

1. [2360/092221 (25 pts)] Consider the differential equation $y' = \frac{a}{bt^2 + y^c + 2}$ where a, b, c represent real numbers $\neq 0$.

(a) (9 pts) Find the value(s) of b, c , and $c \neq 0$, if any, that make the equation:

- i. (3 pts) autonomous
- ii. (3 pts) linear
- iii. (3 pts) separable

(b) (16 pts) For the following four questions, set $b = 1$, and $c = 2$ in the differential equation above.

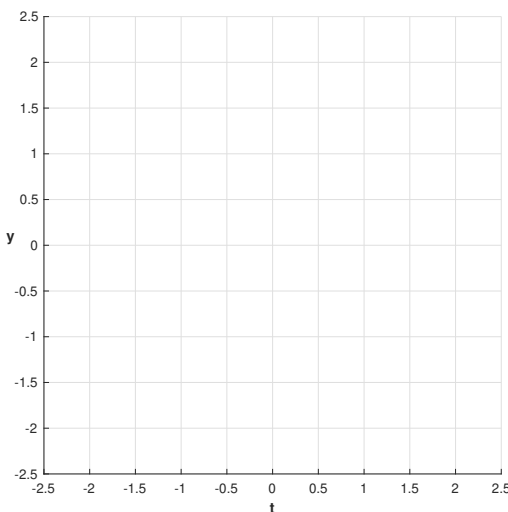
- i. (4 pts) Graph the isocline corresponding to a slope of 1. Include line segments on the isocline indicating the slope of the solution there.
- ii. (4 pts) Does the equation possess solutions that are decreasing anywhere? Explain briefly.
- iii. (4 pts) For what values, if any, of (t_0, y_0) does Picard's theorem guarantee the existence of a unique solution to the differential equation passing through the point? Justify your answer.
- iv. (4 pts) Use a single step of Euler's method to estimate the value of the solution passing through the point $(t=0, y=1)$.

SOLUTION :

- (a) i. $b = 0, a, c$ arbitrary ; or $a = 0, b, c$ arbitrary
- ii. $a = 0, b, c$ arbitrary
- iii. $b = 0, a, c$ arbitrary ; or $a = 0, b, c$ arbitrary

(b) i. We have $y' = \frac{6}{t^2 + y^2 + 2}$ so to find the isocline where the slope is 1 setting

$$\frac{6}{t^2 + y^2 + 2} = 1 \Rightarrow t^2 + y^2 = 4$$



ii. No. Since $\frac{6}{t^2 + y^2 + 2} > 0$ for all (t, y) , solution curves are increasing everywhere.

iii. Since $f(t, y) = \frac{6}{t^2 + y^2 + 2}$ and $f_y(t, y) = \frac{12y}{(t^2 + y^2 + 2)^2}$ are continuous through $(0, 1)$, Picard's theorem guarantees the existence of a unique solution for all values of (t, y) .

iv. Euler's method gives

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + hf(t_n; y_n) = y_n + \frac{6h}{t_n^2 + y_n^2 + 2}$$

and with stepsize $h = 0.1$

$$y(0.1) \quad y_1 = y_0 + \frac{6(0.1)}{t_0^2 + y_0^2 + 2} = 1 + \frac{6(0.1)}{0^2 + 1^2 + 2} = \frac{6}{5} = 1.2$$

2. [2360/092221 (17 pts)] Consider the differential equation $4ty^3 = 0$.

- (a) (3 pts) Find all equilibrium solutions of the equation.
- (b) (3 pts) Show that dividing the differential equation by making the substitution $v = y^2$ transforms the equation into the linear differential equation $2tv + 8t = 0$.
- (c) (8 pts) Use the integrating factor method to solve the linear equation from part (b).
- (d) (3 pts) Solve the initial value problem consisting of the original differential equation and the initial condition $y(0) = \frac{1}{4}$.

SOLUTION :

- (a) Rewrite the differential equation as $4ty^3 - ty = ty(4y^2 - 1)$. Then $ty(4y^2 - 1) = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0; \frac{1}{2}$ are the equilibrium solutions.
- (b) If $v = y^2$, then $v' = 2y y'$ and

$$y^3 y' + ty^2 - 4t = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2}v' + tv - 4t = 0$$

$$v' - 2tv + 8t = 0$$

where the last equation is the linear equation we seek.

- (c) With $p(t) = -2t$, the integrating factor is

$$I(t) = e^{\int -2t dt} = e^{-t^2}$$

Multiplying the differential equation by $I(t)$ and rearranging yields

$$e^{-t^2} v' = 8te^{-t^2}$$

which, after indefinite integration gives

$$e^{-t^2} v = 4e^{-t^2} + C \Rightarrow v = 4 + Ce^{t^2}$$

- (d) Transforming the solution in part (b) back to the original dependent variable

$$v = y^2 = 4 + Ce^{t^2} \Rightarrow y = \sqrt{\frac{4 + Ce^{t^2}}{2}}$$

and applying the initial condition yields

$$y(0) = \frac{1}{4} = \sqrt{\frac{4 + C}{2}} \Rightarrow C = 12$$

giving

$$y = \sqrt{\frac{4 + 12e^{t^2}}{2}}$$

as the solution to the initial value problem. Note that we had to choose the positive solution since the initial value.

