Math 250 Summer 2015 Exam 2

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- 1. 15 pts. A thermometer is taken from inside a house to the great outdoors where the air temperature is 5° F. After 1 minute the thermometer reads 55° F, and after 5 minutes it reads 30° F. What is the temperature in the house?
- 2. 15 pts. A large tank is partially filled with 400 liters of water in which 5 kilograms of sugar is dissolved. Water containing 0.05 kg of sugar per liter is pumped into the tank at a rate of 20 L/min. The well-mixed solution is meanwhile pumped out at a slower rate of 15 L/min. Find the number of kilograms of sugar in the tank after 30 minutes.
- 3. 10 pts. Using either the Wronskian determinant or the definition of linear independence, determine whether the functions f(x) = x, g(x) = x 1, and h(x) = x + 3 are linearly independent on $(-\infty, \infty)$.
- 4. 10 pts. Given that $y = c_1 + c_2 x^2$ is the general solution to xy'' y' = 0 on $(-\infty, \infty)$, find a solution to the boundary value problem

$$xy'' - y' = 0$$
, $y(0) = 1$, $y'(1) = 6$.

5. 10 pts. Given that $y_1(x) = x \sin(\ln x)$ is a solution to

$$x^2y'' - xy' + 2y = 0,$$

use reduction of order to find a second solution $y_2(x)$.

- 6. 10 pts. Find the general solution to 2y'' + 2y' + y = 0.
- 7. 10 pts. Find the general solution to y''' 6y'' + 12y' 8y = 0.
- 8. 10 pts. Find a homogeneous linear differential equation with constant coefficients whose general solution is

$$y = c_1 + c_2 x + c_3 e^{8x}.$$

9. Use the Method of Undetermined Coefficients and the Superposition Principle in doing the following.
(a) 15 pts. Find a particular solution to

$$y'' + y' + 4y = 2\cosh t,$$

where $\cosh t = \frac{1}{2}(e^t + e^{-t})$, and then find a general solution.

(b) 15 pts. Find the solution to the initial value problem

$$y'' + 2y' + 5y = 4e^{-t}\cos 2t, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 0.$$

A couple trigonometric identities: $\sin(2t) = 2\sin t \cos t$, $\cos(2t) = 2\cos^2 t - 1$.