# MATH 16C: APPLICATIONS OF DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

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- You study a population of mayflies to determine how quickly a particular characteristic will pass from one generation to the next.
- At the start, half of the population has the characteristic. After four generations, 75% of the population has the characteristic.
- In genetics, key model is dy/dt = ky(1 y)(a by) where y is the proportion of the population with the characteristic, t is the number of generations, and a and b are constants that depend on genetics.
- We will assume that a = 2 and b = 1.
- **PROBLEM**: Find the proportion of the mayflies with the characteristic after 10 generations.

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We solved the differential equation using separation of variables (and partial fractions integration)

$$\int \frac{1}{y(1-y)(2-y)} dy = \int k dt \Rightarrow \int \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{y} + \frac{1}{1-y} + \frac{-\frac{1}{2}}{2-y} dy = \int k dt$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{dy}{y} - \int \frac{-dy}{1-y} + \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{-dy}{2-y} = kt + C \ (C \text{ is a constant})$$
$$\frac{1}{2} \ln(y) - \ln(1-y) + \frac{1}{2} \ln(2-y) = kt + C$$
$$\ln(y) - 2\ln(1-y) + \ln(2-y) = 2kt + 2C$$

From properties of the Logarithm we have:

$$\Rightarrow \ln\left(\frac{y(2-y)}{(1-y)^2}\right) = 2kt + 2C$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{y(2-y)}{(1-y)^2} = e^{2kt+2C}$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{y(2-y)}{(1-y)^2} = Ae^{2kt} (A \text{ is a constant})$$

Next, use the initial condition that  $y = \frac{1}{2}$  when t = 0 to find A.

$$\frac{\frac{1}{2}(2-\frac{1}{2})}{(1-\frac{1}{2})^2} = \frac{(\frac{1}{2})(\frac{3}{2})}{\frac{1}{4}} = Ae^0 \Rightarrow A = 3.$$

Next use the initial condition that  $t = \frac{3}{4}$  when t = 4 to find k.

$$\frac{\frac{3}{4}(2-\frac{3}{4})}{(1-\frac{3}{4})^2} = \frac{\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)}{\frac{1}{16}} = 3e^{8k} \Rightarrow 15 = 3e^{8k} \Rightarrow k = \frac{1}{8}\ln(5).$$

Therefore, the particular solution is \$\frac{y(2-y)}{(1-y)^2} = 3e^{\frac{1}{4} \ln(5)t}\$.
Lastly, we solve for y when t = 10.

$$\frac{y(2-y)}{(1-y)^2} = 3e^{\frac{10}{4}\ln(5)} \Rightarrow \frac{y(2-y)}{(1-y)^2} \approx 168 \text{(using calculator)}$$
$$\Rightarrow y(2-y) \approx 168(1-y)^2$$
$$\Rightarrow 2y - y^2 \approx 168 - 336y + 168y^2$$
$$\Rightarrow 0 \approx 168 - 338y + 169y^2$$

So, we have a quadratic equation involving y. Solving this gives y ≈ 0.92. Thus 92% of the population has the characteristic.

### Modeling chemical mixture

- A solution containing <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>lb of salt per gallon flows into a tank at the rate of 2 gallons per minute.
- The well-stirred mixture flows out of the tank at the same rate.
- The tank initially holds 100 gallons of solution containing 5lbs of salt.

• Question: How much salt is in the tank after 30 minutes? And, how much salt is in the tank as  $t \to \infty$ ?

• Our Aim: to model S(t)=amount of salt with respect to time.

#### Answer:

**Step 1** (Let us find the differential equation!!!):

- Salt flowing IN = 2 gallons/min  $\times \frac{1}{2}$ lbs/gallon =1lbs/min.
- Salt flowing OUT = 2 gallons/min ×  $\frac{S}{100}$  lbs/gallon =  $\frac{S}{50}$  lbs/min.

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = IN - OUT = 1 - \frac{S}{50}.$$

Step 2 (find the general solution):

$$rac{dS}{dt} = 1 - rac{S}{50}$$
 a linear first order DE

In standard form, it is  $\frac{dS}{dt} + \frac{S}{50} = 1$ . So,  $P(t) = \frac{1}{50}$  and Q(t) = 1.

• The integrating factor is

$$u(t) = e^{\int P(t)dt} = e^{\int \frac{1}{50}dt} = e^{\frac{1}{50}t}.$$

Then,

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$$S = \frac{1}{u(t)} \int u(t)Q(t)dt$$
  
=  $\frac{1}{e^{\frac{1}{50}t}} \int e^{\frac{1}{50}t}dt$   
=  $e^{-\frac{1}{50}t} \left(50e^{\frac{1}{50}t} + C\right)$  (C is a constant)  
=  $50 + Ce^{-\frac{1}{50}t}$ .

• Therefore, the general solution is

$$S = 50 + Ce^{-\frac{1}{50}t}$$

**Step 3** (find the particular solution):

- The initial condition is that S = 5 when t = 0. So,  $5 = 50 + Ce^0 \Rightarrow C = 45$ .
- Therefore, the particular solution is

$$S = 50 - 45e^{-\frac{1}{50}t}.$$

Step 4 (solve for given values):

- When t = 30, we have  $S = 50 45e^{-\frac{1}{50}30} \approx 25.30$ lbs.
- Also, as  $t \to \infty$ , we have  $S \to 50$  since  $45e^{-\frac{1}{50}30} \to 0$  as  $t \to \infty$ .

# Chapter 7: Multivariate Calculus

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### 7.1: The 3-dimensional coordinate system



The points (1,3,4) is located at the corner of a  $1 \times 3 \times 4$  box.



- We want to know the distance from (1,3,4) to the origin (0,0,0), We want to know that value of d in the diagram.
- Use Pythagoras' theorem twice:  $d = \sqrt{4^2 + w^2}$  and  $w = \sqrt{1^2 + 3^2}$ , so

$$d = \sqrt{1^2 + 3^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{26}$$

- In general, the distance of a point (x, y, z) to the origin is  $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$  using the same technique as above.
- The distance between two points  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2, z_2)$ . Then,  $d = \sqrt{(z_2 - z_1)^2 + w^2}$  and  $w = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$ .



Thus,  $d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2}$ . **EXAMPLE:** Find the distance between (-3, 2, 5) and (4, -1, 2).

$$d = \sqrt{((-3)-4)^2 + (2-(-1))^2 + (5-2)^2} = \sqrt{49+9+9} = \sqrt{67}.$$