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DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

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Answer all questions

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1. i.) Which of the following statements is true ?

- (a) Any first order first degree ordinary differential equation has a solution. ✗
- (b) Any first order first degree ordinary differential equation is separable. ✗
- (c) Any first order first degree ordinary differential equation is linear. ✗
- (d) Any first order first degree ordinary differential equation is exact. ✗
- (e) None of the above.

ii.) The initial value problem

$$(x^2 - 1) \frac{dy}{dx} = 4xy, y(-2) = 2, x \in \mathbb{R}$$

- (a) has a unique solution.
- (b) has no solution at $(1, 0)$ ✗
- (c) has infinitely many solutions. ✗
- (d) has infinitely many solutions for $x < -1$.
- (e) has no solution at $(-1, 0)$ ✗

iii.) Which of the following statements is true ?

- (a) The general solution of the n^{th} order ordinary differential equation contains n arbitrary constants. ✓
- (b) Any singular solution ~~can be~~ obtained by substituting suitable values for the arbitrary constants in the general solution. ✗
- (c) If $y_1(x)$ and $y_2(x)$ are any two solutions of any given differential equation, then $y_1(x) + y_2(x)$ is also a solution of the same equation. ✗
- (d) A singular solution is a solution obtained by setting all the arbitrary constants of the general solution to zero. ✗
- (e) The general solution of the n^{th} degree ordinary differential equation contains n arbitrary constants. ✗

iv.) The order and the degree of the differential equation $(y'')^3 - 7x(y')^4 = 9x^4$ are respectively

- (a) 3 and 4 (d) 4 and 3
 (b) 3 and 3 (e) undefined.
 (c) 2 and 3

v.) $y = cx - c^2$, where c is an arbitrary constant is a solution of the differential equation

- (a) $y' - xy'^2 + y = 0$ (d) $y'^2 - xy' - y^2 = 0$
 (b) $y'^2 - xy' - y = 0$ (e) $xy'^2 - x^2y' - 4xy = 0$
 (c) $y'^2 - xy' + y = 0$

vi.) If $y_1(x)$ and $y_2(x)$ are solutions of the differential equations $y' - p(x)y = q(x)$ and $y' - p(x)y = 0$ respectively, then

- (a) $y_2(x) - y_1(x)$ is a solution of $y' - p(x)y = 0$
 (b) $y_2(x) - y_1(x)$ is a solution of $y' - p(x)y = q(x)$
 (c) $y_2(x) + y_1(x)$ is a solution of $y' - p(x)y = 0$
 (d) $y_2(x) + y_1(x)$ is a solution of $y' - p(x)y = q(x)$
 (e) $C_1y_2(x) + C_2y_1(x)$ is a solution of $y' - p(x)y = 0$, where C_1, C_2 are arbitrary constants

X vii.) Consider a tank with 200 liters of salt-water solution, 30 grams of which is salt. Pouring into the tank is a brine solution at a rate of 4 liters/minute and with a concentration of 1 gram per liter. The well-mixed solution pours out at a rate of 5 liters/minute. The amount of salt in the tank at time t is

- (a) $200 - t + 170 \left(\frac{t}{200} - 1 \right)^5$ (d) $200 - t - 170 \left(\frac{t}{200} - 1 \right)^5$
 (b) $200 + t + 170 \left(\frac{t}{200} - 1 \right)^5$ (e) $200 - t - 170 \left(\frac{t}{200} + 1 \right)^5$
 (c) $200 - t + 170 \left(\frac{t}{200} + 1 \right)^5$

viii.) Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = \sqrt{|y|}$, $y(0) = 0$, $x, y \in \{(x, y) \mid |x| < 2, |y| < 2\}$

- (a) It has no solution.
 ✓ (b) It has a solution.
 (c) It has a unique solution.

(d) the given information is not enough to determine the existence of a solution

(e) None of the above is true.

ix.) The initial value problem

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y), \quad y(x_0) = y_0, \quad x, y \in D = \{(x, y) \mid |x - x_0| < a, |y - y_0| < b\},$$

$f(x, y)$ continuous on D , has a solution if

(a) for all $(x, y) \in D$ there exists $K \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $|f(x, y)| < K$. ✓

(b) for all $(x, y) \in D$ there exists $K \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $|f(x, y)| > K$.

(c) $f(x, y)$ has an asymptote at $x = x_0$

(d) (x_0, y_0) is a singular point.

(e) $f(x, y)$ is unbounded on D .

x.) The initial value problem

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y), \quad y(x_0) = y_0, \quad x, y \in D = \{(x, y) \mid |x - x_0| < a, |y - y_0| < b\},$$

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ and $f(x, y)$ are continuous on D , has a unique solution if

(a) $f(x, y)$ is bounded on D .

(b) $f(x, y)$ is continuous on D .

(c) $f(x, y)$ has an asymptote at $x = x_0$

(d) for all $(x, y) \in D$ there exists $K, M \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $|f(x, y)| < K$ and $|\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}| < M$.

