

Differential Equations III, March 28, 2018

1. WARMUP: See class notes for solution

- Determine the family of solutions to the differential equation $y' + 2y = e^{t/2}$,
- Given the initial condition of $y(1) = 2$, what is the solution to the differential equation?
- Draw a direction field and a few solutions' graphs.
- Summarize the method of integrating factors

2. A tank has pure water flowing into it at 12 L/min. The contents of the tank are kept thoroughly mixed, and the contents flow out at 10 l/min. Initially, the tank contains 10 kg of salt in 100 L of water. Find the amount of salt in the tank after t minutes.

SOLUTION: Volume of the water in the tank is not constant. We can define $V = 100 + 2t$. So, the concentration of salt, S , after t minutes is $\frac{S}{V} = \frac{S}{100 + 2t}$. Hence, the rate of change of the amount of salt with respect to time is $\frac{dS}{dt} = S_{in} - S_{out} = 0 - \frac{S}{100 + 2t}(10L/min)$. Solving this separable differential equation yields $S = \frac{10^{11}}{(100 + 2t)^5}$

3. Find the orthogonal trajectories of the family of curves defined by $y^2 = kx^3$.

SOLUTION: We need to determine the curves that are perpendicular to the family of curves at points (x, y) . In order to do this, we need the slope of the family of curves. Taking d/dx of both sides yields $2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 3kx^2$, so $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3kx^2}{2y}$. Since $k = \frac{y^2}{x^3}$, $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3y}{2x}$. Since we want the slope of our orthogonal

trajectories to be perpendicular to this, we want the slopes to be the inverse reciprocal, so $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{2x}{3y}$. Now, this is a separable differential equation and we can solve for y . After a little bit of work, we get $y^2 =$

$-\frac{2}{3}x^2 + \frac{2}{3}C$, for some constant C . Then, $\frac{y^2}{\frac{2}{3}C} + \frac{\frac{2}{3}x^2}{\frac{2}{3}C} = 1$, which is equivalent to $\frac{y^2}{\left(\sqrt{\frac{2C}{3}}\right)^2} + \frac{x^2}{(\sqrt{C})^2} = 1$,

which is a family of ellipses. The trajectories look as follows:

