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## Differential Equations 2280

### Midterm Exam 1

Exam Date: Friday, 26 February 2016 at 12:50pm

**Instructions:** This in-class exam is designed for 50 minutes. No calculators, notes, tables or books. No answer check is expected. Details count 3/4, answers count 1/4.

#### 1. (Quadrature Equations)

(a) [40%] Solve  $y' = \frac{2x^3}{1+x^2}$ .

(b) [60%] Find the position  $x(t)$  from the velocity model  $\frac{d}{dt}(e^{-t}v(t)) = 2e^t$ ,  $v(0) = 5$  and the position model  $\frac{dx}{dt} = v(t)$ ,  $x(2) = 2$ .

#### Solution to Problem 1.

(a) Answer  $y = x^2 - \ln(x^2 + 1) + c$ . The integral of  $F(x) = \frac{2x^3}{1+x^2}$  is found by substitution  $u = 1+x^2$ , resulting in the new integration problem  $\int F dx = \int \frac{u-1}{u} du = \int (1) du - \int \frac{du}{u}$ .

(b) Velocity  $v(t) = 2e^{2t} + 3e^t$  by quadrature. Integrate  $x'(t) = 2e^{2t} + 3e^t$  with  $x(0) = 2$  to obtain position  $x(t) = e^{2t} + 3e^t + c$ , where  $c = 2 - e^4 - 3e^2$ .

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**2. (Classification of Equations)**

The differential equation  $y' = f(x, y)$  is defined to be **separable** provided  $f(x, y) = F(x)G(y)$  for some functions  $F$  and  $G$ .

(a) [40%] The equation  $y' + x(y + 3) = ye^x + 3x$  is separable. Provide formulas for  $F(x)$  and  $G(y)$ .

(b) [60%] Apply partial derivative tests to show that  $y' = x + y$  is linear but not separable. Supply all details.

**Solution to Problem 2.**

(a) The equation is  $y' = ye^x - xy = (e^x - x)y$ . Then  $F(x) = e^x - x$ ,  $G(y) = y$ .

(b) Let  $f(x, y) = x + y$ . Then  $\partial f / \partial y = 1$ , which is independent of  $y$ , hence the equation  $y' = f(x, y)$  is linear. The negative test is  $\frac{\partial f / \partial y}{f}$  depends on  $x$ . In this case, the fraction is

$$\frac{\partial f / \partial y}{f} = \frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{x + y}.$$

At  $y = 0$ , this reduces to  $1/x$ , which depends on  $x$ , therefore the equation  $y' = f(x, y)$  is not separable.

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**3. (Solve a Separable Equation)**Given  $(5y + 10)y' = (xe^{-x} + \sin(x) \cos(x)) (y^2 + 3y - 4)$ .

Find a non-equilibrium solution in implicit form.

To save time, **do not solve** for  $y$  explicitly and **do not solve** for equilibrium solutions.**Solution to Problem 3.**The solution by separation of variables identifies the separated equation  $y' = F(x)G(y)$  using

$$F(x) = xe^{-x} + \sin(x) \cos(x), \quad G(y) = \frac{y^2 + 3y - 4}{5y + 10}.$$

The integral of  $F$  is done by parts and also by  $u$ -substitution.

$$\begin{aligned} \int F dx &= \int xe^{-x} dx + \int \sin(x) \cos(x) dx \\ &= I_1 + I_2. \\ I_1 &= \int xe^{-x} dx \\ &= -xe^{-x} - \int e^{-x} dx, \quad \text{parts } u = x, dv = e^{-x} dx, \\ &= xe^{-x} - e^{-x} + c_1 \\ I_2 &= \int \sin(x) \cos(x) dx \\ &= \int u du, \quad u = \sin(x), du = \cos(x) dx, \\ &= u^2/2 + c_2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sin^2(x) + c_2 \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\int F dx = xe^{-x} - e^{-x} + \frac{1}{2} \sin^2(x) + c_3$ .The integral of  $1/G(y)$  requires partial fractions. The details:

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{dx}{G(y(x))} &= \int \frac{5u + 10}{u^2 + 3u - 4} du, \quad u = y(x), du = y'(x) dx, \\ &= \int \frac{5u + 10}{(u + 4)(u - 1)} du \\ &= \int \frac{A}{u + 4} + \frac{B}{u - 1} du, \quad A, B \text{ determined later,} \\ &= A \ln |u + 4| + B \ln |u - 1| + c_4 \end{aligned}$$

