

# MA 16020 Lesson 8: Separation of variables III

Exercise 1. Find the general solution to the differential equations.

(a)  $6x^3y' = 2y' + x^2e^{-4y}$  First task: separating the variables

$$6x^3y' - 2y' = x^2e^{-4y}$$

$$(6x^3 - 2)y' = x^2e^{-4y} \quad \leftarrow \text{now we can separate.}$$

$$\boxed{e^{4y} \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^2}{6x^3 - 2}}$$

$$\int e^{4y} dy = \int \frac{x^2 dx}{6x^3 - 2} \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} u = 6x^3 - 2 \\ du = 18x^2 dx \end{array} \right|$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} e^{4y} = \frac{1}{18} \int \frac{1}{u} du = \frac{1}{18} \ln|u|$$

$$= \frac{1}{18} \ln|6x^3 - 2|$$

$$\begin{aligned} \leadsto \frac{1}{4} e^{4y} &= \frac{1}{18} \ln|6x^3 - 2| + C \\ e^{4y} &= \frac{2}{9} \ln|6x^3 - 2| + C \quad (\text{"new" } C) \\ 4y &= \ln\left(\frac{2}{9} \ln|6x^3 - 2| + C\right) \\ y &= \frac{1}{4} \ln\left(\frac{2}{9} \ln|6x^3 - 2| + C\right) \end{aligned}$$

(b)  $t^2y' = 5t^3 + 12t^3y$

$$y' = 5t + 12ty = t(5 + 12y)$$

$$\boxed{\frac{y'}{5 + 12y} = t}$$

$$\int \frac{dy}{5 + 12y} = \int t dt = t^2 + C$$

$$= \left| \begin{array}{l} u = 5 + 12y \\ du = 12 dy \end{array} \right| = \frac{1}{12} \int \frac{1}{u} du = \frac{1}{12} \ln|5 + 12y|$$

$$\leadsto \frac{1}{12} \ln|5 + 12y| = \frac{t^2}{2} + C$$

$$\ln|5 + 12y| = 6t^2 + C \quad (\text{"new" } C)$$

$$5 + 12y = \underbrace{+}_{\text{get again, "new" } C} e^C \cdot e^{6t^2}$$

$$12y = C \cdot e^{6t^2} - 5$$

$$y = C \cdot e^{6t^2} - \frac{5}{12}$$

and, again, "new" C

Exercise 2. Find the general solution to the differential equation

$$y' = \sin(3x)\sqrt{3y}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \sin(3x) \cdot \sqrt{3y}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3y}} \frac{dy}{dx} = \sin(3x)$$

$$\int \frac{dy}{\sqrt{3y}} = \int \sin(3x) dx$$

$$1) \int \frac{dy}{\sqrt{3y}} = \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} y^{-\frac{1}{2}} dy = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot 2 y^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \sqrt{y}$$

$$2) \int \sin(3x) dx = \left| \begin{array}{l} u = 3x \\ du = 3 dx \end{array} \right| = \frac{1}{3} \int \sin(u) du = \frac{1}{3} (-\cos(u)) + C$$

$$= C - \frac{1}{3} \cos(3x)$$

$$\leadsto \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \sqrt{y} = C - \frac{1}{3} \cos(3x)$$

$$\sqrt{y} = C - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} \cos(3x) \text{ ("new" } C)$$

$$\underline{\underline{y = \left( C - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} \cos(3x) \right)^2}}$$

Warning:

$$y = \left( C - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} \cos(3x) \right)^2 = \underbrace{C^2}_{=: D} - \underbrace{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \cdot C \cdot \cos(3x)}_{=: C \text{ ("new" } C)} + \frac{3}{36} \cos^2(3x) =$$

~~$D - C \cdot \cos(3x) + \frac{1}{12} \cos^2(3x)$~~

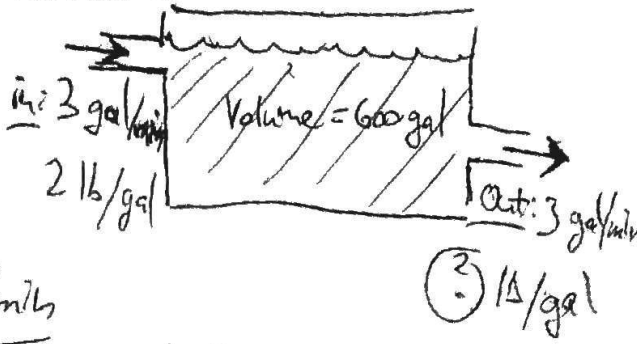
$$\neq D - C \cdot \cos(3x) + \frac{1}{12} \cos^2(3x), \quad C, D \text{ arbitrary constants}$$

is this correct? No! 1)  $C^2$  is not arbitrary constant  
... it is always positive

2) the constants  $C, D$  are not independent!

**Exercise 3.** A 800-gallon tank initially contains 600 gallons of pure water. Brine containing 2 pounds of salt per gallon flows into the tank at the rate of 3 gallons per minute, and the well-stirred mixture flows out of the tank at the rate of 3 gallons per minute. What is the amount of salt in the tank after 10 minutes?

$A(t)$  = amount of salt after  $t$  minutes  
 $A(0) = 0$



Rate of change = Rate in - Rate out

Rate in:  $(3 \text{ gal/min}) \times (2 \text{ lb/gal}) = 6 \text{ lb/min}$

Rate out:  $(3 \text{ gal/min}) \times \left(\frac{A(t)}{600} \text{ lb/gal}\right) = \frac{A}{200} \text{ lb/min}$   
concentration of salt in mixture

$\frac{dA}{dt} = 6 - \frac{A}{200}$      $\ln\left|6 - \frac{A}{200}\right| = -\frac{t}{200} + C$

$\frac{1}{6 - \frac{A}{200}} \frac{dA}{dt} = 1$

$\int \frac{dA}{6 - \frac{A}{200}} = \int 1 \cdot dt$

$-200 \ln\left|6 - \frac{A}{200}\right| = t + C$

(use sub.  $u = 6 - \frac{A}{200}$ )

$6 - \frac{A}{200} = \frac{+C}{e^{-\frac{t}{200}}} = C e^{\frac{t}{200}}$   
 $\therefore C$  ("new")

$6 - \frac{A}{200} = C \cdot e^{\frac{t}{200}}$

solve for A, get

$A = 200\left(6 - C \cdot e^{\frac{t}{200}}\right) = 1200 - C e^{\frac{t}{200}}$   
"new" C

$A(0) = 0$

$0 = 1200 - C \cdot e^0 = 1200 - C$

$\Rightarrow C = 1200$

$\Rightarrow A(t) = 1200 - 1200 e^{-\frac{t}{200}}$

Finally, amount after 10 min

$A(10) = 1200 - 1200 e^{-\frac{10}{200}}$

$\approx 58.525$  pounds

**Exercise 4.** In the previous problem, assume that the mixture flows out only at the rate of 2 gallons per minute. Set up a differential equation describing the amount of salt in the tank after  $t$  minutes. Is the equation separable?

Rate in: The same as above,  $3 \cdot 2 = 6 \text{ lb/min}$

Rate out:  $(2 \text{ gal/min}) \times$  concentration, but now,

concentration =  $\frac{A(t)}{\text{volume}} = \frac{A(t)}{600+t}$

$\Rightarrow$  Rate out =  $2 \cdot \frac{A}{600+t}$

$\frac{dA}{dt} = 6 - 2 \cdot \frac{A}{600+t}$     Not separable!

$\nearrow 600+t$   
 (3 gal/min go in, 2 gal/min go out  $\Rightarrow$  volume increases by 1 gal/min)