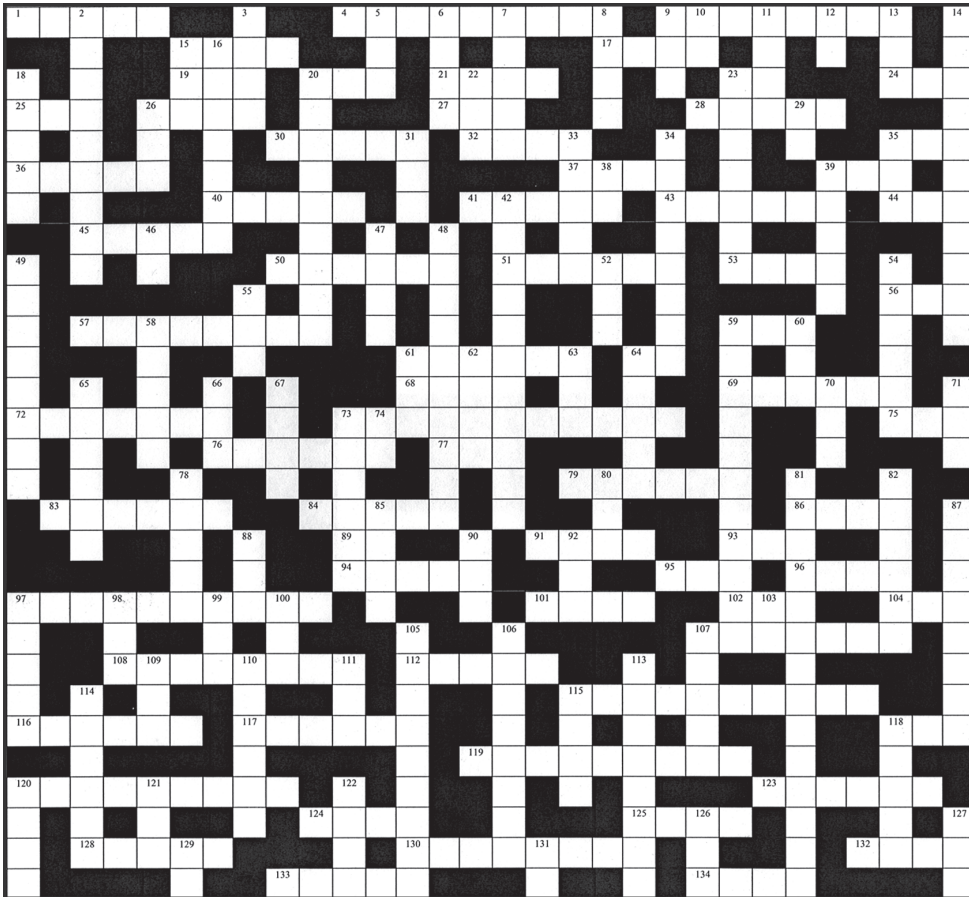


# A (mostly) Differential Equations Crossword Puzzle

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## ACROSS

- 1 driving function  
4 determinant used to test linear independence  
9 these can be used to represent homogeneous systems  
15 Heaviside \_\_\_\_ size  
17 \_\_\_\_ step function  $U(t-a)$   
19 Internal Revenue Service (abbr.)  
20 to find a sum  
21 the best subject to study  
23 non-applicable (abbr.)  
24 \_\_\_\_-linear  
25 to free or eliminate  
26 such as the abscissa or ordinate  
27 to guess (abbr.)  
28  $\int_0^t e^{-t} t^{x-1} dt$  defines this function  
30 if  $\partial M / \partial y = \partial N / \partial x$  then  $M(x,y)dx + N(x,y)dy$  is an \_\_\_\_ DE  
32 \_\_\_\_-life is the measure of the stability of a radioactive substance  
35 “\_\_\_\_-humbug!”  
36 his method can be used to approximate

