

Problem 9 tells us that Dawson's integral is a solution to the ODE  $y' = 1 - 2ty = f(t, y)$  eq. (35)

To find the initial condition  $y(0)$ , we can take eq. (33) where  $y(t) = \exp(-t^2) \int_0^t \exp(s^2) ds$  and set  $t=0$ .

This gives us  $y(0) = \exp(-0^2) \int_0^0 \exp(s^2) ds = e^0 \cdot 0 = 1 \cdot 0 = 0$

So the initial condition is  $y(0) = 0$  when solving the ODE.

To find an explicit expression for  $y^{(k+1)}$  in terms of the value  $y^{(k)}$ ,  $t^{(k)}$ , and  $\Delta t$  we use the trapezoidal rule:

$$y^{(k+1)} = y^{(k)} + \frac{\Delta t}{2} (f(t^{(k)}, y^{(k)}) + f(t^{(k+1)}, y^{(k+1)})) \quad \text{eq. (36)}$$

First, we substitute  $f(t, y) = 1 - 2ty$  into the trapezoidal rule:

$$y^{(k+1)} = y^{(k)} + \frac{\Delta t}{2} ((1 - 2t^{(k)} y^{(k)}) + (1 - 2t^{(k+1)} y^{(k+1)}))$$

then we simplify

$$= y^{(k)} + \frac{\Delta t}{2} (2 - 2t^{(k)} y^{(k)} - 2t^{(k+1)} y^{(k+1)})$$

$$= y^{(k)} + \frac{\Delta t}{2} (2) + \frac{\Delta t}{2} (-2t^{(k)} y^{(k)}) + \frac{\Delta t}{2} (-2t^{(k+1)} y^{(k+1)})$$

$$= y^{(k)} + \Delta t - t^{(k)} y^{(k)} \Delta t - t^{(k+1)} y^{(k+1)} \Delta t$$

Then, we move all the terms that have  $y^{(k+1)}$  to one side:

$$y^{(k+1)} + t^{(k+1)} y^{(k+1)} \Delta t = y^{(k)} + \Delta t - t^{(k)} y^{(k)} \Delta t$$

Then we factor out  $y^{(k+1)}$ :

$$y^{(k+1)} (1 + t^{(k+1)} \Delta t) = y^{(k)} + \Delta t - t^{(k)} y^{(k)} \Delta t$$

Then we isolate  $y^{(k+1)}$  by dividing both sides by  $(1 + t^{(k+1)} \Delta t)$ :

$$y^{(k+1)} = \frac{y^{(k)} + \Delta t - t^{(k)} y^{(k)} \Delta t}{1 + t^{(k+1)} \Delta t}$$

This is the explicit expression for  $y^{(k+1)}$ .