

**Chapter 35: Systems of Differential Equations: A Starting Point**

**35.1 a.** Plugging these formulas for  $x$  and  $y$  into the first equation we get

$$x' = 2y \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \sin(2t) + \frac{1}{2} \right] = 2 [\cos(2t)]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \quad 2 \cos(2t) + 0 = 2 \cos(2t) \quad ,$$

which is true for all values of  $t$ . So the first equation in the system is satisfied.

Plugging these formulas for  $x$  and  $y$  into the second equation we get

$$y' = 1 - 2x \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \frac{d}{dt} [\cos(2t)] = 1 - 2 \left[ \sin(2t) + \frac{1}{2} \right]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \quad -2 \sin(2t) = -2 \sin(2t) \quad ,$$

which is true for all values of  $t$ . So the second equation in the system is satisfied.

Since both equations in the system are satisfied by the given formulas of  $x$  and  $y$ , this function pair is a solution to the given system.

**35.1 b.** Plugging these formulas for  $x$  and  $y$  into the first equation we get

$$x' = 2y \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \frac{d}{dt} [e^{2t} - 1] = 2 [e^{2t}]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \quad 2e^{2t} + 0 = 2e^{2t} \quad ,$$

which is true for all values of  $t$ . So the first equation in the system is satisfied.

Plugging these formulas for  $x$  and  $y$  into the second equation we get

$$y' = 1 - 2x \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \frac{d}{dt} [e^{2t}] = 1 - 2 [e^{2t} - 1]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \quad 2e^{2t} = 3 - 2e^{2t} \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad 4e^{2t} = 3 \quad ,$$

which is not true for all values of  $t$ . So the second equation in the system is not satisfied.

Since one equation in the system is not satisfied by the given formulas of  $x$  and  $y$ , this function pair is not a solution to the given system.

**35.1 c.** Plugging these formulas for  $x$  and  $y$  into the two equations, we get

$$x' = 2y \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \frac{d}{dt} \left[ 3 \cos(2t) + \frac{1}{2} \right] = 2 [-3 \sin(2t)]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \quad -6 \sin(2t) + 0 = -6 \sin(2t) \quad ,$$

and

$$y' = 1 - 2x$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \quad \frac{d}{dt} [-3 \sin(2t)] = 1 - 2 \left[ 3 \cos(2t) + \frac{1}{2} \right]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \quad -6 \cos(2t) = -6 \cos(2t) \quad .$$

Clearly, both equations in the system are satisfied by the given formulas of  $x$  and  $y$  (i.e., both equations remain true for all values of  $t$ ). Thus, this function pair is a solution to the given system.

**35.3 a.** Plugging these formulas for  $x$  and  $y$  into the first equation we get

$$tx' + 2x = 15y$$

$$\hookrightarrow t \frac{d}{dt} [3t^3] + 2 \cdot 3t^2 = 15[-t^3]$$

$$\hookrightarrow 15t^3 = -15t^3 \quad ,$$

which is not true for any nonzero value of  $t$ . So this function pair is not a solution to the given system.

**35.3 b.** Plugging these formulas for  $x$  and  $y$  into the two equations, we get

$$tx' + 2x = 15y$$

$$\hookrightarrow t \frac{d}{dt} [3t^3] + 2 \cdot 3t^2 = 15[t^3]$$

$$\hookrightarrow 15t^3 = 15t^3 \quad ,$$

and

$$ty' = x \quad \hookrightarrow \quad t \frac{d}{dt} [t^3] = 3t^3$$

$$\hookrightarrow 3t^3 = 3t^3 \quad .$$

So both equations in the system are satisfied by the given formulas of  $x$  and  $y$ , and, hence, this function pair is a solution to the given system.

**35.3 c.** Plugging these formulas for  $x$  and  $y$  into the two equations, we get

$$tx' + 2x = 15y$$

$$\hookrightarrow t \frac{d}{dt} [-5t^{-5}] + 2[-5t^{-5}] = 15[t^{-5}]$$

$$\hookrightarrow 15t^3 = 15t^3 \quad ,$$

and

$$ty' = x \quad \hookrightarrow \quad t \frac{d}{dt} [t^{-5}] = -5t^{-5}$$

$$\hookrightarrow -5t^{-5} = -5t^{-5} \quad .$$

Since both equations in the system are satisfied by the given formulas of  $x$  and  $y$ , this function pair is a solution to the given system.

