Chapter One

Section 1.1

1. For $y > 1.5$, the slopes are negative, and hence the solutions decrease. For $y < 1.5$, the slopes are positive, and hence the solutions increase. The equilibrium solution appears to be $y(t) = 1.5$, to which all other solutions converge.

3. For $y > -1.5$, the slopes are positive, and hence the solutions increase. For $y < -1.5$, the slopes are negative, and hence the solutions decrease. All solutions appear to diverge away from the equilibrium solution $y(t) = -1.5$.

5.
For $y > -1/2$, the slopes are positive, and hence the solutions increase. For $y < -1/2$, the slopes are negative, and hence the solutions decrease. All solutions diverge away from the equilibrium solution $y(t) = -1/2$.

6.

For $y > -2$, the slopes are positive, and hence the solutions increase. For $y < -2$, the slopes are negative, and hence the solutions decrease. All solutions diverge away from the equilibrium solution $y(t) = -2$.

8. For all solutions to approach the equilibrium solution $y(t) = 2/3$, we must have $y' < 0$ for $y > 2/3$, and $y' > 0$ for $y < 2/3$. The required rates are satisfied by the differential equation $y' = 2 - 3y$.

9. For solutions other than $y(t) = 2$ to diverge from $y = 2$, $y(t)$ must be an increasing function for $y > 2$, and a decreasing function for $y < 2$. The simplest differential equation whose solutions satisfy these criteria is $y' = y - 2$.

10. For solutions other than $y(t) = 1/3$ to diverge from $y = 1/3$, we must have $y' < 0$ for $y < 1/3$, and $y' > 0$ for $y > 1/3$. The required rates are satisfied by the differential equation $y' = 3y - 1$.

12.

Note that $y' = 0$ for $y = 0$ and $y = 5$. The two equilibrium solutions are $y(t) = 0$ and $y(t) = 5$. Based on the direction field, $y' > 0$ for $y > 5$; thus solutions with initial
values greater than 5 diverge from the solution $y(t) = 5$. For $0 < y < 5$, the slopes are negative, and hence solutions with initial values between 0 and 5 all decrease toward the solution $y(t) = 0$. For $y < 0$, the slopes are all positive; thus solutions with initial values less than 0 approach the solution $y(t) = 0$.

14. Observe that $y' = 0$ for $y = 0$ and $y = 2$. The two equilibrium solutions are $y(t) = 0$ and $y(t) = 2$. Based on the direction field, $y' > 0$ for $y > 2$; thus solutions with initial values greater than 2 diverge from $y(t) = 2$. For $0 < y < 2$, the slopes are also positive, and hence solutions with initial values between 0 and 2 all increase toward the solution $y(t) = 2$. For $y < 0$, the slopes are all negative; thus solutions with initial values less than 0 diverge from the solution $y(t) = 0$.

16. (a) Let $M(t)$ be the total amount of the drug (in milligrams) in the patient's body at any given time $t$ (hrs). The drug is administered into the body at a constant rate of 500 mg/hr. The rate at which the drug leaves the bloodstream is given by $0.4M(t)$. Hence the accumulation rate of the drug is described by the differential equation

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = 500 - 0.4M \text{ (mg/hr)}.$$ 

(b) Based on the direction field, the amount of drug in the bloodstream approaches the equilibrium level of 1250 mg (within a few hours).
18. (a) Following the discussion in the text, the differential equation is

\[ m \frac{dv}{dt} = mg - \gamma v^2 \]

or equivalently,

\[ \frac{dv}{dt} = g - \frac{\gamma}{m} v^2. \]

(b) After a long time, \( \frac{dv}{dt} \approx 0 \). Hence the object attains a terminal velocity given by

\[ v_\infty = \sqrt{\frac{mg}{\gamma}}. \]

(c) Using the relation \( \gamma v_\infty^2 = mg \), the required drag coefficient is \( \gamma = 0.0408 \text{ kg/sec} \).

(d) 

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All solutions appear to approach a linear asymptote (with slope equal to 1). It is easy to verify that \( y(t) = t - 3 \) is a solution.

20.
All solutions approach the equilibrium solution \( y(t) = 0 \).

23.

All solutions appear to diverge from the sinusoid \( y(t) = -\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \sin(t + \frac{\pi}{4}) - 1 \), which is also a solution corresponding to the initial value \( y(0) = -5/2 \).

