

MATH 128 End-of-Term Assignment 1

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1. Write out your student number and then determine the solution to each of the following initial value problems where N_7 and N_8 are the seventh and eighth digits of your student number:

My student number is 20845794.

(a) $\frac{dy}{dx} = y \cos(x), \quad y(0) = e^{N_7}$

This is a separable differential equation. I'll solve it by separating the y 's from the x 's and integrating:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= y \cos(x) \\ \frac{1}{y} dy &= \cos(x) dx \\ \int \frac{1}{y} dy &= \int \cos(x) dx \\ \ln |y| &= \sin(x) + C \\ |y| &= e^{\sin(x)+C} \\ y &= \pm e^{\sin(x)} e^C\end{aligned}$$

Then, substituting $A = \pm e^C$:

$$y = Ae^{\sin(x)} \tag{1}$$

The seventh digit of my student number is $N_7 = 9$, so

$$\begin{aligned}y(0) &= e^{N_7} = Ae^{\sin(0)} \\ e^9 &= Ae^0 \\ A &= e^9.\end{aligned}$$

Substituting this back into equation 1:

$$\begin{aligned}y &= e^9 e^{\sin(x)} \\ &= e^{\sin(x)+9}\end{aligned}$$

(b) $\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{2}{x}y = x^{N_8}, \quad y(1) = 0$

This is a first-order linear differential equation in the form $y' + P(x)y = Q(x)$. First, I will rewrite the equation and find $P(x)$:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{2}{x}y &= x^{N_8} \\ y' + \frac{2}{x}y &= x^{N_8} \\ P(x) &= \frac{2}{x}\end{aligned}\tag{2}$$

Then, the integrating factor is $I(x) = e^{\int P(x) dx}$:

$$\begin{aligned}I(x) &= e^{\int P(x) dx} \\ &= e^{\int \frac{2}{x} dx} \\ &= e^{2 \ln |x|} \\ &= e^{\ln(x^2)} \\ &= x^2\end{aligned}$$

Multiplying both sides of equation 2 by $I(x)$:

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 y' + x^2 \frac{2}{x} y &= x^2 x^{N_8} \\ \frac{d}{dx}(x^2 y) &= x^{2+N_8}\end{aligned}$$

The eighth digit of my student number is $N_8 = 4$:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx}(x^2 y) &= x^{2+4} \\ &= x^6 \\ \int \frac{d}{dx}(x^2 y) dx &= \int x^6 dx \\ x^2 y &= \frac{x^7}{7} + C \\ y &= \frac{x^5}{7} + C\end{aligned}\tag{3}$$

Next, I'm going to find C .

$$\begin{aligned}y(1) = 0 &= \frac{1^5}{7} + C \\ C &= -\frac{1}{7}\end{aligned}$$

Substituting C back into equation 3:

$$\begin{aligned}y &= \frac{x^5}{7} + \left(-\frac{1}{7}\right) \\ &= \frac{x^5 - 1}{7}\end{aligned}$$

2. A patient receives periodic intravenous injections of a drug. Let $y(t)$ denote the drug concentration (in mg mL^{-1}) in the patient's bloodstream at time t with initial concentration $y(0) = L$.

- Every T time units, an injection increases the concentration by a quantity $d \text{ mg mL}^{-1}$ —that is, $y(t)$ increases by d (a jump discontinuity) at times $t = T, 2T, 3T, \dots$
- In between doses, the drug concentration decreases exponentially, according to the differential equation $y'(t) = -ky(t)$ for some positive constant k .

Determine T (as a function of k, d , and L) so that immediately after each dose, the value of $y(t)$ is L —that is, immediately before the dose, the value is $L - d$. (This is the most frequent dosing strategy that ensures the concentration is never above L .)

First, I'll solve the differential equation which is separable:

$$\begin{aligned}y'(t) &= -ky(t) \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= -ky \\ \frac{1}{y} dy &= -k dt \\ \int \frac{1}{y} dy &= \int -k dt \\ \ln |y| &= -kt + C \\ |y| &= e^{-kt+C} \\ y &= \pm e^{-kt} e^C\end{aligned}$$

Substituting $A = \pm e^C$:

$$y = Ae^{-kt} \tag{4}$$

Then, to find A , I'll use the fact that $y(0) = L$.

$$\begin{aligned}y(0) &= L = Ae^{-k \cdot 0} \\ A &= L\end{aligned}$$

Substituting A back into equation 4:

$$y = Le^{-kt}$$

Now, I'll find the time t at which $y = L - d$:

$$\begin{aligned}L - d &= Le^{-kt} \\ 1 - \frac{d}{L} &= e^{-kt} \\ -kt &= \ln \left(1 - \frac{d}{L} \right) \\ t &= -\frac{1}{k} \ln \left(1 - \frac{d}{L} \right)\end{aligned}$$

This is the amount of time after $t = 0$ at which the first injection is needed. Since the concentration of the drug decreases by the same curve each time, $T = t = -\frac{1}{k} \ln \left(1 - \frac{d}{L} \right)$.

3. Glaciers are rivers of ice. The point at which a glacier ends is called its *terminus*. The thickness, T , of a glacier can be described as a function of the distance x from the terminus: $T = T(x)$. That thickness function can be shown to satisfy the differential equation

$$T \frac{dT}{dx} = \frac{\tau}{\rho g}$$

where τ is the coefficient of friction at the bottom of the glacier, ρ is the density of ice in the glacier, and g is acceleration due to gravity.

- (a) What is the order of this differential equation?

The order is 1.

- (b) Is this differential equation separable? Is it linear?

It is separable (in fact, it's already separated), but it is not linear as T is in the same term as its derivative.

- (c) Determine the general solution of the differential equation model.

The differential equation is solved as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} T \frac{dT}{dx} &= \frac{\tau}{\rho g} \\ T dT &= \frac{\tau}{\rho g} dx \\ \int T dT &= \int \frac{\tau}{\rho g} dx \\ \frac{1}{2} T^2 &= \frac{\tau}{\rho g} x + C \\ T^2 &= \frac{2\tau}{\rho g} x + C \\ T &= \sqrt{\frac{2\tau}{\rho g} x + C} \end{aligned}$$

- (d) Given the initial condition $T(0) = 0$, determine the thickness of the glacier at a distance of 1 km from its terminus. Take $\rho = 917 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$, $g = 9.8 \text{ m s}^{-2}$, and $\tau = 75\,000 \text{ N m}^{-2}$.

First, I'll find the value of C using the initial value $T(0) = 0$:

$$\begin{aligned} T(0) = 0 &= \sqrt{\frac{2\tau}{\rho g} \cdot 0 + C} \\ C &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $T = \sqrt{\frac{2\tau}{\rho g} x}$.

$$\begin{aligned} T(1000 \text{ m}) &= \sqrt{\frac{2\tau}{\rho g} x} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{2(75\,000 \text{ N m}^{-2})}{(917 \text{ kg m}^{-3})(9.8 \text{ m s}^{-2})} \cdot 1000 \text{ m}} \\ &= 129.196 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

4. Consider the initial value problem

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = y + t, \quad y(0) = 1$$

- (a) Construct a direction (slope) field for the differential equation on a plot with $-2 \leq t \leq 2$ and $0 \leq y \leq 4$ showing slopes at all 25 lattice points. On your direction (slope) field, sketch the solution curve which satisfies the given initial value problem.