

MATH 256 Section 202

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Midterm Exam 1

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Time Limit: 45 Minutes

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- Unless a question asks you to state, or write down the answer, you must **show all your working**. There is credit given for using the correct method to solve each problem. **Unsupported final answers will not receive full credit.**
- **Organize your work**, in a reasonably neat and coherent way, in the space provided. Work scattered all over the page without a clear ordering is very difficult to mark and might receive reduced credit if your argument is not clear.
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Problem	Points	Score
1	4	
2	9	
3	6	
4	13	
Total:	32	

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1. For each of the following differential equations for the function  $y(x)$ , state the order of the differential equation and state whether it is linear or nonlinear.

(a) (2 points)

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

linear, order 1  
[1] [1]

(b) (2 points)

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{dy}{dx} + x^3y = e^y$$

nonlinear, order 2  
[1] [1]

2. (a) (3 points) What is the integrating factor for the following differential equation for  $y(x)$ ?

$$\tan(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + y = f(x)$$

Hint:

$$\int \cot(x) dx = \ln(\sin(x)) + C \text{ where } C \text{ is an arbitrary constant.}$$

$$\tan(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + y = f(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} + \cot x y = f(x)$$

$$\text{so } p(x) = \cot x$$

$$\text{and } \int p dx = \ln(\sin x)$$

$$\text{(using hint) [1]}$$

so integrating factor is:

$$q(x) = \exp\left(\int p dx\right) = \exp(\ln(\sin x))$$

$$= \sin x. \quad [1]$$

(b) (6 points) What is the general solution to the following differential equation?

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

We have  $p(x) = 2x$

$$\text{so } \int p dx = x^2$$

The integrating factor is

$$q(x) = \exp\left(\int p dx\right) = e^{x^2} \quad [2]$$

$$\text{So } \frac{d}{dx}(e^{x^2} y) = 2x e^{x^2} \quad [2]$$

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

$$\text{so } y = 1 + C e^{-x^2} \quad [2]$$

with  $C = \text{const.}$

3. (6 points) Solve the following differential equation for  $y(x)$  with boundary condition  $y(0) = 1$ .  
Leave your answer as an implicit equation involving  $y$  and  $x$ .

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

The equation is separable:

$$(y-2) \frac{dy}{dx} = e^{3x} \quad [2]$$

$$\Rightarrow \int (y-2) dy = \int e^{3x} dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}y^2 - 2y = \frac{1}{3}e^{3x} + C \quad [2]$$

Using  $y(0) = 1$ , we have

$$\frac{1}{2} - 2 = \frac{1}{3} + C$$

$$\text{So } C = -\frac{11}{6}$$

$$\text{and } \frac{1}{2}y^2 - 2y = \frac{1}{3}e^{3x} - \frac{11}{6} \quad [2]$$

4. Consider the following differential equation for  $y(x)$ :

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2\frac{dy}{dx} + y = f(x).$$

(a) (3 points) What is the homogeneous solution  $y_h(x)$ ?

Try  $y = e^{\lambda x}$ . Then  $\lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 1 = 0$  [1]

$\Rightarrow (\lambda + 1)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = -1$  (twice) [1]

So  $y_h(x) = (Ax + B)e^{-x}$ . [1]

(b) (5 points) For each of the following functions  $f(x)$ , write down the form of the particular solution  $y_p(x)$  that will solve the differential equation considered in part (a). You do not need to solve for the unknown coefficients.

i.  $f(x) = 2x + 3$

$y_p(x) = Cx + D$  [1]

ii.  $f(x) = 5\sin(2x)$

$y_p(x) = C\sin 2x + D\cos 2x$  [1]

iii.  $f(x) = 6e^{2x}$

$y_p(x) = Ce^{2x}$  [1]

iv.  $f(x) = (3x + 2)e^x$

$y_p(x) = (Cx + D)e^x$  [1]

v.  $f(x) = 4e^{-x}$

$y_p(x) = (Cx^2 + Dx)e^{-x}$ . [1]

(c) (5 points) What is the general solution to the following differential equation for  $y(x)$ ?

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2\frac{dy}{dx} + y = 2x + 3$$

**Hint:** This is the same equation considered in parts (a) and (b) with the function  $f(x)$  given in (b) part (i).

The solution is

$$\begin{aligned} y(x) &= y_h(x) + y_p(x) \\ &= (Ax+B)e^{-x} + y_p(x) \text{ using (a). } [1] \end{aligned}$$

Then we try  $y_p(x) = Cx + D$ . [1]

$$\text{So } y_p' = C \text{ and } y_p'' = 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then, } y_p'' + 2y_p' + y_p &= 0 + 2C + Cx + D \\ &= 2x + 3. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Coeff } x^1: C = 2.$$

$$\text{Coeff } x^0: 2C + D = 3 \Rightarrow D = 3 - 2C = -1 \quad [2]$$

$$\text{Hence } y(x) = (Ax+B)e^{-x} + 2x - 1 \quad [1]$$