

2. First order differential equations

The order of an ODE is the highest derivative that appears.

Solving ODEs: Like integration, sometimes there's a method, and other times, it's an "art."

Example: Find all solutions to $y' = ky \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dt} = ky$.

"Magic trick": Multiply thru by dt : $dy = ky dt$

Divide thru by y & integrate: $\int \frac{1}{y} dy = \int k dt$

$$\ln y = kt + c$$

Take exponential of both sides: $y = e^{kt+c}$
 $= e^c e^{kt}$

let $C = e^c$: $y(t) = Ce^{kt}$

Q: What is C ?

A: $y(0)$. "initial condition"

This technique is called separation of variables

Example: (Exponential decay) $y' = -ky$ ($k > 0$).

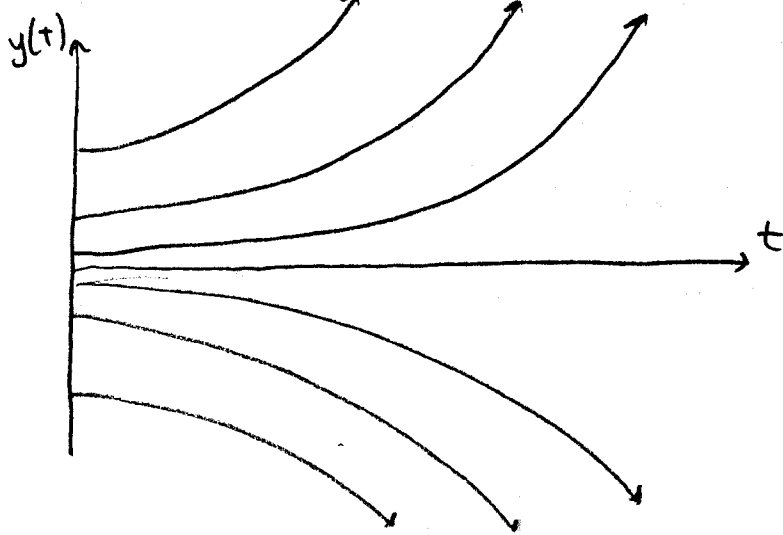
$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -ky \Rightarrow \int \frac{dy}{y} = \int -k dt \Rightarrow \ln y = -kt + c$$
$$\Rightarrow y(t) = e^{-kt+c} = Ce^{-kt}$$

Let's plot the solution (say $k = \frac{1}{10}$).

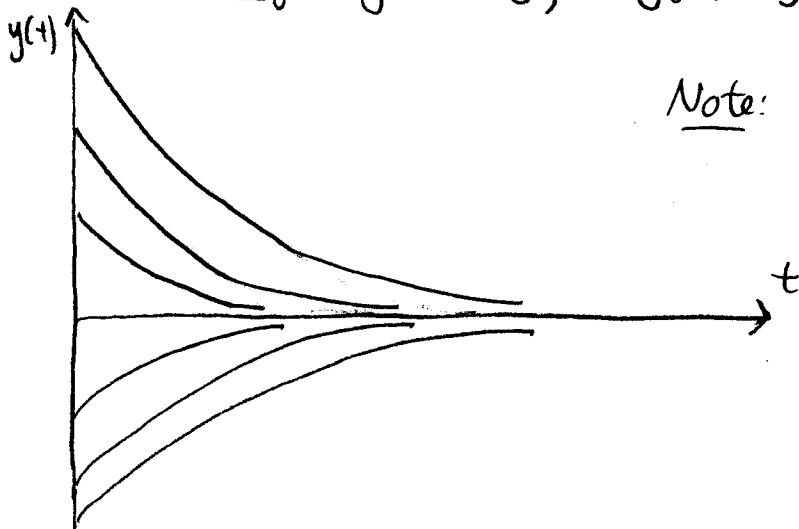
Note: $y' = -ky$ is autonomous; we already know how to do this!

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Exponential growth: $y' = \frac{1}{10}y$, $y(t) = y_0 e^{\frac{1}{10}t}$

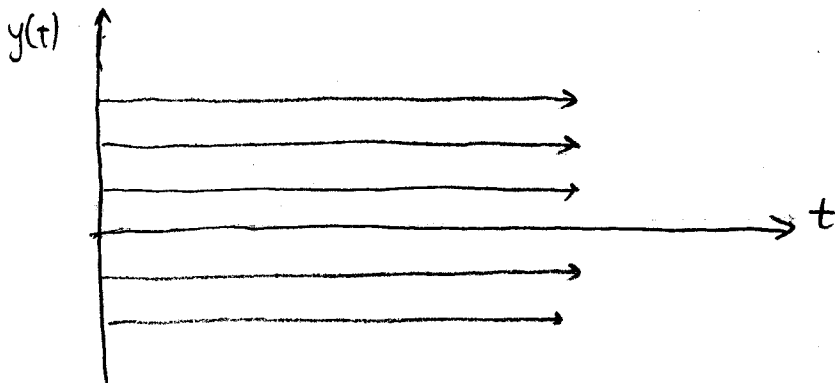


Exponential decay: $y' = -\frac{1}{10}y$, $y(t) = y_0 e^{-\frac{1}{10}t}$



Note: $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t) = 0$.

