

A Level H2 Math

Differential Equations Test 4

Q1

(a) (i) Show that $\frac{d}{d\theta} \left(\sin \theta - \frac{1}{3} \sin^3 \theta \right) = \cos^3 \theta$. [1]

(ii) Find the solution to the differential equation $\operatorname{cosec} x \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = -\cos^2 x$ in the form $y = f(x)$, given that $y = 0$ and $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{\pi}$ when $x = 0$. [4]

(b) Show, by means of the substitution $v = x^2 y$, that the differential equation

$$x \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y + 4x^2 y = 0$$

can be reduced to the form

$$\frac{dv}{dx} = -4vx.$$

Hence find y in terms of x , given that $y = \frac{1}{3}$ when $x = -3$. [6]

Q2

A population of a certain organism grows from an initial size of 5. After 5 days, the size of the population is 20, and after t days, the size of the population is M . The rate of growth of the population is modelled as being proportional to $(100^2 - M^2)$.

- (i) Write down a differential equation modelling the population growth and find M in terms of t . [6]
- (ii) Find the size of the population after 15 days, giving your answer correct to the nearest whole number. [2]
- (iii) Find the least number of days required for the population to exceed 80. [2]

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Q3

In a model of forest fire investigation, the proportion of the total area of the forest which has been destroyed is denoted by x . The destruction rate of the fire is defined to be the rate of change of x with respect to the time t , in hours, measured from the instant the fire is first noticed. A particular forest fire is initially noticed when 20% of the total area of the forest is destroyed.

- (a) One model of forest fire investigation shows that the destruction rate is modelled by the differential equation

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{10}x(1-x).$$

- (i) Express the solution of the differential equation in the form $x = f(t)$ and sketch the part of the curve for $t \geq 0$. [6]
- (ii) Find the exact time when the destruction rate is at its maximum. [2]
- (iii) Explain briefly why this model cannot be used to estimate how long the forest has been burning when it is first noticed. [1]

- (b) A second model for the investigation of forest fire is suggested and given by the differential equation

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{5\pi \left[1 + \left(\frac{t}{10} + \tan \frac{\pi}{10} \right)^2 \right]}.$$

- Determine how long the forest has been burning when the fire is first noticed. [3]

Answers

Differential Equations Test 4

Q1

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a) (i)} \quad & \frac{d}{d\theta} \left(\sin \theta - \frac{1}{3} \sin^3 \theta \right) \\ &= \cos \theta - \sin^2 \theta \cos \theta \\ &= \cos \theta (1 - \sin^2 \theta) \\ &= \cos \theta (\cos^2 \theta) = \cos^3 \theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = -\sin x \cos^2 x$$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = (-\sin x)(\cos x)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{(\cos x)^3}{3} + C \\ &= \frac{1}{3} (\cos x \cdot \cos^2 x) + C \\ &= \frac{1}{3} (\cos x \cdot (1 - \sin^2 x)) + C \\ &= \frac{1}{3} (\cos x - \cos x \cdot \sin^2 x) + C \end{aligned}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{3} \left(\sin x - \frac{\sin^3 x}{3} \right) + Cx + D$$

When $x = 0$ and $y = 0$, $D = 0$

$$\text{When } x = 0 \text{ and } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{\pi}, C = \frac{2}{\pi}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{3} \left(\sin x - \frac{\sin^3 x}{3} \right) + \frac{2}{\pi} x$$

(b) $v = x^2 y$ ----- (1)

$$\frac{dv}{dx} = 2xy + x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} \text{ ----- (2)}$$

$$x \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y + 4x^2 y = 0 \text{ ----- (3)}$$

$$(3) \times x, \quad x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + 2xy + 4x^2 y(x) = 0 \text{ ----- (4)}$$

$$\frac{dv}{dx} + 4x(x^2 y) = 0$$

$$\frac{dv}{dx} + 4vx = 0$$

$$\frac{dv}{dx} = -4vx \text{ (Shown)}$$

$$\frac{dv}{dx} = -4vx$$

$$\int \frac{1}{v} dv = -4 \int x dx$$

$$\ln|v| = -2x^2 + c$$

$$v = \pm e^{-2x^2 + c}$$

$$v = Ae^{-2x^2}, \text{ where } A = \pm e^c$$

$$x^2 y = Ae^{-2x^2}$$

Given that $y = \frac{1}{3}$ when $x = -3$,

$$(-3)^2 \left(\frac{1}{3} \right) = Ae^{-18}$$

$$A = 3e^{18}$$

$$y = \frac{3e^{18-2x^2}}{x^2}$$

Q2

$$(i) \frac{dM}{dt} = k(100^2 - M^2), \quad k > 0$$

Since $\frac{dM}{dt} > 0$ and $M > 0$, $\Rightarrow (100^2 - M^2) > 0$ and $0 < M < 100$

