

3.1 Linear Models

1. Newton's Law of Cooling: the rate at which an object cools is proportional to the difference between the object's temperature (T) and the temperature of the surrounding medium (T_m), ie

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = K(T - T_m) \quad \text{where } K \text{ is a constant of proportionality.}$$

Suppose a cold beer at 40°F is placed into a warm room at 70°F . Suppose 10 minutes later, the temperature of the beer is 48°F . Use Newton's law of cooling to find the temperature 25 minutes after the beer was placed in the room.

First we need our initial value problem (IVP).

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = K(T - 70)$$

$$\begin{cases} T(0) = 40 \\ T(10) = 48 \end{cases}$$

ALWAYS write the initial conditions beside the DE, otherwise you do not have an IVP.

Note: This is a first order, linear, separable equation, so

$$\int \frac{dT}{T-70} = \int K dt$$

$$\ln|T-70| = Kt + C$$

$$T(t) - 70 = e^{Kt+C}$$

$$T(t) = 70 + C_1 e^{Kt}$$

This general solution is said to be a two parameter family of solutions since we have two arbitrary constants C_1, K .

Since we need a particular solution to find the temperature of the beer after 25 minutes, we need to know what c , and k are. Hence the reason for two initial conditions.

$$T(0) = 40 = 70 + c_1 e^{k(0)}$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = 40 - 70$$

$$= -30$$

$$\text{So } T(t) = 70 - 30 e^{kt}$$

$$\text{Now } T(10) = 48 = 70 - 30 e^{10k}$$

$$-22 = -30 e^{10k}$$

$$e^{10k} = \frac{11}{15}$$

$$15$$

$$k = \frac{1}{10} \ln \left(\frac{11}{15} \right)$$

$$\approx -0.0310$$

$$\text{So } T(t) = 70 - 30 e^{-0.0310t}$$

$$\text{Now } T(25) = 70 - 30 e^{-0.0310(25)}$$

$$\approx 56.18^\circ \text{F.}$$

2. Growth and Decay: The rate at which a population grows/declines at a certain time is proportional to the total population at that time.

$$\text{ie } \frac{dx}{dt} = Kx \quad \text{where } K \text{ is a growth/decay constant}$$

A biologist starts with 100 cells in a culture. After 1 day, he counts 300. What is the reproductive rate? What will be the number of cells after 5 days?

Let $P(t)$ = population of cells at time t (in days).

Then the IVP is $\frac{dP}{dt} = kP$

$$\begin{cases} P(0) = 100 \\ P(1) = 300 \end{cases}$$

Again, this is a first order, linear, separable equation

$$\text{so } \int \frac{dP}{P} = \int k dt$$

$$\ln|P| = kt + c$$

$$P(t) = e^{kt+c}$$

$$= e^{kt} e^c$$

$$= c_1 e^{kt}$$

$$\text{Then } P(0) = 100 = c_1 e^{0(k)}$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = 100$$

$$\text{So } P(t) = 100 e^{kt}$$

$$P(1) = 300 = 100 e^k$$

$$3 = e^k$$

$$k = \ln(3)$$

$$\approx 1.0986$$

$$\text{giving } P(t) = 100 e^{1.0986t}$$

$$\text{Then } P(5) = 100 e^{1.0986(5)}$$

$$\approx 24,298.5$$

3. Personal Finance: The rate at which an investment grows (declines) at a given time is equal to the sum of the rate at which interest accrues and the deposits (withdrawals) made to the account.

$$\text{ie } \frac{dS}{dt} = rS + K \quad \text{where } S(t) = \text{savings at time } t$$

$r = \text{interest rate}$

$K = \text{deposits/withdrawals}$
assumed to be constant.

Suppose you have just started work and have no initial savings. If you decide to save \$2000 each year with an interest rate of 5% per year compounded continuously, how much will you accumulate after 30 years?

