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# Math 204 - Differential Equations

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Question	Points	Score
1	22	
2	15	
3	18	
4	20	
5	20	
6	10	
<b>Total</b>	<b>105</b>	

1. (22 points) (a) Solve the differential equation

$$ty' + 2y = \sin t \quad (t > 0)$$

$$y' + \frac{2}{t}y = \frac{\sin t}{t}, \quad t > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu(t) = \exp\left(\int p(t) dt\right) = \exp\left(\int \frac{2}{t} dt\right) = \exp(2 \ln t) = t^2$$

$$\Rightarrow t^2 y' + 2ty = t \sin t \Rightarrow (t^2 y)' = t \sin t$$

$$\text{so we need } \int t \sin t = -t \cos t + \int \cos t dt = -t \cos t + \sin t + C$$

$$u = t, dv = \sin t dt \\ du = dt, v = -\cos t$$

$$\Rightarrow t^2 y = -t \cos t + \sin t + C \Rightarrow y(t) = -t^{-1} \cos t + t^{-2} \sin t + C t^{-2}$$

(b) Solve the initial value problem (IVP) explicitly

$$y' = \frac{8y^3}{t^3} \quad y(1) = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{8y^3}{t^3} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{8y^3} = \frac{dt}{t^3} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{8} \frac{y^{-2}}{-2} = \frac{t^{-2}}{-2} + C_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{8y^2} = \frac{1}{t^2} + C \Rightarrow \frac{1}{8y^2} = \frac{1 + Ct^2}{t^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 = \frac{t^2}{8(1 + Ct^2)} \Rightarrow y = \pm \sqrt{\frac{t^2}{8(1 + Ct^2)}}$$

$$\text{with } y(1) = -\frac{1}{3} = -\sqrt{\frac{1}{8(1+C)}} \Rightarrow C = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$\text{so } y(t) = -\sqrt{\frac{t^2}{8+t^2}}$$

(c) Are the differential equations in parts (a) and (b) linear or nonlinear? (explain the reason briefly).

DE in (a) is linear, since coeff. of  $y$  &  $y'$  do not involve  $y$  and its derivatives

DE in (b) is nonlinear, since there is  $y^3$  in it.

(d) Describe the behaviors of the solutions you found in parts (a) and (b) as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

In (a)  $y(t) = -t^{-1} \cos t + t^{-2} \sin t + C t^{-2} \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$

In (b)  $y(t) = -\sqrt{\frac{t^2}{8+t^2}} \rightarrow -1$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

2. (15 points) Write the general solution to each differential equation below:

(a)  $y'' + 100y' = 0$

$$r^2 + 100r = 0 \Rightarrow r(r + 100) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r_1 = 0, r_2 = -100$$

$$\text{so } y_1(t) = 1, y_2 = e^{-100t}$$

$$\text{so } \underline{y(t) = c_1 + c_2 e^{-100t}}$$

(b)  $y'' + 2y' + 2y = 0$

$$r^2 + 2r + 2 = 0$$

$$r_{1,2} = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 8}}{2} = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{-4}}{2}$$

$$= -1 \pm i$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = -1, \mu = 1$$

$$\text{so } y_1(t) = e^{-t} \cos t, y_2(t) = e^{-t} \sin t$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{y(t) = c_1 e^{-t} \cos t + c_2 e^{-t} \sin t}$$

3. (18 points)

(a) Find the solution for the following IVP.

$$y'' + 24y' + 144y = 0, \quad y(0) = 2 \text{ and } y'(0) = 0$$

$$r^2 + 24r + 144 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (r+12)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow r_1 = r_2 = -12$$

$$\Rightarrow y_1(t) = e^{-12t}, \quad y_2(t) = t e^{-12t}$$

$$\text{so } y(t) = c_1 e^{-12t} + c_2 t e^{-12t}$$

$$\text{with } y(0) = 2 \Rightarrow \underline{c_1 = 2}$$

$$y'(t) = -12c_1 e^{-12t} + c_2 (e^{-12t} - 12t e^{-12t})$$

$$y'(0) = 0 \Rightarrow -12c_1 + c_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{c_2 = 24}$$

$$\text{so } y(t) = 2e^{-12t} + 24t e^{-12t}$$

(b) Consider the differential equation  $t(t-4)y'' + 3ty' + 4y = 2$  with initial conditions  $y(1) = 0$  and  $y'(1) = 2$ . Is this differential equation linear or nonlinear? (give your reasoning briefly).

It is linear, since coeff's of  $y$  and its derivatives involve only terms with  $t$ .

(c) Determine the largest open interval in which the IVP in part (b) is certain to have a unique solution.

$$y'' + \frac{3}{t-4}y' + \frac{4}{t(t-4)}y = \frac{2}{t(t-4)}$$

so, points of discontinuity are  $t=0, t=4$



$\Rightarrow$  largest interval containing 1 is  $\underline{(0, 4)}$  is the answer.