- a solution to  $y' = f(x,y)$ ,  $y(x_0) = y_0$   
37 England's \_\_\_\_ of Wight, birthplace of Hooke  
39 the kind you eat, not 3.14...  
40 used to solve IVPs and spring/mass systems (second word; see 39 down)  
41 one of three equal parts  
43 in the exponential function,  $e^{kt}$ , when  $k > 0$  we say  $k$  is this type of constant  
44 a PDE that is not continuous is \_\_\_\_-defined  
45 mathematical description of a system or someone frequently photographed  
50 this bridge collapsed due to its nonlinear springs (first word; see 23 down)  
51 movement, such as free undamped  
53 when a student first gets to DE class, she \_\_\_\_ down at her desk  
56 goodbye  
57 in an Intro to DE course, most equations studied are \_\_\_\_  
59 “You \_\_\_\_ do it!”  
61 an ODE with the dependent variable

- and all its derivatives of the first degree and each coefficient depends at most on the independent variable  
64 civil engineering (abbr.)  
68 image, such as on a computer screen  
69 his Law of Cooling/Warming  
72 the integral  $\int_0^t e^{-st} f(t) dt$  is this transform of  $f$   
73 \_\_\_\_ Institute at Utrecht University, named after this 20<sup>th</sup> century topologist  
75 exam taken prior to entrance into grad school (abbr.)  
76 translator also known as Prophatius  
77 an abbreviated version of Fibonacci's first name  
79 direction fields are made of this type of elements that represent various slopes  
83 exactly one solution curve passing through the point  $(x_0, y_0)$   
84 this function is defined as  $\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^t e^{-t^2} dt$   
86 basic trig function  
89 Ode \_\_\_\_ Joy  
91 the half- \_\_\_\_ of radium is about 1700 years  
93 plaything  
94 his law states the restoring force of a spring is proportional to its elongation  
95 indicates three  
96 spring/\_\_\_\_ system  
97 \_\_\_\_ long-wave equation, a system of PDEs  
101 interval that does not include its endpoints  
102 other extreme (abbr.)  
104 to consume  
107 the I of IVP  
108 the solution to this equation is  $P(t) = \frac{aP_0}{bP_0 + (a - bP_0)e^{-at}}$   
112 having the same quantity, measure, or value  
115 the fourth order of this method to finding solutions to IVPs is most popular and accurate (two words)

- 116 his rule solves systems of linear equations using determinants, not the Seinfeld character
- 117 this theory is based on the action of cosmic radiation on nitrogen (first word; see 54 down)
- 118 space a solid occupies (abbr.)
- 119  $dy/dx = g(x)h(y)$  is said to have these kinds of variables
- 120 a set of functions are linearly \_\_\_\_ if the Wronskian is 0
- 123 solution that contains an arbitrary constant represents a set of solutions
- 124 Gallup \_\_\_\_
- 125 lax \_\_\_\_, two linear operators used to solve a PDE
- 128 Greek symbol for change
- 130 use  $(k+1)P_{k+1}(x) - (2k+1)xP_k(x) + kP_{k-1}(x) = 0$  to find the  $(k+1)^{\text{st}}$  \_\_\_\_ Polynomial
- 132 a deflection of a \_\_\_\_ is governed by a linear fourth-order DE
- 133 the unit step function is a little on the \_\_\_\_-side
- 134 his equation is used in the study of diffraction of light and radio waves and aerodynamics
- 23 second word of 50 across
- 26 use DE to determine velocity of a falling body if \_\_\_\_ resistance is proportional to velocity squared
- 29 \_\_\_\_ and pa
- 31 a rectangle is \_\_\_\_-dimensional
- 33 deflection curve corresponding to smallest critical load is known as the \_\_\_\_ buckling mode
- 34 DE used in advanced studies in applied math, physics, and engineering is named after this French mathematician
- 35 imaginary part of the zero<sup>th</sup> order Bessel function of the first kind, defined by Kelvin
- 38 standard deviation (abbr.)
- 39 first word of 40 across
- 42 the DE  $a_1(x)y' + a_0(x)y = g(x)$  when  $g(x) = 0$
- 46 title, after receiving your PhD (abbr.)
- 47 contemporary author of articles on DE, not collectible bears
- 48 solution of a DE that is free of arbitrary parameters
- 49 19<sup>th</sup> century Belgian mathematician-biologist who studied model predicting human population

