

EXERCISES [MAI 5.18-5.19]
DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS
SOLUTIONS
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A. Paper 1 questions (SHORT)

D.E. OF SEPARABLE VARIABLES

1. (a) $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x + 5 \Rightarrow y = x^2 + 5x + c$
 $y(0) = 3 \Rightarrow c = 3$
Therefore, $y = x^2 + 5x + 3$
- (b) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \sin x + \cos x \Rightarrow y = -\cos x + \sin x + c$
 $y(0) = 3 \Rightarrow -1 + c = 3 \Rightarrow c = 4$
Therefore, $y = \sin x - \cos x + 4$
2. $y = e^x - x^2 + C$
 $3 = e^0 - 0 + C \Rightarrow 3 = 1 + C \Rightarrow C = 2$
Therefore, $y = e^x - x^2 + 2$
3. $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x}{3y^2} \Rightarrow 3y^2 dy = 2x dx \Rightarrow \int 3y^2 dy = \int 2x dx$
 $\Rightarrow y^3 = x^2 + c$
 $y(0) = 2 \Rightarrow c = 8$
Therefore, $y^3 = x^2 + 8 \Rightarrow y = \sqrt[3]{x^2 + 8}$
4. (a) $\frac{dy}{dx} = 10x^4 \Rightarrow y = 2x^5 + c$
 $y(1) = 2 \Rightarrow 2 + c = 2 \Rightarrow c = 0$
Therefore, $y = 2x^5$
- (b) $\frac{dy}{dx} = 10x^4 y^2 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{y^2} = 10x^4 dx \Rightarrow \int \frac{dy}{y^2} = \int 10x^4 dx \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{y} = 2x^5 + c$
 $y(1) = 2 \Rightarrow 2 + c = -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow c = -2.5$
Therefore, $-\frac{1}{y} = 2x^5 - 2.5 \Rightarrow y = -\frac{1}{2x^5 - 2.5}$
- (c) $\frac{dy}{dx} = 10x^4 y \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{y} = 10x^4 dx \Rightarrow \int \frac{dy}{y} = \int 10x^4 dx \Rightarrow \ln y = 2x^5 + c$
 $y(1) = 2 \Rightarrow 2 + c = \ln 2 \Rightarrow c = \ln 2 - 2$
Therefore, $\ln y = 2x^5 + \ln 2 - 2 \Rightarrow y = e^{2x^5 + \ln 2 - 2} \Rightarrow y = 2e^{2x^5 - 2}$

$$5. \int \frac{dy}{y^2} = \int 2x dx \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{y} = x^2 + c$$

$$\text{Using } y(0)=1 \text{ gives } C=-1 \left(-\frac{1}{y} = x^2 - 1 \right)$$

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

$$6. xy \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 + y^2 \Rightarrow \int \frac{y}{1+y^2} dy = \int \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \ln(1+y^2) = \ln x + \ln c \Rightarrow \ln(1+y^2) = 2 \ln x + 2 \ln c \Rightarrow \ln(1+y^2) = \ln x^2 c^2$$

$$1+y^2 = kx^2 \quad (k=c^2)$$

$$y=0 \text{ when } x=2, \text{ and so } 1=4k$$

$$\text{Thus, } y^2 = \frac{1}{4}x^2 - 1 \quad (\text{or } x^2 - 4y^2 = 4)$$

7.

$$\frac{dy}{y} = \frac{x dx}{x^2 + 1}$$

$$\ln y = \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2 + 1) + A$$

$$\ln 1 = \frac{1}{2} \ln 2 + A \text{ for substituting } x=1, y=1$$

$$A = -\frac{1}{2} \ln 2$$

$$\ln y = \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2 + 1) - \frac{1}{2} \ln 2$$

$$\ln y = \ln \sqrt{\frac{x^2 + 1}{2}}$$

$$y = \sqrt{\frac{x^2 + 1}{2}}$$

$$8. (a) \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{1-y} = \frac{1-y+y}{y(1-y)} = \frac{1}{y-y^2}$$

$$(b) \frac{dy}{dt} = k(y-y^2) \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{y-y^2} = k dt \Rightarrow \int \frac{dx}{y-y^2} = \int k dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \left(\frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{1-y} \right) dy = \int k dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln y - \ln(1-y) = kt + c \Rightarrow \ln \frac{y}{1-y} = kt + c \Rightarrow \frac{y}{1-y} = e^{kt+c}$$

$$\text{Solve for } y: y = e^{kt+c} - ye^{kt+c} \Rightarrow y(1 + e^{kt+c}) = e^{kt+c} \Rightarrow y = \frac{e^{kt+c}}{1 + e^{kt+c}}$$

$$\text{Divide both terms by } e^{kt+c}: y = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{e^{kt+c}} + 1} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-kt-c}} = \frac{1}{1 + Ae^{-kt}}$$

