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1. Solve the following initial value problems

(a) (5 points) Solve the following initial value problems:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = xe^x/y^2 + x/y^2, \quad y(0) = 1$$

(b) (5 points)

$$y' = \frac{x+y}{x-y}, \quad y(1) = 1$$

**Solution 1.**

(a) The equation is separable! We separate:

$$y^2 dy = (xe^x + x) dx$$

and integrate:

$$\frac{1}{3}y^3 = xe^x - e^x + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + C.$$

Solving for  $y$ , we obtain

$$y = \left( 3xe^x - 3e^x + \frac{3}{2}x^2 + C \right)^{1/3}.$$

Lastly we use the initial condition to find  $C = 4$ . Therefore the solution is

$$y = \left( 3xe^x - 3e^x + \frac{3}{2}x^2 + 4 \right)^{1/3}.$$

(b) The equation is homogeneous! To see this, merely note that the right hand side simplifies to

$$\frac{x+y}{x-y} = \frac{x+y}{x-y} \frac{1/x}{1/x} = \frac{1+y/x}{1-y/x}$$

We use the substitution  $z = y/x$  and  $y' = z + xz'$  to find

$$z + xz' = \frac{1+z}{1-z}.$$

Therefore we obtain the separable equation

$$xz' = \frac{1+z^2}{1-z}$$

Separating and integrating, we obtain

$$\int \frac{1-z}{1+z^2} dz = \int \frac{1}{x} dx.$$

How do we do the integral on the left hand side? We can write

$$\int \frac{1-z}{1+z^2} dz = \int \frac{1}{1+z^2} dz - \int \frac{z}{1+z^2} dz = \tan^{-1}(z) - \frac{1}{2} \ln(1+z^2).$$

Therefore we have

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

The initial condition  $y(1) = 1$  tells us that  $z(1) = 1$ , and therefore  $C = \pi/4 - \ln(2)/2$ .

Thus

$$\tan^{-1}(y/x) - \frac{1}{2} \ln(1+(y/x)^2) = \ln|x| + \frac{\pi}{4} - \ln(2)/2.$$

In this situation, it is too complicated to solve for  $y$  in terms of  $x$ .

2.

(a) (5 points) Find the general solution to the linear equation

$$y' = 3y + \cos(2x)$$

using the method of integrating factors.

(b) (5 points) Find the general solution to the linear equation

$$y' = -\cot(x)y + \cos(x) + 3$$

using the method of variation of parameters.

**Solution 2.**

- (a) We have an integrating factor given by the equation  $\mu(x) = e^{\int -3dx} = e^{-3x}$ . Multiplying by  $\mu(x)$  we obtain the equation

$$e^{-3x}y' - 3e^{-3x}y = e^{-3x}\cos(2x).$$

The left hand side is equal to  $(e^{-3x}y)'$ , and therefore

$$(e^{-3x}y)' = e^{-3x}\cos(2x).$$

Integrating both sides with respect to  $x$ , we thus obtain

$$e^{-3x}y = \frac{-3}{13}e^{-3x}\cos(2x) + \frac{2}{13}e^{-3x}\sin(2x) + C$$

Therefore

$$y = \frac{-3}{13}e^{-3x} + \frac{2}{13}\sin(2x) + Ce^{3x}.$$

- (b) To use the method of variation of parameters, we first solve the corresponding homogeneous equation

$$y'_h = -\cot(x)y_h.$$

This equation is separable, separating and integrating, we obtain

$$\int 1y_h dy_h = -\int \cot(x)dx.$$

Therefore

$$\ln(y_h) = -\ln(\sin(x)) + C,$$

and we can take our constant  $C$  to be 0, obtaining the homogeneous solution  $y_h = \csc(x)$ . Then we know from the method of variation of parameters that  $y = y_h v$  for

$$v = \int \frac{q}{y_h} dx = \int \sin(x)\cos(x) + 3\sin(x)dx = \frac{1}{2}\sin^2(x) - 3\cos(x) + C.$$