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = 0.05S + 2000$$

$$S(0) = 0$$

Note: this is a first order, linear, nonseparable equation

Rewriting the DE in standard form, we have

$$S' - 0.05S = 2000$$

$$\text{IF} = e^{\int (-0.05) dt} = e^{-0.05t}$$

$$e^{-0.05t} [S' - 0.05S = 2000]$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} [e^{-0.05t} S] = 2000 e^{-0.05t}$$

$$\int \frac{d}{dt} [e^{-0.05t} S] dt = 2000 \int e^{-0.05t}$$

$$e^{-0.05t} S = -40000 e^{-0.05t} + C$$

$$S(t) = -40000 + C e^{0.05t}$$

$$S(0) = 0 = -40000 + C e^0$$

$$\Rightarrow C = 40000$$

$$\text{So } S(t) = 40000 (e^{0.05t} - 1)$$

$$\text{Then } S(30) = 40000 (e^{0.05(30)} - 1)$$

$$\approx \$139,267.56$$

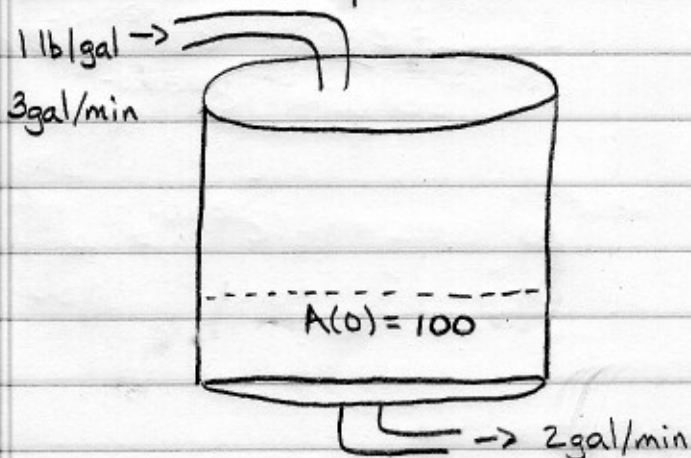
4. Mixture of 2 Solutions: The rate of change in the amount of a substance in a well mixed solution is equal to the input rate of that substance minus the output rate.

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \text{input} - \text{output}$$

$$R_i \quad R_o$$

where rate of input/output = concentration $\cdot$ flow.

A tank with a capacity of 500 gal contains 200 gal of H_2O with 100 lb NaCl in solution. H_2O containing 1 lb/gal of salt enters the tank at a rate 3 gal/min. The well mixed solution is then pumped out at a rate of 2 gal/min. Find the amount of NaCl in the tank prior to the tank overflowing.



$$R_i = (\text{concentration})(\text{flow})$$

$$= \left(\frac{1 \text{ lb}}{\text{gal}} \right) \left(\frac{3 \text{ gal}}{\text{min}} \right)$$

$$= 3 \text{ lb/min}$$

$$R_o = (\text{concentration})(\text{flow})$$

$$= \left(\frac{A(t)}{200 + (3-2)t} \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{gal}} \right) \left(\frac{2 \text{ gal}}{\text{min}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{2A(t)}{200+t} \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{gal}}$$

Note: tank is

filling up by a

gallon per minute

$$\text{So we have } \frac{dA}{dt} = 3 - \frac{2A}{200+t}$$

$$t \in [0, 300]$$

$$A(0) = 100$$

Again, this is a first order, linear, nonseparable equation only this time we have a variable coefficient.

Putting the equation in standard form, we have

$$\frac{dA}{dt} + \left(\frac{2}{200+t} \right) A = 3$$

$$\text{IF: } e^{\int \frac{2}{200+t} dt} = e^{2 \ln(200+t)} = e^{\ln(200+t)^2} = (200+t)^2$$

$$\text{Then } (200+t)^2 \left[\frac{dA}{dt} + \frac{2A}{200+t} \right] = 3$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[(200+t)^2 A \right] = 3(200+t)^2$$

$$\int \frac{d}{dt} \left[(200+t)^2 A \right] dt = 3 \int (200+t)^2 dt$$

$$(200+t)^2 A = 3 \left[\frac{(200+t)^3}{3} \right] + C$$

$$A(t) = 200+t + \frac{C}{(200+t)^2}$$

$$A(0) = 100 = 200 + 0 + \frac{C}{(200)^2}$$

$$-100 = \frac{C}{(200)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow C = -100(200)^2 = -4,000,000$$

$$\text{So } A(t) = 200 + t - \frac{4,000,000}{(200+t)^2} \quad \text{for } t \in [0, 300].$$