25.

All solutions appear to converge to \( y(t) = 0 \). First, the rate of change is small. The slopes eventually increase very rapidly in magnitude.

26.
The direction field is rather complicated. Nevertheless, the collection of points at which the slope field is zero, is given by the implicit equation $y^3 - 6y = 2t^2$. The graph of these points is shown below:

The $y$-intercepts of these curves are at $y = 0$, $\pm \sqrt{6}$. It follows that for solutions with initial values $y > \sqrt{6}$, all solutions increase without bound. For solutions with initial values in the range $y < -\sqrt{6}$ and $0 < y < \sqrt{6}$, the slopes remain negative, and hence these solutions decrease without bound. Solutions with initial conditions in the range $-\sqrt{6} < y < 0$ initially increase. Once the solutions reach the critical value, given by the equation $y^3 - 6y = 2t^2$, the slopes become negative and remain negative. These solutions eventually decrease without bound.
Section 1.2

1(a) The differential equation can be rewritten as

\[
\frac{dy}{5 - y} = dt.
\]

Integrating both sides of this equation results in \(-ln|5 - y| = t + c_1\), or equivalently, \(5 - y = c e^{-t}\). Applying the initial condition \(y(0) = y_0\) results in the specification of the constant as \(c = 5 - y_0\). Hence the solution is \(y(t) = 5 + (y_0 - 5)e^{-t}\).

All solutions appear to converge to the equilibrium solution \(y(t) = 5\).

1(c). Rewrite the differential equation as

\[
\frac{dy}{10 - 2y} = dt.
\]

Integrating both sides of this equation results in \(-\frac{1}{2}ln|10 - 2y| = t + c_1\), or equivalently, \(5 - y = c e^{-2t}\). Applying the initial condition \(y(0) = y_0\) results in the specification of the constant as \(c = 5 - y_0\). Hence the solution is \(y(t) = 5 + (y_0 - 5)e^{-2t}\).

All solutions appear to converge to the equilibrium solution \(y(t) = 5\), but at a faster rate than in Problem 1a.

2(a). The differential equation can be rewritten as
\[
\frac{dy}{y - 5} = dt.
\]

Integrating both sides of this equation results in \( \ln|y - 5| = t + c_1 \), or equivalently, \( y - 5 = c e^t \). Applying the initial condition \( y(0) = y_0 \) results in the specification of the constant as \( c = y_0 - 5 \). Hence the solution is \( y(t) = 5 + (y_0 - 5)e^t \).

All solutions appear to diverge from the equilibrium solution \( y(t) = 5 \).

2(b). Rewrite the differential equation as

\[
\frac{dy}{2y - 5} = dt.
\]

Integrating both sides of this equation results in \( \frac{1}{2} \ln|2y - 5| = t + c_1 \), or equivalently, \( 2y - 5 = c e^{2t} \). Applying the initial condition \( y(0) = y_0 \) results in the specification of the constant as \( c = 2y_0 - 5 \). Hence the solution is \( y(t) = 2.5 + (y_0 - 2.5)e^{2t} \).

All solutions appear to diverge from the equilibrium solution \( y(t) = 2.5 \).

2(c). The differential equation can be rewritten as

\[
\frac{dy}{2y - 10} = dt.
\]

Integrating both sides of this equation results in \( \frac{1}{2} \ln|2y - 10| = t + c_1 \), or equivalently, \( y - 5 = c e^{2t} \). Applying the initial condition \( y(0) = y_0 \) results in the specification of the constant as \( c = y_0 - 5 \). Hence the solution is \( y(t) = 5 + (y_0 - 5)e^{2t} \).
All solutions appear to diverge from the equilibrium solution $y(t) = 5$.

3(a). Rewrite the differential equation as

$$\frac{dy}{b - ay} = dt,$$

which is valid for $y \neq b/a$. Integrating both sides results in $\int \frac{1}{a} \ln|b - ay| = t + c_1$, or equivalently, $b - ay = ce^{-at}$. Hence the general solution is $y(t) = (b - ce^{-at})/a$. Note that if $y = b/a$, then $dy/dt = 0$, and $y(t) = b/a$ is an equilibrium solution.

