

There are 6 problems totalling 100 points. Please show all work required to reach your answers. You may write on the back sides of the pages if you need more room.

1. (12 points) Substitute $y = ax^3$ into the differential equation $x^5 y'' = y^2$ to determine all values of the constant a for which $y = ax^3$ is a solution of the equation.

If $y = ax^3$, then $y' = 3ax^2$ and $y'' = 6a$.

Also $y = ax^3 \Rightarrow y^2 = (ax^3)^2 = a^2 x^6$. So

$$x^5 y'' = y^2 \Leftrightarrow x^5 \cdot 6a = a^2 x^6 \Leftrightarrow 6ax^5 = a^2 x^6 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$6a = a^2 \Leftrightarrow a^2 - 6a = 0 \Leftrightarrow a(a-6) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \boxed{a=0 \text{ or } a=6}$$

The only solutions of this form are $y=0$ and $y=6x^3$.

2. (20 points) Find the solution of $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3y - xy}{x}$ which satisfies $y(1) = 3e^{-1}$. Give y explicitly as a function of x .

There are two ways to look at this equation; either as a linear equation or as a separable equation.

Separable: $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3y - xy}{x} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(3-x) \cdot y}{x} \Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{y} dy = \int \frac{3-x}{x} dx$

$$\Rightarrow \ln |y| = \int \frac{3}{x} - 1 dx \Leftrightarrow \ln |y| = 3 \ln |x| - x + C \Leftrightarrow |y| = e^{3 \ln |x| - x + C} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |y| = |x|^3 \cdot e^{-x} \cdot e^C \Leftrightarrow y = \pm e^C |x|^3 e^{-x} \Leftrightarrow y = D |x|^3 e^{-x}$$

Since we are looking for a solution near $x=1$, we can assume $x > 0$, so $|x| = x$, so $y = D x^3 e^{-x}$. Since $y = 3e^{-1}$ when $x=1$, then $3e^{-1} = D \cdot e^{-1}$,

so $D = 3$, so $\boxed{y = 3x^3 e^{-x}}$

Linear: $\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = Q(x)$ where $P(x) = \frac{x-3}{x}$ and $Q(x) = 0$. Then $\int P(x) dx =$

$$\int 1 - \frac{3}{x} dx = x - 3 \ln x, \text{ so } e^{\int P(x) dx} = e^{x-3 \ln x} = e^x \cdot x^{-3}$$

Second solution to #2, continued

Multiplying both sides of $\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{x-3}{x} y = 0$

by the integrating factor $e^{\int \frac{x-3}{x} dx}$ gives

$$e^{\int \frac{x-3}{x} dx} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} + \left(\frac{x-3}{x}\right) e^{\int \frac{x-3}{x} dx} y = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(e^{\int \frac{x-3}{x} dx} y \right) = 0$$

As we saw in the other solution,
 $e^{\int \frac{x-3}{x} dx} = D e^x \cdot x^{-3}$.
We can absorb the constant D
into the constant C on the
other side

$$e^{\int \frac{x-3}{x} dx} y = C \quad (2)$$

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

$$y = x^3 e^{-x} C \quad (2)$$

Since $y = 3e^{-1}$ when $x=1$, then $3e^{-1} = e^{-1} \cdot C$, so $C=3$

and

$$y = 3x^3 e^{-x} \quad (2)$$

3. (13 points) Find the solution of $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 + \frac{5}{x^2}$ which satisfies $y(1) = 4$. (2) (2)

$$y = \int 3x^2 + \frac{5}{x^2} dx = \int 3x^2 dx + \int 5x^{-2} dx = x^3 + \frac{5x^{-1}}{-1} + C,$$

or $y = x^3 - \frac{5}{x} + C$. Since $y=4$ when $x=1$, then $4 = 1 - 5 + C$, so (2) (2)

$C=8$, so $y = x^3 - \frac{5}{x} + 8$. (1) (2)

4. (20 points) For the equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + 4xy = x + e^{-2x^2},$$

- [15] a) Find the general solution, giving y explicitly as a function of x . (2)

This is a linear equation, with integrating factor $e^{\int 4x dx} = e^{2x^2}$. (2)

