

Solutions to ODEs sheet 2.

① The easiest way is to divide by y - then we get a linear homogeneous ODE. It's also possible to solve it using an integrating factor to make it exact, and the students may try this.

$$y \cot x + 2(1 + 2 \operatorname{cosec} x) y' = 0$$

$$\frac{y'}{y} = -\frac{\cot x}{2(1 + 2 \operatorname{cosec} x)}$$

$$\ln|y| = -\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{\cot x}{1 + 2 \operatorname{cosec} x} dx + C = -\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{\cos x}{2 + \sin x} dx + C$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{d}{dx} (\ln|2 + \sin x|) dx + C$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \ln(2 + \sin x)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = C_1 e^{-\frac{1}{2} \ln(2 + \sin x)} = \frac{C_1}{\sqrt{2 + \sin x}}$$

$$y(0) = 1 \Rightarrow 1 = \frac{C_1}{\sqrt{2}} \Rightarrow C_1 = \sqrt{2} \Rightarrow y = \sqrt{\frac{2}{2 + \sin x}}$$

② Now we do need to make it exact.

$$M = y^2 \cot x, \quad N = 2y(1 + 3y \operatorname{cosec} x)$$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = 2y \cot x + 6y^2 \cot x \operatorname{cosec} x = 2y \cot x (1 + 3y \operatorname{cosec} x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}}{N} = \cot x = p(x).$$

So we can choose $\mu = e^{\int p(x) dx} = e^{\ln \sin x} = \sin x$.

This gives us the equation

$$y^2 \cos x + 2y(\sin x + 3y)y' = 0, \text{ which is exact.}$$

$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial x} = M = y^2 \cos x \text{ so } G = y^2 \sin x + \phi(y) \text{ for some } \phi.$$

$$\text{Thus } \frac{\partial G}{\partial y} = 2y \sin x + \phi'(y), \text{ but } \frac{\partial G}{\partial y} = N = 2y \sin x + 6y^2$$

$$\text{so } \phi'(y) = 6y^2, \text{ so } \phi(y) = 2y^3 + C.$$

Thus $G = y^2 \sin x + 2y^3 + C$, and our equation has solutions $y^2 \sin x + 2y^3 = C_1$.

$$y(0) = 1 \Rightarrow C_1 = 2 \Rightarrow y^2 \sin x + 2y^3 = 2.$$

③ Again we make it exact, though this is harder since the integrating factor is a function of x and y .

$$M = 1 + 2x^2, \quad N = \frac{e^{-x^2}}{y^2} + \frac{x}{y}.$$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = \frac{2xe^{-x^2}}{y^2} - \frac{1}{y} = 2x \left(\frac{e^{-x^2}}{y^2} + \frac{x}{y} \right) - \frac{2x^2}{y} - \frac{1}{y}$$

$$= 2xN - \frac{1}{y}M$$

So we can choose $\mu = e^{\int 2x dx + \int \frac{1}{y} dy} = ye^{x^2}$.

This gives the ODE $ye^{x^2} + 2yx^2e^{x^2} + \left(\frac{1}{y} + xe^{x^2}\right)y' = 0$.

It's easier to start from $\frac{\partial G}{\partial y} = N = \frac{1}{y} + xe^{x^2}$

$$\Rightarrow G = \ln y + xe^{x^2}y + \phi(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial G}{\partial x} = e^{x^2}y + 2x^2e^{x^2}y + \phi'(x). \text{ But } \frac{\partial G}{\partial x} = M = e^{x^2}y + 2x^2e^{x^2}y$$

so $\phi'(x) = 0$, so $\phi(x) = C$. Thus $G = \ln y + xe^{x^2}y + C$.

So solns are $\ln y + xe^{x^2}y = C_1$. $y(1) = 1 \Rightarrow C_1 = e$

$$\Rightarrow \ln y + xe^{x^2}y = e.$$