

PROJECTED WRITTEN NOTES FROM THE M408D LECTURE  
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SOLUTION CURVES of a D.E., The D.E.:  $P' = kP$ , and  
an Application of a SEPARABLE DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION

CLASS # 18

## Differential Equations

EXAMPLE:  $y'' + 4y = 0$  for  $y = y(x)$

The general solution for this D.E. is

$$y = C_1 \cos(2x) + C_2 \sin(2x),$$

$C_1$  and  $C_2$  are constants.

One solution of this D.E. comes from

$$C_1 = 0 \text{ and } C_2 = 7 \text{ giving}$$

$$y = 7 \sin(2x).$$

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You can check that  
this is a solution.

An Analytic Solution

$$y = f(x)$$

# Initial Value Problems (IVPs)

Example of An IVP:

$y'' + 4y = 0$  is a given D.E. with  $y = y(x)$ .

Find a solution a solution of D.E. such that

$$y(\pi/4) = 3 \quad \text{and} \quad y'(\pi/4) = 10.$$

The Initial  
Conditions →

How we solved it:

The General Solution of the D.E. is

$$y = C_1 \cos(2x) + C_2 \sin(2x).$$

$$y' = -2C_1 \sin(2x) + 2C_2 \cos(2x)$$

We evaluated both at  $x = \pi/4$  to get  
equation ~~eq~~ in  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ , and we solved  
these to find  $C_1 = -5$  and  $C_2 = 3$ .

So, the Solution of the IVP is

$$y = -5 \cos(2x) + 3 \sin(2x).$$

Consider the D.E.,  $4yy' - 2x = 0$

The General Solution is

$$2y^2 - x^2 = C \text{ where } -\infty < C < \infty.$$

(Unfortunately, it only defines solutions  $y$  implicitly. This is an example of a non-analytic solution.)

Check: Differentiate both sides to get:

$$2(2yy') - 2x = 0$$

$$4yy' - 2x = 0 \quad \text{which is the D.E.}$$

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The graph of a particular solution for a D.E. is called a solution curve of the D.E.,

The graphs of all the solutions of a D.E. are called "The Solution Curves of the D.E."

Now, Consider the D.E.  $4yy' - 2x = 0$ .

Task: Find the solution curves of this D.E.

