

MIDTERM 1 - FALL 20

1. A jug of buttermilk is set to cool on a front porch, where the temperature is 0°C . The jug was originally at 87°C . If the buttermilk has cooled to 15°C after 26 minutes, after how many minutes will the jug be at 8°C ?

The equation is (see First order slides p. 51)

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = -k(T-z), \quad T(0) = 87, \quad k \text{ unknown}$$

Here $z=0$, so the equation becomes

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = -kT \Rightarrow T = 87 e^{-kt}$$

In order to determine k , let us use the information $T(26) = 15$. We get

$$87 e^{-26k} = 15 \Leftrightarrow k = \frac{1}{26} \ln\left(\frac{87}{15}\right) \approx .068$$

Now we wish to find t s.t. $T(t) = 8$. This is expressed as

$$87 e^{-kt} = 8 \Leftrightarrow t = \frac{1}{k} \ln\left(\frac{87}{8}\right) \approx 35.29$$

We have to wait for 35 minutes

2. A large tank initially contains 20g of salt in 20L of water. A solution containing 6g/L salt flows into the tank at a rate of 4L/min, and the well stirred mixture flows out at the rate of 3L/min. Which of the following differential equations and initial conditions describe the amount of salt $A = A(t)$ in the tank at time t before the tank is full.

We use the equation (see First order, p. 78)

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \text{rate in} - \text{rate out}$$

$$\text{Here } \text{rate in} = C_{\text{in}} \times \text{flow}_{\text{in}} = 6 \times 4 = 24$$

$$\text{rate out} = C_{\text{out}} \times \text{flow}_{\text{out}}$$

$$= \frac{A(t)}{V(t)} \times 3 = \frac{3A}{V(0) + (4-3)t} = \frac{3A}{20+t}$$

Hence the initial value problem is

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = 24 - \frac{3A}{20+t}, \quad A(0) = 20$$

Otherwise stated:

$$\frac{dA}{dt} + \frac{3A}{20+t} = 24, \quad A(0) = 20$$

Note: This is a linear equation, with integrating factor

$$\mu = e^{3 \int \frac{dt}{20+t}} = (20+t)^3$$

Assume that $y = y(x)$ is a solution of the equation

$$\underbrace{(3x^2 + y)}_M dx + \underbrace{(x + 2y)}_N dy = 0$$

and $y(1) = 2$. What is the value of $y(2)$?

We have

$$M_y = 1, \quad M_x = 1$$

Hence the equation is exact

In order to compute the corresponding ϕ , we follow the recipe on First order p. 105. Hence

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(x, y) &= \int M dx = \int (3x^2 + y) dx \\ &= x^3 + yx + h(y)\end{aligned}$$

Then we identify h by writing

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_y &= N \Leftrightarrow x + h'(y) = x + 2y \\ \Leftrightarrow h'(y) &= 2y \Leftrightarrow h(y) = y^2 + c,\end{aligned}$$

Thus the general solution to the equation is

$$x^3 + yx + y^2 = c$$

The initial condition $x=1, y=2$ yields $c=7$, so that the implicit form of the solution is

$$\boxed{x^3 + yx + y^2 = 7}$$

One can solve for y by writing

$$\left(y + \frac{x}{2}\right)^2 = 7 - x^3 + \frac{x^2}{4}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow y = -\frac{x}{2} \pm \left(7 - x^3 + \frac{x^2}{4}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

The sign is determined by plugging the initial condition $y(1) = 2$ again. We thus choose the $+$ sign. We obtain

$$y = -\frac{x}{2} + \left(7 - x^3 + \frac{x^2}{4}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

For $x = 2$, this yields

$$y(2) = -1$$

4. If the function $f(x,y)$ is continuous near the point (a,b) , then at least one solution of the differential equation $y' = f(x,y)$ exists on some open interval I containing the point $x = a$ and, moreover, that if in addition the partial derivative $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ is continuous near (a,b) then this solution is unique on some (perhaps smaller) interval J . Determine whether existence of at least one solution of the given initial value problem is thereby guaranteed and, if so, whether uniqueness of that solution is guaranteed.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \sqrt{x-y}; y(1) = 1$$

Here $f(x,y) = \sqrt{x-y}$, and we need to establish the continuity of f near the point

$$(x,y) = (1,1)$$

As a function in \mathbb{R}^2 , f is continuous (as well as f_y) wherever $x-y > 0$.