3. [2360/092221 (14 pts)] A 200 liter coffee pot is initially three quarters full of pure coffee. Coffee containing grams of sugar per liter (s is time) is poured into the pot at a rate of 4 liters per minute. The well-mixed sweetened coffee is drained from the pot at a rate of 6 liters per minute.

- (a) (8 pts) Write, but do not solve, the governing initial value problem. Be sure to identify your variables.
- (b) (4 pts) Fully classify (order, linearity, homogeneity, type of coefficient) the differential equation.
- (c) (2 pts) Based on the physical situation, over what time interval is the equation valid?

SOLUTION :

- (a) Let t be the time in minutes, $x(t)$ be the amount (grams) of sugar at time t , and $V(t)$ be the volume (liters) of sweetened coffee in the tank at time t . We begin by finding the volume of sweetened coffee in the pot at any time, noting that initially 150 liters in the pot. This gives the initial value problem with solution

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dV}{dt} &= \text{flow rate in} - \text{flow rate out} = 4 - \frac{6}{V} \\ V(0) &= 150 \\ dV &= \left(4 - \frac{6}{V}\right) dt \\ V(t) &= 2t + C \\ V(0) &= 2(0) + C = 150 \\ V(t) &= 150 + 2t \end{aligned}$$

Next we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dt} &= \text{rate in} - \text{rate out} = \frac{1}{t+1} \frac{\text{gram}}{\text{liter}} - \frac{4}{\text{minute}} + \frac{x}{150+2t} \frac{\text{gram}}{\text{liter}} - \frac{6}{\text{minute}} \\ \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{3x}{75-t} &= \frac{4}{t+1}; \quad x(0) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

where the initial condition comes from the fact that there is no sugar in the pot at the initial time.

- (b) First order, linear, nonhomogeneous, variable coefficient
(c) After 75 minutes, the coffee pot will be empty. The equation is valid for $t < 75$.

4. Use the Euler-Lagrange two stage method (variation of parameters) to solve the initial value problem

$$ty'' + 4y' = \frac{\cos t}{t^2}; \quad y(1) = 2, \quad y'(1) = 4; \quad (t > 0)$$

SOLUTION :

Solve the associated homogeneous equation using separation of variables:

$$\begin{aligned} t \frac{dy_h}{dt} &= -4y_h \\ \frac{dy_h}{y_h} &= -\frac{4}{t} dt \\ \ln|y_h| &= -4 \ln|t| + k \\ |y_h| &= e^k |t|^{-4} \\ y &= C t^{-4}; \quad C \in \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

Let $y_p = v(t)t^{-4}$ and substitute this into the nonhomogeneous equation to get

$$\begin{aligned} ty_p'' + 4y_p' &= t^{-4} \left(4vt^5 + v''t^4 + 4vt^4 \right) = \frac{\cos t}{t^2} \\ v''t^3 &= \frac{\cos t}{t^2} \\ \int v''t^3 dt &= \int \frac{\cos t}{t^2} dt \quad \text{integration by parts} \\ v &= t \sin t + \cos t \\ \Rightarrow y_p &= (t \sin t + \cos t) t^{-4} \end{aligned}$$

Apply the Nonhomogeneous Principle, yielding

$$y = y_h + y_p = t^{-4}(C + t \sin t + \cos t)$$

Using the initial condition gives

$$y(0) = \frac{C}{4} = \frac{2}{4} \Rightarrow C = 3$$

so that the final solution is $y = \frac{1}{4}(3 + t \sin t + \cos t)$.

5. [2360/092221 (14 pts)] Suppose that a certain fish population z changes at a rate given by the logistic-like equation

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = (1 - z^2)z$$

Find the general solution of this differential equation. Leave your answer in implicit form without natural logarithms.

SOLUTION :

Use separation of variables and partial fractions.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dz}{z(1+z)(1-z)} &= dt \\ \int \left(\frac{1}{z} + \frac{1-2}{1-z} - \frac{1-2}{1+z} \right) dz &= \int dt \\ \ln|z| - \frac{1}{2} \ln|1-z| - \frac{1}{2} \ln|1+z| &= t + k \\ \ln|z| - \frac{1}{2} \ln|(1-z)(1+z)| &= t + k \\ \ln|z| - \frac{1}{2} \ln|1-z^2| &= t + k \\ \ln \left| \frac{z}{1-z^2} \right| &= t + k \\ \left| \frac{z}{1-z^2} \right| &= Ce^t; \quad C \in \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

6. [2360/092221 (16 pts)] Consider the system of differential equations

$$x' = y^2 - 4$$

$$y' = e^x - 5$$

- (4 pts) Find the nullclines, if any.
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- (4 pts) Find all equilibrium solutions, if any.
- (4 pts) Plot the element of the vector field at the origin.

SOLUTION :

- Horizontal nullclines occur where $e^x - 5 = 0 \Rightarrow x = \ln 5$.
- Vertical nullclines occur where $y^2 - 4 = 0 \Rightarrow y = \pm 2$.
- Equilibrium solutions occur where the nullclines intersect or where both x' and y' both vanish. These are $(\ln 5, 2)$ and $(\ln 5, -2)$.
- The vector field is given by $\mathbf{V}(x; y) = (y^2 - 4, e^x - 5)$ so that $\mathbf{V}(0, 0) = (-4, -4)$.

