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## Differential Equations 2280

### Sample Midterm Exam 1

Exam Date: Friday, 17 February 2017 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  $x(t) = e^{2t} + 3e^t - 2$ .

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**2. (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 2.**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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**3. (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 3.**

(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

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

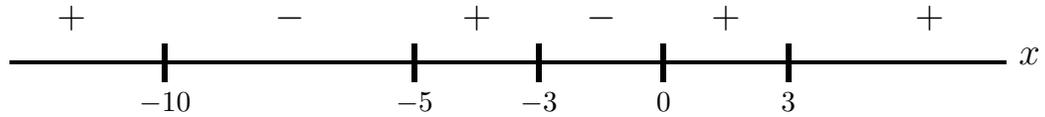
(b) The answer is  $y = \text{constant}$  divided by the integrating factor:  $y = \frac{c}{W}$ . Because  $W = e^u$  where  $u = \int -\cos(x)dx = -\sin x$ , then  $y = ce^{\sin x}$ .

(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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**4. (Stability)**

Assume an autonomous equation  $x'(t) = f(x(t))$ . Draw a phase portrait with at least 12 threaded curves, using the phase line diagram given below. Add these labels as appropriate: funnel, spout, node [neither spout nor funnel], stable, unstable.

**Solution to Problem 4.**

The graphic is drawn using increasing and decreasing curves, which may or may not be depicted with turning points. The rules:

1. A curve drawn between equilibria is increasing if the sign is PLUS.
2. A curve drawn between equilibria is decreasing if the sign is MINUS.
3. Label: FUNNEL, STABLE  
The signs left to right are PLUS MINUS crossing the equilibrium point.
4. Label: SPOUT, UNSTABLE  
The signs left to right are MINUS PLUS crossing the equilibrium point.
5. Label: NODE, UNSTABLE  
The signs left to right are PLUS PLUS crossing the equilibrium point, or  
The signs left to right are MINUS MINUS crossing the equilibrium point.

The answer:

- $x = -10$ : FUNNEL, STABLE  
 $x = -5$ : SPOUT, UNSTABLE  
 $x = -3$ : FUNNEL, STABLE  
 $x = 0$ : SPOUT, UNSTABLE  
 $x = 3$ : NODE, UNSTABLE

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**5. (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 5.****5(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  $y'' + 2y' + y = 0$ .

**5(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:

$$1, x, e^{2x}, \cos(2x), \sin(2x); e^{-x} \cos(6x), e^{-x} \sin(6x).$$

**5(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.

A **dashpot** is represented as a cylinder and piston with rod, the rod attached to the mass. Variable  $x$  is positive in the down direction and negative in the up direction. The equilibrium position is  $x = 0$ .

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