What if $k=0$? $y' = 0$, $\frac{dy}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow y(t) = C$



Q: Can 2 of these solution curves ever intersect?
A: No (why?)

Back to solving ODEs...

Example: (Decay to a limiting value)

$$y' = k(72 - y)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -k(y - 72)$$

$$\int \frac{dy}{y-72} = \int k dt$$

$$\ln |y-72| = kt + C$$

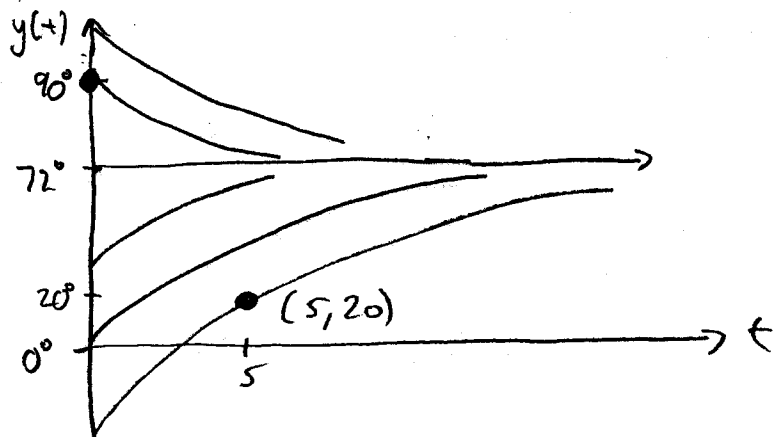
$$y-72 = e^{kt+C}$$

$$y(t) = 72 + Ce^{-kt}$$

Question: what is "C"?

Ans: $y(0) = 72 + C$

"initial temp. difference"



Initial value problems (IVP's)

- Solving an ODE yields an infinite family of solutions, called the general solution.
- Once we specify a point $(t_0, y(t_0))$, we completely determine a particular solution.

Def: An ODE with a specified point $y(t_0) = y_0$ is called an initial value problem (IVP)

Example: Solve $y' = k(72 - y)$, $y(0) = 90$ (see previous example)

$$y(t) = 72 + Ce^{-kt}, \quad y(0) = 72 + C = 90 \Rightarrow C = 18.$$

$\Rightarrow y(t) = 72 + 18e^{-kt}$. *This solution goes thru $(0, 90)$

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Suppose instead that $y(5) = 20$. This solution goes thru $(5, 20)$. (See prev. plot)

Solving word problems

Example: (Exponential growth): A house sells in 2003 for \$179,500 and was on sale in 2008 for \$319,500.

(a) What was the average rate of appreciation of the value?

$$P'(t) = rP(t) \quad \text{Sol'n: } P(t) = Ce^{rt}$$

$$P(0) = C = 179,500 \Rightarrow P(t) = 179,500e^{rt}$$

$$\text{Solve for } r: P(5) = 179,500e^{5r} = 319,500$$

$$e^{5r} = \frac{3195}{1795} \Rightarrow \ln(e^{5r}) = \ln\left(\frac{3195}{1795}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow 5r = \ln \frac{3195}{1795} \Rightarrow r = \frac{1}{5} \ln \frac{3195}{1795} \approx 0.115 \quad (11.5\%)$$

(b) Suppose the market has been increasing at a 9% rate.

How much is the house worth?

$$r = \frac{9}{100}, \text{ so } P(5) = 179,500e^{5\left(\frac{9}{100}\right)} = \$281,512.$$

Example: (Exponential decay). You have 10 grams of a radioactive substance. 3 years later, you have 4 grams.

- (a) What is the half-life?
- (b) How long until only 1 gram remains?

IVP: $m'(t) = -k m(t)$ $m(0) = 10$, $m(3) = 4$.

General sol'n: $m(t) = C e^{-kt}$

$m(0) = 10 = C \Rightarrow \boxed{m(t) = 10 e^{-kt}}$

(a) Half-life is amt. of time until 5 grams remain.

$m(t) = 10 e^{-kt} = 5 \Rightarrow e^{-kt} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow -kt = \ln \frac{1}{2} = -\ln 2$

Solving for t : $\boxed{t_{1/2} = \frac{1}{k} \ln 2}$, thus it only depends on k .

Solve for k : $m(3) = 4 \Rightarrow m(3) = 10 e^{-3k} = 4$

$\Rightarrow e^{-3k} = \frac{4}{10} \Rightarrow -3k = \ln \frac{2}{5}$

$\Rightarrow k = -\frac{1}{3} \ln \frac{2}{5} \Rightarrow \boxed{k = \frac{1}{3} \ln \frac{5}{2}}$

Thus, half-life is $t_{1/2} = \frac{1}{k} \ln 2 = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{3} \ln 5/2} \cdot \ln 2 = \boxed{\frac{3 \ln 2}{\ln 5/2}}$

(b) How long until 1 gram remains?

$m(t) = 10 e^{-kt} = 1$ (solve for t)

$e^{-kt} = \frac{1}{10} \Rightarrow -kt = \ln \frac{1}{10} = -\ln 10$

$\Rightarrow t = \frac{1}{k} \ln 10 = \boxed{\frac{3 \ln 10}{\ln 5/2}}$

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Example (Exponential decay to a value): My coffee is 120° when class starts, and the classroom is 75° . After 30 minutes, the coffee is 100° .