(b) 

(i) As $a$ increases, the equilibrium solution gets closer to $y(t) = 0$, from above. Furthermore, the convergence rate of all solutions, that is, $a$, also increases.

(ii) As $b$ increases, then the equilibrium solution $y(t) = b/a$ also becomes larger. In this case, the convergence rate remains the same.

(iii) If $a$ and $b$ both increase (but $b/a = constant$), then the equilibrium solution $y(t) = b/a$ remains the same, but the convergence rate of all solutions increases.

5(a). Consider the simpler equation $dy_1/dt = -ay_1$. As in the previous solutions, rewrite the equation as

$$\frac{dy_1}{y_1} = -a dt.$$

Integrating both sides results in $y_1(t) = ce^{-at}$.

(b) Now set $y(t) = y_1(t) + k$, and substitute into the original differential equation. We find that
That is, \(-ak + b = 0\), and hence \(k = \frac{b}{a}\).

(c). The general solution of the differential equation is \(y(t) = ce^{-at} + \frac{b}{a}\). This is exactly the form given by Eq. (17) in the text. Invoking an initial condition \(y(0) = y_0\), the solution may also be expressed as \(y(t) = \frac{b}{a} + (y_0 - \frac{b}{a})e^{-at}\).

6(a). The general solution is \(p(t) = 900 + ce^{\frac{t}{2}}\), that is, \(p(t) = 900 + (p_0 - 900)e^{\frac{t}{2}}\). With \(p_0 = 850\), the specific solution becomes \(p(t) = 900 - 50e^{\frac{t}{2}}\). This solution is a decreasing exponential, and hence the time of extinction is equal to the number of months it takes, say \(t_f\), for the population to reach zero. Solving \(900 - 50e^{\frac{t}{2}} = 0\), we find that \(t_f = 2\ln(900/50) = 5.78\) months.

(b) The solution, \(p(t) = 900 + (p_0 - 900)e^{\frac{t}{2}}\), is a decreasing exponential as long as \(p_0 < 900\). Hence \(900 + (p_0 - 900)e^{\frac{t}{2}} = 0\) has only one root, given by

\[
\ln(\frac{900}{900 - p_0})
\]

(c). The answer in part (b) is a general equation relating time of extinction to the value of the initial population. Setting \(t_f = 12\) months, the equation may be written as

\[
\frac{900}{900 - p_0} = e^6,
\]

which has solution \(p_0 = 897.7691\). Since \(p_0\) is the initial population, the appropriate answer is \(p_0 = 898\) mice.

7(a). The general solution is \(p(t) = p_0 e^{rt}\). Based on the discussion in the text, time \(t\) is measured in months. Assuming 1 month = 30 days, the hypothesis can be expressed as \(p_0 e^{r-1} = 2p_0\). Solving for the rate constant, \(r = \ln(2)\), with units of per month.

(b). \(N\) days = \(N/30\) months. The hypothesis is stated mathematically as \(p_0e^{rN/30} = 2p_0\). It follows that \(rN/30 = \ln(2)\), and hence the rate constant is given by \(r = 30\ln(2)/N\). The units are understood to be per month.

9(a). Assuming no air resistance, with the positive direction taken as downward, Newton’s Second Law can be expressed as

\[
m\frac{dv}{dt} = mg
\]

in which \(g\) is the gravitational constant measured in appropriate units. The equation can be
written as \( dv/dt = g \), with solution \( v(t) = gt + v_0 \). The object is released with an initial velocity \( v_0 \).

(b). Suppose that the object is released from a height of \( h \) units above the ground. Using the fact that \( v = dx/dt \), in which \( x \) is the downward displacement of the object, we obtain the differential equation for the displacement as \( dx/dt = gt + v_0 \). With the origin placed at the point of release, direct integration results in \( x(t) = gt^2/2 + v_0 t \). Based on the chosen coordinate system, the object reaches the ground when \( x(t) = h \). Let \( t = T \) be the time that it takes the object to reach the ground. Then \( gT^2/2 + v_0 T = h \). Using the quadratic formula to solve for \( T \),

\[
T = \frac{-v_0 \pm \sqrt{v_0^2 + 2gh}}{g}.
\]

The positive answer corresponds to the time it takes for the object to fall to the ground. The negative answer represents a previous instant at which the object could have been launched upward (with the same impact speed), only to ultimately fall downward with speed \( v_0 \), from a height of \( h \) units above the ground.

