

**2023-24 First Semester**  
**MATH2023 Ordinary and Partial Differential Equations (1002)**

Assignment 2 Suggested Solution

1. Let  $M(x, y) = ax - by$ ,  $N(x, y) = bx - cy$ , then the DE is **exact** when

$$M_y = -b = N_x = b \quad \rightarrow \quad b = 0.$$

Also the DE becomes,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{ax}{cy}, c \neq 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \int cy \, dy = \int ax \, dx + C$$

i.e.  $cy^2 = ax^2 + C$ ,  $C \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Remark:** In fact, you can show that any separable equation  $y' = \frac{M(x)}{N(y)}$  is also exact.

2. (a) Nonlinear ODE, but not separable or exact, since  $N_x - M_y = 2y - 1 \neq 0$ . However,

$$\frac{N_x - M_y}{M} = \frac{2y - 1}{y}$$

is a function of  $y$  alone. There exists an integrating factor  $u(y)$  s.t.

$$\frac{1}{u} du = \frac{2y - 1}{y} dy \quad \rightarrow \quad \ln |u| = 2y - \ln |y| \quad \rightarrow \quad u(y) = e^{2y}/y.$$

Now rewrite the given ODE as  $e^{2y} dx + (2xe^{2y} - 1/y) dy = 0$ . It is now exact and easy to find the solution as

$$\Psi(x, y) = xe^{2y} - \ln y = C, \quad C \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- (b) Nonlinear ODE, but not separable or exact, since  $M_y - N_x = (x+2)\cos(y) - \cos(y) \neq 0$ . Consider an integrating factor  $u(x)$ , then

$$\frac{M_y - N_x}{N} = \frac{(x+1)\cos(y)}{x\cos(y)} = \frac{x+1}{x}$$

is a function of  $x$  alone. It means such factor  $u(x)$  exists and satisfies

$$\frac{1}{u(x)} \frac{du}{dx} = \frac{x+1}{x} \quad \rightarrow \quad u(x) = xe^x.$$

Multiplying  $u(x)$  on both sides of the original equation results in an exact equation

$$e^x(x^2 + 2x)\sin(y) + x^2e^x\cos(y)y' = 0.$$

To find  $\psi(x, y)$ , let

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(x, y) &= \int M(x, y) dx + h(y) = x^2e^x\sin(y) + h(y) \\ \frac{\partial \psi(x, y)}{\partial y} &= x^2e^x\cos(y) + h'(y) = N(x, y) \\ \rightarrow h'(y) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $h(y) = c$  and the implicit solution is :

$$x^2e^x\sin(y) = C, \quad C \in \mathbb{R}.$$

3. (a) Let  $M(x, y) = 2x - y$ ,  $N(x, y) = -4y - x$ , then the DE is an **exact** equation since

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = -1 = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x},$$

Obtain  $\Psi(x, y)$  by integrating  $N(x, y)$  with respect to  $y$  and compute  $\Psi_x$ ,

$$\Psi(x, y) = -2y^2 - xy + g(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \Psi(x, y)}{\partial x} &= -y + g'(x) = M(x, y) = 2x - y \\ \rightarrow g'(x) &= 2x \quad \rightarrow \quad g(x) = x^2 + C_1, \quad C_1 \in \mathbb{R}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the solution is  $\Psi(x, y) = C$ , with arbitrary constant  $C$ , i.e.

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

Imposing the initial condition  $y(1) = 3$ ,  $C = -20$ . Solution to this IVP is

$$y = \frac{-x + \sqrt{9x^2 + 160}}{4}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- (b) First order linear DE, **Standard form:**

$$y' + \frac{2t}{4-t^2}y = \frac{3t^2}{4-t^2}, \quad t \neq \pm 2.$$

**Integrating factor:**

$$e^{\int \frac{2t}{4-t^2} dt} = e^{-\ln|4-t^2|} = \frac{1}{4-t^2}.$$

**Multiply  $u(t)$  to the standard form:**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{4-t^2}y' + \frac{2t}{(4-t^2)^2}y &= \frac{3t^2}{(4-t^2)^2} \\ \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{y}{4-t^2} \right) &= \frac{3t^2}{(4-t^2)^2} \end{aligned}$$

Integrate by partial fractions and we yield

$$\frac{y}{4-t^2} = 3 \left( \frac{\ln|t-2| - \ln|t+2|}{8} - \frac{1}{4(t+2)} - \frac{1}{4(t-2)} \right) + C$$

**General solution:**

$$y(t) = \frac{3(4-t^2)}{8} \ln \left| \frac{t-2}{t+2} \right| + \frac{3t}{2} + C(4-t^2), \quad C \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$y(0) = 0 + 0 + 4C = 4, \quad \rightarrow \quad C = 1$$

Solution to the IVP:

$$y(t) = \frac{3(4-t^2)}{8} \ln \left| \frac{t-2}{t+2} \right| + \frac{3t}{2} + (4-t^2)$$

(c) This is a separable equation.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dt} &= \frac{-4t}{y}, \quad y \neq 0 \\ \int y dy &= \int -4t dt \\ \frac{1}{2}y^2 &= -2t^2 + C \\ y &= \pm\sqrt{-4t^2 + 2C}\end{aligned}$$

Since  $y(0) = \pm\sqrt{2C} = y_0$ ,  $\rightarrow C = y_0^2/2$ , then

$$y = \begin{cases} \sqrt{y_0^2 - 4t^2}, & \text{if } y_0 > 0; \\ -\sqrt{y_0^2 - 4t^2}, & \text{if } y_0 < 0. \end{cases}, \quad |t| < |y_0|/2$$

4. (a) Proof: The equation  $\mu M + \mu N y' = 0$  is exact if  $(\mu M)_y = (\mu N)_x$ , i.e.

$$\mu_y M - \mu_x N = \mu(N_x - M_y). \quad (1)$$

Assume  $\mu$  is a function depending *only* on the quantity  $t = xy$ , we denote  $\mu = \mu(t)$ .

