Section 5: First Order Equations Models and Applications

We considered the following problem description:

A population of dwarf rabbits grows at a rate proportional to the current population. In 2011, there were 58 rabbits. In 2012, the population was up to 89 rabbits. Estimate the number of rabbits expected in the population in 2021.

We defined $P(t)$ as the population density (no. rabbits per unit habitat) at the time $t$ in years with $t = 0$ in 2011. The given statement was then interpreted mathematically as

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = kP, \quad P(0) = 58, \quad \text{and} \quad P(1) = 89.$$
\[
\frac{dP}{dt} = kP, \quad P(0) = 58
\]

With the first condition, we have an IVP for the population of rabbits \( P \). Using separation of variables, our population satisfied

\[
P(t) = 58e^{kt}.
\]

The additional condition determined that \( k = \ln\left(\frac{89}{58}\right) \). We then estimated the 2021 population by

\[
P(10) = 58e^{10\ln\left(\frac{89}{58}\right)} \approx 4198.
\]
Exponential Growth or Decay

If a quantity $P$ changes continuously at a rate proportional to its current level, then it will be governed by a differential equation of the form

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = kP \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \frac{dP}{dt} - kP = 0.$$

Note that this equation is both separable and first order linear. If $k > 0$, $P$ experiences **exponential growth**. If $k < 0$, then $P$ experiences **exponential decay**.
Series Circuits: RC-circuit

Figure: Series Circuit with Applied Electromotive force $E$, Resistance $R$, and Capacitance $C$. The charge of the capacitor is $q$ and the current $i = \frac{dq}{dt}$. 
Series Circuits: LR-circuit

**Figure:** Series Circuit with Applied Electromotive force $E$, Inductance $L$, and Resistance $R$. The current is $i$. 

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Measurable Quantities:

Resistance $R$ in ohms ($\Omega$),
Inductance $L$ in henries (h),
Capacitance $C$ in farads (f),
Implied voltage $E$ in volts (V),
Charge $q$ in coulombs (C),
Current $i$ in amperes (A)

Current is the rate of change of charge with respect to time: $i = \frac{dq}{dt}$.

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Kirchhoff’s Law

The sum of the voltages around a closed circuit is zero.

In other words, the sum of potential drops across the passive components is equal to the applied electromotive force.

\[ R \frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{1}{C} q(t) = E \]

1st order linear ODE for \( q(t) \)
LR: Potential Drop across

Inductor   Resistor

\[ L \frac{di}{dt} + Ri = E \]

1st order linear ODE for \( i(t) \).
Example

A 200 volt battery is applied to an RC series circuit with resistance 1000\(\Omega\) and capacitance \(5 \times 10^{-6}\) f. Find the charge \(q(t)\) on the capacitor if \(i(0) = 0.4\) A. Determine the charge as \(t \to \infty\).

\[
R \frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{1}{C} q = E
\]

Here

\[
E = 200\ \text{V}
\]

\[
R = 1000\ \Omega
\]

\[
C = 5 \times 10^{-6}\ \text{f}
\]

\[
i(0) = q'(0) = 0.4\ \text{A}
\]

\[
1000 \frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{1}{5 \times 10^{-6}} q = 200
\]

Stand and form

\[
\frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{10^6}{5(1000)} q = \frac{200}{1000}
\]

\[
\frac{10^6}{5 \times 10^3} = 200
\]

The IVP is

\[
\frac{dq}{dt} + 200q = \frac{1}{5}, \quad q'(0) = \frac{2}{5}
\]
\[ P(t) = 200, \quad p = e^{-\frac{q}{1000}} ; \quad e^{\int \frac{d}{dt}\left(e^{\frac{200t}{q}}\right)dt} = e^{\int \frac{1}{5} e^{\frac{200t}{q}} dt} \]

\[ \frac{d}{dt} \left( e^{\frac{200t}{q}} \right) = \frac{1}{5} e^{\frac{200t}{q}} \]

\[ e^{\frac{200t}{q}} q = \frac{1}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{200} e^{\frac{200t}{q}} + k \]

\[ q = \frac{1}{1000} + k e^{-\frac{200t}{q}} \]

Apply \[ q'(0) = \frac{2}{5} \]
\[ q_0'(t) = 0 + k \left(-200 e^{-200t} \right) = -200 ke^{-200t} \]

\[ q_0'(0) = \frac{2}{5} = -200 ke^0 = -200 k \]

\[ k = \frac{2}{5(-200)} = \frac{-1}{500} \]

The on charge of the capacitor:
\[ q(t) = \frac{1}{1000} - \frac{1}{500}e^{-200t} \]

The long term charge:
\[ \lim_{t \to \infty} q(t) = \lim_{t \to \infty} \left( \frac{1}{1000} - \frac{1}{500}e^{-200t} \right) = \frac{1}{1000} \]

Steady state

Transient state
A Classic Mixing Problem

A tank originally contains 500 gallons of pure water. Brine containing 2 pounds of salt per gallon is pumped in at a rate of 5 gal/min. The well mixed solution is pumped out at the same rate. Find the amount of salt \( A(t) \) in pounds at the time \( t \). Find the concentration of the mixture in the tank at \( t = 5 \) minutes.
A Classic Mixing Problem

