

MATHEMATICAL ANALYSIS I TUTORING

11TH WEEK (24/05/2016)

IMPROPER INTEGRALS II - DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS I

PROPOSED EXERCISES - SOLUTIONS

1. Discuss the convergence properties of the following improper integrals

(a) $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{1-x^4}} dx$

The domain of the function is $D = (-\infty, -1) \cup (-1, 1) \cup (1, +\infty)$. In the interval $[0, 1)$ the inner function is continuous; thus we have to study only a left neighborhood of 1.

Study the asymptotic behavior of the inner function for $x \rightarrow 1^-$.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{1-x^4}} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{(1-x)(1+x)(1+x^2)}} \\ &\sim \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{4(1-x)}}, \quad \text{per } x \rightarrow 1 \end{aligned}$$

Since $\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{4}} \int_0^1 \frac{1}{(1-x)^{1/3}} dx$ is convergent, the given integral is convergent too, by asymptotic comparison criteria.

(b) $\int_0^\pi \frac{x - \pi/2}{\cos x \sqrt{\sin x}} dx$

The denominator in $[0, \pi]$ is zero in $x = 0$, in $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ and in $x = \pi$.

We have to study the improper integral in $x = 0$, in $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ and in $x = \pi$, hence we split the integral in 4 summands, in such a way that in each summand we only have to study the behavior of

$f(x) = \frac{x - \pi/2}{\cos x \sqrt{\sin x}}$ in one boundary point of the integration interval:

$$\int_0^\pi f(x) dx = \int_0^{\pi/4} f(x) dx + \int_{\pi/4}^{\pi/2} f(x) dx + \int_{\pi/2}^{3\pi/4} f(x) dx + \int_{3\pi/4}^\pi f(x) dx = I_1 + I_2 + I_3 + I_4$$

Study the first integral: $I_1 = \int_0^{\pi/4} \frac{x - \pi/2}{\cos x \sqrt{\sin x}} dx$

As $x \rightarrow 0$, it holds

$$\frac{x - \pi/2}{\cos x \sqrt{\sin x}} \sim \frac{-\pi/2}{(1 - \frac{1}{2}x^2)\sqrt{x}} = -\frac{\pi/2}{\sqrt{x}} \asymp \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$$

Since $\int_0^{\pi/4} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx$ converges, by asymptotic comparison, also I_1 is convergent.

Study the second integral:

$$I_2 = \int_{\pi/4}^{\pi/2} \frac{x - \pi/2}{\cos x \sqrt{\sin x}} dx$$

Change variable $x - \frac{\pi}{2} = t$, i.e. $x = \frac{\pi}{2} + t$, $\cos x = -\sin t$, $\sin x = \cos t$. We have to study the behavior of the function as $t \rightarrow 0$

$$g(t) = \frac{t}{-\sin t \sqrt{\cos t}} \sim \frac{t}{-t} = -1$$

Thus it is bounded in $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$, and the integral I_2 converges.

Also I_3 converges, because the behavior in $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ is the same as before.

Study the last integral, i.e. the behavior of the function $f(x)$ for $x \rightarrow \pi^-$:

$$I_4 = \int_{3\pi/4}^\pi \frac{x - \pi/2}{\cos x \sqrt{\sin x}} dx$$

Change variable $x - \pi = t$, i.e. $x = \pi + t$, $\cos x = -\cos t$, $\sin x = -\sin t$. We have to study the behavior of the function as $t \rightarrow 0$

$$g(t) = \frac{\frac{\pi}{2} + t}{-\cos t \sqrt{-\sin t}} \sim \frac{\frac{\pi}{2}}{-\sqrt{-t}} \asymp \frac{1}{\sqrt{-t}}$$

Since $\int_{-1}^0 \frac{1}{\sqrt{-t}} dt$ converges, also I_4 converges.

In conclusion: the given integral

$$\int_0^\pi \frac{x - \pi/2}{\cos x \sqrt{\sin x}} dx$$

is convergent.

