

MAT 127 PRACTICE FINAL

(1) Consider the initial value problem

$$\begin{aligned}y'' - y' + 3y &= 0 \\ y(0) = 1, y'(0) &= -1 \quad .\end{aligned}$$

Assuming the solution to this initial value problem has is the power series

$$y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n \quad ,$$

find all the coefficients c_n for $n \leq 6$.

(2) Use the separation of variables technique to solve the initial value problem

$$\begin{aligned}y' &= y \ln(x) \\ y(1) &= 2 \quad .\end{aligned}$$

(3)

(a) Use Euler's Method with step size 1 to estimate the value $y(3)$, where y denotes the solution to the initial value problem

$$\begin{aligned}y' &= y + x^2 \\ y(0) &= 1 \quad .\end{aligned}$$

(b) Sketch the direction field for the differential equation given in part (a).

(4) Determine whether or not each of the following sequences $\{a_n\}$ converges. If the sequence converges, then compute the limit.

- (a) $a_n = 2 + (-2/\pi)^n$
- (b) $a_n = (n^3 - n + 2)/(n^2 - 3n^3)$
- (c) $a_n = 3^n/n^4$
- (d) $a_n = n^2/n!$

(5) Use any method to determine whether or not each of the following series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges.

- (a) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + n^{-2})/n$
- (b) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n^2 + n + 2)/(n - 8n^2)$

- (c) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} (2 + \cos(n))/n^2$
- (d) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n (2 + e^{-n})/n$
- (e) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^3/2^n$

(6) The differential equation

$$P' = 0.2P(1 - P/1000)$$

describes the change in population of wild Dachshunds over time.

- (a) Find the equilibrium solutions for this differential equation.
 - (b) Sketch the direction field for this differential equation; be sure to indicate the equilibrium solutions in your sketch.
- (7) Consider the function $f(x) = 3x^{-2} + 2x - 1$.
- (a) Compute the Taylor series for this function at the number 1.
 - (b) Find the radius of convergence for the Taylor series in part (a).
 - (c) Find the interval of convergence for the Taylor series in part (a).
- (8) A bacteria culture grows with constant relative growth rate. At the outset there are 500 bacteria.
- (a) If $y(t)$ denotes the number of bacteria present after t -hours, write down an initial value problem which y satisfies.
 - (b) If after 3 hours there are 2400 bacteria, then how many bacteria are there after 2 hours?