- (a) What will the temp. be at the end of class (50 min)?
- (b) Suppose it was brewed at 160° . When did I brew it?

$$T'(t) = k(75 - T(t)), \quad T(0) = 120, \quad T(30) = 100$$

Sol'n: $T(t) = 75 + Ce^{-kt}$

$$T(0) = 75 + C = 120 \Rightarrow C = 45 \Rightarrow \boxed{T(t) = 75 + 45e^{-kt}}$$

Need to find k .

$$(a) \quad T(30) = 75 + 45e^{-30k} = 100 \Rightarrow 45e^{-30k} = 25$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{-30k} = \frac{25}{45} \Rightarrow -30k = \ln \frac{25}{45}$$

$$\Rightarrow k = -\frac{1}{30} \ln \frac{25}{45} = \boxed{\frac{1}{30} \ln \frac{45}{25}}$$

$$T(t) = 75 + 45e^{-\frac{1}{30} \ln \frac{45}{25} \cdot t} \quad \left(\frac{45}{25} = \frac{9}{5}\right)$$

$$\boxed{T(50) = 75 + 45e^{-\frac{5}{3} \ln \frac{9}{5}}} \quad (\text{Temp. at end of class})$$

(b) When was $T(t) = 160$?

$$T(t) = 75 + 45e^{-kt} = 160 \Rightarrow 45e^{-kt} = 85$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{-kt} = \frac{85}{45} = \frac{17}{9} \Rightarrow -kt = \ln \frac{17}{9} \Rightarrow t = -\frac{1}{k} \ln \frac{17}{9}$$

The coffee was brewed at $\boxed{t = \frac{-30 \ln \frac{17}{9}}{\ln \frac{9}{5}}}$

Newton's 2nd law of motion: $F = ma$

Gravitational acceleration: $a = -g = -9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$ (why negative?)

Gravitational force: $F = ma = -mg$ (no air resistance)

Add air resistance: $F = -mg + R(v)$. (Forces add).

A good model for air resistance is $R(v) = -rv$ (why?)

"air resistance is proportional to velocity, in the opposite direction."

Therefore, $F = -mg + R(v) = -mg - rv$

(Recall $v'(t) = a(t)$)
$$\boxed{v' = -g - \frac{r}{m}v}$$

Compare to decay \rightarrow value equation: $T' = k(A - T) = kA - kT$.

Let's put it back into that form: $v' = -g - \frac{r}{m}v = \frac{r}{m}\left(-\frac{mg}{r} - v\right)$

Here, $k = \frac{r}{m}$ and $A = -\frac{mg}{r} =$ limiting (terminal) velocity.

The solution is thus $T(t) = A + Ce^{-kt}$

$$\boxed{v(t) = -\frac{mg}{r} + Ce^{-\frac{r}{m}t}}$$

Remark: Initial velocity = $v(0) = -\frac{mg}{r} + C$

Terminal velocity = $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} v(t) = -\frac{mg}{r}$

Example: A 70 kg object falls from rest, and its terminal velocity is -20 m/s .

(a) Find its velocity & distance traveled after 2 seconds

(b) How long does it take to reach 80% of its terminal velocity?

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$$v(t) = -\frac{mg}{r} + Ce^{-\frac{r}{m}t} = -20 + Ce^{-\frac{r}{20}t}$$

$$-\frac{mg}{r} = -20 = -\frac{70g}{r} \Rightarrow \boxed{r = \frac{7}{2}g}$$

$$\Rightarrow v(t) = -20 + Ce^{-\frac{1}{20}gt}$$

$$v(0) = -20 + C = 0 \Rightarrow C = 20$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{v(t) = -20 + 20e^{-\frac{1}{20}gt}}$$

(a) $\boxed{v(2) = -20 + 20e^{-g/10}}$ Recall that $x(t) = \int v(t) dt$

$$\Delta_{13}t = \int_0^2 v(t) dt = \int_0^2 -20 + 20e^{-\frac{1}{20}gt} dt$$

$$= -20t \Big|_0^2 + \int_0^2 20e^{-\frac{1}{20}gt} dt = -40 + \frac{20e^{-\frac{1}{20}gt}}{-1/20g} \Big|_0^2$$

$$\boxed{\Delta_{13}t = -40 - \frac{400}{g}(e^{-g/10} - 1)}$$

(b) $v(t) = -20 + 20e^{-\frac{1}{20}gt} = -16$ ← 80% of -20

$$20e^{-\frac{1}{20}gt} = 4 \Rightarrow e^{-\frac{1}{20}gt} = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{20}gt = \ln \frac{1}{5} = -\ln 5 \Rightarrow \boxed{t = \frac{20 \ln 5}{g}}$$

Linear differential equations

Recall high school algebra:

A linear equation is $f(x) = ax + b$.

In MthSc 208:

A (1st order) linear differential equation is $y' = a(t)y + f(t)$.

A (1st order) homogeneous linear diff. eq'n is $y' = a(t)y$.

