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M555: Differential Equations I (Spring 2018)
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Good Problems 2 – Sections 2.1, 2.2, 2.4



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Instructions Complete all problems, showing enough work. A selection of problems will be graded based on the organization and clarity of the work shown in addition to the final solution (provided one exists).

1. Find the particular solution of the initial value problem.

$$\begin{cases} ty' + (t+1)y = t, \\ y(\ln 2) = 1, \quad t > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$y' + \frac{t+1}{t}y = 1 \quad \text{Linear FODE!}$$

$$p(t) = \frac{t+1}{t} = 1 + \frac{1}{t}$$

$$\int p(t) dt = t + \ln t$$

$$\mu(t) = e^t e^{\ln t} = t e^t$$

Thus, the solution is

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \frac{1}{t} e^{-t} \left(\int_{\ln 2}^t u e^u du + 1 \right) = \frac{1}{t} e^{-t} \left(u e^u - e^u \Big|_{\ln 2}^t + 1 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{t} e^{-t} \left(t e^t - e^t - 2 \ln 2 + 2 + 1 \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$y = 1 - \frac{1}{t} + (3 - 2 \ln 2) \frac{1}{t} e^{-t}$$

2. Use the method of variation of parameters (see exercise 2.1.38) to find the general solution to the differential equation. You must use variation of parameters to receive credit.

$$y' - 2y = t^2 e^{2t}$$

To use variation of parameters, first compute $e^{\int p dt} = e^{\int -2 dt} = e^{-2t} = \frac{1}{\mu(t)}$

Then assume the solution of the DE is of the form

$$y = A(t) e^{2t}$$

where A must satisfy the OE,

$$A' = \overset{q(t)}{t^2 e^{2t}} \cdot \overset{\mu(t)}{e^{-2t}} = t^2$$

Therefore, $A = \frac{1}{3}t^3 + C$ and the solution is

$$y = \frac{1}{3}t^3 e^{2t} + C e^{2t}$$

3. Solve the initial value problem ~~and determine the interval on which the solution is valid.~~

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1+3x^2}{3y^2-6y}, \\ y(0) = 1 \end{cases}$$

Don't worry about this part of the question for this DE.

This equation is separable!

$$(3y^2 - 6y) dy = (1 + 3x^2) dx$$

To solve, integrate

$$\int_1^y 3u^2 - 6u du = \int_0^x 1 + 3u^2 du$$

$$u^3 - 3u^2 \Big|_1^y = u + u^3 \Big|_0^x$$

$$y^3 - 3y^2 - (1 - 3) = x + x^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{y^3 - 3y^2 - x^3 - x = -2}$$

This "can" be solved for y , but it's a mess, so leave it like this.

4. Verify that $y_1(t) = 1 - t$ and $y_2(t) = -t^2/4$ are both solutions of the initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} y' = \frac{-t + \sqrt{t^2 + 4y}}{2}, \\ y(2) = -1. \end{cases}$$

Explain why the existence of two different solutions does not contradict the Fundamental Existence and Uniqueness Theorem.

$$a.) \quad y'_1 = -1 : \quad \frac{-t + \sqrt{t^2 + 4(1-t)}}{2} = \frac{-t + \sqrt{t^2 - 4t + 4}}{2} = \frac{-t + \sqrt{(t-2)^2}}{2} = \frac{-t + t-2}{2} = \frac{-2}{2} = -1. \quad \checkmark$$

$$y'_2 = -\frac{t}{2} : \quad \frac{-t + \sqrt{t^2 + 4(-t^2/4)}}{2} = \frac{-t + \sqrt{t^2 - t^2}}{2} = \frac{-t + 0}{2} = -\frac{t}{2} \quad \checkmark$$

$$f(t,y) = \frac{-t + \sqrt{t^2 + 4y}}{2} \quad \text{is continuous for } t^2 > -4y$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = -\frac{t}{2} + \frac{4}{4\sqrt{t^2 + 4y}} \quad \text{is continuous for } t^2 > -4y$$

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The given initial condition satisfies $t^2 = -4y$. Therefore the FEUT does not apply. Hence the lack of uniqueness of the solution.