The General Solution of this D.E. is

$$2y^2 - x^2 = C, \quad -\infty < C < \infty$$

For  $C=0$ ,

$$2y^2 - x^2 = 0$$

$$2y^2 = x^2$$

$$\sqrt{2}|y| = |x|$$

$$|y| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|x|$$

$$y = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|x|$$

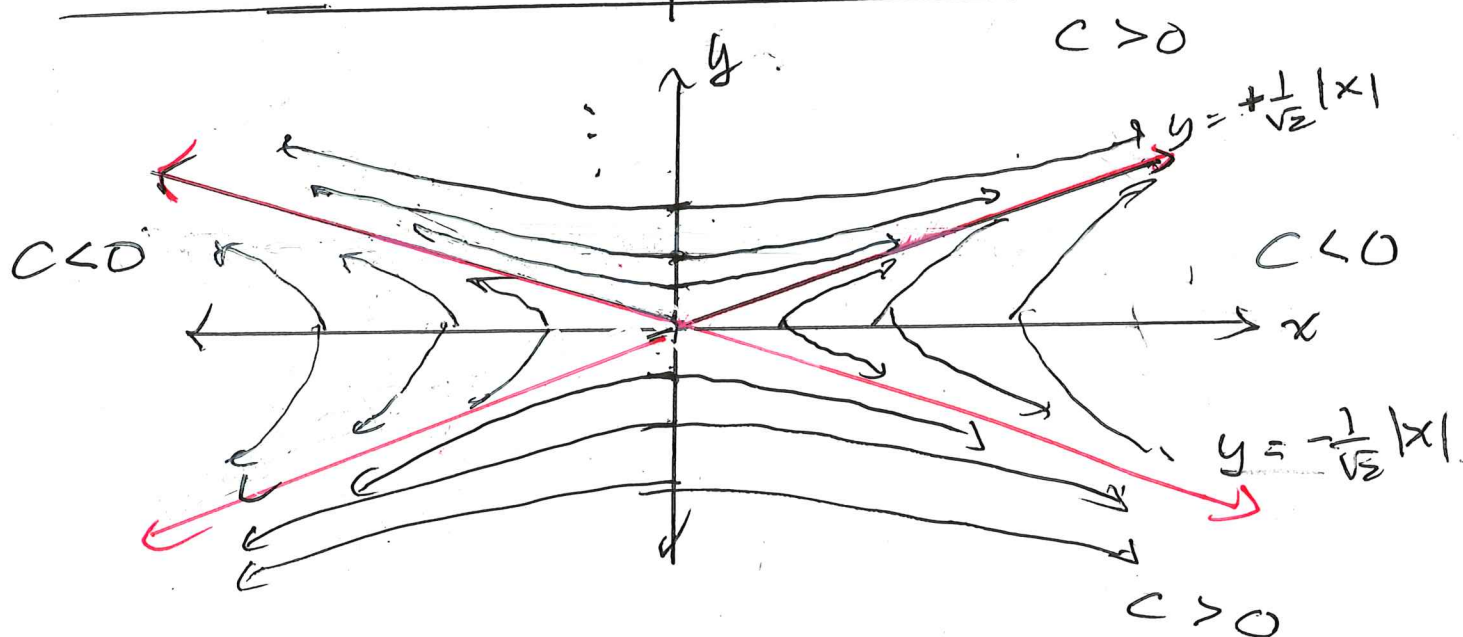
$$y = \pm 0.707|x|$$

For  $C \neq 0$ ,

$$\frac{2y^2}{C} - \frac{x^2}{C} = 1$$

$$\frac{y^2}{\left(\frac{C}{2}\right)} - \frac{x^2}{C} = 1$$

Hyperbolas!



# EXAMPLES OF FINDING A General Solution of a Differential

Ex: Let  $k$  be a non-zero constant real number.

Consider the D.E.  $\frac{dP}{dt} = kP$

(Here  $P = f(t) = P(t)$ )

Find the General Solution of this D.E.

Solution: Omitting, for now, the zero function  $P(t) = 0$   
and assuming  $P \neq$  the zero function,  
divide both sides by  $P$  to get:

$$\frac{P'}{P} = \frac{dP/dt}{P} = k \Rightarrow \int \frac{P'(t)}{P(t)} dt = \int k dt$$

$$\int \frac{P'(t)}{P(t)} dt = \int k dt = kt + C, \text{ where } C \text{ is any real \#.}$$

$$\int \frac{P'(t)}{P(t)} dt = \ln(|P(t)|) = kt + C, \text{ where } C \text{ is any real \#.}$$

(Apply  $e^x$  to both sides)

$$|P(t)| = e^{kt+C} = e^{kt} \cdot e^C \text{ and Note } e^x > 0$$

let  $A = e^C > 0$

$$|P(t)| = A e^{kt} \text{ where } A \text{ is any positive real \#.}$$

$A > 0.$

$$|P(t)| = A e^{kt} \text{ where } A > 0.$$

$$P(t) = \pm A e^{kt} \text{ where } A \text{ is any positive real}^\# \text{.}$$

$\pm A \neq 0.$

Since  $\pm A$  can be any non-zero number,

I can redefine  $A$  as  $A \neq 0$ , so:

$$P(t) = A e^{kt} \text{ where } A \text{ is any non-zero}^\# \text{;}$$

$A \neq 0$

(This is a general solution for all the Non-Zero Solns of the D.E.)

Is  $P(t) = 0$  a solution too?

For  $P(t) = 0$ ,  $P'(t) = 0$ ,  $P'(t) = k \cdot 0 = 0$  <sup>and</sup>

and  $kP(t) = 0$ , so,  $P'(t) = kP(t)$ .

