

**Question 1.** Determine (without solving the problem) an interval in which the solution of the given initial value problem is certain to exist:

$$(\ln t)y' + 2y = \cot t, \quad y(2) = 3$$

**Question 2.** State where in the  $ty$ -plane the hypotheses of theorem 2.4.1 are satisfied:

$$y' = \frac{4 + t^2}{2y - y^2}$$

**Question 3.** Determine if the given differential equation is exact. If it is exact, find the solution. If it is not exact, use an appropriate integrating factor to solve it:

- a.  $(\tan x - \sin x \sin y)dx + \cos x \cos y dy = 0$
- b.  $(y^2 \cos x - 3x^2 y - 2x)dx + (2y \sin x - x^3 + \ln y)dy = 0, \quad y(0) = e$
- c.  $6xydx + (4y + 9x^2)dy = 0$
- d.  $\cos x dx + (1 + \frac{2}{y}) \sin x dy = 0$
- e.  $x dx + (x^2 y + 4y)dy = 0, \quad y(4) = 0$
- f.  $\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{2y^2 + 6xy - 4}{3x^2 + 4xy + 3y^2} = 0$

**Question 4.** Suppose that a certain population has a growth rate that varies with time and that this population satisfies the differential equation:

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = (0.3 + \sin t) \frac{y}{3}$$

- a. If  $y(0) = 1$ , find (or estimate) the time  $\tau$  at which the population has doubled. Choose other initial conditions and determine whether the doubling time  $\tau$  depends on the initial population.
- b. Suppose that the growth rate is replaced by its average value  $1/10$ . Determine the doubling time  $\tau$  in this case.
- c. Suppose that the term  $\sin t$  in the differential equation is replaced by  $\sin 2\pi t$ ; that is, the variation in the growth rate has a substantially higher frequency. What effect does this have on the doubling time  $\tau$ ?
- d. Plot the solutions obtained in parts a, b, and c on a single set of axes.

**Question 5.** Consider the differential equation:

$$ty' + 2y = \frac{1}{2}t^2, \quad y(2) = 1$$

- a. Draw a direction field for the given differential equation.
- b. Use theorem 2.4.1 to find an interval in which the initial value problem has a unique solution.
- c. Solve the differential equation
- d. Then do the same when the initial condition is changed to  $y(-2) = 1$