

AMAT 3260 Solutions for assignment #1

Problem 1 Determine the order of the given differential equations and state whether the equation is linear or nonlinear.

1. $t^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} - \sin(t) \frac{dy}{dt} + y - e^{2t} = 0$

second order linear equation

2. $2 \left(\frac{dy}{dt} \right)^2 + 5y = 1$

first order nonlinear equation

3. $\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + 2y \frac{dy}{dt} + y = 0$

second order nonlinear equation

Problem 2 Verify that $y = e^{-t^3} \int_0^t e^{s^3} ds + 3e^{-t^3}$ is a solution of the differential equation

$$y' + 3t^2 y = 1.$$

We can substitute the function $y = e^{-t^3} \int_0^t e^{s^3} ds + 3e^{-t^3}$ and its derivative

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= -3t^2 e^{-t^3} \int_0^t e^{s^3} ds + e^{-t^3} (e^{t^3}) - 9t^2 e^{-t^3} \\ &= -3t^2 e^{-t^3} \int_0^t e^{s^3} ds + 1 - 9t^2 e^{-t^3} \end{aligned}$$

to the above equation, obtaining

$$\begin{aligned} -3t^2 e^{-t^3} \int_0^t e^{s^3} ds + 1 - 9t^2 e^{-t^3} + 3t^2 \left(e^{-t^3} \int_0^t e^{s^3} ds + 3e^{-t^3} \right) \\ = -3t^2 e^{-t^3} \int_0^t e^{s^3} ds + 3t^2 e^{-t^3} \int_0^t e^{s^3} ds - 9t^2 e^{-t^3} + 3t^2 3e^{-t^3} + 1 \end{aligned}$$

what is equal to 1 and hence the function y is a solution of the given equation.

Problem 3 Solve the following initial value problems

1. $ty' + (t+1)y = e^{2t}$ and $y(1) = 1$

We can divide the equation by t to write it in the standard form of a linear ODE:

$$y' + \frac{t+1}{t}y = \frac{e^{2t}}{t}$$

The solution, either using integrating factors or variation of coefficients, is given by

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{e^{\int_0^t \frac{s+1}{s} ds}} \left(\int \left(e^{\int_0^t \frac{s+1}{s} ds} \right) \frac{e^{2t}}{t} dt \right),$$

what gives

$$y(t) = \frac{e^{2t}}{3t} + C \frac{e^{-t}}{t}.$$

To satisfy the initial value, we have to choose the constant C to be such that

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

or

$$C = e - \frac{e^3}{3}.$$

2. $y' + \frac{1}{4}y = 3 + 2\cos(2t)$ and $y(0) = 0$

Similarly as in the previous problem, the solution is given by

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \frac{1}{e^{\int_0^t \frac{1}{4} ds}} \left(\int \left(e^{\int_0^t \frac{1}{4} ds} \right) (3 + 2\cos(2t)) dt \right) \\ &= e^{-t/4} \left(\int e^{t/4} 3 dt + \int e^{t/4} 2\cos(2t) dt \right) \end{aligned}$$

The only difficult part is the second integral that can be solved by integrating by parts twice, namely

$$\begin{aligned} \int e^{t/4} 2\cos(2t) dt &= e^{t/4} \sin(2t) - \int \frac{1}{4} e^{t/4} \sin(2t) dt \\ &= e^{t/4} \sin(2t) - \left(-\frac{1}{8} e^{t/4} \cos(2t) - \int -\frac{1}{32} e^{t/4} \cos(2t) dt \right), \end{aligned}$$

where both sides contain the same integral that we can solve for

$$\begin{aligned} \left(1 + \frac{1}{64} \right) \int e^{t/4} 2\cos(2t) dt &= e^{t/4} \sin(2t) + \frac{1}{8} e^{t/4} \cos(2t) \\ \int e^{t/4} 2\cos(2t) dt &= \frac{64}{65} \left(e^{t/4} \sin(2t) + \frac{1}{8} e^{t/4} \cos(2t) \right) + C. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the solution is

$$y(t) = 12 + \frac{64}{65} \left(\sin(2t) + \frac{1}{8} \cos(2t) \right) + C e^{-t/4}.$$

Again, to satisfy the initial condition, one must set the constant C such that

$$\begin{aligned} 12 + \frac{64}{65} \left(\sin(0) + \frac{1}{8} \cos(0) \right) + C &= 0 \\ 12 + \frac{64}{65} \frac{1}{8} &= -C \end{aligned}$$

or

$$C = -12 - \frac{8}{65}.$$

3. $y' + 2y + 3t = 0$ and $y(0) = 0$

The solution of this equation is again given by

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \frac{1}{e^{2t}} \left(- \int e^{2t} 3t dt \right) \\ &= -e^{-2t} \left(\frac{1}{2} e^{2t} 3t - \int \frac{1}{2} e^{2t} 3 dt \right) \\ &= -\frac{3}{2}t + e^{-2t} \left(e^{2t} \frac{3}{4} + C \right) \\ &= -\frac{3}{2}t + \frac{3}{4} + C e^{-2t} \end{aligned}$$

In order to satisfy the initial condition, one must set C such that

$$3/4 + C = 0,$$

or

$$C = -3/4.$$

4. $y' + \frac{t}{y} = \frac{1}{y}$ and $y(1) = -2$

This separable equation can be solved by the following integration

$$\begin{aligned} \int y dy &= \int (1 - t) dt \\ \frac{1}{2} y^2 &= t - \frac{1}{2} t^2 + C \end{aligned}$$

where the constant is such that

$$\frac{1}{2} (-2)^2 = 1 - \frac{1}{2} + C$$

or

$$C = \frac{3}{2}.$$

Problem 4 Solve the following separable differential equations

a) $y' + y^4 \sin(x) = 0$

This can be solved by the following integration

$$\begin{aligned}\int y^{-4} dy &= -\int \sin(x) dx \\ \frac{-1}{3} y^{-3} &= \cos(x) + C\end{aligned}$$

b) $y' = \frac{x - e^{-x}}{y + e^y}$

This can be solved by the following integration

$$\begin{aligned}\int y + e^y dy &= \int x - e^{-x} dx \\ \frac{1}{2} y^2 + e^y &= \frac{1}{2} x^2 + e^{-x} + C\end{aligned}$$

c) $xy' = (1 - y^2)^{1/2}$

This can be solved by the following integration

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{dy}{\sqrt{1 - y^2}} &= \int \frac{dx}{x} \\ \arcsin(y) &= \ln|x| + C \\ y &= \sin(\ln|x| + C)\end{aligned}$$

d) $y' = \frac{x^2}{1 + y^2}$

This can be solved by the following integration

$$\begin{aligned}\int (1 + y^2) dy &= \int x^2 dx \\ y + \frac{1}{3} y^3 &= \frac{1}{3} x^3 + C\end{aligned}$$

e) $y' = \frac{1 + y^2}{x^2}$

This can be solved by the following integration

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{dy}{1+y^2} &= \int \frac{dx}{x^2} \\ \arctan(y) &= -\frac{1}{x} + C \\ y &= \tan\left(-\frac{1}{x} + C\right)\end{aligned}$$

f) $y' = \frac{x^3}{y(1+x^4)}$

This can be solved by the following integration

$$\begin{aligned}\int y dy &= \int \frac{x^3}{1+x^4} dx \\ \frac{1}{2}y^2 &= \frac{1}{4}\ln|1+x^4| + C \\ y &= \pm\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}\ln|1+x^4| + 2C}\end{aligned}$$