So  $P(t) = 0$  is a solution of the D.

$$P(t) = 0 = 0 \cdot e^{kt} \text{ so } A e^{kt} \text{ when } A = 0 \text{ is a sol'n.}$$

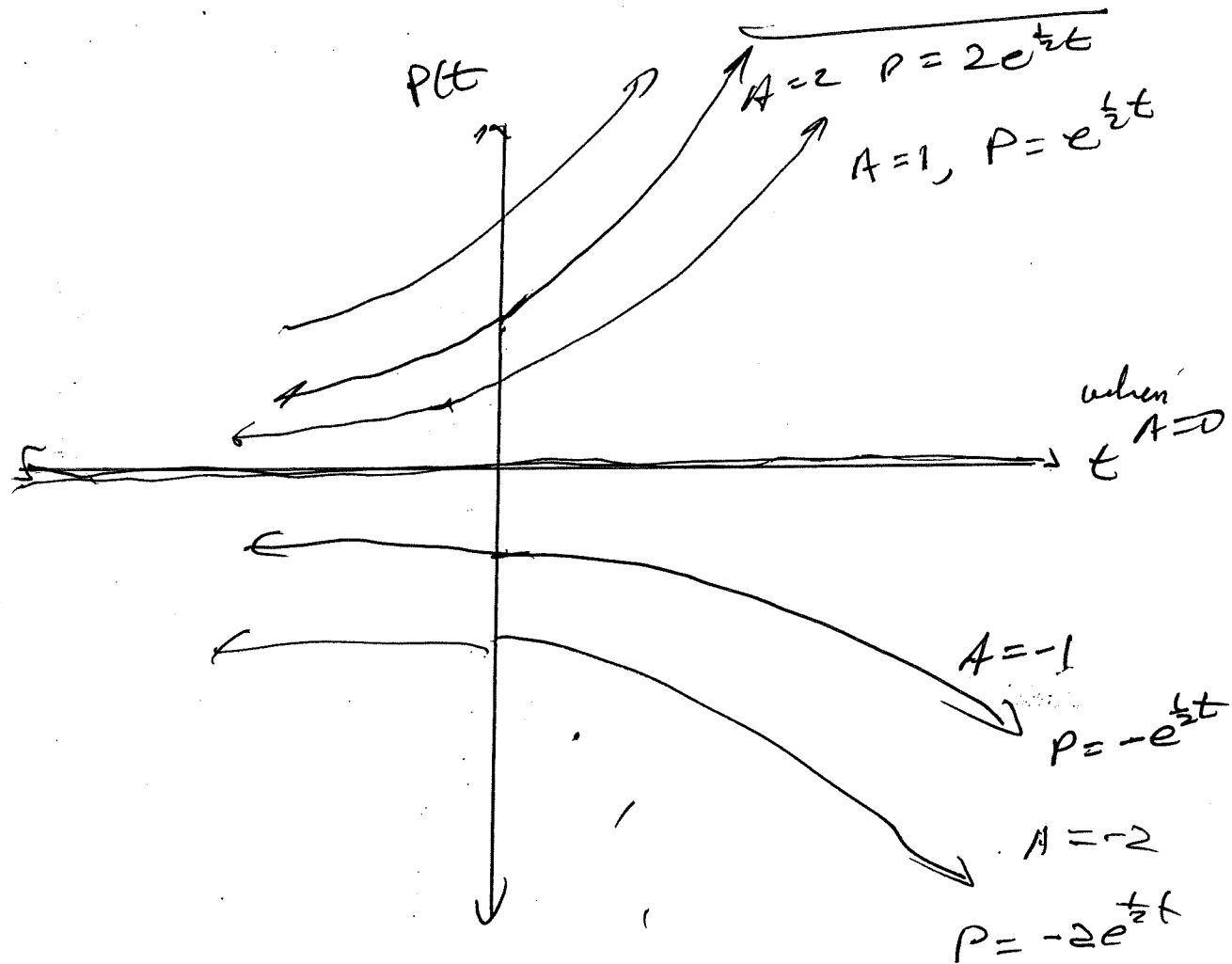
The General Solution of the D.E.  $P'(t) = kP(t)$

is  $P(t) = A e^{kt}$  where  $A$  is any real number

(including  $A = 0$ )

For  $k = \frac{1}{2}$ , The D.E. is  $P' = \frac{1}{2}P$

and it has General Solution  $P = A e^{\frac{1}{2}t}$



THESE ARE THE SOLUTION CURVES  
FOR THE D.E.

$$P' = \frac{1}{2}P$$

## A Separable First-Order Differential Equation Application

A full 200-gallon tank has brine (salt water) with 25 lbs of salt in the tank.

