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Mathematics 9709 A2 Level Pure Mathematics 3 3.8 Differential Equations Easy

Questions

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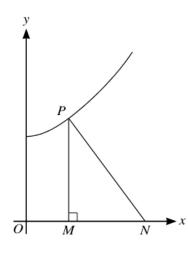
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Answers

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Let's separate the variables,

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

Integrate both sides,

$$\int \frac{1}{y} dy = \int \frac{1}{x} - 2x \, dx$$
$$\ln y + c = \ln x - x^2$$

Let's evaluate y using y = 1 when x = 1,

$$\ln 1 + c = \ln 1 - (1)^2$$

 $c = 1$

Substitute c,

 $\ln y - 1 = \ln x - x^2$

Make y the subject of the formula,

$$\ln y = \ln x + 1 - x^{2}$$
$$y = e^{\ln x + 1 - x^{2}}$$
$$y = e^{\ln x} e^{1 - x^{2}}$$
$$y = x e^{1 - x^{2}}$$

$$y = xe^{1-x^2}$$

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Separate the variables,

$$\frac{1}{y}dy = \frac{\sin x}{1 - \cos x}dx$$

Integrate both sides,

$$\int \frac{1}{y} dy = \int \frac{\sin x}{1 - \cos x} dx$$
$$\ln y + c = \ln(1 - \cos x)$$

Use y = 4 when $x = \pi$ to evaluate c,

$$\ln 4 + c = \ln(1 - \cos \pi)$$
$$\ln 4 + c = \ln(1 - (-1))$$
$$\ln 4 + c = \ln 2$$
$$c = \ln 2 - \ln 4$$
$$c = \ln \frac{2}{4}$$
$$c = \ln \frac{1}{2}$$

Substitute c,

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

Let's make y the subject of the formula,

$$\ln y = \ln(1 - \cos x) - \ln \frac{1}{2}$$

Combine the two logarithms on the right hand side,

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

Apply the exponential function to both sides,

$$y = 2 - 2\cos x$$

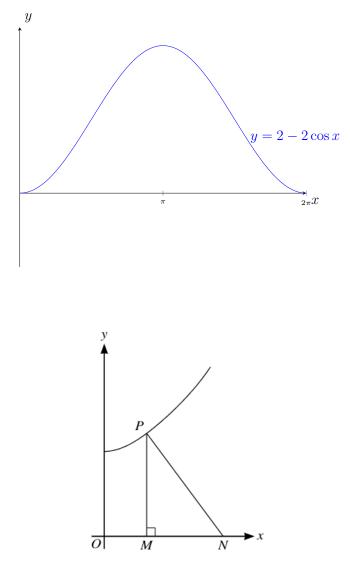
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Let's find the gradient of the normal through P and N,

$$m_N = \frac{y_1 - y_2}{x_1 - x_2}$$
$$m_N = \frac{0 - y}{MN}$$

From the diagram, we can tell that the gradient is supposed to be negative because of how the normal is sloped. This means that the gradient of our normal is,

$$m_N = -\frac{y}{MN}$$

 $\frac{dy}{dx}$ denotes the gradient of the tangent. The gradient of the tangent is the negative reciprocal of the gradient of the normal,

$$m_T = \frac{MN}{y}$$
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{MN}{y}$$

Therefore, the final answer is,

$$\frac{MN}{y} = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

ii. Hence show that x and y satisfy the differential equation $\frac{1}{2}y^2\frac{dy}{dx} = \tan x.$

$$\frac{MN}{y} = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

We can write MN as,

$$MN = y\frac{dy}{dx}$$

Now using the triangle, let's create an equation based on its area,

$$\frac{1}{2} \times y \times MN = \tan x$$

Substitute MN,

$$\frac{1}{2} \times y \times y \frac{dy}{dx} = \tan x$$
$$\frac{1}{2}y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} = \tan x$$

Therefore, the final answer is,

$$\frac{1}{2}y^2\frac{dy}{dx} = \tan x$$

(b) Given that y = 1 when x = 0, solve this differential equation to find the equation of the curve, expressing y in terms of x.

$$\frac{1}{2}y^2\frac{dy}{dx} = \tan x$$

Let's separate the variables,

$$\frac{1}{2}y^2dy = \tan xdx$$

Integrate both sides,

$$\int \frac{1}{2}y^2 dy = \int \tan x dx$$
$$\frac{1}{6}y^3 + c = -\int \frac{-\sin x}{\cos x} dx$$
$$\frac{1}{6}y^3 + c = -\ln\cos x$$

