

Assignment 10.

1. Find the general solution of the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (\cos x \cos y)^2,$$

obtaining an expression for $\tan y$ in terms of x .

[6]

2. Solve the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \ln(x^y),$$

obtaining an expression for y in terms of x .

Given further that $y = 1$ when $x = e$, find the value of y when $x = 1$.

[5]

[2]

3. Given that the curve, whose equation satisfies

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x\sqrt{(x^2 + 1)(y + 1)},$$

passes through the point $(1, 1)$, find an expression of y in terms of x .

[7]

4. In ecology, a common model of population growth was proposed by *Pierre-François Verhulst*, where the rate of reproduction is proportional to both the existing population and the amount of available resources, *ceteris paribus* (all else being equal). The model is formalized by the differential equation:

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = rP \cdot \left(1 - \frac{P}{K}\right),$$

where P represents population size, t represents time, and r, K are two positive constants.

- (a) Given the initial condition: $P = P_0$, when $t = 0$, solve the differential equation and express P in terms of t, r, K and P_0 . [7]
- (b) According to *Verhulst's* model, what is the limiting population size in the long run? [1]

5. A tank is being filled with water. At time t minutes after filling begins, the volume of water is V liters. Water is poured in at a constant rate of 9 liters per minute, but owing to leakage, it is lost at a rate proportional to V . Initially the tank is empty. When $V = 4$, $\frac{dV}{dt} = 7$.

- (a) Show that V satisfies the differential equation: $\frac{dV}{dt} = 9 - \frac{1}{2}V$. [2]
- (b) Solve the above differential equation, expressing V in terms of t . [4]
- (c) Calculate the time taken to fill the tank with 9 liters of water. [2]

6. (†) Solve the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 3y^2,$$

such that $y = 2$ and $\frac{dy}{dx} = 4$ when $x = 1$. [7]

Hint: Prove that $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = z \frac{dz}{dy}$, where $z = \frac{dy}{dx}$.

Total mark of this assignment: 36 + 7.

The symbol (†) indicates a bonus question. Finish other questions before working on this one.