$$\int \frac{1}{(100^2 - M^2)} dM = \int k dt$$

$$\frac{1}{200} \ln \left(\frac{100+M}{100-M} \right) = kt + C$$

$$\ln \left(\frac{100+M}{100-M} \right) = 200kt + C'$$

$$\frac{100+M}{100-M} = Ae^{200kt}, \quad \text{where } A = e^{C'}$$

$$\text{When } t = 0, \quad M = 5 \Rightarrow A = \frac{105}{95} = \frac{21}{19}$$

$$\text{When } t = 5, \quad M = 20 \Rightarrow \frac{3}{2} = \frac{21}{19} e^{1000k}$$

$$e^{1000k} = \frac{19}{14} \quad \text{or} \quad 200k = \frac{1}{5} \ln \left(\frac{19}{14} \right)$$

$$\text{Thus } \frac{100+M}{100-M} = \frac{21}{19} \left(e^{1000k} \right)^{\frac{t}{5}} = \frac{21}{19} \left(\frac{19}{14} \right)^{\frac{t}{5}}$$

$$100+M = \frac{21}{19} \left(\frac{19}{14} \right)^{\frac{t}{5}} (100-M)$$

$$M \left[\frac{21}{19} \left(\frac{19}{14} \right)^{\frac{t}{5}} + 1 \right] = 100 \left[\frac{21}{19} \left(\frac{19}{14} \right)^{\frac{t}{5}} - 1 \right]$$

$$M = \frac{100 \left[\frac{21}{19} \left(\frac{19}{14} \right)^{\frac{t}{5}} - 1 \right]}{\frac{21}{19} \left(\frac{19}{14} \right)^{\frac{t}{5}} + 1} \quad \text{OR} \quad \frac{100 \left[21 \left(\frac{19}{14} \right)^{\frac{t}{5}} - 19 \right]}{21 \left(\frac{19}{14} \right)^{\frac{t}{5}} + 19} \quad \text{OR} \quad \frac{100 \left[\left(\frac{19}{14} \right)^{\frac{t}{5}} - \frac{19}{21} \right]}{\left(\frac{19}{14} \right)^{\frac{t}{5}} + \frac{19}{21}}$$

(ii)

$$\text{When } t = 15, M = \frac{100 \left[\frac{21 \left(\frac{19}{14} \right)^3 - 1}{\frac{21 \left(\frac{19}{14} \right)^3}{19 \left(\frac{14}{19} \right)^3} + 1} \right]}{\frac{21 \left(\frac{19}{14} \right)^3}{19 \left(\frac{14}{19} \right)^3} + 1} = 46.847$$

$M \approx 47$ (nearest whole number)

(iii)

Method 1: Graphical Method

Sketch the graphs of $M=f(t)$ and $M=80$

From the graph, when $t > 34.336397$, $M > 80$

Least number of days required is 35.

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Method 2: Use GC table

When $t = 34$, $M = 79.627 < 80$

When $t = 35$, $M = 80.718 > 80$

When $t = 36$, $M = 81.756 > 80$

$$\Rightarrow t \geq 35$$

Thus least number of days required is 35.

Method 3:

$$\frac{100 \left[\frac{21 \left(\frac{19}{14} \right)^{\frac{t}{5}} - 1}{\frac{21 \left(\frac{19}{14} \right)^{\frac{t}{5}}}{19 \left(\frac{14}{19} \right)^{\frac{t}{5}}} + 1} \right]}{\frac{21 \left(\frac{19}{14} \right)^{\frac{t}{5}}}{19 \left(\frac{14}{19} \right)^{\frac{t}{5}}} + 1} > 80$$

$$\frac{5 \left[\frac{21 \left(\frac{19}{14} \right)^{\frac{t}{5}} - 1}{\frac{21 \left(\frac{19}{14} \right)^{\frac{t}{5}}}{19 \left(\frac{14}{19} \right)^{\frac{t}{5}}} + 1} \right]}{4} > \frac{21 \left(\frac{19}{14} \right)^{\frac{t}{5}}}{19 \left(\frac{14}{19} \right)^{\frac{t}{5}}} + 1$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{21 \left(\frac{19}{14} \right)^{\frac{t}{5}}}{19 \left(\frac{14}{19} \right)^{\frac{t}{5}}} > \frac{9}{4}$$

$$\left(\frac{19}{14} \right)^{\frac{t}{5}} > \frac{57}{7}$$

$$t > \frac{5 \ln \left(\frac{57}{7} \right)}{\ln \left(\frac{19}{14} \right)} = 34.336397$$

Least number of days required is 35.

