Computational Mathematics - Problem Sheet 3

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Once you have completed the exercises, use the publish command to generate a .pdf file of your solutions.

1. Consider the initial value problem

$$(t+1)^2 \frac{d^2 u}{dt^2} - 3(t+1)\frac{du}{dt} + t = 1,$$
(1)

with initial conditions u(0) = 1 and u'(0) = 1. Solve (1) in Matlab using dsolve.

- 2. Now (by hand) write (1) as a first-order system of ODEs by making the substitution $v = \frac{du}{dt}$. There is no need to show this in your solutions, but it will be necessary for the next question.
- 3. Download the files *ode_example.m* and *ode_template.m* from the course webpage. Using ode_example.m as a guide (and the Matlab help pages, if necessary), modify *ode_template.m* to numerically solve the ODE system from Q2 in the range $t \in [0, 1]$.
- 4. Plot the solutions of Q1 and Q3 on the same pair of labelled axes, and include a legend to distinguish between them. Ensure you include your name and college in the title.