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**MAT 2384 C**  
**DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS**  
**AND NUMERICAL METHODS**  
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**Question 1** (6 marks) Solve the initial value problems:

(a)  $e^y y' = \sec^2 x$ ,  $y(0) = 0$

This DE is separable  $e^y \frac{dy}{dx} = \sec^2 x$

or  $e^y dy = \sec^2 x dx$

integrate  $\int e^y dy = \int \sec^2 x dx + C$

we get  $e^y = \tan x + C$

so  $y = \ln |\tan x + C|$  (general solution)

$y(0) = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = \ln(\tan(0) + C) = \ln(C) \Rightarrow C = 1$

$\therefore$  the unique solution is  $y = \ln |1 + \tan x|$

(b)  $y' + \frac{y}{x} = \frac{2x}{y}$ ,  $y(1) = 3$

This is a Bernoulli equation with  $p(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ ,  $g(x) = 2x$ ,  $a = -1$

so we let  $u(x) = (y(x))^{1-a} = (y(x))^2$  and the DE

becomes  $u' + \frac{2}{x}u = 4x$  (linear with  $f(x) = \frac{2}{x}$ ,  $r(x) = 4x$ )

so  $u(x) = e^{\int \frac{2}{x} dx} = e^{2 \ln x} = x^2$

then  $u(x) = \frac{1}{x^2} \left[ \int (x^2)(4x) dx + C \right]$

$= x^{-2} \left( \int 4x^3 dx + C \right)$

$= x^{-2} (x^4 + C) = x^2 + Cx^{-2}$

and so  $y^2 = x^2 + Cx^{-2}$  (general solution)

then  $y(1) = 3 \Rightarrow 9 = 1 + C \Rightarrow C = 8$  and so the

unique solution is

$y = \sqrt{x^2 + 8x^{-2}}$

Question 2 (6 marks) Solve the initial value problem:

$$(2e^x y^2 + 6xy + 7y^3) dx + (8e^x y + 9x^2 + 35xy^2) dy = 0, \quad y(0) = 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned} M(x,y) &= 2e^x y^2 + 6xy + 7y^3 \Rightarrow M_y = 4e^x y + 6x + 21y^2 \\ N(x,y) &= 8e^x y + 9x^2 + 35xy^2 \Rightarrow N_x = 8e^x y + 18x + 35y^2 \end{aligned} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} M(x,y) \\ N(x,y) \end{aligned}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} M_y \neq N_x \\ \text{DE not} \\ \text{exact} \end{array}$$

$$\frac{M_y - N_x}{M} = \frac{-4e^x y - 12x - 14y^2}{2e^x y^2 + 6xy + 7y^3} = \frac{-2(2e^x y + 6x + 7y^2)}{y(2e^x y + 6x + 7y^2)} = \frac{-2}{y} \quad (\text{function of } y \text{ only})$$

so  $\mu(y) = e^{-\int \frac{-2}{y} dy} = e^{2 \ln y} = y^2$  and the DE becomes

$$(2e^x y^4 + 6xy^3 + 7y^5) dx + (8e^x y^3 + 9x^2 y^2 + 35xy^4) dy = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} M^*(x,y) &= 2e^x y^4 + 6xy^3 + 7y^5 \Rightarrow M_y^* = 8e^x y^3 + 18xy^2 + 35y^4 \\ N^*(x,y) &= 8e^x y^3 + 9x^2 y^2 + 35xy^4 \Rightarrow N_x^* = 8e^x y^3 + 18xy^2 + 35y^4 \end{aligned} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} M^*(x,y) \\ N^*(x,y) \end{aligned}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} M_y^* = N_x^* \\ \text{DE exact} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F(x,y) &= \int M^*(x,y) dx + g(y) = \int (2e^x y^4 + 6xy^3 + 7y^5) dx + g(y) \\ &= 2e^x y^4 + 3x^2 y^3 + 7xy^5 + g(y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{then } \frac{dF}{dy} = 8e^x y^3 + 9x^2 y^2 + 35xy^4 + g'(y) = N^*(x,y) = 8e^x y^3 + 9x^2 y^2 + 35xy^4$$

