

1. [2360/061424 (10 pts)] Write the word **TRUE** or **FALSE** as appropriate. No work need be shown. No partial credit given.

- (a) Let L be a linear operator and suppose y_1 and y_2 are both solutions to the differential equation $L(\vec{y}) = f(t)$. Then $y_1 - y_2$ is a solution of $L(\vec{y}) = 0$.
- (b) Euler's method for the initial value problem $y' = 2$, $y(0) = 0$ will yield the exact solution for all t .
- (c) Picard's Theorem guarantees that the differential equation $y' = \sqrt{t+y}$, $y(0) = 0$ does NOT have a unique solution.
- (d) Every first order linear homogeneous differential equation is separable.
- (e) If using the Euler-Lagrange Two Stage method (variation of parameters) to solve the differential equation $e^{-t}y' - y = e^{2-t}$, the particular solution has the form $y_p = v(t)e^{e^t}$.

SOLUTION:

- (a) **TRUE** $L(y_1 - y_2) = L(y_1) - L(y_2) = f(t) - f(t) = 0$
- (b) **TRUE** Euler's method is $y_{n+1} = y_n + 2h$. Thus $y_1 = 0 + 2h = 2h$, $y_2 = 2h + 2h = 4h, \dots$. These are points on the line $y = 2t$, the exact solution to the IVP.
- (c) **FALSE** With $f(t, y) = \sqrt{t+y}$ we have $f_y(t, y) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{t+y}}$ which is not defined at $(0, 0)$. Thus Picard's Theorem tells us nothing about the uniqueness of solutions to the IVP.
- (d) **TRUE** Linear first order homogeneous equations are of the form $a_1(t)y' + a_0(t)y = 0$ which can be rearranged to the form $y' = \left[\frac{a_0(t)}{a_1(t)} \right] y = f(t)g(y)$.
- (e) **TRUE** The homogeneous problem is $y' - e^t y = 0$ which we solve as

$$\int \frac{dy}{y} = \int e^t dt$$

$$\ln |y| = e^t + k$$

$$|y| = e^k e^{e^t}$$

$$y = C e^{e^t}$$

giving a particular solution of the form $y_p = v(t)e^{e^t}$. ■

2. [2360/061424 (20 pts)] The following problems are not related.

- (a) (10 pts) You are making a secret marinade sauce for meat that involves dissolving 100 grams of Special Spice #1 in 10 gallons of vinegar in a large tank. A malefactor has decided to sabotage the mixture by creating a machine that pours 1 gallon, containing 30 grams of Special Spice #1, into the tank every minute. As soon as the machine is turned on, the malefactor also creates a hole in the tank that drains the well-mixed marinade from the tank at 2 gallons per minute. Set up, but **DO NOT SOLVE**, the initial value problem (IVP) modeling this scenario. Let $t = 0$ be the moment that the hole is created in the tank. Be sure to include the interval over which the equation is valid.
- (b) (10 pts) Use the integrating factor method to solve $(10-t)\frac{dy}{dt} + 2y = 300 - 30t$, $y(0) = 100$. Do not simply use formulas. Show all the steps needed to arrive at the solution.

SOLUTION:

- (a) Let $x(t)$ be the amount of Special Spice #1 in the tank at time t and $V(t)$ the volume of solution in the tank t . Since the flows in and out differ, the volume of marinade in the tank will not be constant. Indeed

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \text{flow in} - \text{flow out} = 1 - 2 = -1, V(0) = 10 \implies V(t) = 10 - t$$

The amount of spice in the tank is determined by rate of change of mass of spice = mass rate in of spice – mass rate out of spice

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \left(30 \frac{\text{grams}}{\text{gallon}}\right) \left(1 \frac{\text{gallon}}{\text{minute}}\right) - \left[\frac{x \text{ grams}}{(10-t) \text{ gallon}}\right] \left(2 \frac{\text{gallon}}{\text{minute}}\right)$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 30 - \frac{2x}{10-t}, \quad x(0) = 100$$

This is valid on the interval $0 \leq t < 10$ since the tank is empty at 10 minutes.

(b) Rearrange the ODE to

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{2y}{10-t} = 30$$

We find the integrating factor from

$$\int \frac{2}{10-t} dt = -2 \ln |10-t| = \ln |10-t|^{-2} \implies \mu(t) = e^{\ln |10-t|^{-2}} = (10-t)^{-2} \quad \text{since } t \in [0, 10)$$

Then

$$[(10-t)^{-2}y]' = 30(10-t)^{-2}$$

$$(10-t)^{-2}y = \int 30(10-t)^{-2} dt = 30(10-t)^{-1} + C$$

$$y(t) = (10-t)^2 [30(10-t)^{-1} + C]$$

Application of the initial condition gives

$$100 = (10-0)^2 [30(10-0)^{-1} + C] \implies 1 = 3 + C \implies C = -2$$

so that the solution to the initial value problem is

$$y(t) = 30(10-t) - 2(10-t)^2 = (10-t)(30 - 20 + 2t) = (10-t)(10 + 2t) = 100 + 10t - 2t^2$$

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3. [2360/061424 (24 pts)] After discovering the culinary sabotage noted part (a) of the previous problem, you decide to make a new batch of marinade with your trademark 100 grams of Special Spice #1. In addition to being irresistibly delicious, Special Spice #1 is also an unstable radioactive material with a half-life of 10 days. Be sure to show all your work for all parts of this problem.

