

Diff equations [84 marks]

Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4x^2 + y^2 - xy}{x^2}$, with $y = 2$ when $x = 1$.

- 1a. Use Euler's method, with step length $h = 0.1$, to find an approximate value of y when $x = 1.4$. [5 marks]

Markscheme

x	y	$\frac{dy}{dx}$
1	2	6
1.1	2.6	7.22
1.2	3.32	8.89652
1.3	4.21	11.26
1.4	5.34	

(M1)(A1)(A1)(A1)A1

$$y(1.4) \approx 5.34$$

Note: Award **A1** for each correct y value.

For the intermediate y values, accept answers that are accurate to 2 significant figures.

The final y value must be accurate to 3 significant figures or better.

[5 marks]

- 1b. Express $m^2 - 2m + 4$ in the form $(m - a)^2 + b$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$. [1 mark]

Markscheme

$$m^2 - 2m + 4 = (m - 1)^2 + 3 \quad (a = 1, b = 3) \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

[1 mark]

- 1c. Solve the differential equation, for $x > 0$, giving your answer in the form $y = f(x)$. [10 marks]

Markscheme

recognition of homogeneous equation,
let $y = vx$ **M1**

the equation can be written as

$$v + x \frac{dv}{dx} = 4 + v^2 - v \text{ (A1)}$$

$$x \frac{dv}{dx} = v^2 - 2v + 4$$

$$\int \frac{1}{v^2 - 2v + 4} dv = \int \frac{1}{x} dx \text{ M1}$$

Note: Award **M1** for attempt to separate the variables.

$$\int \frac{1}{(v-1)^2 + 3} dv = \int \frac{1}{x} dx \text{ from part (c)(i) M1}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \arctan \left(\frac{v-1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) = \ln x (+c) \text{ A1A1}$$

$$x = 1, y = 2 \Rightarrow v = 2$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \arctan \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) = \ln 1 + c \text{ M1}$$

Note: Award **M1** for using initial conditions to find c .

$$\Rightarrow c = \frac{\pi}{6\sqrt{3}} (= 0.302) \text{ A1}$$

$$\arctan \left(\frac{v-1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) = \sqrt{3} \ln x + \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$\text{substituting } v = \frac{y}{x} \text{ M1}$$

Note: This **M1** may be awarded earlier.

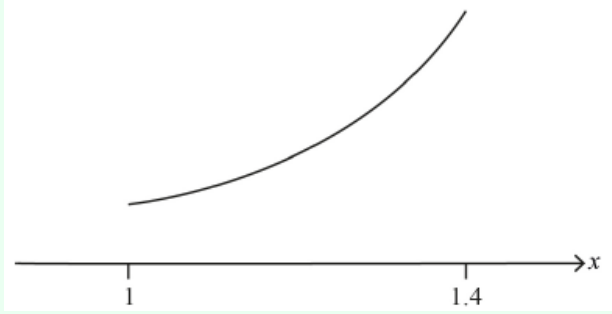
$$y = x \left(\sqrt{3} \tan \left(\sqrt{3} \ln x + \frac{\pi}{6} \right) + 1 \right) \text{ A1}$$

[10 marks]

1d. Sketch the graph of $y = f(x)$ for $1 \leq x \leq 1.4$.

[1 mark]

Markscheme



curve drawn over correct domain **A1**

[1 mark]

- 1e. With reference to the curvature of your sketch in part (c)(iii), and without [2 marks] further calculation, explain whether you conjecture $f(1.4)$ will be less than, equal to, or greater than your answer in part (a).

Markscheme

the sketch shows that f is concave up **A1**

Note: Accept f' is increasing.

this means the tangent drawn using Euler's method will give an underestimate of the real value, so $f(1.4) >$ estimate in part (a) **R1**

Note: The **R1** is dependent on the **A1**.

[2 marks]

Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 + \frac{y}{x}$, where $x \neq 0$.

- 2a. Given that $y(1) = 1$, use Euler's method with step length $h = 0.25$ to [4 marks] find an approximation for $y(2)$. Give your answer to two significant figures.

