

Assignment 10.

1. Find the general solution of the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (\cos x \cos y)^2,$$

obtaining an expression for  $\tan y$  in terms of  $x$ .

[6]

$$\int \frac{dy}{\cos^2 y} = \int \cos^2 x \, dx$$

$$\tan y = \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{4}\sin 2x + C$$

2. Solve the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \ln(x^y),$$

obtaining an expression for  $y$  in terms of  $x$ .

Given further that  $y = 1$  when  $x = e$ , find the value of  $y$  when  $x = 1$ .

[5]  
[2]

$$\int \frac{dy}{y} = \int \ln x \, dx$$

$$\ln y = x \ln x - x + C$$

$$y = e^{x \ln x - x + C}$$

$$\Rightarrow y(1) = e^{0-1} = e^{-1}$$

$$1 = e^{e - e + C} \Rightarrow C = 0$$

3. Given that the curve, whose equation satisfies

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x\sqrt{(x^2+1)(y+1)},$$

passes through the point  $(1, 1)$ , find an expression of  $y$  in terms of  $x$ .

[7]

$$\sqrt{2} = \frac{2 \cdot \sqrt{2}}{2} + C \Rightarrow C = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{(1+x^2)^3}{4} - 1$$

$$\int \frac{dy}{\sqrt{y+1}} = \int 3x\sqrt{1+x^2} \, dx$$

$$2(1+y)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{3} (1+x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} + C$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{1+y} = \frac{(1+x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{2} + C$$

4. In ecology, a common model of population growth was proposed by *Pierre-François Verhulst*, where the rate of reproduction is proportional to both the existing population and the amount of available resources, *ceteris paribus* (all else being equal). The model is formalized by the differential equation:

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = rP \cdot \left(1 - \frac{P}{K}\right),$$

where  $P$  represents population size,  $t$  represents time, and  $r, K$  are two positive constants.

- (a) Given the initial condition:  $P = P_0$ , when  $t = 0$ , solve the differential equation and express  $P$  in terms of  $t, r, K$  and  $P_0$ . [7]  
 (b) According to *Verhulst's* model, what is the limiting population size in the long run? [1]

$$\frac{1}{P} + \frac{1}{K-P}$$

$$\int \frac{dP}{P(1-\frac{P}{K})} = \int r dt \quad \ln \frac{P_0}{K-P_0} = c$$

$$K \int \frac{dP}{P(K-P)} = \int r dt \quad \Rightarrow \frac{\frac{P}{K-P}}{\frac{P_0}{K-P_0}} = e^{rt}$$

$$\ln P - \ln(K-P) = rt + c$$

$$\Rightarrow P = \frac{\frac{K P_0}{K-P_0} e^{rt}}{1 + \frac{P_0}{K-P_0}}$$

5. A tank is being filled with water. At time  $t$  minutes after filling begins, the volume of water is  $V$  liters. Water is poured in at a constant rate of 9 liters per minute, but owing to leakage, it is lost at a rate proportional to  $V$ . Initially the tank is empty. When  $V = 4$ ,  $\frac{dV}{dt} = 7$ .

(a) Show that  $V$  satisfies the differential equation:  $\frac{dV}{dt} = 9 - \frac{1}{2}V$ . [2]

(b) Solve the above differential equation, expressing  $V$  in terms of  $t$ . [4]

(c) Calculate the time taken to fill the tank with 9 liters of water. [2]

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = 9 - KV$$

$$9 - 4K = 7 \Rightarrow K = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$-2 \ln(9 - \frac{1}{2}V) = t + c$$

$$\Rightarrow 9 - \frac{1}{2}V = \frac{t+c}{-2}$$

$$t=0, V=0 \Rightarrow \frac{c}{-2} = 9$$

6. (†) Solve the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 3y^2,$$

such that  $y = 2$  and  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 4$  when  $x = 1$ .

Hint: Prove that  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = z \frac{dz}{dy}$ , where  $z = \frac{dy}{dx}$ .

$$9 - \frac{1}{2}V = 9 \cdot e^{-\frac{t}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow V = 18 - 18e^{-\frac{t}{2}} \quad [7]$$

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$$e^{-\frac{t}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow t = 2 \ln 2$$

Total mark of this assignment: 36 + 7.

The symbol (†) indicates a bonus question. Finish other questions before working on this one.