(c). The impact speed is calculated by substituting \( t = T \) into \( v(t) \) in part (a). That is, \( v(T) = \sqrt{v_0^2 + 2gh} \).

10(a,b). The general solution of the differential equation is \( Q(t) = c e^{-rt} \). Given that \( Q(0) = 100 \) mg, the value of the constant is given by \( c = 100 \). Hence the amount of thorium-234 present at any time is given by \( Q(t) = 100 e^{-rt} \). Furthermore, based on the hypothesis, setting \( t = 1 \) results in \( 82.04 = 100 e^{-r} \). Solving for the rate constant, we find that \( r = -ln(82.04/100) = .19796/week \) or \( r = .02828/day \).

(c). Let \( T \) be the time that it takes the isotope to decay to one-half of its original amount. From part (a), it follows that \( 50 = 100 e^{-rT} \), in which \( r = .19796/week \). Taking the natural logarithm of both sides, we find that \( T = 3.5014 \) weeks or \( T = 24.51 \) days.

11. The general solution of the differential equation \( dQ/dt = -r Q \) is \( Q(t) = Q_0 e^{-rt} \), in which \( Q_0 = Q(0) \) is the initial amount of the substance. Let \( \tau \) be the time that it takes the substance to decay to one-half of its original amount, \( Q_0 \). Setting \( t = \tau \) in the solution, we have \( 0.5 Q_0 = Q_0 e^{-r\tau} \). Taking the natural logarithm of both sides, it follows that \( -r\tau = ln(0.5) \) or \( r\tau = ln 2 \).
12. The differential equation governing the amount of radium-226 is \( \frac{dQ}{dt} = -rQ \), with solution \( Q(t) = Q(0)e^{-rt} \). Using the result in Problem 11, and the fact that the half-life \( \tau = 1620 \text{ years} \), the decay rate is given by \( r = \frac{\ln(2)}{1620} \text{ per year} \). The amount of radium-226, after \( t \) years, is therefore \( Q(t) = Q(0)e^{-0.00042786t} \). Let \( T \) be the time that it takes the isotope to decay to 3/4 of its original amount. Then setting \( t = T \), and \( Q(T) = \frac{3}{4}Q(0) \), we obtain \( \frac{3}{4}Q(0) = Q(0)e^{-0.00042786T} \). Solving for the decay time, it follows that \(-0.00042786T = \ln(3/4) \) or \( T = 672.36 \text{ years} \).

13. The solution of the differential equation, with \( Q(0) = 0 \), is \( Q(t) = CV(1 - e^{-t/CR}) \). As \( t \to \infty \), the exponential term vanishes, and hence the limiting value is \( Q_L = CV \).

14(a). The accumulation rate of the chemical is \((0.01)(300) \text{ grams per hour}\). At any given time \( t \), the concentration of the chemical in the pond is \( Q(t)/10^6 \text{ grams per gallon} \). Consequently, the chemical leaves the pond at a rate of \((3 \times 10^{-4})Q(t) \text{ grams per hour}\). Hence, the rate of change of the chemical is given by

\[
\frac{dQ}{dt} = 3 - 0.0003Q(t) \text{ gm/hr}.
\]

Since the pond is initially free of the chemical, \( Q(0) = 0 \).

(b). The differential equation can be rewritten as

\[
\frac{dQ}{10000 - Q} = 0.0003 \, dt.
\]

Integrating both sides of the equation results in \(-\ln|10000 - Q| = 0.0003t + C\).

Taking

the natural logarithm of both sides gives \(10000 - Q = e^{-0.0003t} \). Since \( Q(0) = 0 \), the value of the constant is \( c = 10000 \). Hence the amount of chemical in the pond at any time is \( Q(t) = 10000(1 - e^{-0.0003t}) \text{ grams} \). Note that 1 year = 8760 hours. Setting \( t = 8760 \), the amount of chemical present after one year is \( Q(8760) = 9277.77 \text{ grams} \), that is, 9.27777 kilograms.

(c). With the accumulation rate now equal to zero, the governing equation becomes

\[
\frac{dQ}{dt} = -0.0003Q(t) \text{ gm/hr}.
\]

Resetting the time variable, we now assign the new initial value as \( Q(0) = 9277.77 \text{ grams} \).