4. (20 points) (a) The function  $y_1(t) = t^{-1}$  is a solution of the differential equation

$$2t^2 y'' + ty' - 3y = 0$$

for  $t > 0$ . Find the other solution,  $y_2(t)$ .

$$y(t) = v(t)t^{-1} \Rightarrow y' = v't^{-1} - vt^{-2}$$

$$y'' = v''t^{-1} - 2v't^{-2} + 2vt^{-3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2t^2(v''t^{-1} - 2v't^{-2} + 2vt^{-3}) + t(v't^{-1} - vt^{-2}) - 3(vt^{-1})$$

$$= 2tv'' - 3v' + \underbrace{(4t^{-1} - t^{-1} - 3t^{-1})}_{=0} v$$

$$\Rightarrow 2tv'' - 3v' = 0 \quad (\text{letting } u = v')$$

$$2tu' - 3u = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{2t du}{u} = 3 dt \Rightarrow \frac{du}{u} = \frac{3 dt}{2t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{3} \ln u = \frac{1}{2} \ln t + c_1 \Rightarrow u^{1/3} = c_2 t^{1/2} \Rightarrow u = c t^{3/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow v'(t) = c t^{3/2} \Rightarrow v(t) = \frac{2c}{5} t^{5/2} + k$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = \frac{2}{5} c t^{3/2} + k t^{-1} \Rightarrow \underline{y_2(t) = t^{3/2}}$$

(b) Show that the solutions  $y_1(t)$  and  $y_2(t)$  in part (a) above form a fundamental set of solutions.

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} t^{-1} & t^{3/2} \\ -t^{-2} & \frac{3}{2}t^{1/2} \end{vmatrix} = \frac{3}{2}t^{-1/2} - t^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{2}t^{1/2} \neq 0 \text{ for } t > 0$$

$\Rightarrow y_1$  &  $y_2$  form a fund. set of solns

(c) Write the general solution of the differential equation in part (a).

$$y(t) = c_1 t^{-1} + c_2 t^{3/2}$$

5. (a) (5 points) Show that the equation  $2xy + (x^2 + y)y' = 0$  is exact.

Let  $M(x, y) = 2xy$  and  $N(x, y) = x^2 + y$ . Then  $M_y = 2x$  and  $N_x = 2x$ . Since  $M_y = N_x$  the equation is exact.

(b) (10 points) Solve the equation given in part (a).

Since the given DE (differential equation) is exact, there exists a function  $\Psi(x, y)$  such that  $\Psi_x = M(x, y)$  and  $\Psi_y = N(x, y)$ . So

$$\Psi(x, y) = \int M(x, y)dx = \int 2xydx = x^2y + h(y).$$

But then we have that

$$N(x, y) = \Psi_y = x^2 + h'(y) \implies x^2 + y = x^2 + h'(y) \implies y = h'(y) \implies h(y) = y^2/2 + c$$

where  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ . So the solution of the DE is  $\Psi(x, y) = x^2y + y^2/2 = c$ .

(c) (5 points) Is the solution of the IVP  $2xy + (x^2 + y)y' = 0$ ,  $y(0) = 1$  unique in some interval containing  $x = 0$ ? Explain.

Let

$$f(x, y) = \frac{-2xy}{x^2 + y}$$

so that the DE becomes  $y' = f(x, y)$ . Now

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{(-2x)(x^2 + y) + 2xy \cdot 1}{(x^2 + y)^2} = \frac{-2x^3}{(x^2 + y)^2}.$$

We see that both  $f(x, y)$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$  are continuous on the rectangle  $-\infty < x < \infty$ ,  $1/2 < y < \infty$  which contains the initial point  $(0, 1)$ . So by existence and uniqueness theorem there exists an interval containing  $x = 0$  on which the given IVP has a unique solution.

**6.** (10 points) Suppose that the Wronskian of any two solutions of  $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = 0$  is constant and that  $y_1(t) = t \ln t$  is a solution of  $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = 0$ . Find  $p(t)$  and  $q(t)$ .

By Abel's theorem for any two solutions  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  of the DE we have that

$$W(u_1, u_2)(t) = ce^{\int -p(t)dt}$$

. Now there exists a pair of functions  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  which form a fundamental set of solutions of the given DE, i.e.  $W(u_1, u_2)(t) \neq 0$ . Since  $W(u_1, u_2)(t)$  is constant, we have that  $p(t) = 0$ .

So the DE is of the form  $y'' + q(t)y = 0$ . It is given that  $y_1 = t \ln t$  is a solution. Now  $y_1' = \ln t + 1$  and  $y_1'' = 1/t$ , so

$$1/t + q(t)t \ln t = 0 \implies q(t) = -1/(t^2 \ln t).$$