**35.4 a.** Plugging these formulas for  $x$  and  $y$  into the two equations, we get

$$x' = x + 2y$$

$$\hookrightarrow \frac{d}{dt} [c_1 e^{3t} + 2c_2 e^{-4t}] = [c_1 e^{3t} + 2c_2 e^{-4t}] + 2[c_1 e^{3t} - 5c_2 e^{-4t}]$$

$$\hookrightarrow 3c_1 e^{3t} + 2(-4)c_2 e^{-4t} = (1+2)c_1 e^{3t} + (2-10)c_2 e^{-4t}$$

$$\hookrightarrow 3c_1 e^{3t} - 8c_2 e^{-4t} = 3c_1 e^{3t} - 8c_2 e^{-4t} \quad ,$$

and

$$y' = 5x - 2y$$

$$\hookrightarrow \frac{d}{dt} [c_1 e^{3t} - 5c_2 e^{-4t}] = 5[c_1 e^{3t} + 2c_2 e^{-4t}] - 2[c_1 e^{3t} - 5c_2 e^{-4t}]$$

$$\hookrightarrow 3c_1 e^{3t} - 5(-4)c_2 e^{-4t} = (5-2)c_1 e^{3t} + (10+10)c_2 e^{-4t}$$

$$\hookrightarrow 3c_1 e^{3t} + 20c_2 e^{-4t} = 3c_1 e^{3t} + 20c_2 e^{-4t} \quad .$$

Clearly, both equations in the system are satisfied by the given formulas of  $x$  and  $y$  no matter what are the values of  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ . So this function pair is a solution to the given system for any choice of constants  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ .

**35.4 b.** From the initial conditions and given formulas for  $x$  and  $y$ , we have

$$7 = x(0) = c_1 e^{3 \cdot 0} + 2c_2 e^{-4 \cdot 0}$$

and

$$-7 = y(0) = c_1 e^{3 \cdot 0} - 5c_2 e^{-4 \cdot 0} \quad ,$$

which reduces to the simple algebraic system

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 + 2c_2 &= 7 \\ c_1 - 5c_2 &= -7 \end{aligned} \quad . \quad (\star)$$

Subtracting the second equation in system  $(\star)$  from the first:

$$(1-1)c_1 + (2-[-5])c_2 = 7-[-7] \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad 7c_2 = 14 \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad c_2 = 2 \quad .$$

Plugging this result back into the first equation in system  $(\star)$ :

$$c_1 + 2 \cdot 2 = 7 \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad c_1 = 7 - 4 = 3 \quad .$$

So the solution to the initial-value problem is

$$x(t) = c_1 e^{3t} + 2c_2 e^{-4t} \quad \text{and} \quad y(t) = c_1 e^{3t} - 5c_2 e^{-4t}$$

with  $c_1 = 3$  and  $c_2 = 2$ . That is,

$$x(t) = 3e^{3t} + 4e^{-4t} \quad \text{and} \quad y(t) = 3e^{3t} - 10e^{-4t} \quad .$$

**35.5 a.** Plugging these formulas for  $x$  and  $y$  into the two equations, we get

$$x' = 5x + 4y$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{d}{dt} [c_1 e^{9t} - c_2 e^{-3t}] = 5 [c_1 e^{9t} - c_2 e^{-3t}] + 4 [c_1 e^{9t} + 2c_2 e^{-3t}]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 9c_1 e^{9t} + 3c_2 e^{-3t} = (5+4)c_1 e^{9t} + (-5+8)c_2 e^{-3t}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 9c_1 e^{9t} + 3c_2 e^{-3t} = 9c_1 e^{9t} + 3c_2 e^{-3t} \quad ,$$

and

$$y' = 8x + y$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{d}{dt} [c_1 e^{9t} + 2c_2 e^{-3t}] = 8 [c_1 e^{9t} - c_2 e^{-3t}] + [c_1 e^{9t} + 2c_2 e^{-3t}]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 9c_1 e^{9t} + 2(-3)c_2 e^{-3t} = (8+1)c_1 e^{9t} + (-8+2)c_2 e^{-3t}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 9c_1 e^{9t} - 6c_2 e^{-3t} = 9c_1 e^{9t} - 6c_2 e^{-3t} \quad .$$

Since both equations in the system are satisfied by the given formulas of  $x$  and  $y$  no matter what are the values of  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ , this function pair is a solution to the given system for any choice of constants  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ .

**35.5 b.** From the initial conditions and given formulas for  $x$  and  $y$ , we have the system

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= x(0) = c_1 e^{9 \cdot 0} - c_2 e^{-3 \cdot 0} = c_1 - c_2 \\ 9 &= y(0) = c_1 e^{9 \cdot 0} + 2c_2 e^{-3 \cdot 0} = c_1 + 2c_2 \end{aligned} \quad . \quad (\star)$$

From the first equation in system  $(\star)$ , it is clear that  $c_2 = c_1$ . Using this in the second equation yields

$$9 = c_1 + 2c_1 = 3c_1 \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad c_1 = 3 \quad .$$

Hence,  $c_2 = c_1 = 3$ , and the solution to the initial-value problem is

$$x(t) = 3e^{9t} - 3e^{-3t} \quad \text{and} \quad y(t) = 3e^{9t} + 2 \cdot 3e^{-3t} = 3e^{9t} + 6e^{-3t} \quad .$$

**35.7 a.** Since the first equation,  $x'' + x = 0$ , has only one unknown function, we will solve it first. Fortunately, it is a simple second-order linear equation with constant coefficients. Writing down and solving the corresponding characteristic equation, we have

$$r^2 + 1 = 0 \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad r = \pm i \quad ,$$

which, as we learned in chapter 15, means that

$$x(t) = c_1 \cos(x) + c_2 \sin(x) \quad .$$

With this, we can proceed to solve the second equation in the system:

$$y' = x = c_1 \cos(x) + c_2 \sin(x)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow y(t) = \int [c_1 \cos(x) + c_2 \sin(x)] dt = c_1 \sin(x) - c_2 \cos(x) + c_3 .$$

So the solution to the system is the pair

$$x(t) = c_1 \cos(t) + c_2 \sin(t) \quad \text{and} \quad y(t) = c_1 \sin(t) - c_2 \cos(t) + c_3 .$$

**35.7 c.** In this case, it is the last equation,  $z' - 3z = 0$ , that only involves one unknown function. It is a very simple first-order separable and linear equation whose solution is easily found to be

$$z(t) = Ae^{3t} .$$

Since the first equation,  $x' + 2x = 10z$  only involves the unknown function  $x$  and the now-known  $z$ , we solve that next. Using the formula just found for  $z$ , the equation becomes

$$x' + 2x = 10Ae^{3t} .$$

This is a first-order linear equation with integrating factor

$$\mu(t) = e^{\int 2 dt} = e^{2t} .$$

Solving it:

$$e^{2t} \left[ \frac{dx}{dt} + 2x \right] = e^{2t} [10Ae^{3t}]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \underbrace{e^{2t} \frac{dx}{dt} + 2e^{2t} x}_{\frac{d}{dt}[e^{2t}x]} = 10Ae^{5t}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow e^{2t} x = \int 10Ae^{5t} dt = 2Ae^{5t} + B$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x(t) = 2Ae^{3t} + Be^{-2t} .$$

Using the now-known formulas for  $x$  and  $z$  in the second equation of the system:

$$zy' + 5zy = 15x$$

$$\Leftrightarrow Ae^{3t} y' + 5Ae^{3t} y = 15 \left[ 2Ae^{3t} + Be^{-2t} \right]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow y' + 5y = 15 \left[ 2 + \frac{B}{A} e^{-5t} \right] .$$

This is a first-order linear equation with integrating factor

$$\mu = e^{\int 5 dt} = e^{5t} .$$

Proceeding as usual with such equations:

$$\begin{aligned}
 e^{5t} [y' + 5y] &= e^{5t} 15 \left[ 2 + \frac{B}{A} e^{-5t} \right] \\
 \hookrightarrow \underbrace{e^{5t} \frac{dy}{dt} + 5e^{5t} y}_{\frac{d}{dt}[e^{5t}y]} &= 30e^{5t} + \frac{15B}{A} \\
 \hookrightarrow e^{5t} y &= \int \left[ 30e^{5t} + \frac{15B}{A} \right] dt = 6e^{5t} + \frac{15B}{A} t + C \\
 \hookrightarrow y(t) &= 6 + \left[ \frac{15B}{A} t + C \right] e^{-5t} .
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the solution to this system is the triple

$$x(t) = 2Ae^{3t} + Be^{-2t} \quad , \quad y(t) = 6 + \left[ \frac{15B}{A} t + C \right] e^{-5t}$$

