

Homework #2

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(1)[4Pts] Find the general solution and solve the following IVP

$$6y' - 2y = xy^4, \quad y(0) = -2$$

*First get the differential equation in the proper form and then write down the substitution.*

$$6y^{-4}y' - 2y^{-3} = x \quad \Rightarrow \quad v = y^{-3}, \quad v' = -3y^{-4}y'$$

*Plugging the substitution into the differential equation gives,*

$$-2v' - 2v = x \quad \Rightarrow \quad v' + v = -\frac{1}{2}x, \quad e^{h(x)} = e^{\int 1 dx} = e^x$$

*Again, we've rearranged a little and given the integrating factor needed to solve the linear differential equation. Upon solving the linear differential equation we have,*

$$v(x) = -\frac{1}{2}(x - 1) + ce^{-x}$$

*Now back substitute to get back into  $y$ 's.*

$$y^{-3} = -\frac{1}{2}(x - 1) + ce^{-x} \Rightarrow y(x) = -\left(\frac{2}{x - 1 + 2ce^{-x}}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

*Now we need to apply the initial condition and solve for  $c$ .*

$$-\frac{1}{8} = \frac{1}{2} + c \quad \Rightarrow \quad c = -\frac{5}{8}$$

*Plugging in  $c$  and solving for  $y$  gives,*

$$y(x) = -\frac{2}{(4x - 4 + 5e^{-x})^{\frac{1}{3}}}$$

(2)[4Pts] Find the general solution and solve the following IVP

$$y' + \frac{1}{x}y - \sqrt{y} = 0, \quad y(1) = 0$$

*Let's first get the differential equation into proper form.*

$$y' + \frac{1}{x}y = y^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad y^{-\frac{1}{2}}y' + \frac{1}{x}y^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1$$

*The substitution is then,*

$$v = y^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad v' = \frac{1}{2}y^{-\frac{1}{2}}y'$$

Now plug the substitution into the differential equation to get,

$$2v' + \frac{1}{x}v = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad v' + \frac{1}{2x}v = \frac{1}{2}, \quad e^{h(x)} = e^{\int \frac{1}{2x} dx} = x^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

As we've done with the previous examples we've done some rearranging and given the integrating factor needed for solving the linear differential equation. Solving this gives us,

$$v(x) = \frac{1}{3}x + cx^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

In terms of  $y$  this is,

$$y^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{3}x + cx^{-\frac{1}{2}}, \quad \Rightarrow \quad y(x) = \left(\frac{1}{3}x + cx^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right)^2$$

Applying the initial condition and solving for  $c$  gives,

$$0 = \frac{1}{3} + c \quad \Rightarrow \quad c = -\frac{1}{3}$$

Plugging in for  $c$  and solving for  $y$  gives us the solution.

$$y(x) = \left(\frac{1}{3}x - \frac{1}{3}x^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right)^2 = \frac{x^3 - 2x^{\frac{3}{2}} + 1}{9x}$$

(3)[4Pts] Find the general solution of the following problem

$$xyy' + 4x^2 + y^2 = 0$$

Let's first divide both sides by  $x^2$  to rewrite the differential equation as follows,

$$\frac{y}{x}y' = -4 - \frac{y^2}{x^2} = -4 - \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2$$

Now, this is not in the officially proper form as we have listed above, but we can see that everywhere the variables are listed they show up as the ratio,  $y/x$  and so this is really as far as we need to go. So, let's plug the substitution into this form of the differential equation to get,

$$v(v + xv') = -4 - v^2$$

Next, rewrite the differential equation to get everything separated out.

$$\begin{aligned} vxv' &= -4 - 2v^2 \\ xv' &= -\frac{4 + 2v^2}{v} \\ \frac{v}{4 + 2v^2} dv &= -\frac{1}{x} dx \end{aligned}$$

Integrating both sides gives,

$$\frac{1}{4} \ln(4 + 2v^2) = -\ln(x) + c$$

We need to do a little rewriting using basic logarithm properties in order to be able to easily solve this for  $v$ .

