

Math 205, Spring 2011

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1. Course Info

2. Homework 1:

Chapter 1, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Due Monday, Jan 24th

Chapter 1: Intro, Slope Fields, verify solution
(Monday, 1/17)

1.4, 1.5: Separable DE, Population/logistic growth
(start 1.6; Wednesday, 1/19)

1.6 Linear Equations (Friday, 1/21)

Problem 1:

Verify that the function $y = c_1\sqrt{x}$ is a

solution of $y' = \frac{y}{2x}$

Solution:

Compute y' and check.

$$y' = c_1\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)x^{-\frac{1}{2}}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{y}{2x} &= \frac{c_1\sqrt{x}}{2x} \\ &= c_1\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\frac{\sqrt{x}}{(\sqrt{x})^2} \\ &= c_1\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \\ &= y'.\end{aligned}$$

Problem 2:

Determine all values r so $y = e^{rx}$ is a solution to $y'' - 4y' + 3y = 0$.

Linear DE, Main Step: to solve linear DE

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + p(x)y = q(x)$$

multiply by the integral factor $f = e^{\int p dx}$

and use

$$\frac{d}{dx} (fy) = f (y' + py)$$

on the left to get $\frac{d}{dx} (fy) = fq$.

Problem:

$$\text{Solve } \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{2x}{(1-x^2)}y = 4x, \quad -1 \leq x \leq 1.$$

Solution:

Find integral factor, inside integral first:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \frac{2x}{(1-x^2)} dx \\ &= -\ln(1-x^2) = \ln((1-x^2)^{-1}) \quad (\text{simplify!}). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{So } e^{\int \frac{2x}{(1-x^2)} dx} &= e^{\ln((1-x^2)^{-1})} \\ &= (1-x^2)^{-1} = \frac{1}{1-x^2} = f.\end{aligned}$$

Multiply by $f = \frac{1}{1-x^2}$ and use Main Property:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{1-x^2} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{2x}{(1-x^2)} y \right) &= \frac{4x}{1-x^2}, \\ \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{y}{1-x^2} \right) &= \frac{4x}{1-x^2}.\end{aligned}$$

Now integration gives $\frac{y}{1-x^2} = (-2 \ln(1-x^2)) + c$,
so $y = (1-x^2) (-\ln((1-x^2)^2) + c)$.

Notice that we can check this instance of the
Main Property directly (using the product rule).