

Quiz 1 solution

1. Consider the differential equation

$$(\sec x) \frac{dy}{dx} = e^{y+\sin x}.$$

(a) Find the general solution for $y(x)$. (8 points)

(b) Find the particular solution that satisfies $y(0) = 0$. (2 points)

Solution:

(a) Separating variables

$$\begin{aligned}(\sec x) \frac{dy}{dx} &= e^{y+\sin x} \\ \iff \frac{1}{\cos x} \frac{dy}{dx} &= e^y e^{\sin x} \\ \iff \frac{1}{e^y} dy &= e^{\sin x} \cos x \, dx \\ \iff \int e^{-y} dy &= \int e^{\sin x} \cos x \, dx \\ \iff -e^{-y} &= e^{\sin x} + C \quad (\text{substitution } u = \sin x) \\ \iff e^{-y} &= -e^{\sin x} - C \\ \iff y(x) &= -\ln(-e^{\sin x} - C)\end{aligned}$$

(b) If $y(0) = 0$, then $-\ln(-e^{\sin 0} - C) = 0$, so $-\ln(-1 - C) = 0 \Rightarrow -1 - C = 1 \Rightarrow C = -2$. Therefore the solution is given by

$$y(x) = -\ln(2 - e^{\sin x})$$

2. Solve the initial value problem given by (10 points)

$$\begin{cases} x \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = 1 - \frac{1}{x}, & x > 0 \\ y(1) = \frac{1}{2}. \end{cases}$$

Solution: Dividing by x we have

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{2}{x}y = \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x^2}.$$

The integrating factor is

$$\mu(x) = e^{\int \frac{2}{x} dx} = e^{2 \ln x} = e^{\ln x^2} = x^2.$$

The solution is given by

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{x^2} \int x^2 \left(\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x^2} \right) dx = \frac{1}{x^2} \int (x - 1) dx = \frac{1}{x^2} \left(\frac{x^2}{2} - x + C \right) = \frac{C}{x^2} - \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{2}.$$

The initial condition $y(1) = \frac{1}{2}$ implies $\frac{1}{2} = C - 1 + \frac{1}{2}$, then $C = 1$. Therefore the solution is

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{2}.$$