The partial fraction problem

$$\frac{5u + 10}{(u + 4)(u - 1)} = \frac{A}{u + 4} + \frac{B}{u - 1}$$

can be solved in a variety of ways, with answer  $A = \frac{-20+10}{-5} = 2$  and  $B = \frac{15}{5} = 3$ . The final implicit solution is obtained from  $\int \frac{dx}{G(y(x))} = \int F(x) dx$ , which gives the equation

$$2 \ln |y + 4| + 3 \ln |y - 1| = xe^{-x} - e^{-x} + \frac{1}{2} \sin^2(x) + c.$$

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**4. (Linear Equations)**

(a) [60%] Solve the linear model  $2x'(t) = -64 + \frac{10}{3t+2}x(t)$ ,  $x(0) = 32$ . Show all integrating factor steps.

(b) [20%] Solve  $\frac{dy}{dx} - (\cos(x))y = 0$  using the homogeneous linear equation shortcut.

(c) [20%] Solve  $5\frac{dy}{dx} - 7y = 10$  using the superposition principle  $y = y_h + y_p$  shortcut. Expected are answers for  $y_h$  and  $y_p$ .

**Solution to Problem 4.**

(a) The answer is  $v(t) = 32 + 48t$ . The details:

$$v'(t) = -32 + \frac{5}{3t+2}v(t),$$

$$v'(t) + \frac{-5}{3t+2}v(t) = -32, \quad \text{standard form } v' + p(t)v = q(t)$$

$$p(t) = \frac{-5}{3t+2},$$

$$W = e^{\int p dt}, \quad \text{integrating factor}$$

$$W = e^u, \quad u = \int p dt = -\frac{5}{3} \ln |3t+2| = \ln(|3t+2|^{-5/3})$$

$$W = (3t+2)^{-5/3}, \quad \text{Final choice for } W.$$

Then replace the left side of  $v' + pv = q$  by  $(vW)'/W$  to obtain

$$v'(t) + \frac{-5}{3t+2}v(t) = -32, \quad \text{standard form } v' + p(t)v = q(t)$$

$$\frac{(vW)'}{W} = -32, \quad \text{Replace left side by quotient } (vW)'/W$$

$$(vW)' = -32W, \quad \text{cross-multiply}$$

$$vW = -32 \int W dt, \quad \text{quadrature step.}$$

The evaluation of the integral is from the power rule:

$$\int -32W dt = -32 \int (3t+2)^{-5/3} dt = -32 \frac{(3t+2)^{-2/3}}{(-2/3)(3)} + c.$$

Division by  $W = (3t+2)^{-5/3}$  then gives the general solution

$$v(t) = \frac{c}{W} - \frac{32}{-2}(3t+2)^{-2/3}(3t+2)^{5/3}.$$

Constant  $c$  evaluates to  $c = 0$  because of initial condition  $v(0) = 32$ . Then

$$v(t) = \frac{32}{-2}(3t+2)^{-2/3}(3t+2)^{5/3} = 16(3t+2)^{-\frac{2}{3}+\frac{5}{3}} = 16(3t+2).$$

(b) The answer is  $y = \text{constant}$  divided by the integrating factor:  $y = \frac{c}{W}$ . Because  $W = e^u$  where  $u = \int -\cos(x)dx = -\sin x$ , then  $y = ce^{\sin x}$ .

(c) The equilibrium solution (a constant solution) is  $y_p = -\frac{10}{7}$ . The homogeneous solution is  $y_h = ce^{7x/5} = \text{constant}$  divided by the integrating factor. Then  $y = y_p + y_h = -\frac{10}{7} + ce^{7x/5}$ .



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**6. (ch3)**

Using Euler's theorem on Euler solution atoms and the characteristic equation for higher order constant-coefficient differential equations, solve (a), (b), (c).

(a) [40%] Find a constant coefficient differential equation  $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$  which has particular solutions  $-5e^{-x} + xe^{-x}$ ,  $10e^{-x} + xe^{-x}$ .

(b) [30%] Given characteristic equation  $r(r - 2)(r^3 + 4r)(r^2 + 2r + 37) = 0$ , solve the differential equation.

