

MATH 306 SECTION T

MIDTERM EXAM 1

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NAME: SOLUTION KEY

Problem	Points	Maximum	Problem	Points	Maximum
1		6	4		10
2		8	5		8
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Please read the problems carefully and indicate your solutions clearly!  
**No credit awarded for unclear answers or unclear work.**

1. (6 points) Find the general solution to the differential equation :

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = e^x - 2y$$

$$y' + 2y = e^x \leftarrow \text{LINEAR}$$

$$P(x) = 2 \quad \int P(x) dx = 2x + C \quad \rho(x) = e^{\int P(x) dx} = e^{2x}$$

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

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

$$e^{2x} y = \frac{1}{3} e^{3x} - C$$

$$y = \frac{e^x}{3} - \frac{C}{e^{2x}}$$

2. (8 points) The temperature  $y(t)$  of an object placed in a warm water bath at time  $t$  is modeled by the equation below, where  $k > 0$  is a constant.

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = k(80 - y)$$

(a) Find the solution  $y(t)$  in terms of the initial condition  $y(0) = T_0$ .

(b) Sketch the solution curve for  $T_0 = 100$ .

*Tip: though not required, sketching a slope field may help with part (b).*

Observe  $y(x) = 80$  is an equilibrium solution.

$$\int \frac{1}{80-y} dy = \int k dt \Rightarrow -\ln|80-y| = kt + c$$

assumes  $y \neq 80$

$$\Rightarrow \ln|80-y| = -kt - c$$

$$\Rightarrow |80-y| = e^{-kt} e^{-c}$$

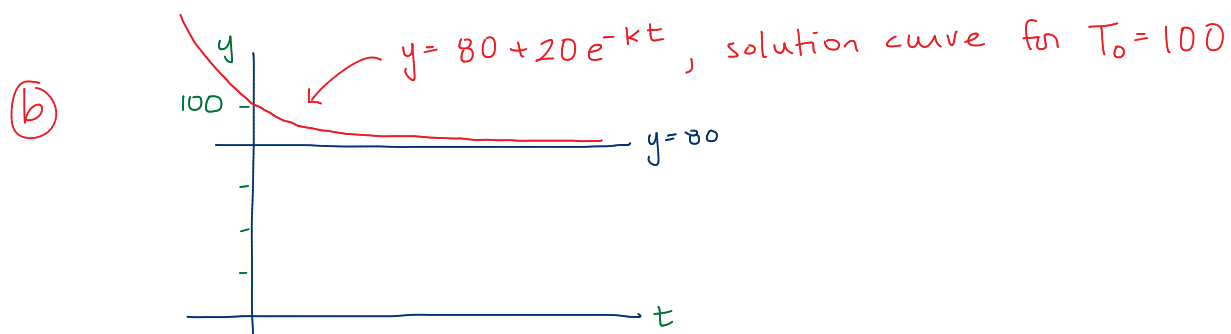
$$\Rightarrow 80-y = Ae^{-kt}$$

assumption can be removed here

$$A = \begin{cases} e^{-c} & \text{if } 80 > y \\ -e^{-c} & \text{if } 80 < y \\ 0 & \text{if } y = 80 \end{cases}$$

$$y(0) = T_0 \Rightarrow 80 - T_0 = Ae^0 = A$$

$$\textcircled{a} \quad y = 80 - (80 - T_0)e^{-kt}$$



3. (8 points) Find all solutions to the differential equation:

$$xy + y^2 - x^2y' = 0 \quad (x > 0)$$

First observe that  $y(x) = 0$  is a solution. There are two ways to find the general sol'n.:

METHOD 1: DE is homogeneous

$$\frac{y}{x} + \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2 - y' = 0$$

$$v = \frac{y}{x} \quad y = vx \quad y' = v + v'x$$

$$v + v^2 - (v + v'x) = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$v^2 = v'x = x \frac{dv}{dx} \Rightarrow$$

$$\int \frac{1}{v^2} dv = \int \frac{1}{x} dx \Rightarrow$$

$$-\frac{1}{v} = \ln(x) + C \quad (\text{since } x > 0)$$

$$-\frac{x}{y} = \ln(x) + C$$

$$y = \frac{-x}{\ln(x) + C}$$

$$\text{or } y = 0$$

METHOD 2: DE is Bernoulli

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

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

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

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

$$p = e^{\int \frac{1}{x} dx} = e^{\ln|x|} = |x| = x \quad (\text{since } x > 0)$$

$$xv' + v = x \left(-\frac{1}{x^2}\right) = -\frac{1}{x}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(xv) = -\frac{1}{x}$$

$$xv + C = \int -\frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$xv = -\ln|x| + C = -\ln(x) + C$$

$$\frac{x}{y} = -\ln(x) + C \Rightarrow$$

$$y = \frac{-x}{\ln(x) + C}$$

$$\text{or } y = 0$$

4. (10 points) Consider the initial value problem

$$y' = \sqrt{1 - y^2} \quad y(0) = y_0$$

- (a) Suppose  $y_0 = 0$ . Find the corresponding solution  $y(x)$  **that is defined for all  $x$** .  
 (b) For which  $y_0$  does a solution exist?  
 (c) For which  $y_0$  does a unique solution exist?