Markscheme

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attempt to apply Euler's method **(M1)**

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + 0.25; y_{n+1} = y_n + 0.25 \times \left(1 + \frac{y_n}{x_n}\right)$$

x	y	$\frac{dy}{dx}$
1.00	1.00000	2.00000
1.25	1.50000	2.20000
1.50	2.05000	2.36667
1.75	2.64167	2.50952
2.00	3.26905	

(A1)(A1)

Note: Award **A1** for correct x values, **A1** for first three correct y values.

$$y = 3.3 \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

[4 marks]

2b. Solve the equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 + \frac{y}{x}$ for $y(1) = 1$.

[6 marks]

Markscheme

METHOD 1

$$I(x) = e^{\int -\frac{1}{x} dx} \text{ (M1)}$$

$$= e^{-\ln x}$$

$$= \frac{1}{x} \text{ (A1)}$$

$$\frac{1}{x} \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{y}{x^2} = \frac{1}{x} \text{ (M1)}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{y}{x} \right) = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\frac{y}{x} = \ln |x| + C \text{ A1}$$

$$y(1) = 1 \Rightarrow C = 1 \text{ M1}$$

$$y = x \ln |x| + x \text{ A1}$$

METHOD 2

$$v = \frac{y}{x} \text{ M1}$$

$$\frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{1}{x} \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{1}{x^2} y \text{ (A1)}$$

$$v + x \frac{dv}{dx} = 1 + v \text{ M1}$$

$$\int 1 dv = \int \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$v = \ln |x| + C$$

$$\frac{y}{x} = \ln |x| + C \text{ A1}$$

$$y(1) = 1 \Rightarrow C = 1 \text{ M1}$$

$$y = x \ln |x| + x \text{ A1}$$

[6 marks]

- 2c. Find the percentage error when $y(2)$ is approximated by the final rounded value found in part (a). Give your answer to two significant figures. *[3 marks]*

Markscheme

$$y(2) = 2 \ln 2 + 2 = 3.38629 \dots$$

$$\text{percentage error} = \frac{3.38629 \dots - 3.3}{3.38629 \dots} \times 100\% \text{ (M1)(A1)}$$

$$= 2.5\% \text{ A1}$$

[3 marks]

Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{x}{x^2+1}y = x$ where $y = 1$ when $x = 0$.

3a. Show that $\sqrt{x^2 + 1}$ is an integrating factor for this differential equation. [4 marks]

Markscheme

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METHOD 1

$$\text{integrating factor} = e^{\int \frac{x}{x^2+1} dx} \quad \mathbf{(M1)}$$

$$\int \frac{x}{x^2+1} dx = \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2 + 1) \quad \mathbf{(M1)}$$

Note: Award **M1** for use of $u = x^2 + 1$ for example or $\int \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} dx = \ln f(x)$.

$$\text{integrating factor} = e^{\frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2+1)} \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

$$= e^{\ln(\sqrt{x^2+1})} \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

Note: Award **A1** for $e^{\ln \sqrt{u}}$ where $u = x^2 + 1$.

$$= \sqrt{x^2 + 1} \quad \mathbf{AG}$$

METHOD 2

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(y \sqrt{x^2 + 1} \right) = \frac{dy}{dx} \sqrt{x^2 + 1} + \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+1}} y \quad \mathbf{M1A1}$$

$$\sqrt{x^2 + 1} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{x}{x^2+1} y \right) \quad \mathbf{M1A1}$$

Note: Award **M1** for attempting to express in the form $\sqrt{x^2 + 1} \times$ (LHS of de).

so $\sqrt{x^2 + 1}$ is an integrating factor for this differential equation **AG**

[4 marks]

3b. Solve the differential equation giving your answer in the form $y = f(x)$. [6 marks]

Markscheme

$$\sqrt{x^2 + 1} \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}} y = x\sqrt{x^2 + 1} \text{ (or equivalent) } \mathbf{(M1)}$$

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

$$y\sqrt{x^2 + 1} = \int x\sqrt{x^2 + 1} dx \left(y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}} \int x\sqrt{x^2 + 1} dx \right) \mathbf{A1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} (x^2 + 1)^{\frac{3}{2}} + C \mathbf{(M1)A1}$$

Note: Award **M1** for using an appropriate substitution.

