

# MATH 238 Homework 3

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## Homework for Section 2.3: 50 points

It is usually easier to do the homework on paper and then type the solutions in the latex document compiling frequently to catch the errors early! Each of the q ordinary differential equation in first-order linear and will be referred to as a equation.

1. (2 points) On what rectangular regions does the equation below possess a unique solution?

$$a_1(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + a_0(x)y = q(x)$$

**SOLUTION:** A unique solution exists when both  $\frac{a_0(x)}{a_1(x)}$  and  $\frac{q(x)}{a_1(x)}$  are both continuous. In a rectangular region, it would be  $R = [a, b] \times [c, d]$  where  $a_1(x) \neq 0$  and  $a_1(x)$ ,  $a_0(x)$ ,  $q(x)$  are continuous.<sup>1</sup>

2. (2 points) On what rectangular regions does the equation below possess a unique solution?

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + p(x)y = q(x)$$

**SOLUTION:** A unique solution exists in a standard first order linear equation when  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  are both continuous. In a rectangular region, it would be  $R = [a, b] \times [c, d]$  where both  $p(x)$ ,  $q(x)$  are continuous.

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<sup>1</sup>If  $a_1(x) \neq 0$  and  $a_1(x)$ ,  $a_0(x)$ ,  $q(x)$  are continous, then  $\frac{a_0(x)}{a_1(x)}$  and  $\frac{q(x)}{a_1(x)}$  are also continous.

3. (6 points) Solve the equation below

$$\frac{dP}{dt} + 5tP = P + 2t - 2$$

**SOLUTION:** To approach this problem, we must first put it into the standard first order linear equation  $y' + P(x)y = H(x)$ . After that, we will find the integrating factor  $\mu(x)$ .

$$\frac{dP}{dt} + 5tP = P + 2t - 2$$

$$\frac{dP}{dt} + (5t - 1)P = 2t - 2$$

$$P(t) = 5t - 1, \quad H(t) = 2t - 2$$

$$\mu(t) = e^{\int P(t)dt}$$

$$\mu(t) = e^{\int 5t-1dt}$$

$$\mu(t) = e^{\frac{5t^2}{2}-t}$$

$$\mu(t) = e^{\frac{5}{2}(t^2-\frac{2}{5}t+\frac{1}{25})-\frac{1}{10}}$$

We don't care about the constant  $e^{-\frac{1}{10}}$

$$\Rightarrow \mu(t) = e^{\frac{5}{2}(t^2-\frac{1}{5})^2}$$

$$\mu(t) \left( \frac{dP}{dt} + (5t - 1)P = 2t - 2 \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt}(\mu(t)P) = \mu(t)(2t - 2)$$

$$\int \frac{d}{dt}(\mu(t)P)dt = \int \mu(t)(2t - 2)dt$$

$$\mu(t)P = \int e^{\frac{5t^2}{2}-t}(2t - 2)dt$$

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$$e^{\frac{5}{2}(t^2-\frac{1}{5})^2}P = \int e^{\frac{5}{2}(t^2-\frac{1}{5})^2}(2t - 2)dt$$

$$u = t - \frac{1}{5} \Rightarrow t = u + \frac{1}{5}$$

$$dt = du, \quad (2t - 2) = (2u - \frac{8}{5})$$

$$e^{\frac{5}{2}(t^2-\frac{1}{5})^2}P = \int \left(2u - \frac{8}{5}\right) e^{\frac{5}{2}u^2} du$$

$$e^{\frac{5}{2}(t^2-\frac{1}{5})^2}P = \left( \int 2ue^{\frac{5}{2}u^2} du - \frac{8}{5} \int e^{\frac{5}{2}u^2} du \right)$$

$$v = u^2 \Rightarrow dv = 2u du$$

$$e^{\frac{5}{2}(t^2-\frac{1}{5})^2}P = \int e^{\frac{5}{2}v} dv - \frac{8}{5} \int e^{\frac{5}{2}u^2} du$$

$$e^{\frac{5}{2}(t^2-\frac{1}{5})^2}P = \frac{2}{5}e^{\frac{5}{2}u^2} - \frac{8}{5} \int e^{(\sqrt{\frac{5}{2}}u)^2} du$$

$$m = \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}}u \Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}}dm = du$$

