

MA 102 (Ordinary Differential Equations)

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Tutorial Sheet No. 2

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Exact differential equations; Integrating Factors; Higher-order linear IVPs; Wronskian.

- (1) Under what conditions, the following differential equations are exact?
(a) $(ax + by)dx + (kx + ly)dy = 0$; (b) $[f(x) + g(y)]dx + [h(x) + l(y)]dy = 0$;
(c) $(x^3 + xy^2)dx + (ax^2y + bxy^2)dy = 0$.
- (2) Are the following equations exact? If exact, obtain the general solution.
(a) $(2xy - \sec^2 x)dx + (x^2 + 2y)dy = 0$. (b) $(x - 2xy + e^y)dx + (y - x^2 + xe^y)dy = 0$.
- (3) In each case find an integrating factor and solve:
(a) $y' - (2/x)y = x^2 \cos x$, (b) $ydx + (x^2y - x)dy = 0$, (c) $y(2x^2y^3 + 3)dx + x(x^2y^3 - 1)dy = 0$
- (4) Show that if $(N_x - M_y)/(xM - yM) = g(xy)$ then the equation $M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy = 0$ has an integrating factor of the form $\mu(xy)$, where $\mu(u) = \exp(\int g(u)du)$.
- (5) Find the particular solution of
(a) $xy' + 3y = \frac{\sin x}{x^2}$, $x \neq 0$, $y(\pi/2) = 1$.
(b) $y' + y = f(x)$, $y(0) = 0$, where $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2, & 0 \leq x < 1, \\ 0, & x \geq 1. \end{cases}$
(c) $x^2y' + xy = \frac{y^3}{x}$, $y(1) = 1$, $x \neq 0$.
- (6) Given that $y_1(x) = x$ is a solution of $\frac{dy}{dx} = -y^2 + xy + 1$, obtain the general solution.
- (7) Find the value of n such that the curves $x^n + y^n = c_1$ are the orthogonal trajectories of the family $y = \frac{x}{1 - c_2x}$, where c_1 and c_2 are arbitrary constants.
- (8) Determine the largest interval (a, b) in which the given IVP is certain to have a unique solution:
(a) $e^x y'' - \frac{y'}{x-3} + 3y = \ln x$, $y(1) = 3$, $y'(1) = 2$.
(b) $(1 - x)y'' - 3xy' + 3y = \sin x$, $y(0) = 1$, $y'(0) = 1$.
(c) $x^2y'' + 4y = \cos x$, $y(1) = 0$, $y'(1) = -1$.
- (9) Let y_1 and y_2 be two solutions of $y''(x) + p(x)y'(x) + q(x)y = 0$ defined in the interval $[a, b]$. Show that if their Wronskian $W(y_1, y_2) = 0$ at least one point in $[a, b]$ then $W(y_1, y_2) = 0$ for all $x \in [a, b]$.
- (10) If y_1 and y_2 are linearly independent solutions of $xy'' + 2y' + xe^x y = 0$ and if $W(y_1, y_2)(1) = 2$, find the value of $W(y_1, y_2)(5)$.
- (11) (a) Verify that the functions $y_1(x) = x^3$ and $y_2(x) = x^2|x|$ are linearly independent solutions of the differential equation $x^2y'' - 4xy' + 6y = 0$ on $(-\infty, \infty)$; (b) Show that y_1 and y_2 are linearly dependent on $(-\infty, 0)$, but are linearly independent on $(-\infty, \infty)$; (c) Although y_1 and y_2 are linearly independent, show that $W(y_1, y_2) = 0$ for all $x \in (-\infty, \infty)$. Does this violate the fact that $W(y_1, y_2) = 0$ for every $x \in (-\infty, \infty)$ implies y_1 and y_2 are linearly dependent?
- (12) Let $p(x), q(x) \in C(I)$. Assume that the functions $y_1, y_2 \in C^2(I)$ are solutions of the differential equations $y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$ on an open interval I . Prove that (a) if y_1 and y_2 are zero at the same point in I , then they cannot be a fundamental set of solutions on that interval; (b) if y_1 and y_2 have a common point of inflection x_0 in I , then they cannot be a fundamental set of solutions on that interval.