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#### **Exercise 1**

Consider the following differential equation

$$y' - y^2 + 3y - 2 = 0. (1)$$

$$y(x) = \frac{2 - c e^x}{1 - c e^x}$$

is a one-parameter family of solutions of the differential equation (1).

2. Find a singular solution of the differential equation (1).

#### Solution

1. We have to check that y(x) satisfies the Differential equation (1). We write

$$y'(x) = \frac{-ce^{x}(1-ce^{x}) + ce^{x}(2-ce^{x})}{(1-ce^{x})^{2}} = \frac{ce^{x}}{(1-ce^{x})^{2}}$$

Now,

$$y' - y^{2} + 3y = \frac{ce^{x} - (2 - ce^{x})^{2} + 3(2 - ce^{x})(1 - ce^{x})}{(1 - ce^{x})^{2}}$$
$$= \frac{ce^{x} - 4 - c^{2}e^{2x} + 4ce^{x} + 6 + 3c^{2}e^{2x} - 9ce^{x})}{(1 - ce^{x})^{2}}$$
$$= \frac{2c^{2}e^{2x} - 4ce^{x} + 2}{(1 - ce^{x})^{2}} = \frac{2(1 - ce^{x})^{2}}{(1 - ce^{x})^{2}} = 2.$$

That is

$$y' - y^2 + 3y - 2 = 0.$$

In summary,  $y(x) = \frac{2-c e^x}{1-c e^x}$  is a one-parameter family of solutions of the differential equation (1).

2. Let's look for constant solutions of the differential equation (1). Let y = k a solution of (1), then  $-k^2 + 3k - 2 = 0$ . It is rather easy to see that k = 1 or k = 2. Thus y = 1 and y = 2 are solutions of the differential equation (1). Now, observe that if we set c = 0 in the expression

$$y(x) = \frac{2 - c e^x}{1 - c e^x},$$

we obtain y = 2. Thus y = 2 is not a singular solution. Now, let us find c so that

$$1 = \frac{2 - c e^x}{1 - c e^x} \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad 2 - c e^x = 1 - c e^x \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad 2 = 1 \quad \text{Absurd } 1.$$

Eventually, we deduce that y = 1 is a singular solution of the differential equation (1).

### Exercise 2

Consider the following initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} y' = \sqrt{y^2 - 4} + \sqrt{9 - x^2}, \\ y(x_0) = y_0. \end{cases}$$
(2)

- 1. Find and sketch the region of all  $(x_0, y_0) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that the initial value problem (2) has a unique solution following the Theorem of existence uniqueness of solutions.
- 2. Find the largest interval on which the solution of the IVP (2) with  $x_0 = 1$  and  $y_0 = 3$  may be defined.

### Solution

1. If we let

$$f(x, y) = \sqrt{y^2 - 4} + \sqrt{9 - x^2},$$

then, formally, we have

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{y}{\sqrt{y^2 - 4}}.$$

We see clearly that the region where f and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$  are continuous is given by

$$\mathcal{R} = \left\{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \left\{ (y < -2) \text{ or } (y > 2) \right\} \quad \text{ and } \quad \{-3 \le x \le 3\} \right\}$$

Using the existence and uniqueness Theorem, the IVP (2) has a unique solution if  $(x_0, y_0) \in \mathcal{R}$ . The region  $\mathcal{R}$  is the following



2. If  $(x_0, y_0) = (1, 3)$ , then  $(x_0, y_0)$  is in the region  $\mathscr{R}$ . Thus the IVP (2) has a unique solution in an appropriate interval containing 1. The largest interval containing 1 on which the solution may be defined is

$$I=(-3,3).$$

### Exercise 3

Solve the following initial value problem

$$y' - x e^{x+y} = 0$$
$$y(0) = 0,$$

and find the largest interval on which the solution may be defined.

### Solution

Separating variables, the differential equation may be written

$$e^{-y}\,dy = xe^x\,dx.$$

This differential equation is clearly separable. Integrating the latter equation, we get

$$\int e^{-y} dy = \int x e^x dx = x e^x - \int e^x dx = (x-1) e^x + c, \quad \text{where} \quad c \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Thus, we have

$$-e^{-y} = (x-1)e^x + c \iff e^{-y} = (1-x)e^x \iff -y = \ln((1-x)e^x + c)$$

The initial condition y(0) = 0 leads to

$$0 = \ln((1-0)e^{0} + c) = \ln(1+c) \iff c = 0.$$

Consequently, the solution of the IVP (2) is given by

$$y = -\ln((1-x)e^x) = \ln \frac{e^{-x}}{1-x}.$$

The largest interval on which the solution may be defined is

$$I = (-\infty, 1).$$

## **Exercise 4**

- 1. Evaluate the derivative of the function  $1 + (\ln x)^2$ .
- 2. Solve the following differential equation

$$x(1 + (\ln x)^2) y' + 2\ln(x) y = 1,$$
(3)

on  $(0, +\infty)$ .

# Solution

1. Clearly

$$\frac{d}{dx}(1+(\ln x)^2) = \frac{2\ln x}{x}$$

2. The differential equation (3) is clearly first order linear differential equation. Its normal form is

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

An integrating factor of (4) is given by

$$u(x) = e^{\int \frac{2\ln x}{x(1+(\ln x)^2)} \, dx}$$

Now, thanks to the first question of the exercise, we have

$$\int \frac{2\ln x}{x(1+(\ln x)^2)} \, dx = \int \frac{\frac{2\ln x}{x}}{(1+(\ln x)^2)} \, dx = \int \frac{(1+(\ln x)^2)'}{1+(\ln x)^2} \, dx = \ln(1+(\ln x)^2) + c, \quad c \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Since any *c* will do, we fix c = 0. Therefore

$$u(x) = e^{\ln(1 + (\ln x)^2)} = 1 + (\ln x)^2,$$

is an integrating factor of the linear differential equation (4). Multiplying the differential equation (4) by u(x), we get

$$(u(x)y(x))' = \frac{1 + (\ln x)^2}{x(1 + (\ln x)^2)} = \frac{1}{x}$$

Integrating this equation, we obtain

$$(1 + (\ln x)^2) y(x) = \ln |x| + c$$
, where  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Since we are solving the differential equation on  $(0, +\infty)$ , we end up with

$$y(x) = \frac{\ln|x| + c}{1 + (\ln x)^2}, \quad \text{where} \quad c \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Eventually, y(x) is a solution of the differential equation (3) on  $(0, +\infty)$ .