It follows that

$$\mu_x = \frac{d\mu}{dt} \frac{\partial t}{\partial x} = \mu' y, \quad \mu_y = \frac{d\mu}{dt} \frac{\partial t}{\partial y} = \mu' x.$$

Then (1) becomes

$$\frac{d\mu}{dt}(xM - yN) = \mu(N_x - M_y) \rightarrow \frac{1}{\mu} \frac{d\mu}{dt} = \frac{N_x - M_y}{xM - yN} = R.$$

Moreover,  $\mu = \int R(t)dt$ , where  $t = xy$ .

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(b) Since  $\frac{N_x - M_y}{xM - yN} = \frac{1}{xy}$  depends only on  $xy$ , then there exists an integrating factor  $\mu$  s.t.

$$\frac{1}{\mu} \frac{d\mu}{dt} = \frac{N_x - M_y}{xM - yN} = \frac{1}{t}, \quad \text{where } t = xy.$$

Solve this separable equation and we have  $\mu = xy$ . Now rewrite the given ODE as

$$(3x^2y + 6x) dx + (x^3 + 3y^2) dy = 0.$$

The solution is  $x^3y + 3x^2 + y^3 = C$ ,  $C \in \mathbb{R}$ .

5. (a) The balance increases at a rate of  $rS$  per year, and decreases at a constant rate of  $k$  per year. The governing equation can be

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = rS - k, \quad k > 0.$$

(b) Solve the first order linear differential equation in part (a) as a separable eqn.

$$\int \frac{1}{rS - k} dS = \int 1 dt + C_1$$

$$\frac{1}{r} \ln |rS - k| = t + C_1$$

$$rS = e^{rt} \cdot e^{rC_1} + k$$

The general solution is

$$S(t) = \frac{C}{r} e^{rt} + \frac{k}{r}, \quad C \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Impose the initial condition  $S(0) = S_0$  and solve the IVP, we obtain the solution as

$$S(t) = \left( S_0 - \frac{k}{r} \right) e^{rt} + \frac{k}{r}.$$

- (c) Note that the balance will remain at a constant level when  $S'(t) = 0$ , i.e.  $S' = rS - k = 0$  and  $S(t) = \frac{k}{r}$ . Comparing with the solution obtained in part (b), if the withdrawal rate is  $k_0 = rS_0$ , then  $S(t)$  will remain constant as  $\frac{k_0}{r}$ .

- (d) Based on the conclusion in Problem 7,  $f'(S)|_{S=k_0/r} = \frac{d}{dS}(rS - k)|_{S=k_0/r} = r > 0$ , then  $S = \frac{k_0}{r}$  is an unstable equilibrium solution.

From the other side, we can also see that when the initial value  $S(0)$  varies, the solution in part (b)  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} S(t)$  would tend to  $\pm\infty$  unless  $S(0) = S_0$ .

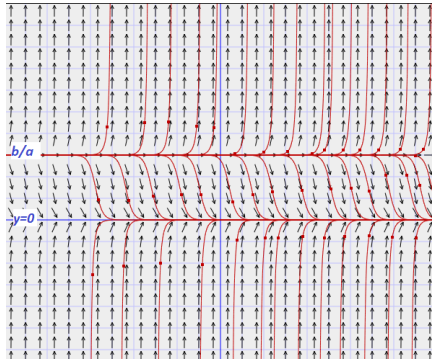
- (e) Let  $S(T_0) = 0$ . Solve for  $T_0$  and we have  $T_0 = \frac{1}{r} \ln \left[ \frac{k}{k - rS_0} \right]$  where  $k > rS_0$ .

- (f) Setting  $T_0 = T$  and solving for  $k$  in Part (e), it results in  $e^{rT} = \frac{k}{k - rS_0}$  and

$$k = \frac{rS_0 e^{rT}}{e^{rT} - 1}.$$

- (g) In part (f), let  $k = 2000$ ,  $r = .08$ , and  $T = 20$ . The required investment becomes  $S_0 = \$19,952.6$ .

6. The critical points are 0 and  $b/a$ . From the phase portrait we see that 0 is asymptotically stable and  $b/a$  is unstable. Thus, if an initial population satisfies  $P_0 > b/a$ , the population becomes unbounded as  $t$  increases, most probably in finite time, i.e.  $P(t) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $t \rightarrow T$ . If  $0 < P_0 < b/a$ , then the population eventually dies out, that is,  $P(t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . Since population  $P > 0$  we do not consider the case  $P_0 < 0$ .



7. If  $f'(y_1) < 0$  then the slope of  $f$  is negative at  $y_1$  and thus  $f(y) > 0$  for  $y < y_1$  and  $f(y) < 0$  for  $y > y_1$  since  $f(y_1) = 0$ . Hence  $y_1$  is an asymptotically stable critical point. A similar argument will yield the result for  $f'(y_1) > 0$ .