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Discussion (circle day, time) Tu Th 10 12

(1) Show your work for full credit. (2) Give *exact answers* whenever possible; otherwise give answers accurate to two decimal places. (3) You are expected to abide by the University's rules concerning academic honesty.

1. (10 pts.) Determine the Taylor polynomial  $p_4(x)$  approximating the solution at  $x_0 = 0$  of the initial value problem  $y'' = (x + 2)^3 + y^2$ , where  $y(0) = 1$  and  $y'(0) = -2$ .

*Solution:* The equation is

$$y^{(2)} = (x + 2)^3 + y^2.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} y^{(3)} &= 3(x + 2)^2 + 2yy^{(1)}; \\ y^{(4)} &= 6(x + 2) + 2(y^{(1)}y^{(1)} + yy^{(2)}). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $y(0) = 1$  and  $y^{(1)}(0) = -2$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} y^{(2)}(0) &= 2^3 + (-1)^2 &= 9; \\ y^{(3)}(0) &= 3(2^2) + 2(1)(-2) &= 8; \\ y^{(4)}(0) &= 6(2) + 2((-2)^2 + (1)(9)) &= 38. \end{aligned} \quad (6 \text{ points})$$

Therefore

$$p_4(x) = y(0) + y^{(1)}x + \frac{y^{(2)}(0)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{y^{(3)}(0)}{3!}x^3 + \frac{y^{(4)}(0)}{4!}x^4 = 1 - 2x + \frac{9}{2}x^2 + \frac{4}{3}x^3 + \frac{19}{12}x^4. \quad (4 \text{ points})$$

2. (10 pts.) Suppose that  $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  is a power series solution to  $y' + 5x = 2y$ . Express  $a_1$ ,  $a_2$ , and  $a_3$  in terms of  $a_0$ .

*Solution:* Write  $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ . Thus  $y' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1)a_{n+1}x^n$ . The equation is

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1)a_{n+1}x^n + 5x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2a_n x^n. \quad (3 \text{ points})$$

Comparing coefficients we have

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= 2a_0; \\ a_1 &= 2a_0; \\ 2a_2 + 5 &= 2a_1; & \text{Therefore } a_2 &= \frac{1}{2}(2a_1 - 5) = 2a_0 - \frac{5}{2}; \\ 3a_3 &= 2a_2. & a_3 &= \frac{2}{3}a_2 = \frac{4}{3}a_0 - \frac{5}{3}. \end{aligned} \quad (7 \text{ points})$$

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*Solution:* The equation is

$$y^{(2)} = (x + 1)^3 + y^2.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} y^{(3)} &= 3(x + 1)^2 + 2yy^{(1)}; \\ y^{(4)} &= 6(x + 1) + 2(y^{(1)}y^{(1)} + yy^{(2)}). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $y(0) = 3$  and  $y^{(1)}(0) = -1$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} y^{(2)}(0) &= 1^3 + 3^2 &= 10; \\ y^{(3)}(0) &= 3(1^2) + 2(3)(-1) &= -3; & \text{(6 points)} \\ y^{(4)}(0) &= 6(1) + 2((-1)^2 + 3(10)) &= 68. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$p_4(x) = y(0) + y^{(1)}x + \frac{y^{(2)}(0)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{y^{(3)}(0)}{3!}x^3 + \frac{y^{(4)}(0)}{4!}x^4 = 3 - x + 5x^2 - \frac{1}{2}x^3 + \frac{17}{6}x^4. \quad \text{(4 points)}$$

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