

1. Consider the following differential equation

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

(a) 1 point. Fully classify this differential equation by type, order and linearity.

*ODE, 1<sup>st</sup> order, nonlinear & non-autonomous*

(b) 2 points. Show that the given differential equation when thought of as  $\frac{dy}{dx} = F\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$  can be transformed using the transformation  $u = y/x$  (i.e.  $y = ux$ ) into a separable equation of the form  $x\frac{du}{dx} = F(u) - u$  where  $F(t) = t^2 + 2t$ . (HINT: note that  $u$  is a function of  $x$ , so the right-hand side of  $y = ux$  is also only a function of  $x$ ).

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{d(ux)}{dx} = \frac{du}{dx}x + u\frac{dx}{dx} = x\frac{du}{dx} + u \\ F\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) &= \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2 + 2\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \Rightarrow F(u) = u^2 + 2u \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{aligned} x\frac{dy}{dx} + u &= u^2 + 2u \\ x\frac{du}{dx} &= u^2 + 2u - u \\ &= u^2 + u \end{aligned} \right\}$$

(c) 4 points. Use the separation of variables technique to show that the general solution to the given differential equation has the form  $y = \frac{Cx^2}{1-Cx}$ , where  $C$  is an unspecified constant.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{du}{u^2+u} &= \frac{dx}{x} \Rightarrow \int \frac{du}{u(u+1)} = \int \frac{dx}{x} = \ln|x| + C & u = Ax(u+1) \\ \frac{1}{u(u+1)} &= \frac{A}{u} + \frac{B}{u+1} & u - Axu = Ax \\ 1 &= A(u+1) + B \cdot u & u(1-Ax) = Ax \\ u=0, A=1 & & u = \frac{Ax}{1-Ax} \\ u=-1, B=-1 & & \frac{y}{x} = \frac{Ax}{1-Ax} \\ \frac{1}{u(u+1)} &= \frac{1}{u} - \frac{1}{u+1} & y = \frac{Ax^2}{1-Ax} \\ & & A=C \\ & & \text{UNKNOWN constant} \end{aligned}$$

(d) 3 points. If possible, find each of the particular solutions to the differential equation which go through the points  $(1, 1)$ ,  $(1, 0)$  and  $(0, 1)$  in the  $xy$ -plane, respectively. DISCUSS YOUR ANSWERS.

$$x=1, y=1$$

$$1 = \frac{A}{1-A}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1-A = A$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2}$$

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

$$y = \frac{x^2}{2-x} \text{ is soln through } (1, 1)$$

$$x=1, y=0$$

$$0 = \frac{A \cdot 1}{1-A} \Rightarrow A=0 \Rightarrow y=0 \text{ is solution through } (1, 0)$$

$$x=0, y=1$$

$$1 = \frac{A \cdot 0}{1-A \cdot 0}$$

$$\text{impossible!}$$

A particular soln is obtained by checking the general solution at an initial condition  
There is no solution through the point  $(0, 1)$