

## Section 1.4

1. The differential equation is second order, since the highest derivative in the equation is of order two. The equation is linear since the left hand side is a linear function of  $y$  and its derivatives and the right hand side is just a function of  $t$ .

2. The differential equation is second order since the highest derivative in the equation is of order two. The equation is nonlinear because of the term  $y^2 d^2y/dt^2$ .

3. The differential equation is fourth order since the highest derivative in the equation is of order four. The equation is linear since the left hand side is a linear function of  $y$  and its derivatives and the right hand side does not depend on  $y$ .

4. The differential equation is first order since the only derivative in the equation is of order one. The equation is nonlinear because of the  $y^2$  term.

5. The differential equation is second order since the highest derivative in the equation is of order two. The equation is nonlinear because of the term  $\sin(t + y)$  which is not a linear function of  $y$ .

6. The differential equation is third order since the highest derivative in the equation is of order three. The equation is linear because the left hand side is a linear function of  $y$  and its derivatives, and the right hand side is only a function of  $t$ .

7.  $y_1(t) = e^t \implies y_1' = e^t \implies y_1'' = e^t$ . Therefore,  $y_1'' - y_1 = 0$ . Also,  $y_2 = \cosh t \implies y_2' = \sinh t \implies y_2'' = \cosh t$ . Therefore,  $y_2'' - y_2 = 0$ .

8.  $y_1 = e^{-3t} \implies y_1' = -3e^{-3t} \implies y_1'' = 9e^{-3t}$ . Therefore,  $y_1'' + 2y_1' - 3y_1 = (9 - 6 - 3)y_1 = 0$ . Also,  $y_2 = e^t \implies y_2' = y_2'' = e^t$ . Therefore,  $y_2'' + 2y_2' - 3y_2 = (1 + 2 - 3)e^t = 0$ .

9.  $y = 3t + t^2 \implies y' = 3 + 2t$ . Therefore,  $ty' - y = t(3 + 2t) - (3t + t^2) = t^2$ .

10.  $y_1 = t/3 \implies y_1' = 1/3 \implies y_1'' = y_1''' = y_1'''' = 0$ . Therefore,  $y_1'''' + 4y_1''' + 3y_1'' = t$ . Also,  $y_2 = e^{-t} + t/3 \implies y_2' = -e^{-t} + 1/3 \implies y_2'' = e^{-t} \implies y_2''' = -e^{-t} \implies y_2'''' = e^{-t}$ . Therefore,  $y_2'''' + 4y_2''' + 3y_2'' = e^{-t} - 4e^{-t} + 3(e^{-t} + t/3) = t$ .

11.  $y_1 = t^{1/2} \implies y_1' = t^{-1/2}/2 \implies y_1'' = -t^{-3/2}/4$ . Therefore,  $2t^2y_1'' + 3ty_1' - y_1 = 2t^2(-t^{-3/2}/4) + 3t(t^{-1/2}/2) - t^{1/2} = (-1/2 + 3/2 - 1)t^{1/2} = 0$ . Also,  $y_2 = t^{-1} \implies y_2' = -t^{-2} \implies y_2'' = 2t^{-3}$ . Therefore,  $2t^2y_2'' + 3ty_2' - y_2 = 2t^2(2t^{-3}) + 3t(-t^{-2}) - t^{-1} = (4 - 3 - 1)t^{-1} = 0$ .

12.  $y_1 = t^{-2} \implies y_1' = -2t^{-3} \implies y_1'' = 6t^{-4}$ . Therefore,  $t^2y_1'' + 5ty_1' + 4y_1 = t^2(6t^{-4}) + 5t(-2t^{-3}) + 4t^{-2} = (6 - 10 + 4)t^{-2} = 0$ . Also,  $y_2 = t^{-2} \ln t \implies y_2' = t^{-3} - 2t^{-3} \ln t \implies y_2'' = -5t^{-4} + 6t^{-4} \ln t$ . Therefore,  $t^2y_2'' + 5ty_2' + 4y_2 = t^2(-5t^{-4} + 6t^{-4} \ln t) + 5t(t^{-3} - 2t^{-3} \ln t) + 4(t^{-2} \ln t) = (-5 + 5)t^{-2} + (6 - 10 + 4)t^{-2} \ln t = 0$ .

13.  $y = (\cos t) \ln \cos t + t \sin t \implies y' = -(\sin t) \ln \cos t + t \cos t \implies y'' = -(\cos t) \ln \cos t - t \sin t + \sec t$ . Therefore,  $y'' + y = -(\cos t) \ln \cos t - t \sin t + \sec t + (\cos t) \ln \cos t + t \sin t = \sec t$ .

14.  $y = e^{t^2} \int_0^t e^{-s^2} ds + e^{t^2} \implies y' = 2te^{t^2} \int_0^t e^{-s^2} ds + 1 + 2te^{t^2}$ . Therefore,  $y' - 2ty = 2te^{t^2} \int_0^t e^{-s^2} ds + 1 + 2te^{t^2} - 2t(e^{t^2} \int_0^t e^{-s^2} ds + e^{t^2}) = 1$ .

15. Let  $y = e^{rt}$ . Then  $y' = re^{rt}$ . Substituting these terms into the differential equation, we have  $y' + 2y = re^{rt} + 2e^{rt} = (r + 2)e^{rt} = 0$ . This equation implies  $r = -2$ .

