## Review 2 for Exam 1.

- 5 or 6 problems.
- No multiple choice questions.
- No notes, no books, no calculators.
- Problems similar to homeworks, webwork.
- Exam covers:
- Linear equations (2.1).
- Separable equations (2.2).
- Homogeneous equations (2.2).
- Modeling (2.3).
- Non-linear equations (2.4).
- Bernoulli equation (2.4).
- Exact equations (2.6).
- Exact equations with integrating factors (2.6).


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Verification: Compute the implicit derivative in the equation above, and you should get the original differential equation.

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## Theorem (Constant coefficients)

Given real constants $a_{1}, a_{0}$, consider the homogeneous, linear differential equation on the unknown $y: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by

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Furthermore, given real constants $t_{0}, y_{1}$ and $y_{2}$, there is a unique solution to the initial value problem given by Eq. (1) and the initial conditions

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## Application: The RLC circuit.

## Example

Find real-valued fundamental solutions to $I^{\prime \prime}+2 \alpha I^{\prime}+\omega^{2} I=0$, where $\alpha=R /(2 L), \omega^{2}=1 /(L C)$, in the cases (a) (b) below.

Solution: Recall: $r_{ \pm}=-\alpha \pm \sqrt{\alpha^{2}-\omega^{2}}$.
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The resistance $R$ damps the current oscillations.

