

MA 102 (Ordinary Differential Equations)

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Tutorial Sheet No. 1

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Basics of ODEs, Picard's Theorem.

- (1) Determine the *order* and *degree* of the following differential equations. Also, state whether they are *linear* or *nonlinear*.
(a) $\frac{d^4 y}{dx^4} + 19 \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 = 11y$; (b) $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + x \sin y = 0$; (c) $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + y \sin x = 0$; (d) $\left(1 + \frac{dy}{dx}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = x \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}$;
(e) $\frac{d^6 y}{dx^6} + \left(\frac{d^4 y}{dx^4}\right) \left(\frac{d^3 y}{dx^3}\right) + y = x$; (f) $x^3 \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} + x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + y = e^x$.
- (2) Eliminating the arbitrary constants c_1, c_2 , obtain the differential equation satisfied by the following functions.
(a) $y = c_1 e^{-x} + c_2 e^{2x}$; (b) $x^2 + c_1 y^2 = 1$; (c) $y = c_1 x - c_1^3$.
- (3) Consider the equation $y'(x) = cy(x)$, $0 < x < \infty$, where c is a real constant. Then
(a) Show that if ϕ is any solution and $\psi(x) = \phi(x)e^{-cx}$ then $\psi(x)$ is a constant.
(b) If $c < 0$, show that every solution tends to zero as $x \rightarrow \infty$.
(c) If $c > 0$, prove that the magnitude of every non-trivial solution tends to ∞ as $x \rightarrow \infty$.
(d) When $c = 0$, what can be said about the magnitude of the solution?
- (4) Find all real valued C^1 solutions $y(x)$ of the differential equation $xy'(x) + y(x) = x$, $x \in (1, 2)$.
- (5) Discuss the existence and uniqueness of a solution of the following initial value problems (IVP) in the region $R : |x| \leq 1, |y| \leq 1$.
(a) $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3y^{2/3}$, $y(0) = 0$; (b) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \sqrt{|y|}$, $y(0) = 0$;
(c) $\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 + y^2$, $y(0) = 0$.
- (6) Show that the equation $|y'(x)| + |y(x)| + 1 = 0$ has no real solutions.
- (7) A point P is dragged along the xy plane by a string PT of length a . If T starts at the origin and moves along the positive y axis, and if P starts at $(a, 0)$, what is the path of P ? Assume here that the string is always tangent to the curve traced by the point P .