*Tip: sketching a slope field may help you answer correctly.*

First observe that  $y'$  is defined for  $-1 \leq y \leq 1$  only.

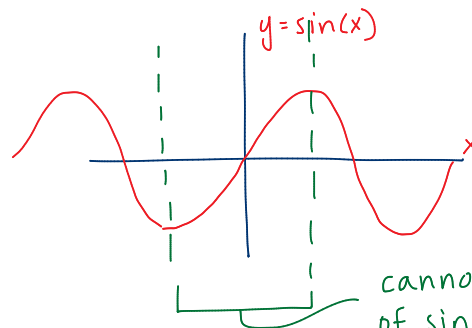
Also notice  $y(x) = -1$  &  $y(x) = 1$  are (equilibrium) solutions.

Assuming  $y \neq \pm 1$ , we may write:

$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-y^2}} dy = \int 1 dx = x + C \implies \arcsin(y) = x + C$$

Recall arcsine is defined for  $-1 \leq y \leq 1$  and has range  $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \arcsin(y) \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ :

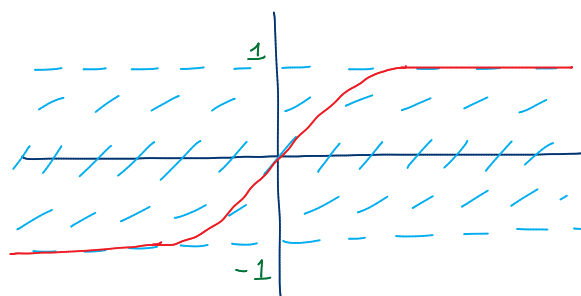
Therefore the solution  
 $y = \sin(x + C)$   
 is valid only on the interval  
 $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq x + C \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$



cannot define inverse of  $\sin(x)$  beyond this interval.

The solution valid for all  $x$  is:

$$y(x) = \begin{cases} -1 & x + C \leq -\frac{\pi}{2} \\ \sin(x + C) & -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq x + C \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \\ 1 & x + C \geq \frac{\pi}{2} \end{cases}$$



Through  $y(0) = 0$ , the solution is:

$$\textcircled{a} \quad y(x) = \begin{cases} -1 & x \leq -\frac{\pi}{2} \\ \sin(x) & -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \\ 1 & x \geq \frac{\pi}{2} \end{cases}$$

above, a sketch of  $y(x)$  defined in  $\textcircled{a}$ . Notice slopes  $y'$  are never negative, another clue that  $y = \sin(x + C)$  does not work as a solution for all values of  $x$ .

$\textcircled{b}$  We found solutions for I.C.  $y(0) = y_0$  where  $-1 \leq y_0 \leq 1$

$\textcircled{c}$  By theorem or observation, these are unique for  $-1 < y_0 < 1$

5. (8 points) Use the substitution  $p = \frac{dy}{dx}$  to solve the differential equation:

$$y'' + (y')^2 = 0$$

There are multiple ways to solve this problem.

Let  $p = \frac{dy}{dx} = y'$ . Then  $y'' = \frac{dp}{dx} p = p'$ . It is also true  $p' = \frac{dp}{dx} = \frac{dp}{dy} \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dp}{dy} \cdot p$ .

METHOD 1:  $p' + p^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dp}{dx} = -p^2 \Rightarrow \int \frac{-1}{p^2} dp = \int dx = x + C$  ( $p \neq 0$ )

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{p} = x + C \Rightarrow p = \frac{-1}{x+C} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-1}{x+C}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \int \frac{-1}{x+C} dx = \boxed{-\ln|x+C| + B}^*$$

\* note this =  
 $\ln|x+c| + \ln(e^B)$   
 $= \ln|e^B x + e^B c|$   
 $= \ln|Ax + D|$

METHOD 2:  $\frac{dp}{dy} p + p^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dp}{dy} = -p$  ( $p \neq 0$ )  $\Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{p} dp = \int -1 dy = -y + C$

$$\Rightarrow \ln|p| = -y + C \Rightarrow |p| = e^{-y} e^C \Rightarrow p = A e^{-y} \quad \text{where } A = \pm e^C \neq 0$$

Method 2a:  $x = \int \left(\frac{dx}{dy}\right) dy = \int \frac{1}{p} dy$  since  $p = \frac{dy}{dx}$

$$= \int \frac{e^y}{A} dy = \frac{1}{A} e^y + B \Rightarrow Ax - AB = e^y \quad \text{or } \boxed{y = \ln(Cx + D)}$$