Use y = 1 when x = 0 to evaluate c,

$$\frac{1}{6}(1)^3 + c = -\ln\cos 0$$
$$\frac{1}{6} + c = -\ln(1)$$
$$\frac{1}{6} + c = 0$$
$$c = -\frac{1}{6}$$

Substitute c,

$$\frac{1}{6}y^3 - \frac{1}{6} = -\ln\cos x$$

Make y the subject of the formula,

$$\frac{1}{6}y^{3} = \frac{1}{6} - \ln \cos x$$
$$y^{3} = 1 - 6\cos x$$
$$y = (1 - 6\cos x)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

Therefore, the final answer is,

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4. A large plantation of area 20 km^2 is becoming infected with a plant disease. At time t years the area infected is $x \text{ km}^2$ and the rate of increase of x is proportional to the ratio of the area infected to the area not yet infected.

When t = 0, x = 1 and $\frac{dx}{dt} = 1$. (9709/33/O/N/21 number 10)

(a) Show that x and t satisfy the differential equation

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{19x}{20 - x}$$

We are told that "rate of increase of x is proportional to the ratio of the area infected to the area not yet infected",

$$\frac{dx}{dt} \propto \frac{x}{20 - x}$$
$$\frac{dx}{dt} = k \frac{x}{20 - x}$$

We are told that when t = 0, x = 1 and $\frac{dx}{dt} = 1$,

$$1 = k \frac{1}{20 - 1}$$
$$1 = \frac{1}{19}k$$
$$k = 19$$

This means that,

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 19 \frac{x}{20 - x}$$
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Therefore, the final answer is,

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{19x}{20 - x}$$

(b) Solve the differential equation and show that when t = 1 the value of x satisfies the equation $x = e^{0.9+0.05x}$.

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{19x}{20 - x}$$

Separate the variables,

$$\frac{20 - x}{19x} dx = 1 \ dt$$
$$\frac{20}{19x} - \frac{x}{19x} \ dx = 1 \ dt$$
$$\frac{20}{19x} - \frac{1}{19} \ dx = 1 \ dt$$

Integrate both sides,

$$\int \frac{20}{19x} - \frac{1}{19} \, dx = \int 1 \, dt$$
$$\frac{20}{19} \ln x - \frac{1}{19} x + c = t$$

Use t = 0 when x = 1 to evaluate c,

$$\frac{20}{19}\ln 1 - \frac{1}{19}(1) + c = 0$$
$$-\frac{1}{19} + c = 0$$
$$c = \frac{1}{19}$$

Substitute *c*,

$$\frac{20}{19}\ln x - \frac{1}{19}x + \frac{1}{19} = t$$

Simplify,

$$20 \ln x - x + 1 = 19t$$

 $20 \ln x = 19t - 1 + x$

Substitute t with 1,

$$20 \ln x = 19(1) - 1 + x$$
$$20 \ln x = 18 + x$$

Divide both sides by 20,

 $\ln x = 0.9 + 0.05x$

Apply the exponential function to both sides,

$$x = e^{0.9 + 0.05x}$$

Therefore, the final answer is,

$$x = e^{0.9 + 0.05x}$$

(c) Use an iterative formula based on the equation in part (a), with an initial value of 2, to determine x correct to 2 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 4 decimal places.

 $x_{n+1} = e^{0.9 + 0.05x_n}$

We are told that our initial value, x_0 is 2,

$$x_1 = e^{0.9 + 0.05(2)} = 2.7183$$
$$x_2 = e^{0.9 + 0.05(Ans)} = 2.8177$$
$$x_3 = 2.8317 \approx 2.83$$
$$x_4 = 2.8337 \approx 2.83$$

Therefore, the final answer is,

x = 2.83

(d) Calculate the value of t at which the entire plantation becomes infected.

$$20\ln x = 19t - 1 + x$$

We are told that the entire plantation is 20 km^2 . This means that it becomes completely infected when x = 20,

$$20 \ln 20 = 19t - 1 + 20$$
$$20 \ln 20 = 19t + 19$$
$$19t = 20 \ln 20 - 19$$
$$t = \frac{20 \ln 20 - 19}{19}$$
$$t = 2.15$$

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5. The variables x and y satisfy the differential equation

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and y = 2 when x = 0. (9709/31/M/J/22 number 4)

Solve the differential equation, obtaining a simplified expression for y in terms of x.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{xy}{1+x^2}$$

Separate the variables,

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

Integrate both sides,

$$\int \frac{1}{y} dy = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{2x}{1+x^2} dx$$
$$\ln y + c = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(1+x^2\right)$$

Use y = 2 when x = 0 to evaluate c,

$$\ln 2 + c = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(1 + (0)^2 \right)$$
$$\ln 2 + c = \frac{1}{2} \ln(1)$$
$$\ln 2 + c = 0$$
$$c = -\ln 2$$

