

1. (1 point)

- ? 1. Which differential equation below is in normal form?  
 ? 2. Which differential equation below is in differential form?

A.  $(y + \sin(\theta)) dy + y \theta d\theta = 0$

B.  $y''' = ty'' - t^3 y' + y$

**Solution:****SOLUTION**

The answer to the first question is B, because of the form  $y''' = F(x, y, y', y'')$ , where  $F(x, y, y', y'')$  is a function in terms of  $x$ ,  $y$ , and derivatives of  $y$  with order less than that of the other side.

The answer to the second question is A, because it is of the form  $F(y, \theta) dy + G(y, \theta) d\theta = 0$  for functions  $F$  and  $G$ .

*Correct Answers:*

- B
- A

2. (1 point)

Determine the order of the given differential equation and state whether the equation is linear or nonlinear.

$$(\sin \theta)y^{(7)} - (\cos \theta)y' = 7$$

(a) The order of this differential equation is \_\_\_\_.

(b) The equation is [Choose/Linear/Nonlinear].

**Solution:****SOLUTION:**

Since the highest order derivative which occurs is 7, we have the order of the differential equation is 7. Meanwhile, since there are no nonlinear terms of the function  $y$  and its derivatives, we have that the differential equation is Linear.

*Correct Answers:*

- 7
- Linear

3. (1 point)

Determine the order of the given differential equation and state whether the equation is linear or nonlinear.

$$\frac{d^4 u}{dr^4} + \frac{du}{dr} + 6u = \cos(r + u)$$

(a) The order of this differential equation is \_\_\_\_.

(b) The equation is [Choose/Linear/Nonlinear].

**Solution:****SOLUTION:**

Since the highest order derivative which occurs is 4, we have the order of the differential equation is 4. Meanwhile, since  $\cos(r + u)$  is a nonlinear expression of  $u$ , we have that the differential equation is Nonlinear.

*Correct Answers:*

- 4
- Nonlinear

Which of the following functions satisfies the differential equation  $(x + 1)y' - y + 2\ln(1 + x) = 3$ ?

- A.  $y = \ln(x + x^2)$
- B.  $y = e^x$
- C.  $y = x + 2\ln(1 + x)$

**Solution:****SOLUTION:**

We check each possible solution to see if it satisfies the differential equation. We find the for  $y = x + 2\ln(1 + x)$  we have  $y' = 1 + \frac{2}{1+x}$ . Plugging  $y$  and  $y'$  into the equation satisfies the equation. Thus, the correct answer is C.

*Correct Answers:*

- C

Note that  $\phi(x) = \ln(1 + 2x)$  satisfies the differential equation  $(2x + 1)\ln(1 + 2x)y' - 2y = 0$ . On what interval is  $\phi$  a solution for this differential equation?

- A.  $(-\infty, \infty)$
- B.  $(-1, \infty)$
- C.  $(-\frac{1}{2}, \infty)$

- D.  $[-1, \infty)$

- E.  $[-\frac{1}{2}, \infty)$

**Solution:**

**SOLUTION:**

We recall that  $\ln(w)$  is only defined for  $w > 0$ . Therefore, the function  $\phi(x) = \ln(1 + 2x)$  is defined for all  $x$  such that  $1 + 2x > 0$ , or  $x > -\frac{1}{2}$ . Thus, the correct answer is C.

*Correct Answers:*

- C

**6. (1 point)**

☐ 1. Which statement of sets below best describes the domain of the function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}$ ?

☐ 2. Which statement of sets below best describes the interval on which the function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}$  is a solution to the differential equation  $y' = y^2$ ?

A.  $(-\infty, 1)$  or  $(1, \infty)$

B.  $(-\infty, 1)$  and  $(1, \infty)$

**Solution:**

**SOLUTION**

The answer to the first question is B, because the function  $f$  is defined for all numbers in  $(-\infty, 1)$  and in  $(1, \infty)$ .

The answer to the second question is A, because since a function is a solution only on an interval, and it must be defined on this interval. Therefore, we must pick either of the intervals and say that  $f$  is a solution on the chosen interval.

