

# Differential Equations 2

Q1.

The variables  $x$  and  $y$  are related by the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 3\frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = 2x + 1.$$

(a) Find the general solution for  $y$  in terms of  $x$ . [6]

(b) State an approximate solution for large positive values of  $x$ . [1]

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Q2.

Find the solution of the differential equation

$$\sin\theta \frac{dy}{d\theta} + y = \tan\frac{1}{2}\theta,$$

where  $0 < \theta < \pi$ , given that  $y = 1$  when  $\theta = \frac{1}{2}\pi$ . Give your answer in the form  $y = f(\theta)$ . [9]

[You may use without proof the result that  $\int \operatorname{cosec}\theta d\theta = \ln \tan\frac{1}{2}\theta$ .]

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Q3.

The variables  $x$  and  $y$  are related by the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 2\frac{dy}{dx} - 3y = 4e^{-x}.$$

(a) Find the value of the constant  $k$  such that  $y = kxe^{-x}$  is a particular integral of the differential equation. [4]

(b) Find the solution of the differential equation for which  $y = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}$  when  $x = 0$ . [6]

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Q4.

(a) Starting from the definitions of  $\sinh$  and  $\cosh$  in terms of exponentials, prove that

$$2 \sinh^2 x = \cosh 2x - 1. \quad [3]$$

(b) Find the solution to the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + y \coth x = 4 \sinh x$$

for which  $y = 1$  when  $x = \ln 3$ . [7]

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Q5.

Find the particular solution of the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 2\frac{dy}{dx} + y = 4 \cos x,$$

given that, when  $x = 0$ ,  $y = -4$  and  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3$ . [11]

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Q6.

(a) Show that an appropriate integrating factor for

$$\sqrt{x^2 - 1} \frac{dy}{dx} + y = x^2 - x\sqrt{x^2 - 1}$$

is  $x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1}$ . [4]

(b) Hence find the solution of the differential equation

$$\sqrt{x^2 - 1} \frac{dy}{dx} + y = x^2 - x\sqrt{x^2 - 1}$$

for which  $y = 1$  when  $x = \frac{5}{4}$ . Give your answer in the form  $y = f(x)$ . [7]

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Q7.

Find the solution of the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{4x^3y}{x^4 + 5} = 6x$$

for which  $y = 1$  when  $x = 1$ . Give your answer in the form  $y = f(x)$ . [7]

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Q8.

The variables  $t$  and  $x$  are related by the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \frac{dx}{dt} + x = t^2 + 1.$$

(a) Find the general solution for  $x$  in terms of  $t$ . [6]

(b) Deduce an approximate value of  $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2}$  for large positive values of  $t$ . [2]

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Q9.

Use the substitution  $y = vx$  to find the solution of the differential equation

$$x \frac{dy}{dx} = y + \sqrt{9x^2 + y^2}$$

for which  $y = 0$  when  $x = 1$ . Give your answer in the form  $y = f(x)$ , where  $f(x)$  is a polynomial in  $x$ . [10]

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Q10.

Find the solution of the differential equation

$$x(x+7) \frac{dy}{dx} + 7y = x$$

for which  $y = 7$  when  $x = 1$ . Give your answer in the form  $y = f(x)$ . [9]

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Q11.

The variables  $x$  and  $y$  are related by the differential equation

$$4 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - y = 3.$$

It is given that, when  $x = 0$ ,  $y = -3$  and  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2$ .

(a) Find  $y$  in terms of  $x$ . [8]

(b) Deduce the exact value of  $x$  for which  $y = 0$ . Give your answer in logarithmic form. [3]

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