

MATH 427 EXAM 3 SPRING 2009

Solutions to the problems

1. For the IVP : $\frac{dy}{dx} = ax + by$ with IC: $y(0) = 0$

a) Show that the solution is given by :

$$y(x) = \frac{a}{b^2} (e^{bx} - bx - 1)$$

b) when $b < 0$, which part of the solution is dominant and which part goes to zero as $x \rightarrow \infty$ (i.e., transient)

Solution:

a) The DE:

$$y' = ax + by$$

is written in the form:

$$y' - by = ax \dots (\star)$$

which is a linear DE with $p(x) = -b$ and $f(x) = ax$

The integrating factor then is :

$$\mu(x) = e^{\int p(x)dx} = e^{\int -bdx} = e^{-bx}.$$

Multiplying both sides of the DE (\star) by $\mu(x)$ we get:

$$\underbrace{(y' - by) e^{-bx}}_{\frac{d}{dx}(ye^{-bx})} = ax (e^{-bx}) = axe^{-bx}$$

$$\Rightarrow d(ye^{-bx}) = axe^{-bx} dx.$$

Integrating both sides of the equality, we have :

$$\int d(ye^{-bx}) = \int axe^{-bx} dx.$$

But from integration by parts:

$$\int axe^{-bx} dx = \frac{-a}{b} xe^{-bx} - \frac{a}{b^2} e^{-bx} + c_1$$

and

$$\int d(ye^{-bx}) = ye^{-bx} + c_2$$

Therefore, combining the two results we have :

$$ye^{-bx} = c + \frac{-a}{b}xe^{-bx} - \frac{a}{b^2}e^{-bx}$$

Solving for y we have

$$y(x) = e^{bx} \left(c + \frac{-a}{b}xe^{-bx} - \frac{a}{b^2}e^{-bx} \right) = ce^{bx} - \frac{a}{b}x - \frac{a}{b^2}$$

and from the IC:

$$y(0) = 0 \Rightarrow c = \frac{a}{b^2}$$

\therefore The solution function is :

$$y(x) = \underbrace{\frac{a}{b^2}e^{bx}}_{\phi(x)} - \underbrace{\frac{a}{b}x - \frac{a}{b^2}}_{\psi(x)} = \frac{a}{b^2} (e^{bx} - bx - 1)$$

as required.

b) When $b < 0$, the the part of the solution function :

$$\phi(x) = e^{bx} \searrow 0 \text{ as } x \rightarrow \infty,$$

which is the transient part of the solution function.

Therefore, the dominant part of the solution will be :

$$\psi(x) = -\frac{a}{b}x - \frac{a}{b^2}.$$

2. Find the singularity of the differential equation and solve:

$$x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + xy = x^2 e^x$$

Solution:

The singularity of the DE is: $x = 0$. Then solution will be defined either in $(-\infty, 0)$ or in $(0, \infty)$ depending on the initial condition.

then dividing both sides of the equation:

$$x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + xy = x^2 e^x$$

by x^2 , we have :

$$y' + \frac{1}{x}y = e^x \dots (\otimes).$$

Thus, $p(x) = \frac{1}{x}$, and choosing $x > 0$, the integrating factor is:

$$\mu(x) = e^{\int p(x)dx} = e^{\int \frac{1}{x}dx} = e^{\ln x} = x.$$

Multiplying both sides of $(*)$ by the integrating factor $\mu(x)$, we have :

$$\left(y' + \frac{1}{x}y\right) \underset{\mu(x)}{\uparrow} x = (e^x) \underset{\mu(x)}{\uparrow} x = xe^x$$

and

$$\left(y' + \frac{1}{x}y\right) x = \frac{d}{dx}(yx) \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx}(yx) = xe^x$$

Thus $d(yx) = xe^x dx$ and integrating both sides we have:

$$\underbrace{\int d(yx)}_{yx} = \int xe^x dx = xe^x - e^x + c$$

That is,

$$yx = xe^x - e^x + c.$$

Solving for y we have

$$y(x) = e^x - \frac{1}{x}e^x + \frac{c}{x}$$

which is the required solution.

3. For the differential equation:

$$(e^{xy} + xye^{xy} + y) dx + (x^2e^{xy} + x) dy = 0$$

(a) Check for exactness

(b) Find a solution

Solution:

a) Exactness: $M(x, y) = e^{xy} + xye^{xy} + y$ and $N(x, y) = x^2e^{xy} + x$.

