

MAT 127: Calculus C, Spring 2020
Solutions to Problem Set 4 (100pts)

WebAssign Problem 1 (8pts)

A bacteria culture initially contains 100 cells and grows at a rate proportional to its size. After an hour the population has increased to 420.

(a) *Find an expression for the number of bacteria after t hours.*

Let $y(t)$ be the number of cells at time t , measured in hours. We assume that $y(t)$ grows exponentially:

$$y(t) = y(0)e^{rt} = 100e^{rt},$$

where r is the relative growth rate; it is a constant. Since $y(1) = 420$,

$$420 = 100e^r \iff 4.2 = e^r \iff r = \ln 4.2.$$

So the number of cells after t hours is

$$y(t) = 100e^{(\ln 4.2)t} = 100(e^{\ln 4.2})^t = \boxed{100 \cdot 4.2^t}$$

(b) *Find the number of bacteria after 3 hours.*

Plug in $t = 3$ into the above formula:

$$y(3) = 100 \cdot 4.2^3 = 7,408.8.$$

Since the number of cells is integer, their number after 3 hours is $\boxed{7,409}$

(c) *Find the rate of growth after 3 hours.*

The rate of growth at time t is $ry(t) = (\ln 4.2)y(t)$; so after 3 hours the rate of growth is

$$(\ln 4.2) \cdot 7,408.8 \approx \boxed{10,632 \text{ cells per hour}}$$

(d) *When will the population reach 10,000?*

We need to find t such that

$$y(t) = 100 \cdot 4.2^t = 10,000 \iff 4.2^t = 100 \iff \boxed{t = \log_{4.2} 100 = \frac{\ln 100}{\ln 4.2} \approx 3.21 \text{ hrs}}$$

WebAssign Problem 2 (9pts)

The half-life of cesium-137 is 30 years. Suppose we have a 100 mg sample.

(a) *Find the mass that remains after t years.*

(b) *How much of the sample remains after 100 years?*

(c) *After how long will only 1 mg remain?*

Let $y(t)$ be the portion of cesium-137 remaining after t years. Since we assume exponential decay,

$$y(t) = y(0)e^{rt} = e^{rt},$$

where r is the relative decay rate; it is a constant. Since $y(30) = .5$,

$$e^{30r} = \frac{1}{2} \iff 30r = \ln 2^{-1} = -\ln 2 \iff r = -(\ln 2)/30.$$

Thus, $y(t) = e^{-(\ln 2)t/30} = (e^{\ln 2})^{(-t/30)} = 2^{-t/30}$.

Since we start with 100 mg, the amount left after t years is $100 \cdot 2^{-t/30}$ mg. In particular, the amount remaining after 100 years is

$$100 \cdot 2^{-100/30} = 100 \cdot 2^{-10/3} \approx 9.92 \text{ mg}$$

The number of years t it will take for the sample to decline to 1 mg is given by

$$y(t) = 100 \cdot 2^{-t/30} = 1 \iff 2^{-t/30} = 1/100 \iff -t/30 = \log_2 10^{-2} = -2 \log_2 10$$

$$\iff t = 60 \log_2 10 = 60 \frac{\ln 10}{\ln 2} \approx 199.32 \text{ years}$$

WebAssign Problem 3 (4pts)

How long will it take an investment to double in value if the interest rate is 6% compounded continuously?

Let $y(t)$ be the ratio of the balance after t years and of the original investment. Since $y(t)$ grows exponentially,

$$y(t) = y(0)e^{rt} = e^{rt},$$

where r is the relative growth rate. In this case, $r = 6\% = .06$, so $y(t) = e^{.06t}$. We need to find t so that $y(t) = 2$, i.e.

$$2 = e^{.06t} \iff \ln 2 = .06t \iff t = \frac{\ln 2}{.06} \approx 11.55 \text{ years}$$

WebAssign Problem 4 (10pts)

A lake with estimated carrying capacity of 10,000 fish is stocked with 400 fish. The number of fish tripled in the first year.