**Figure:** Spatially uniform composite fluids (e.g. salt & water, gas & ethanol) being mixed. Concentrations of substance change in time.
Building an Equation

The rate of change of the amount of salt

\[
\frac{dA}{dt} = \left( \text{input rate of salt} \right) - \left( \text{output rate of salt} \right)
\]

The input rate of salt is

\[
\text{fluid rate in} \cdot \text{concentration of inflow} = r_i(c_i).
\]

The output rate of salt is

\[
\text{fluid rate out} \cdot \text{concentration of outflow} = r_o(c_o).
\]
Building an Equation

The concentration of the outflowing fluid is

\[ C_o = \frac{\text{total salt}}{\text{total volume}} = \frac{A(t)}{V(t)} = \frac{A(t)}{V(0) + (r_i - r_o)t}. \]

This equation is first order linear.

\[ \frac{dA}{dt} = r_i \cdot c_i - r_o \frac{A}{V}. \]
Solve the Mixing Problem

A tank originally contains 500 gallons of pure water. Brine containing 2 pounds of salt per gallon is pumped in at a rate of 5 gal/min. The well mixed solution is pumped out at the same rate. Find the amount of salt $A(t)$ in pounds at the time $t$. Find the concentration of the mixture in the tank at $t = 5$ minutes.

\[ V(0) = 500 \text{ gal} \]
\[ r_i = 5 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}} \]
\[ r_0 = 5 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}} \]
\[ c_i = 2 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{gal}} \]
\[ c_0 = \frac{A}{V} \]
\[ A(0) = 0 \quad \text{(pure water)} \]

\[ V(t) = V(0) + (r_i - r_0) t = 500 \text{ gal} + (5 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}} - 5 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}}) t \text{ min} \]

\[ = 500 \text{ gal} \]
\[ \frac{dA}{dt} + \frac{C_i}{V} A = \gamma_i C_i \]

\[ \frac{dA}{dt} + \frac{S}{S_{oo}} A = S \cdot 2 = 10 \]

Our IVP is \( \frac{dA}{dt} + \frac{1}{100} A = 10 \), \( A(0) = 0 \).

\[ P(t) = \frac{1}{100}, \quad \mu = e = e \]

\[ \frac{d}{dt} \left[ e^{\frac{1}{100}t} A \right] = 10 e^{\frac{1}{100}t} \]

\[ \int \frac{d}{dt} \left[ e^{\frac{1}{100}t} A \right] dt = \int 10 e^{\frac{1}{100}t} dt \]
\[ e^{\frac{1}{100}t} \quad A = 10(100) e^{\frac{1}{100}t} + C \]

\[ A = 1000 + C e^{\frac{1}{100}t} \]

Apply: \( A(0) = 0 \)

\[ A(0) = 1000 + C e^{0} = 0 \Rightarrow C = -1000 \]

The amount of salt at time \( t \) is

\[ A(t) = 1000 - 1000 e^{\frac{1}{100}t} \]
The concentration $C(t)$ in the tank at time $t$ is

$$C(t) = \frac{A(t)}{V(t)} = \frac{1000 - 1000 e^{\frac{-1}{100} t}}{500}$$

At 5 minutes,

$$C(5) = \frac{1000 - 1000 e^{\frac{-5}{100}}}{500} \approx 0.098 \text{ lb}$$
Suppose that instead, the mixture is pumped out at 10 gal/min. Determine the differential equation satisfied by $A(t)$ under this new condition.

\[ V(0) = 500, \quad r_i = 5, \quad c_i = 2 \]

\[ \text{now} \quad r_0 = 10 \]

\[ V(t) = V(0) + (r_i - r_0)t = 500 + (5 - 10)t = 500 - 5t \]

\[ \frac{dA}{dt} + \frac{r_0}{V} A = r_i c_i \]

\[ \frac{dA}{dt} + \frac{10}{500 - 5t} A = 10 \]

\[ \Rightarrow \quad \frac{dA}{dt} + \frac{2}{100 - t} A = 10 \]

Valid for $0 < t < 100$. 

$r_i \neq r_0$
A Nonlinear Modeling Problem

A population $P(t)$ of tilapia changes at a rate jointly proportional to the current population and the difference between the constant carrying capacity $M$ of the environment and the current population. Determine the differential equation satsified by $P$.

\[
\frac{dP}{dt} = kP(M-P)
\]

\[1\] The carrying capacity is the maximum number of individuals that the environment can support due to limitation of space and resources.
Logistic Differential Equation

The equation

\[
\frac{dP}{dt} = kP(M - P), \quad k, M > 0
\]

is called a **logistic growth equation**.

Solve this equation\(^2\) and show that for any \(P(0) \neq 0\), \(P \to M\) as \(t \to \infty\).

The equation is 1st order separable (non-linear).

\(^2\)The partial fraction decomposition

\[
\frac{1}{P(M - P)} = \frac{1}{M} \left( \frac{1}{P} + \frac{1}{M - P} \right)
\]

is useful.