

Solutions Assignment One 2025 DEs

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① We have $x(1-2x^2y)y' + y = 3x^2y^2$.

$y(1) = 1/2$. We put $y = x^{-2}v$.

Then $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{2v}{x^3} + \frac{1}{x^2} \frac{dv}{dx}$, Substituting

gives

$$x(1-2v)\left(-\frac{2v}{x^3} + \frac{1}{x^2} \frac{dv}{dx}\right) + \frac{v}{x^2} = \frac{3x^2v^2}{x^4} = \frac{3v^2}{x^2}$$

Which is

$$x^3(1-2v)\left(-\frac{2v}{x^3} + \frac{1}{x^2} \frac{dv}{dx}\right) + v = 3v^2$$

$$\text{or } (1-2v)\left(-2v + x \frac{dv}{dx}\right) + v = 3v^2$$

$$\text{Giving } (1-2v)x \frac{dv}{dx} = 3v^2 - v + 2v(1-2v)$$

$$= -v^2 + v = v(1-v)$$

$$\text{or } \frac{1-2v}{v(1-v)} \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{1}{x} \quad \text{Separating gives}$$

$$\frac{1-2v}{v(1-v)} dv = \frac{dx}{x} \quad \text{The LHS is}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{v} - \frac{1}{1-v}\right) dv = \frac{dx}{x}$$

Integrating gives $\ln v + \ln(1-v) = \ln x + C$

Hence $v(1-v) = Ax$

Put $v = x^2y$. Then $yx^2(1-yx^2) = Ax$.

Since $y(1) = 1/2$

$$\frac{1}{2}\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = A \quad \therefore A = 1/4$$

Giving the implicit solution

$$4yx^2(1-yx^2) = 1$$

(2) Put $y = \frac{h'}{h}$. Then $y' = \frac{h''}{h} - \left(\frac{h'}{h}\right)^2$

$$\text{Hence } y' + y^2 = \frac{h''}{h} - \left(\frac{h'}{h}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{h'}{h}\right)^2 = \frac{h''}{h} = x$$

or $h'' = xh$. So $h = c_1 A_1(x) + c_2 B_1(x)$ and
 $y = (c_1 A_1'(x) + c_2 B_1'(x)) / (c_1 A_1(x) + c_2 B_1(x))$

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(4). First we solve $x^2 y'' + 4xy' - 10y = 0$

Put $y = x^a$ So $x^2 a(a-1)x^{a-2} + 4ax^{a-1} - 10x^a$

$$= x^a(a^2 + 3a - 10) = 0$$

$a = -5, 2$ Take $y_1 = x^2, y_2 = x^{-5}$.

Next $y'' + \frac{4}{x}y' - \frac{10}{x^2}y = x \sin x$.

Thus $R(x) = x \sin x$, we find the Wronskian

$$W(y_1, y_2) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} x^2 & x^{-5} \\ 2x & -5x^{-6} \end{vmatrix} = -5x^{-4} - 2x^{-4} = -7x^{-4}$$

Then we find $y_p = uy_1 + vy_2$.

$$u' = \frac{-y_2 R}{W} = \frac{-x^{-5} x \sin x}{-7x^{-4}} = \frac{1}{7} \sin x$$

$$u = -\frac{1}{7} \cos x$$

$$v' = \frac{y_1 R}{W} = \frac{x^2 x \sin x}{-7x^{-4}} = -\frac{1}{7} x^7 \sin x$$

Sensible to do this in Mathematica, or Wolfram Alpha

$$v = \frac{x}{7} (x^6 - 42x^4 + 840x^2 - 5040) \cos x - 7(x^6 - 30x^4 + 360x^2 - 720) \sin x$$

$$y_p = uy_1 + vy_2 = -\frac{x^2}{7} \cos x + \frac{x^{-5}}{7} x (x^6 - 42x^4 + 840x^2 - 5040) \sin x$$

$$= -\frac{(6x(120 - 20x^2 + x^4) \cos x + (-720 + 360x^2 - 30x^4 + x^6) \sin x)}{x^5}$$

General solution is

$$y = C_1 x^2 + C_2 x^{-5} + y_p$$

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(4) It is clear that $y=0$ is a solution.

