

Math 242, Exam 2, Spring 2017, 1:15 Class solutions

Write everything on the blank paper provided. **You should KEEP this piece of paper.** If possible: return the problems in order (use as much paper as necessary), use only one side of each piece of paper, and leave 1 square inch in the upper left hand corner for the staple. If you forget some of these requests, don't worry about it – I will still grade your exam.

The exam is worth 50 points. Each problem is worth 10 points. Please make your work coherent, complete, and correct. Please CIRCLE your answer. Please **CHECK** your answer whenever possible.

The solutions will be posted later today. The exams will be returned in class on Tuesday, Feb. 28.

**No Calculators or Cell phones.**

- (1) (a) **State the Existence and Uniqueness Theorem for second order linear Differential Equations.**

Consider the Initial Value Problem

$$y'' + P_1(x)y' + P_2(x)y = Q(x), \quad y(x_0) = y_0, \quad y'(x_0) = y_1.$$

If  $P_1$ ,  $P_2$ , and  $Q$  are continuous on some open interval  $I$  which contains  $x_0$ , then the Initial Value Problem has a unique solution which is defined on all of  $I$ .

- (b) **What does what does (a) tell you about the Initial Value Problem**

$$e^x \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{1}{x-3} \frac{dy}{dx} = x, \quad y(1) = -1, \quad y'(1) = 6?$$

**(Please explain your answer.)**

Our initial value problem is

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{1}{e^x(x-3)} \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{e^x}, \quad y(1) = -1, \quad y'(1) = 6?$$

So  $P_1(x) = \frac{1}{e^x(x-3)}$ ,  $P_2(x) = 0$ , and  $Q(x) = \frac{x}{e^x}$ . Let  $I$  be the open interval  $(-\infty, 3)$  (or  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x < 3\}$ ). The function  $P_1(x)$  is not defined at  $x = 3$ ; but  $P_1(x)$ ,  $P_2(x)$ , and  $Q(x)$  all are continuous on  $I$ . The Theorem guarantees that the initial value problem has a unique solution and this solution is defined on all of  $I$ .

- (2) **A tank with 200 gallons of brine solution contains 40 lbs of salt. A brine solution with 2 pounds of salt per gallon of solution is pumped into the tank at a rate of 4 gal/min. The well mixed solution is pumped out of the tank out at a rate of 4 gal/min. How much salt is in the tank after 1 hour? How much salt is in the tank after a very long time? SET UP THE INITIAL VALUE PROBLEM. DO NOT SOLVE THE INITIAL VALUE PROBLEM.**

Let  $x(t)$  be the number of pounds of salt in the tank at time  $t$ , where  $t$  is measured in minutes. We are told that  $x(0) = 40$ . The rate of change of  $x$  is the rate in minus the rate out. The rate in is

$$\frac{2 \text{ pounds}}{\text{gal}} \frac{4 \text{ gal}}{\text{min}}.$$

The rate out is

$$\frac{x(t) \text{ pounds}}{200 \text{ gal}} \frac{4 \text{ gal}}{\text{min}}.$$

The Initial Value Problem is

$$\boxed{\frac{dx}{dt} = 8 - \frac{x}{50}, \quad x(0) = 40.}$$

- (3) **Solve**  $xy \frac{dy}{dx} + 4x^2 + y^2 = 0$ . **Express your answer in the form**  $y = y(x)$ . **Please check your answer.**

We make a homogeneous substitution. Let  $v = \frac{y}{x}$ . We compute  $xv = y$  and  $x \frac{dv}{dx} + v = \frac{dy}{dx}$ . Divide both sides by  $x^2$ :

$$\frac{y}{x} \frac{dy}{dx} + 4 + \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2 = 0$$

$$v(x \frac{dv}{dx} + v) + 4 + v^2 = 0$$

$$xv \frac{dv}{dx} + 4 + 2v^2 = 0$$

$$xv \frac{dv}{dx} = -(4 + 2v^2)$$

$$\int \frac{v}{(4+2v^2)} dv = -\int \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \ln(4 + 2v^2) = -\ln|x| + C$$

$$\ln(4 + 2v^2) = -4 \ln|x| + 4C$$

$$4 + 2v^2 = e^{4C} e^{-4 \ln|x|}$$

Let  $K$  represent the constant  $e^{4C}$ .

