Mathematics 41 Midterm Exam II – F. Goodman October, 1997 Version 1

1. Find a 2nd order linear ordinary differential equation whose general solution is

$$c_1 e^{3t} + c_2 e^{-2t} + 3t$$

2. Solve the initial value problem

$$y'' - 6y' + 10y = \sin(t)$$

$$y(0) = \frac{1}{39}, \qquad y'(0) = \frac{3}{39}$$

Remark: It takes a number of steps to work this out. Please work the problem out in stages and make clear what you are aiming to accomplish at each stage.

3.

- (a) What is the Wronskian of a pair of functions?
- (b) Consider a second order homogeneous linear differential equation (with continuous coefficients)

$$y'' + p(t) y' + q(t) y = 0$$
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What is meant by a fundamental pair of solutions to this equation? Give some equivalent conditions for a pair of solutions to be a fundamental family.