

MA 2326
Assignment 2
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1. Solve the initial value problem

$$dy/dx = x + 2y + 3, \quad y(4) = 5.$$

Solution: Applying the general solution formula

$$y(x) = y_0 \exp \left(\int_{x_0}^x a(s) ds \right) + \int_{x_0}^x \exp \left(\int_s^x a(r) dr \right) b(s) ds$$

with

$$x_0 = 4, \quad y_0 = 5, \quad a(x) = 2, \quad b(x) = x + 3$$

we get

$$y(x) = 5 \exp \left(\int_4^x 2 ds \right) + \int_4^x \exp \left(\int_s^x 2 dr \right) (s + 3) ds.$$

The solution is therefore

$$y(x) = \frac{43e^{2x-8} - 2x - 7}{4}.$$

2. Solve the initial value problem

$$x'(t) = t^{-1}x(t) + 1, \quad x(1) = 0.$$

Solution: Applying the general solution formula

$$x(t) = x_0 \exp \left(\int_{t_0}^t a(s) ds \right) + \int_{t_0}^t \exp \left(\int_s^t a(r) dr \right) b(s) ds$$

with $t_0 = 1$, $x_0 = 0$, $a(t) = t^{-1}$, $b(t) = 1$ gives

$$x(t) = \int_1^t \exp \left(\int_s^t r^{-1} dr \right) ds$$

or

$$x(t) = t \log t.$$