1. 
$$y'' + 4y' + 3y = 0$$
,  $y(0) = 2$ ,  $y'(0) = 4$ .

technology is used and what type (Maple, GC).

- a) Verify that the general solution  $y(x) = c_1 e^{-3x} + c_2 e^{-x}$  actually solves the DE.
- b) Using 2x2 matrix methods find the solution which satisfies the initial conditions, showing all work.
- c) Use technology to plot your result for x = 0 ... 5 and make a rough sketch of what you see, labeling the axes with variable names and key tickmarks on your sketch.
- d) Use calculus to determine exactly by hand (rules of exponents and logs!) the x and y values of the obvious maximum point on the graph and then their approximate values to 4 significant digits, but if you get stuck on solving the derivative condition exactly, use technology to find the approximate values to 4 decimal places in any way you can. Do the numbers you found agree with what your eyes see in the technology plot? [Yes or no, with an explanation would be a good response.]

## **▶** solution

(1) a) 
$$3 [y = c_1 e^{-3x} + c_2 e^{-x}]$$

$$+ [y' = -3c_1 e^{-3x} - c_2 e^{-x}]$$

$$+ [y'' = 9c_1 e^{-3x} + c_2 e^{-x}]$$

$$+ [y'' = -3c_1 e^{-3x} + c_2 e^{-x}]$$

$$+ [y' = -3c_1 e^{-3x} + c_2 e^{-x}]$$

$$+ [y' = -3c_1 e^{-3x} + c_2 e^{-x}]$$

$$+ [y' = -3c_1 e^{-3x}$$

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d) 
$$y = -3e^{-3x} + 5e^{-x}$$
 $y' = 9e^{-3x} - 5e^{-x} = 0$ 
 $(9e^{-3x} = 5e^{-x}) = 5e^{-x}$ 
 $\frac{9}{5} = e^{2x}$ 
 $2x = \ln 9/5$ 
 $x = \frac{1}{2} \ln 9/5 \approx 0.2939$ 
 $y = -3e^{-3(\frac{1}{2} \ln 9/5)} + 5e^{-(\frac{1}{2} \ln 9/5)}$ 
 $= -3e^{(\ln \frac{9}{5})(\frac{1}{2})} + 5e^{(\ln \frac{9}{3})(-\frac{1}{2})}$ 
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