in $dy \, dx = r \, dr \, d\theta$, compute

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \int_{-\sqrt{1-x^2}}^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \sin(x^2 + y^2) \, dy \, dx &= \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \int_0^1 \sin(r^2) r \, dr \, d\theta \stackrel{(*)}{=} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} d\theta \int_0^1 r \sin(r^2) \, dr \\ &= \pi \left(-\frac{1}{2} \cos(r^2) \right) \Big|_0^1 = \frac{\pi(1 - \cos 1)}{2}, \end{aligned}$$

where in $(*)$ we use that the integral of a product of functions of separate variables is the product of the integrals.

Problem 2. (3 points.) Find the average distance between points of the annulus $R = \{1 \leq x^2 + y^2 \leq 2\}$ and the origin.

Solution: The distance of a point (x, y) to the origin is $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$, so we compute

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\text{area}(R)} \iint_R \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \, dA &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_1^{\sqrt{2}} r \cdot r \, dr \, d\theta = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \int_1^{\sqrt{2}} r^2 \, dr \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot 2\pi \cdot \frac{r^3}{3} \Big|_1^{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{2}{3} (2\sqrt{2} - 1) \\ &= \frac{4\sqrt{2} - 2}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

Problem 3. (4 points.) Find the volume of the solid bounded by $z = 12 - 2x^2 - y^2$ and $z = x^2 + 2y^2$.

Solution: To find the region over which we'll integrate the difference of the functions defining the surfaces, we note that $12 - 2x^2 - y^2 = x^2 + 2y^2$ implies $x^2 + y^2 = 4$, meaning that $R = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 \leq 4\}$. So

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_R 12 - 2x^2 - y^2 - (x^2 + 2y^2) \, dA &= 3 \iint_R 4 - x^2 - y^2 \, dA = 3 \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^2 (4 - r^2) r \, dr \, d\theta \\ &= 3 \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \int_0^2 4r - r^3 \, dr = 6\pi \left(2r^2 - \frac{r^4}{4} \right) \Big|_0^2 \\ &= 6\pi(8 - 4) = 24\pi. \end{aligned}$$

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Problem 1. (3 points.) Use cylindrical coordinates to evaluate the following integral

$$\int_{-3}^3 \int_0^{\sqrt{9-x^2}} \int_0^{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \sqrt{x^2+y^2} \, dz \, dy \, dx.$$

Solution: Cylindrical coordinates amount to changing only two of the three variables x, y and z to polar coordinates. And the spatial region D is bounded above by the graph of $z = \sqrt{x^2+y^2}$ and below by the upper semi-circle centered at $(0,0)$ with radius 3. So if $x = r \cos \theta$ and $y = r \sin \theta$, we get

$$\int_0^3 \int_0^\pi \int_0^r r \, dz \, d\theta \, dr = \int_0^3 \int_0^\pi r^2 z \Big|_{z=0}^{z=r} d\theta \, dr = \int_0^3 \int_0^\pi r^3 \, d\theta \, dr = \frac{\pi r^4}{4} \Big|_{r=0}^{r=3} = \frac{81\pi}{4}$$

Problem 2. (3 points.) Evaluate the integral

$$\iiint_D (x^2 + y^2 + z^2) \, dV,$$

where $D = \{(x, y, z) | x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 4, z \geq 0\}$.

Solution: For spherical coordinates

$$x = \rho \cos \theta \sin \varphi, \quad y = \rho \sin \theta \sin \varphi, \quad z = \rho \cos \varphi,$$

the correction factor (Jacobian determinant) in the change of variables is $J = \rho^2 \sin \varphi$. So we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^2 \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} \rho^2 (\rho^2 \sin \varphi) \, d\varphi \, d\theta \, d\rho &= \int_0^2 \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} \rho^4 \sin \varphi \, d\varphi \, d\theta \, d\rho \\ &= \int_0^2 \rho^4 \, d\rho \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin \varphi \, d\varphi \\ &= \frac{32}{5} \cdot 2\pi \cdot 1 \\ &= \frac{64\pi}{5}. \end{aligned}$$

Problem 3. (4 points.) Evaluate the integral

$$\iint_R (x-y)^2 (x+y+1) \, dA,$$

where R is the square with vertices $(0,0), (1,-1), (-1,-1), (0,-2)$.