This is not the case for $(x,y) = (1,1)$, since in this case $x-y = 0$. Hence existence and uniqueness are not guaranteed by the theorem.

Let $y = y(x)$ satisfy the following initial value problem

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{2}{x} y = 8x^2 \sqrt{y}$$

$$y(1) = 4.$$

What is the value of $y(\sqrt{2})$?

This is a Bernoulli equation. The standard method is explained in First order p. 96:

① Write the equation as

$$2 \times \frac{1}{2} y^{-1/2} y' + \frac{2}{x} y^{1/2} = 8x^2$$

② Set $y^{1/2} = u$, so that $u' = \frac{1}{2} y^{-1/2} y'$. We get

$$2u' + \frac{2}{x} u = 8x^2 \Leftrightarrow u' + \frac{1}{x} u = 4x^2$$

③ Solve the linear equation: the integrating factor is $\mu = e^{\int \frac{1}{x} dx} = x$. We get

$$(xu)' = 4x^3 \Leftrightarrow xu = x^4 + C$$

$$\Leftrightarrow u = x^3 + \frac{C}{x}$$


The initial value is $u(1) = \sqrt{y(1)} = \sqrt{4} = 2$, so that $C = 1$. Thus

$$u = x^3 + \frac{1}{x}, \quad y = u^2 = \left(x^3 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2$$

For $x = \sqrt{2}$ we get $\left(2\sqrt{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)^2 = 2 \times \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^2$


Hence $y(\sqrt{2}) = \frac{25}{2}$

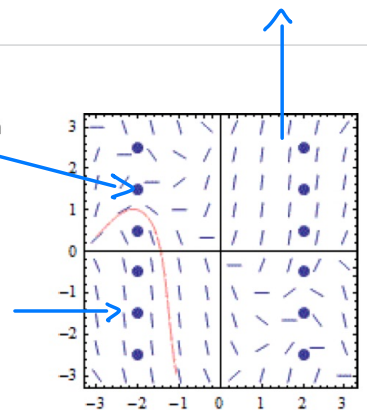
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Here $\sin x > 0$, $\sin y > 0$, then
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6. The slope field of the indicated differential equation has been provided, together with a solution curve. Sketch solution curves through the additional points marked in the slope field.

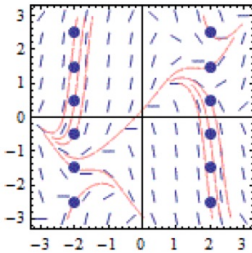
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 5 \sin x + 5 \sin y$$

Here $\sin x < 0$, $\sin y < 0$,
then slope of the fun 

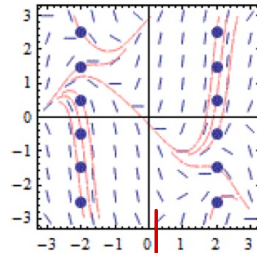


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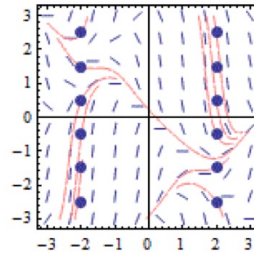
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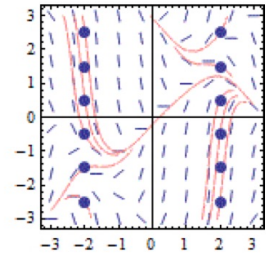
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This is the only slope field with the
same behavior as above