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Q3

$$(a)(i) \quad \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{10}x(1-x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{1-x} \right) dx = \int \frac{1}{10} dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln \left| \frac{x}{1-x} \right| = \frac{1}{10}t + C,$$

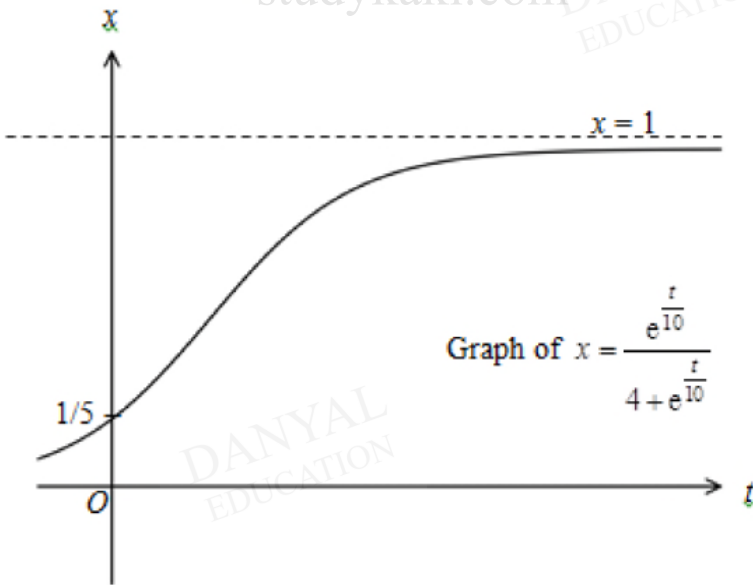
where C is an arbitrary constant

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{1-x} = Ae^{\frac{t}{10}}, \text{ where } A = \pm e^C$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{Ae^{\frac{t}{10}}}{1 + Ae^{\frac{t}{10}}}$$

When $t=0$, $x = \frac{1}{5}$. That is, $\frac{1}{5} = \frac{A}{1+A} \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{4}$.

Hence, $x = \frac{\frac{1}{4}e^{\frac{t}{10}}}{1 + \frac{1}{4}e^{\frac{t}{10}}} = \frac{e^{\frac{t}{10}}}{4 + e^{\frac{t}{10}}} = 1 - \frac{4}{4 + e^{\frac{t}{10}}}$.



(a)(ii) Since $\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{10}x(1-x)$ is a quadratic expression, destruction rate is at its

maximum when $x = \frac{0+1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$

Or when $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dx}{dt} \right) = \frac{1}{10} - \frac{1}{5}x = 0$ i.e., $x = \frac{1}{2}$.

Therefore, $\frac{\frac{1}{2}}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{4} e^{\frac{t}{10}}$.

$\Rightarrow e^{\frac{t}{10}} = 4 \Rightarrow t = 10 \ln 4$

(a)(iii) From $x = \frac{e^{\frac{t}{10}}}{4 + e^{\frac{t}{10}}}$, $x = 0 \Rightarrow e^{\frac{t}{10}} = 0$.
 Graph of $x = \frac{e^{\frac{t}{10}}}{4 + e^{\frac{t}{10}}}$:

Since $e^{\frac{t}{10}} > 0$ for all real t , there is no value of t for $x = 0$.

OR Note that $x = 1 - \frac{4}{4 + e^{\frac{t}{10}}}$.

Since $0 < \frac{4}{4 + e^{\frac{t}{10}}} < 1$, we will have $0 < x < 1$.

Hence, $x > 0$ for all real values of t , and there is no value of t for $x = 0$.

OR As $t \rightarrow -\infty$, $e^{\frac{t}{10}} \rightarrow 0^+$, $x = 1 - \frac{4}{4 + e^{\frac{t}{10}}} \rightarrow 0^+$.

Hence, $x = 0$ is a horizontal asymptote and there are no values of t giving $x = 0$.

(b) $\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{5\pi \left[1 + \left(\frac{t}{10} + \tan \frac{\pi}{10} \right)^2 \right]}$

$x = \frac{1}{5\pi} \int \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{t}{10} + \tan \frac{\pi}{10} \right)^2} dt$

$= \frac{10}{5\pi} \int \frac{\frac{1}{10}}{1 + \left(\frac{t}{10} + \tan \frac{\pi}{10} \right)^2} dt$

$= \frac{2}{\pi} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{t}{10} + \tan \frac{\pi}{10} \right) + C$

When $t = 0$, $x = \frac{1}{5}$. Hence

$\frac{1}{5} = \frac{2}{\pi} \tan^{-1} \left(\tan \frac{\pi}{10} \right) + C \Rightarrow C = 0$

That is, $x = \frac{2}{\pi} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{t}{10} + \tan \frac{\pi}{10} \right)$.

From G.C., when $x = 0$, $t = -3.25$ (3 s.f.)

Hence, the forest have been burning for 3.25 hours when it is first noticed.