

## Week 6,7:

2.5 Wronskian

3.1 Intro, Slope Fields, verify solution

3.2 Separable DE

3.4 Linear Equations

3.6 mixing/cooling

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### 3.1 Problem:

Verify that the function  $y = c_1\sqrt{x}$  is a

solution of  $y' = \frac{y}{2x}$

### Solution:

Compute  $y'$  and check.

$$y' = c_1\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)x^{-\frac{1}{2}}.$$

$$\frac{y}{2x} = \frac{c_1\sqrt{x}}{2x}$$

$$= c_1\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\frac{\sqrt{x}}{(\sqrt{x})^2}$$

$$= c_1\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$$

$$= y'.$$

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**Problem:** (“solution by verifying”)

Determine all values  $r$  so  $y = e^{rx}$  is a solution to  $y'' - 4y' + 3y = 0$ .

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### 3.4 Linear DE:

**Main Step:** to solve **linear DE**

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + p(x)y = q(x)$$

multiply by the integral factor  $f = e^{\int p dx}$  and use

$$\frac{d}{dx}(fy) = f(y' + py)$$

on the left to get  $\frac{d}{dx}(fy) = fq$ .

**Problem:**

Solve  $\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{2x}{(1-x^2)}y = 4x, \quad -1 \leq x \leq 1$ .

**Solution:**

Find integral factor, inside integral first:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \frac{2x}{(1-x^2)} dx \\ &= -\ln(1-x^2) = \ln((1-x^2)^{-1}) \quad (\text{simplify!}). \end{aligned}$$


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So  $e^{\int \frac{2x}{(1-x^2)} dx} = e^{\ln((1-x^2)^{-1})}$

$$= (1-x^2)^{-1} = \frac{1}{1-x^2} = f.$$

Multiply by  $f = \frac{1}{1-x^2}$  and use Main Property:

$$\frac{1}{1-x^2} \left( \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{2x}{(1-x^2)} y \right) = \frac{4x}{1-x^2}, \quad \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{y}{1-x^2} \right) = \frac{4x}{1-x^2}.$$

Now integration gives  $\frac{y}{1-x^2} = (-2 \ln(1-x^2)) + c$ ,

$$\text{so } y = (1-x^2) (-\ln((1-x^2)^2) + c).$$

Notice that we can check this instance of the

Main Property directly (using the product rule).

### 3.6 Problem:

Inflamable substance, temp  $T_0 = 50$  (F), placed in

hot oven, temp  $T_m = 450$  (F). After 20 min substance

temp  $T = 150$ . Find temp at 40 min. If substance

ignites at 350, find time of combustion.

### Solution:

**Newton's Law of cooling:**  $T = T(t)$  temp at time  $t$ ,

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = -k(T - T_m), \quad T_m = 450, \quad t \text{ in min.}$$

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$$\frac{dT}{dt} = -k(T - T_m), \quad T_m = 450, \quad T(0) = 50, \quad T(20) = 150,$$

find  $T(40)$  and  $t_c$  so  $T(t_c) = 350$ . **Method:** separation.

$$\frac{dT}{T - T_m} = -k dt, \quad (T \neq T_m).$$

**integral:**  $\ln |T - T_m| = -k t + c, \quad T_m = 450.$

**Initial Data:**  $\ln(450 - T) = -kt + c$ ,

$$T(0) = 50, T(20) = 150.$$

When  $t = 0$ ,  $\ln 400 = c$ ,  $e^c = 400$ . So  $450 - T = e^{-kt} e^c$   
 $= 400e^{-kt}$ , and  $T = T(t) = 450 - 400(e^{-k})^t$ .

Next, when  $t = 20$ ,  $150 = 450 - 400(e^{-k})^{20}$ ,

$$\text{so } -300 = -400(e^{-k})^{20}, e^{-k} = \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{\frac{1}{20}},$$

$$\text{and } T(t) = 450 - 400\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{\frac{t}{20}}.$$

Finally,  $T(t) = 450 - 400\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{\frac{t}{20}}$ , gives

$$T(40) = 225, \text{ and } T(t_c) = 350 \text{ gives } t_c = 96.4 \text{ minutes.}$$

(why?)

For  $t = 40$ ,  $\frac{t}{20} = 2$ , then  $\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 = \frac{9}{16}$  and

$$400 * \frac{9}{16} = 25 \cdot 9 = 225, \text{ so } T(40) = 450 - 225 = 225.$$

Next, for  $T := t \rightarrow 450 - 400 * \left(\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{(t/20)}\right)$ ; Maple's

$$\text{fsolve}(T(t)=350,t); \text{ gives } t_c = 96.3768.$$


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**Problem:** A 200L tank is half full of a solution containing 100g of a dissolved chemical. A solution containing 0.5 g/L of the same chemical is pumped into the tank at a rate of 6 L/min. The well-stirred mixture is pumped out at a rate of 4 L/min. Determine the concentration of the chemical in the tank just before overflow.

**Solution:**

$V = V(t)$  and  $A = A(t)$  will be the volume of the solution in the tank (in L) and amount of chemical in the tank (in g), at time  $t$  (in min.). The “rate in” is,  $r_1 = 6$  and “rate out”,  $r_2 = 4$ ; and the “concentration in” is,  $c_1 = 0.5$ , while we solve for the “concentration out”,  $c_2 = \frac{A}{V}$ .

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First, the initial volume  $V_0 = 100$  (one half of the tank’s volume), so  $V(t) = 100 + (r_1 - r_2)t = 100 + 2t$  (“rate in” - “rate out”). Next, the tank overflows when  $V$  is 200, which occurs when  $t = 50$ , (why?) so we’re looking for  $c_2(50)$ .

Now our main DE says that the rate of change of the amount of the chemical,  $\frac{dA}{dt}$ , is the difference  $r_1c_1 - r_2c_2$

(“rate in” - “rate out”), which we re-write as

$$\frac{dA}{dt} + \left( \frac{4}{100 + 2t} \right) A = 3, \text{ (using } c_2 = \frac{A}{V} \text{).}$$


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Now  $\frac{dA}{dt} + \left(\frac{4}{100 + 2t}\right)A = 3$  is a Linear DE,

with coefficient  $P = \frac{4}{100 + 2t} = \frac{2}{50 + t}$ .

So  $\int P dt = 2 \ln(50 + t) = \ln(50 + t)^2$ ,

and the integral factor  $I = e^{\int P dt} = e^{\ln(50+t)^2}$

$= (50 + t)^2$ . Multiplying both sides by  $I$  and using the Main Property gives

$$\frac{d}{dt} ((50 + t)^2 A) = 3(50 + t)^2,$$

then integrating gives  $(50 + t)^2 A = (50 + t)^3 + c$ , so

$$A = 50 + t + \frac{c}{(50 + t)^2}.$$

One last bit of data, the initial amount of the chemical was 100g, which gives the initial condition  $A(0) = 100$ ,

so  $100 = 50 + \frac{c}{50^2}$ , and  $c = 50^3$ ,

$$A(t) = 50 + t + \frac{50^3}{(50 + t)^2}.$$

So from  $A(t) = 50 + t + \frac{50^3}{(50 + t)^2}$ , we have  $c_2(50) = \frac{A(50)}{V(50)}$

$$= \frac{100 + \frac{125000}{100^2}}{200} = \frac{100 + \frac{125}{10}}{200} = \frac{100 + \frac{25}{2}}{200} = \frac{\frac{225}{2}}{200} = \frac{225}{400} = \frac{9}{16} \text{ g/L for the}$$

concentration at the time of overflow.