7. A Las Vegas casino tells their customers who want to play poker that $C(t)$, the amount of cash a poker player has at time t after they start playing, satisfies the differential equation

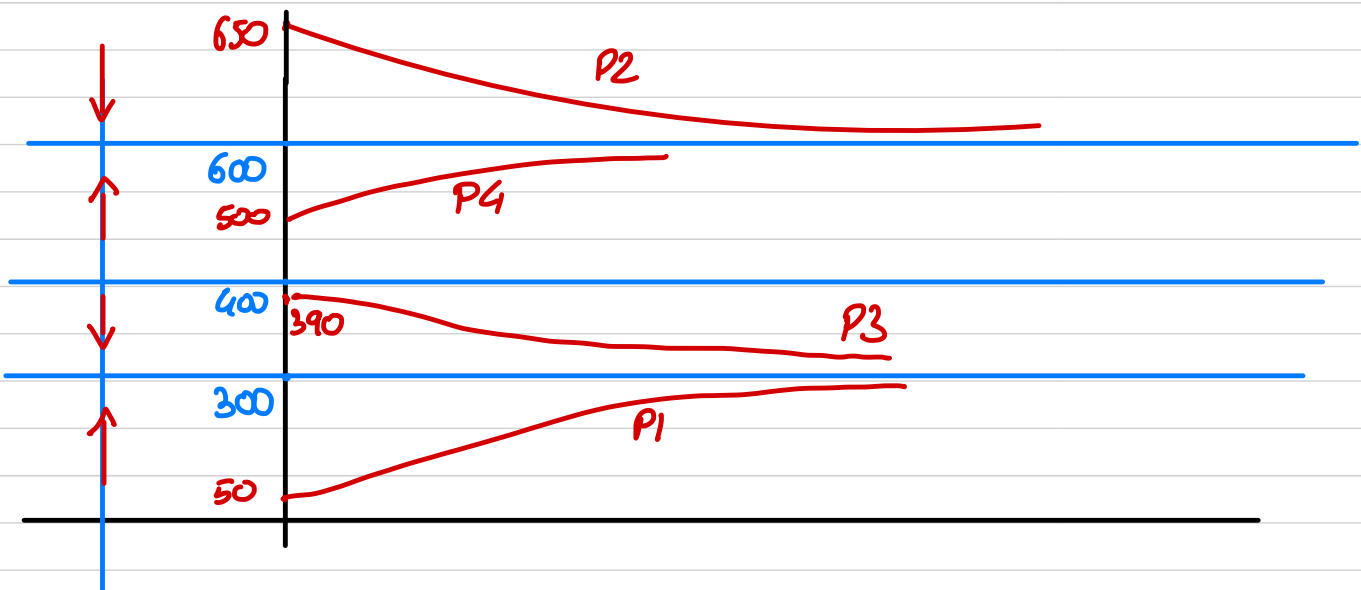
$$\frac{dC(t)}{dt} = (C(t) - 300)(C(t) - 400)(600 - C(t))$$

There are four players playing the game, P1, P2, P3 and P4. If $C(0)$ is the amount of money the gambler brings to the table, P1 brings \$50, P2 brings \$650, P3 brings \$390 and P4 brings \$500, which of the following is correct if the players keep playing at the same poker game for a very long time?

We will use a phase diagram with

$$f(c) = (c - 300)(c - 400)(600 - c)$$

The critical values are $c = 300, 400, 600$.



Hence in the long run:

P1 wins \$ 250

P2 loses \$ 50 \Rightarrow

P3 loses \$ 90

P4 wins \$ 100

P1 wins the most money
P3 loses the most money

If $y = y(t)$ is the solution of the initial value problem

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

$$y(1) = 3,$$

what is the value of $y(3)$?

This is a linear equation.

Its standard form is

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

The integrating factor is $\mu = e^{-\int \frac{1}{t} dt} = t^{-1}$.

