

SAMPLE Midterm Exam

No textbook or notes or calculator.

Please write your final answer in the box (if present).

1. (10 pts) Find the solution to the initial value problem:

[first-order linear]  $\frac{dy}{dx} + 3y = x, \quad y(0) = 5.$

$$(e^{3x}y)' = x e^{3x}$$

$$e^{3x}y = \int x e^{3x} dx = x \frac{e^{3x}}{3} - \int 1 \cdot \frac{e^{3x}}{3} dx = \frac{1}{3} x e^{3x} - \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{3} e^{3x} + c$$

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{3}x - \frac{1}{9} + c e^{-3x}$$

$$5 = y(0) = 0 - \frac{1}{9} + c \cdot 1$$

$$c = 5 + \frac{1}{9} = \frac{46}{9}$$

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{3}x - \frac{1}{9} + \frac{46}{9} e^{-3x}$$

2. (10 pts) Verify that the family of functions is a solution of the given differential equation:

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = P(1-P), \quad P = \frac{c_1 e^t}{1 + c_1 e^t}$$

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = \frac{c_1 e^t (1 + c_1 e^t) - c_1 e^t (0 + c_1 e^t)}{(1 + c_1 e^t)^2} = \frac{c_1 e^t}{(1 + c_1 e^t)^2}$$

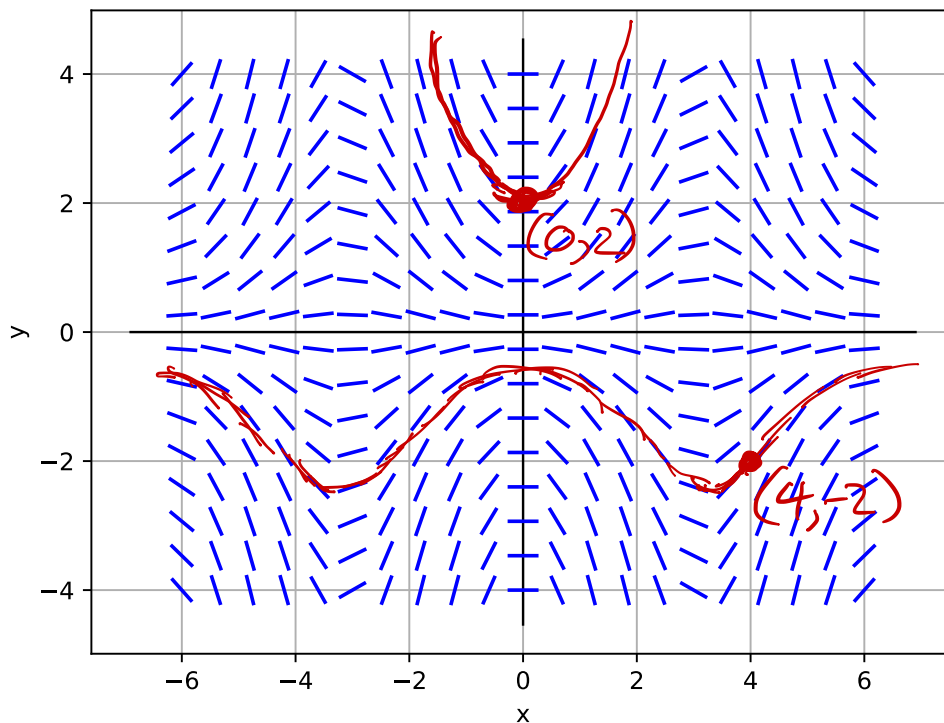
$$P(1-P) = \frac{c_1 e^t}{1 + c_1 e^t} \left( \frac{1 + c_1 e^t}{1 + c_1 e^t} - \frac{c_1 e^t}{1 + c_1 e^t} \right)$$

$$= \frac{c_1 e^t (1 + c_1 e^t - c_1 e^t)}{(1 + c_1 e^t)} = \frac{c_1 e^t}{(1 + c_1 e^t)^2}$$

3. (a) (5 pts) The ODE

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y \sin x$$

has the direction field shown below. Sketch the solution which passes through  $(x_0, y_0) = (4, -2)$ . Please extend the sketched solution to the interval  $-6 \leq x \leq 6$ .



(b) (10 pts) Solve the following initial value problem—give an exact formula  $y(x)$  for the solution!. Then sketch the solution you find on the direction field above:

[separable]

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y \sin x, \quad y(0) = 2.$$

$$\frac{dy}{y} = \sin x \, dx$$

$$\ln|y| = -\cos x + C$$

$$y(x) = A e^{-\cos x}$$

$$2 = y(0) = A e^{-\cos 0} = A e^{-1}$$

$$A = +2e$$

$$y(x) = 2e \cdot e^{-\cos x} = 2e^{-\cos x + 1}$$

4. (10 pts) Find the general solution of the ODE:

[separable]

