

## Week 3b:

3.6 Cooling/Mixing [see Cooling example, week 3]

[3.9 Numerical Solutions [Euler, Maple's dsolve/numeric]] not collected

4.1 Higher Order DE

4.2 Constant Coef, Homogeneous DE

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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  $c = 50^3$ ,

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


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So from  $A(t) = 50 + t + \frac{50^3}{(50+t)^2}$ , we have  $c_2(50) = \frac{A(50)}{V(50)}$   
 $= \frac{100 + \frac{125000}{100^2}}{200} = \frac{100 + \frac{125}{10}}{200} = \frac{100 + \frac{25}{2}}{200} = \frac{\frac{225}{2}}{200} = \frac{225}{400} = \frac{9}{16}$  g/L for the  
concentration at the time of overflow.

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**Logistic model:**  $P = P(t)$  pop. at time  $t$ ,

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = r\left(1 - \frac{P}{C}\right)P \quad \text{where } C \text{ is the carrying capacity}$$

(asymptotic limit (max) population), and  $r$  is the birth rate per individual;  $t$  in years.

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**Key Step in method:** After  $C dP = r(C - P)P dt$ ,

$$\text{separation gives } \frac{C dP}{(C - P)P} = r dt,$$

where we use Partial Fractions to get

$$\frac{C}{(C - P)P} = \frac{A}{P} + \frac{B}{C - P} \quad \text{with } A = B = 1,$$

so  $\int \left( \frac{1}{P} + \frac{1}{C - P} \right) dP = rt + c_1$ , where the integral is

$$\ln P - \ln(C - P) = \ln \frac{P}{C - P}.$$


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**Not-so Key Steps:** Raising to e gives  $\frac{P}{C - P} = e^{rt} e^{c_1}$ ,

where we replace  $e^{c_1}$  by  $c_2$ , and solve for  $P$ , then

use the initial condition to replace  $c_2$  by  $\frac{P_0}{C - P_0}$

and clear fractions to get the solution in a standard form.

**Problem Setup:** In practice, we don't use formulas, and

simply observe that if the maximum population, the carrying capacity, is everyone, say  $C = 1500$ , and the DE is

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = kP(1500 - P),$$

we solve using Partial Fractions, without needing any other formulas.

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**General Solution:** (1) to solve the 2nd order

$$\text{linear DE } y'' + a_1y' + a_2y = 0$$

find two linearly independent solutions  $y_1$  and  $y_2$ ,

then the general solution is  $y_H = c_1y_1 + c_2y_2$ .

(2) to solve the non-homogeneous 2nd order

$$\text{linear DE } y'' + a_1y' + a_2y = F,$$

find a particular solution  $y_p$ , then the general solution is  $y = y_H + y_p$ , where  $y_H$  is the solution of (1).

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**Problem 1:**

Determine all values  $r$  so  $y = e^{rx}$  is a

$$\text{solution to } y'' - 4y' + 3y = 0.$$

Find the general solution.

**Solution:**

For  $y = e^{rx}$ , we have  $y' = re^{rx}$  and  $y'' = r^2e^{rx}$ .

Substitution in the DE gives

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= y'' - 4y' + 3y = r^2e^{rx} - 4re^{rx} + 3e^{rx} \\ &= (r^2 - 4r + 3)e^{rx}. \end{aligned}$$

Now  $r^2 - 4r + 3 = (r - 3)(r - 1) = 0$  has roots  $r_1 = 1$   
 and  $r_2 = 3$ , so we get solutions  $y_1 = e^x$  and  $y_2 = e^{3x}$ ,  
 so the general solution is  $y = c_1e^x + c_2e^{3x}$ .

### Constant Coef, Homogeneous DE

When the DE  $y'' + a_1y' + a_2y = 0$  has  
 coefficients  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  that are constant,  
 the two linearly independent solutions  $y_1$  and  $y_2$   
 in the general solution  $y_H = c_1y_1 + c_2y_2$  may  
 be determined using the roots of the characteristic  
 polynomial  $P(r) = r^2 + a_1r + a_2$ .

#### Three cases:

- (1) For distinct real roots  $r_1$  and  $r_2$ ,  

$$y = c_1e^{r_1x} + c_2e^{r_2x}.$$
- (2) For a repeated real root  $r_1$  the 2nd independent  
 solution is  $y_2 = xe^{r_1x}$ , and  $y = c_1e^{r_1x} + c_2xe^{r_1x}$ .
- (3) For a pair of complex roots  $r = a + bi$  and  $r = a - bi$   
 with  $a$  and  $b$  real,  $b > 0$ ,  

$$y = c_1e^{ax} \cos(bx) + c_2e^{ax} \sin(bx).$$

#### Recitation on 4.2.

##### Problem 2:

Solve  $y'' - 6y' + 34y = 0$ .

##### Solution:

The characteristic polynomial is  $r^2 - 6r + 34$ ,

so the quadratic formula gives roots  $\frac{6 \pm \sqrt{6^2 - 4 \cdot 34}}{2}$   
 $= 3 \pm 5i$ . (why? )

So  $y = e^{3x}(c_1 \cos 5x + c_2 \sin 5x)$  is the general solution.

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**\*Postscript:** We may

solve the IVP  $y'' + 4y' + 4y = 0$ ,  $y(0) = 1$ ,  $y'(0) = 4$ .

We also may solve an IVP for Problem 2 (time permitting). In any case, the calculation of constants  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  to solve an IVP look rather different in (at least) four cases: the three types of roots in the homogeneous DE, and (fourth) the non-homogeneous DE.

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