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**#1. First Order Problems:** Solve the following initial value problems.

(a)  $y' + (\cos(x))y = \cos(x)$ ,  $y(\pi) = 0$

(b)  $(x^2 + 1)y' - 2xy = x^2 + 1$ ,  $y(1) = \pi$

**#2. Lowering Orders:** Convert the following systems of differential equations to an equivalent first order system (using  $x_1, x_2, \dots$  as dependent variable names). State whether the system is linear or not. If the system is linear, write the equivalent first order system in vector-matrix form:  $\mathbf{x}'(t) = A(t)\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{g}(t)$ .

(a)  $(y'')^3 + \sin(y'z') = e^{y+z''}$  and  $z''' + e^{2t}y' + \sin(t)z' = 5$

(b)  $y''' + t^5y'' + e^{-t^2}y' + \sin(t)y = t^3 - 7$

**#3. Just Factoring:** Find the general solution of the following homogeneous linear differential equations:

(a)  $y^{(5)} - 4y''' = 0$

(b)  $y^{(6)} + 6y^{(5)} + 16y^{(4)} + 32y''' + 48y'' + 32y' = 0$

(c)  $y^{(4)} + 4y''' + 24y'' + 40y' + 100y = 0$

**#4. Making My Own Way:** Find a linear homogeneous differential equation with real constant coefficients, whose order is as low as possible, that has the given function as a solution:

(a)  $x - e^{3x}$

(b)  $e^x \sin(2x)$

(c)  $\cos(2x) + 3e^{-x}$