Note: Condone the absence of C .

$$\text{substituting } x = 0, y = 1 \Rightarrow C = \frac{2}{3} \mathbf{M1}$$

Note: Award **M1** for attempting to find their value of C .

$$y = \frac{1}{3} (x^2 + 1) + \frac{2}{3\sqrt{x^2 + 1}} \left(y = \frac{(x^2 + 1)^{\frac{3}{2}} + 2}{3\sqrt{x^2 + 1}} \right) \mathbf{A1}$$

[6 marks]

4a. Consider the differential equation

[3 marks]

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right), \quad x > 0.$$

Use the substitution $y = vx$ to show that the general solution of this differential equation is

$$\int \frac{dv}{f(v) - v} = \ln x + \text{Constant.}$$

Markscheme

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$$y = vx \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = v + x \frac{dv}{dx} \quad \mathbf{M1}$$

the differential equation becomes

$$v + x \frac{dv}{dx} = f(v) \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

$$\int \frac{dv}{f(v)-v} = \int \frac{dx}{x} \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

$$\text{integrating, Constant } \int \frac{dv}{f(v)-v} = \ln x + \text{Constant} \quad \mathbf{AG}$$

[3 marks]

4b. Hence, or otherwise, solve the differential equation

[10 marks]

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^2 + 3xy + y^2}{x^2}, x > 0,$$

given that $y = 1$ when $x = 1$. Give your answer in the form $y = g(x)$.

Markscheme

EITHER

$$f(v) = 1 + 3v + v^2 \text{ (A1)}$$

$$\left(\int \frac{dv}{f(v)-v} \right) \int \frac{dv}{1+3v+v^2-v} = \ln x + C \text{ M1A1}$$

$$\int \frac{dv}{(1+v)^2} = (\ln x + C) \text{ A1}$$

Note: **A1** is for correct factorization.

$$-\frac{1}{1+v} (= \ln x + C) \text{ A1}$$

OR

$$v + x \frac{dv}{dx} = 1 + 3v + v^2 \text{ A1}$$

$$\int \frac{dv}{1+2v+v^2} = \int \frac{1}{x} dx \text{ M1}$$

$$\int \frac{dv}{(1+v)^2} (= \int \frac{1}{x} dx) \text{ (A1)}$$

Note: **A1** is for correct factorization.

$$-\frac{1}{1+v} = \ln x (+C) \text{ A1A1}$$

THEN

substitute $y = 1$ or $v = 1$ when $x = 1$ (**M1**)

therefore $C = -\frac{1}{2}$ **A1**

Note: This **A1** can be awarded anywhere in their solution.

substituting for v ,

$$-\frac{1}{(1+\frac{y}{x})} = \ln x - \frac{1}{2} \text{ M1}$$

Note: Award for correct substitution of $\frac{y}{x}$ into their expression.

$$1 + \frac{y}{x} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2} - \ln x} \text{ (A1)}$$

Note: Award for any rearrangement of a correct expression that has y in the numerator.

$$y = x \left(\frac{1}{(\frac{1}{2} - \ln x)} - 1 \right) \text{ (or equivalent) A1}$$

$$\left(= x \left(\frac{1+2\ln x}{1-2\ln x} \right) \right)$$

[10 marks]

Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} + \left(\frac{2x}{1+x^2}\right)y = x^2$, given that $y = 2$ when $x = 0$.

5a. Show that $1 + x^2$ is an integrating factor for this differential equation. [5 marks]

Markscheme

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METHOD 1

attempting to find an integrating factor (M1)

$$\int \frac{2x}{1+x^2} dx = \ln(1+x^2) \quad (M1)A1$$

IF is $e^{\ln(1+x^2)}$ (M1)A1

$$= 1 + x^2 \quad AG$$

METHOD 2

multiply by the integrating factor

$$(1+x^2)\frac{dy}{dx} + 2xy = x^2(1+x^2) \quad M1A1$$

left hand side is equal to the derivative of $(1+x^2)y$

A3

[5 marks]

5b. Hence solve this differential equation. Give the answer in the form $y = f(x)$. [6 marks]

Markscheme

$$(1 + x^2) \frac{dy}{dx} + 2xy = (1 + x^2)x^2 \text{ (M1)}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [(1 + x^2)y] = x^2 + x^4$$

$$(1 + x^2)y = (\int x^2 + x^4 dx =) \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} (+c) \text{ A1A1}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{1+x^2} \left(\frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} + c \right)$$

$$x = 0, y = 2 \Rightarrow c = 2 \text{ M1A1}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{1+x^2} \left(\frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} + 2 \right) \text{ A1}$$

[6 marks]

Consider the expression $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+ax}} - \sqrt{1-x}$ where $a \in \mathbb{Q}$, $a \neq 0$.