Now we know the solution is analytic about $x=0$. So

$$(*) \quad y(x) = y(0) + y'(0)x + \frac{1}{2}y''(0)x^2 + \frac{1}{3!}y'''(0)x^3 + \dots$$

From the Taylor expansion.

$$\text{Now } y''(x) = -(p(x)y'(x) + q(x)y(x))$$

$$\text{Thus } y''(0) = -(p(0)y'(0) + q(0)y(0)) = 0$$

$$\text{Because } y(0) = y'(0) = 0.$$

But

$$\begin{aligned} y'''(x) &= \frac{d}{dx} y''(x) = -\frac{d}{dx} (p(x)y'(x) + q(x)y(x)) \\ &= -(p'(x)y'(x) + p(x)y''(x) + q'(x)y(x) + q(x)y'(x)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } y'''(0) = -(p'(0)y'(0) + p(0)y''(0) + q'(0)y(0) + q(0)y'(0)) = 0$$

as $y''(0)=0$. Since the functions p, q are analytic, $p^{(n)}(0), q^{(n)}(0)$ are finite for all n . Now $y^{(n)}(0)$ depends on $y(0), \dots, y^{(n-1)}(0)$ and these are always zero.

$$\text{Hence } y^{(n)}(0) = 0 \text{ all } n.$$

Thus $(*)$ tells us that $y=0$, all $x \in (-a, a)$.

$$(5) \text{ We solve } x^2 y'' + x(2x-3)y' + 4y = 0.$$

$$\text{Set } y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+s}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } x^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+s)(n+s-1)a_n x^{n+s-2} &+ x(2x-3) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+s)a_n x^{n+s-1} \\ &+ 4 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+s} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (n+s)(n+s-1) x^{n+s} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 3a_n (n+s) x^{n+s} \\
&\quad + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 4a_n x^{n+s} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2a_n x^{n+s+1} \\
&= a_0 x^s (s(s-1) - 3s + 4) \\
&\quad + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ((n+s)(n+s-1) - 3(n+s) + 4) a_n x^{n+s} \\
&\quad + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2a_n x^{n+s+1} \\
&= a_0 x^s (s-2)^2 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ((n+s)(n+s-1) - 3(n+s) + 4) a_n x^{n+s} \\
&\quad + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2a_n x^{n+s+1} = 0
\end{aligned}$$

Put $s=2$. Shift second series up to starting value $n=1$.

$$\text{Then } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ((n+s)(n+s-1) - 3(n+s) + 4) a_n + 2a_{n-1} x^{n+s} = 0$$

$$\text{So } a_n = \frac{-2a_{n-1}}{(n+s)(n+s-1) - 3(n+s) + 4}, \quad n \geq 1$$

Put $s=2$.

$$\begin{aligned}
a_n &= \frac{-2a_{n-1}}{(n+2)(n+1) - 3(n+2) + 4} \\
&= \frac{-2a_{n-1}}{(n+2-3)(n+2) + 4} \\
&= \frac{-2a_{n-1}}{n^2}
\end{aligned}$$

It follows that $a_n = \frac{(-2)^n a_0}{(n!)^2}$.

$$\text{So } y = a_0 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-2)^n x^{n+2}}{(n!)^2}.$$

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Now $a_n = \frac{-2a_{n-1}}{(n+s-2)^2}$. Iterating we have

$$a_n = (-2)^n \left[\frac{a_0}{(s-1)^2 (s-2)^2 \dots (n+s-2)^2} \right]. \text{ Now}$$

$$\ln(a_n) = \ln((-2)^n a_0) - \ln(s-1)^2 - \dots - (n+s-2)^2$$

$$= \text{const} - 2 \ln(s-1) - \dots - (n+s-2)$$

$$\therefore \frac{a_n'(s)}{a_n(s)} = -2 \left[\frac{1}{s-1} + \frac{1}{s} + \dots + \frac{1}{n+s-2} \right]$$

$$\therefore a_n'(2) = -2 \left[1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} \right]$$

$$= 2 H_n a_n(2)$$

Hence the second solution is

$$y(x) = y_1(x) \ln x + a_0 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{-2 H_n x^{n+2}}{n^2}.$$