

(Solutions posted at <http://math.mit.edu/~john1/1803/>)

1. Can you come up with a matrix A such that the system $\dot{\mathbf{u}} = A\mathbf{u}$ has a saddle, with an incoming ray solution along $(1, 1)$ and an outgoing one along $(1, 2)$?
2. Find the general solution to $y' + (\sin x)y = e^{\cos x}$.
3. (1.3.6) Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = x - y + 1$. Sketch some isoclines and describe the behavior of the integral curves. Which solutions have local maxima or minima? Points of inflection? Can you identify any fences? Estimate $y(10)$ for the solution with $y(0) = 2$.
4. Look at $\ddot{x} + 3\dot{x} + kx = k \cos(3t)$. What is the complex gain (regarding $\cos 3t$ as the input signal)? For what value of k is the amplitude of the system response maximized? How does the phase lag vary with k ?
5. Let $f(t) = t \cdot |t|$. Express this function in terms of $u(t)$. What is $f'(t)$? $f''(t)$? $f'''(t)$? Sketch the last of these.
6. Consider the autonomous equation $\frac{dy}{dt} = (y - c)(y^2 - c)$, where c is a real number. What are the equilibrium solutions? Are they stable? (The answers to these questions depend on c). Sketch the bifurcation diagram.
7. Compute $\int e^t \cos t \, dt$.
8. Let A be the 2×2 matrix $\begin{pmatrix} a & 1 \\ 1 & a \end{pmatrix}$. Compute the determinant and trace, and describe type of the phase portrait for different values of a . What curve in the tr-det plane is traced out as a varies?
9. Find the unit impulse response for $D^2 + 7D + 12I$:
 - (a) By solving $\ddot{x} + 7\dot{x} + 12x = 0$ with appropriate initial conditions.
 - (b) Using Laplace transform.
 - (c) By setting up the companion matrix and solving the 2×2 system using matrix exponential together with initial conditions.
10. Sketch the pole diagram for $F(s) = (s + 1)/(s^2 + 4s + 13)$. What does it tell you about the long-term behavior of the inverse transforms? Now invert the transform directly. Are these answers consistent?

11. Expand $3 \cos(2t - \pi/3)$ as $a \cos(2t) + b \sin(2t)$. Write $\cos(3t) - \sin(3t)$ in standard form.
12. How would you solve $\ddot{x} + 7\dot{x} + 12x = q(t)$ where $q(t) = t^2$, $e^t \cos t$, te^t , $(t - 1)e^t$, or e^{-3t} ?
13. (a) A broken A/C unit has temperature $h(t) = \sin(\omega t)$, for some ω . Set up and solve a differential equation for the temperature of the room at time t . Is there any value of ω for which the temperature of the room is not bounded?
(Just leave everything in terms of ω and the coupling constant k , along with a constant c . I trust you could find c given initial conditions).
- (b) After a repair the air conditioner has temperature given by a standard square wave. Give a formula for $f(t)$.
- (c) Suppose that the unit turns out at time $\pi/3$ instead of 0. Give a Fourier series for $f(t)$.
14. An operator has unit impulse response $w(t) = t^2 u(t)$. What is $p(D)$? How can you solve $p(D)x = e^t$?
15. What is the Fourier series for $\sin^3(t)$?
16. Somehow I neglected to include a non-linear autonomous system in this list of problems. Please make sure you can do the ones on the practice tests!