Examples:

$$y' = t^2 y + 5$$

linear

$$y' = t y^2 + 5$$

non-linear

$$y' = t \sin y$$

non-linear

$$y' = y \sin t$$

linear, homogeneous

$$y' = t^3 - 2t^2 + t + 1$$

linear

We can solve homogeneous ODEs using separation of variables:

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = a(t)y \Rightarrow \int \frac{dy}{y} = \int a(t) dt \Rightarrow \ln|y| = \int a(t) dt + C$$

$$|y| = e^{\int a(t) dt + C} \Rightarrow |y| = e^C e^{\int a(t) dt} \Rightarrow y(t) = C e^{\int a(t) dt}$$

Now that we can solve $\underbrace{y'(t) = a(t)y(t)}_{\text{linear, homogeneous}}$, let's solve $\underbrace{y'(t) = a(t)y(t) + f(t)}_{\text{linear, inhomogeneous}}$.

Method #1: Integrating factor ("product rule in reverse")

$$\text{Write as } \boxed{y'(t) - a(t)y(t) = f(t)}$$

* Multiply both sides by $e^{-\int a(t) dt}$ "integrating factor."

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$$e^{-\int a(t) dt} y' - a(t) e^{-\int a(t) dt} y = f(t) e^{-\int a(t) dt}$$

$$(y e^{-\int a(t) dt})' = f(t) e^{-\int a(t) dt} \quad \text{Now integrate both sides.}$$

$$y(t) e^{-\int a(t) dt} = \int f(t) e^{-\int a(t) dt} dt$$

Solving for $y(t)$... $y(t) = e^{\int a(t) dt} \int f(t) e^{-\int a(t) dt} dt$

Example: $y' = 2y + t$ Think: why won't sep. of variables work?

$$y' - 2y = t \quad \text{Integrating factor: } e^{-2t}$$

$$y' e^{-2t} - 2y e^{-2t} = t e^{-2t}$$

$$\int (y e^{-2t})' = \int t e^{-2t} dt$$

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

$y(t) = -\frac{1}{2} t - \frac{1}{4} + C e^{2t}$

Let's practice getting the integrating factor:

• $y' + 4y = t^2$ int. factor e^{4t} ; $\frac{d}{dt} e^{4t} = 4e^{4t}$

$$e^{4t} y' + 4e^{4t} y = t^2 e^{4t}$$

$$(e^{4t} y)' = t^2 e^{4t} \quad \text{now integrate & solve.}$$

• $y' + (\sin t)y = 1$ int. factor $e^{-\cos t}$; $\frac{d}{dt} e^{-\cos t} = \sin t e^{-\cos t}$

$$e^{-\cos t} y' + \sin t e^{-\cos t} y = e^{\cos t}$$

$$(e^{-\cos t} y)' = e^{-\cos t}$$

• $y' - 12t^5 y = t^3$ int factor e^{-2t^6} , $\frac{d}{dt} e^{-2t^6} = -12t^5 e^{-2t^6}$ III

$$e^{-2t^6} y' - 12t^5 e^{-2t^6} y = e^{-2t^6} t^3$$

$$(e^{-2t^6} y)' = e^{-2t^6} t^3$$

• $y' + \left[\frac{1}{t} y\right] = 1$ int. factor $e^{\ln t} = t$, $\frac{d}{dt} t = 1$.

$$e^{\ln t} y' + \frac{1}{t} e^{\ln t} y = t$$

$$t y' + y = t \Rightarrow (ty)' = t$$

Method #2: Variation of parameters.

Example (same one) $y' = 2y + t$

Step 1: Solve the "homogeneous part:" $y_h' = 2y_h$

$$y_h(t) = C e^{2t}$$

Step 2: Assume the general sol'n is $y(t) = v(t) y_h(t) = v(t) e^{2t}$.

Step 3: Plug this into the ODE & solve for $v(t)$.

$$(v e^{2t})' = 2(v e^{2t}) + t$$

$$\cancel{2v e^{2t}} + v' e^{2t} = \cancel{2v e^{2t}} + t$$

$$v' e^{2t} = t$$

$$v' = t e^{-2t} \Rightarrow \int v'(t) dt = \int t e^{-2t} dt$$

$$\Rightarrow v(t) = -\frac{1}{2} t e^{-2t} - \frac{1}{4} e^{-2t} + C$$

Step 4: Plug back into $y(t) = v(t) y_h(t)$.

$$y(t) = \left(-\frac{1}{2} t e^{-2t} - \frac{1}{4} e^{-2t} + C\right) e^{2t} \Rightarrow \boxed{y(t) = -\frac{1}{2} t - \frac{1}{4} + C e^{2t}}$$

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Remark: Both integrating factor & Variation of parameters "work equally well."

Structure of the solutions to 1st order linear ODEs

* Big idea #1: Suppose a homogeneous ODE $y' - a(t)y = 0$ has solutions $y_1(t)$ and $y_2(t)$. Then $C_1 y_1(t) + C_2 y_2(t)$ is a solution for any constants C_1, C_2 .