$$e^{\frac{5}{2}(t^2-\frac{1}{5})^2}P = \frac{2}{5}e^{\frac{5}{2}u^2} - \frac{8}{5} \int e^{m^2} \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} dm$$

$$\text{Remark: } \operatorname{erfi}(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^x e^{t^2} dt$$

$$C \cdot \operatorname{erfi}(x) = C \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^x e^{t^2} dt = \int e^{m^2} du$$

$$C = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{\frac{5}{2}(t^2-\frac{1}{5})^2}P = \frac{2}{5}e^{\frac{5}{2}u^2} - \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \frac{8}{5} \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} \operatorname{erfi}(m) + C$$

$$e^{\frac{5}{2}(t^2-\frac{1}{5})^2}P = \frac{2}{5}e^{\frac{5}{2}(t-\frac{1}{5})^2} - \frac{4}{5} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{5}} \operatorname{erfi} \left( \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} \left( t^2 - \frac{1}{5} \right) \right) + C$$

$$P = \frac{2}{5} - \frac{4}{5} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{5}} \operatorname{erfi} \left( \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} \left( t^2 - \frac{1}{5} \right) \right) e^{-\frac{5}{2}(t^2-\frac{1}{5})^2} + C e^{-\frac{5}{2}(t^2-\frac{1}{5})^2}$$

4. (7 points) Solve the equation below

$$2L \frac{di}{dt} + 3Ri = E, i(0) = i_0$$

where  $L, R$  and  $E$  are constants.

**SOLUTION:**

$$2L \frac{di}{dt} + 3Ri = E, i(0) = i_0$$

$$\frac{di}{dt} + \frac{3R}{2L}i = \frac{E}{2L}$$

$$\mu(t) = e^{\frac{3R}{2L}t}$$

$$\mu(t) \left( \frac{di}{dt} + \frac{3R}{2L}i = \frac{E}{2L} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt}(e^{\frac{3R}{2L}t}i) = e^{\frac{3R}{2L}t} \frac{E}{2L}$$

$$e^{\frac{3R}{2L}t}i = \int e^{\frac{3R}{2L}t} \frac{E}{2L} dt$$

$$e^{\frac{3R}{2L}t}i = \frac{2L}{3R} e^{\frac{3R}{2L}t} \frac{E}{2L} + C$$

$$i(t) = \frac{E}{3R} + C e^{-\frac{3R}{2L}t}$$

$$i(0) = i_0 = \frac{E}{3R} + C$$

$$C = i_0 - \frac{E}{3R}$$

$$\Rightarrow i(t) = \frac{E}{3R} + \left( i_0 - \frac{E}{3R} \right) e^{-\frac{3R}{2L}t}$$

5. (7 points) Solve the equation below

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

**SOLUTION:**

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + (\cot x) y = 4 \sec^2 x \csc x$$

$$\mu(x) = e^{\ln |\sin x|} = \sin x$$

$$\mu(x) \left( \frac{dy}{dx} + (\cot x) y = 4 \sec^2 x \csc x \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx}(e^{\sin x} y) = \sin x 4 \sec^2 x \csc x$$

$$y \sin x = \int \sec^2 x dx$$

$$y \sin x = \tan x + C$$

$$\Rightarrow y(x) = 4 \sec x + C \csc x$$

6. (10 points) Solve the equation below

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

**SOLUTION:**

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

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

$$\mu(x) = e^{\int \frac{x+2}{x+1} dx}$$

$$\mu(x) = e^{\int \frac{x+1+1}{x+1} dx}$$

$$\mu(x) = e^{\int 1 + \frac{1}{x+1} dx}$$

$$\mu(x) = e^{x + \ln|x+1|} = (x+1)e^x$$

$$\mu(x) \left( \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{x+2}{x+1}y = \frac{2xe^{-x}}{x+1} \right)$$

$$((x+1)e^x) \left( \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{x+2}{x+1}y = \frac{2xe^{-x}}{x+1} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} ((x+1)e^x y) = \cancel{(x+1)e^x} \frac{2xe^{-x}}{\cancel{x+1}}$$

$$(x+1)e^x y = \int 2x dx$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{x^2 + C}{(x+1)e^x}$$

7. (16 points) Solve the equation below

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + 6xy = f(x)$$

where

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & x < 1 \\ 2x - 1 & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Graph the right side and one of the solutions on separate graphs.