- (a) *Assuming the size of the population satisfies the logistic equation, find an expression for the size of the population after t years.*
 (b) *How long will it take for the fish population to increase 5,000?*

(a) Let $P(t)$ be the number of fish after t years. Since $P(t)$ is assumed to satisfy the logistic equation

$$P(t) = \frac{K}{1 + \frac{K-P(0)}{P(0)}e^{-rt}} = \frac{10,000}{1 + \frac{10,000-400}{400}e^{-rt}} = \frac{10,000}{1 + 24e^{-rt}};$$

see equation (4) on p534 (you should also be able to derive this). Since $y(1) = 3 \cdot y(0)$,

$$1,200 = \frac{10,000}{1 + 24e^{-rt}} \iff 1 + 24e^{-r} = \frac{10,000}{1,200} = \frac{25}{3} \iff e^{-r} = \frac{1}{24} \cdot \frac{22}{3} = \frac{11}{36}$$

$$\iff -r = \ln\left(\frac{11}{36}\right).$$

Thus, the size of the population after t years is given by

$$y(t) = \frac{10,000}{1 + 24e^{-\ln(36/11)t}} = \frac{10,000}{1 + 24e^{\ln(11/36)t}} = \boxed{\frac{10,000}{1 + 24(11/36)^t}}$$

(b) We need to find t so that $y(t) = 5,000$, i.e.

$$5,000 = \frac{10,000}{1 + 24(11/36)^t} \iff 1 + 24(11/36)^t = \frac{10,000}{5,000} = 2 \iff (11/36)^t = \frac{1}{24}$$

$$\iff t = \log_{11/36}(1/24) = \frac{\ln(1/24)}{\ln(11/36)} = \frac{-\ln(24)}{-\ln(36/11)} = \boxed{\frac{\ln(24)}{\ln(36/11)} \approx 2.68 \text{ years}}$$

Remark: On the exams, you will need to leave your answers in an exact form, **as simple as possible**, even if they involve exponentials and logs.

WebAssign Problem 5 (4pts)

Find the general solution to the differential equation

$$y'' - 13y' + 42y = 0, \quad y = y(x).$$

The associated quadratic equation is

$$r^2 - 13r + 42 = 0.$$

This gives $(r - 6)(r - 7) = 0$, so the roots are $r = 6, 7$ and the general solution of the differential equation is $\boxed{y(x) = C_1e^{6x} + C_2e^{7x}}$

WebAssign Problem 6 (4pts)

Find the general solution to the differential equation

$$2y'' + 3y' = 0, \quad y = y(x).$$

This is the same as $2y'' + 3y' + 0y = 0$, so the associated quadratic equation is

$$2r^2 + 3r + 0 = 0.$$

This gives $r(2r + 3) = 0$, so the roots are $r = 0, -3/2$ and the general solution of the differential equation is

$$y(x) = C_1 e^{0x} + C_2 e^{-(3/2)x} = \boxed{C_1 + C_2 e^{-3x/2}}$$

Note: This equation can be solved in a different way. Letting $z = y'$, the original equation becomes

$$\begin{aligned} 2z' + 3z = 0, \quad z = z(x) &\iff 2\frac{dz}{dx} = -3z &\iff \frac{dz}{z} = -\frac{3}{2}dx &\iff \int \frac{dz}{z} = -\int \frac{3}{2}dx \\ &\iff \ln|z| = -\frac{3}{2}x + C &\iff |z| = e^{-3x/2+C} = Ae^{-3x/2} \\ &\iff y' = z = \pm Ae^{-3x/2} = Ce^{-3x/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Integrating the last expression, we obtain

$$y(x) = C \cdot \frac{1}{-3/2} e^{-3x/2} + C_2 = C_1 e^{-3x/2} + C_2.$$

This approach works only because the equation involves y'' and y' , and not y ; so it is really an equation for y' . While this approach is longer, it does not require remembering how to solve second-order linear homogeneous differential equations with constant coefficients (though you should certainly remember this).

