## PEP 2017 Assignment 4

(1) Solve the DE  $\frac{1}{2}y' + 2y = 0$  subjected to the condition that y(0) = 3.

(2) Solve y'' + y = 2y' given that y(0) = 1 and y(1) = 0.

(3) Solve  $y' = e^{(x-2y)}$  given that y(0) = 1.

(4) A two-stage rocket in a zero gravitational field starts from rest and burns fuel. The fuel is ejected at a speed u relative to the rocket. After all the fuel has been burned, explosive bolts release the first stage and push it backwards with a speed  $v_1$  relative to the second stage. The mass of the first stage before ny fuel is burned is  $m_1 = m_0 + m_f$ , where  $m_f$  is the mass of the fuel. The mass of the second stage is  $m_2$ . The total mass of the rocket before any fuel is burnt is  $m_1 + m_2$ . The goal of this problem is to find the speed of the second stage after the separation.



two-stage rocket before ignition

(a) When the rocket is travelling at speed v, derive a relation between the differential of the speed of the rocket dv, and the differential of the mass of the rocket dm, and the speed u relative to the rocket of the ejected fuel.

(b) What is the speed  $v_f$  of the rocket immediately after all the fuel has been burned but before the second stage is released? Express your answer in terms of u,  $m_f$ ,  $m_0$ , and  $m_2$  as needed.

(c) What is the speed  $v_2$  of the second stage immediately after it has been released? Express your answers in terms of  $v_1$ ,  $v_f$ ,  $m_f$ ,  $m_2$  and  $m_0$  as needed.

(5) Physical pendulum A planar triangle of uniform surface density with mass M, base D and height H is hanged at the top and oscillates due to its own gravity. Assume the angle of oscillation is small, find the period of oscillation. (HINT: you need to find the position of the center of mass (CM) and the moment of inertia with respect to the rotational axis)