(c) [30%] Given  $mx''(t) + cx'(t) + kx(t) = 0$ , which represents an unforced damped spring-mass system. Assume  $m = 4$ ,  $c = 4$ ,  $k = 129$ . Classify the equation as over-damped, critically damped or under-damped. Illustrate in a spring-mass-dashpot drawing the assignment of physical constants  $m$ ,  $c$ ,  $k$  and the initial conditions  $x(0) = 1$ ,  $x'(0) = 0$ .

**Solution to Problem 6.****6(a)**

Multiply the first solution by 2 and add it to the second solution. Then Euler atom  $xe^{-x}$  is a solution, which implies that  $r = -1$  is a double root of the characteristic equation. Then the characteristic equation should be  $(r - (-1))(r - (-1)) = 0$ , or  $r^2 + 2r + 1 = 0$ . The differential equation is  $y'' + 2y' + y = 0$ .

**6(b)**

The characteristic equation factors into  $r^2(r - 2)(r^2 + 4)((r + 1)^2 + 36) = 0$  with roots  $r = 0, 0, 2; \pm 2i; -1 \pm 6i$ . Then  $y$  is a linear combination of the Euler solution atoms  $1, x, e^{2x}, \cos(2x), \sin(2x); e^{-x} \cos(6x), e^{-x}$ .

**6(c)**

Use  $4r^2 + 4r + 129 = 0$  and the quadratic formula to obtain roots  $r = -1/2 + 4\sqrt{2}i, -1/2 - 4\sqrt{2}i$  and Euler solution atoms  $e^{-x/2} \cos 4\sqrt{2}t, e^{-x/2} \sin 4\sqrt{2}t$ . Then  $y$  is a linear combination of these two solution atoms, and it oscillates, therefore the classification is **under-damped**. The illustration shows a spring, a dashpot and a mass with labels  $k, c, m$ . Initial conditions mean mass elongation  $x = 1$ , at rest.

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**7. (ch3)**

Determine for  $y^{(3)} + y^{(2)} = x + 2e^{-x} + \sin x$  the corrected trial solution for  $y_p$  according to the method of undetermined coefficients. **Do not evaluate the undetermined coefficients!** The trial solution should be the one with fewest Euler solution atoms.

**Solution to Problem 7.**

The homogeneous equation  $y^{(3)} + y^{(2)} = 0$  has solution  $y_h = c_1 + c_2x + c_3e^{-x}$ , because the characteristic polynomial has roots 0, 0, -1.

**1** Rule I constructs an initial trial solution  $y$  from the list of independent Euler solution atoms

$$e^{-x}, \quad 1, \quad x, \quad \cos x, \quad \sin x.$$

Linear combinations of these atoms are supposed to reproduce, by assignment of constants, all derivatives of  $F(x) = x + 2e^{-x} + \sin x$ , which is the right side of the differential equation. Each of  $y_1$  to  $y_4$  in the display below is constructed to have the same **base atom**, which is the Euler atom obtained by stripping the power of  $x$ . For example,  $x = xe^{0x}$  strips to base atom  $e^{0x}$  or 1.

$$\begin{aligned} y &= y_1 + y_2 + y_3 + y_4, \\ y_1 &= d_1 e^{-x}, \\ y_2 &= d_2 + d_3 x, \\ y_3 &= d_4 \cos x, \\ y_4 &= d_5 \sin x. \end{aligned}$$

**2** Rule II is applied individually to each of  $y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4$  to give the **corrected trial solution**

$$\begin{aligned} y &= y_1 + y_2 + y_3 + y_4, \\ y_1 &= d_1 x e^{-x}, \\ y_2 &= x^2(d_2 + d_3 x), \\ y_3 &= d_4 \cos x, \\ y_4 &= d_5 \sin x. \end{aligned}$$

The powers of  $x$  multiplied in each case are selected to eliminate terms in the initial trial solution which duplicate homogeneous equation Euler solution atoms. The factor used is exactly  $x^s$  of the Edwards-Penney table, where  $s$  is the multiplicity of the characteristic equation root  $r$  that produced the related atom in the homogeneous solution  $y_h$ . The atoms in  $y_3, y_4$  are not solutions of the homogeneous equation, therefore  $y_3, y_4$  are unaltered.