and

$$z(t) = Ae^{3t} .$$

**35.8 a.** For this tank system:

$$\begin{aligned}
 x' = \frac{dx}{dt} &= \text{change in the amount of alcohol in tank } \mathcal{A} \text{ per minute} \\
 &= \text{rate alcohol is pumped into tank } \mathcal{A} \text{ from the outside} \\
 &\quad + \text{rate alcohol is pumped into tank } \mathcal{A} \text{ from tank } \mathcal{B} \\
 &\quad - \text{rate alcohol is pumped from tank } \mathcal{A} \text{ into tank } \mathcal{B} \\
 &\quad - \text{rate alcohol is drained from tank } \mathcal{A} \\
 &= \left( I_{\mathcal{A}} \times \frac{C_{\mathcal{A}}}{100} \right) + \left( \gamma_1 \times \frac{y}{600} \right) - \left( \gamma_2 \times \frac{x}{1200} \right) - \left( O_{\mathcal{A}} \times \frac{x}{1200} \right) \\
 &= \left( 5 \times \frac{0}{100} \right) + \left( 1 \times \frac{y}{600} \right) - \left( 1 \times \frac{x}{1200} \right) - \left( 5 \times \frac{x}{1200} \right) \\
 &= -\frac{6}{1200}x + \frac{1}{600}y \quad ,
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 y' = \frac{dy}{dt} &= \text{change in the amount of alcohol in tank } \mathcal{B} \text{ per minute} \\
 &= \text{rate alcohol is pumped into tank } \mathcal{B} \text{ from the outside} \\
 &\quad + \text{rate alcohol is pumped into tank } \mathcal{B} \text{ from tank } \mathcal{A} \\
 &\quad - \text{rate alcohol is pumped from tank } \mathcal{B} \text{ into tank } \mathcal{A} \\
 &\quad - \text{rate alcohol is drained from tank } \mathcal{B} \\
 &= \left( I_{\mathcal{B}} \times \frac{C_{\mathcal{B}}}{100} \right) + \left( \gamma_2 \times \frac{x}{1200} \right) - \left( \gamma_1 \times \frac{y}{600} \right) - \left( O_{\mathcal{B}} \times \frac{y}{600} \right) \\
 &= \left( 3 \times \frac{100}{100} \right) + \left( 1 \times \frac{x}{1200} \right) - \left( 1 \times \frac{y}{600} \right) - \left( 3 \times \frac{y}{600} \right) \\
 &= 3 + \frac{1}{1200}x - \frac{4}{600}y \quad .
 \end{aligned}$$

Together, these two equations form the system

$$\begin{aligned}x' &= -\frac{6}{1200}x + \frac{1}{600}y \\y' &= 3 + \frac{1}{1200}x - \frac{4}{600}y\end{aligned}$$

**35.9 a.** Rewriting the differential equation as

$$y'' = -4y' - 2y \quad .$$

and letting  $x = y'$  (so that  $x' = y''$ ) leads to

$$x' = y'' = -4y' - 2y = -4x' - 2y \quad ,$$

giving us the standard first-order system

$$\begin{aligned}x' &= -4x' - 2y \\y' &= x\end{aligned}$$

**35.9 c.** Letting  $x = y'$  (so that  $x' = y''$ ) leads to

$$x' = y'' = 4 - y^2 \quad ,$$

giving us the standard first-order system

$$\begin{aligned}x' &= 4 - y^2 \\y' &= x\end{aligned}$$

**35.9 e.** Rewriting the differential equation as

$$y'' = t^{-2}[ty' - 10y] = t^{-1}y' - 10t^{-2}y \quad .$$

and letting  $x = y'$  (so that  $x' = y''$ ) leads to

$$x' = y'' = t^{-1}y' - 10t^{-2}y = t^{-1}x - 10t^{-2}y \quad ,$$

giving us the standard first-order system

$$\begin{aligned}x' &= t^{-1}x - 10t^{-2}y \\y' &= x\end{aligned}$$

**35.9 g.** Rewriting the differential equation as

$$y''' = -2y'' + 3y' + 4y \quad .$$

and letting  $x = y'$  (so that  $x' = y''$ ) and  $z = x' = y'''$  (so that  $z' = x'' = y''''$ ) leads to

$$z' = y'''' = -2y''' + 3y'' + 4y' = -2z + 3x + 4y = 3x + 4y - 2z \quad ,$$

giving us the standard first-order system

$$\begin{aligned}x' &= z \\y' &= x \\z' &= 3x + 4y - 2z\end{aligned}$$

**35.10 a.** Taking the Laplace transform of the first equation:

$$\mathcal{L}[x']|_s = \mathcal{L}[x]|_s + 2\mathcal{L}[y]|_s$$

$$\hookrightarrow sX(s) - x(0) = X(s) + 2Y(s)$$

$$\hookrightarrow sX(s) - 1 = X(s) + 2Y(s)$$

$$\hookrightarrow [s - 1]X(s) - 2Y(s) = 1 \quad .$$

Doing the same with the second equation:

$$\mathcal{L}[y']|_s = 5\mathcal{L}[x]|_s - 2\mathcal{L}[y]|_s$$

$$\hookrightarrow sY(s) - y(0) = 5X(s) - 2Y(s)$$

$$\hookrightarrow sY(s) - 15 = 5X(s) - 2Y(s)$$

$$\hookrightarrow -5X(s) + [s + 2]Y(s) = 15 \quad .$$

So the transforms  $X = \mathcal{L}[x]$  and  $Y = \mathcal{L}[y]$  must satisfy the algebraic system

$$\begin{aligned} [s - 1]X(s) - 2Y(s) &= 1 \\ -5X(s) + [s + 2]Y(s) &= 15 \end{aligned} \quad (\star)$$

To find  $X(s)$ , we add  $s + 2$  times the first equation to 2 times the second (to obtain an equation with no  $Y$ 's), and then apply a bit more algebra (including the use of partial fractions, as described in section 25.2):

$$[(s - 1)(s + 2)]X(s) + 2[-5X(s)] = (s + 2) + 2 \cdot 15$$

$$\hookrightarrow \underbrace{(s^2 + s - 12)}_{(s+4)(s-3)} X(s) = s + 32$$

$$\hookrightarrow X(s) = \frac{s + 32}{(s + 4)(s - 3)} = \dots = \frac{-4}{s + 4} + \frac{5}{s - 3} \quad .$$

Taking the inverse transform of this:

$$x(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[X]|_t = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{-4}{s + 4}\right]|_t + \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{5}{s - 3}\right]|_t = -4e^{-4t} + 5e^{3t} \quad .$$

To find  $Y(s)$ , we add 5 times the first equation in system  $(\star)$  to  $s - 1$  times the second (to obtain an equation with no  $X$ 's), and then apply a bit more algebra (including the use of partial fractions):

$$-2 \cdot 5Y(s) + (s - 1)(s + 2)Y(s) = 5 + 15(s - 1)$$

$$\hookrightarrow \underbrace{(s^2 + s - 12)}_{(s+4)(s-3)} Y(s) = 15s - 10$$

$$\hookrightarrow Y(s) = \frac{15s - 10}{(s + 4)(s - 3)} = \dots = \frac{10}{s + 4} + \frac{5}{s - 3} \quad .$$



Taking the inverse transform of this:

$$y(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[Y]|_t = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{10}{s+4}\right]|_t + \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{5}{s-3}\right]|_t = 10e^{-4t} + 5e^{3t} .$$

Hence, the solution to the given system of differential equations with initial conditions is the pair

$$x(t) = -4e^{-4t} + 5e^{3t} \quad \text{and} \quad y(t) = 10e^{-4t} + 5e^{3t} .$$

**35.10 c.** Taking the Laplace transform of the first equation:

$$\mathcal{L}[x']|_s = 2\mathcal{L}[y]|_s \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad sX(s) - x_0 = 2Y(s)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \quad sX(s) - 2Y(s) = x_0 .$$

Doing the same with the second equation:

$$\mathcal{L}[y']|_s = -2\mathcal{L}[x]|_s \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad sY(s) - y_0 = -2X(s)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \quad 2X(s) + sY(s) = y_0 .$$

So the transforms  $X = \mathcal{L}[x]$  and  $Y = \mathcal{L}[y]$  must satisfy the algebraic system

$$\begin{aligned} sX(s) - 2Y(s) &= x_0 \\ 2X(s) + sY(s) &= y_0 \end{aligned} \quad (\star)$$

To find  $X(s)$ , we add  $s$  times the first equation to 2 times the second, and then apply a bit more algebra:

$$\left[s^2 + 2^2\right]X(s) + 0Y(s) = sx_0 + 2y_0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \quad X(s) = \frac{x_0s + 2y_0}{s^2 + 2^2} = x_0\frac{s}{s^2 + 2^2} + y_0\frac{2}{s^2 + 2^2} .$$

Taking the inverse transform of this:

$$x(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[x_0\frac{s}{s^2 + 2^2} + y_0\frac{2}{s^2 + 2^2}\right]|_t = x_0 \cos(2t) + y_0 \sin(2t) .$$

To find  $Y(s)$ , we add  $-2$  times the first equation in system  $(\star)$  to  $s$  times the second, and then apply a bit more algebra:

$$0X(s) + \left[2^2 + s^2\right]Y(s) = -2x_0 + sy_0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \quad Y(s) = \frac{-2x_0 + y_0s}{s^2 + 2^2} = y_0\frac{s}{s^2 + 2^2} - x_0\frac{2}{s^2 + 2^2} .$$