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = e^{3t} e^{2z}$$

$$\frac{dz}{e^{2z}} = e^{3t} dt$$

$$\int e^{-2z} dz = \int e^{3t} dt$$

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

$$e^{-2z} = -\frac{2}{3} e^{3t} + C_1$$

$$-2z = \ln\left(C_1 - \frac{2}{3} e^{3t}\right)$$

$$z(t) = \boxed{-\frac{1}{2} \ln\left(C_1 - \frac{2}{3} e^{3t}\right)}$$

5. (a) (10 pts) Show that the following differential equation is exact:

$$(5y - 2x)y' - 2y = 0$$

$$(5y - 2x)dy - 2y dx = 0$$

$$\underbrace{-2y dx}_M + \underbrace{(5y - 2x)dy}_N = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = -2, \quad \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = -2 \quad \therefore \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$$

$$\therefore \text{exact}$$

(b) (10 pts) Find the general solution to the differential equation in part (a).

$$M = -2y, \quad N = 5y - 2x$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = M = -2y$$

$$f(x, y) = -2yx + h(y)$$

$$\therefore 5y - 2x = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = -2x + h'(y) \quad \therefore h'(y) = 5y$$

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N)

$$\therefore h(y) = \frac{5}{2}y^2$$

$$\therefore f(x, y) = -2yx + \frac{5}{2}y^2$$

$$\boxed{-2xy + \frac{5}{2}y^2 = C}$$

6. (a) (10 pts) A drug is infused into a patient's bloodstream, and we denote the amount (grams) of the drug by  $x(t)$ . The infusion is at a constant rate of  $r$  grams per second. Simultaneously, the drug is removed by the biochemical process in the patient's body at a rate proportional to the amount  $x(t)$  of drug which is present at time  $t$ . Using  $k$  for the constant of proportionality, determine a differential equation (DE) for the amount  $x(t)$ .

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = +r - kx(t)$$

(b) (10 pts) Assume there is no drug in the patient's bloodstream at time  $t = 0$ . Solve this initial value problem, which includes the DE in part (a). (Your solution will contain constants  $r$  and  $k$ .)

[separable]  $\frac{dx}{dt} = r - kx, \quad x(0) = 0$

$$\frac{dx}{r - kx} = dt$$

$$-\frac{1}{k} \ln |r - kx| = t + C$$

$$|r - kx| = e^{-kt + C_1}$$

$$r - kx = Ae^{-kt}$$

$$x(t) = \frac{r - Ae^{-kt}}{k}$$

$$0 = x(0) = \frac{r - A}{k}$$

$$\therefore A = r$$

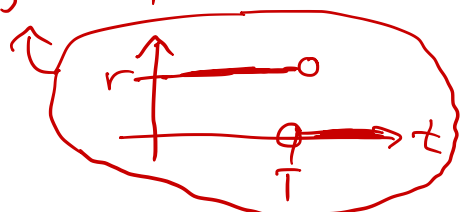
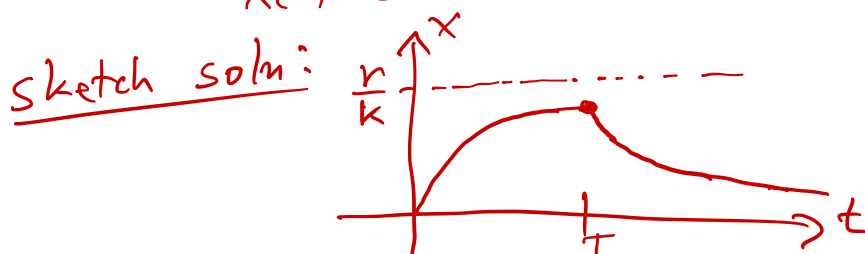
$$\therefore x(t) = \frac{r - re^{-kt}}{k}$$

$$x(t) = \frac{r}{k} (1 - e^{-kt})$$

**Extra Credit.** (3 pts) A more realistic version of problem 6 would include the fact that a drug infusion does not go on forever. Assume it stops after time  $T > 0$ . Write down an ODE IVP for this improved model, and sketch a representative solution. (The equation is solvable in pieces, but an exact solution is not needed here.)

DE:  $\frac{dx}{dt} = f(t) - kx, \quad x(0) = 0$

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} r, & 0 < t < T \\ 0, & t > T \end{cases}$$



7. Consider the initial value problem:  $y'' + y = 0$ ,  $y(0) = 2$ ,  $y'(0) = 0$

(10 pts) Find the solution

Show your steps.

$$m^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$m = \pm i \quad \therefore y(x) = c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x$$

$$2 = y(0) = c_1 \cdot 1 + c_2 \cdot 0 \quad \therefore c_1 = 2, c_2 = 0$$

$$0 = y'(0) = -c_1 \cdot 0 + c_2 \cdot 1$$

$$y(x) = \boxed{2 \cos x}$$

8 (10 pts) Find the general solution:  $y^{(4)} - 3y'' - 18y = 0$

(Hint: Certain 4th-order polynomials can be factored if you know how to factor quadratics.)

$$m^4 - 3m^2 - 18 = 0$$

$$(m^2 - 6)(m^2 + 3) = 0$$

$$m = \pm \sqrt{6}, \quad m = \pm \sqrt{3}i$$

$$y(x) = c_1 e^{-\sqrt{6}x} + c_2 e^{+\sqrt{6}x} + c_3 \cos(\sqrt{3}x) + c_4 \sin(\sqrt{3}x)$$