Substitute $\ensuremath{\mathit{c}}$,

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

Make y the subject of the formula,

$$\ln y = \frac{1}{2}\ln(1+x^2) + \ln 2$$

Combine the two logarithms on the right,

$$\ln y = \ln \left(\sqrt{1+x^2}\right) + \ln 2$$
$$\ln y = \ln \left(2\sqrt{1+x^2}\right)$$

Apply the exponential function to both sides,

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- 6. At time t days after the start of observations, the number of insects in a population is N. The variation in the number of insects is modelled by a differential equation of the form $\frac{dN}{dt} = kN^{\frac{3}{2}}\cos 0.02t$, where k is a constant and N is a continuous variable. It is given that when t = 0, N = 100. (9709/33/M/J/22 number 8)
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$$\frac{dN}{dt} = kN^{\frac{3}{2}}\cos 0.02t$$

Separate the variables,

$$\frac{1}{N^{\frac{3}{2}}}dN = k\cos 0.02tdt$$
$$N^{-\frac{3}{2}}dN = k\cos 0.02tdt$$

Integrate both sides,

$$\int N^{-\frac{3}{2}} dN = \int k \cos 0.02t dt$$
$$-2N^{-\frac{1}{2}} + c = \frac{k}{0.02} \sin 0.02t$$
$$-\frac{2}{\sqrt{N}} + c = 50k \sin 0.02t$$

Use t = 0 and N = 100 to evaluate c,

$$-\frac{2}{\sqrt{100}} + c = 50k \sin 0.02(0)$$
$$-\frac{2}{10} + c = 0$$
$$-\frac{1}{5} + c = 0$$
$$c = \frac{1}{5}$$

Substitute c,

$$-\frac{2}{\sqrt{N}} + \frac{1}{5} = 50k\sin 0.02t$$

Therefore, the final answer is,

$$-\frac{2}{\sqrt{N}} + \frac{1}{5} = 50k\sin 0.02t$$

(b) Given also that N = 625 when t = 50, find the value of k.

$$-\frac{2}{\sqrt{N}} + \frac{1}{5} = 50k\sin 0.02t$$

Substitute the given values,

$$-\frac{2}{\sqrt{625}} + \frac{1}{5} = 50k\sin 0.02(50)$$
$$-\frac{2}{25} + \frac{1}{5} = 50k\sin 1$$

Make k the subject of the formula,

$$k = \frac{-\frac{2}{25} + \frac{1}{5}}{50\sin 1}$$
$$k = 0.00285$$

Therefore, the final answer is,

$$k = 0.00285$$

(c) Obtain an expression for n in terms of t, and find the greatest value of N predicted by this model.

$$-\frac{2}{\sqrt{N}} + \frac{1}{5} = 50k\sin 0.02t$$
$$-\frac{2}{\sqrt{N}} + \frac{1}{5} = 50(0.002852)\sin 0.02t$$
$$-\frac{2}{\sqrt{N}} + \frac{1}{5} = 0.1426\sin 0.02t$$

Get rid of the denominators,

$$-10 + \sqrt{N} = 0.713 \sin 0.02t \sqrt{N}$$

Put all the terms containing \sqrt{N} on one side,

$$0.713\sin 0.02t\sqrt{N} - \sqrt{N} = -10$$

Factor out \sqrt{N} ,

$$\sqrt{N}(0.713\sin 0.02t - 1) = -10$$

Make \sqrt{N} the subject of the formula,

$$\sqrt{N} = -\frac{10}{0.713\sin 0.02t - 1}$$

Square both sides,

$$N = \left(-\frac{10}{0.713\sin 0.02t - 1}\right)^2$$

The greatest value of $\sin 0.02t$ is 1,

$$N = \left(-\frac{10}{0.713(1) - 1}\right)^2$$

This simplifies to give,

N = 1214

Therefore, the final answer is,

N = 1214

7. In a certain chemical reaction the amount, x grams, of a substance is increasing. The differential equation satisfied by x and t, the time in seconds since the reaction began, is

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = kxe^{-0.1t}$$

where k is a positive constant. It is given that x = 20 at the start of the reaction. (9709/31/O/N/22 number 8)

(a) Solve the differential equation, obtaining a relation between x, t and k.