WebAssign Problem 7 (4pts)

Find the general solution to the differential equation

$$y'' + 2y' + y = 0, \quad y = y(x).$$

The associated quadratic equation is

$$r^2 + 2r + 1 = 0.$$

This gives $(r+1)^2 = 0$, so the roots are $r_1 = r_2 = -1$ and the general solution of the differential equation is

$$y(x) = C_1 e^{-x} + C_2 x e^{-x} = e^{-x}(C_1 + C_2 x).$$

WebAssign Problem 8 (7pts)

Find the solution to the initial-value problem

$$y'' - 2y' + 5y = 0, \quad y = y(x), \quad y(\pi/2) = 0, \quad y'(\pi/2) = 2.$$

The associated quadratic equation is

$$r^2 - 2r + 5 = 0.$$

So the roots are $r_1, r_2 = 1 \pm 2i$ and the real form of the general solution of the differential equation is

$$y(x) = C_1 e^x \cos 2x + C_2 e^x \sin 2x = e^x (C_1 \cos 2x + C_2 \sin 2x).$$

We need to find C_1, C_2 so that $y(\pi/2) = 0$, $y'(\pi/2) = 2$. For this, first compute $y'(x)$:

$$\begin{aligned} y'(x) &= C_1 (e^x \cos 2x - 2e^x \sin 2x) + C_2 (e^x \sin 2x + 2e^x \cos 2x) \\ &= e^x ((C_1 + 2C_2) \cos 2x + (C_2 - 2C_1) \sin 2x). \end{aligned}$$

Now plug in $x = \pi/2$ into $y(x)$ and $y'(x)$ and use $\cos(\pi) = -1$, $\sin(\pi) = 0$, and the initial conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{cases} e^{\pi/2}(-C_1 + C_2 \cdot 0) = 0 \\ e^{\pi/2}(-(C_1 + 2C_2) + (C_2 - 2C_1) \cdot 0) = 2 \end{cases} &\iff \begin{cases} C_1 = 0 \\ C_1 + 2C_2 = -2e^{-\pi/2} \end{cases} \\ &\iff C_1 = 0, C_2 = -e^{-\pi/2}. \end{aligned}$$

So the solution to the initial-value problem is

$$\boxed{y(x) = -e^{-\pi/2} e^x \sin 2x = -e^{x-\pi/2} \sin 2x}$$

Note: you can double-check this by computing y', y'' and plugging these into the original equation and also by checking the initial conditions.

Problem D (10pts)

(a) Use Euler's Formula to obtain the cosine/sine addition/subtraction formulas:

$$\cos(\alpha \pm \beta) = \cos \alpha \cdot \cos \beta \mp \sin \alpha \cdot \sin \beta \quad \text{and} \quad \sin(\alpha \pm \beta) = \sin \alpha \cdot \cos \beta \pm \cos \alpha \cdot \sin \beta.$$

(b) Use the last two formulas to obtain the cosine/sine double angle formulas:

$$\cos 2\theta = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta = 2 \cos^2 \theta - 1 = 1 - 2 \sin^2 \theta \quad \text{and} \quad \sin 2\theta = 2 \cos \theta \cdot \sin \theta.$$

(a; **6pt**) Euler's Formula says

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta, \quad \cos \theta = \Re e^{i\theta}, \quad \sin \theta = \Im e^{i\theta}.$$

Combining this with exponential rules, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(\alpha \pm \beta) + i \sin(\alpha \pm \beta) &= e^{i(\alpha \pm \beta)} = e^{i\alpha \pm i\beta} = e^{i\alpha} \cdot e^{\pm i\beta} = (\cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha) \cdot (\cos \beta \pm i \sin \beta) \\ &= (\cos \alpha \cdot \cos \beta \mp \sin \alpha \cdot \sin \beta) + i(\sin \alpha \cdot \cos \beta \pm \cos \alpha \cdot \sin \beta). \end{aligned}$$

Taking the real and imaginary parts of the LHS and RHS of the above equation, we obtain the two identities in (a).

(b; **4pt**) Taking $\alpha = \beta = \theta$ in the + case of the first identity in (a) and using $\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$, we obtain

$$\cos 2\theta = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta = \cos^2 \theta - (1 - \cos^2 \theta) = 2 \cos^2 \theta - 1 = 2(1 - \sin^2 \theta) - 1 = 1 - 2 \sin^2 \theta.$$

This gives the first three equalities in (b). Taking $\alpha = \beta = \theta$ in the + case of the second identity in (a), we obtain

$$\sin(2\theta) = \sin \theta \cdot \cos \theta + \cos \theta \cdot \sin \theta = 2 \cos \theta \cdot \sin \theta.$$

This gives the last equality in (b).

