

**Problem 1 (18 pts):** Let  $m(t)$  be the amount of mass in kg of a radioactive substance, and assume  $dm/dt$  is proportional to  $m$  due to radioactive decay. The amount of substance is measured at 3 kg at  $t = 0$ . One minute later the substance is measured at 2 kg.

- (a) (10 pts) How much substance remains after another minute has passed (i.e., two minutes into the experiment)?
- (b) (8 pts) Use Euler's method with step size  $h = 1$  to approximate the remaining amount of radioactive substance at  $t = 1$  and  $t = 2$  starting from  $t = 0$ . There is no need to approximate logarithms.

**Solution:**

- (a) First we write down the governing differential equation described,

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = km.$$

Solving by separation of variables,

$$\int \frac{dm}{m} = \int k dt$$

we arrive at  $m(t) = Ae^{kt}$ . Applying the initial condition,  $m(0) = A = 3\text{kg}$ . To find  $m(2)$  we first need to find  $k$ . Use the amount of material left after one minute,

$$m(1) = 2 = 3e^k.$$

This gives us that  $k = \ln\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$ . Finally, plugging in  $t = 2$  we find the amount remaining two minutes into the experiment,

$$m(2) = 3e^{2\ln\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)} = 3e^{\ln\left(\frac{4}{9}\right)} = \frac{12}{9} = \frac{4}{3}$$

- (b) From part (a) we found  $k = \ln\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$ . Thus,  $f(m, t) = \ln\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$  and  $m_0 = 3$ . The first iteration of Euler's method with step size  $h = 1$  will give us an approximation at  $t = 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} m_1 &= m_0 + h(f(m_0, t_0)) \\ &= 3 + 1\left(3\ln\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)\right) \\ &= 3\left(1 + \ln\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)\right). \end{aligned}$$

The second iteration of Euler's will approximate the solution at  $t = 2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} m_2 &= m_1 + h(f(m_1, t_1)) \\ &= 3\left[1 + \ln\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)\right] + 1\left(\ln\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)\left[3\left(1 + \ln\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)\right)\right]\right) \\ &= 3\left[1 + \ln\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + \ln\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + \left(\ln\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)\right)^2\right] \\ &= 3\left(1 + \ln\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)\right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

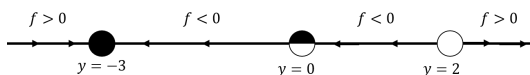
**Problem 2 (20 pts): Solution:**

|   | $y' = y^{1/3}t$ | $y' = -y + t$ | $ty' + y = 0$ | $ty' + y = 2$ | $y' = \sqrt{ y }$ |
|---|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Matching direction field from Fig. ??   | D               | E             | A             | B             | C                 |
| Is the equation linear?   | No              | Yes           | Yes           | Yes           | No                |
| If linear, is it homogeneous?   | -               | No            | Yes           | No            | -                 |
| If $y_1(t)$ and $y_2(t)$ both solve the ODE, does $y_3(t) = y_1(t) + 7y_2(t)$ also solve the ODE? | No              | No            | Yes           | No            | No                |
| Is the equation separable?  | Yes             | No            | Yes           | Yes           | Yes               |
| Can you guarantee a solution exists for all $(t_0, y_0)$ in $R$ ?                                 | Yes             | Yes           | No            | No            | Yes               |
| Can you guarantee solutions are unique for all $(t_0, y_0)$ in $R$ ?                              | No              | Yes           | No            | No            | No                |

**Problem 3 (16 pts):** The follow questions are unrelated. Please answer each question with a short response. Justify your answers.

**Solution:**

- (a) This differential equation is autonomous with  $f(y) = (y - 2)(y + 3)y^2$ . We have that  $y' = f(y) = 0$  when  $y = -3, 0, 2$ . Plugging in points into  $f(y)$  on either side of each equilibrium solutions gives the stability.



When  $y = 1$  we find  $f(y) < 0$  and the solution tends towards  $y = 0$  and away from  $y = 2$ .

- (b) From the differential equation we know the carrying capacity is  $L = 1$ . Solutions on either side of the line  $y = 1$  will behave different.
- (i) When the initial condition exists in  $(0, 1)$  the solution grows with asymptotic behavior towards  $y = 1$ .
  - (ii) When the initial condition exists lies above  $y = 1$  the solution decays towards  $y = 1$ .

**Problem 4 (22 pts):** Consider an internally uniform spherical shell with inner radius 1m and outer radius 2m. The inner surface is kept at a constant  $15^\circ\text{C}$ , while the outer surface is kept at a constant  $25^\circ\text{C}$ . The long-term temperature distribution  $T(r)$  within the shell ( $1 \leq r \leq 2$ ) satisfies

$$\frac{d^2T}{dr^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{dT}{dr} = 0.$$

Solve this to get an expression for the temperature  $T(r)$ . Your answer should not involve any unknown constants. Hint: Let  $S = \frac{dT}{dr}$ .