$$\text{so } g'(y) = 0 \Rightarrow \text{take } g(y) = 0$$

$$\text{and thus } F(x,y) = 2e^x y^4 + 3x^2 y^3 + 7xy^5$$

$$\text{and the general solution is } 2e^x y^4 + 3x^2 y^3 + 7xy^5 = C$$

$$y(0) = 0 \Rightarrow 2e^0(0) + 3(0)(0) + 7(0)(0) = C \Rightarrow C = 0$$

$\therefore$  the unique solution is

$$\boxed{2e^x y^4 + 3x^2 y^3 + 7xy^5 = 0}$$



**Question 3** (6 marks) Solve the initial value problems:

(a)  $y'' - 14y' + 49y = 0$ ,  $y(0) = 0$ ,  $y'(0) = 3$

the characteristic equation is  $\lambda^2 - 14\lambda + 49 = (\lambda - 7)^2 = 0$   
 so the roots are  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 7$  and the general solution  
 is  $y(x) = C_1 e^{7x} + C_2 x e^{7x}$

$$y(0) = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = C_1 e^0 + C_2(0)e^0 \Rightarrow C_1 = 0$$

$$y'(x) = 7C_1 e^{7x} + C_2 e^{7x} + 7C_2 x e^{7x}$$

$$y'(0) = 3 \Rightarrow 3 = 7C_1 e^0 + C_2 e^0 + 7C_2(0)e^0 \Rightarrow C_2 = 3$$

$\therefore$  the unique solution is  $y(x) = 3x e^{7x}$

(b)  $y'' - 2y' + 10y = 0$ ,  $y(0) = 2$ ,  $y'(0) = 8$

the char. eq.  $\lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 10 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_{1,2} = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{(-2)^2 - 4(10)}}{2} = 1 \pm 3i$

so the general solution is  $y(x) = C_1 e^x \cos(3x) + C_2 e^x \sin(3x)$

$$y(0) = 2 \Rightarrow 2 = C_1 e^0 \cos(0) + C_2 e^0 \sin(0) \Rightarrow C_1 = 2$$

$$y'(x) = C_1 e^x \cos(3x) - 3C_1 e^x \sin(3x) + C_2 e^x \sin(3x) + 3C_2 e^x \cos(3x)$$

$$y'(0) = 8 \Rightarrow 8 = C_1 e^0 \cos(0) - 3C_1 e^0 \sin(0) + C_2 e^0 \sin(0) + 3C_2 e^0 \cos(0)$$

$$\Rightarrow C_1 + 3C_2 = 8 \Rightarrow C_2 = 2$$

$\therefore$  the unique solution is  $y(x) = 2e^x \cos(3x) + 2e^x \sin(3x)$

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Question 4 (6 marks) Find the general solutions of the differential equations:

(a)  $y''' - 2y'' - y' + 2y = 0$

the char. eq. is  $\lambda^3 - 2\lambda^2 - \lambda + 2 = 0$

by inspection,  $\lambda = 1$  is a root, so

$$\lambda^3 - 2\lambda^2 - \lambda + 2 = (\lambda - 1)(\lambda^2 - \lambda - 2) = (\lambda - 1)(\lambda - 2)(\lambda + 1)$$

so roots are  $\lambda_{1,2} = \pm 1$ ,  $\lambda_3 = 2$

so the general solution is  $y(x) = C_1 e^x + C_2 e^{-x} + C_3 e^{2x}$

(b)  $x^3 y''' + 2x^2 y'' - 4xy' + 4y = 0$ ,  $x > 0$

the char. eq. is  $m(m-1)(m-2) + 2m(m-1) - 4m + 4 = 0$

$$\text{or } m(m-1)(m-2) + 2m(m-1) - 4(m-1) = 0$$

$$\text{or } (m-1)[m(m-2) + 2m - 4] = 0$$

$$\text{or } (m-1)[m(m-2) + 2(m-2)] = 0$$

$$\text{or } (m-1)(m+2)(m-2) = 0$$

so roots are  $m_1 = 1$ ,  $m_{2,3} = \pm 2$

and the general solution is  $y(x) = C_1 x + C_2 x^2 + C_3 x^{-2}$

(A)

**Question 5** (6 marks)

(a) Consider  $f(x) = x^3 + 7x - 6$ . If you were to use Fixed Point Iteration to find the root of this function in the interval  $[0, 1]$ , what would you use for  $g(x)$  and why?

$$f(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x^3 + 7x - 6 = 0 \Rightarrow 7x = 6 - x^3 \Rightarrow x = \frac{6 - x^3}{7}$$

so  $g(x) = \frac{6 - x^3}{7}$  satisfies fixed point condition

and  $|g'(x)| = \frac{3}{7}x^2 < 1$  on  $[0, 1]$  generates convergent sequence

(b) Use Newton's Method to find the root of this  $f(x)$  to 4 decimal places. Start with  $x_0 = 1$ . Verify your answer.