$$\ln(4 + 2v^2)^{\frac{1}{4}} = \ln(x)^{-1} + c$$

Now exponentiate both sides and do a little rewriting

$$(4 + 2v^2)^{\frac{1}{4}} = e^{\ln(x)^{-1}+c} = e^c e^{\ln(x)^{-1}} = \frac{c}{x}$$

Note that because  $c$  is an unknown constant then so is  $e^c$  and so we may as well just call this  $c$  as we did above. Finally, let's solve for  $v$  and then plug the substitution back in and we'll play a little fast and loose with constants again.

$$\begin{aligned} 4 + 2v^2 &= \frac{c^4}{x^4} = \frac{c}{x^4} \\ v^2 &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{c}{x^4} - 4 \right) \\ \frac{y^2}{x^2} &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{c - 4x^4}{x^4} \right) \\ y^2 &= \frac{1}{2} x^2 \left( \frac{c - 4x^4}{x^4} \right) = \frac{c - 4x^4}{2x^2} \end{aligned}$$

(4)[4Pts] Newton's law of cooling states that the temperature of an object changes at a rate proportional to the difference between its temperature and that of its surroundings. Suppose that the temperature of a cup of tea obeys Newton's law of cooling. If the coffee has a temperature of 200F when freshly poured, and 1 min later has cooled to 190F in a room at 70F. Determine when the coffee reaches a temperature of 150F.

Let  $T$  be the temperature of the object, and  $T_s$  the temperature of the surroundings. We can write Newton's law of cooling in equation form as follows:

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = -k(T - T_s).$$

Here  $k$  is a still-unknown constant, greater than zero. Let's double-check the sign: if the object has a higher temperature than its surroundings, then  $T > T_s$ , so  $dT/dt$  is negative, so the object is cooling, which is what we expect. We solve the equation by separating the variables.

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{1}{T - T_s} dT &= \int -k dt \\ \ln |T - T_s| &= -kt + C \\ |T - T_s| &= A e^{-kt} \\ T - T_s &= A e^{-kt} \quad (\text{replacing } A \text{ with } \pm A) \\ T &= A e^{-kt} + T_s \end{aligned}$$

In the given problem (with units degrees Fahrenheit), we have  $T_s = 70$  and  $T(0) = 200$ , so we get  $A = 130$ . Since  $T(1) = 190$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} 190 &= 130e^{-k} + 70 \\ 120 &= 130e^{-k} \\ 120/130 &= e^{-k} \\ k &= \ln(120/130) \approx 0.08 \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we solve for  $t$  in  $T(t) = 150$ .

$$150 = 130e^{-0.08t} + 70$$

$$80 = 130e^{-0.08t}$$

$$80/130 = e^{-0.08t}$$

$$\ln(80/130) = -0.08t$$

$$t = 6.066 \text{ min.}$$

(5)[4Pts] The size of a certain bacterial colony increases at a rate proportional to the size of the colony. Suppose the colony occupied an area of 0.25 square centimeters initially, and after 8 hours it occupied an area of 0.35 square centimeters.

(a) Estimate the size of the colony  $t$  hours after the initial measurement.

(b) What is the expected size of the colony after 12 hours?

(c) Find the doubling time of the colony

(a). Let  $P(t)$  denote the size of the colony  $t$  hours after the initial measurement. Since  $P(0) = 0.25$  and  $P(8) = 0.35$ , we have

$$P(t) = P(0)e^{kt} = 0.25e^{kt}$$

$$P(8) = 0.25e^{8k} = 0.35$$

Thus

$$e^{8t} = \frac{7}{5} \Rightarrow k = \frac{\ln(7/5)}{8} \approx 0.0421$$

and

$$P(t) = 0.25e^{0.0421t} \text{ or } 0.25 \times \left(\frac{7}{5}\right)^{\frac{t}{8}}$$

(b).

$$P(12) = 0.25e^{0.0421 \times 12} \approx 0.414 \text{ cm}^2$$

(c). The doubling time is

$$T = \frac{\ln 2}{k} \approx \frac{\ln 2}{0.0421} \approx 16.464 \text{ hours.}$$