

Math 319, Fall 2013, Term Test I  
Techniques in Ordinary Differential Equations

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2. Answer questions in the space provided, using backs of pages for overflow and rough work.
3. Show all the work required to obtain your answers.
4. No calculators are permitted.

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1. Definitions and Theorems:

- [1] (a) Consider a first-order differential equation  $y' = f(x, y)$ . State a condition sufficient to guarantee the uniqueness of a solution through the point  $(x_0, y_0)$ .

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$  is continuous in a region around  $(x_0, y_0)$

- [1] (b) Consider a (power) homogeneous differential equation  $y' = F(y/x)$ . State a substitution which will transform this into a separable differential equation.

$$v = \frac{y}{x}$$

[4] 2. True/False:

- (a) The forward Euler method is the most accurate numerical scheme, as well as being the simplest. [True / False]

- (b) An integrating factor for the nearly exact differential equation  $y^2(x+1) dx + 2xy dy = 0$  is  $\mu(x) = e^x$ . (Just check!) [True / False]

$$M = y^2(x+1)e^x, N = 2xe^xy$$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 2y(x+1)e^x$$

$$\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = 2e^xy + 2xe^xy$$

- (c) A Bernoulli differential equation of the form  $y' + P(x)y = Q(x)y^n$  can always be turned into a first-order linear differential equation by the transformation  $v = y^{1-n}$ .

[True / False]

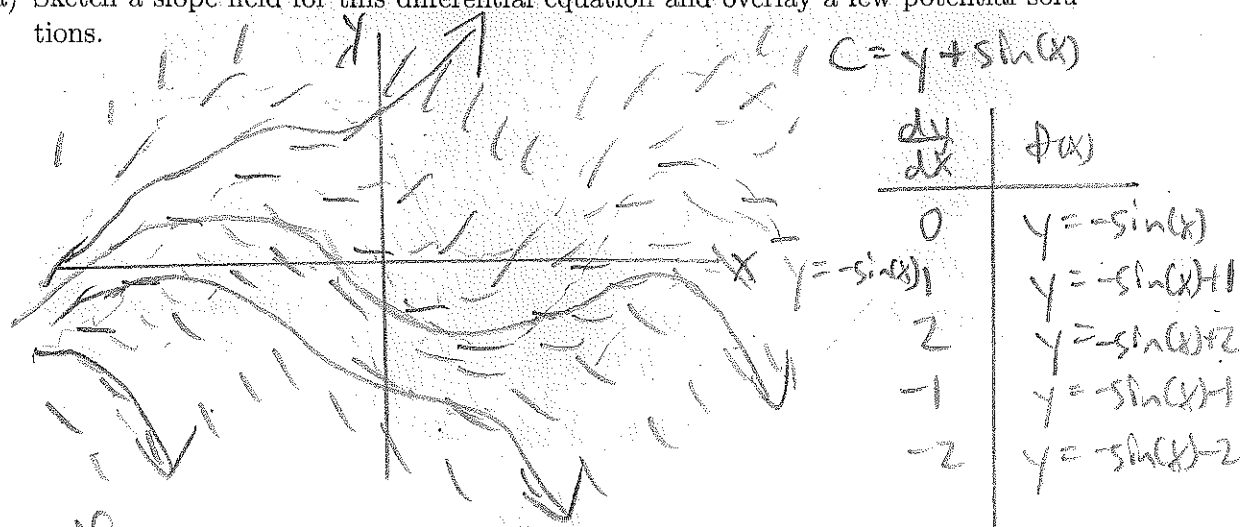
- (d) For first-order linear differential equations of the form  $y' + p(x)y = q(x)$ , an integrating factor of the form  $\mu(x) = e^{\int q(x) dx}$  is often needed. [True / False]

## 3. Slope Fields:

Consider the first-order differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y + \sin(x). \quad (1)$$

- [2] (a) Sketch a slope field for this differential equation and overlay a few potential solutions.



- [2] (b) <sup>Verify</sup> Show that  $y(x) = -\frac{1}{2}(\sin(x) + \cos(x)) + Ce^x$  is a solution of (1) for all  $C \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} = y' &= -\frac{1}{2}(\cos(x) - \sin(x)) + Ce^x \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\sin(x) - \frac{1}{2}\cos(x) + Ce^x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RHS} = y + \sin(x) &= \left[-\frac{1}{2}(\sin(x) + \cos(x)) + Ce^x\right] + \sin(x) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\sin(x) - \frac{1}{2}\cos(x) + Ce^x \\ &= \text{LHS} \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Solution!

