

Math 2C03: Quiz #2 Information

QUIZ: MONDAY, JULY 6TH, 7PM (FIRST 10 MINUTES OF CLASS)
McMaster University

Potential Quiz Questions:

Your quiz on Monday will consist of one or two of the questions listed below.

1. In class last Monday we discussed three types of differential equations: homogeneous, Bernoulli's equation, and DE's of the form $f(Ax + By + C)$, for $A, B, C \in \mathbb{R}$, $B \neq 0$. These equations can all be solved by making an appropriate substitution which transforms them into a separable or linear equation.
 - (a) Define each type of equation.
 - (b) In each case, what substitution should be made to solve it?
 - (c) For each, which type of equation does the DE become after making that substitution?
 - (d) Give an example of each type of equation.
2. Why is it sometimes useful to analyze differential equations in a geometric way, using direction fields, phase portraits, etc.?
3.
 - (a) What is an autonomous differential equation?
 - (b) How would you analyze the solutions of an autonomous DE? Please discuss critical points, phase portraits, and how you would sketch solution curves (constant solutions, translation property, etc.).
 - (c) Give an example of an autonomous differential equation and list its stable, unstable, and semi-stable solutions.