$$f(x) = x^3 + 7x - 6 \Rightarrow f'(x) = 3x^2 + 7$$

$$\text{so } x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} = x_n - \frac{x_n^3 + 7x_n - 6}{3x_n^2 + 7} = \frac{2x_n^3 + 6}{3x_n^2 + 7}$$

$$x_0 = 1, \quad x_1 = \frac{2+6}{3+7} = \frac{8}{10} = 0.8$$

$$x_2 = 0.7874 = x_3 \quad \therefore \text{stop}$$

$$f(0.7874) \approx -1.3 \times 10^{-5} \quad \text{so okay} \quad \therefore \text{root is } 0.7874$$

(c) If we were going to find the interpolating polynomial  $p_n(x)$  for 4 data points, what is the maximum possible degree that the polynomial could have?

- (A) 2    (B) 3    (C) 4    (D) 5    (E) 6    (F) impossible to answer

$$(n+1 = 4)$$

(B)

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Question 1 (6 marks) Solve the initial value problems:

(a)  $e^y y' = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$ ,  $y(0) = 0$

the DE is separable  $e^y dy = \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx$

integrate  $\int e^y dy = \int \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx + C$

we get  $e^y = \arctan x + C$

so  $y = \ln |\arctan x + C|$  (general solution)

$y(0) = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = \ln |\arctan(0) + C| = \ln C \Rightarrow C = 1$

$\therefore$  the unique solution is  $y = \ln |1 + \arctan x|$

(b)  $y' + \frac{y}{x} = \frac{2x}{y}$ ,  $y(1) = 4$

(see version A)

$$y^2 = x^2 + Cx^{-2}$$

$y(1) = 4 \Rightarrow 16 = 1 + C \Rightarrow C = 15$

$\therefore$  the unique solution is  $y = \sqrt{x^2 + 15x^{-2}}$

Question 2 (6 marks) Solve the initial value problem:

$$(3e^x y + 8xy^2 + 5y^3) dx + (9e^x + 16x^2 y + 25xy^2) dy = 0, \quad y(0) = 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned} M(x,y) &= 3e^x y + 8xy^2 + 5y^3 \Rightarrow M_y = 3e^x + 16xy + 15y^2 \\ N(x,y) &= 9e^x + 16x^2 y + 25xy^2 \Rightarrow N_x = 9e^x + 32xy + 25y^2 \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} M_y = N_x \\ \text{DE not exact} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\frac{M_y - N_x}{M} = \frac{-6e^x - 16xy - 10y^2}{3e^x y + 8xy^2 + 5y^3} = \frac{-2(3e^x + 8xy + 5y^2)}{y(3e^x + 8xy + 5y^2)} = -\frac{2}{y}$$

so  $M(y) = y^2$  and the DE becomes

$$(3e^x y^3 + 8xy^4 + 5y^5) dx + (9e^x y^2 + 16x^2 y^3 + 25xy^4) dy = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} M^*(x,y) &= 3e^x y^3 + 8xy^4 + 5y^5 \Rightarrow M_y^* = 9e^x y^2 + 32xy^3 + 25y^4 \\ N^*(x,y) &= 9e^x y^2 + 16x^2 y^3 + 25xy^4 \Rightarrow N_x^* = 9e^x y^2 + 32xy^3 + 25y^4 \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} M_y^* = N_x^* \\ \text{DE exact} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F(x,y) &= \int N^*(x,y) dy + g(x) = \int (9e^x y^2 + 16x^2 y^3 + 25xy^4) dy + g(x) \\ &= 3e^x y^3 + 4x^2 y^4 + 5xy^5 + g(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{then } \frac{dF}{dx} = 3e^x y^3 + 8xy^4 + 5y^5 + g'(x) = M^*(x,y) = 3e^x y^3 + 8xy^4 + 5y^5$$

$$\text{then } g'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow \text{take } g(x) = 0$$

$$\text{and so } F(x,y) = 3e^x y^3 + 4x^2 y^4 + 5xy^5$$

$$\text{the general solution is } 3e^x y^3 + 4x^2 y^4 + 5xy^5 = C$$

$$y(0) = 0 \Rightarrow 3e^0(0) + 4(0)(0) + 5(0)(0)^5 = C \Rightarrow C = 0$$

$\therefore$  the unique solution is

$$3e^x y^3 + 4x^2 y^4 + 5xy^5 = 0$$

**Question 3** (6 marks) Solve the initial value problems:

(a)  $y'' - 12y' + 36y = 0$ ,  $y(0) = 0$ ,  $y'(0) = 4$

The char. eq. is  $\lambda^2 - 12\lambda + 36 = (\lambda - 6)^2 = 0$

so  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 6$  and the general solution is

$$y(x) = C_1 e^{6x} + C_2 x e^{6x}$$

$$y(0) = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = C_1 e^0 + C_2(0)e^0 \Rightarrow C_1 = 0$$

$$y'(x) = 6C_1 e^{6x} + C_2 e^{6x} + 6C_2 x e^{6x}$$

$$y'(0) = 4 \Rightarrow 4 = 6C_1 e^0 + C_2 e^0 + 6C_2(0)e^0 \Rightarrow C_2 = 4$$