(c) $\boxed{\int_0^{+\infty} x \sin \frac{1}{x} dx}$

The domain is $(0, +\infty)$, hence we split the integral as

$$\int_0^{+\infty} x \sin \frac{1}{x} dx = \int_0^1 x \sin \frac{1}{x} dx + \int_1^{+\infty} x \sin \frac{1}{x} dx = I_1 + I_2.$$

We start from I_1 ; since $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \sin \frac{1}{x} = 0$, the function is bounded in a neighborhood of $x = 0$ and continuous on $(0, 1]$ hence $\int_0^1 x \sin \frac{1}{x} dx$ is finite.

For I_2 , we apply the asymptotic comparison for $x \rightarrow +\infty$, where $\sin \frac{1}{x} \sim \frac{1}{x}$ hence $x \sin \frac{1}{x} \sim x \frac{1}{x} = 1$; since $\int_1^{+\infty} 1 dx$ diverges, also I_2 diverges and so does the integral we started with.

(d) $\boxed{\int_0^{+\infty} \frac{\log(x+1)}{\sqrt[3]{x^2}} dx}$

The domain is $(0, +\infty)$; hence we split the integral in 2 parts:

$$\int_0^{+\infty} \frac{\log(x+1)}{\sqrt[3]{x^2}} dx = \int_0^2 \frac{\log(x+1)}{\sqrt[3]{x^2}} dx + \int_2^{+\infty} \frac{\log(x+1)}{\sqrt[3]{x^2}} dx = I_1 + I_2$$

Consider I_1 , and apply the asymptotic comparison; find the behavior of the function as $x \rightarrow 0$:

$$\frac{\log(x+1)}{\sqrt[3]{x^2}} \sim \frac{x}{x^{2/3}} = \frac{1}{x^{-1/3}}$$

Since $\int_0^2 \frac{1}{x^{-1/3}} dx$ converges, also I_1 converges.

Consider I_2 , and apply the comparison criteria: as $x \geq 2$, it holds $\frac{\log(x+1)}{\sqrt[3]{x^2}} \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x^2}}$ and

$\int_2^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x^2}} dx$ diverges, then also I_2 diverges.

Therefore the given integral diverges.

(e) $\boxed{\int_0^1 \frac{\sqrt{x-x^2}}{\sin \pi x} dx}$

In the interval $[0, 1]$ the denominator is zero in both the boundary points; thus we split the integral as

$$\int_0^1 \frac{\sqrt{x-x^2}}{\sin \pi x} dx = \int_0^{1/2} \frac{\sqrt{x-x^2}}{\sin \pi x} dx + \int_{1/2}^1 \frac{\sqrt{x-x^2}}{\sin \pi x} dx = I_1 + I_2$$

Start with I_1 ; apply the asymptotic comparison as $x \rightarrow 0^+$

$$\frac{\sqrt{x-x^2}}{\sin \pi x} = \frac{x^{1/2}\sqrt{1-x}}{\sin \pi x} \sim \frac{x^{1/2}}{\pi x} \asymp \frac{1}{x^{1/2}}$$

Since $\int_0^{1/2} \frac{1}{x^{1/2}} dx$ converges, also I_1 will converge.

For I_2 , we study the behavior as $x \rightarrow 1^-$; by substitution $x-1=t$, that is $x=t+1$, $\sin(x\pi) = -\sin \pi t$, as $t \rightarrow 0^-$, we have

$$\frac{\sqrt{(1+t)-(1+t)^2}}{-\sin \pi t} = \frac{\sqrt{-t}\sqrt{1+t}}{-\sin \pi t} \sim \frac{(-t)^{1/2}}{-\pi t} \asymp \frac{1}{(-t)^{1/2}}$$

The integral $\int_{-1/2}^0 \frac{1}{(-t)^{1/2}} dt$ converges, hence I_2 is convergent; finally the initial integral converges.

$$(f) \quad \boxed{\int_0^{+\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x+1}}{(x^2+1)\sqrt{x}} dx}$$

The domain is $D = (0, +\infty)$. Study the integral at 0 and $+\infty$. Split the integral as follows

$$\int_0^1 \frac{\sqrt{x+1}}{(x^2+1)\sqrt{x}} dx + \int_1^{+\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x+1}}{(x^2+1)\sqrt{x}} dx = I_1 + I_2$$

For I_1 , study the inner function as $x \rightarrow 0$

$$\frac{\sqrt{x+1}}{(x^2+1)\sqrt{x}} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}, \text{ per } x \rightarrow 0$$

Since $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx$ converges, I_1 is also convergent by asymptotic comparison.

