

# Homework: Review sheet for Differential-Equations Unit.

Concepts and procedures for the final test (not by order of significance):

1. Differential equations: Linear, order of.
2. **Words:** Converting verbal descriptions into equations and vice versa.
3. **General solutions, Initial condition, and Particular solution.**
  - a. Different ways in which the constant appears.
  - b. **Separation of Variables:** Separate ; Integrate ; Isolate.
4. **Slope fields:** Computation of, Graphical representation, Relation to solution curves.
5. **Approximation:** Tangent line to a curve at a point and local linear approximation.
6. Important cases: **Exponential solutions.**

Tools you will need: Integration (!!), differentiation (implicit and explicit), manipulation of inverse functions .

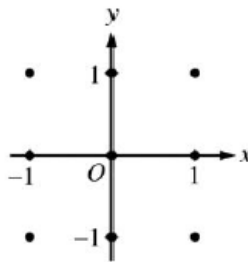
## Review questions

Q1(2006)

5. Consider the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = (y - 1)^2 \cos(\pi x)$ .

(a) On the axes provided, sketch a slope field for the given differential equation at the nine points indicated.

(Note: Use the axes provided in the exam booklet.)



(b) There is a horizontal line with equation  $y = c$  that satisfies this differential equation. Find the value of  $c$ .

(c) Find the particular solution  $y = f(x)$  to the differential equation with the initial condition  $f(1) = 0$ .

Q2 (2002)

5. Consider the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3 - x}{y}$ .

(a) Let  $y = f(x)$  be the particular solution to the given differential equation for  $1 < x < 5$  such that the line  $y = -2$  is tangent to the graph of  $f$ . Find the  $x$ -coordinate of the point of tangency, and determine whether  $f$  has a local maximum, local minimum, or neither at this point. Justify your answer.

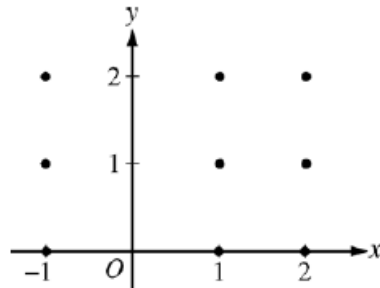
(b) Let  $y = g(x)$  be the particular solution to the given differential equation for  $-2 < x < 8$ , with the initial condition  $g(6) = -4$ . Find  $y = g(x)$ .

Q3 (2008)

5. Consider the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y-1}{x^2}$ , where  $x \neq 0$ .

(a) On the axes provided, sketch a slope field for the given differential equation at the nine points indicated.

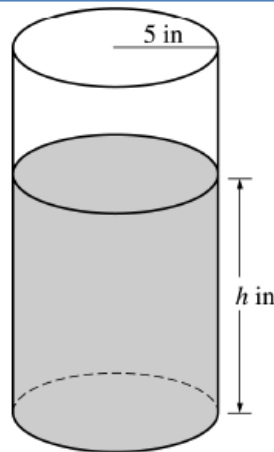
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(b) Find the particular solution  $y = f(x)$  to the differential equation with the initial condition  $f(2) = 0$ .

(c) For the particular solution  $y = f(x)$  described in part (b), find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$ .

Q4 (2003)



5. A coffeepot has the shape of a cylinder with radius 5 inches, as shown in the figure above. Let  $h$  be the depth of the coffee in the pot, measured in inches, where  $h$  is a function of time  $t$ , measured in seconds. The volume  $V$  of coffee in the pot is changing at the rate of  $-5\pi\sqrt{h}$  cubic inches per second. (The volume  $V$  of a cylinder with radius  $r$  and height  $h$  is  $V = \pi r^2 h$ .)

(a) Show that  $\frac{dh}{dt} = -\frac{\sqrt{h}}{5}$ .

(b) Given that  $h = 17$  at time  $t = 0$ , solve the differential equation  $\frac{dh}{dt} = -\frac{\sqrt{h}}{5}$  for  $h$  as a function of  $t$ .

(c) At what time  $t$  is the coffeepot empty?