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = kxe^{-0.1t}$$

Separate the variables,

$$\frac{1}{x}dx = ke^{-0.1t}dt$$

Integrate both sides,

$$\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \int k e^{-0.1t} dt$$
$$\ln x + c = -10k e^{-0.1t}$$

At the start of the reaction x = 20 and the time, t = 0,

$$\ln 20 + c = -10ke^{-0.1(0)}$$
$$\ln 20 + c = -10k$$
$$c = -10k - \ln 20$$

Substitute c,

 $\ln x - 10k - \ln 20 = -10ke^{-0.1t}$

Therefore, the final answer is,

$$\ln x - 10k - \ln 20 = -10ke^{-0.1t}$$

(b) Given that x = 40 when t = 10, find the value of k and find the value approached by x as t becomes large.

$$\ln x - 10k - \ln 20 = -10ke^{-0.1t}$$

Substitute the given values,

$$\ln 40 - 10k - \ln 20 = -10ke^{-0.1(10)}$$
$$\ln \frac{40}{20} - 10k = -10ke^{-1}$$
$$\ln 2 - 10k = -10ke^{-1}$$

Put all the terms containing x on one side,

$$10ke^{-1} - 10k = -\ln 2$$
$$k (10e^{-1} - 10) = -\ln 2$$
$$k = -\frac{\ln 2}{10e^{-1} - 10}$$

As t becomes large,

$$\ln x - 10k - \ln 20 = -10ke^{-0.1t}$$

 $e^{-0.1t}$ or $\frac{1}{e^{0.1t}}$ approaches 0,

$$\ln x - 10k - \ln 20 = -10k(0)$$
$$\ln x - 10k - \ln 20 = 0$$

Make $\ln x$ the subject of the formula,

$$\ln x = \ln 20 + 10k$$
$$x = e^{\ln 20 + 10k}$$
$$x = 20e^{10k}$$
$$x = 20 \exp(10k)$$

Substitute k,

$$x = 20 \exp\left(10 \times -\frac{\ln 2}{10e^{-1} - 10}\right)$$
$$x = 59.9$$

Therefore, the final answer is,

x approaches 59.9.

8. A gardener is filling an ornamental pool with water, using a hose that delivers 30 litres of water per minute. Initially the pool is empty. At time t minutes after filling begins the volume of water in the pool is V litres. The pool has a small leak and loses water at a rate of 0.01V litres per minute.

The differential equation satisfied by V and t is of the form $\frac{dV}{dt} = a - bV$. (9709/33/O/N/22 number 10)

(a) Write down the values of the constants a and b.

Using the given information we can say that,

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = 30 - 0.01V$$

$$a = 30 \quad b = 0.01$$

(b) Solve the differential equation and find the value of t when V = 1000.

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = 30 - 0.01V$$

Separate the variables,

$$\frac{1}{30 - 0.01V} \ dV = 1 \ dt$$

Integrate both sides,

$$-\frac{1}{0.01}\ln(30 - 0.01V) + c = t$$
$$-100\ln(30 - 0.01V) + c = t$$

We know that initially (at t = 0), the pool is empty (V = 0). We can use that knowledge to evaluate c,

$$-100 \ln(30 - 0.01(0)) + c = 0$$
$$-100 \ln(30) + c = 0$$
$$c = 100 \ln(30)$$

Substitute *c*,

$$-100\ln(30 - 0.01V) + 100\ln(30) = t$$

Now let's evaluate t when V = 1000,

$$t = -100 \ln(30 - 0.01(1000)) + 100 \ln(30)$$
$$t = -100 \ln(20) + 100 \ln(30)$$
$$t = 40.5$$

Therefore, the final answer is,

$$t = 40.5$$

(c) Obtain an expression for V in terms of t and hence state what happens to V as t becomes large.

$$-100\ln(30 - 0.01V) + 100\ln(30) = t$$

Let's make V the subject of the formula,

$$100 \ln(30 - 0.01V) = 100 \ln(30) - t$$
$$\ln ((30 - 0.01V)^{100}) = \ln 30^{100} - t$$
$$(30 - 0.01V)^{100} = e^{\ln 30^{100} - t}$$
$$(30 - 0.01V)^{100} = e^{\ln 30^{100}} e^{-t}$$
$$(30 - 0.01V)^{100} = 30^{100} e^{-t}$$

Take the $100\mbox{-th}$ root of both sides to simplify,

$$30 - 0.01V = 30e^{-100t}$$
$$0.01V = 30 - 30e^{-100t}$$
$$V = \frac{30 - 30e^{-100t}}{0.01}$$
$$V = 3000 - 3000e^{-100t}$$
$$V = 3000 (1 - e^{-t})$$

As t becomes large, e^{-t} or $\frac{1}{e^t}$ approaches 0,

$$V = 3000 (1 - 0)$$

 $V = 3000$

Therefore, the final answer is,

As t becomes large, V approaches 3000.