For I_2 , study the inner function as $x \rightarrow +\infty$

$$\frac{\sqrt{x+1}}{(x^2+1)\sqrt{x}} \sim \frac{1}{x^2}, \text{ per } x \rightarrow +\infty$$

Since $\int_1^{+\infty} \frac{1}{x^2} dx$ converges, I_2 is also convergent by asymptotic comparison.

2. Let $f : (0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ locally integrable and $f(x) \sim \frac{1}{x}$ for $x \rightarrow 0$. Prove that $\int_0^1 f(x)e^{-x} dx$ is divergent.

We study the integrand for $x \rightarrow 0^+$, and apply the asymptotic comparison. For $x \rightarrow 0^+$ $f(x) \sim \frac{1}{x}$, we have $f(x)e^{-x} \sim \frac{1}{x}$; since $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{x} dx$ diverges, so does the proposed integral.

3. Let $f : (0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ infinite of order α for $x \rightarrow 0$ w.r.t. the standard sample. Determine for which values of $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$ the integral of $\int_0^1 \frac{f(x)}{x^{2\beta}} dx$ is convergent.

We study the integrand for $x \rightarrow 0^+$; since $f(x)$ is infinite of order α for $x \rightarrow 0$ w.r.t. $\frac{1}{x}$ for $x \rightarrow 0^+$, it means that $f(x) \sim \frac{1}{x^\alpha}$; by asymptotic comparison, for $x \rightarrow 0$, $\frac{f(x)}{x^{2\beta}} \sim \frac{1}{x^\alpha x^{2\beta}} = \frac{1}{x^{\alpha+2\beta}}$; since $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^{\alpha+2\beta}} dx$ converges if and only if $\alpha + 2\beta < 1$, then $\int_0^1 \frac{f(x)}{x^{2\beta}} dx$ converges if $\beta < \frac{1-\alpha}{2}$.

4. Determine the positive number n such that the following improper integral is convergent:

$$\int_1^{+\infty} \frac{x^2}{(1+x)^{n/3}(x-1)^{3/n}} dx$$

The domain is $D = (1, +\infty)$. We have to study it as $x \rightarrow 1$ and as $x \rightarrow +\infty$. Split the integral as follows

$$\int_1^{+\infty} \frac{x^2}{(1+x)^{n/3}(x-1)^{3/n}} dx = \int_1^2 \frac{x^2}{(1+x)^{n/3}(x-1)^{3/n}} dx + \int_2^{+\infty} \frac{x^2}{(1+x)^{n/3}(x-1)^{3/n}} dx = I_1 + I_2$$

For I_1 :

$$\frac{x^2}{(1+x)^{n/3}(x-1)^{3/n}} \sim \frac{1}{(2)^{n/3}(x-1)^{3/n}} \asymp \frac{1}{(x-1)^{3/n}}, \text{ per } x \rightarrow 0$$

For I_2 :

$$\frac{x^2}{(1+x)^{n/3}(x-1)^{3/n}} \sim \frac{x^2}{x^{n/3}x^{3/n}} dx = \frac{1}{x^{\frac{n}{3}+\frac{3}{n}-2}} \text{ for } x \rightarrow +\infty$$

The improper integral I_1 converges for $\frac{3}{n} < 1$, i.e. $n > 3$.

The improper integral I_2 converges for $\frac{n}{3} + \frac{3}{n} - 2 > 1$, i.e. $n > \frac{9 + \sqrt{69}}{2}$.

In conclusion, the improper integral converges if and only if $n \geq 9$.

