

1. Consider a tank which has 400 gallons of a salt-water mixture. Initially, the tank has 15 lbs of salt in it. Water flows into the tank at a rate of 30 gallons per minute, and there is $\frac{1}{2}$ lb of salt per gallon. There is a mixing device in the tank which keeps the salt evenly distributed throughout the salt-water mixture. The salt-water mixture flows out of the tank at a rate of 30 gallons per minute. Find the concentration (lbs per gallon) of salt in the tank in the long run.

Let $q(t)$ be the amount of salt in the tank after t minutes.

Let $c(t)$ be the concentration of salt after t minutes.

Let $v(t)$ be the volume of liquid in the tank after t minutes.

$$\frac{dq}{dt} \left(\frac{\text{lbs}}{\text{min}} \right) = \text{rate in} \left(\frac{\text{lbs}}{\text{min}} \right) - \text{rate out} \left(\frac{\text{lbs}}{\text{min}} \right)$$

$$\text{rate in: } \frac{\frac{1}{2} \text{ lb}}{\text{gal}} \cdot \frac{30 \text{ gal}}{\text{min}} = 15 \frac{\text{lbs}}{\text{min}}; \quad \text{rate out: } \frac{q(t) \text{ lbs}}{v(t) \text{ gal}} \cdot \frac{30 \text{ gal}}{\text{min}}$$

$$v(t) = 400 \text{ for all } t \quad \left(30 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}} \text{ in; } 30 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}} \text{ out} \right)$$

$$\frac{dq}{dt} = 15 - \frac{30}{400} q \quad (\text{integrating factor or separable})$$

$$\text{get } q(t) = C e^{-3t/40} + 200$$

$$q(0) = 15, \text{ so } 15 = C + 200 \Rightarrow C = -185$$

$$q(t) = -185 e^{-3t/40} + 200$$

$$c(t) = \frac{q(t)}{v(t)} = \frac{-185 e^{-3t/40} + 200}{400}$$

$$= -\frac{37}{80} e^{-3t/40} + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} c(t) = 0 + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{2} \text{ lb per gal}}$$

2. Consider a tank which has 400 gallons of pure water, and has a capacity of 700 gallons. Salt water begins to flow into the tank at a rate of 5 gallons per minute and there are 10 grams of salt per gallon. There is a mixing device in the tank which keeps the salt evenly distributed throughout the tank. The mixture in the tank flows out at a rate of 3 gallons per minute. How much salt will be in the tank the instant it begins to overflow?

Use same symbols as problem 1.

Notice: $V(t)$ is not constant.

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \text{rate in} - \text{rate out} = 5 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}} - 3 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}} = 2 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}}$$

$$V(t) = 2t + C, \quad V(0) = 400, \quad \text{so } V(t) = 2t + 400$$

$$\frac{dq}{dt} = \text{rate in} - \text{rate out} = \frac{10 \text{ g}}{\text{gal}} \cdot \frac{5 \text{ gal}}{\text{min}} - \frac{q(t) \text{ g}}{\text{gal}} \cdot \frac{3 \text{ gal}}{\text{min}}$$

$$\frac{dq}{dt} = 50 - \frac{3q}{2t+400}$$

Use integrating factors: $q(t) = \frac{C}{(t+200)^{3/2}} + 20t + 4000$

$q(0) = 0$ (pure water) get $C = -8,000,000\sqrt{2}$

$$q(t) = \frac{-8,000,000\sqrt{2}}{(t+200)^{3/2}} + 20t + 4000$$

Tank overflows when $V(t) = 700$

$$700 = 2t + 400 \Rightarrow t = 150$$

$$q(150) \approx \boxed{5,272.16 \text{ grams}}$$