

Please show **all** your work! Answers without supporting work will not be given credit.

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1. Logistics

- Office Hours: MS 3957, Tuesday at 10a and Thursdays at 11a
- SMC: MS 3974 Monday-Thursday 9a-3p (I'll be there Thursdays at 10a)

2. Plug and Play

Using your differentiation skills, decide which of the following (possibly more than one) are solutions to the differential equation given:

(a) $\frac{dy}{dt} = ty$

i. $y = e^{2t}$

ii. $y = e^{t^2}$

iii. $y = e^{\frac{t^2}{2}} + \pi$

iv. $y = \pi e^{\frac{t^2}{2}}$ **Only this one is a solution.**

(b) $f'(x) = f''(x) + x$

i. $f(x) = x^2/2 + x$ **This is a solution.**

ii. $f(x) = e^x$

iii. $f(x) = 10$

iv. $f(x) = e^x + 10 + x^2/2 + x$ **This is a solution.**

3. Come Out and Play (Keep 'em Separated)

One nice class of differential equations are the separable ones, i.e. the ones where you can move all the y stuff to one side and all the t stuff to other side. For example, with $\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{y}{t}$, we can separate this into $\frac{dy}{y} = \frac{dt}{t}$ by multiplying both sides by dt ¹ and dividing both sides by y . If your differential equation is in Newton notation like $f'(x) = f(x)x$ it's useful to convert it to Leibniz notation $\frac{df}{dx} = f(x)x$ so you can separate it as $\frac{df}{f(x)} = xdx$. Once separated, integrate both sides.

Use separation of variables to solve the following:

(a) $\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{y}{t}$

Separating gives $\frac{dy}{y} = \frac{dt}{t}$ and so we integrate to get $\ln|y| = \ln|t| + C$ and then we isolate y to get $y = Bt$.

(b) $\frac{df}{dx} = f(x)x$

Separating gives $\frac{df}{f} = xdx$ and so we integrate to get $\ln|f| = x^2/2 + C$ and then we isolate f to get $f = Be^{x^2/2}$.

(c) $\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{t^2 + e^t}{y}$

Separating gives $ydy = (t^2 + e^t)dt$ and so we integrate to get $y^2/2 = t^3/3 + e^t + C$ and then we isolate y to get $y = \pm\sqrt{2(t^3/3 + e^t + C)}$.

¹We won't be too worried about whether we can do this; for now, think of this as a mnemonic aid.

4. My Chemical Reaction

Consider a chemical reaction involving three reactants X, Y and Z, combining to form a substance S. We will assume that the rate at which the molecules of S are formed is proportional to the product of the concentrations of X, Y and Z at time t . Let $x(t)$, $y(t)$, $z(t)$, and $s(t)$ be the concentrations of chemicals X, Y, Z, and S present at time t . Then we have the rate law

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = kx(t)y(t)z(t).$$

Assume that for every new molecule of S, one molecule of each X, Y, and Z is used, and so we have the relations $x(t) = x(0) - s(t)$, $y(t) = y(0) - s(t)$, and $z(t) = z(0) - s(t)$. Solve the resulting separable equation.

In class we simplified to the case of two reactants and $x(0) = 1$ and $y(0) = 2$.

Thus the differential equation is $\frac{ds}{dt} = k(1-s)(2-s)$ and so we separate variables to get $\frac{ds}{(1-s)(2-s)} = kdt$ and do partial fractions to get $\int \frac{1}{1-s} - \frac{1}{2-s} ds = kt + C$. Using logarithm rules and simplifying we get

$$s(t) = \frac{Be^{kt} - 2}{Be^{kt} - 1}.$$

5. Sherlock, Doctor Who, and You

In forensic medicine, determining the time of death of a victim can be critical in convicting the murderer. Mathematics can aid this process by using Newton's law of cooling. This law states that the rate at which the temperature, T , of a body changes in time, t , is proportional to the difference between the body's temperature, T , and the ambient temperature, A . Mathematically, this statement corresponds to the following differential equation: $\frac{dT}{dt} = k(A - T)$ where k is a positive constant proportionate to the thermal conductivity of the body. A large k means the body readily conducts heat and quickly adjusts to the ambient temperature. A small k means the body is well insulated and slowly adjusts to the ambient temperature.

- (a) Find the general solution to the differential equation.

Separate variables to get $\frac{dT}{A-T} = kdt$ and from there we get $T(t) = A - Be^{-kt}$.

- (b) Mister Burns was found dead in a wheatfield at 10:04 AM. The wheatfield temperature was 65F and Mister Burns' body temperature was 70F. After 2 minutes, his body's temperature dropped to 69F. When did he die?

Define $t = 0$ to be 10:04a where we measure time in minutes. We start by finding B , $T(0) = 70 = 65 - Be^0$ so $B = -5$. And thus $T(t) = 65 + 5e^{-kt}$. When $t = 2$ we have that $T(2) = 69 = 65 + 5e^{-k(2)}$ and solving this for k gives us $k = \ln(4/5)/(-2)$. Now we know k and B we can try to solve for when $T(t) = 98$, the temperature of a living person. We get $t = -17$ and so he died at 9:47 AM.