(e) $f(x, y)$ is unbounded on D .

i.) The solution of the initial value problem $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{y}{x}$, $y(1) = 1$ is

(a) $\ln |y| = -\ln |x| - C$

(d) $xy = C$

(b) $\ln |y| = -2 \ln |x| - 1$

(e) $y = 1/x$

(c) $\ln |y| = -x + 1$

ii.) Which of the following equations can be reduced to a separable equation

(a) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^3 y - 2xy - 1}{y^3 - 3x^2 y + 3}$

(b) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(x-1)^2 + y - 1}{(y-1)^2 + x - 1}$

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

(d) $(x^2 + 2y + 3)dx + (y^2 - 3x - 1)dy = 0$

(e) $(x^2 y - xy + 9)dx - (y^2 x + 3yx^2 + 1)dy = 0$

ii.) The equation $P(x, y)dx + Q(x, y)dy = 0$ is said to be exact if

(a) $\frac{\partial P}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y}$

(b) there exists $u(x, y)$ such that $du = P(x, y)dx + Q(x, y)dy$

(c) $\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}$

(d) $\frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 Q}{\partial y \partial x}$

(e) $\frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial y \partial x} = \frac{\partial^2 Q}{\partial x \partial y}$

v.) $(ax + by)dx + (lx + my)dy = 0$, where a, b, l, m are constants, is exact if

(a) $a = b$

(d) $a = m$

(b) $b = l$

(e) $b = m$

(c) $a = l$

v.) Which of the following equations is exact

(a) $y^2 \sin 2x dx + (y^2 + \cos^2 x) dy = 0$

(b) $(x^3 + 3xy^2)dx + (y^3 + 4x^2y)dy = 0$

(c) $(x^2 + 2y + 3)dx + (y^2 - 3x - 1)dy = 0$

(d) $y \sin 2x dx - (y^2 + \cos^2 x) dy = 0$

(e) $y^2 \sin 2x dx - (y^2 + \cos^2 x) dy = 0$

vi.) The solution of $\{y(1 + 1/x) + \cos y\}dx + (x + \ln x - x \sin y)dy = 0$ is

(a) $xy - \ln |xy| + x \cos y = C$

(d) $x/y - y \ln |x| + x \cos y = C$

(b) $xy - x \ln |y| + x \cos y = C$

(e) $xy + y \ln |x| + x \cos y = C$

(c) $xy - y^2 \ln |x| + x \cos y = C$

vii.) $I(x, y)$ is said to be an integrating factor of

$P(x, y)dx + Q(x, y)dy = 0$ if

(a) $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\{I(x, y)P(x, y)\} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\{I(x, y)Q(x, y)\}$

(b) $\frac{\partial}{\partial y}\{I(x, y)P(x, y)\} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\{I(x, y)Q(x, y)\}$

(c) $I(x, y) = e^{\int P(x, y)dx}$

(d) $I(x, y) = e^{\int Q(x, y)dy}$

(e) there exists $u(x, y)$ such that $du = I(x, y)P(x, y)dx + I(x, y)Q(x, y)dy$

viii.) The complete primitive of $(D^2 - 4D + 4)y = x^2$ is given by

(a) $y(x) = Ae^{-2x} + Be^{-2x} + \frac{1}{4}\{x^2 + 2x + 1.5\}$

(b) $y(x) = Ae^{2x} + Be^{2x} + \frac{1}{4}\{x^2 + 2x + 1.5\}$

(c) $y(x) = (Ax + B)e^{-2x} + \frac{1}{4}\{x^2 + 2x + 1.5\}$

(d) $y(x) = (Ax - B)e^{2x} + \frac{1}{4}\{x^2 + 2x - 1.5\}$

(e) $y(x) = (Ax - B)e^{2x} + \frac{1}{4}\{x^2 + 2x + 1.5\}$

where A, B are arbitrary constants.

ix.) Consider the initial value problem $y' = 2xy, y(0) = 1, x, y \in D = \{(x, y) | |x| < 2, |y - 1| < 2\}$. The existence theorem guarantees that a solution exists for

(a) $|x| < 1$

(d) $|x| < \frac{1}{4}$

(b) $|x| < \frac{1}{2}$

(e) $|x| < \frac{1}{6}$

(c) $|x| < \frac{1}{3}$

x.) The solution of the differential equation $(D^2 - 2D + 1)y = 0$ is

(a) $y(x) = A \sin(x) + B \cos(x)$ (d) $y(x) = Axe^{-x} + Be^{-x}$

(b) $y(x) = Ae^x + Be^x$ (e) $y(x) = Ae^{-x} + Be^{-x}$

(c) $y(x) = Axe^x + Be^x$

where A, B are arbitrary constants.

3. Two chemical substances A and B react in the ratio $a : b$ to form a third substance Z. $Z(t)$ is the amount of the third substance at time t . The rate of formation of Z is proportional to the product of the amounts of the two components A and B which have not yet combined together. Let A_0, B_0 be the initial amounts of the reactants.

(a) Construct a suitable differential equation to express the rate of formation of Z.

(b) If the substances A and B combine in the ratio $2 : 3$ to form Z, when 45g of A and 60g of B are mixed together, 50g of Z is formed in 5 minutes.

i.) How long will it take to produce 70g of Z ?

ii.) How long will it take to produce 100g of Z ?

4. Let us consider a drug administration process. Suppose that a certain medicine diffuses from the blood stream of a patient according to the law

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = -kx$$

and equal doses d of medicine are given at times $0, T, 2T, \dots, nT, \dots$, where $x(t)$ is the amount of the medicine in the blood stream at time t and T is a constant time period. k and d are positive constants.

(a) Find the solution $x(t)$ for $0 \leq t < T$.

(b) Find the amount of medicine remaining in the blood stream at $t = T$ just before the dose.

(c) Hence write down an expression for the amount of medicine in the blood stream during the period $[T, 2T)$

(d) Extend your solution and sketch the graphs of $x(t)$ in each of the time intervals of the drug administration process $[0, T), [T, 2T), [2T, 3T), \dots, [(n-1)T, nT)$, where n is a positive integer.

(e) Let $x_i(t)$ be the amount of the medicine in the blood stream immediately after the i^{th} dose. Show that $x_{i+1} \geq x_i$ for any $i \in \mathbb{N}$.

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