We obtain

$$\left(\frac{1}{t} y\right)' = e^{-t}$$

Integrate on both sides. We get

$$\frac{1}{t} y = -e^{-t} + c \Leftrightarrow y = -t e^{-t} + c t$$

The initial value is $y(1) = 3$. This yields

$$c = 3 + e^{-1} \Rightarrow y = (3 + e^{-1}) t - t e^{-t}$$

Hence

$$y(3) = 9 + 3e^{-1} - 3e^{-3}$$

Find the explicit particular solution of the differential equation for the initial value provided.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 5x^2y - y, y(1) = -3$$

The equation can be seen as either linear or separable. We choose separable. We then write it as

$$\frac{dy}{y} = (5x^2 - 1) dx$$

Integrate on both sides to get

$$\ln(y) = \frac{5}{3} x^3 - x + C_1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow y = C_2 \exp\left(\frac{5}{3} x^3 - x\right)$$

The initial data is $y(1) = -3$, which yields

$$C_2 \exp\left(\frac{5}{3} - 1\right) = -3 \Leftrightarrow C_2 = -3 \exp\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)$$

We end up with

$$y = -3 \exp\left(\frac{5}{3} x^3 - x - \frac{2}{3}\right)$$

10. A population of tilapias in a pond, denoted by $x=x(t)$, where t is counted in years, obeys the following differential equation

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 1200x - x^2$$

If the initial population was $x(0) = 2500$ tilapias, what will be the time T until half of the tilapias die? What will be the population of tilapias in the pond after 10 years?

Write
$$\frac{dx}{(x-1200)x} = -dt \quad (1)$$

Then
$$\frac{1}{(x-1200)x} = \frac{1}{1200} \left(\frac{1}{x-1200} - \frac{1}{x} \right)$$

We integrate on both sides of (1) and get

$$\ln \left(\frac{x-1200}{x} \right) = -1200t + c,$$

When $t=0$ we have $x = 2500$, so that

$$c = \ln \left(\frac{13}{25} \right) \Rightarrow \ln \left(\frac{x-1200}{x} \right) = \ln \left(\frac{13}{25} \right) - 1200t \quad (2)$$

(i) We want to know T such that $x = 1250$.

Plugging into (2) we get

$$-\ln(25) = \ln \left(\frac{13}{25} \right) - 1200T$$

$$\Leftrightarrow T = \frac{1}{1200} \ln(13)$$

(i) Write (2) as
$$\frac{x-1200}{x} = \frac{13}{25} e^{-1200t}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = \frac{1200}{1 - \frac{13}{25} e^{-1200t}}$$

For $t=10$, we get
$$x \approx 1200$$

11. Consider the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{x} + \frac{x}{2(x+y)},$$

which is satisfied for $x > 0$. Suppose a solution $y(x)$ satisfies $y(1) = 1$. What is the value of $y(e^5)$?

This is a homogeneous equation. As a function of $v = y/x$, the rhs of the equation reads

$$F(v) = v + \frac{1}{2(1+v)}$$

According to Thm 7 p. 87 in First order, the separable equation for v is

$$\frac{1}{F(v)-v} dv = \frac{dx}{x} \Leftrightarrow 2(1+v) dv = \frac{dx}{x}$$

Integrate on both sides. This yields

$$2v + v^2 = \ln(x) + c_1 \quad \rightarrow \text{here } x > 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (v+1)^2 = \ln(x) + \underline{c_1 + 1} \stackrel{= c_2}{=}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow v = -1 \pm (\ln(x) + c_2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\stackrel{y=xv}{\Leftrightarrow} y = -x \pm x (\ln(x) + c_2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

The initial condition is $y(1)=1$. This fixes the + sign and we get $1 = -1 + c_2^{\frac{1}{2}} \Leftrightarrow c_2 = 4$

Hence $y(x) = x ((\ln(x) + 4)^{\frac{1}{2}} - 1)$

$$\text{Thus } \boxed{y(e^5) = 2e^5}$$