

MAT 1332, Winter 2016, Assignment 3

Due Wednesday February 10 in the math department dropboxes by 7:00pm.

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QUESTION 1. Consider the differential equation

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = P^3 - 5P^2 + 6P$$

- a) Find all equilibrium points.
- b) Determine the stability of each equilibrium point.
- c) Draw a phase-line diagram.

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(a) Factoring, we have

$$P^3 - 5P^2 + 6P = P(P^2 - 5P + 6) = P(P - 3)(P - 2) = F(P)$$

Hence the equilibria are $P_1 = 0$; $P_2 = 2$ and $P_3 = 3$.

(b) Differentiating, we have

$$F'(P) = 3P^2 - 10P + 6.$$

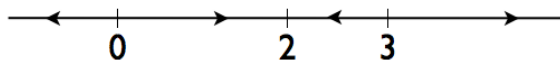
Substituting the equilibrium points, we have

$$F'(0) = 6 > 0 \text{ so this point is unstable}$$

$$F'(2) = -2 < 0 \text{ so this point is stable}$$

$$F'(3) = 3 > 0 \text{ so this point is unstable}$$

(c) The phase-line diagram is thus:



QUESTION 2. A bacterial culture starts with 600 bacteria and expands at a rate proportional to its amount. After 3 hours, there are 1000 bacteria.

- a) Determine the expression for the number of bacteria as a function of time.
- b) How many bacteria are there after 8 hours?
- c) How long does it take until there are 40,000 bacteria?

(a) We have $\frac{dP}{dt} = KP$, so separating variables and integrating gives

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dP}{P} &= K dt \\ \ln P &= Kt + C \\ P &= Ae^{Kt}\end{aligned}$$

Applying the conditions $P(0) = 600$ and $P(3) = 1000$ gives

$$\begin{aligned}600 &= Ae^0 & A &= 600 \\ 1000 &= 600e^{3K} \\ e^{3K} &= \frac{5}{3} \\ 3K &= \ln \frac{5}{3} \\ K &= \frac{1}{3} \ln \frac{5}{3} = 0.170275\end{aligned}$$

Hence the solution is $P(t) = 600e^{0.170275t}$

(b) After 8 hours there are $P(8) = 600e^{0.170275 \times 8} = 2342.86 \approx 2342$ bacteria. (You can't have a fraction of a bacterium.)

(c) We have

$$\begin{aligned}40000 &= 600e^{0.170275\bar{t}} \\ \bar{t} &= \frac{\ln(200/3)}{0.170275} = 24.66 \text{ hours}\end{aligned}$$

QUESTION 3. Uranium U-235 has a half-life of approximately 7×10^8 years. The decay rate of uranium is proportional to the quantity present. After a nuclear accident, 100 grams of uranium is released into the air.

- Write down the differential equation describing this system.
- Find the function describing the amount of uranium remaining after time t , where t is time in years since the nuclear accident.
- How much uranium is there after two million years? How much is there after two billion years?

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- Since the uranium decays, the differential equation is negative. Hence we have $\frac{dQ}{dt} = -Kt$, where $Q(t)$ is the quantity of uranium remaining at time t .
- Separating variables and integrating (just as in Question 1), we have

$$Q = Ae^{-kt}$$

The initial condition gives $Q(0) = A = 100$, while the halflife condition says that $Q(7 \times 10^8) = 100e^{-700000000k} = 50$, so it follows that

$$k = -\frac{1}{700000000} \ln \frac{1}{2} = -\frac{\ln 2}{700000000}.$$

Hence the solution is

$$Q(t) = 100 \exp\left(-\frac{\ln 2}{700000000}t\right)$$

- After two million years, we have

$$\begin{aligned} Q(2000000) &= 100 \exp\left(-\frac{\ln 2}{700000000}2000000\right) \\ &= 100 \exp\left(-\frac{\ln 2}{700}2\right) \\ &= 99.8 \text{ grams} \end{aligned}$$

After two billion years, we have

$$\begin{aligned} Q(2000000000) &= 100 \exp\left(-\frac{\ln 2}{700000000}2000000000\right) \\ &= 100 \exp\left(-\frac{\ln 2}{700}2000\right) \\ &= 13.8 \text{ grams} \end{aligned}$$

QUESTION 4. Solve the following differential equations:

a) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{e^{7x-2}}{e^{3x+4y}}$

Separating variables and integrating, we have

$$\begin{aligned}e^{4y} dy &= \frac{e^{7x-2}}{e^{3x}} dx \\ \int e^{4y} dy &= \int \frac{e^{7x-2}}{e^{3x}} dx \\ &= \int e^{4x-2} dx \\ \frac{e^{4y}}{4} &= \frac{e^{4x-2}}{4} + c \\ e^{4y} &= e^{4x-2} + K \\ y &= \frac{1}{4} \ln(e^{4x-2} + K)\end{aligned}$$

(Note that the constant cannot be moved outside the logarithm.)

b) $y^3 \frac{dy}{dx} = 5x^4 y^4 - 40x^4$

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Factoring the right-hand side, then separating variables and integrating, we have

$$\begin{aligned}y^3 \frac{dy}{dx} &= 5x^4(y^4 - 8) \\ \frac{y^3}{y^4 - 8} dy &= 5x^4 dx \\ \frac{1}{4} \int \frac{4y^3}{y^4 - 8} dy &= \int 5x^4 dx \\ \frac{1}{4} \ln |y^4 - 8| &= x^5 + c \\ \ln |y^4 - 8| &= 4x^5 + K \\ y^4 - 8 &= Ae^{4x^5} \\ y^4 &= Ae^{4x^5} + 8 \\ y &= \sqrt[4]{Ae^{4x^5} + 8}\end{aligned}$$

c) $y' = y \cot(\pi t)$. Find the general solution and also the particular solution satisfying $y\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 3$.

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First rewrite the differential equation as $\frac{dy}{dt} = y \frac{\cos(\pi t)}{\sin(\pi t)}$. Then, separating variables and integrating, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{y} dy &= \frac{\cos(\pi t)}{\sin(\pi t)} dt \\ \int \frac{1}{y} dy &= \int \frac{\cos(\pi t)}{\sin(\pi t)} dt\end{aligned}$$

Let $u = \sin(\pi t)$. Then $\frac{du}{dt} = \pi \cos(\pi t)$ so $dt = \frac{du}{\pi \cos(\pi t)}$. We thus have

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{1}{y} dy &= \int \frac{\cos(\pi t)}{u} \frac{du}{\pi \cos(\pi t)} \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int \frac{du}{u} \\ \ln |y| &= \frac{1}{\pi} \ln |u| + c \\ \ln |y| &= \frac{1}{\pi} \ln |\sin(\pi t)| + c \\ &= \ln |\sin(\pi t)|^{1/\pi} + c \\ y &= A |\sin(\pi t)|^{1/\pi}\end{aligned}$$

is the general solution.

The particular solution satisfying $y(0) = 3$ satisfies

$$\begin{aligned}3 &= A |\sin(0)|^{1/\pi} && \text{so } A = 3 \\ y &= 3 |\sin(\pi t)|^{1/\pi}\end{aligned}$$