**SOLUTION:**

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + 6xy = x^2, \quad x < 1$$

$$\mu(x) = e^{3x^2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(e^{3x^2} y) = e^{3x^2} x^2$$

$$e^{3x^2} y = \int e^{3x^2} x^2 dx$$

$$u = x, dv = xe^{3x^2} dx$$

$$du = dx, v = \frac{1}{6}e^{3x^2}$$

$$e^{3x^2} y = \frac{1}{6}xe^{3x^2} - \int \frac{1}{6}e^{3x^2} dx, \quad u = \sqrt{3}x, \quad \frac{du}{\sqrt{3}} = dx$$

$$e^{3x^2} y = \frac{1}{6}xe^{3x^2} - \frac{1}{12}\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{3}}\operatorname{erfi}(\sqrt{3}x)$$

$$\Rightarrow y(x) = \frac{x}{6} - \frac{\sqrt{\pi}\operatorname{erfi}(\sqrt{3}x)}{12\sqrt{3}e^{3x^2}} + C_2e^{-3x^2}, \quad x < 1$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + 6xy = 2x - 1, \quad x \geq 1$$

$$\mu(x) = e^{3x^2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(e^{3x^2} y) = e^{3x^2}(2x - 1)$$

$$e^{3x^2} y = \int e^{3x^2}(2x - 1)dx$$

$$e^{3x^2} y = \int 2xe^{3x^2} - e^{3x^2} dx$$

$$e^{3x^2} y = \frac{1}{3}e^{3x^2} - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{3}}\operatorname{erfi}(\sqrt{3}x) + C$$

$$\Rightarrow y(x) = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{3}}\operatorname{erfi}(\sqrt{3}x)e^{-3x^2} + C_1e^{-3x^2}, \quad x \geq 1$$

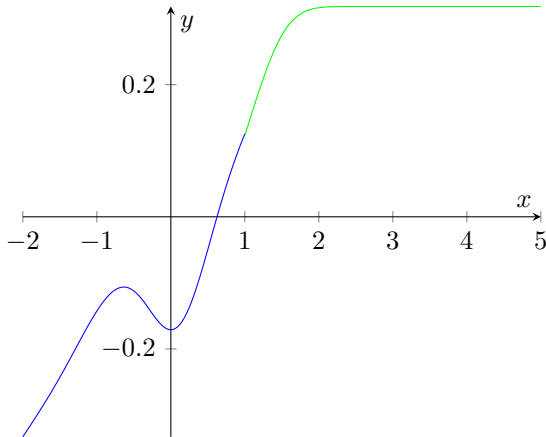


Figure 1: Graph of both solution curves when  $C_1 = 0$   
 $C_2 = -0.170920506876$  using numeric methods.

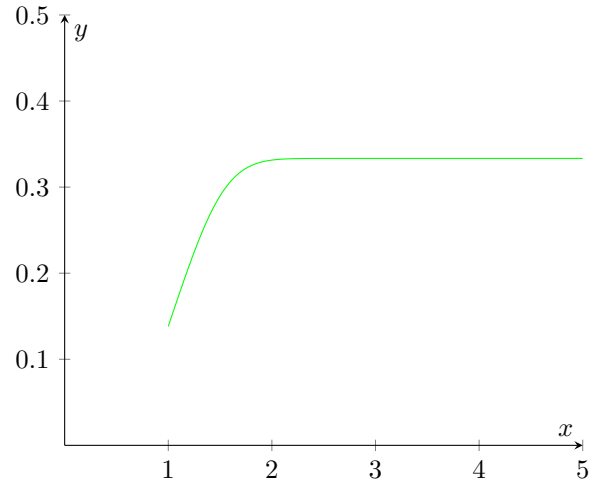


Figure 2: Right Graph of solution curve when  $C_1 = 0$ .  
We can use this to find  $y(1) \approx 0.12312177618$

$$y(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{6} - \frac{\sqrt{\pi}\operatorname{erfi}(\sqrt{3}x)}{12\sqrt{3}e^{3x^2}} + C_2e^{-3x^2} & x < 1 \\ \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{3}}\operatorname{erfi}(\sqrt{3}x)e^{-3x^2} + C_1e^{-3x^2} & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$