Proof: Plug $C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2$ back into $y' - a(t)y = 0$:

$$\begin{aligned} (C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2)' - a(t)(C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2) &= (C_1 y_1' - a(t)C_1 y_1) + (C_2 y_2' - a(t)C_2 y_2) \\ &= C_1 \underbrace{(y_1' - a(t)y_1)}_{=0} + C_2 \underbrace{(y_2' - a(t)y_2)}_{=0} = 0 \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

* Big idea #2: Consider a linear ODE $y' - a(t)y = f(t)$. If $y_p(t)$ is any particular solution, and $y_h(t)$ is the general solution to the related "homogeneous equation," $y' - a(t)y = 0$ the the general solution is $\boxed{y(t) = y_h(t) + y_p(t)}$.

(Recall that $y_h(t) = Ce^{\int a(t) dt}$; by separation of variables.)

Proof: If y is the general solution, and y_p any particular solution.

$$\text{Then } y' - a(t)y = f$$

$$- (y_p' - a(t)y_p = f)$$

$$(y - y_p)' - a(t)(y - y_p) = 0, \text{ i.e., } \underline{y - y_p \text{ solves the homogeneous eq'n!}}$$

Thus, $y(t) - y_p(t) = y_h(t) = C e^{\int a(t) dt}$, i.e., for any $y_p(t)$ that solves the original ODE, we can write the general solution as $y(t) = y_h(t) + y_p(t)$.

Application:

- Solving for $y_h(t)$ is usually easy (separate variables)
- Sometimes, it's easy to see some $y_p(t)$, by inspection.
- When this happens, we automatically have the general solution.

Example: Solve $T' = k(72 - T)$ (quickly!)

Homog. eq'n: $T_h' = -kT$ has sol'n $T_h(t) = C e^{-kt}$

Find any particular sol'n: $T_p(t) = 72$ clearly works (why?)

Thus, the general sol'n is $T(t) = T_h(t) + T_p(t) = 72 + C e^{-kt}$

Recall: If an ODE is autonomous, set $y' = 0$ to find a constant solution, use this for $y_p(t)$.

Question: Could we have guessed a solution to $y' = 2y + t$?

What if we had tried $y_p(t) = at + b$?

Why is this a good guess??

Plug $y_p = at + b$, $y_p' = a$ back into $y' = 2y + t$.

$$a = 2(at + b) + t$$

Collect terms: $0t + a = \underline{(2a + 1)t} + \underline{2b}$

Equate coefficients: $\begin{cases} 0 = 2a + 1 \\ a = 2b \end{cases} \Rightarrow a = -\frac{1}{2}, b = -\frac{1}{4}$

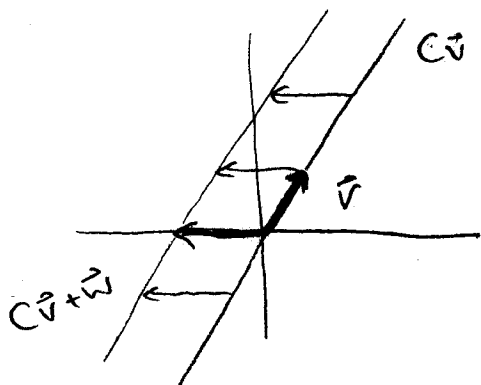
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Thus, $y_p(t) = -\frac{1}{2}t - \frac{1}{4}$ is a solution!

Since $y_h(t) = Ce^{2t}$, the general solution is $y(t) = y_p(t) + y_h(t) = -\frac{1}{2}t - \frac{1}{4} + Ce^{2t}$

Think what does this remind you of?

Recall vector calculus: $l = C\vec{v}$ is a line thru $\vec{0}$ ($y = mx$)
C.i.e., homogeneous



Q: How do we parametrize a line not thru the origin?

A: Add \vec{w} to it, where \vec{w} is any vector on the line.

All solutions to a linear ODE: $y(t) = Cy_h(t) + y_p(t)$

All solutions to a linear equation: $l = C\vec{v} + \vec{w}$ $C \in (-\infty, \infty)$

Some more modeling applications with 1st order ODE's

Mixing problems:

Example 1: Tank of fresh water.

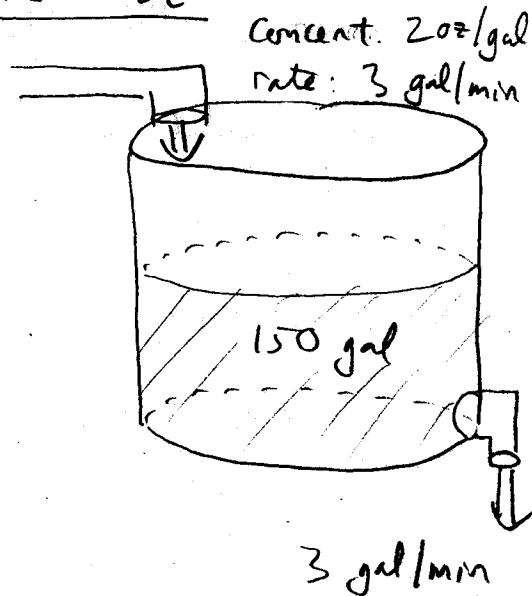
Salt water flows in at some rate

Water drains at some rate.

Q: What is the concentration of salt in the tank at time t ?

Let $x(t) = \# \text{ oz salt in the tank at time } t$.

