

No notes or calculators. You can leave an answer as a numerical expression without computing the final value. For example, this is a perfectly acceptable answer :
 $((250 - 63)/(1 - e^{(-6 \cdot 3.5)})) * \ln(27/168)$. Show your work clearly !!

1. (5 points) Use partial fractions to find a solution to the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (y-2)(y+2)$$

with the initial value condition that $y = 0$ when $x = 0$.

$$\int \frac{1}{(y-2)(y+2)} dy = \int dx$$

$$\frac{1}{(y-2)(y+2)} = \frac{A}{y-2} + \frac{B}{y+2}$$

$$= \frac{A(y+2) + B(y-2)}{(y-2)(y+2)}$$

$$\therefore A+B=0, \quad 2A-2B=1$$

$$\therefore A = \frac{1}{4}, \quad B = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$\int \frac{1/4}{y-2} + \frac{-1/4}{y+2} dy = \int dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{4} \ln|y-2| - \frac{1}{4} \ln|y+2| = x + C$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{4} \ln \frac{|y-2|}{|y+2|} = x + C \Rightarrow \ln \frac{|y-2|}{|y+2|} = 4x + 4C$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{|y-2|}{|y+2|} = e^{4x+4C} \Rightarrow \frac{y-2}{y+2} = \pm e^{4C} e^{4x}$$

2. (5 points) Find the equilibrium points for the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y^3 - 3y^2 + 2y$$

and discuss the stability of the largest equilibrium point.

$$\text{Setting } y^3 - 3y^2 + 2y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y(y^2 - 3y + 2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y(y-1)(y-2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 0, 1, 2$$

Largest equilibrium value = 2.

$$y = \frac{2 - 2e^{4x}}{1 + e^{4x}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{y-2}{y+2} = C_1 e^{4x}$$

$$\Rightarrow (y-2) = C_1 e^{4x} (y+2)$$

$$\Rightarrow y-2 = y C_1 e^{4x} + 2 C_1 e^{4x}$$

$$\Rightarrow y(1 - C_1 e^{4x}) = 2 + 2 C_1 e^{4x}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{2 + 2 C_1 e^{4x}}{1 - C_1 e^{4x}}$$

Using $y=0$ when $x=0$

$$0 = \frac{2 + 2 C_1}{1 - C_1} \Rightarrow C_1 = -1$$

$$\frac{d}{dy}(y^3 - 3y^2 + 2y) = 3y^2 - 6y + 2$$

At $y = 2$

we get $3(2)^2 - 6(2) + 2$

$$= 2 > 0$$

$\Rightarrow$ Unstable equilibrium