5. Study the convergence of the improper integrals, using Taylor expansions for $f(x)$:

a) $f(x)$ continuous in $[4, 5]$, $f(x) = -\frac{\pi^2}{128}(x-4)^2 + o((x-4)^2)$; study the convergence of $\int_4^5 \frac{f(x)}{(x-4)^{7/2}} dx$

Study the asymptotic behavior of f as $x \rightarrow 4^+$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{f(x)}{(x-4)^{7/2}} &= \frac{-\frac{\pi^2}{128}(x-4)^2 + o((x-4)^2)}{(x-4)^{7/2}} \\ &\sim \frac{-\frac{\pi^2}{128}}{(x-4)^{7/2-4}} \asymp \frac{1}{(x-4)^{-1/2}}, \text{ for } x \rightarrow 4 \end{aligned}$$

Since $\int_4^5 \frac{1}{(x-4)^{-1/2}} dx$ is convergent, then the initial integral is also convergent by asymptotic comparison.

b) $f(x) = \sqrt[5]{1 + \sin x} - \frac{5}{5-x}$; study the convergence of $\int_0^1 \frac{f(x)}{x^3} dx$

Study the asymptotic behavior of f as $x \rightarrow 0$, applying the Mac Laurin expansions:

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt[5]{1 + \sin x} - \frac{5}{5-x} &= \sqrt[5]{1 + x + o(x^2)} - \frac{5}{5(1 - \frac{x}{5})} \\ &= \sqrt[5]{1 + x + o(x^2)} - \left(1 - \left(-\frac{x}{5}\right) + \left(-\frac{x}{5}\right)^2 + o(x^2)\right) \\ &= 1 + \frac{x}{5} - \frac{2}{25}x^2 + o(x^2) - \left(1 + \frac{x}{5} + \frac{x^2}{25} + o(x^2)\right) \\ &= -\frac{2}{25}x^2 - \frac{x^2}{25} + o(x^2) = -\frac{3}{25}x^2 + o(x^2) \end{aligned}$$

Hence, for $x \rightarrow 0$

$$\frac{f(x)}{x^3} \sim \frac{-\frac{3}{25}x^2}{x^3} \asymp \frac{1}{x}$$

Since $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{x} dx$ is divergent, then the initial integral is also divergent by asymptotic comparison.

c) $f(x) = (e^x - 1) \log(1 + \sin^2 x)$; study the convergence of $\int_0^1 \frac{f(x)}{x^3 \sqrt{\tan x}} dx$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) = (e^x - 1) \log(1 + \sin^2 x) &= (1 + x + o(x) - 1) \log(1 + x^2 + o(x^2)) \\ &= (x + o(x))(x^2 + o(x^2)) = x^3 + o(x^3) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, for $x \rightarrow 0$:

$$\frac{f(x)}{x^3 \sqrt{\tan x}} \sim \frac{x^3}{x^3 \sqrt{x}} = \frac{1}{x^{1/2}}$$

Since $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^{1/2}} dx$ is convergent, then the initial integral is also convergent by asymptotic comparison.

6. Classify the following differential equations

Equation	order	separable variables
$y' = 2xy + x^3$		X
$xy' + y = \sin y$	X	
$y' = \frac{y+1}{x}$	X	X
$y' + y = 2x$		X
$y' + y = \cos x$		X
$x' = x^2 - 3x + 2$	X	
$(1 + 64t^2)y' = y \log^2 y^4$	X	
$y' - 9y = 0$	X	X
$\frac{t-y}{y'} = 3$		X
$(1 + x^3)y' - x^2y = 0$	X	X

7. Given the differential equation $x' = x^2 - 3x - 2$:

a) find the constant solutions

$$x^2 - 3x + 2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow (x-2)(x-1) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 2, x = 1$$

b) find the set of all the solutions

For $x \neq 2, x \neq 1$:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dt} = x^2 - 3x + 2 &\Leftrightarrow \frac{dx}{(x-2)(x-1)} = dt \\ &\Leftrightarrow \int \frac{dx}{(x-2)(x-1)} = \int dt \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{3} \int \left(\frac{1}{x-2} - \frac{1}{x-1} \right) dx = \int dt \\ &\Leftrightarrow \log \left| \frac{x-2}{x-1} \right| = 3t + 3c \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{If } x < 1 \vee x > 2: \log \left(\frac{x-2}{x-1} \right) = 3t + 3c$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x-1-1}{x-1} = e^{3t+3c} &\Leftrightarrow 1 - \frac{1}{x-1} = e^{3t+3c} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{x-1} = 1 - e^{3t+3c} \\ &\Leftrightarrow x-1 = \frac{1}{1 - e^{3t+3c}} \\ &\Leftrightarrow x = \frac{1}{1 - e^{3t+3c}} + 1 \\ &\Leftrightarrow x = \frac{2 - e^{3t+3c}}{1 - e^{3t+3c}} \end{aligned}$$

