

6-3 Worksheet

Problems

1. Solve the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = \sqrt{x}y$.
2. Solve the differential equation $y \ln x - xy' = 0$.
3. Find the particular solution of the differential equation $\frac{du}{dv} = uv \sin v^2$, $u(0) = 1$.
4. Find the orthogonal trajectories of the family $y = Ce^x$.
5. Find the orthogonal trajectories of the family $x^2 = Cy$.
6. Verify that $y = \frac{L}{1 + be^{-kt}}$ satisfies the logistic differential equation $\frac{dy}{dt} = ky\left(1 - \frac{y}{L}\right)$.
7. Solve the logistic differential equation $\frac{dy}{dt} = y\left(1 - \frac{y}{36}\right)$, $y(0) = 4$.
8. Solve the logistic differential equation $\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{4y}{5} - \frac{y^2}{150}$, $y(0) = 8$.
9. At time $t = 0$, a bacterial culture weighs 1 gram. Two hours later, the culture weighs 4 grams. The maximum weight of the culture is 20 grams. Write a logistic equation that models the weight of the bacterial culture. Then, use your model to find the weight after 5 hours.
10. Write the differential equation that models the following verbal statement: The rate of change of y with respect to x is proportional to the difference between y and 4.

Solutions

1. $\frac{dy}{y} = \sqrt{x} dx \Rightarrow \int \frac{dy}{y} = \int \sqrt{x} dx$. So, we have $\ln|y| = \frac{2}{3}x^{3/2} + C_1 \Rightarrow y = e^{(\frac{2}{3})x^{3/2} + C_1} = Ce^{(\frac{2}{3})x^{3/2}}$.

2. $y \ln x = x \frac{dy}{dx} \Rightarrow \frac{\ln x}{x} dx = \frac{dy}{y} \Rightarrow \int \frac{\ln x}{x} dx = \int \frac{dy}{y}$. Hence, we have

$$\frac{1}{2}(\ln|x|)^2 + C_1 = \ln|y| \Rightarrow y = e^{(\frac{1}{2})(\ln x)^2 + C_1} = Ce^{(\ln x)^2/2}. \text{ Note that } x > 0.$$

3. $\int \frac{du}{u} = \int v \sin v^2 dv \Rightarrow \ln|u| = -\frac{1}{2} \cos v^2 + C_1 \Rightarrow u = Ce^{-(\cos v^2)/2}$. The initial condition gives

$$u(0) = 1 = Ce^{-1/2} \Rightarrow C = e^{1/2}. \text{ The particular solution is, therefore,}$$

$$u = e^{1/2} e^{-(\cos v^2)/2} = e^{(1 - \cos v^2)/2}.$$

4. The given family of exponential functions is $y = Ce^x \Rightarrow y' = Ce^x = y$. The orthogonal trajectories satisfy

$$y' = -\frac{1}{y} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{y} \Rightarrow \int y dy = -\int \frac{1}{y} dx \Rightarrow \frac{y^2}{2} = -x + K_1. \text{ Hence, the orthogonal trajectories are the family of parabolas } y^2 = -2x + K.$$

5. The given family of parabolas is $x^2 = Cy \Rightarrow 2x = Cy' \Rightarrow y' = \frac{2x}{C}$, and we can solve for y' ,

$$\text{as follows: } y' = \frac{2x}{C} = \frac{2x}{x^2/y} = \frac{2y}{x}. \text{ The orthogonal trajectories satisfy the equation}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x}{2y} \Rightarrow 2 \int y dy = -\int \frac{1}{x} dx \Rightarrow y^2 = -\frac{x^2}{2} + K_1. \text{ Hence, the orthogonal trajectories are the family of ellipses } x^2 + 2y^2 = K.$$

6. $y = \frac{L}{1 + be^{-kt}} = L(1 + be^{-kt})^{-1} \Rightarrow y' = -L(1 + be^{-kt})^{-2}(-kbe^{-kt})$. This can be rearranged as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= -L(1 + be^{-kt})^{-2}(-kbe^{-kt}) \\ &= k \left[\frac{L}{1 + be^{-kt}} \right] \left[\frac{1}{1 + be^{-kt}} (be^{-kt}) \right] \\ &= ky \left[\frac{1 + be^{-kt} - 1}{1 + be^{-kt}} \right] \\ &= ky \left[1 - \frac{1}{1 + be^{-kt}} \right] \\ &= ky \left[1 - \frac{L}{L(1 + be^{-kt})} \right] = ky \left(1 - \frac{y}{L} \right). \end{aligned}$$

7. For this equation, $k=1$ and $L=36$. Therefore, the solution is $y = \frac{L}{1+be^{-kt}} = \frac{36}{1+be^{-t}}$. We determine b by using the initial condition:

$$4 = \frac{36}{1+b} \Rightarrow b=8. \text{ Hence, the solution is } y = \frac{36}{1+8e^{-t}}.$$

8. We can rewrite the equation as $\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{4}{5}y\left(1 - \frac{y}{120}\right)$. For this equation, $k = \frac{4}{5} = 0.8$ and $L=120$. Therefore,

$$\text{the solution is } y = \frac{L}{1+be^{-kt}} = \frac{120}{1+be^{-0.8t}}.$$

We determine b by using the initial condition:

$$8 = \frac{120}{1+b} \Rightarrow b=14. \text{ Hence, the solution is } y = \frac{120}{1+14e^{-0.8t}}.$$

9. The model is $y = \frac{L}{1+be^{-kt}}$, $L=20$, $y(0)=1$, $y(2)=4$. Hence, $y = \frac{20}{1+be^{-kt}}$.

$$y(0)=1 \Rightarrow 1 = \frac{20}{1+b} \Rightarrow b=19. \quad y(2)=4 \Rightarrow 4 = \frac{20}{1+19e^{-2k}}. \text{ Solving for } k,$$

$$1+19e^{-2k} = 5 \Rightarrow e^{-2k} = \frac{4}{19} \Rightarrow -2k = \ln \frac{4}{19} \Rightarrow k = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{19}{4} \approx 0.7791. \text{ The logistic model is}$$

$$y = \frac{20}{1+19e^{-0.7791t}}. \text{ At } t=5, y \approx 14.43 \text{ grams.}$$

10. $\frac{dy}{dx} = k(y-4).$