16. Let  $y = e^{rt}$ . Then  $y' = re^{rt}$  and  $y'' = r^2e^{rt}$ . Substituting these terms into the differential equation, we have  $y'' - y = (r^2 - 1)e^{rt} = 0$ . This equation implies  $r = \pm 1$ .

17. Let  $y = e^{rt}$ . Then  $y' = re^{rt}$  and  $y'' = r^2e^{rt}$ . Substituting these terms into the differential equation, we have  $y'' + y' - 6y = (r^2 + r - 6)e^{rt} = 0$ . In order for  $r$  to satisfy this equation, we need  $r^2 + r - 6 = 0$ . That is, we need  $r = 2, -3$ .

18. Let  $y = e^{rt}$ . Then  $y' = re^{rt}$ ,  $y'' = r^2e^{rt}$  and  $y''' = r^3e^{rt}$ . Substituting these terms into the differential equation, we have  $y''' - 3y'' + 2y' = (r^3 - 3r^2 + 2r)e^{rt} = 0$ . In order for  $r$  to satisfy this equation, we need  $r^3 - 3r^2 + 2r = 0$ . That is, we need  $r = 0, 1, 2$ .

19. Let  $y = t^r$ . Then  $y' = rt^{r-1}$  and  $y'' = r(r-1)t^{r-2}$ . Substituting these terms into the differential equation, we have  $t^2y'' + 4ty' + 2y = t^2(r(r-1)t^{r-2}) + 4t(rt^{r-1}) + 2t^r = (r(r-1) + 4r + 2)t^r = 0$ . In order for  $r$  to satisfy this equation, we need  $r(r-1) + 4r + 2 = 0$ . Simplifying this expression, we need  $r^2 + 3r + 2 = 0$ . The solutions of this equation are  $r = -1, -2$ .

20. Let  $y = t^r$ . Then  $y' = rt^{r-1}$  and  $y'' = r(r-1)t^{r-2}$ . Substituting these terms into the differential equation, we have  $t^2y'' - 4ty' + 4y = t^2(r(r-1)t^{r-2}) - 4t(rt^{r-1}) + 4t^r = (r(r-1) - 4r + 4)t^r = 0$ . In order for  $r$  to satisfy this equation, we need  $r(r-1) - 4r + 4 = 0$ . Simplifying this expression, we need  $r^2 - 5r + 4 = 0$ . The solutions of this equation are  $r = 1, 4$ .

21.

(a) Consider Figure 1.4.1 in the text. There are two main forces acting on the mass: (1) the tension in the rod and (2) gravity. The tension,  $T$ , acts on the mass along the direction of the rod. By extending a line below and to the right of the mass at an angle  $\theta$  with the vertical, we see that there is a force of magnitude  $mg \cos \theta$  acting on the mass in that direction. Then extending a line below the mass and to the left, making an angle of  $\pi - \theta$ , we see the force acting on the mass in the tangential direction is  $mg \sin \theta$ .

(b) Newton's Second Law states that  $\sum \mathbf{F} = m\mathbf{a}$ . In the tangential direction, the equation of motion may be expressed as  $\sum F_\theta = ma_\theta$ . The tangential acceleration,  $a_\theta$  is the linear acceleration along the path. That is,  $a_\theta = Ld^2\theta/dt^2$ . The only force acting in the tangential direction is the gravitational force in the tangential direction which is given by  $-mg \sin \theta$ . Therefore,  $-mg \sin \theta = mLd^2\theta/dt^2$ .

(c) Rearranging terms, we have

$$\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + \frac{g}{L} \sin \theta.$$

22.

(a) The kinetic energy of a particle of mass  $m$  is given by  $T = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$  where  $v$  is its speed. A particle in motion on a circle of radius  $L$  has speed  $L(d\theta/dt)$  where  $d\theta/dt$  is its angular speed. Therefore,

$$T = \frac{1}{2}mL^2 \left( \frac{d\theta}{dt} \right)^2.$$

- (b) The potential energy of a particle is given by  $V = mgh$  where  $h$  is the height above some point. Here we measure  $h$  as the height above the pendulum's lowest position. Since  $\frac{L-h}{L} = \cos \theta$ , we have  $h = L(1 - \cos \theta)$ . Therefore,

$$V = mgL(1 - \cos \theta).$$

- (c) Since the total energy is conserved. We know that for  $E = T + V$ ,  $dE/dt = 0$ . Here,

$$E = \frac{1}{2}mL^2 \left( \frac{d\theta}{dt} \right)^2 + mgL(1 - \cos \theta)$$

implies

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = mL^2 \frac{d\theta}{dt} \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + mgL \sin \theta \frac{d\theta}{dt} = 0.$$

Simplifying this equation, we conclude that

$$\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + \frac{g}{L} \sin \theta = 0.$$

23.

- (a) Angular momentum is the moment about a certain point of linear momentum, which is given by

$$mv = mL \frac{d\theta}{dt}.$$

The moment about a pivot point is given by

$$M_p = mL^2 \frac{d\theta}{dt}.$$

- (b) The moment of the gravitational force is

$$M_g = -mg \cdot L \sin \theta.$$

Then  $dM_p/dt = M_g$  implies

$$mL^2 \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} = -mgL \sin \theta.$$

Rewriting this equation, we have

$$\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + \frac{g}{L} \sin \theta = 0.$$