Finally, if $e^{3c} = k$, it holds

$$x(t) = \frac{2 - ke^{3t}}{1 - ke^{3t}}, \quad k > 0, \quad x \in (-\infty, 1) \cup (2, +\infty)$$

$$\text{If } 1 < x < 2: \log \left(-\frac{x-2}{x-1} \right) = 3t + 3c$$

$$\begin{aligned}
-\frac{x-1-1}{x-1} = e^{3t+3c} &\Leftrightarrow -1 + \frac{1}{x-1} = e^{3t+3c} \\
&\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{x-1} = 1 + e^{3t+3c} \\
&\Leftrightarrow x-1 = \frac{1}{1+e^{3t+3c}} \\
&\Leftrightarrow x = \frac{1}{1+e^{3t+3c}} + 1 \\
&\Leftrightarrow x = \frac{2+e^{t+3c}}{1+e^{t+3c}}
\end{aligned}$$

Finally, if $e^{3c} = k$, it holds

$$x(t) = \frac{2+ke^{3t}}{1+ke^{3t}}, \quad k > 0, \quad x \in (1, 2)$$

c) find, if they exist, solutions defined on \mathbb{R}

The constant solutions $x = 1$ and $x = 2$ are defined on \mathbb{R} .

Moreover, since $k > 0$, also the solutions for $2 < x < 3$, i.e. $x(t) = \frac{2+ke^{3t}}{1+ke^{3t}}$, are defined on \mathbb{R} .

8. Given the differential equation

$$y' = \frac{x(y^2 + 2y + 10)}{x+2}, \quad x \in (-2, +\infty)$$

say if it has constant solutions and find all the solutions.

Separate the variables and integrate:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{x}{x+2}(y^2 + 2y + 10) \\
\frac{dy}{(y^2 + 2y + 10)} &= \frac{x}{x+2} dx \\
\int \frac{dy}{(y^2 + 2y + 10)} &= \int \frac{x+2-2}{x+2} dx \\
\frac{1}{3} \arctan \frac{y+1}{3} &= x - 2 \log(2+x) + c \\
\arctan \frac{y+1}{3} &= 3x - 6 \log(2+x) + 3c
\end{aligned}$$

that is, impose $3c = k$:

$$\frac{y+1}{3} = \tan(3x - 6 \log(2+x) + k)$$

finally, the solutions are

$$f(x) = 3 \tan(3x - 6 \log(2+x) + k) - 1, \quad k \in \mathbb{R}, \quad x \in (-2, +\infty).$$

9. Given the differential equation

$$y' = \frac{y \log^2 y^4}{1+64t^2}$$

a) find the constant solutions

$$y = -1, y = 1.$$

b) find the set of all the solutions

Notice that $\log^2 y^4 = 16 \log^2 |y|$; thus:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{dy}{dt} &= \frac{y \log^2 y^4}{1+64t^2} \\
\frac{dy}{16y \log^2 |y|} &= \frac{1}{1+64t^2} dt
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{dy}{y \log^2 |y|} &= \int \frac{16}{1+64t^2} dt \\ -\frac{1}{\log |y|} &= 2 \arctan(8t) + c \\ \log |y| &= \frac{-1}{2 \arctan(8t) + c} \\ |y| &= e^{-1/(2 \arctan(8t)+c)}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore the solutions are:

$$y = \pm 1; \quad y = \pm e^{-1/(2 \arctan(8t)+c)}, \quad c \in \mathbb{R}$$

10. Solve the following separable variable differential equations:

(a) $\boxed{(1+x^3)y' - x^2y = 0, \quad x \in (-1, +\infty)}$

$$(1+x^3)y' - x^2y = 0 \Leftrightarrow y' = \frac{x^2}{1+x^3} y$$

Note the constant solution $y = 0$; find now the other solutions:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^2}{1+x^3} y$$

$$\int \frac{dy}{y} = \int \frac{x^2}{1+x^3} dx$$

$$\log |y| = \frac{1}{3} \log(1+x^3) + c, \quad c \in \mathbb{R}$$

Imposing $c = \log k$, $k > 0$, we get

$$\log |y| = \log \sqrt[3]{1+x^3} + \log k \Leftrightarrow \log |y| = \log k \sqrt[3]{1+x^3} \Leftrightarrow |y| = k \sqrt[3]{1+x^3}$$

and thus $h = \pm k$, $h \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$:

$$y = h \sqrt[3]{1+x^3}, \quad h \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$$

With $h = 0$ we get the constant solution, therefore the general solution is

$$y = C \sqrt[3]{1+x^3}, \quad C \in \mathbb{R}, \quad x \in (-1, +\infty)$$

(b) $\boxed{xy' = y^2 - 4y + 3, \quad x \in (0, +\infty)}$

Since $x \in (0, +\infty)$, the equation becomes:

$$y' = \frac{1}{x}(y^2 - 4y + 3)$$

and it has separable variables with constant solutions $y = 1$ and $y = 3$.
Separate the variables and integrate:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{x}(y^2 - 4y + 3)$$

$$\int \frac{dy}{(y-1)(y-3)} = \int \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \int \left(\frac{1}{y-3} - \frac{1}{y-1} \right) dy = \int \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$\log \left| \frac{y-3}{y-1} \right| = 2 \log x + c, \quad c \in \mathbb{R}$$

With $c = \log k$, $k > 0$, it holds:

$$\log \left| \frac{y-3}{y-1} \right| = \log kx^2 \Leftrightarrow \left| \frac{y-3}{y-1} \right| = kx^2$$

Suppose $h = \pm k$, $h \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$, we find

$$\frac{y-3}{y-1} = hx^2 \Leftrightarrow y-3 = hx^2y - hx^2 \Leftrightarrow y(1-hx^2) = 3-hx^2 \Leftrightarrow y = \frac{3-hx^2}{1-hx^2}$$

For $h = 0$, we get the constant solution $y = 3$, we can then conclude:

$$y = 1; y = \frac{3-hx^2}{1-hx^2}, h \in \mathbb{R}, x \in (0, +\infty)$$

(c) $\boxed{y' = 2x\sqrt{1-y^2}}$

The constant solutions are $y = 1$ and $y = -1$. Separate the variables and integrate:

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

$$\int \frac{dy}{\sqrt{1-y^2}} = \int 2xdx$$

$$\arcsin y = x^2 + c$$

$$y = \sin(x^2 + c)$$

Thus the general integral is

$$y = 1; y = -1; y = \sin(x^2 + c), c \in \mathbb{R}$$

(d) $\boxed{y' = -\frac{\log^2 x}{2xy}, x \in (0, +\infty)}$

Since $\frac{1}{y}$ is never zero, there are no constant solutions.

Separate the variables and integrate:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{\log^2 x}{2xy}$$

$$\int 2ydy = -\int \frac{\log^2 x}{x} dx$$

$$y^2 = -\frac{\log^3 x}{3} + c$$

$$y = \pm \sqrt{-\frac{\log^3 x}{3} + c}$$

Therefore the solution is

$$f(x) = \pm \sqrt{-\frac{\log^3 x}{3} + c}, x \in (0, +\infty)$$

11. Solve the following linear differential equations:

$$a) y' = \frac{1}{x}y + \frac{1}{x}e^{\frac{1}{x}}, x \in (0, +\infty) \quad b) y' = \frac{xy}{x+1} + e^{4x}, x \in (-1, +\infty)$$

$$d) xy' - 2y = x \arctan x, x \in (0, +\infty) \quad e) y' = \frac{1}{x}y - \frac{3x+2}{x^3}, x \in (0, +\infty)$$