Computing the two partial derivatives:

$$M_y(x, y) = 2xe^{xy} + yx^2e^{xy} + 1$$

and

$$N_x(x, y) = 2xe^{xy} + yx^2e^{xy} + 1$$

we have : $M_y(x, y) = N_x(x, y)$ which implies that the DE is exact.

b) Retrieve the solution function as usual :

$$f(x, y) = \int M(x, y)dx + g(y) = \int (e^{xy} + xye^{xy} + y) dx + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{Integrating constant}}}{g(y)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{y}e^{xy} + xe^{xy} - \frac{1}{y}e^{xy} + yx + g(y) = xe^{xy} + xy + g(y)$$

Then differentiating $f(x, y)$ with respect to y we have:

$$f_y(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (xe^{xy} + xy + g(y)) = x^2e^{xy} + x + g'(y) \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{due to exactness}}}{=} N(x, y) = x^2e^{xy} + x$$

$$\Rightarrow g'(y) = 0$$

$$\therefore g(y) = \text{constant}$$

Hence the solution function is :

$$f(x, y) = xe^{xy} + xy = c$$

4. For the differential equation: $(3x + 2y^2) dx + (2xy) dy = 0$

a) Show that the DE is not exact

b) Compute an integrating factor

c) Solve the DE

Solution:

a) Checking exactness: $M(x, y) = 3x + 2y^2$ and $N(x, y) = 2xy$. Then

$$M_y(x, y) = (3x + 2y^2)_y = 4y \text{ and } N_x(x, y) = (2xy)_x = 2y$$

Hence,

$$M_y(x, y) \neq N_x(x, y).$$

Therefore the DE is not exact.

b) We then search for integrating factor : $\mu(x, y)$ so that

$$(\mu M) dx + (\mu N) dy = 0$$

is exact.

That is

$$(\mu M)_y = \mu_y M + \mu M_y = (\mu N)_x = \mu_x N + \mu N_x$$

Assuming μ as a function of y only, works the job and we have : $\mu_y = 0$.

Therefore,

$$\mu_y M + \mu M_y = (\mu N)_x = \mu_x N + \mu N_x,$$

yields

$$\mu M_y = \mu_x N + \mu N_x \Rightarrow \mu_x N = \mu M_y - \mu N_x = \mu (M_y - N_x).$$

That is

$$\frac{d\mu}{dx} = \frac{\mu (M_y - N_x)}{N} = \frac{\mu (4y - 2y)}{2xy} = \frac{\mu}{x}$$

which is a separable DE. Thus, $\frac{d\mu}{\mu} = \frac{1}{x} dx$. Integrating both sides we have :

$\int \frac{d\mu}{\mu} = \int \frac{dx}{x} \Rightarrow \ln |\mu| = \ln |x|$. Take $\mu(x) = x$ and it works fine. Therefore, the new DE:

$$\underbrace{x(3x + 2y^2) dx + x(2xy) dy = 0}_{\downarrow (3x^2 + 2xy^2) dx + (2x^2y) dy = 0}$$

is exact.

c) Then we retrieve the solution function as :

$$f(x, y) = \int (3x^2 + 2xy^2) dx + g(y) = x^3 + x^2y^2 + g(y).$$

Then

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x^3 + x^2y^2 + g(y)) = 2x^2y + g'(y) = 2x^2y = \text{the new } N(x, y).$$

Thus,

$$g'(y) = 0 \Rightarrow g(y) = \text{constan t.}$$

∴ The solution function is given by :

$$f(x, y) = x^3 + x^2y^2 = c$$

5. Solve the Bernoulli's differential equation:

$$y' + \frac{1}{x}y = xy^{-2} \dots (\star)$$

Solution:

Here $n = -2$. Then use the substitution: $u = y^{1-(-2)} = y^3$. Then $u' = 3y^2y'$. Multiplying both sides of the DE: (★) by $3y^2$ we have :

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

$$\Rightarrow u' + \frac{1}{x} u = 3x$$

which a linear equation with $p(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ and therefore the integrating factor is :

$$\mu(x) = e^{\int p(x)dx} = e^{\int \frac{1}{x} dx} = e^{\ln x} = x, \text{ for } x > 0$$