Taking the inverse transform of this:

$$y(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[y_0\frac{s}{s^2 + 2^2} - x_0\frac{2}{s^2 + 2^2}\right]|_t = y_0 \cos(2t) - x_0 \sin(2t) .$$

Hence, the solution to the given system of differential equations with initial conditions is the pair

$$x(t) = x_0 \cos(2t) + y_0 \sin(2t) \quad \text{and} \quad y(t) = y_0 \cos(2t) - x_0 \sin(2t) .$$

**35.10 e.** Taking the Laplace transforms of the two equations, we have

$$\mathcal{L}[x']|_s = \mathcal{L}[4x - 13y]|_s \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad sX(s) - 2 = 4X(s) - 13Y(s)$$

$$\hookrightarrow \quad [s - 4]X(s) + 13Y(s) = 2 \quad ,$$

and

$$\mathcal{L}[y']|_s = \mathcal{L}[x]|_s \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad sY(s) - 1 = X(s)$$

$$\hookrightarrow \quad -X(s) + sY(s) = 1 \quad ,$$

giving us the algebraic system

$$\begin{aligned} [s - 4]X(s) + 13Y(s) &= 2 \\ -X(s) + sY(s) &= 1 \end{aligned} \quad . \quad (\star)$$

For variety, we'll solve system  $(\star)$  by first solving the second equation for  $X$ ,

$$X(s) = sY(s) - 1 \quad ,$$

and then plugging that result into the first equation, and solving for  $Y$ :

$$[s - 4][sY(s) - 1] + 13Y(s) = 2$$

$$\hookrightarrow \quad [s^2 - 4s]Y(s) - s + 4 + 13Y(s) = 2$$

$$\hookrightarrow \quad \underbrace{[s^2 - 4s + 13]}_{(s-2)^2+3^2} Y(s) = s - 2$$

$$\hookrightarrow \quad Y(s) = \frac{s - 2}{(s - 2)^2 + 3^2} \quad .$$

To take the inverse transform of this, we will need the first shifting identity (see section 25.3). Here,

$$y(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{s - 2}{(s - 2)^2 + 3^2}\right]_t = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[F(s - 2)]_t = e^{2t} f(t)$$

where

$$F(s - 2) = \frac{s - 2}{(s - 2)^2 + 3^2} \quad .$$

Letting  $X = s - 2$ , this becomes

$$F(X) = \frac{X}{X^2 + 3^2} \quad .$$

So,

$$f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[F(s)]_t = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{s^2 + 3^2}\right]_t = \cos(3t) \quad ,$$

and

$$y(t) = e^{2t} f(t) = e^{2t} \cos(3t) \quad .$$

Similar computations could be done to find the formulas for  $X(s)$  and  $x(t)$ . However, let us recall that the second equation in the original system is  $y' = x$ . Combining this with the above formula for  $y$  immediately yields

$$x(t) = y'(t) = \frac{d}{dt} [e^{2t} \cos(3t)] = 2e^{2t} \cos(3t) - 3e^{2t} \sin(3t) \quad .$$

So the solution to the original system with initial values is the pair

$$x(t) = e^{2t}[2 \cos(3t) - 3 \sin(3t)] \quad \text{and} \quad y(t) = e^{2t} \cos(3t) \quad .$$

**35.10 g.** Taking the Laplace transforms of the two differential equations:

$$\mathcal{L}[x']|_s = \mathcal{L}[8x + 2y - 17]|_s$$

$$\hookrightarrow sX(s) - 0 = 8X(s) + 2Y(s) - \frac{17}{s}$$

$$\hookrightarrow [s - 8]X(s) - 2Y(s) = -\frac{17}{s} \quad .$$

and

$$\mathcal{L}[y']|_s = \mathcal{L}[4x + y - 13]|_s$$

$$\hookrightarrow sY(s) - 0 = 4X(s) + Y(s) - \frac{13}{s}$$

$$\hookrightarrow -4X(s) - (1 - s)Y(s) = -\frac{13}{s} \quad .$$

So the algebraic system of transforms is

$$\begin{aligned} [s - 8]X(s) - 2Y(s) &= -\frac{17}{s} \\ -4X(s) + (s - 1)Y(s) &= -\frac{13}{s} \end{aligned} \quad . \quad (\star)$$

