

**MA114 Summer 2018**  
**Worksheet 26 – Differential Eq. I – 7/30/18**

1.
  - a) Is  $y = \sin(3x) + 2e^{4x}$  a solution to the differential equation  $y'' + 9y = 50e^{4x}$ ? Explain why or why not.
  - b) Explain why every solution of  $dy/dx = y^2 + 6$  must be an increasing function.
  - c) What does it mean to say that a differential equation is linear or nonlinear?
2. Find all values of  $\alpha$  so that  $y(x) = e^{\alpha x}$  is a solution of the differential equation  $y'' + y' - 12y = 0$ .
3. Show that for any value of  $c$ ,  $y = x^2 + \frac{c}{x^2}$  is a solution to the differential equation  $xy' + 2y = 4x^2$ , ( $x > 0$ ). Find the value of  $c$  for which the solution satisfies the initial condition  $y(6) = 5$ .
4. Sketch the slope field of the differential equation. Then use it to sketch a solution curve that passes through the given point.
  - a)  $y' = y - 2x$ ,  $(1, 0)$
  - b)  $y' = xy - x^2$ ,  $(0, 1)$
5. Consider the autonomous (only  $y$  and derivatives appear) differential equation  $y' = y^2(3 - y)(y + 1)$ .
  - a) Find the equilibrium values of  $y$ .
  - b) Sketch the phase portrait (direction field) of this differential equation, paying particular attention to the behavior near equilibria.
  - c) Classify each equilibrium point as *stable* or *unstable*.
6. Consider the autonomous differential equation from the previous problem. Without solving the differential equation, determine the value of  $\lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} y(t)$ , where the initial value is
  - a)  $y(0) = 1$
  - b)  $y(0) = 4$
  - c)  $y(0) = -4$