

MAT 21B, Spring 2019  
Solutions to homework 6

**Section 7.2:** Solve the differential equations:

12. (10 points)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2e^{-y}$ .

**Solution:** This is a separable equation, and we can write

$$\int e^y dy = \int 3x^2 dx,$$

so

$$e^y = x^3 + C, \quad y = \ln(x^3 + C).$$

18. (10 points)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{e^{2x-y}}{e^{x+y}}$ .

**Solution:** Let us simplify the right hand side first:

$$\frac{e^{2x-y}}{e^{x+y}} = e^{2x-y} \cdot e^{-x-y} = e^x e^{-2y}.$$

Now  $dy/dx = e^x e^{-2y}$ , so

$$\int e^{2y} dy = \int e^x dx,$$

$$\frac{1}{2}e^{2y} = e^x + C, \quad e^{2y} = 2(e^x + C), \quad 2y = \ln(2(e^x + C))$$

and

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{2} \ln(2(e^x + C)).$$

32. (10 points) The concentration of the antibiotic in blood is modeled by the differential equation  $y' = r - ky$ .

(a) If  $y(0) = y_0$ , find  $y(t)$  at any time  $t$ .

(b) Assume that  $y_0 < r/k$  and find limit  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t)$ . Sketch the solution curve for  $y(t)$ .

**Solution:** We have  $\frac{dy}{dt} = r - ky$ , so

$$\int \frac{dy}{r - ky} = \int dt,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{-1}{k} \ln |r - ky| &= t + C, \quad \ln |r - ky| = -kt - kC \\ r - ky &= \pm e^{-kt - kC} = Ae^{-kt} \quad (A = \pm e^{-kC}). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $ky = r - Ae^{-kt}$  and

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{k}(r - Ae^{-kt}).$$

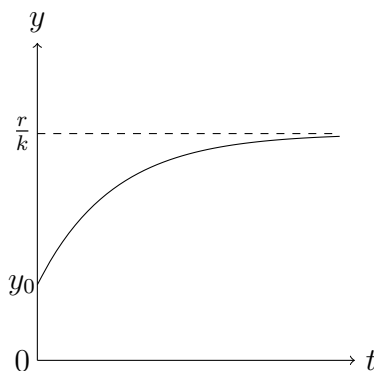
Now we need to find the constant  $A$  from the initial condition. We have

$$ky(0) = r - A, \quad A = r - ky_0,$$

so

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{k}(r - (r - ky_0)e^{-kt}) = \frac{r}{k} - \frac{r}{k}e^{-kt} + y_0e^{-kt}.$$

(b) Since  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{-kt} = 0$ , we have  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t) = \frac{r}{k}$ .



36.(10 points) The price  $p(x)$  for  $x$  units satisfies the differential equation

$$\frac{dp}{dx} = \frac{-p}{100}, \quad p(100) = 20.09$$

- Find the formula for  $p(x)$ .
- Find  $p(10)$  and  $p(90)$ .
- Show that the revenue  $r(x) = xp(x)$  has maximum at  $x = 100$ .
- Graph the revenue  $r(x)$ .

**Solution:** (a) We have  $p(x) = Ae^{-x/100}$ , so  $p(100) = Ae^{-100/100} = Ae^{-1}$ . We have

$$Ae^{-1} = 20.09, \quad A = 20.09e,$$

so

$$p(x) = 20.09e \cdot e^{-x/100} = 20.09e^{1-\frac{x}{100}} = 20.09e^{\frac{100-x}{100}}.$$

(b) If  $x = 10$  we have  $p(x) = 20.09e^{0.9} \approx 49.41$ . If  $x = 90$  then  $p(x) = 20.09e^{0.1} \approx 22.20$ .

(c) We have  $r(x) = Axe^{-x/100}$ , so

$$r'(x) = Ae^{-x/100} + Ax \cdot \frac{-1/100 e^{-x/100}}{e} = A\left(1 - \frac{x}{100}\right)e^{-x/100}.$$

The derivative is positive if  $1 - \frac{x}{100} > 0$ , so  $100 - x > 0$ ,  $x < 100$ . Therefore the function  $r(x)$  increases for  $x < 100$  and decreases for  $x > 100$ , so it has a maximum at  $x = 100$ .

(d)

