

Differential Equations II, March 23, 2018

1. Suppose a reservoir contains 1000 L of polluted water, in which is dissolved 10 kg of pollutant. Suppose polluted water flows into the tank at a rate of 10 L/min, with 0.1 kg of pollutant per litre. The reservoir is constantly and thoroughly mixed, and the solution flows out at a rate of 10 L/min. Find the amount of pollutant in the tank at any time t .

SOLUTION: Let $p(t)$ be the amount of pollutant in the tank at any time t . We know that the rate of change of the amount of pollutant in the tank is equivalent to the rate in minus the rate out. So:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dp}{dt} &= p_{in} - p_{out} \\ &= 0.1 \frac{kg}{l} \cdot 10 \frac{l}{min} - \frac{p}{1000} \frac{kg}{l} \cdot 10 \frac{l}{min} \\ &= 1 - \frac{p}{100}\end{aligned}$$

This is a separable differential equation and straightforward to solve, with the initial condition being that $p(0) = 10$.

SOLVE THE FOLLOWING DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS:

1. $\frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = x$

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

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3. $x \frac{dy}{dx} - 2y = 10x^2$, with $y(1) = 3$

SOLUTION: Putting this equation into standard form yields: $\frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{2y}{x} = 10x$. We take our integrating factor to be $I = e^{\int \frac{2}{x} dx} = x^2$. Multiplying both sides of the *standard form* of the original differential equation yields:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} x^2 - 2xy &= 10x^3 \\ \frac{d}{dx} (x^2 y) &= 10x^3 \\ \int \frac{d}{dx} (x^2 y) dx &= \int 10x^3 dx \\ x^2 y &= 10 \frac{x^4}{4} + c \\ y &= \frac{5x^2}{2} + \frac{c}{x^2}\end{aligned}$$

Since $y(1) = 3$, we have that $c = \frac{1}{2}$ and the final solution is $y = \frac{5x^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2x^2}$

4. Summarize the method of integrating factors.

This is something for you to do on your own. Some questions that might help you are: When should you use this method? What is the purpose of it? Why do we use it? What are the steps to the method?