Thus

$$y = y_h v = \frac{1}{2}\sin(x) - 3\cot(x) + C\csc(x).$$

3. (a) (2 points) Give an example of an initial value problem with no solution

(b) (2 points) Give an example of an initial value problem with more than one solution

(c) (2 points) Without solving the equation, on what interval can we expect a unique solution to the initial value problem

$$\sin(x)y' = \cos(x)y + \frac{1}{1-x}, \quad y(\pi/2) = 1.$$

(d) (2 points) Write the complex number  $e^{i\pi/6}$  in  $a + ib$  form

(e) (2 points) Write the complex number  $\frac{2+3i}{3-2i}$  in  $a + ib$  form

**Solution 3.**

(a)  $y' = 1/x, y(0) = 1$

(b)  $y' = y^{1/3}, y(1) = 0$

(c)  $(1, \pi)$

(d)  $e^{i\pi/6} = \cos(\pi/6) + i \sin(\pi/6) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + i\frac{1}{2}$ .

(e)  $\frac{2+3i}{3-2i} = \frac{2+3i}{3-2i} \frac{3+2i}{3+2i} = \frac{(2+3i)(3+2i)}{13} = i$

4. (a) (5 points) Find an integrating factor for the equation

$$ye^{xy} + xy(y+1)e^{xy} + (x+x^2y)e^{xy}y'.$$

You do NOT need to solve it.

- (b) (5 points) Show that the equation

$$2x + 3y - \frac{2x}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} + \left( 3x - \frac{2y}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} - y \right) y' = 0$$

is exact. Then find a family of solutions.



**Solution 4.**

(a) We try for an integrating factor of the form  $\mu(x, y) = \mu(x)$ . Then the equation

$$\overbrace{\mu(x)(ye^{xy} + xy(y+1)e^{xy})}^{M(x,y)} + \overbrace{(x+x^2y)\mu(x)e^{xy}}^{N(x,y)} y' = 0.$$

should be exact. This means that  $M_y(x, y) = N_x(x, y)$ . We calculate

$$\begin{aligned} M_y(x, y) &= \mu(x)(1 + 2xy + x)e^{xy} + \mu(x)(y + xy^2 + xy)xe^{xy} \\ &= \mu(x)(1 + 3xy + x + x^2y + x^2y^2)e^{xy}. \end{aligned}$$

and also

$$\begin{aligned} N_x(x, y) &= \mu'(x)(x + x^2y)e^{xy} + \mu(x)(1 + 2xy)e^{xy} + \mu(x)(x + x^2y)ye^{xy} \\ &= \mu'(x)(x + x^2y)e^{xy} + \mu(x)(1 + 3xy + x^2y^2)e^{xy}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore setting  $M_y = N_x$  we obtain

$$\mu(x)(1 + 3xy + x + x^2y + x^2y^2)e^{xy} = \mu'(x)(x + x^2y)e^{xy} + \mu(x)(1 + 3xy + x^2y^2)e^{xy}.$$

Simplifying, this becomes

$$\mu(x)(x + x^2y)e^{xy} = \mu'(x)(x + x^2y)e^{xy}.$$

Dividing both sides by  $(x + x^2y)e^{xy}$  we then obtain

$$\mu(x) = \mu'(x).$$

Therefore  $\mu(x) = e^x$  is an integrating factor.