Multiplying the equation by e^{2x^2} gives

$$e^{2x^2} \frac{dy}{dx} + 4xe^{2x^2} y = xe^{2x^2} + 1,$$

so $\frac{d}{dx}(e^{2x^2} \cdot y) = xe^{2x^2} + 1$, (2) so

$$e^{2x^2} \cdot y = \int (xe^{2x^2} + 1) dx = \left(\int xe^{2x^2} dx \right) + x + C = \frac{1}{4} \int e^u du + x + C$$

(2) $u = 2x^2$ $du = 4x dx$ (2) $= \frac{1}{4} e^u + x + C$ $= \frac{1}{4} e^{2x^2} + x + C$. (2)

So $e^{2x^2} y = \frac{1}{4} e^{2x^2} + x + C$, so

- [5] b) Find the particular solution satisfying $y(0) = 1$.

Since $y=1$ when $x=0$, then (1)

(1) $1 = \frac{1}{4} + 0 + C \cdot 1$, so (1)

$C = \frac{3}{4}$, so (1)

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

$y = e^{-2x^2} \left(\frac{1}{4} e^{2x^2} + x + C \right)$ (1)

$y = \frac{1}{4} \cdot 1 + xe^{-2x^2} + Ce^{-2x^2}$

5. (15 points) Bacteria are growing in a culture according to the natural population growth equation. At time $t = 3$ there are 10,000 bacteria present, and at time $t = 6$ there are 50,000 bacteria present. How many bacteria were present at time $t = 0$? (Remember to show work justifying your answer.)

$$P = De^{kt} \quad \text{and} \quad P = 10,000 \text{ at } t = 3 \Rightarrow 10,000 = De^{3k} \quad (2)$$

$$(3) \quad P = 50,000 \text{ at } t = 6 \Rightarrow 50,000 = De^{6k} \quad (2)$$

Solving the first equation for D gives $D = \frac{10,000}{e^{3k}}$, so from the second equation we get $50,000 = \frac{10,000}{e^{3k}} \cdot e^{6k}$, or $5 = e^{6k-3k} \Rightarrow 5 = e^{3k} \Rightarrow$

$$k = \frac{\ln 5}{3}. \text{ So } D = \frac{10,000}{e^{3(\frac{\ln 5}{3})}} = \frac{10,000}{e^{\ln 5}} = \frac{10,000}{5} = 2,000. \text{ At time } t = 0, \quad (1)$$

$$P = De^0 = D = \boxed{2,000}.$$

6. (20 points) Hot water is set out to cool in a room where the room temperature is 25°C . At time $t = 0$, the temperature of the water is 100°C , and at time $t = 10$ minutes the temperature of the water is 80°C . At what time t does the temperature of the water reach 50°C ? (Your answer may involve logarithms which you do not have to evaluate.)

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = k(T - A) \quad (1), \text{ where here } A = 25, \text{ so}$$

$$\int \frac{dT}{T-25} = \int k dt \Rightarrow \ln(T-25) = kt + C \Rightarrow T-25 = e^{kt+C} = De^{kt} \quad (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow T = 25 + De^{kt}. \quad (1)$$

Since $T = 100$ when $t = 0$, then $100 = 25 + De^0 \quad (2)$

$$\Rightarrow 75 = D \quad (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow T = 25 + 75e^{kt} \quad (1)$$

Since $T = 80$ when $t = 10$, then $80 = 25 + 75e^{10k} \quad (2)$

$$\text{So } 55 = 75e^{10k} \Rightarrow k = \frac{1}{10} \ln\left(\frac{55}{75}\right) \quad (2)$$

$$\Rightarrow T = 25 + 75e^{(\frac{1}{10} \ln \frac{55}{75}) \cdot t} \quad (1)$$

When $T = 50$, then $50 = 25 + 75e^{(\frac{1}{10} \ln \frac{55}{75})t} \quad (2)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{25}{75} = e^{(\frac{1}{10} \ln \frac{55}{75})t} \Rightarrow \ln\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{1}{10} \ln\left(\frac{55}{75}\right)t \quad (2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{t = \frac{10 \ln(\frac{1}{3})}{\ln(\frac{55}{75})}}$$