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Math 240  
Ordinary Diff. Equations

MidTerm 1

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*Calculators and cellular phones are not allowed during the exam.*

1. Solve the following differential equations: [4 pts each]

(a)  $y' = (x + y)^2 + 2x + 2y$

(b)  $y' = y + e^x y^2$ , where  $y(0) = -1$

(c)  $2y dx + (x - \sin \sqrt{y}) dy = 0$

(d)  $(1 + t^2) du - (1 + 2tu + t^2) dt = 0$  where  $u(1) = 2\pi$

(e)  $(x - \cos y) dx - (y - x \sin y) dy = 0$

2. Let F be a family of curves defined by the equation

$$x^2 + xy + y^2 = C$$

Find the family G of its orthogonal trajectories.

[5 pts]

SOLUTIONS

1. (a)  $y' = x^2 + 2xy + y^2 + 2x + 2y = (x + y)^2 + 2(x + y)$ . Put  $v = x + y$  and differentiate w.r.t.  $x$ . Then  $y' = v' - 1$  and we have the separable equation

$$v' = 1 + v^2 + 2v = (v + 1)^2 \rightarrow \frac{dv}{(v + 1)^2} = dx \rightarrow -\frac{1}{v + 1} = x - C \rightarrow \boxed{x + \frac{1}{x + y + 1} = C}$$

- (b) This is Bernoulli's equation

$$y' = y + e^x y^2 \rightarrow y' - y = e^x y^2 \rightarrow -y^{-2} y' + y^{-1} = -e^x$$

If  $z = y^{-1}$ , the equation becomes a linear equation in standard form  $z' + z = -e^x$  with integrating factor  $e^x$  so that the general solution is given by

$$e^x z = \int_x -e^{2t} dt = -\frac{1}{2} e^{2x} + C \rightarrow \frac{1}{y} = -\frac{1}{2} e^x + C e^{-x}$$

The initial condition  $y(0) = -1$  gives  $C = -1/2$  and the particular solution is  $\boxed{y = -\operatorname{sech} x}$ .

- (c) The equation  $2y dx + (x - \sin \sqrt{y}) dy = 0$  is not exact since  $M_y = 2$  and  $N_x = 1$ . But  $M_y - N_x = 1$  and when this is divided by  $M$  it yields a function of  $y$  alone, namely,  $1/(2y)$ . We find the integrating factor to be

$$\rho(y) = \exp\left(-\int_y \frac{1}{2s} ds\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{y}}$$

Multiply the equation by  $\rho(y)$  to make it exact:

$$dF = F_x dx + F_y dy = 2\sqrt{y} dx + \frac{x - \sin \sqrt{y}}{\sqrt{y}} dy = 0 \rightarrow F_x = 2\sqrt{y} \rightarrow F = 2x\sqrt{y} + g(y)$$

$$F_y = \frac{x}{\sqrt{y}} + g'(y) = \frac{x - \sin \sqrt{y}}{\sqrt{y}} \rightarrow g'(y) = -\frac{\sin \sqrt{y}}{\sqrt{y}} \rightarrow g(y) = 2 \cos \sqrt{y}$$

and we have the family of solutions  $\boxed{x\sqrt{y} + \cos \sqrt{y} = C}$ .

- (d) The equation is expressed as

$$u' - \frac{2t}{1+t^2} u = 1$$

for which the integrating factor is found to be

$$\rho = \exp\left[-\int_t \frac{2z}{1+z^2} dz\right] = \frac{1}{1+t^2} \rightarrow$$

$$\frac{1}{1+t^2} y = \int_t \frac{1}{1+z^2} dz = \tan^{-1} t + C \rightarrow \boxed{u = (1+t^2)(\tan^{-1} t + C)}$$

where  $\boxed{C = 3\pi/4}$  is obtained from the initial condition  $u(1) = 2\pi$ .

- (e) The equation is exact and we have the general solution  $\boxed{x^2 - y^2 - 2x \cos y = C}$

2. Take the derivative w.r.t.  $x$

$$2x + y + x y' + 2y y' = 0 \rightarrow y'_F = -\frac{2x + y}{x + 2y} \rightarrow y'_G = \frac{x + 2y}{2x + y}$$

Hence, for the family G we have the following DE with homogeneous coefficients:

$$(x + 2y) dx - (2x + y) dy = 0$$

Make the substitution  $y = xv$  to transform the above into

$$\begin{aligned}(x + 2xv) dx - (2x + xv)(vdx + xdv) &= 0 \rightarrow (1 + 2v) dx - (2 + v)(vdx + xdv) = 0 \rightarrow \\(1 - v^2) dx - x(2 + v) dv &= 0 \rightarrow \frac{dx}{x} + \frac{2+v}{v^2-1} dv = 0 \rightarrow 2 \frac{dx}{x} + \left[ \frac{3}{v-1} - \frac{1}{v+1} \right] dv = 0 \rightarrow \\ \ln x^2 + \ln \left| \frac{(v-1)^3}{v+1} \right| &= \ln |K| \rightarrow x^2 \frac{(v-1)^3}{v+1} = K \rightarrow \boxed{(y-x)^3 = K(y+x)}\end{aligned}$$