

Q1. [25 marks] Solve $\frac{xy+1}{y} dx + \frac{2y-x}{y^2} dy = 0$, $y \neq 0$

Solution:

$$(1) \quad P(x,y) = (xy+1)/y \\ Q(x,y) = (2y-x)/y^2$$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{y^2} \quad \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = -\frac{1}{y^2}$$

Hence the equation is exact.

$$(2) \quad f(x,y) = \int \frac{xy+1}{y} dx = \frac{1}{2} x^2 + \frac{x}{y} + k(y)$$

$$Q = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{-x}{y^2} + k'(y) = \frac{2y-x}{y^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow k(y) = \int \frac{2}{y} dy = 2 \log|y| + C$$

$$\therefore f(x,y) = \frac{x^2}{2} + 2 \log|y| + \frac{x}{y} = C \text{ is the solution}$$

Q2.[25 marks]

a) Test the exactness of the following differential equation:

$$(e^x - \sin y)dx + (\cos y)dy = 0 \dots\dots\dots(*)$$

b) With the help of the findings from part a), solve the differential equation (*)

Solution:

$$(a) \quad P(x, y) = e^x - \sin y.$$

$$Q(x, y) = \cos y$$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = -\cos y \neq \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = 0$$

\therefore The equation is not exact

(b) Suppose $F_1(x)$ is the integrating factor, then:

$$\frac{1}{F_1(x)} \frac{dF_1(x)}{dx} = \frac{1}{Q} \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} \right) = -1$$

$$\therefore F_1(x) = e^{-x}$$

$$U(x, y) = \int (e^x - \sin y) e^{-x} dx$$

$$= x + e^{-x} \sin y + k(y).$$

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial y} = e^{-x} \cos y + k'(y) = Q(x, y) \cdot F_1(x) = e^{-x} \cos y.$$

$$\therefore k(y) = C$$

The solution is:

$$U(x, y) = x + e^{-x} \sin y = C.$$

Q3. [25 marks] Find the general and particular solution of the following differential equation:

$$y'' + 4y' + 4y = 4x^2 + 6e^x \dots\dots(**)$$

Solution :

(1) Find the general solution.

$$y'' + 4y' + 4y = 0$$

This is a constant coefficients equation.

suppose $y = e^{rx}$, then.

$$r^2 + 4r + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow r_1 = r_2 = -2$$

$$\therefore y_1(x) = e^{-2x} \quad y_2(x) = x e^{-2x}$$

$$\text{And the general solution: } y = C_1 y_1(x) + C_2 y_2(x) \\ = C_1 e^{-2x} + C_2 x e^{-2x}.$$

(2) Find the particular solution.

$$\text{Try } y_p(x) = C_0 + C_1 x + C_2 x^2 + C_3 e^x.$$

$$\therefore y_p'(x) = C_1 + 2C_2 x + C_3 e^x$$

$$y_p''(x) = 2C_2 + C_3 e^x$$

$$\therefore \begin{cases} 4C_0 + C_1 + 2C_2 = 0 \\ 4C_1 + 8C_2 = 0 \\ 4C_2 = 4 \\ 4C_3 + 4C_3 + C_3 = 6 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow C_0 = \frac{3}{2} \quad C_1 = -2 \quad C_2 = 1 \quad C_3 = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\therefore y_p(x) = \frac{3}{2} + (-2)x + x^2 + \frac{2}{3}e^x$$

Q4. [25 marks]

Using the power series method to find one solution in the form of $y = x^r \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i x^i$

for the following ODE: $x^2 y'' - (x+x^2)y' + y = 0$.

Solution:
$$y = x^r \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i x^i = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i x^{i+r}$$

substitute it to the equation.

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (i+r)(i+r-1) a_i x^{i+r} - \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (i+r) a_i x^{i+r} - \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (i+r) a_i x^{i+r+1} + \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i x^{i+r} = 0$$

Define $a_{-1} = 0$

$$\therefore \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \{ [(i+r)(i+r-1) - (i+r) + 1] a_i - (i+r-1) a_{i-1} \} x^{i+r} = 0$$

obtain the indicial equation:

$$r^2 - r + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow r_1 = r_2 = 1$$

Based on $r=1$, we can obtain:

$$a_1 = a_0, \quad a_2 = \frac{1}{2} a_1, \quad a_3 = \frac{1}{3} a_2, \quad a_4 = \frac{1}{4} a_3, \dots$$

$$\therefore y_1(x) = x \left(a_0 + \frac{a_0}{1!} x + \frac{a_0}{2!} x^2 + \dots \right) \\ = a_0 x e^x = x e^x \quad \text{when } a_0 = 1$$

Suppose $y_2(x) = u(x) y_1(x) = x \cdot e^x \cdot u$, substitute it to the equation.

$$x^2 (u'' y_1 + 2u' y_1' + u y_1'') - (x+x^2) (u' y_1 + u y_1') + u y_1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 u'' + x^3 u' + x^2 u' = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow u = \int \frac{1}{x} e^{-x} dx$$

$$\therefore y_2(x) = u(x) y_1(x) = \int \frac{1}{x} e^{-x} dx \cdot x e^x$$

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