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Math 240  
Intro. ODE's

First In-Term Exam

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Time: 90 Minutes

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*Electronic devices are not allowed during this exam.*

1. (4 pts) Suppose  $y(x)$  is a solution of the equation  $y' = 2x^3(y + \sin y)$  with  $y(0) = 0$ . Use the existence and uniqueness of solutions of first order ODE's to show that  $y(1) = 0$ .
2. (8 pts) For each of the following differential equations, state whether it is linear or nonlinear and determine its order:
  - (a)  $y^{(4)} + \sqrt{x}y^{(3)} - \cos x = e^y$ .
  - (b)  $3y' + (x + 4)y = x^2 + y''$ .
3. (8 pts) Consider the ODE  $y' - \frac{1}{3}y = e^{-t}$ .
  - (a) Find the solution with  $y(0) = a$ .
  - (b) Find the values of  $a$  for which (i)  $y \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , and (ii)  $y \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .
4. (16 pts) Given the differential equation:

$$(ye^{2xy} + x)dx + bx e^{2xy}dy = 0$$

find the value of  $b$  for which the equation is exact and solve it for that value of  $b$ .

5. (48 pts) Solve the following differential equations:
  - (a)  $(2x + xy^2 \sec^2(xy))dx + (3y + x^2y \sec^2(xy))dy = 0$ .
  - (b)  $(x + 1)dy - (y + 1)dx = (x + 1)\sqrt{y + 1}dx$ .
  - (c)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{3x^2y + y^2}{2x^3 + 3xy}$  with  $y(1) = 1$ .
6. (16 pts) For the family of curves  $xy = c$ , where  $c \neq 0$ , find the member of its orthogonal trajectories that passes through the point  $(0, 1)$ .

S O L U T I O N S

1. The problem  $y' = f(x, y)$ ,  $y(0) = 0$  has a unique solution since  $f(x, y) = 2x^3(y + \sin y)$  and its  $y$ -derivative  $f_y(x, y) = 2x^3(1 + \cos y)$  are continuous in every domain in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  that contains the origin. In particular, the point  $(1, 0)$  is in one such domain and, by the *Existence and Uniqueness Theorem*, the problem  $y' = f(x, y)$ ,  $y(1) = 0$  also has a unique solution.
2. (a) nonlinear of order 4; (b) linear of second order.
3.  $y' - y/3 = e^{-t}$  is a linear DE. Therefore, taking the integrating factor  $\rho = e^{-t/3}$ , we deduce the general solution

$$y(t) = e^{t/3} \left[ \int e^{-4t/3} dt + c \right] = e^{t/3} \left[ -\frac{3}{4} e^{-4t/3} + c \right]$$

The initial condition  $y(0) = a$  gives  $c = a + 3/4$  so that

$$y(t) = \left(a + \frac{3}{4}\right) e^{t/3} - \frac{3}{4} e^{-t}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y = 0 \Rightarrow a = -\frac{3}{4}; \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y = -\infty \Rightarrow a < -\frac{3}{4}$$

4. For the equation  $(y e^{2xy} + x) dx + b x e^{2xy} dy = 0$  to be exact, we must have  $b = 1$  since

$$M_y = e^{2xy}(1 + 2xy) = b e^{2xy}(1 + 2xy) = N_x \Leftrightarrow b = 1$$

Find a potential function  $F(x, y)$ :

$$F_x = y e^{2xy} + x \Rightarrow F(x, y) = \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2} e^{2xy} + \varphi(y)$$

$$F_y = x e^{2xy} \Rightarrow \varphi(y) = C_1$$

The general solution becomes  $x^2 + e^{2xy} = C$ .

5. (a) By inspection: rewrite  $(2x + x y^2 \sec^2(xy)) dx + (3y + x^2 y \sec^2(xy)) dy = 0$  as

$$2x dx + 3y dy + xy \sec^2(xy) (y dx + x dy) = 2x dx + 3y dy + (xy) \sec^2(xy) d(xy) = 0$$

Put  $w = xy$  to reduce the above to

$$2x dx + 3y dy + w d \tan w = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$x^2 + \frac{3y^2}{2} + w \tan w + \ln |\cos w| = x^2 + \frac{3y^2}{2} + xy \tan(xy) + \ln |\cos(xy)| = C$$

- (b) By setting  $u = x + 1$  and  $v = y + 1$ , the equation becomes

$$u dv - v du = u \sqrt{v} du \Rightarrow \frac{dv}{du} - \frac{1}{u} v = \sqrt{v} \quad (\text{Bernoulli})$$

Put  $w = v^{1-1/2} = \sqrt{v}$  to get

$$\frac{dw}{du} - \frac{1}{2u} w = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow w = u + C\sqrt{u}$$

hence, the general solution  $\sqrt{y+1} = C\sqrt{x+1} + x + 1$ .

(c) This equation is not exact. We have

$$M_y = 3x^2 + 2y; \quad N_x = 6x^2 + 3y; \quad \frac{M_y - N_x}{M} = -\frac{1}{y}$$

IF is  $\rho(y) = e^{\ln y} = y > 0$ , and we obtain the exact equation:

$$(3x^2y^2 + y^3) dx + (2x^3y + 3xy^2) dy = 0$$

whose general solution is  $x^3y^2 + xy^3 = C = 2$  from the initial condition  $y(1) = 1$ .

6. By implicit differentiation we get

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{y}{x}$$

The OT's satisfy the DE

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{y} \Rightarrow y^2 = x^2 + K = x^2 + 1$$

under the condition  $y(0) = 1$ .