$\therefore$  the unique solution is  $y(x) = 4x e^{6x}$

(b)  $y'' - 2y' + 5y = 0$ ,  $y(0) = 3$ ,  $y'(0) = 9$

The char. eq. is  $\lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 5 = 0$ , so  $\lambda_{1,2} = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{(-2)^2 - 4(5)}}{2} = 1 \pm 2i$

and the general solution is  $y(x) = C_1 e^x \cos(2x) + C_2 e^x \sin(2x)$

$$y(0) = 3 \Rightarrow 3 = C_1 e^0 \cos(0) + C_2 e^0 \sin(0) \Rightarrow C_1 = 3$$

$$y'(x) = C_1 e^x \cos(2x) - 2C_1 e^x \sin(2x) + C_2 e^x \sin(2x) + 2C_2 e^x \cos(2x)$$

$$y'(0) = 9 \Rightarrow 9 = C_1 e^0 \cos(0) - 2C_1 e^0 \sin(0) + C_2 e^0 \sin(0) + 2C_2 e^0 \cos(0)$$

$$\Rightarrow C_1 + 2C_2 = 9 \Rightarrow C_2 = 3$$

$\therefore$  the unique solution is  $y(x) = 3e^x \cos(2x) + 3e^x \sin(2x)$

(B)

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is a root, so  $\lambda^3 - 7\lambda + 6 = (\lambda - 1)(\lambda^2 + \lambda - 6)$   
 $= (\lambda - 1)(\lambda + 3)(\lambda - 2)$

so roots are  $\lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = 2, \lambda_3 = -3$

and the general solution  $y(x) = C_1 e^x + C_2 e^{2x} + C_3 e^{-3x}$

(b)  $x^3 y''' + x^2 y'' - 2xy' + 2y = 0, x > 0$

the char. eq. is  $m(m-1)(m-2) + m(m-1) - 2m + 2 = 0$

or  $m(m-1)(m-2) + m(m-1) - 2(m-1) = 0$

so  $(m-1)[m(m-2) + m - 2] = 0$

thus  $(m-1)(m-2)(m+1) = 0$

so roots are  $m_{1,2} = \pm 1, m_3 = 2$  and the

general solution is  $y(x) = C_1 x + C_2 x^{-1} + C_3 x^2$

**Question 5** (6 marks)

(a) Consider  $f(x) = x^3 + 8x - 7$ . If you were to use Fixed Point Iteration to find the root of this function in the interval  $[0, 1]$ , what would you use for  $g(x)$  and why?

$$f(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x^3 + 8x - 7 = 0 \Rightarrow 8x = 7 - x^3 \Rightarrow x = \frac{7 - x^3}{8}$$

so  $\boxed{g(x) = \frac{7 - x^3}{8}}$  fixed point condition

then  $\boxed{|g'(x)| = \frac{3}{8}x^2 < 1 \text{ on } [0, 1]}$  convergent sequence

(b) Use Newton's Method to find the root of this  $f(x)$  to 4 decimal places. Start with  $x_0 = 1$ . Verify your answer.

$$f(x) = x^3 + 8x - 7 \Rightarrow f'(x) = 3x^2 + 8$$

$$\text{so } x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{x_n^3 + 8x_n - 7}{3x_n^2 + 8} = \frac{2x_n^3 + 7}{3x_n^2 + 8}$$

$$x_0 = 1, \quad x_1 = \frac{2+7}{3+8} = \frac{9}{11} = 0.8182$$

$$x_2 = 0.8089 = x_3 \quad \text{so stop}$$

$$\boxed{f(0.8089) \approx 4.8 \times 10^{-4}} \text{ so okay} \quad \therefore \text{root is } \boxed{0.8089}$$

(c) If we were going to find the interpolating polynomial  $p_n(x)$  for 5 data points, what is the maximum possible degree that the polynomial could have?

(A) 2

(B) 3

(C) 4

(D) 5

(E) 6

(F) impossible to answer

$$(n+1 = 5)$$