*Correct Answers:*

- B
- A

The function  $y = c_1 e^{3x} + c_2 x e^{3x}$  is a two-parameter family of solutions for which of the following differential equations?

- A.  $y'' - 6y' + 9y = 0$

- B.  $y' = y$

- C.  $y'' + 6y' - 9y = 0$

**Solution:**

**SOLUTION:**

We have  $y = c_1 e^{3x} + c_2 x e^{3x}$ ,  $y' = 3c_1 e^{3x} + c_2 e^{3x} + 3c_2 x e^{3x}$ , and  $y'' = 9c_1 e^{3x} + 6c_2 e^{3x} + 9c_2 x e^{3x}$ . Plugging these into the given differential equations we find that  $y$  satisfies A for all constants  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ . Thus, the correct answer is A. Note that since  $y$  is defined on the interval  $(-\infty, \infty)$  we have that  $y$  is a family of solutions on the interval  $(-\infty, \infty)$ .

*Correct Answers:*

- A

**8. (1 point)**

Find the value  $k$  such that  $y = e^{kx}$  is a solution to the differential equation  $7y' + 4y = 0$ .

The value is  $k = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

**Solution:**

**SOLUTION**

We note that  $y' = k e^{kx}$ . Thus,  $7y' + 4y = 0$  becomes  $7k e^{kx} = -4 e^{kx}$  and we need  $7k = -4$ , or  $k = -\frac{4}{7}$ . Thus, the correct answer is  $k = -\frac{4}{7} = -0.571429$ .

*Correct Answers:*

- $-4/7$

**9. (1 point)** Find the two values of  $k$  such that  $y = x^k$  is a solution to the differential equation  $xy'' + 9y' = 0$ . The values are  $k = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$  and  $k = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ .

**Solution:**

**SOLUTION:**

We note that  $y' = kx^{k-1}$  and  $y'' = k(k-1)x^{k-2}$ . Thus,  $xy'' + 9y' = 0$  becomes

$$k(k-1)x^{k-1} + 9kx^{k-1} = 0$$

and we need  $k(k-1) + 9k = 0$ , or  $k^2 - k + 9k = 0$ . That is, we need  $k(k+8) = 0$ . Therefore,  $k = 0$  and  $k = -8$  are the two desired values.

*Correct Answers:*

- $-(9-1)$
- 0

**10. (1 point)** Find the two values of  $k$  such that the constant function  $y = k$  is a solution to the differential equation  $y' = y^2 - 10y + 21$ . The values are  $k = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$  and  $k = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ .

**Solution:**

**SOLUTION:**

We note that  $y' = 0$ . Thus,  $y' = y^2 - 10y + 21$  becomes

$$k^2 - 10k + 21 = 0.$$

That is,

$$(k-3)(k-7) = 0.$$

Therefore,  $k = 3$  and  $k = 7$  are the two desired values.

*Correct Answers:*

- 3

• 7

**11.** (1 point) Find the two values of  $k$  such that  $y = x^k$  is a solution to the differential equation  $xy'' + 9y' = 0$ . The values are  $k = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$  and  $k = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$ .

**Solution:**

**SOLUTION:**

We note that  $y' = kx^{k-1}$  and  $y'' = k(k-1)x^{k-2}$ . Thus,  $xy'' + 9y' = 0$  becomes

$$k(k-1)x^{k-1} + 9kx^{k-1} = 0$$

and we need  $k(k-1) + 9k = 0$ , or  $k^2 - k + 9k = 0$ . That is, we need  $k(k+8) = 0$ . Therefore,  $k = 0$  and  $k = -8$  are the two desired values.

*Correct Answers:*

• - (9-1)

• 0

**12.** (1 point)

Let  $y' = 2x$ .

Find all values of  $r$  such that  $y = rx^2$  satisfies the differential equation. If there is more than one correct answer, enter your answers as a comma separated list.

$r = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$  help (numbers)

**Solution:**

**SOLUTION:**

We note that  $y' = 2rx$ . Therefore, the equation  $y' = 2x$  becomes  $2rx = 2x$  and we require that  $r = \frac{2}{2} = 1$ .

*Correct Answers:*

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