Note: $\frac{x(t)}{\text{vol}(t)}$ = concent. salt at time t .



* Big idea: "rate of change of salt = rate in - rate out"
 $X'(t)$

rate in = (volume rate)(concentration)
 $= (3 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}})(2 \frac{\text{oz}}{\text{gal}}) = 6 \text{ oz/min}$

rate out = (volume rate)(concentration)
 $= (3 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}})(\frac{X(t) \text{ oz}}{150 \text{ gal}}) = \frac{1}{50} X(t) \text{ oz/min.}$

Putting this together: $X'(t) = 6 - \frac{1}{50} X(t), \quad X(0) = 0$

↑ Initially contains fresh water

Let's solve this.

- We could use (i) Separation of variables
- (ii) Integrating factor
- (iii) Variation of parameters
- (iv) $y(t) = y_h(t) + y_p(t)$.

Let's use (iv); it's easier.

To find a steady-state (constant) solution, set $X_p' = 0$:

$0 = 6 - \frac{1}{50} X_p \Rightarrow X_p = 300$

The homogeneous eq'n is $X_h' = -\frac{1}{50} X_h$, has sol'n $X_h(t) = C e^{-\frac{1}{50} t}$

Thus, the general solution is $X(t) = X_h(t) + X_p(t)$

$X(t) = C e^{-\frac{1}{50} t} + 300$

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Initial condition: $x(0) = 0$ (fresh water \Rightarrow no salt)

$$x(0) = 300 + C = 0 \Rightarrow C = -300$$

\Rightarrow $x(t) = 300 - 300e^{-\frac{1}{50}t}$ is the sol'n to the IVP.

Note: $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = 300$ i.e., the amount of salt $\rightarrow 300$ oz

Concentration at time $t = \frac{x(t)}{150} = 2 - 2e^{-\frac{1}{50}t}$

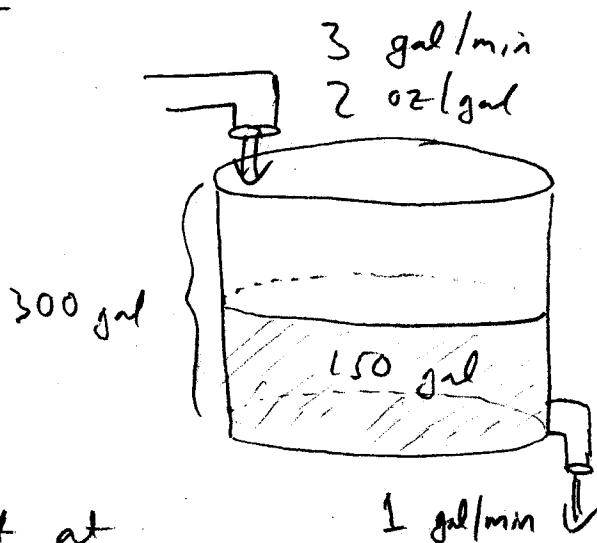
Remark: Mathematically, this is the same as:

- Newton's law of cooling
- Falling objects with air resistance

Example 2:

Tank of fresh water

Salt water flows in at a faster rate (3 gal/min) than it drains (1 gal/min)



Q: What is the concentration of salt at the moment it overflows

Note: $vol(t) = 150 + 2t$, so it overflows at $t = 75$ min.

$$x'(t) = (\text{rate in}) - (\text{rate out})$$

$$\text{rate in} = \left(3 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}}\right) \left(2 \frac{\text{oz}}{\text{gal}}\right) = 6 \frac{\text{oz}}{\text{min}}$$

$$\text{rate out} = \left(1 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}}\right) \left(\frac{x(t) \text{ oz}}{150 + 2t \text{ gal}}\right) = \frac{1}{150 + 2t} x(t) \frac{\text{oz}}{\text{min}}$$

IVP: $X' = 6 - \frac{1}{150+2t} X, \quad X(0) = 0$

Let's solve this: $X' + \frac{1}{150+2t} X = 6$ int. factor: $e^{\int \frac{1}{150+2t} dt}$

Note: $\int \frac{1}{150+2t} = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{75+t} dt = \frac{1}{2} \ln(75+t) + C$

Int factor = $e^{\int \frac{1}{150+2t} dt} = (e^{\ln(75+t)})^{1/2} = (75+t)^{1/2} = \sqrt{75+t}$

$(X \cdot (75+t)^{1/2})' = 6(75+t)^{1/2}$

$\Rightarrow X \cdot (75+t)^{1/2} = 6 \int (75+t)^{1/2} dt = 4(75+t)^{3/2} + C$

$\Rightarrow X(t) = 4(75+t) + C(75+t)^{-1/2}$

$\Rightarrow X(t) = 300 + 4t + \frac{C}{\sqrt{75+t}}$

Use $X(0) = 0$: $X(0) = 300 + \frac{C}{\sqrt{75}} = 0 \Rightarrow C = -300\sqrt{75}$