(b) To show that the equation is exact, we calculate

$$M_y = 3 + \frac{8xy}{(x^2 + y^2)^3} = N_x.$$

Then we have

$$\psi(x, y) = \int M(x, y)\partial x = \int 2x + 3y - \frac{2x}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}\partial x = x^2 + 3xy + \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2} + h(y).$$

In particular, this shows that

$$\psi_y(x, y) = 3x - \frac{2y}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} + h'(y).$$

Then since  $\psi_y = N$ , we obtain  $h'(y) = -y$ , and therefore we can take  $h(y) = -\frac{1}{2}y^2$ . It follows that

$$\psi(x, y) = x^2 + 3xy + \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2} + \frac{1}{2}y^2.$$

Thus a family of solutions is defined implicitly by

$$x^2 + 3xy + \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2} + \frac{1}{2}y^2 = C.$$

5. (10 points) **Rubber Band Ball Drop**

In March 2003, the worlds largest rubber band ball had a mass of roughly 1000 kg and a diameter of 1.4 meters. For science, it was dropped from an airplane at a height of about 1.6 kilometers from the surface. During its descent, the ball experienced two forces: the gravitational force  $F_g$  given by

$$F_g = -mg$$

and the force of drag

$$F_d = \frac{1}{2}\rho v^2 C_D \pi r^2.$$

Here, the  $\rho$  is the density of air ( $\rho = 1.225 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ),  $C_D$  is the drag coefficient ( $C_D = 0.4$ ),  $r$  is the radius,  $m$  is the mass and  $g$  is the acceleration due to gravity ( $g = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$ ).

- (a) Set up an initial value problem describing the vertical velocity of the rubber band ball as a function of time
- (b) Find a solution to the differential equation in (a) and use it to determine the *terminal velocity*  $v_t$  of the rubber band ball – ie. the velocity of the ball at large times (it appears as a horizontal asymptote of  $v(t)$ )
- (c) In this situation, the velocity of the ball very quickly approaches the terminal velocity, so a good estimation for the velocity of the ball during most of the descent is constant  $v_t$ . By approximating that the ball's velocity is always  $v_t$ , estimate the time it takes the ball to hit the ground.

**Solution 5.**

(a) By Newton's law, we know that  $F = mv'$ . Since  $F = F_g + F_d$ , this tells us

$$mv' = -mg + \frac{1}{2}\rho v^2 C_D \pi r^2.$$

Furthermore, since the rubber band ball is "dropped", the initial vertical velocity should be 0, so the desired IVP is

$$mv' = -mg + \frac{1}{2}\rho v^2 C_D \pi r^2, \quad v(0) = 0.$$

(b) The above equation is separable! However, the number of different symbols is making us dizzy, so let's define a new symbol  $\gamma = \frac{1}{2}\rho C_D \pi r^2$  so that the equation that we are trying to solve is simply

$$mv' = -mg + \gamma v^2$$

Separating and integrating, we obtain:

$$\int \frac{1}{-g + (\gamma/m)v^2} dv = \int 1 dt.$$

Therefore since

$$\int \frac{1}{-g + (\gamma/m)v^2} dv = \frac{-m}{\gamma} \int \frac{1}{mg/\gamma - v^2} dv = \frac{-\sqrt{m\gamma}}{2\sqrt{g}} \ln \left( \frac{\sqrt{mg/\gamma} + v}{\sqrt{mg/\gamma} - v} \right) + C$$

Therefore

$$\frac{-\sqrt{m\gamma}}{2\sqrt{g}} \ln \left( \frac{\sqrt{mg/\gamma} + v}{\sqrt{mg/\gamma} - v} \right) = t + C$$

and the initial condition tells us  $C = 0$ . Let's solve for  $v$ . Multiplying by  $-2\sqrt{g/m\gamma}$  and exponentiating, we get

$$\frac{\sqrt{mg/\gamma} + v}{\sqrt{mg/\gamma} - v} = -e^{-2\sqrt{g/m\gamma}t}$$

Then after some algebra

$$v = -\sqrt{mg/\gamma} \frac{1 - e^{-2\sqrt{g/m\gamma}t}}{1 + e^{-2\sqrt{g/m\gamma}t}}.$$

Taking  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain  $v_t = -\sqrt{mg/\gamma}$ .

(c) We estimate the time  $t_f$  when it hits by

$$t_f = 1600/v_t \approx 19 \text{ seconds.}$$