

MATH 395 PROBLEMS 8

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Regular problems:

1. Find all solutions of the linear differential equation

$$y'' - 6y' + 8y = x^3.$$

2. Find a basis of the space of solutions of

$$y''' = y.$$

3. Find a basis of the space of solutions of

$$\begin{aligned}y_1' &= 3y_1 - 2y_3 \\y_2' &= 2y_1 + y_2 - 2y_3 \\y_3' &= y_1\end{aligned}$$

4. Find all solutions of

$$\begin{aligned}y_1' &= y_1 - 2y_2 + e^{3x} \\y_2' &= -2y_1 + y_2 + e^{4x}\end{aligned}$$

Challenge problem:

5. Find all possible Wronskians of n -tuples of solutions of

(a) The homogeneous system (L):

$$y'_i = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}(x)y_j, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

(b) The homogeneous system (\tilde{L}):

$$y^{(n)} + a_1(x)y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_n(x)y = 0.$$

[The Wronskian satisfies a first order differential equation. Find the equation.]