Problem E (40pts)

By Problem B on HW2, the first-order differential equation

$$y' - by = f(x), \quad y = y(x), \quad b = \text{const},$$

can be solved by multiplying both sides by e^{-bx} . This equation then becomes

$$(e^{-bx}y)' = e^{-bx}f(x)$$

and can be solved by integrating both sides. Note that b is the root of the associated linear equation $r - b = 0$. This approach has an analogue for second-order inhomogeneous linear equations

$$y'' + by' + cy = f(x), \quad y = y(x), \quad b, c = \text{const}. \quad (1)$$

(a; **5pts**) If r_1, r_2 are the two roots of the quadratic equation $r^2 + br + c = 0$ associated to (1), show that

$$(e^{(r_1-r_2)x}(e^{-r_1x}y)')' = e^{-r_2x}(y'' + by' + cy). \quad (2)$$

This is the product rule applied twice:

$$\begin{aligned} (e^{-r_1x}y)' &= e^{-r_1x}y' + (e^{-r_1x})'y = e^{-r_1x}(y' - r_1y); \\ (e^{(r_1-r_2)x}(e^{-r_1x}y)')' &= (e^{-r_2x}(y' - r_1y))' = e^{-r_2x}(y' - r_1y)' + (e^{-r_2x})'(y' - r_1y) \\ &= e^{-r_2x}(y'' - r_1y' - r_2(y' - r_1y)) = e^{-r_2x}(y'' - (r_1+r_2)y' + r_1r_2y) \\ &= e^{-r_2x}(y'' + by' + cy), \end{aligned}$$

since $r_1 + r_2 = -b$ and $r_1r_2 = c$.

By (2), equation (1) is equivalent to

$$(e^{(r_1-r_2)x}(e^{-r_1x}y)')' = e^{-r_2x}f(x), \quad y = y(x), \quad (3)$$

which can be solved by integrating twice.

(b; **15pts**) Find the general solution $y = y(x)$ of the differential equation

$$y'' + 5y' + 4y = e^{-x}. \quad (4)$$

In this case, the associated quadratic polynomial is

$$r^2 + 5r + 4 = (r + 1)(r + 4).$$

Thus, the two roots are $r_1 = -1$ and $r_2 = -4$, and

$$(e^{((-1)-(-4))x}(e^{-(-1)x}y)')' = e^{-(-4)x}(y'' + 5y' + 4y). \quad (5)$$

Multiplying both sides of (4) by $e^{4x} = e^{-(-4)x}$ and using (5), we obtain

$$y'' + 5y' + 4y = e^{-x} \iff e^{4x}(y'' + 5y' + 4y) = e^{3x} \iff (e^{3x}(e^x y)')' = e^{3x}.$$

Integrating twice, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} e^{3x}(e^x y)' &= \int e^{3x} dx = \frac{1}{3}e^{3x} + C_1 \iff (e^x y)' = \frac{1}{3} + C_1 e^{-3x} \\ &\iff e^x y(x) = \int \left(\frac{1}{3} + C_1 e^{-3x} \right) dx = \frac{1}{3}x - \frac{1}{3}C_1 e^{-3x} + C_2. \end{aligned}$$

Since we can replace $(-C_1/3)$ with C_1 , the general solution of (4) is

$$\boxed{y(x) = \frac{1}{3}xe^{-x} + C_1 e^{-4x} + C_2 e^{-x}}$$

(c; 20pts) Find the general real solution $y = y(x)$ of the differential equation

$$y'' + 4y = 4 \cos 2x. \tag{6}$$

Here is one approach. By Euler's formula, the general real solution $y = y(x)$ of this equation is given by $y = \operatorname{Re} z$, where $z = z(x)$ is the complex general solution of

$$z'' + 4z = 4e^{2ix}. \tag{7}$$

The associated polynomial for this equation is

$$r^2 + 0 \cdot r + 4 = (r - 2i)(r + 2i).$$

Thus, the two roots are $r_1 = 2i$ and $r_2 = -2i$, and

$$(e^{(2i)-(-2i)x}(e^{-(2i)x} z)')' = e^{-(-2i)x}(z'' + 4z). \tag{8}$$

Multiplying both sides of (7) by $e^{2ix} = e^{-(-2i)x}$ and using (8), we obtain

$$z'' + 4z = 4e^{2ix} \iff e^{2ix}(z'' + 4z) = 4e^{4ix} \iff (e^{4ix}(e^{-2ix} z)')' = 4e^{4ix}.$$

