

1)(5 pts. each) Describe the following.

a) **Order of a differential equation:** The order of a differential equation is the order of the highest-order derivative appearing in the equation.

b) **General form of a third-order linear equation:**

$a_0(t)y^{(3)} + a_1(t)y'' + a_2(t)y = f(t)$ where $a_0(t)$ is not identically zero in some interval

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c) **General form of an n-th order initial value problem:**

$$F(t, y, y', y'', \dots, y^{(n-1)}, y^{(n)}) = 0 \dots \dots \dots (A)$$

$$y(t_0) = c_0, y'(t_0) = c_1, \dots, y^{(n-1)}(t_0) = c_{n-1}, c_i \in \mathbb{R}.$$

d) **Euler's method for** $y' = t^2 - y^2$, $y(0) = 0$:

$$y_n = y_{n-1} + h(t_{n-1}^2 - y_{n-1}^2), n \geq 1.$$

e) **Singular solution:**

A solution of (A) which can not be obtained from any general soln. of (A) by any choice of the n essential arbitrary constants is called a singular soln. of (A).

2) Consider the IVP

$$y' = \frac{1}{(y+1)(t-2)}, \quad y(0) = 0.$$

a)(10pts.) Solve the IVP.

After separating variables of the given separable eqn., we obtain

$$(y+1)dy = \frac{1}{t-2}dt \quad \text{and using direct integration}$$

$$(y+1)^2 = 2\ln(2-t) + c, c \in \mathbb{R} \text{ is obtained.}$$

$$y(0) = 0 \Rightarrow c = 1 - 2\ln 2$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = -1 + \sqrt{1 + 2\ln\left(1 - \frac{t}{2}\right)}.$$

b)(5 pts.) State the domain of definition of the solution.

$$1 + 2\ln\left(1 - \frac{t}{2}\right) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow t \leq 2\left(1 - e^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right). \text{ Thus,}$$

$$D = \left(-\infty, 2\left(1 - e^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right)\right].$$

c)(5 pts.) Describe what happens to the solution as t approaches the limit of its domain of definition, i.e., why can't the solution be extended for more time?

$$y(t) \rightarrow -1 \text{ where the eqn. doesn't exist as } t \rightarrow 2\left(1 - e^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right) \text{ and}$$

$$y(t) \rightarrow \infty \text{ (doesn't exist) as } t \rightarrow -\infty.$$

d)(5 pts.) Determine the interval in which the solution exist.

$$I = \left(-\infty, 2\left(1 - e^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right)\right) \text{ which contains } t_0 = 0.$$

3) Consider the differential equation

$$\left(\frac{y^2}{x} + \frac{y}{x^2}\right)dx + \left(y - \frac{1}{x}\right)dy = 0.$$

a)(9 pts.) Find an integrating factor $\mu = \mu\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$.

$\mu = \mu\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$ is an integrating factor $\Leftrightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\mu M) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\mu N)$ where $M(x, y) = \frac{y^2}{x} + \frac{y}{x^2}$ and

$$N(x, y) = y - \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \mu'(u) = \frac{-1}{u} \mu(u) \text{ where } u = \frac{y}{x}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \mu\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) = \frac{x}{y} \text{ (i.e., any nonzero constant multiple of it}$$

can be taken as an integrating factor)

b)(8 pts.) Find the general solution of the equation.

After multiplying the eqn. by μ we obtain the exact eqn.

$$\left(y + \frac{1}{x}\right)dx + \left(x - \frac{1}{y}\right)dy = 0.$$

Now, we have to find $\psi(x, y)$ s.t.

$$\psi_x(x, y) = y + \frac{1}{x} \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

and

$$\psi_y(x, y) = x - \frac{1}{y} \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

From (1) $\psi(x, y) = xy + \ln|x| + h(y)$ and

$$\psi_y(x, y) = x + h'(y) \dots \dots \dots (3).$$

We obtain

$$\psi(x, y) = xy + \ln\left|\frac{x}{y}\right| + c, c \in \mathbb{R} \text{ comparing (2) and (3) and}$$

the general soln. of the differential eqn. can be written as

$$xy + \ln\left|\frac{x}{y}\right| = A, A \in \mathbb{R}.$$

c)(8 pts.) Determine a solution y which satisfies $y(-1) = 1$.

$$y(-1) = 1 \Rightarrow A = -1 \text{ and } xy + \ln\left|\frac{x}{y}\right| + 1 = 0.$$

4)(25 pts.) Solve

$$y' - e^x y = y \ln y$$

by using the substitution $v = \ln y$.

The substitution $v = \ln y$ transforms the eqn. into

$$v' - v = e^x \text{ which is linear in } v \text{ and } \mu(x) = e^{-x} \text{ can be taken as an integrating factor.}$$

Thus $\frac{d}{dx}(e^{-x}v) = 1$ and $v = xe^x + ce^x, c \in \mathbb{R}$ and

$\ln y = xe^x + ce^x$ is the general soln. of the eqn.