

MATH 253

Exam I Solutions:

(10 pts.) Q1. Consider the initial value problem:

$$2xyy' = 4x^2 + 3y^2, y(1) = 1.$$

(2 pts.) a) *Explain why the initial value problem has a unique solution:*

$$f(x, y) = y' = \frac{4x^2 + 3y^2}{2xy}. \text{ Then, } \frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial y} = \frac{6y(2xy) - 2x(4x^2 + 3y^2)}{(2xy)^2} = \frac{-8x^3 + 6xy^2}{4x^2y^2}$$

Since f and f_y are continuous around $(1, 1)$,

by the existence and uniqueness theorem, the initial value problem has a unique solution.

(8 pts.) b) *Find the unique solution of the initial value problem given above:*

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4x^2 + 3y^2}{2xy} \text{ is a homogenous equation. Let } y = xv. \text{ Then, } x \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{4 + v^2}{2v}.$$

$$\text{Then, } \int \frac{2v}{4 + v^2} dv = \int \frac{dx}{x}. \text{ Then, } \ln(4 + v^2) = \ln(x) + \ln(c). \text{ Hence, } 4 + v^2 = cx.$$

$$\text{Therefore, } 4 + \frac{y^2}{x^2} = cx \text{ is the general solution. Since } y(1) = 1, 4 + 1 = c \Rightarrow$$

$$c = 5. \text{ Therefore, } 4x^2 + y^2 = 5x^3 \text{ is the unique solution.}$$

(10 pts.) Q2. Find the orthogonal trajectories of the family of curves

$$x^2 = ke^y + y + 1, k \in \mathbb{R}:$$

By the implicit differentiation, $2x = y'ke^y + y', k \in \mathbb{R}$. Then, $\frac{dy}{dx} = y' = \frac{2x}{ke^y + 1} = f(x, y)$. Since

$ke^y + 1 = x^2 - y, \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x}{x^2 - y}$. Then, $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-1}{f(x, y)} = \frac{y - x^2}{2x}$ gives the orthogonal trajectories of family of curves. Then, $\frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{y}{2x} = \frac{-x}{2}$. Multiply both

sides by the integrating factor $\mu(x) = \exp\left(\int \frac{-dx}{2x}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$.

Then $\int d\left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{x}}\right) = \int -\frac{\sqrt{x}}{2} dx$. Then, $\frac{y}{\sqrt{x}} = -\frac{x^{3/2}}{3} + c$.

Therefore, $y = -\frac{x^2}{3} + c\sqrt{x}$ is the general solution.

(8 pts.) Q3. Consider the differential equation

$(2e^x + 3x^2y^{-1})dx + (2e^xy^{-1} - 3)dy = 0$. Find an integrating factor in the form $\mu = y^n$ and then solve the equation.

Let $M(x, y) = 2e^x + \frac{3x^2}{y}, N(x, y) = \frac{2e^x}{y} - 3$.

Suppose $y^n M(x, y)dx + y^n N(x, y)dy = 0$ is exact. Then, $\frac{\partial(y^n M(x, y))}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial(y^n N(x, y))}{\partial x}$

$$\text{,or } 2ny^{n-1}e^x + 3(n-1)x^2y^{n-2} = 2e^xy^{n-1}$$

,or $(n - 1)(2e^x)y^{n-1} + 3(n - 1)x^2y^{n-2} = 0$, or $n-1=0$.

Therefore, $\mu(x, y) = y$ is an integrating factor for DE.

Thus, $(2e^xy + 3x^2)dx + (2e^x - 3y)dy = 0$.

Then, $\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = 2e^xy + 3x^2 \Rightarrow$

$F(x, y) = 2e^xy + x^3 + h(y)$.

Then, $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 2e^x + h'(y) = N(x, y) = 2e^x - 3y \Rightarrow h'(y) = -3y \Rightarrow h(y) = -\frac{3y^2}{2} + c$.

Therefore, $2e^xy + x^3 - \frac{3y^2}{2} = c$ is the general solution.

(7 pts.) Q4. An object with a mass m is thrown upward from a ground level with initial velocity v_0 . Assume that the air resistance is

proportional to the velocity. Using Newton's Law: Force equals to mass times acceleration, find:

(4 pts.) a) The velocity of the object at time $t > 0$.

We know that $a = \frac{dv}{dt}$, $F = ma = -mg - kv$, where k is the constant of

proportionality. Then, $m\frac{dv}{dt} = -mg - kv \Rightarrow \frac{dv}{dt} + \frac{k}{m}v = -g$. Then, by multiplying the integration factor $\mu(t, v) = e^{\frac{kv}{m}}$, we have

$$\int d(e^{\frac{kt}{m}}v) = \int -ge^{-\frac{kt}{m}} dt \Rightarrow v = -\frac{mg}{k} + ce^{-\frac{kt}{m}}. \text{ Since } v(0) = v_0, \text{ we get}$$
$$v_0 = -\frac{mg}{k} + c \Rightarrow c = (v_0 + \frac{mg}{k}).$$

$$\text{Therefore, } v = -\frac{mg}{k} + (v_0 + \frac{mg}{k})e^{-\frac{kt}{m}}.$$

(3 pts.) b) The time t at which the object attains its maximum height.

$$\text{If height is maximum at time } t, \text{ then } v(t)=0 \Rightarrow 0 = -\frac{mg}{k} + (v_0 + \frac{mg}{k})e^{-\frac{kt}{m}} \Rightarrow$$
$$t = \ln\left(\frac{mg + v_0 k}{mg}\right) \frac{m}{k}.$$