

Discussion 25: Linear Equations

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1. Solve the differential equation:

a. $4x^3y + x^4y' = \sin^3 x$

$$1a) \quad 4x^3y' + x^4y = \sin^3 x$$

$$y' + \frac{4}{x}y = x^{-4}\sin^3 x$$

$$(x^4y)' = \sin^3 x$$

$$x^4y = \int \sin^3 x \, dx$$

$$x^4y = \int (1 - \cos^2 x) \sin x \, dx$$

$$u = \cos x$$

$$du = -\sin x \, dx$$

$$x^4y = -\int (1 - u^2) \, du$$

$$x^4y = -u + \frac{u^3}{3} + C$$

$$x^4y = -\cos x + \frac{\cos^3 x}{3} + C$$

$$y = -x^{-4}\cos x + \frac{1}{3}x^{-4}\cos^3 x + Cx^{-4}$$

b. $t^2 \frac{dy}{dt} + 3ty = \sqrt{1+t^2}, t > 0$

1b) $t^2 \frac{dy}{dt} + 3ty = \sqrt{1+t^2}$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{3}{t}y = t^{-2}\sqrt{1+t^2}$$

$\Rightarrow t^3 \frac{dy}{dt} + 3t^2 y = t\sqrt{1+t^2}$

$$(t^3 y)' = t\sqrt{1+t^2}$$

$$t^3 y = \int t\sqrt{1+t^2} dt$$

$$t^3 y = \frac{1}{2} \int u^{1/2} du$$

$$t^3 y = \frac{1}{2} \frac{u^{3/2}}{3/2} + C$$

$$y = \frac{1}{3} t^{-3} (1+t^2)^{3/2} + C t^{-3}$$

$$I(t) = e^{\int 3/t} = e^{3 \ln t} = t^3$$

$$u = 1+t^2$$
$$du = 2t dt$$

$$c. \quad xy' - 2y = x^2, x > 0$$

$$1c) \quad xy' - 2y = x^2 \quad x > 0$$

$$y' - \frac{2}{x}y = x$$

$$I(x) = e^{\int -\frac{2}{x} dx} = e^{-2 \ln x} = x^{-2}$$

$$x^{-2} y' - 2x^{-3} y = x^{-1}$$

$$(x^{-2} y)' = x^{-1}$$

$$x^{-2} y = \int x^{-1} dx$$

$$x^{-2} y = \ln x + C$$

$$y = x^2 \ln x + Cx^2$$

2. Solve the initial-value problem

a. $t \frac{du}{dt} = t^2 + 3u, t > 0, u(2) = 4$

2 a) $t \frac{du}{dt} = t^2 + 3u$

$u(2) = 4, t > 0$

$I(t) = e^{\int -3/t dt} = e^{-3 \ln t} = t^{-3}$

$t u' - 3u = t^2$

$u' - \frac{3}{t} u = t$

$t^{-3} u' - 3t^{-4} u = t^{-2}$

$(t^{-3} u)' = t^{-2}$

$t^{-3} u = \int t^{-2} dt = \frac{t^{-1}}{-1} + C$

$u = -t^2 + C t^3$

$u(2) = 4 = -4 + C 8$

$C = 1$

$\Rightarrow \boxed{u = -t^2 + t^3}$

b. $xy' + y = x \ln x, y(1) = 0$

2 b) $xy' + y = x \ln x \quad y(1) = 0$

$(xy)' = x \ln x \quad u = \ln x \quad dv = x dx$

$xy = \int x \ln x dx \quad du = \frac{1}{x} dx \quad v = \frac{x^2}{2}$

$xy = \frac{x^2}{2} \ln(x) - \int \frac{1}{2} x dx$

$xy = \frac{x^2}{2} \ln(x) - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{x^2}{2} + C$

$y = \frac{x}{2} \ln(x) - \frac{1}{4} x + Cx^{-1}$

$y(1) = 0 = 0 - \frac{1}{4} + C \Rightarrow C = \frac{1}{4}$

$y = \frac{x}{2} \ln(x) - \frac{1}{4} x + \frac{1}{4} x^{-1}$