(d). The solution of the differential equation in Part (c) is \( Q(t) = 9277.77 e^{-0.0003t} \). Hence, one year after the source is removed, the amount of chemical in the pond is \( Q(8760) = 670.1 \text{ grams} \).

(e). Letting \( t \) be the amount of time after the source is removed, we obtain the equation

\[
10 = 9277.77 e^{-0.0003t}.
\]

Taking the natural logarithm of both sides,

\[
-0.0003t = \ln(\frac{10}{9277.77}).
\]
15(a). It is assumed that dye is no longer entering the pool. In fact, the rate at which the dye leaves the pool is $200 \cdot \frac{[q(t)/60000]}{kg/min} = 200(60/1000)[q(t)/60]$ gm per hour. Hence the equation that governs the amount of dye in the pool is

$$\frac{dq}{dt} = -0.2 \, q \quad (gm/hr).$$

The initial amount of dye in the pool is $q(0) = 5000$ grams.

(b). The solution of the governing differential equation, with the specified initial value, is $q(t) = 5000 \, e^{-0.2t}$.

(c). The amount of dye in the pool after four hours is obtained by setting $t = 4$. That is, $q(4) = 5000 \, e^{-0.8} = 2246.64$ grams. Since size of the pool is 60,000 gallons, the concentration of the dye is 0.0374 grams/gallon.

(d). Let $T$ be the time that it takes to reduce the concentration level of the dye to 0.02 grams/gallon. At that time, the amount of dye in the pool is 1,200 grams. Using the answer in part (b), we have $5000 \, e^{-0.2T} = 1200$. Taking the natural logarithm of both sides of the equation results in the required time $T = 7.14$ hours.

(e). Note that $0.2 = 200/1000$. Consider the differential equation

$$\frac{dq}{dt} = -\frac{r}{1000} \, q.$$ 

Here the parameter $r$ corresponds to the flow rate, measured in gallons per minute. Using the same initial value, the solution is given by $q(t) = 5000 \, e^{-rt/1000}$. In order to determine the appropriate flow rate, set $t = 4$ and $q = 1200$. (Recall that 1200 gm of dye has a concentration of 0.02 gm/gal). We obtain the equation $1200 = 5000 \, e^{-r/250}$. Taking the natural logarithm of both sides of the equation results in the required flow rate $r = 357$ gallons per minute.
Section 1.3

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.

3. The differential equation is fourth order, since the highest derivative of the function \( y \) is of order four. The equation is also linear, since the terms containing the dependent variable is linear in \( y \) and its derivatives.

4. The differential equation is first order, since the only derivative is of order one. The dependent variable is squared, hence the equation is nonlinear.

5. The differential equation is second order. Furthermore, the equation is nonlinear, since the dependent variable \( y \) is an argument of the sine function, which is not a linear function.

7. \( y_1(t) = e^t \Rightarrow y'_1(t) = y''_1(t) = e^t \). Hence \( y''_1 - y_1 = 0 \).

Also, \( y_2(t) = \cosh t \Rightarrow y'_2(t) = \sinh t \) and \( y''_2(t) = \cosh t \). Thus \( y''_2 - y_2 = 0 \).

9. \( y(t) = 3t + t^2 \Rightarrow y'(t) = 3 + 2t \). Substituting into the differential equation, we have \( t(3 + 2t) - (3t + t^2) = 3t + 2t^2 - 3t - t^2 = t^2 \). Hence the given function is a solution.

10. \( y_1(t) = t/3 \Rightarrow y''_1(t) = 1/3 \) and \( y''_1(t) = y''_1(t) = y''_1(t) = 0 \). Clearly, \( y_1(t) \) is a solution. Likewise, \( y_2(t) = e^{-t} + t/3 \Rightarrow y''_2(t) = -e^{-t} + 1/3 \), \( y''_2(t) = e^{-t} \), \( y''_2(t) = e^{-t} \). Substituting into the left hand side of the equation, we find that \( e^{-t} - 3t + (e^{-t} + 3(e^{-t} + t/3) = e^{-t} - 4e^{-t} + 3e^{-t} + t = t \). Hence both functions are solutions of the differential equation.