Adding  $s - 1$  times the first equation above to 2 times the second, and then doing a little algebra:

$$[(s - 1)(s - 8)]X(s) - 2 \cdot 4X(s) + 0Y(s) = -\frac{17(s - 1)}{s} - \frac{2 \cdot 13}{s}$$

$$\hookrightarrow [s^2 - 9s]X(s) = -\frac{17s + 9}{s}$$

$$\hookrightarrow X(s) = -\frac{17s + 9}{s^2(s - 9)} = \dots = \frac{-2}{s - 9} + \frac{1}{s^2} + \frac{2}{s} \quad .$$

Thus,

$$x(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{-2}{s - 9} + \frac{1}{s^2} + \frac{2}{s}\right]_t = -2e^{9t} + t + 2 \quad .$$

Adding 4 times the first equation in system  $(\star)$  to  $s - 8$  times the second equation, and then doing a little algebra:

$$0X(s) - 2 \cdot 4Y(s) + [(s - 8)(s - 1)]Y(s) = -\frac{4 \cdot 17}{s} - \frac{13(s - 8)}{s}$$

$$\hookrightarrow [s^2 - 9s]Y(s) = -\frac{13s - 36}{s}$$

$$\hookrightarrow Y(s) = -\frac{13s - 36}{s^2(s - 9)} = \dots = \frac{-1}{s - 9} - \frac{4}{s^2} + \frac{1}{s} \quad .$$

Hence,

$$y(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{-1}{s-9} - \frac{4}{s^2} + \frac{1}{s}\right]\Big|_t = -e^{9t} - 4t + 1 \quad ,$$

and the solution to the given initial-value problem is the pair

$$x(t) = -2e^{9t} + t + 2 \quad \text{and} \quad y(t) = -e^{9t} - 4t + 1 \quad .$$

**35.10 i.** Taking the Laplace transforms of the two differential equations:

$$\mathcal{L}[x']\Big|_s = \mathcal{L}\left[4x + 3y - 6e^{3t}\right]\Big|_s$$

$$\hookrightarrow sX(s) - 4 = 4X(s) + 3Y(s) - \frac{6}{s-3}$$

$$\hookrightarrow [s-4]X(s) - 3Y(s) = 4 - \frac{6}{s-3} \quad .$$

and

$$\mathcal{L}[y']\Big|_s = \mathcal{L}\left[x + 6y + 2e^{3t}\right]\Big|_s$$

$$\hookrightarrow sY(s) - 0 = X(s) + 6Y(s) + \frac{2}{s-3}$$

$$\hookrightarrow -X(s) + [s-6]Y(s) = \frac{2}{s-3} \quad .$$

So the algebraic system of transforms is

$$\begin{aligned} [s-4]X(s) - 3Y(s) &= 4 - \frac{6}{s-3} \\ -X(s) + [s-6]Y(s) &= \frac{2}{s-3} \end{aligned} \quad . \quad (\star)$$

Solving system  $(\star)$  for  $X$  :

$$[(s-6)(s-4)]X(s) - 3X(s) + 0Y(s) = 4(s-6) - \frac{6(s-6)}{s-3} + \frac{3 \cdot 2}{s-3}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \underbrace{[s^2 - 10s + 21]}_{(s-7)(s-3)} X(s) = \frac{4s^2 - 42s + 114}{s-3}$$

$$\hookrightarrow X(s) = \frac{4s^2 - 42s + 114}{(s-7)(s-3)^2} = \dots = \frac{1}{s-7} + \frac{3}{s-3} - \frac{6}{(s-3)^2} \quad .$$

So,

$$x(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s-7} + \frac{3}{s-3} - \frac{6}{(s-3)^2}\right]\Big|_t = \dots = e^{7t} + 3e^{3t} - 6te^{3t} \quad .$$

Solving system (★) for  $Y$  :

$$0X(s) - 3Y(s) + [(s-4)(s-6)]Y(s) = 4 - \frac{6}{s-3} + \frac{2(s-4)}{s-3}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \underbrace{[s^2 - 10s + 21]}_{(s-7)(s-3)} Y(s) = \frac{6s-26}{s-3}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow Y(s) = \frac{6s-26}{(s-7)(s-3)^2} = \dots = \frac{1}{s-7} - \frac{1}{s-3} + \frac{2}{(s-3)^2} .$$

So,

$$y(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{s-7} - \frac{1}{s-3} + \frac{2}{(s-3)^2} \right] \Big|_t = \dots = e^{7t} - e^{3t} + 2te^{3t} ,$$

and the solution to the given initial-value problem is the pair

$$x(t) = e^{7t} + 3e^{3t} - 6te^{3t} \quad \text{and} \quad y(t) = e^{7t} - e^{3t} + 2te^{3t} .$$

