

# Math 3D MT Solutions

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1) Solve  $yy' + x = 0$ ,  $y(3) = -4$ .

*Solution.* There's a couple perspectives.

1) Separate the equation into  $yy' = -x$ , which in Leibniz notation is  $y \frac{dy}{dx} = -x$  so then

$$ydy = -x dx \longrightarrow \frac{y^2}{2} = -\frac{x^2}{2} + C.$$

Because  $C$  is just a constant, we can just simplify the equation into

$$y^2 = -x^2 + D.$$

Solving for the constant, we have  $(-4)^2 = -(3^2) + D$ , so  $D = 16 + 9 = 25$ . Then,

$$y^2 = 25 - x^2 \longrightarrow y = \pm \sqrt{25 - x^2}.$$

Since the initial condition lies on  $x = 3$  with  $y = -4$ , we will take the (-) branch! Also, we need the square root to be non-negative,  $25 - x^2 \geq 0$  which tells us  $x^2 \leq 25$ ,  $|x| \leq 5$ . Hence,

$$y = -\sqrt{25 - x^2}, \quad \text{Domain of Validity: } (-5, 5).$$

2) Substitute  $v = y^2$ : So then  $\frac{v'}{2} + x = 0 \iff v' = -2x$ . This is separable again,

$$v = -x^2 + C.$$

Plugging back in for  $v = y^2$ , we have the same result  $y^2 = -x^2 + C$  (with just a renamed constant). The rest of the 1st solution follows from here (continue from where  $y^2 = -x^2 + D$  above).

Grading Checks (needed to show work):

- . Separating or using substitution to start the problem and get a general solution
- . Solving for the constant
- . Solving for  $y$  explicitly and choosing the (-) branch
- . Finding the domain of validity.

2) **General solution to**  $y' + \tan(x)y = \cos(x)$ .

*Solution.* This is an integrating factor problem, with  $R(x) = e^{\int \tan x dx} = e^{\ln|\sec x|}$ . You may have remembered/memorized that  $\int \tan x dx = \ln|\sec x|$ . But this is why:

$$\begin{aligned} \int \tan x dx &= \int \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} dx, \quad \text{Use } u = \cos x, \quad du = -\sin x dx, \\ &= \int \frac{-du}{u} = -\ln|u|, \quad \text{Plug back } u = \cos x, \\ &= -\ln|\cos x| = \ln|[\cos x]^{-1}| = \ln|1/\cos x| \end{aligned}$$

$$= \ln |\sec x| + C$$

where we don't include the constant for the integrating factor (or rather, we set  $C = 0$  because it doesn't matter). Thus,

$$R(x) = e^{\int \tan x \, dx} = e^{\ln |\sec x|} = |\sec x| = \frac{1}{|\cos x|}.$$

Using this as our integrating factor, we remember that first multiply  $R(x)$  to both sides,

$$\frac{y'}{|\cos x|} + \frac{\sin x}{\cos x |\cos x|} y = \frac{\cos x}{|\cos x|}.$$

Here, we note that regardless of the branch of absolute value we take, the sign is always going to cancel! For example, if we used  $|\cos x| \rightarrow -\cos x$ , the minus sign just cancels everywhere. Thus, we can just omit the absolute values,

$$\frac{y'}{\cos x} + \frac{\sin x}{\cos^2 x} y = 1.$$

Recalling that the integrating factor induces a product rule,

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{1}{\cos x} y \right] = 1 \implies \frac{y}{\cos x} = x + C.$$

Hence, our general solution is

$$y(x) = (x + C) \cos x.$$

Grading Checks:

- . Using integrating factor (correctly)
- . Finding the integral of tangent for the integrating factor
- . Clarifying why the sign is always positive
- . Correct general solution

### 3) General solution to $y' = \frac{y + xe^{-y/x}}{x}$ .

*Solution.* We notice that we should use the substitution  $v = y/x$  as a homogeneous equation because the right hand side looks like some  $F(y/x)$ . We then recall that

$$v = y/x \iff y = xv, \implies y' = xv' + v.$$

So our ODE becomes

$$xv' + v = v + e^{-v} \iff xv' = e^{-v}.$$

This is now separable, with Leibniz notation this reads as

$$e^v \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{1}{x} \iff e^v dv = \frac{dx}{x}.$$

Integrating,

$$\int e^v dv = \int \frac{dx}{x} + C \implies e^v = \ln |x| + C.$$

Thus,  $v = \ln(\ln |x| + C)$  where plugging in that  $v = y/x$ , we have that our general solution is

$$y(x) = x \ln(\ln |x| + C).$$

Grading Checks:

- . Using the homogeneous substitution
- . Correctly solving using the substitution (separation + integration)
- . Plugging back in  $v = y/x$  and getting the correct general solution

**4) Solve  $y'' + 4y' + 10y = 0$  with initial conditions  $y(0) = 3$ ,  $y'(0) = -2$ .**

*Solution.* Starting out with the auxiliary (characteristic) equation from assuming  $y = e^{rx}$ , we have

$$r^2 + 4r + 10 = 0.$$

If you factored this: You get  $(r + 2)^2 + 6 = 0$  so then  $r = -2 \pm i\sqrt{6}$ .  
Use the quadratic formula:

$$r = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 40}}{2} = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{-24}}{2} = -2 \pm i\sqrt{6}.$$

Either way, we can now read the general solution:

$$y(x) = e^{-2x}[A_1 \cos(\sqrt{6}x) + A_2 \sin(\sqrt{6}x)].$$

We now solve for the constants with the initial conditions. First,

$$y(0) = 3 : 3 = e^0[A_1 \cos(0) + A_2 \sin(0)] \iff 3 = A_1.$$

To get  $A_2$  we need to differentiate (and don't forget we can plug in for  $A_1$  too):

$$y'(x) = -2e^{-2x}[3 \cos(\sqrt{6}x) + A_2 \sin(\sqrt{6}x)] + e^{-2x}[-3\sqrt{6} \sin(\sqrt{6}x) + \sqrt{6}A_2 \cos(\sqrt{6}x)]$$

so now we can use our other initial condition,

$$y'(0) = -2 : -2 = -2[3] + [\sqrt{6}A_2] \iff 4 = \sqrt{6}A_2 \iff A_2 = \frac{4}{\sqrt{6}}.$$

Thus, our solution after plugging in these constants is

$$y(x) = e^{-2x}\left[3 \cos(\sqrt{6}x) + \frac{4}{\sqrt{6}} \sin(\sqrt{6}x)\right].$$

Grading Checks:

- . Getting and solving the auxiliary equation
- . Correct general solution from the roots of the auxiliary equation
- . Solving for both of the constants using both of the initial conditions