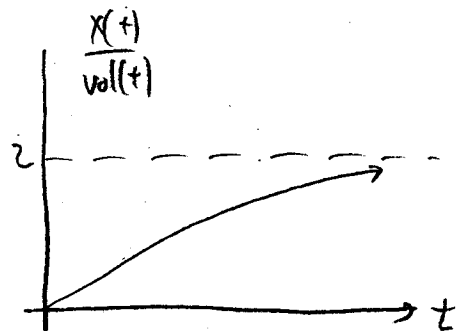
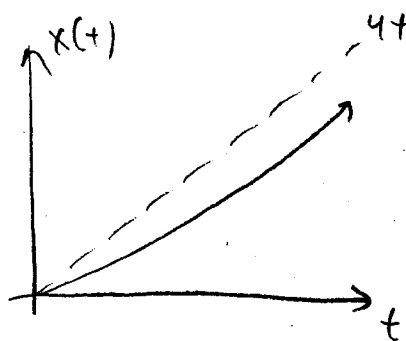
Final solution: $X(t) = 300 + 4t - \frac{300\sqrt{75}}{\sqrt{75+t}}$

At $t = 75$, when the tank overflows, the salt content is

$X(75) = 600 - \frac{300}{\sqrt{2}} \approx 387.87$ oz, so the concentration is

$\frac{X(75) \text{ oz}}{300 \text{ gal}} \approx \frac{387.87}{300} = 1.29 \text{ oz/gal}$

This makes sense:



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Question: Could we have guessed a particular soln to $x' = 6 - \frac{1}{150+2t} x$?

Consider the simplest scenario: When $x(0) = 300$.

In this case the concentration is 2 oz/gal for all t .

Thus $x(t) = (2 \text{ oz/gal}) \text{Vol}(t) = 2(150+2t) = 300+4t$.

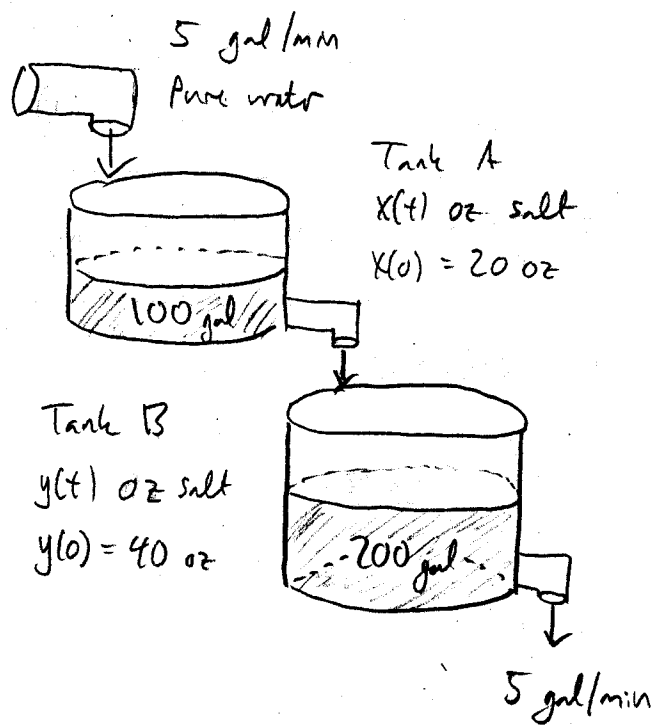
We could have used this for $x_p(t)$, then solved the

homogeneous eqn, $x_h' = -\frac{1}{150+2t} x_h$!

Example 3: Mixing with 2 tanks.

Let $x(t)$ = # oz salt in tank A

$y(t)$ = # oz salt in tank B.



Tank A: $x'(t) = (\text{rate in}) - (\text{rate out})$

$$\text{rate in} = \left(5 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}}\right) \left(0 \frac{\text{oz}}{\text{gal}}\right) = 0$$

$$\text{rate out} = \left(5 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}}\right) \left(\frac{x(t) \text{ oz}}{100 \text{ gal}}\right) = \frac{1}{20} x$$

Tank B: $y'(t) = (\text{rate in}) - (\text{rate out})$

$$\text{rate in} = \left(5 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}}\right) \left(\frac{x(t) \text{ oz}}{100 \text{ gal}}\right) = \frac{1}{20} x$$

$$\text{rate out} = \left(5 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}}\right) \left(\frac{y(t) \text{ oz}}{200 \text{ gal}}\right) = \frac{1}{40} y$$

We get a system of ODE's:

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= -\frac{1}{20} x & x(0) &= 20 \\ y' &= \frac{1}{20} x - \frac{1}{40} y & y(0) &= 40 \end{aligned}$$

$x(t) = 20e^{-\frac{1}{20}t}$ (why?). Plug this into the 2nd ODE.

$$y' = \frac{1}{20}(20 e^{-\frac{1}{20}t}) - \frac{1}{40}y$$

$$y' + \frac{1}{40}y = e^{-\frac{1}{20}t} \quad \text{int. factor} = e^{\frac{1}{40}t}$$