11. \( y_1(t) = t^{1/2} \Rightarrow y''_1(t) = t^{-3/2} / 2 \) and \( y''_1(t) = t^{-3/2} / 4 \). Substituting into the left hand side of the equation, we have

\[
2t^2 \left( -t^{-3/2} / 4 \right) + 3t \left( t^{-3/2} / 2 \right) - t^{1/2} = -t^{1/2} / 2 + 3t^{1/2} / 2 - t^{1/2} = 0
\]

Likewise, \( y_2(t) = t^{-1} \Rightarrow y''_2(t) = -t^{-2} \) and \( y''_2(t) = 2t^{-3} \). Substituting into the left hand side of the differential equation, we have \( 2t^2 \left( 2t^{-3} \right) + 3t \left( -t^{-2} \right) - t^{-1} = 4t^{-1} - 3t^{-1} - t^{-1} = 0 \). Hence both functions are solutions of the differential equation.

12. \( y_1(t) = t^{-2} \Rightarrow y''_1(t) = 2t^{-3} \) and \( y''_1(t) = 6t^{-4} \). Substituting into the left hand side of the differential equation, we have \( t^2 \left( 6t^{-4} \right) + 5t \left( -2t^{-3} \right) + 4t^{-2} = 6t^{-2} - 10t^{-2} + 4t^{-2} = 0 \). Likewise, \( y_2(t) = t^{-2} \ln t \Rightarrow y''_2(t) = t^{-3} - 2t^{-3} \ln t \) and \( y''_2(t) = -5t^{-4} + 6t^{-4} \ln t \). Substituting into the left hand side of the equation, we have \( t^2 \left( -5t^{-4} + 6t^{-4} \ln t \right) + 5t \left( t^{-3} - 2t^{-3} \ln t \right) + 4t^{-2} \ln t = -5t^{-2} + 6t^{-2} \ln t + \ldots \)
+ 5t^2 - 10t^2ln t + 4t^2ln t = 0. Hence both functions are solutions of the differential equation.

13. \( y(t) = (\cos t)\ln \cos t + t \sin t \Rightarrow y'(t) = - (\sin t)\ln \cos t + t \cos t \) and \( y''(t) = - (\cos t)\ln \cos t - t \sin t + \sec t \). Substituting into the left hand side of the differential equation, we have \((- (\cos t)\ln \cos t - t \sin t + \sec t) + (\cos t)\ln \cos t + + t \sin t = - (\cos t)\ln \cos t - t \sin t + \sec t + (\cos t)\ln \cos t + t \sin t = \sec t \).

Hence the function \( y(t) \) is a solution of the differential equation.

15. Let \( y(t) = e^{rt} \). Then \( y''(t) = r^2 e^{rt} \), and substitution into the differential equation results in \( r^2 e^{rt} + 2e^{rt} = 0 \). Since \( e^{rt} \neq 0 \), we obtain the algebraic equation \( r^2 + 2 = 0 \). The roots of this equation are \( r_{1,2} = \pm i\sqrt{2} \).

17. \( y(t) = e^{rt} \Rightarrow y'(t) = re^{rt} \) and \( y''(t) = r^2 e^{rt} \). Substituting into the differential equation, we have \( r^2 e^{rt} + re^{rt} - 6e^{rt} = 0 \). Since \( e^{rt} \neq 0 \), we obtain the algebraic equation \( r^2 + r - 6 = 0 \), that is, \( (r - 2)(r + 3) = 0 \). The roots are \( r_{1,2} = -3, 2 \).

18. Let \( y(t) = e^{rt} \). Then \( y'(t) = re^{rt}, y''(t) = r^2 e^{rt} \) and \( y''(t) = r^3 e^{rt} \). Substituting the derivatives into the differential equation, we have \( r^3 e^{rt} - 3r^2 e^{rt} + 2re^{rt} = 0 \). Since \( e^{rt} \neq 0 \), we obtain the algebraic equation \( r^3 - 3r^2 + 2r = 0 \). By inspection, it follows that \( r(r - 1)(r - 2) = 0 \). Clearly, the roots are \( r_1 = 0, r_2 = 1 \) and \( r_3 = 2 \).

