

(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  $2 \times 2$  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  $2 \times 2$  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  $\omega$ . Set up and solve a differential equation for the temperature of the room at time  $t$ . Is there any value of  $\omega$  for which the temperature of the room is not bounded?  
(Just leave everything in terms of  $\omega$  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!