

# Lecture 25: Nonhomogeneous systems (Sec. 7.9)

MATH 308. Differential Equations

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## Reminder: matrix exponentials

Compute  $\exp\left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} t\right)$  using the fact that the columns are solutions of  $x' = Ax$  with initial conditions  $x(0) = (1, 0)$  and  $x(0) = (0, 1)$ .

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### Proposition (Variation of Parameters)

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Warning:  $e^{A+B} \neq e^Ae^B!!!$

Only works if  $AB = BA$ .