EXERCISE FROM PAST EXAMS

1. (10 February 2016 - I°)

- (a) Let f a continuous function on $(a, b]$ not bounded on $[a, b]$. Write the definition of convergence and absolute convergence for the improper integral $\int_a^b f(x) dx$.
see textbook.
- (b) Study the behavior of the following integral discussing each step

$$\int_0^3 \frac{x}{\sqrt[3]{x-3}} dx.$$

The function $\frac{x}{\sqrt[3]{x-3}}$ is continuous hence locally integrable in $[0, 3)$; moreover its sign is definite (always negative) in $(0, 3)$. We can apply the asymptotic comparison theorem for $x \rightarrow 3^-$, that yields $\frac{x}{\sqrt[3]{x-3}} \sim \frac{3}{(x-3)^{1/3}}$. Since $\int_0^3 \frac{3}{(x-3)^{1/3}} dx$ converges to a negative number since it is an integral of the type $\int_a^b \frac{1}{(x-b)^\alpha} dx$, with $\alpha < 1$. Hence the given integral converges to a negative number as well.

2. (13 February 2015 - II°) Let $f : [0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ a continuous function such that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = +\infty$.

- (a) Write the definition of convergence of the following improper integral

$$\int_0^1 f(x) dx.$$

see textbook.

- (b) Prove that if $f(x) \geq 0$ on $[0, 1)$, the integral $\int_0^1 f(x) dx$ it can not be determined. *see textbook.*
- (c) Study the behavior of the improper integral

$$\int_0^1 \frac{\sin(x-1)}{(x-1)^2} dx.$$

The function $\frac{\sin(x-1)}{(x-1)^2}$ is continuous hence locally integrable on $[0, 1)$; moreover is (always) negative in $(0, 1)$. Applying the asymptotic comparison theorem for $x \rightarrow 1^-$, we have $\frac{\sin(x-1)}{(x-1)^2} \sim \frac{(x-1)}{(x-1)^2} = \frac{1}{(x-1)}$; since $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{x-1} dx$ diverges negatively, also the given integral diverges to $-\infty$.

3. (30 January 2015 - III°) Consider the differential equation

$$y' = 3y - y^2.$$

- (a) Find the constant solutions (if any) We can separate the variables and the equation admits $y = 0$ and $y = 3$ as constant solutions
- (b) Calculate all the solutions

Separating the variables of integration, we get

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y(3-y)$$

$$-\int \frac{dy}{y(y-3)} = \int dx$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \int \left(\frac{1}{y} - \frac{1}{y-3} \right) dy = \int dx$$

$$\log \left| \frac{y}{y-3} \right| = 3x + c \implies \left| \frac{y}{y-3} \right| = e^{3x+c}, \quad c \in \mathbb{R}$$

Set $k = e^c$, $k > 0$, we have $\left| \frac{y}{y-3} \right| = ce^{3x}$. Define $h = \pm c$, $h \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$, then we obtain

$$\frac{y}{y-3} = he^{3x} \implies y = he^{3x}y - 3he^{3x} \implies y(he^{3x} - 1) = 3he^{3x} \implies y = \frac{3he^{3x}}{he^{3x} - 1}$$

Since the constant solution $y = 0$ can be obtained setting $h = 0$, while $y = 3$ is not of that type for any values of h , the general solution is

$$y = 3; \quad y = \frac{3he^{3x}}{he^{3x} - 1}, \quad h \in \mathbb{R}$$

(c) find the maximum domain of the solution that satisfies $y(0) = 4$.

The solution for which $y(0) = 4$ is obtained for $h = 4$, i.e. $f(x) = \frac{12e^{3x}}{4e^{3x} - 1}$.

Since the denominator is zero for $x = -\frac{1}{3} \log 4$, the domain of f is union of two intervals $\left(-\infty, -\frac{1}{3} \log 4\right)$ and $\left(-\frac{1}{3} \log 4, +\infty\right)$. Since the solution of the ODE has to be defined inside an interval that contains $x = 0$, the maximal domain of the solution is $\left(-\frac{1}{3} \log 4, +\infty\right)$.