- (a) (8 pts) Set up the corresponding initial value problem for this decay problem assuming that the new marinade is made at $t = 0$.
- (b) (8 pts) How much Special Spice #1 will be left after t days?
- (c) (8 pts) Your marinade will lose its flavor if under 10 grams of Special Spice #1 are left. How long after making a fresh batch of the marinade do have to use it?

SOLUTION:

(a) Let y be the amount of Special Spice #1. An exponential decay problem has the form $dy/dt = -ky$, $k > 0$ and initial condition $y(0) = y_0$. Since we are told the half-life is 10 days, $k = \ln 2/10$. Thus the initial value problem is

$$y' = -\frac{\ln 2}{10}y, \quad y(0) = 100$$

(b) The solution of the DE is, by separation of variables,

$$\int \frac{dy}{y} = -\int \frac{\ln 2}{10} dt$$

$$\ln |y| = -\frac{\ln 2}{10}t + K$$

$$|y| = e^K e^{-(\ln 2/10)t}$$

$$y = C e^{-(\ln 2/10)t} \quad \text{apply initial condition}$$

$$100 = C e^0 \implies C = 100$$

$$y(t) = 100 e^{-(\ln 2/10)t}$$

(c) We need to determine when $y(t) = 10$.

$$10 = 100e^{(-\ln 2/10)t}$$

$$\ln \frac{1}{10} = \ln e^{(-\ln 2/10)t}$$

$$-\ln 10 = -\frac{\ln 2}{10}t$$

$$t = \frac{10 \ln 10}{\ln 2}$$

4. [2360/061424 (22 pts)] The following problems are not related.

(a) (16 pts) Consider the differential equation $y' = y^3 - 3y^2 - y + 3$.

i. (10 pts) Find all equilibrium solutions and their stability.

ii. (6 pts) Plot the phase line for the differential equation.

(b) (6 pts) Given the differential equation $y' + y = t^2$, draw the isoclines corresponding to slopes of 1, 0, -1. Be sure to include the line segments showing the slope of the solutions on each isocline and label important points.

SOLUTION:

(a) We can write the ODE as $y' = y^2(y - 3) - (y - 3) = (y^2 - 1)(y - 3) = (y + 1)(y - 1)(y - 3)$ showing that the equilibrium solutions are $y = -1, y = 1, y = 3$. You can also use the Rational Roots Theorem to factor.

i.

$$y > 3 : y' > 0$$

$$1 < y < 3 : y' < 0$$

$$-1 < y < 1 : y' > 0$$

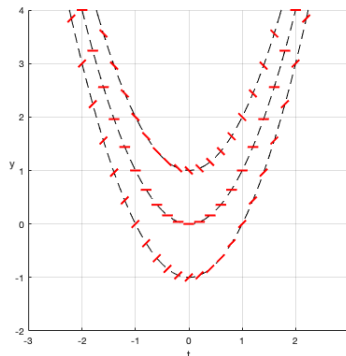
$$y < -1 : y' < 0$$

Thus $y = -1$ and $y = 3$ are unstable and $y = 1$ is stable.

ii. Phase line.



(b) Isoclines are the parabolas $y = t^2 - k$ with $k = -1, 0, 1$.



5. [2360/061424 (24 pts)] Consider the system of differential equations

$$x' = 2 - x + y$$

$$y' = y^2 - x$$

- (a) (6 pts) Find the h nullclines, if any exist.
- (b) (6 pts) Find the v nullclines, if any exist.
- (c) (6 pts) Find the equilibrium solutions, if any exist.
- (d) (6 pts) Draw a phase plane on your paper and put arrows in the phase plane showing the vector field at the points $(1, 1)$ and $(0, -2)$. Be sure to include appropriate labels.

SOLUTION:

- (a) h nullclines are curves where $y' = 0$ and the line tangent to the trajectory is horizontal, so these are given by $x = y^2$.
- (b) v nullclines are curves where $x' = 0$ and the line tangent to the trajectory is vertical, so these are given by $y = x - 2$.
- (c) Equilibrium solutions occur where both $x' = 0$ and $y' = 0$, solutions of the system

$$x = y^2 \tag{1}$$

$$y = x - 2 \tag{2}$$

Substituting y from Eq. (2) into Eq. (1) yields $x = x^2 - 4x + 4 \implies x^2 - 5x + 4 = (x - 4)(x - 1) = 0 \implies x = 1, 4$ and from Eq. (2), $y = -1, 2$. The equilibrium solutions are thus $(1, -1)$ and $(4, 2)$. Note, that these can be found geometrically from the intersections of the h and v nullclines.

- (d) Phase plane.