Starting at time  $t = 0$  min, a brine solution with concentration 0.05 lbs / gal enters the tank at the constant rate of 10 gal/min, and the well-stirred solution is drained from the tank at the same rate, 10 gal/min.

(a) Determine the amount of salt in the tank as a function of time  $t$ .

(b) When does the amount of salt in the tank become 15 lbs?

Solution: Let  $y(t) = \#$  of lbs of salt in the tank at time  $t$ , minutes. The Initial Condition is  $y(0) = 25$ .

We Discover a Differential EQUATION in function  $y$  which has the function  $y(t)$  as a solution.

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \text{RATE}_{\text{IN}} - \text{RATE}_{\text{OUT}} \quad \text{in terms of } \frac{\text{lbs of SALT}}{\text{MIN.}}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{RATE}_{\text{IN}} &= \text{BRINE CONCENTRATION} \times \text{RATE OF FLOW} \\ &= (0.05 \text{ lbs/gal}) \times (10 \text{ gal/min}) \\ &= 0.5 \text{ lbs of salt/min.} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{RATE}_{\text{OUT}} &= \text{BRINE CONCENTRATION} \times \text{RATE OF FLOW} \\ &= \left( \frac{y(t) \text{ lbs}}{200 \text{ gal}} \right) \times (10 \text{ gal/min}) \\ &= \frac{y}{20} \text{ lbs of salt/min} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\frac{dy}{dt} = 0.5 - \frac{y}{20} = \frac{10}{20} - \frac{y}{20} = \frac{1}{20} (10 - y)$$

The Initial Condition is  $y(0) = 25$ .



So, the I.V.P. to solve is:

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$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{1}{20}(10-y) \text{ and } y(0) = 25.$$

$$\frac{1}{10-y} dy = \frac{1}{20} dt$$

$$\int \frac{1}{10-y} dy = \int \frac{1}{20} dt = \frac{1}{20} t + C_1$$

$$-\int \frac{1}{10-y} dy \quad -\ln|10-y| = \frac{1}{20} t + C_3 \quad (C_3 = C_1 - C_2)$$

$$= -\ln|10-y| + C_2 \quad \ln|10-y| = C - \frac{1}{20} t \quad C = -C_3$$

[TAKING EXPONENTIALS]

$$|10-y| = e^C \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{20} t}$$

[we solve for  $e^C$ ] so, at  $t=0$ ,  $y=25$  lbs of salt, so

$$|10-25| = e^C \cdot e^{-\frac{0}{20}} = e^C \cdot 1 = e^C$$

$$(1-15) = 15$$

$$15 = e^C$$

$$(|10-y| = |y-10|)$$

$$\text{so, } |y-10| = 15 e^{-\frac{1}{20} t}$$

$$y-10 = \pm 15 e^{-\frac{t}{20}}$$

$$y = 10 \pm 15 e^{-\frac{t}{20}}$$

Since  $y(0) = 25 > 0$ ,  
use +, not -.

Part (a) SOLUTION:

$$y = 10 + 15 e^{-\frac{t}{20}} \text{ lbs of salt in the tank at time } t_{\text{min}}$$

Part (b) sol'n: Set  $y = 15$  and solve for  $t$ .

$$15 = 10 + 15 e^{-\frac{t}{20}} \Rightarrow 5 = 15 e^{-\frac{t}{20}} \Rightarrow e^{-\frac{t}{20}} = \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow -\frac{t}{20} = \ln\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{t}{20} = -\ln 3 \Rightarrow \boxed{t = 20 \ln 3 \approx 21.97 \text{ minutes}}$$

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