Written Homework 1

Exercise 1

Verify that the function $y(x) = x + Cx^{-2}$ is a solution of the differential equation xy' + 2y = 3x. In addition, find the value of $C \in \mathbb{R}$ so that we have y(1) = 5.

Exercise 2

Solve the following IVP:

1.
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+2}}, \quad y(2) = -1$$

2.
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x\sqrt{x^2 + 9}, \quad y(-4) = 0$$

3.
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = xe^{-x}, \ y(0) = 1$$

Exercise 3

Draw the solution curves of

$$y' = \frac{-x}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}}$$

for the initial conditions y(0) = 1, y(0) = 2, y(0) = 3. Draw the curves in the same xy-plane.

Exercise 4

Find the function y = f(x) that satisfies the IVP

$$y' = (2+5x)e^{\frac{1}{3}x}, \ y(0) = 5.$$

Exercise 5

Right before Sherlock Holmes and Watson catch the robber, the robber throws away the loot with a launch speed $v_0 = 30m/s$ and a launch angle $\theta = \pi/3$. The position of the loot at time t is given by the Newtonian dynamics

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = 0, \qquad \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = -g$$

where g is the gravitational acceleration and x, y are the horizontal and vertical displacement of the loot, respectively. Also recall that the relation between the initial velocities in the horizontal and vertical directions are given by

$$v_x = v_0 \cos(\theta), \qquad v_y = v_0 \sin(\theta).$$

- 1. At what time does the loot reach its maximum height? What is the maximum height?
- 2. Watson, who is at the same position as the robber, is trying to catch the loot on a bike. What is the acceleration of Watson's bike if he wants to catch the loot when it falls to the ground, assuming the relation between the distance s and the acceleration a is given by

$$\frac{d^2s}{dt} = a.$$

Exercise 6

Use separation of variables to find the general solutions (implicit if necessary, explicit if it can be done).

1.
$$y' = \frac{1 + \sqrt{x}}{1 + \sqrt{y}}$$

2.
$$y' = \frac{(x-1)y^5}{x^2(2y^3 - y)}$$

3.
$$y' = 1 + x + y + xy$$

Exercise 7

Determine if the following IVP has a unique solution:

1.
$$y' = \sqrt[3]{y}$$
, $y(0) = 1$

2.
$$y' = \sqrt[3]{y}$$
, $y(0) = 0$

3.
$$y' = \ln(1 + y^2), \ y(0) = 0$$