Solution: Follow your nose and let $u = x - y$ and $v = x + y + 1$. The correction factor is found by:

$$\frac{\partial(u,v)}{\partial(x,y)} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \implies \frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(u,v)} = \frac{1}{2} \implies dx \, dy = \frac{1}{2} du \, dv,$$

and since $(x, y) \mapsto (u, v)$ is affine (i.e., the formulas for u and v are first degree polynomials in the variables x and y), the original square will be mapped into a quadrilateral in the plane (u, v) . This way, to find the bounds for u and v , we only need to see where the original vertices are mapped to:

$$(0, 0) \mapsto (0, 1), \quad (1, -1) \mapsto (2, 1), \quad (-1, -1) \mapsto (0, -1), \quad (0, -2) \mapsto (2, -1).$$

These are the original vertices, and the new region has edges aligned with the u and v -axes. So

$$\int_{-1}^1 \int_0^2 u^2 v \left(\frac{1}{2} du dv \right) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 \int_0^2 u^2 v du dv = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 v dv \int_0^2 u^2 du = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 0 \cdot \frac{8}{3} = 0.$$

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Problem 1. (3 points.) Let C be the line segment from $(1, 2, -1)$ to $(-5, 4, 2)$. Parametrize C in the form $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t), z(t) \rangle, a \leq t \leq b$.

Solution: Simply do

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = (1 - t)(1, 2, -1) + t(-5, 4, 2) = (1 - 6t, 2 + 2t, -1 + 3t),$$

for $0 \leq t \leq 1$. Note that $\mathbf{r}(0) = (1, 2, -1)$ and $\mathbf{r}(1) = (-5, 4, 2)$, as it should.

Problem 2. (3 points.) Evaluate the line integral $\int_C y \, dx$, where C is the curve given by $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle t^2, 2t \rangle, 0 \leq t \leq 1$.

Solution: Use $dx = x'(t) \, dt$ with $x(t) = t^2$ to get

$$\int_C y \, dx = \int_0^1 2t(2t \, dt) = \int_0^1 4t^2 \, dt = \frac{4}{3}.$$

Problem 3. (4 points.) Evaluate the line integral $\int_C (x^2 - y) \, ds$, where C is the upper semicircle starting at $(1, 0)$ and ending at $(-1, 0)$.

Solution: Using a parametrization of C by arc-length, we'll have $ds = dt$. So let $\mathbf{r}(t) = (\cos t, \sin t)$, for $0 \leq t \leq \pi$. Then

$$\int_C (x^2 - y) \, ds = \int_0^\pi (\cos^2 t - \sin t) \, dt = \frac{\pi}{2} - 2.$$

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Problem 1. (3 points) Is the vector field $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = \langle e^{\sin y}, x(\cos y)e^{\sin y} + z^2, y^2 + z^2 \rangle$ conservative?

Solution: No, because

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z}(x(\cos y)e^{\sin y} + z^2) = 2z \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(y^2 + z^2) = 2y$$

are not equal.

Problem 2. (3 points) Let $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = \langle y, -2x \rangle$. Evaluate the line integral $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$, where C is the unit circle arc from $(0, 1)$ to $(-1, 0)$.

Solution: Take $\mathbf{r}(t) = (\cos t, \sin t)$, with $\pi/2 \leq t \leq \pi$. Then compute

$$\begin{aligned} \int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} &= \int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}(t)) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(t) dt = \int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} \langle \sin t, -2\cos t \rangle \cdot \langle -\sin t, \cos t \rangle dt \\ &= \int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} -\sin^2 t - 2\cos^2 t dt = \int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} -1 - \cos^2 t dt \\ &= -\frac{\pi}{2} - \int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} \frac{1 + \cos(2t)}{2} dt = -\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{\sin(2t)}{4} \Big|_{\pi/2}^{\pi} \\ &= -\frac{3\pi}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

Problem 3. (4 points) Let $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = \langle x + 2y, 2x + y, e^z \rangle$.

(a) Is \mathbf{F} conservative?

(b) Evaluate the line integral $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$, where C is the curve given by $\mathbf{r}(t) = (t, t^3, t^5)$, with $0 \leq t \leq 1$.

Solution:

(a) Yes. For example, one potential is $\varphi(x, y, z) = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{2} + 2xy + e^z$.