20. \( y(t) = t^r \Rightarrow y'(t) = rt^{r-1} \) and \( y''(t) = r(r-1)t^{r-2} \). Substituting the derivatives into the differential equation, we have \( t^r[r(r-1)t^{r-2}] - 4t(r t^{r-1}) + 4 t^r = 0 \). After some algebra, it follows that \( r(r - 1)t^r - 4rt^{r-1} + 4t^r = 0 \). For \( t \neq 0 \), we obtain the algebraic equation \( r^2 - 5r + 4 = 0 \). The roots of this equation are \( r_1 = 1 \) and \( r_2 = 4 \).

21. The order of the partial differential equation is \( \text{two} \), since the highest derivative, in fact each one of the derivatives, is of \( \text{second order} \). The equation is \( \text{linear} \), since the left hand side is a linear function of the partial derivatives.

23. The partial differential equation is \( \text{fourth order} \), since the highest derivative, and in fact each of the derivatives, is of order \( \text{four} \). The equation is \( \text{linear} \), since the left hand side is a linear function of the partial derivatives.

24. The partial differential equation is \( \text{second order} \), since the highest derivative of the function \( u(x,y) \) is of order \( \text{two} \). The equation is \( \text{nonlinear} \), due to the product \( u \cdot u_x \) on the left hand side of the equation.

25. \( u_1(x,y) = \cos x \cosh y \Rightarrow \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x} = - \cos x \cosh y \) and \( \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial y} = \cos x \cosh y \).

It is evident that \( \frac{\partial^2 u_1}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_1}{\partial y^2} = 0 \). Likewise, given \( u_2(x,y) = \ln(x^2 + y^2) \), the second derivatives are
Adding the partial derivatives,
\[
\frac{\partial^2 u_2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_2}{\partial y^2} = \frac{2}{x^2 + y^2} - \frac{4x^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} + \frac{2}{x^2 + y^2} - \frac{4y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}
\]
\[
= \frac{4}{x^2 + y^2} - \frac{4(x^2 + y^2)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}
\]
\[
= 0.
\]
Hence $u_2(x, y)$ is also a solution of the differential equation.

27. Let $u_1(x, t) = \sin \lambda x \sin \lambda t$. Then the second derivatives are
\[
\frac{\partial^2 u_1}{\partial x^2} = -\lambda^2 \sin \lambda x \sin \lambda t
\]
\[
\frac{\partial^2 u_1}{\partial t^2} = -\lambda^2 a^2 \sin \lambda x \sin \lambda t
\]
It is easy to see that $a^2 \frac{\partial^2 u_1}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u_1}{\partial t^2}$. Likewise, given $u_2(x, t) = \sin(x - at)$, we have
\[
\frac{\partial^2 u_2}{\partial x^2} = -\sin(x - at)
\]
\[
\frac{\partial^2 u_2}{\partial t^2} = -a^2 \sin(x - at)
\]
Clearly, $u_2(x, t)$ is also a solution of the partial differential equation.

28. Given the function $u(x, t) = \sqrt{\pi/t} e^{-x^2/4a^2t}$, the partial derivatives are
\[
\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = -\sqrt{\pi/t} e^{-x^2/4a^2t} + \sqrt{\pi/t} \frac{x^2 e^{-x^2/4a^2t}}{4a^4 t^2}
\]
\[
\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -\sqrt{\pi/t} e^{-x^2/4a^2t} + \sqrt{\pi} \frac{x^2 e^{-x^2/4a^2t}}{4a^2 t^2 \sqrt{t}}
\]
It follows that $\alpha^2 u_{xx} = u_t = -\frac{\sqrt{\pi} (2a^2t-x^2)e^{-x^2/4a^2t}}{4a^2t^2 \sqrt{t}}$.
Hence $u(x, t)$ is a solution of the partial differential equation.
29(a).

(b). The path of the particle is a circle, therefore polar coordinates are intrinsic to the problem. The variable $r$ is radial distance and the angle $\theta$ is measured from the vertical. Newton's Second Law states that $\sum \vec{F} = m\vec{a}$. In the tangential direction, the equation of motion may be expressed as $\sum F_\theta = m a_\theta$, in which the tangential acceleration, that is, the linear acceleration along the path is $a_\theta = L \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2}$. ($a_\theta$ is positive in the direction of increasing $\theta$). Since the only force acting in the tangential direction is the component of weight, the equation of motion is

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

(Note that the equation of motion in the radial direction will include the tension in the rod).

(c). Rearranging the terms results in the differential equation

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