Method 2b:  $\frac{dy}{dx} = A e^{-y} \Rightarrow \int \frac{e^y}{A} dy = \int x dx = x + B \Rightarrow$

$$\frac{1}{A} e^y = x + B \Rightarrow Ax + AB = e^y \quad \text{or } \boxed{y = \ln(Cx + D)}$$

Any of the boxed answers is acceptable. In full generality, the solution is:

$$y(x) = \ln(Ax + B) \quad \text{where } A > 0, \text{ for } x > -\frac{B}{A},$$

$$y(x) = \ln(Ax + B) \quad \text{where } A < 0, \text{ for } x < -\frac{B}{A}, \text{ or}$$

$$y(x) = C \quad (\text{note, the last solution is equivalent to } y = \ln(0x + B) \text{ where } B = e^C)$$

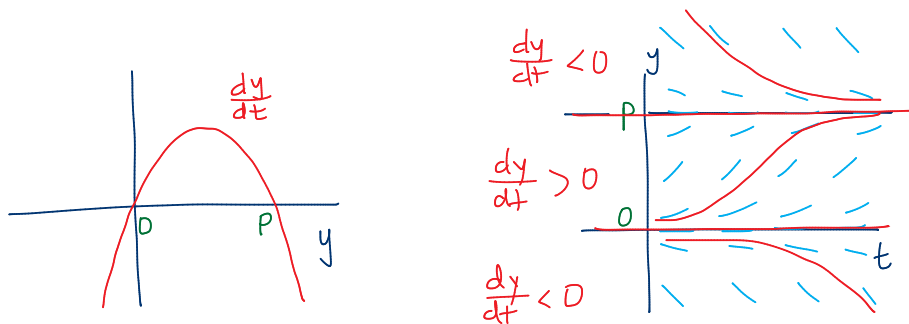
6. (10 points) Suppose  $P$  people live in an isolated community. Let  $y(t)$  represent the number of these people infected at time  $t$  by a new virus. The rate of infection is modeled by

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = y(P - y)$$

- (a) Find all equilibrium solutions and indicate whether they are stable, unstable, or semistable.  
 (b) Given the initial condition  $y(0) = P/4$ , determine  $y(t)$ . This models the situation where 25% of people are infected at the start.  
 (c) According to this model, if  $y(0)$  is positive, what is the limit of  $y(t)$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ?

Tip: though not required, sketching a slope field may help with this problem.

$y(t) = 0$  &  $y(t) = P$  are equilibrium solutions.



By checking the sign of  $\frac{dy}{dt}$  for  $y < P$ ,  $0 < y < P$ , &  $y > P$  we see

(a)  $y = P$  is STABLE  
 &  $y = 0$  is UNSTABLE

$$\int \frac{1}{y(P-y)} dy = \int 1 dt = t + C$$

$$\frac{1}{y(P-y)} = \frac{A}{y} + \frac{B}{P-y}$$

$$1 = A(P-y) + By$$

$$= AP + (B-A)y$$

$$\Rightarrow AP = 1 \Rightarrow A = 1/P$$

$$B - A = 0 \Rightarrow B = A = 1/P$$

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{P} + \frac{1}{P} dy = t + C \right.$$

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{P-y} dy = Pt + C_2 \right.$$

$$\ln|y| - \ln|P-y| = Pt + C_2$$

$$\left| \frac{y}{P-y} \right| = e^{C_2} e^{Pt}$$

If  $y(0) = P/4$ ,

$$\left| \frac{P/4}{P-P/4} \right| = e^{C_2} e^{P \cdot 0} = e^{C_2} \cdot 1$$

$$\left| \frac{P/4}{3P/4} \right| = \left| \frac{1}{3} \right| = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{y}{P-y} \right| = \frac{1}{3} e^{Pt} \quad \text{For } y(0) = P/4, \quad \left| \frac{y}{P-y} \right| = \frac{1}{3} > 0.$$

Because solutions are unique, solution curve stays within  $0 < y < P$ .

Thus  $y > 0$  &  $P-y > 0$ , so  $\left| \frac{y}{P-y} \right| = \frac{y}{P-y}$ .

$$\frac{y}{P-y} = \frac{1}{3} e^{Pt} \Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{3} e^{Pt} (P-y) \Rightarrow y \left( 1 + \frac{e^{Pt}}{3} \right) = \frac{P}{3} e^{Pt} \Rightarrow \text{(b)} \quad y(t) = \frac{\frac{P}{3} e^{Pt}}{1 + \frac{e^{Pt}}{3}} = \frac{P}{3e^{-Pt} + 1}$$

(c)  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{P}{3} e^{Pt}}{\frac{1}{3} e^{Pt}} = P$ . (This can also be inferred from sketch of slope field/sol'n curve.)