(b) Forget this curve and apply the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus to get

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \varphi(\mathbf{r}(1)) - \varphi(\mathbf{r}(0)) = \varphi(1, 1, 1) - \varphi(0, 0, 0) = 3 + e - 1 = 2 + e.$$

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Problem 1. (3 points) Prove that $\sin 2t$ and $\cos 2t$ are solutions to $y'' + 4y = 0$. Write down the general solution for $y'' + 4y = 0$.

Solution: The verification is straightforward. Thus, the general solution has the form $y(t) = a \sin(2t) + b \cos(2t)$, where a and b are real constants (i.e., the general solution is a generic linear combination of two independent particular solutions).

Problem 2. (3 points) Prove that e^{2t} and te^{2t} are solutions to $y'' - 4y' + 4y = 0$, then solve the initial value problem

$$y'' - 4y' + 4y = 0, \quad y(0) = 2, \quad y'(0) = 3.$$

Solution: Again, the verification that e^{2t} and te^{2t} are solutions is straightforward. Thus the general solution has the form $y(t) = ae^{2t} + bte^{2t}$, where a and b are real constants. We now use the initial conditions given to find a and b . We have that

$$2 = y(0) = a \quad \text{and} \quad 3 = y'(0) = 2a + b,$$

so $a = 2$ and $b = -1$. The solution to the initial value problem is $y(t) = 2e^{2t} - te^{2t}$.

Problem 3. (4 points) Solve the initial value problem

$$y'' - 3y' + 2y = 0, \quad y(0) = 2, \quad y'(0) = -1.$$

Solution: The characteristic polynomial $\lambda^2 - 3\lambda + 2$ has roots $\lambda = 2$ and $\lambda = 1$, meaning that the general solution of the given differential equation has the form $y(t) = ae^{2t} + be^t$, where a and b are real constants. Now we use the initial conditions to find a and b . We have that

$$2 = y(0) = a + b \quad \text{and} \quad -1 = y'(0) = 2a + b,$$

so that $a = -3$ and $b = 5$. So the solution is $y(t) = -3e^{2t} + 5e^t$.

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Problem 1. (3 points.) Solve the following initial value problem:

$$y'' + 3y' + \frac{9}{4}y = 0, \quad y(0) = 3, \quad y'(0) = -2.$$

Solution: The characteristic equation is $r^2 + 3r + 9/4 = 0$, which can be factored to $(r + 3/2)^2 = 0$. So $r = -3/2$ is a *double root* and thus the general solution of the differential equation has the form

$$y(t) = c_1 e^{-3t/2} + c_2 t e^{-3t/2},$$

for some constants c_1 and c_2 . The initial conditions give

$$3 = y(0) = c_1 \quad \text{and} \quad -2 = y'(0) = -\frac{3c_1}{2} + c_2,$$

so that $y(t) = 3e^{-3t/2} + (5/2)te^{-3t/2}$.

Problem 2. (3 points.) Find the general solution of the following equation:

$$t^2 y'' - 2ty' - 10y = 0, \quad t > 0.$$

Solution: This is a Cauchy-Euler equation, so we try a solution of the form $y(t) = t^p$ to produce the correct characteristic equation. We get

$$t^2 p(p-1)t^{p-2} - 2tp t^{p-1} - 10t^p = 0,$$

and divide everything through by t^p to obtain $p(p-1) - 2p - 10 = 0$. That is, the characteristic equation is $p^2 - 3p - 10 = 0$, whose roots are $p = 5$ and $p = -2$. So the general solution is $y(t) = c_1 t^5 + c_2 t^{-2}$, for some constants c_1 and c_2 .

Problem 3. (4 points.) Solve the following initial value problem:

$$y'' + 6y' + 10y = 0, \quad y(0) = 4, \quad y'(0) = -3.$$

Solution: The characteristic equation $r^2 + 6r + 10 = 0$ has solutions $r = -3 \pm i$, so the general solution has the form $y(t) = c_1 e^{-3t} \cos t + c_2 e^{-3t} \sin t$. The initial conditions become

$$4 = y(0) = c_1 \quad \text{and} \quad -3 = y'(0) = -3c_1 + c_2,$$

so $c_2 = 9$ and thus $y(t) = 4e^{-3t} \cos t + 9e^{-3t} \sin t$.