**Solution:** First we let  $S = \frac{dT}{dr}$ . Notice,  $\frac{d^2T}{dr^2} = \frac{d}{dr} \left( \frac{dT}{dr} \right) = \frac{d}{dr} S = \frac{dS}{dr}$ . The differential equation is then,

$$\frac{dS}{dr} + \frac{2}{r} S = 0.$$

This can be solved with separation of variables,

$$\int \frac{dS}{S} = \int \frac{-2}{r} dr \quad \implies \quad \ln |S| = -2 \ln |r| + C_1 \quad \implies \quad S = Ar^{-2}$$

This gives us that  $\frac{dT}{dt} = Ar^{-2}$ . Separation of variables again,

$$\int dT = \int Ar^{-2} dr \quad \implies \quad T = -Ar^{-1} + C_2$$

There are now two constants to solve for with our two conditions,  $T(1) = 15$  and  $T(2) = 25$ . This gives two equations,

$$\begin{aligned} -A + C_2 &= 15 \\ -\frac{A}{2} + C_2 &= 25 \end{aligned}$$

Which gives  $A = 20$  and  $C_2 = 35$ . Finally,

$$\boxed{T(r) = -\frac{20}{r} + 35}$$

**Problem 5 (24 pts)** The governing equations for  $A(t)$  and  $B(t)$  are

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dA}{dt} &= -\frac{A}{10} \\ \frac{dB}{dt} &= \frac{1}{10}(A - B). \end{aligned}$$

- (12 pts) Solve for  $A(t)$  and  $B(t)$ .
- (6 pts) Describe in general terms what the solutions,  $A(t)$  and  $B(t)$ , look like (for example what are their initial slopes and long term behavior?).
- (6 pts) A pump is added to  $T_B$  which pumps 1 L/min into  $T_A$ . To keep the water levels the same, the flow rate from  $T_A$  into  $T_B$  is increased to 2 L/min. Write down the governing differential equations (you do not need to solve). Sketch the nullclines (and directional arrows), and label any equilibrium points and the initial condition.

**Solution:**

- To find the solution we first need to solve for  $A(t)$ . We can do so by separation of variables,

$$\int \frac{dA}{A} = \int -\frac{dt}{10} \quad \implies \quad A(t) = Ce^{-\frac{t}{10}}$$

Using the initial condition,  $A(0) = 2$ , we find  $A(t) = 2e^{-\frac{t}{10}}$ . the differential equation for  $B(t)$  then is,

$$\frac{dB}{dt} + \frac{1}{10}B = \frac{1}{5}e^{-\frac{t}{10}}$$

This can be solved with either integrating factor or Euler-Lagrange,  
Integrating Factor:

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(t) = e^{\int \frac{1}{10} dt} = e^{\frac{t}{10}} &\implies e^{\frac{t}{10}} \left[ \frac{dB}{dt} + \frac{1}{10}B \right] = \frac{d}{dt} \left[ e^{\frac{t}{10}} B \right] = e^{\frac{t}{10}} \left( \frac{1}{5} e^{-\frac{t}{10}} \right) \\ &\implies e^{\frac{t}{10}} B = \int \frac{1}{5} dt = \frac{t}{5} + C \end{aligned}$$

Using the initial condition,  $B(0) = 5$ , we find  $C = 5$  and

$$B(t) = e^{-\frac{t}{10}} \left( \frac{t}{5} + 5 \right)$$

Euler-Lagrange:

The homogeneous solution solves,

$$\frac{dB}{dt} = -\frac{B}{10}$$

which gives  $B_h = Ce^{-\frac{t}{10}}$ . Now assuming  $B_p = v(t)e^{-\frac{t}{10}}$  we can find the relation,

$$v(t)'e^{-\int \frac{1}{10} dt} = f(t) \implies v'e^{-\frac{t}{10}} = \frac{1}{5}e^{-\frac{t}{10}} \implies v(t) = \frac{t}{5}$$

The solution is then,

$$B(t) = B_h + B_p = Ce^{-\frac{t}{10}} + \frac{t}{5}e^{-\frac{t}{10}}$$

Using the initial condition,  $B(0) = 5$  we find  $C = 5$  and

$$B(t) = e^{-\frac{t}{10}} \left( \frac{t}{5} + 5 \right)$$

- (b) The initial slopes are  $\left. \frac{dA}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = -\frac{1}{5}$  and  $\left. \frac{dB}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = -\frac{3}{10}$ . The amount of salt in both tanks are always decreasing exponentially until all the salt has left the tanks.
- (c) The governing equations become,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dA}{dt} &= \frac{1}{10}(B - 2A) \\ \frac{dB}{dt} &= \frac{1}{5}(A - B) \end{aligned}$$

To sketch the phase plane we first note  $\frac{dA}{dt} = 0$  when  $B = 2A$  and  $\frac{dB}{dt} = 0$  when  $B = A$ .

