

Extra Credit Problem

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1 Problem

let $y = (Ax^2 + Bx + C)e^{Dx}$

find $A, B, C, D \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $y, \frac{dy}{dx}, \frac{dy^2}{dx^2}$ factor over \mathbb{Q}

2 Solution

Proof.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (ADx^2 + (BD + 2A)x + (CD + B))e^{Dx}$$

$$\frac{dy^2}{dx^2} = (AD^2x^2 + (BD^2 + 4AD)x + (CD^2 + 2A))e^{2Dx}$$

in order for these to factor, the quadratic elements must have roots in \mathbb{Q}

\therefore their respective discriminants must be perfect squares

$$\Delta \text{ of } y = B^2 - 4AC = n_0^2 \text{ where } n_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Delta \text{ of } \frac{dy}{dx} = B^2D^2 - 4ACD^2 + 4A^2 = (Dn_0)^2 + 4A^2 = n_1^2 \text{ where } n_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Delta \text{ of } \frac{dy^2}{dx^2} = B^2D^4 - 4ACD^4 + 8A^2D^2 = n_2^2 \text{ where } n_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$(2A)^2 + (Dn_0)^2 = n_1^2$$

$$D^2((Dn_0)^2 + 8A^2) = n_2^2$$

$$(2A)^2 + n_1^2 = u^2 \text{ where } u = n_2/D, \text{ which must necessarily be in } \mathbb{Z}$$

no solution for $A, B, C, D \neq 0$ by Fermat's Right Triangle Theorem

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