$$4 + 2v^2 = K \frac{1}{x^4}$$

$$2v^2 = K \frac{1}{x^4} - 4$$

$$\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2 = \frac{K \frac{1}{x^4} - 4}{2}$$

$$y^2 = x^2 \frac{K \frac{1}{x^4} - 4}{2}$$

$$y^2 = \frac{\frac{K}{x^2} - 4x^2}{2}$$

$$\boxed{y = \pm \sqrt{\frac{\frac{K}{x^2} - 4x^2}{2}}}$$

Check. We plug our proposed solution ( $y = +\sqrt{\frac{K-4x^2}{2}}$ ) into the left side of the given differential equation:

$$\begin{aligned} xy \frac{dy}{dx} + 4x^2 + y^2 &= x \sqrt{\frac{K-4x^2}{2}} \frac{\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{-2K}{x^3} - 8x \right)}{2 \sqrt{\frac{K-4x^2}{2}}} + 4x^2 + \frac{K-4x^2}{2} \\ &= x \frac{\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{-2K}{x^3} - 8x \right)}{2} + 4x^2 + \frac{K-4x^2}{2} \\ &= \frac{\left( \frac{-K}{x^2} - 4x^2 \right)}{2} + 4x^2 + \frac{K-4x^2}{2} \\ &= -4x^2 + 4x^2 = 0. \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

- (4) **Solve**  $\frac{dy}{dx} = (y-1)(y-3)$ . **Draw some of the solutions of this Differential Equation for various values of  $y(0)$ .**

The picture is drawn elsewhere. We see that  $y(x) = 1$  and  $y(x) = 3$  are equilibrium solutions of the differential equation. Other solutions are attracted to  $y = 1$  and flee  $y = 3$ .

We separate the variables and integrate.

$$\int \frac{dy}{(y-1)(y-3)} = \int dx.$$

We look for constants  $A$  and  $B$  with

$$\frac{A}{y-1} + \frac{B}{y-3} = \frac{1}{(y-1)(y-3)}.$$

Multiply both sides by  $(y-1)(y-3)$  to obtain

$$A(y-3) + B(y-1) = 1.$$

Plug in  $y = 3$  to learn  $B = \frac{1}{2}$ . Plug in  $y = 1$  to learn that  $A = \frac{-1}{2}$ . We verify that

$$\frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{-1}{y-1} + \frac{1}{y-3} \right] = \frac{1}{(y-1)(y-3)}.$$

The left side is

$$\frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{-(y-3) + (y-1)}{(y-1)(y-3)} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{2}{(y-1)(y-3)} \right] = \frac{1}{(y-1)(y-3)}.$$

We integrate

$$\frac{1}{2} \int \left[ \frac{-1}{y-1} + \frac{1}{y-3} \right] dy = \int dx$$

to obtain

$$\frac{1}{2} (\ln |y-3| - \ln |y-1|) = x + C.$$

$$\ln \left| \frac{y-3}{y-1} \right| = 2x + 2C.$$

$$\left| \frac{y-3}{y-1} \right| = e^{2C} e^{2x}$$

$$\frac{y-3}{y-1} = \pm e^{2C} e^{2x}$$

Let  $K$  represent the constant  $\pm e^{2c}$ .

$$\frac{y-3}{y-1} = K e^{2x}$$

We notice that

$$\frac{y(0)-3}{y(0)-1} = K.$$

$$y-3 = K e^{2x}(y-1)$$

$$y(1 - K e^{2x}) = 3 - K e^{2x}$$

$$y(x) = \frac{3 - K e^{2x}}{1 - K e^{2x}}, \text{ with } K = \frac{y(0) - 3}{y(0) - 1}.$$

- (5) Find all constants  $r$  for which  $y = e^{rx}$  a solution of  $y'' + 3y' + 2y = 0$ . Find a constant  $A$  with  $y = Ae^{3x}$  a solution of  $y'' + 3y' + 2y = e^{3x}$ . What is the general solution of  $y'' + 3y' + 2y = e^{3x}$ ?

We plug  $e^{rx}$  into  $y'' + 3y' + 2y = 0$  to obtain

$$r^2 e^{rx} + 3r e^{rx} + 2e^{rx} = 0.$$

So,

$$e^{rx}(r^2 + 3r + 2) = 0;$$

but  $e^{rx}$  is never zero; so

$$(r^2 + 3r + 2) = 0$$

or

$$(r+2)(r+1) = 0.$$

We have shown that if  $y = e^{rx}$  is a solution of  $y'' + 3y' + 2y = 0$ , then  $r = -1$  or  $r = -2$  and  $y = e^{-x}$  or  $y = e^{-2x}$ .

If  $y = Ae^{3x}$  a solution of  $y'' + 3y' + 2y = e^{3x}$ , then

$$9Ae^{3x} + 9Ae^{3x} + 2Ae^{3x} = e^{3x};$$

hence

$$20Ae^{3x} = e^{3x}$$

and  $A = \frac{1}{20}$ .

We have found two linearly independent solutions of the homogeneous problem and one particular solution of the non-homogeneous problem. It follows that the general solution of  $y'' + 3y' + 2y = e^{3x}$  is

$$y = c_1 e^{-x} + c_2 e^{-2x} + \frac{1}{20} e^{3x}.$$