Integrating twice, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} e^{4ix}(e^{-2ix} z)' &= \int 4e^{4ix} dx = \frac{4}{4i}e^{4ix} + C_1 = -ie^{4ix} + C_1 \iff (e^{-2ix} z)' = -i + C_1 e^{-4ix} \\ &\iff e^{-2ix} z = \int (-i + C_1 e^{-4ix}) dx = -ix + \frac{C_1}{-4i}e^{-4ix} + C_2. \end{aligned}$$

Since we can replace $-C_1/4i$ with C_1 , the general solution of (7) is

$$z(x) = -ixe^{2ix} + C_1 e^{-2ix} + C_2 e^{2ix}.$$

Taking the real part of this equation and modifying the constants, we obtain

$$\boxed{y(x) = \operatorname{Re} z(x) = x \sin 2x + C_1 \cos 2x + C_2 \sin 2x}$$

Here is another approach. The associated polynomial and roots for the original equation are the same as for its complex version. Thus, (8) holds with z replaced by y , and

$$y'' + 4y = 4 \cos 2x \iff e^{2ix}(y'' + 4y) = 4e^{2ix} \cos 2x \iff (e^{4ix}(e^{-2ix}y)')' = 4e^{2ix} \cos 2x.$$

Integrating the last expression once, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} e^{4ix}(e^{-2ix}y)' &= \int 4e^{2ix} \cos 2x \, dx = 4 \int \cos^2 2x \, dx + 4i \int \cos 2x \sin 2x \, dx \\ &= 2 \int (\cos 4x + 1) \, dx + 2i \int \sin 4x \, dx = \frac{1}{2} \sin 4x + 2x - \frac{i}{2} \cos 4x + C_1 = -\frac{i}{2} e^{4ix} + 2x + C_1. \end{aligned}$$

The second and last equalities above follow from Euler's formula, applied in opposite directions; the third equality uses the half-angle trigonometric formulas. This gives

$$(e^{-2ix}y)' = -\frac{i}{2} + 2xe^{-4ix} + C_1e^{-4ix}.$$

Finally, using integration by parts, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-2ix}y &= \int \left(-\frac{i}{2} + 2xe^{-4ix} + C_1e^{-4ix} \right) dx = -\frac{i}{2}x - \frac{C_1}{4i}e^{-4ix} - \frac{1}{2i} \int x \, de^{-4ix} \\ &= -\frac{i}{2}x - \frac{C_1}{4i}e^{-4ix} + \frac{i}{2} \left(xe^{-4ix} - \int e^{-4ix} \, dx \right) = -\frac{i}{2}x - \frac{C_1}{4i}e^{-4ix} + \frac{i}{2} \left(xe^{-4ix} + \frac{1}{4i}e^{-4ix} + C_2 \right) \\ &\implies y(x) = -\frac{i}{2}x(e^{2ix} - e^{-2ix}) + \frac{1 - C_1}{4i}e^{-2ix} + \frac{iC_2}{2}e^{2ix}. \end{aligned}$$

Replacing the constant $(1 - C_1)/4i$ with C_1 and $iC_2/2$ with C_2 gives

$$y(x) = -\frac{i}{2}x(e^{2ix} - e^{-2ix}) + C_1e^{-2ix} + C_2e^{2ix} = x \sin 2x + C_1e^{-2ix} + C_2e^{2ix}.$$

As before, the complex form $C_1e^{-2ix} + C_2e^{2ix}$ is equivalent to the real form $A_1 \cos 2x + A_2 \sin 2x$.

Remarks: (1) When the inhomogeneous term, i.e. RHS in (6), is $\cos \omega t$ or $\sin \omega t$, the first approach, i.e. complexifying the differential equation, is generally faster, but riskier if you are not used to complex numbers. Note that if the inhomogeneous term is $\sin \omega t$, you would need to take the imaginary part of the complex solution.

(2) The complex form $C_1e^{px+iqx} + C_2e^{px-iqx}$ of the general solution of a differential equation is always equivalent to the real form $A_1e^{px} \cos qx + A_2e^{px} \sin qx$.