

MATH 46 WORKSHEET : regular perturbation

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SOLUTIONS

see p. 88-90.

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$$y'_0 + \epsilon y'_1 + \epsilon^2 y'_2 + \dots = \underbrace{-y_0 - \epsilon y_1 - \epsilon^2 y_2 + \dots}_{\text{from } -y} + \underbrace{\epsilon y_0^2 + 2\epsilon^2 y_0 y_1 + O(\epsilon^3)}_{\text{from } \epsilon y^2} \dots$$

IC gives  $y_0(0) + \epsilon y_1(0) + \epsilon^2 y_2(0) + \dots = 1$

Collect  $\epsilon^0$  terms:  $y'_0 = -y_0$  ie  $y'_0 + y_0 = 0$   
ie  $y_0(t) = A e^{-t}$

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Taking  $\epsilon^0$  term in IC gives  $y_0(0) = 1$  so  $A = 1$

ie  $y_0(t) = e^{-t}$

Collect  $\epsilon^1$  terms:  $y'_1 = -y_1 + y_0^2$

What IC does  $y_1(t)$  satisfy? [Hint sub series into original IC] solve for it.

$y_1(0) = 0$

so  $y'_1 + y_1 = y_0^2 = e^{-2t}$  integrating factor  $e^t$   
 $e^t y_1 = \int e^{-t} dt + c$  IC makes  $c = +1$   
 $y_1 = e^{-t}(e^{-t} + c) = -e^{-2t} + ce^{-t} = -e^{-2t} + e^{-t}$