

# Ma 221 Homework Solutions Spring 2009

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1.

(a) Show that  $\Phi(x) = 2x^3$  is an explicit solution to  $x \frac{dy}{dx} = 3y$  on the interval  $(-\infty, \infty)$ .

Differentiating  $\Phi(x)$  gives:

$$\Phi'(x) = 6x^2$$

Substituting  $\Phi$  and  $\Phi'$  for  $y$  and  $y'$ :

$$x \frac{dy}{dx} = 3y$$

$$xy' = 3y$$

$$x(6x^2) = 3(2x^3)$$

$$6x^2 = 6x^2$$

This identity is true on  $(-\infty, \infty)$  and therefore  $\Phi(x)$  is an explicit solution on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ .

(b) Show that  $\Phi(x) = e^x - x$  is an explicit solution to  $\frac{dy}{dx} + y^2 = e^{2x} + (1 - 2x)e^x + x^2 - 1$  on the interval  $(-\infty, \infty)$ .

Differentiating  $\Phi(x)$  gives:

$$\frac{d\Phi}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}(e^x - x) = e^x - 1$$

Substituting  $\Phi$  and  $\Phi'$  for  $y$  and  $y'$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\Phi}{dx} + \Phi(x)^2 &= (e^x - 1) + (e^x - x)^2 = (e^x - 1) + (e^{2x} - 2xe^x + x^2) = e^{2x} + (1 - 2x)e^x + x^2 - 1 \\ e^{2x} + (1 - 2x)e^x + x^2 - 1 &= e^{2x} + (1 - 2x)e^x + x^2 - 1 \end{aligned}$$

Since both sides of the equation are equal,  $\Phi(x)$  is an explicit solution on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ .

(c) Show that  $\Phi(x) = x^2 - x^{-1}$  is an explicit solution to  $x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 2y$  on the interval  $(-\infty, \infty)$ .

Differentiating  $\Phi(x)$  twice gives:

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

$$\frac{d^2\Phi}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{d\Phi}{dx}\right) = \frac{d}{dx}(2x + x^{-2}) = 2 + (-2)x^{-3} = 2(1 - x^{-3})$$

Therefore

$$x^2 \frac{d^2\Phi}{dx^2} = x^2 \cdot 2(1 - x^{-3}) = 2(x^2 - x^{-1}) = 2\Phi(x)$$

Both side of the equation are equal therefore,  $\Phi(x)$  is an explicit solution to the differential equation  $x^2 y'' = 2y$  on any interval that does not contain the point  $x = 0$ , in particular, on  $(0, \infty)$ .

3. Determine whether the function  $y = \sin x + x^2$  is a solution to the differential equation  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + y = x^2 + 2$ .

Since  $y = \sin x + x^2$ , we have  $y' = \cos x + 2x$  and  $y'' = -\sin x + 2$ . These functions are defined on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ . Substituting these expressions into the differential equation  $y'' + y = x^2 + 2$  gives  $y'' + y = -\sin x + 2 + \sin x + x^2 = 2 + x^2 = x^2 + 2$  for all  $x$  in  $(-\infty, \infty)$ .

Therefore,  $y = \sin x + x^2$  is a solution to the differential equation on the interval  $(-\infty, \infty)$ .

5. Determine whether the given function is a solution to the given differential equation:

$$x = \cos 2t \qquad \frac{dx}{dt} + tx = \sin 2t$$

Differentiating  $x(t) = \cos 2t$ , we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dt} &= \frac{d}{dt}(\cos 2t) = (-\sin 2t)(2) = -2 \sin 2t \\ \frac{dx}{dt} + tx &= -2 \sin 2t + t \cos 2t \end{aligned}$$

which is not equal to  $\sin 2t$ . Therefore,  $x(t)$  is not a solution to the given differential equation.

6. Determine whether the given function is a solution to the given differential equation:

$$\theta = 2e^{3t} - e^{2t} \qquad \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} - \theta \frac{d\theta}{dt} + 3\theta = -2e^{2t}$$

Differentiating  $\theta = 2e^{3t} - e^{2t}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \theta' &= 6e^{3t} - 2e^{2t} & \theta'' &= 18e^{3t} - 4e^{2t} \\ \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} - \theta \frac{d\theta}{dt} + 3\theta &= 18e^{3t} - 4e^{2t} - \theta(6e^{3t} - 2e^{2t}) + 3(2e^{3t} - e^{2t}) = \\ 24e^{3t} - 7e^{2t} + 2\theta e^{2t} - 6\theta e^{3t} &\neq -2e^{2t}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\theta$  is not a solution to the given differential equation.

7. Determine whether the given function is a solution to the given differential equation:

$$y = e^{2x} - 3e^{-x} \qquad \frac{d^2y}{dy^2} - \frac{dy}{dx} - 2y = 0$$

Differentiating  $y = e^{2x} - 3e^{-x}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= 2e^{2x} + 3e^{-x}; & y'' &= 4e^{2x} - 3e^{-x} \\ \frac{d^2y}{dy^2} - \frac{dy}{dx} - 2y &= 4e^{2x} - 3e^{-x} - 2e^{2x} - 3e^{-x} - 2(e^{2x} - 3e^{-x}) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $y = e^{2x} - 3e^{-x}$  is an explicit solution to the given differential equation.

8. Determine whether the given function is a solution to the given differential equation:

$$y = 3 \sin 2x + e^{-x} \qquad y'' + 4y = 5e^{-x}$$

Differentiating  $y(x) = 3 \sin 2x + e^{-x}$  twice, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{d}{dx}(3 \sin 2x + e^{-x}) = 6 \cos 2x - e^{-x} \\ \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= \frac{d}{dx}(6 \cos 2x - e^{-x}) = -12 \sin 2x + e^{-x} \end{aligned}$$

$$y'' + 4y = -12 \sin 2x + e^{-x} + 4(3 \sin 2x + e^{-x}) = -12 \sin 2x + e^{-x} + 12 \sin 2x + 4e^{-x} = 5e^{-x}$$

which is equal to  $5e^{-x}$ . Therefore,  $y(t)$  is a solution to the given differential equation.