**35.10 k.** Taking the Laplace transforms of both equations:

$$\mathcal{L}[x']|_s = \mathcal{L}[4x - 13y]|_s \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad sX(s) - 13 = 4X(s) - 13Y(s)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [s-4]X(s) + 13Y(s) = 13 ,$$

and

$$\mathcal{L}[y']|_s = \mathcal{L}[x + 19 \cos(4t) - 13 \sin(4t)]|_s$$

$$\Leftrightarrow sY(s) - 0 = X(s) + \frac{19s}{s^2+4^2} - \frac{13 \cdot 4}{s^2+4^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -X(s) + sY(s) = \frac{19s-52}{s^2+4^2} .$$

So the algebraic system of transforms is

$$\begin{aligned} [s-4]X(s) + 13Y(s) &= 13 \\ -X(s) + sY(s) &= \frac{19s-52}{s^2+4^2} . \end{aligned} \quad (\star)$$

Solving system (★) for  $X$  :

$$[s(s-4)]X(s) + 13X(s) + 0Y(s) = 13s + \frac{13(19s-52)}{s^2+4^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [s^2 - 4s + 13]X(s) = 13 \frac{s^3 - 3s + 52}{s^2 + 4^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow X(s) = 13 \frac{s^3 - 3s + 52}{(s^2 - 4s + 13)(s^2 + 4^2)} = \dots = 13 \left[ \frac{s}{s^2 + 4^2} + \frac{4}{s^2 + 4^2} \right] .$$

So,

$$x(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ 13 \left[ \frac{s}{s^2 + 4^2} + \frac{4}{s^2 + 4^2} \right] \right] \Big|_t = 13 [\cos(4t) + \sin(4t)] .$$

Solving system (★) for  $Y$  :

$$\begin{aligned} 0X(s) + 13Y(s) + [s(s-4)]Y(s) &= 13 + \frac{(s-4)(19s-52)}{s^2+4^2} \\ \Leftrightarrow [s^2-4s+13]Y(s) &= \frac{32s^2-128s+416}{s^2+4^2} \\ \Leftrightarrow [s^2-4s+13]Y(s) &= \frac{32[s^2-4s+13]}{s^2+4^2} \\ \Leftrightarrow Y(s) &= \frac{32(s^2-4s+13)}{(s^2-4s+13)(s^2+4^2)} = 8\frac{4}{s^2+4^2} . \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$y(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[8\frac{4}{s^2+4^2}\right]_t = 8\sin(4t) ,$$

and the solution to the original initial-value problem is the pair

$$x(t) = 13[\cos(4t) + \sin(4t)] \quad \text{and} \quad y(t) = 8\sin(4t) .$$

**35.11.** In exercise 35.5, it was verified that, for any choice of constants  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ ,

$$x(t) = c_1e^{9t} - c_2e^{-3t} \quad \text{and} \quad y(t) = c_1e^{9t} + 2c_2e^{-3t}$$

is a solution over  $(-\infty, \infty)$  to the given system of differential equations. Moreover, the component functions in the system of differential equations,  $5x+4y$  and  $8x+y$ , are clearly continuous and have continuous partial derivatives.

Now let  $A$  and  $B$  be any two real numbers, and consider the algebraic problem of finding  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} A = x(0) &= C_1e^{9 \cdot 0} - C_2e^{-3 \cdot 0} = C_1 - C_2 \\ B = y(0) &= C_1e^{9 \cdot 0} + 2C_2e^{-3 \cdot 0} = C_1 + 2C_2 \end{aligned} \quad (\star)$$

But this is an easily solved system. Subtracting the second equation from the first and solving for  $C_2$  :

$$A - B = 0C_1 - (1+2)C_2 \rightsquigarrow C_2 = \frac{B-A}{3} .$$

Using this with the first equation in system (★) yields

$$A = C_1 - \frac{B-A}{3} \rightsquigarrow C_1 = A + \frac{B-A}{3} = \frac{2A+B}{3} .$$

Thus, for any pair  $A$  and  $B$ , we can clearly find  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  such that system (★) holds. Theorem 35.3 (with  $t_0 = 0$ ) then assures us that the pair

$$x(t) = c_1e^{9t} - c_2e^{-3t} \quad \text{and} \quad y(t) = c_1e^{9t} + 2c_2e^{-3t}$$

is, in fact, a general solution.