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- 2 objects that swing back and forth
- 3 if  $a < b$  then  $a$  is \_\_\_\_ than  $b$
- 5 use Newton's method to study a rotating bead on a \_\_\_\_
- 6 to label or term
- 7 method of numerically integrating ODEs using a trial step at the midpoint of an interval is the Runge-\_\_\_\_ Method
- 8 if a lineal element at a point on the curve has zero slope, the curve is called \_\_\_\_-cline
- 9 smallest value of a set or function (abbr.)
- 10 Casey \_\_\_\_ the Bat
- 11 wander
- 12 Computer Science (abbr.)
- 13  $1/\csc =$  \_\_\_\_
- 14 if  $L(f(x)) = 0$ ,  $L$  is said to be an \_\_\_\_
- 15 a perfect number
- 16 solution of a DE that is identically zero
- 18 highest derivative in an equation
- 20 when solving Cauchy-Euler equations, we look at the roots of this equation
- 22 burnt textbook
- 52 Initial Value Problem (abbr.)
- 54 second word of 117 across
- 55 Mathematical Association of America (abbr.)
- 58 in the exponential function,  $e^{kt}$ , when  $k < 0$  we say  $k$  is this type of constant
- 59 the Laplace transform of the \_\_\_\_ of  $f$  and  $g$  is the product of the Laplace transforms of  $f$  and  $g$
- 60 not old
- 61 in group theory, a differential manifold that obeys group properties and satisfies the additional condition that the group operations are differentiable
- 62 point at which a continuous curve crosses itself
- 63 rodent
- 64 use Newton's second law to study a \_\_\_\_ pulled at a constant force
- 65 \_\_\_\_-mass system
- 66 collection of objects in which order has no significance
- 67 a figure-eight has two of these
- 70  $\sin/\cos =$  \_\_\_\_
- 71 Research Experience for Undergraduates (abbr.)
- 73  $y^{(4)} = y \sin(x) - e^x$  is \_\_\_\_-order
- 74 letters used to denote Euclidean  $n$ -space
- 78 if  $\Gamma(x)$  is the Gamma function, then  $-\Gamma'(1)$  equals \_\_\_\_'s constant
- 80 if and only if (abbr.)
- 81 if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} y(x) = c$  the critical point  $c$  is \_\_\_\_ stable
- 82 his equation is the DE  $x^2y'' + xy' + (x^2 - y^2)y = 0$
- 85 there may be distinct, repeated real, or complex conjugate \_\_\_\_s of a characteristic equation
- 87 real number  $c$  is a \_\_\_\_ point of the autonomous DE if  $f(c) = 0$
- 88 Greek symbol for the golden ratio, or a PDE named the \_\_\_\_-four equation
- 90  $1/\cos =$  \_\_\_\_
- 92 problem with initial conditions (abbr.)
- 97 unit impulse  $\delta(t - t_0)$  called the \_\_\_\_ delta function
- 98 buddy
- 99 to travel or glide, as in a sport
- 100 animal doctor
- 103 ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter
- 105 DE of form  $y' + P(x)y = f(x)y^n$  is his equation
- 106 DE of form  $ty'' + (1-t)y' + ny = 0$  is his equation
- 107 perfect
- 109 ordinary differential equation (abbr.)
- 110 after first
- 110 corn on the \_\_\_\_
- 113 free \_\_\_\_ motion is also called simple harmonic motion
- 114 spring/mass system can be over-, critically, or under- \_\_\_\_
- 115 field of rational and irrational numbers is called the \_\_\_\_ numbers
- 118 the numbers 6 and -1 are eigen-\_\_\_\_ for the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$
- 120 example shown by a professor
- 121 matrix  $A$  is \_\_\_\_-potent if  $A^m = 0$ , for some integer  $m$
- 122 Euclid might have worn one of these
- 126 Rudolf Lipschitz's wife
- 127 American Mathematical Society (abbr.)
- 129 back-\_\_\_\_-back
- 131 not yes

See solution at the Math Horizons website.