

Section 5: First Order Equations Models and Applications

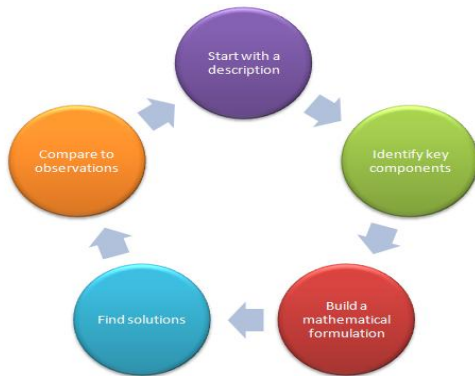


Figure: Mathematical Models give Rise to Differential Equations

Population Dynamics

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.

Variables: let $P(t)$ be the population at time t .

$P \sim$ # of rabbits and $t \sim$ years.

$\frac{dP}{dt}$ = rate of change of population

we're told $\frac{dP}{dt} \propto P \Rightarrow \frac{dP}{dt} = kP$

for k -constant.

[†]We'll consider population density—i.e. number of individuals per unit space—when we say "number of rabbits."

We have $\frac{dP}{dt} = kP$ and we know $P=58$ in 2011
and $P=89$ in 2012.

Let $t=0$ in 2011. Then $P(0)=58$ and $P(1)=89$.

Let's solve the IVP

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = kP, \quad P(0) = 58$$

Separate variables:

$$\frac{1}{P} \frac{dP}{dt} = k$$

$$\frac{1}{P} dP = k dt$$

$$\int \frac{1}{P} dP = \int k dt$$

$$\ln|P| = kt + C$$

$$P = e^{kt+C} = e^C e^{kt}$$

$$P = A e^{kt} \quad \text{when} \quad A = e^C$$

$$\text{Apply } P(0) = 58 \quad 58 = A e^0 = A$$

$$\text{So } P(t) = 58 e^{kt}$$

k - still unknown.

We can use $P(1) = 89$ to find k .

$$89 = P(1) = 58 e^{k \cdot 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow 58 e^k = 89$$

$$e^k = \frac{89}{58} \Rightarrow k = \ln\left(\frac{89}{58}\right)$$

At time t , the population is

$$P(t) = 58 e^{t \ln\left(\frac{89}{58}\right)}$$

In 2021, $t=10$.

$$P(10) = 58 e^{10 \ln\left(\frac{89}{58}\right)} \approx 4198$$

This model predicts 4198 rabbits in 2021.

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**.

The solution is $P(t) = P(0) e^{kt}$

Series Circuits: RC-circuit

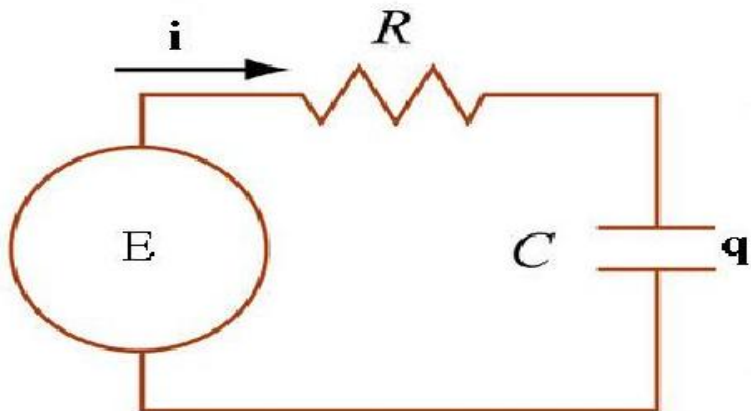


Figure: Series Circuit with Applied Electromotive force E , Resistance R , and Capacitance C . The charge of the capacitor is q and the current $i = \frac{dq}{dt}$.

Series Circuits: LR-circuit

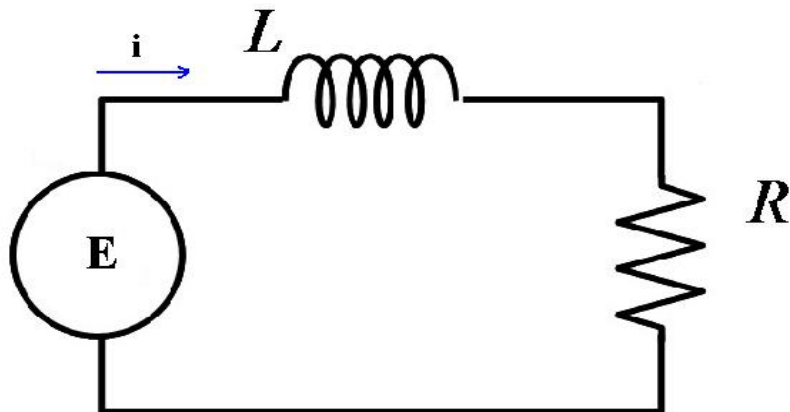


Figure: Series Circuit with Applied Electromotive force E , