

Answers, Hints, and Solutions to Selected Exercises for *Introductory Differential Equations*, Fourth Edition, Abell & Braselton

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Exercises 1.1

1. Second order linear ordinary differential equation. The forcing function is $f(x) = x^3$ so the equation is nonhomogeneous.
3. Second order linear partial differential equation.
5. This is a first order ordinary differential equation. It is nonlinear because the derivative dy/dx is squared.
7. Second order linear partial differential equation.
9. Nonlinear second order ordinary differential equation.
11. This is a second order partial differential equation. It is nonlinear because of the product, $uu_x = u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$, of functions involving the dependent variable, $u = u(x, t)$.
13. This is a first order ordinary differential equation. If we write it as $(2t - y)dt/dy - 1 = 0$, y is independent, $t = t(y)$ is dependent, and the equation is nonlinear. If we write the equation as $dy/dt + y = 2t$, t is independent, $y = y(t)$ is dependent and the equation is linear.
15. This is a first order ordinary differential equation. It is nonlinear in both x

(because of the $2x dx$ term) and y (because of the $-y dy$ term).

31. Differentiate and collect dy and dx terms:

$$\begin{aligned} 3x^2 dx + 2xy dx + x^2 dy &= 0 \\ 3x dx + 2y dx + x dy &= 0 \\ x dy &= (-2y - 3x) dx \\ dy/dx &= -2y/x - 3. \end{aligned}$$

If $x = 1$, $y = 99$.

35. $-\frac{1}{2} \cos(x^2) + C$

37. Use a u -substitution with $u = \ln x \Rightarrow du = 1/x dx$. Then,

$$y = \int \frac{1}{x \ln x} dx = \int \frac{1}{u} du = \ln |u| + C = \ln(\ln x) + C.$$

39. Use integration by parts with $u = x \Rightarrow du = dx$ and $dv = e^{-x} dx \Rightarrow v = -e^{-x}$.

$$y = \int x e^{-x} dx = -x e^{-x} + \int e^{-x} dx = -x e^{-x} - e^{-x} + C.$$

41. $\tan^{-1}(x) - \ln(x+1) + C$

43. $6 \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{4}x\sqrt{4-x^2}(x^2-10)$

45. Start by rewriting $\cot x = \frac{\cos x}{\sin x}$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \int \frac{\cos^2 x}{\sin x} dx \\ &= \int \frac{1 - \sin^2 x}{\sin x} dx \\ &= \int (\csc x - \sin x) dx \end{aligned}$$

so $y = \ln(\csc x + \cot x) + \cos x + C$.

47. $y(x) = 2e^{-2x}$

49. $y(x) = \frac{5}{7}e^{-3x} + \frac{2}{7}e^{4x}$

51. $y(x) = -\frac{1}{4}(-3 + 3e^{2x} - 2x)$

53. $y(t) = -t^7 + t^6$

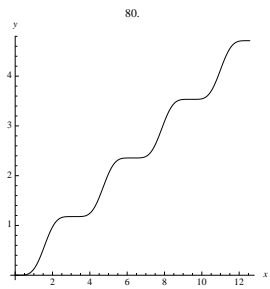
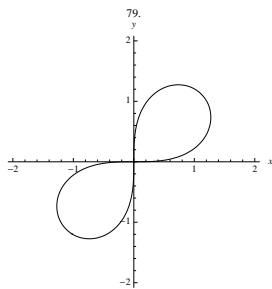
55. $y(x) = x^4 - 1/2 x^2 + 2x + 1$

57. $y(x) = -\sin(x^{-1}) + 2$

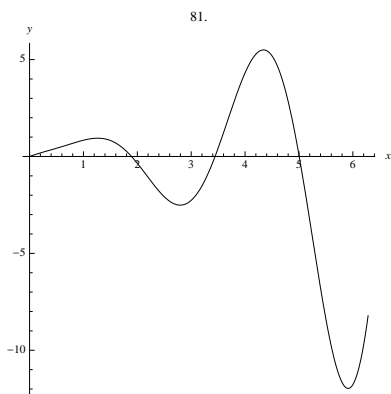
67. $y(x) = c_1 x + c_2 x^2$

69. $y(x) = (e^x + C)e^{-2x}$

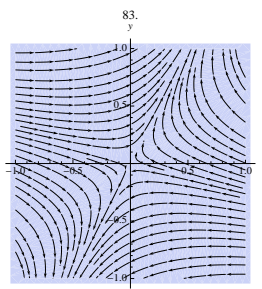
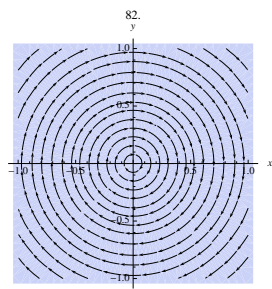
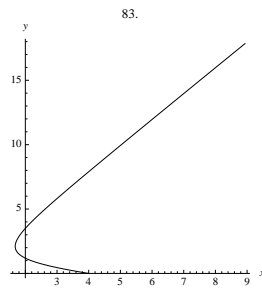
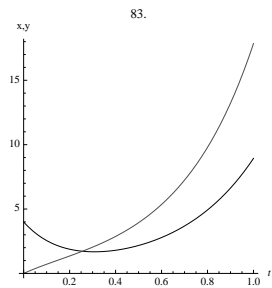
80. $y = \frac{1}{32}(12x - 8 \sin 2x + \sin 4x)$



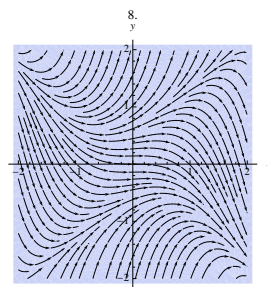
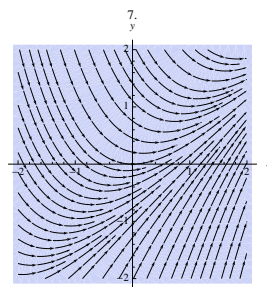
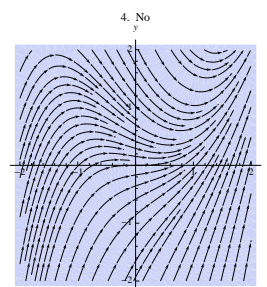
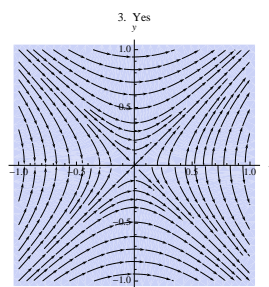
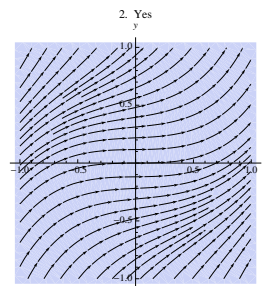
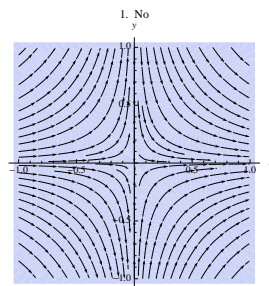
81. $y = -\frac{1}{208}e^{-x/2}(74e^x \cos 2x - 74 \cos 3x - 111e^x \sin 2x - 20 \sin x)$

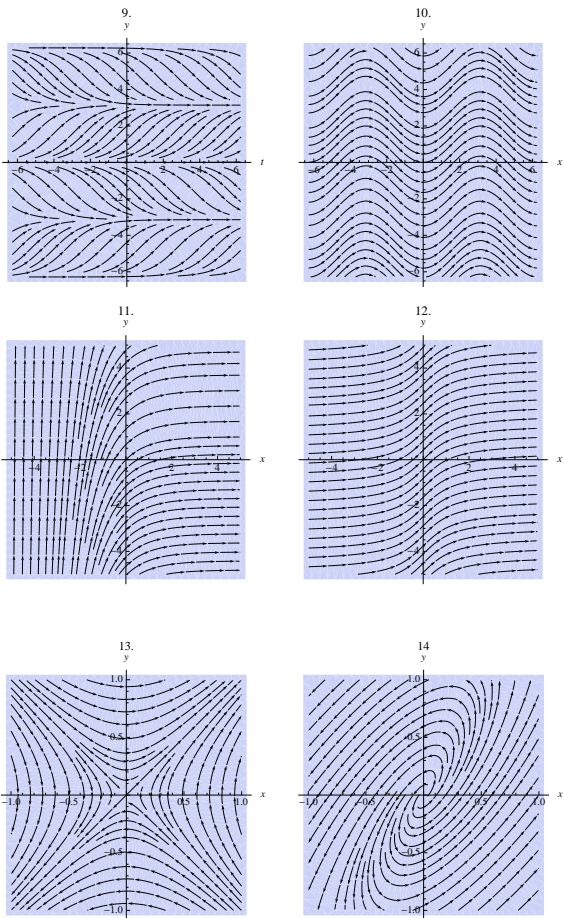


83. $x = \frac{4}{9}e^{-6t}(e^{9t} + 8), y = \frac{8}{9}e^{-6t}(e^{9t} - 1)$

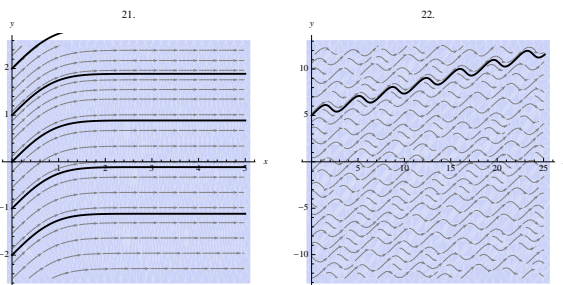


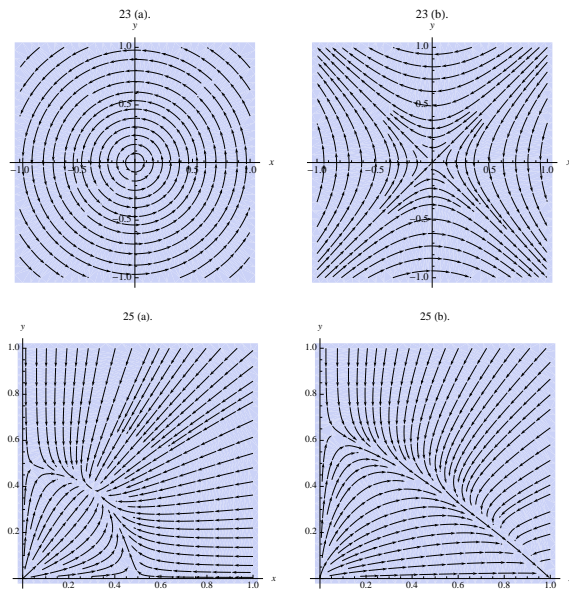
Exercises 1.2





15. $x' = y$ so $y' = x'' = -4x$: $\{x' = y, y' = -4x\}$
 17. $\{x' = y, y' = -13x - 4y\}$
 19. $\{x' = y, y' = -16x + \sin t\}$
 21. $y = C + \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \operatorname{erf}(x)$, where $\operatorname{erf}(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^x e^{-t^2} dt$.





Chapter 1 Review Exercises

1. First-order ordinary linear homogeneous differential equation
3. Second-order linear homogeneous differential equation
5. Second-order non-linear partial differential equation
17. $y = (2 - x^2) \cos x + 2x \sin x$
19. $y = \frac{1}{2} (x\sqrt{x^2 - 1} + \ln(2x + 2\sqrt{x^2 - 1}))$
21. $y = \frac{1}{4}(x + 4 \cos 2x)$
23. $y = \frac{1}{3}(1 - \cos^3 x)$