9. If $kx = mv \frac{dv}{dx}$ Then $\int kx \, dx = \int mv \, dv$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} kx^2 = \frac{1}{2} mv^2 + C$

When $x = 0, v = v_0$, therefore $C = -\frac{1}{2} mv_0^2$ Therefore $v^2 = v_0^2 + \frac{kx^2}{m}$

Therefore when $x = 2, v = \sqrt{v_0^2 + \frac{4k}{m}}$

10. From the diagram,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{1} \Rightarrow \int \frac{dy}{y} = \int dx \Rightarrow \ln y = x + c \Rightarrow y = e^{x+c} = Ae^x.$$

But R (0,2) lies on the curve and so $A = 2$.

Thus $y = 2e^x$

11. (a) Given $\frac{dv}{dt} = -kv \Leftrightarrow \int \frac{dv}{v} = -k \int dt$

$$\Leftrightarrow \ln v = -kt + C$$

$$\Leftrightarrow v = Ae^{-kt} (A = e^C)$$

$$\text{At } t = 0, v = v_0 \Rightarrow A = v_0 \Leftrightarrow v = v_0 e^{-kt}$$

(b) Put $v = \frac{v_0}{2}$ then $\frac{v_0}{2} = v_0 e^{-kt}$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} = e^{-kt} \Leftrightarrow \ln \frac{1}{2} = -kt$$

$$\Leftrightarrow t = \frac{\ln 2}{k}$$

(c) $v_0 = 3.6$

$$\frac{\ln 2}{k} = 5 \Rightarrow k = \frac{\ln 2}{5}$$

$$v = 3.6 e^{-\frac{\ln 2}{5} t} \quad \text{or} \quad v = 3.6 e^{-0.139t}$$

(d) For $t = 24, v = 0.129 \text{ units}^3$

12. (a) If M g is the material present at time t , then $\frac{dM}{dt} = kM$ where k is a constant. Then,

$$\frac{dM}{M} = k dt \Rightarrow \ln M = kt + c$$

$$\Rightarrow M = e^{kt+c} = Ae^{kt}$$

(b) When $t = 0, A = 50$

$$\text{When } t = 10, M = 48 \Rightarrow 48 = 50e^{10k}.$$

$$k = \frac{\ln 0.96}{10} = -0.00408$$

$$\text{For half life, } 25 = 50e^{kt} \Rightarrow \ln 0.5 = kt \Rightarrow t = \frac{10 \ln 0.5}{\ln 0.96} = 169.8.$$

Therefore, half-life = 170 years (3 s.f.)

EULER'S METHOD

13. (a) $x_{n+1} = x_n + 0.1, \quad y_{n+1} = y_n + 0.1(x_n^2 + y_n^2)$

| n | x | y |
|-----|-----|-------------|
| 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 0.1 | 1.1 |
| 2 | 0.2 | 1.222 |
| 3 | 0.3 | 1.3753284 |
| 4 | 0.4 | 1.573481221 |

approximate value of $y = 1.57$

(b) the approximate value is less than the actual value because it is assumed that $\frac{dy}{dx}$ remains constant throughout each interval whereas it is actually an increasing function

14. $x_{n+1} = x_n + 0.1, \quad y_{n+1} = y_n + 0.1(e^{x_n} + 2y_n^2)$

| n | x | y |
|-----|-----|--------------|
| 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 0.1 | 1.3 |
| 2 | 0.2 | 1.7485170918 |
| 3 | 0.3 | 2.482119772 |
| 4 | 0.4 | 3.849289365 |

required approximation = 3.85

15. (a) $x_{n+1} = x_n + 0.25, \quad y_{n+1} = y_n + 0.25\left(\frac{y_n^2 + x_n^2}{2x_n^2}\right)$

| n | x_n | y_n |
|-----|-------|-----------|
| 0 | 1 | -1 |
| 1 | 1.25 | -0.75 |
| 2 | 1.5 | -0.58 |
| 3 | 1.75 | -0.436311 |

$\Rightarrow y(2) \approx -0.304$

16. (a) (i) $x_{n+1} = x_n + 0.1, \quad y_{n+1} = y_n + 0.1(2x_n(1 + x_n^2 - y_n))$

| n | x_i | y_i |
|-----|-------|--------|
| 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 1 | 1.1 | 2 |
| 2 | 1.2 | 2.0462 |
| 3 | 1.3 | 2.1407 |

$f(1.3) = 2.14$

(ii) Decrease the step size

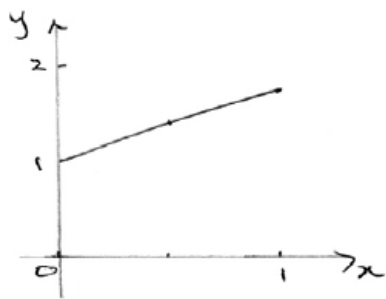
17. (a) $x_{n+1} = x_n + 0.25, \quad y_{n+1} = y_n + 0.25\left(1 - \frac{x_n y_{n-1}}{4 - x_n^2}\right)$

| n | x | y |
|-----|------|-------------|
| 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 0.25 | 1.25 |
| 2 | 0.5 | 1.48015873 |
| 3 | 0.75 | 1.680820106 |
| 4 | 1 | 1.839139009 |

To two decimal places, when $x = 1, y = 1.84$.