The binomial expansion of this expression, in ascending powers of x , as far as the term in x^2 is $4bx + bx^2$, where $b \in \mathbb{Q}$.

6a. Find the value of a and the value of b .

[6 marks]

Markscheme

attempt to expand binomial with negative fractional power **(M1)**

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+ax}} = (1 + ax)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = 1 - \frac{ax}{2} + \frac{3a^2x^2}{8} + \dots \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\sqrt{1-x} = (1-x)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1 - \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{8} + \dots \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+ax}} - \sqrt{1-x} = \frac{(1-a)}{2}x + \left(\frac{3a^2+1}{8} \right)x^2 + \dots$$

attempt to equate coefficients of x or x^2 **(M1)**

$$x : \frac{1-a}{2} = 4b; \quad x^2 : \frac{3a^2+1}{8} = b$$

attempt to solve simultaneously **(M1)**

$$a = -\frac{1}{3}, \quad b = \frac{1}{6} \quad \text{A1}$$

[6 marks]

- 6b. State the restriction which must be placed on x for this expansion to be valid. [1 mark]

Markscheme

$$|x| < 1 \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

[1 mark]

The function f is defined by $f(x) = \arcsin(2x)$, where $-\frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2}$.

- 7a. By finding a suitable number of derivatives of f , find the first two non-zero terms in the Maclaurin series for f . [8 marks]

Markscheme

$$f(x) = \arcsin(2x)$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{1-4x^2}} \text{ M1A1}$$

Note: Award **M1A0** for $f'(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-4x^2}}$

$$f''(x) = \frac{8x}{(1-4x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \text{ A1}$$

EITHER

$$f'''(x) = \frac{8(1-4x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} - 8x \left(\frac{3}{2}(-8x)(1-4x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)}{(1-4x^2)^3} \left(= \frac{8(1-4x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} + 96x^2(1-4x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(1-4x^2)^3} \right) \text{ A1}$$

OR

$$f'''(x) = 8(1-4x^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} + 8x \left(-\frac{3}{2}(1-4x^2)^{-\frac{5}{2}} \right) (-8x) \left(= 8(1-4x^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} + 96x \right)$$

A1

THEN

substitute $x = 0$ into f or any of its derivatives (**M1**)

$$f(0) = 0, f'(0) = 2 \text{ and } f''(0) = 0 \text{ A1}$$

$$f'''(0) = 8$$

the Maclaurin series is

$$f(x) = 2x + \frac{8x^3}{6} + \dots \left(= 2x + \frac{4x^3}{3} + \dots \right) \text{ (M1)A1}$$

[8 marks]

7b. Hence or otherwise, find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\arcsin(2x) - 2x}{(2x)^3}$.

[3 marks]

Markscheme

METHOD 1

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\arcsin(2x) - 2x}{(2x)^3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x + \frac{4x^3}{3} + \dots - 2x}{8x^3} \quad \mathbf{M1}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{4}{3} + \dots \text{terms with } x}{8} \quad \mathbf{(M1)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

Note: Condone the omission of +... in their working.

METHOD 2

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\arcsin(2x) - 2x}{(2x)^3} = \frac{0}{0} \text{ indeterminate form, using L'Hôpital's rule}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{2}{\sqrt{1-4x^2}} - 2}{24x^2} \quad \mathbf{M1}$$

$$= \frac{0}{0} \text{ indeterminate form, using L'Hôpital's rule again}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{8x}{(1-4x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}}{48x} \left(= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{6(1-4x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \right) \quad \mathbf{M1}$$

Note: Award **M1** only if their previous expression is in indeterminate form.

$$= \frac{1}{6} \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

Note: Award **FT** for use of their derivatives from part (a).

[3 marks]