- [2] (c) Find the particular solution of (1) for the initial condition  $y(0) = 1/2$ . What is the behavior of this solution in the limit  $x \rightarrow \infty$ ?

$$y(0) = \frac{1}{2} = -\frac{1}{2}(\sin(0) + \cos(0)) + Ce^{(0)}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} = -\frac{1}{2} + C \Rightarrow C = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y(x) = -\frac{1}{2}(\sin(x) + \cos(x))$$

Solution will oscillate forever.

4. General Solutions:

Solve the following differential equations, including initial conditions if specified:

[3] (a)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2y^2 + 6xy - 4}{3x^2 + 4xy + 3y^2}$  (Hint: Recall standard exact form!)

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{(2y^2 + 6xy - 4)}_M dx + \underbrace{(3x^2 + 4xy + 3y^2)}_N dy = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 4y + 6x = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} \Rightarrow \text{exact!}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = 2y^2 + 6xy - 4 \Rightarrow P(x,y) = 2xy^2 + 3x^2y - 4x + g(y)$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 3x^2 + 4xy + 3y^2 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 4xy + 3x^2 + g'(y)$$

compare!

$$\Rightarrow g'(y) = 3y^2 \Rightarrow g(y) = y^3 + C \Rightarrow \boxed{2xy^2 + 3x^2y - 4x + y^3 = C}$$

[4] (b)  $x \frac{dy}{dx} + y - y^2 e^{2x} = 0, y(1) = 1$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{1}{x}y = x e^{2x} y^2 \quad \text{Bernoulli! } n=2$$

$$v = y^{1-n} = y^{-1} \Rightarrow y = v^{-1} \Rightarrow y' = -v^{-2}(v')$$

$$\Rightarrow -v^{-2}v' + \frac{1}{x}v^{-1} = x e^{2x} v^{-2}$$

$$\Rightarrow v' - \frac{1}{x}v = -x e^{2x}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{1}{x}v \right] = -e^{2x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{x}v = -\int e^{2x} dx = -\frac{e^{2x}}{2} + C$$

$$\Rightarrow v = \frac{(C - e^{2x})x}{2} \quad \rightarrow y(1) = 1 \Rightarrow 1 = \frac{2}{(e^2 - 2)}$$

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

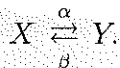
$$\Rightarrow C - e^2 = 2 \Rightarrow C = 2 + e^2$$

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

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

## 5. Applications:

Consider the reversible chemical reaction



The differential equation governing the concentration of  $x$  can be given by

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -\alpha x + \beta y \quad (2)$$

where  $\alpha, \beta > 0$ .

- [2] (a) Use the conservation relation  $x + y = C$  to rewrite (2) only in terms of the variable  $x$  (i.e. eliminate  $y$ ).

$$\begin{aligned} y = C - x &\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = -\alpha x + \beta(C - x) \\ &= -\alpha x + \beta C - \beta x \\ &= -(\alpha + \beta)x + \beta C \end{aligned}$$

- [3] (b) Solve the differential equation found in part (a) for  $x(t)$ . Use the conservation relationship to then solve for  $y(t)$ .

First-order linear!

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} + (\alpha + \beta)x = \beta C$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} [e^{(\alpha + \beta)t} x] = \beta C e^{(\alpha + \beta)t}$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{(\alpha + \beta)t} x = \frac{\beta C}{\alpha + \beta} e^{(\alpha + \beta)t} + D$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = \frac{\beta C}{\alpha + \beta} + D e^{-(\alpha + \beta)t}$$

$$y(t) = C - x = C - \frac{\beta C}{\alpha + \beta} - D e^{-(\alpha + \beta)t}$$

- [1] (c) What is the long-term behavior of the system? (i.e. What happens as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ?)

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = \frac{\beta C}{\alpha + \beta} = \frac{1}{2} \quad (\text{for } \alpha = \beta = C = 1)$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t) = C - \frac{\beta C}{\alpha + \beta} = \frac{1}{2}$$