Therefore multiplying both sides with the integrating factor, we have :

$$\left(u' + \frac{1}{x} u \right) \underset{\mu(x)}{x} = (3x) \underset{\mu(x)}{x} \Leftrightarrow \frac{d}{dx} (ux) = 3x^2$$

Then $d(ux) = 3x^2 dx$, integrating both sides of the equation,

$$\int d(ux) = \int 3x^2 dx \Rightarrow ux = x^3 + c$$

$\therefore u = x^2 + \frac{c}{x}$. But $u = y^3$. Thus,

$$y = \sqrt[3]{x^2 + \frac{c}{x}}$$

is the required solution.

6. A particle is moving in the $x - y$ plane and its motion is ruled by the differential equation: $y' = \sin^2(x - y + 5)$. Determine the equation of path of the particle, if it starts its travel at point $(1, 1)$.

Solution:

Here the differential equation of motion is :

$$y' = \sin^2(x - y + 5)$$

and beginning point is : $(1, 1)$. Using a substitution :

$$u = x - y + 5$$

we have :

$$u' = 1 - y' = 1 - \sin^2 u = \cos^2 u$$

which is a separable DE in variable u . Therefore

$$\frac{du}{\cos^2 u} = dx \Rightarrow \sec^2 u du = dx.$$

Integrating both sides, we have :

$$\int \sec^2 u du = \int dx \Rightarrow x = \tan u + c \Leftrightarrow u = \arctan(x + c).$$

Putting $u = x - y + 5$ in place and using the initial condition, we have :

$$y(x) = x - \arctan(x + \tan 5 - 1) + 5$$

as the solution function.

7. Solve : $y' = 1 + e^{-x+y+12}$, $y(1) = 4$

Solution:

Here use the substitution :

$$u = -x + y + 12$$

to change the DE to a separable one :

$$u' = -1 + y' = -1 + 1 + e^u = e^u$$

Thus $\frac{du}{e^u} = dx \Leftrightarrow e^{-u} du = dx$. Integrating both sides, we have : $e^{-u} = c - x$ and solving for u we have :

$$u = -\ln(c - x)$$

and using the initial conditions we have :

$$y = x + \ln(1 + e^{15} - x) - 12$$

Note : The maximum interval of existence I_{\max} for the solution curve is determined from the domain of the integral : $1 + e^{15} - x > 0$.

$\therefore I_{\max} = (-\infty, 1 + e^{15})$. If x has to be non-negative (in case the independent variable is time t) , then $I_{\max} = [0, 1 + e^{15})$

8. Given the differential equation : $ydx + (-x + \sqrt{xy}) dy = 0$

a) Show that it is homogeneous of degree 1

b) Solve the DE

Solution:

a) Checking for homogeneity: $M(x, y) = y$ and $N(x, y) = -x + \sqrt{xy}$ and for $t > 0$, we have :

$$M(tx, ty) = ty = tM(x, y)$$

and

$$N(tx, ty) = -tx + \sqrt{txty} = -tx + \sqrt{t^2xy} = -tx + t\sqrt{xy} = t(-x + \sqrt{xy}) = tN(x, y).$$

We see that M and N are homogeneous functions of degree 1.

b) use the substitution: $y = ux$.Thus

$$dy = udx + xdu$$

and

$$ydx + (-x + \sqrt{xy}) dy = 0$$

will be:

$$uxdx + (-x + \sqrt{xux})(udx + xdu) = 0$$

which implies :

$$(xu\sqrt{u}) dx + x^2 (-1 + \sqrt{u}) du = 0 \Leftrightarrow u\sqrt{u}dx + x (-1 + \sqrt{u}) du = 0$$

which is separable.

Thus we have :

$$\frac{dx}{x} + \frac{(-1 + \sqrt{u})}{u\sqrt{u}} du = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{x} = \left(\frac{1}{u\sqrt{u}} - \frac{1}{u} \right) du$$

integrating both sides

$$\int \frac{dx}{x} = \int \left(\frac{1}{u\sqrt{u}} - \frac{1}{u} \right) du$$

$$ye^{\frac{2}{\sqrt{(y/x)}}} = c$$

is an implicit one parameter family of solutions.