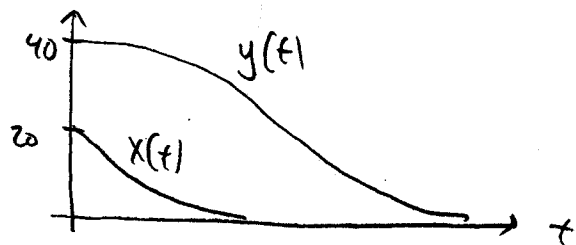
$$(y e^{\frac{1}{40}t})' = e^{-\frac{1}{20}t} \cdot e^{\frac{1}{40}t} = e^{-\frac{1}{40}t}$$

$$y e^{\frac{1}{40}t} = \int e^{-\frac{1}{40}t} dt = -40 e^{-\frac{1}{40}t} + C$$

$$y(t) = (-40 e^{-\frac{1}{40}t} + C) e^{-\frac{1}{40}t} = -40 e^{-\frac{1}{20}t} + C e^{-\frac{1}{40}t}$$

$$y(0) = -40 + C = 40 \Rightarrow C = 80$$

$$y(t) = -40 e^{-\frac{1}{20}t} + 80 e^{-\frac{1}{40}t}$$



Logistic equation

Recall exponential growth: $y'(t) = r y(t)$, rate r does not depend on $y(t)$.

Suppose $y(t)$ = population of a colony.

- When $y(t)$ is small, it grows exponentially.
- When $y(t)$ is large, it grows slowly (decays \rightarrow "Capacity")
- When $y(t) >$ capacity, it decreases.

* In general, the "rate" r decreases as $y(t)$ increases.

How do we model this?

We want $y'(t) = r(y) y(t)$, where $r(y)$ is decreasing.

Try $r(y) = r - ay$, where $a > 0$ fixed constant (it's simple!).

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Check: When $y=0$, $r(y) = r$ ✓

When $y = \frac{r}{a}$, $r(y) = 0$ ✓

When $y > \frac{r}{a}$, $r(y) < 0$ ✓

We call this threshold $M := \frac{r}{a}$ the carrying capacity; $a = \frac{r}{M}$

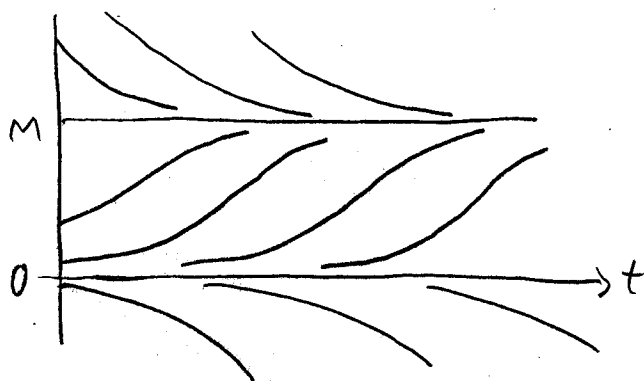
We have $y'(t) = r(y) y(t) = (r - ay) y = (r - \frac{r}{M}) y = r y (1 - \frac{y}{M})$

* The equation $y' = r y (1 - \frac{y}{M})$ is the logistic equation.

The steady-state solutions are

$$y(t) = 0, \quad y(t) = M.$$

We can solve this by separation of variables (it's messy).



The solution is $y(t) = \frac{M}{1 + C e^{-rt}}$

Remark: Initial population: $y(0) = \frac{M}{1+C}$

Limiting population: $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t) = M.$

Example: The mass of a colony of bacteria satisfies the logistic equation. The petrie dish holds 50 grams. Initially, there are 10 grams; mass is increasing at 1 gram/day.

Find $m(t)$.

We know $M = 50 \Rightarrow m(t) = \frac{50}{1 + C e^{-rt}}$, $m(0) = 10$, $m'(0) = 1$

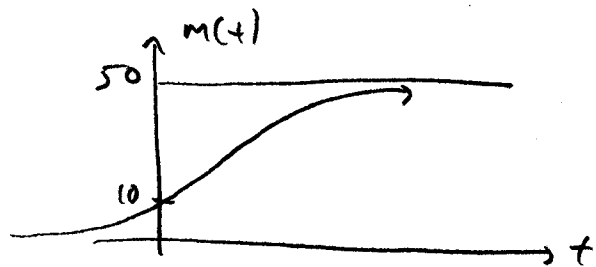
$$m(0) = \frac{50}{1+C} = 10 \Rightarrow C = 4 \Rightarrow m(t) = \frac{50}{1+4e^{-rt}}$$

$$m'(0) = r \left(1 - \frac{m(0)}{50} \right) m(0)$$

$$1 = r \left(1 - \frac{10}{50} \right) \cdot 10 = r \cdot \frac{4}{5} \cdot 10 = 1 \Rightarrow r = \frac{1}{8}$$

The particular sol'n is thus

$$m(t) = \frac{50}{1 + 4e^{-t/8}}$$



Question: What if we replace r with -r in the logistic equation?

We'd get an ODE (let T=M)

$$y' = -r \left(1 - \frac{y}{T} \right) y$$

This models a population with an "extinction threshold," i.e.,

- IF $y(t) < T$, population dies out, but
- IF $y(t) > T$, population "explodes."

Realistically, we'd like a model that captures both phenomena.

Let's make an ODE with steady-state solutions $y(t) = 0, M, T$.

$$y'(t) = -r y \left(1 - \frac{y}{M} \right) \left(1 - \frac{y}{T} \right)$$

* This actually modeled the (now extinct) passenger pigeon quite well!