(b) $y(1) = 1.77$, so $1.84 > 1.77$

(c)



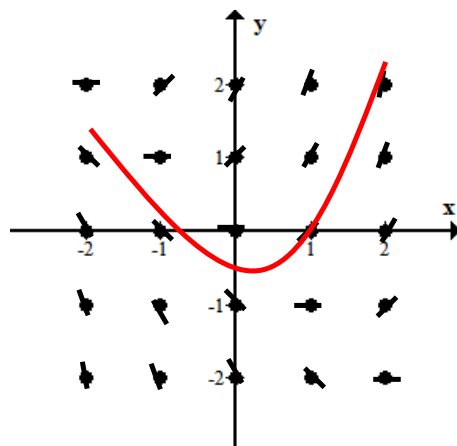
Since the function is concave down the value of y is over-estimated at each step.

SLOPE FIELDS

18. (a) $\frac{dy}{dx} = x + y$

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------|----|----|----|----|---|
| y | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| | 1 | -1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | 0 | -2 | -1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| | -1 | -3 | -2 | -1 | 0 | 1 |
| | -2 | -4 | -3 | -2 | -1 | 0 |
| $\frac{dy}{dx}$ | -2 | -1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | |
| | x | | | | | |

(b) and (c)



B. Paper 2 questions (LONG)

19. (a) $x^2 + y^2 = 1 \Rightarrow y = \pm\sqrt{1-x^2}$

For $y = \sqrt{1-x^2}$,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2x}{2\sqrt{1-x^2}} = \frac{-x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = -\frac{x}{y}$$

For $y = -\sqrt{1-x^2}$,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{-2x}{2\sqrt{1-x^2}} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = -\frac{x}{-\sqrt{1-x^2}} = -\frac{x}{y}$$

(b) $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x}{y} \Rightarrow ydy = -xdx \Rightarrow \int ydy = -\int xdx$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{y^2}{2} = -\frac{x^2}{2} + c \Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{y^2}{2} = c$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = C$$

For $x = 0, y = 1 \Rightarrow c = 1$.

Hence $x^2 + y^2 = 1$

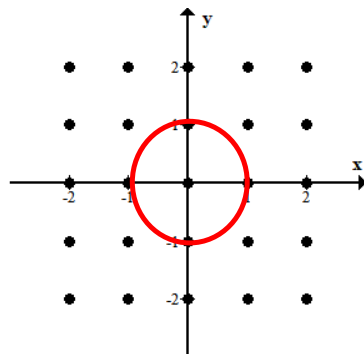
(c) $x_{n+1} = x_n + 0.01$,

$$y_{n+1} = y_n - 0.01 \frac{x_n}{y_n} \text{ (50 steps)}$$

$$y(0.5) = 0.86918... \cong 0.869$$

$$\text{Percentage error} = \left| \frac{0.86918 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} \right| \times 100\% = 0.36\%$$

(d) The particular solution is the unit circle:



20. (a) the solution (by any method) is $y = \frac{C}{x}$ where C is a constant.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{y}{x} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{y} = -\frac{dx}{x} \Rightarrow \int \frac{dy}{y} = -\int \frac{dx}{x} \Rightarrow \ln y = -\ln x + c \Rightarrow \ln yx = c \Rightarrow yx = e^c$$

$$y = \frac{e^c}{x} \Rightarrow y = \frac{C}{x}$$

For $x=1, y=2 \Rightarrow C=2$. Hence $y = \frac{2}{x}$

- (b) For $x=2, y=1$

- (c) (i) $x_{n+1} = x_n + 0.2, \quad y_{n+1} = y_n - 0.2 \frac{y_n}{x_n}$

| n | x_n | y_n |
|-----|-------|---------|
| 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 1 | 1.2 | 1.6 |
| 2 | 1.4 | 1.33333 |
| 3 | 1.6 | 1.14285 |
| 4 | 1.8 | 1 |
| 5 | 2 | 0.88888 |

For $x=2, y \cong 0.88888... \cong 0.889$

- (ii) $x_{n+1} = x_n + 0.01, \quad y_{n+1} = y_n - 0.01 \frac{y_n}{x_n}$ (100 steps) $y \cong 0.99497... \cong 0.995$