

1. Second order; linear

3. Fourth order; linear

5. Second order; nonlinear because of $(dy/dx)^2$ or $\sqrt{1 + (dy/dx)^2}$

7. Third order; linear

11. From $y = e^{-x/2}$ we obtain $y' = -\frac{1}{2}e^{-x/2}$. Then $2y' + y = -e^{-x/2} + e^{-x/2} = 0$.

13. From $y = e^{3x} \cos 2x$ we obtain $y' = 3e^{3x} \cos 2x - 2e^{3x} \sin 2x$ and $y'' = 5e^{3x} \cos 2x - 12e^{3x} \sin 2x$, so that $y'' - 6y' + 13y = 0$.

27. From $y = e^{mx}$ we obtain $y' = me^{mx}$. Then $y' + 2y = 0$ implies

$$me^{mx} + 2e^{mx} = (m + 2)e^{mx} = 0.$$

Since $e^{mx} > 0$ for all x , $m = -2$. Thus $y = e^{-2x}$ is a solution.

29. From $y = e^{mx}$ we obtain $y' = me^{mx}$ and $y'' = m^2e^{mx}$. Then $y'' - 5y' + 6y = 0$ implies

$$m^2e^{mx} - 5me^{mx} + 6e^{mx} = (m - 2)(m - 3)e^{mx} = 0.$$

Since $e^{mx} > 0$ for all x , $m = 2$ and $m = 3$. Thus $y = e^{2x}$ and $y = e^{3x}$ are solutions.

In Problems 33–36 we substitute $y = c$ into the differential equations and use $y' = 0$ and $y'' = 0$

33. Solving $5c = 10$ we see that $y = 2$ is a constant solution.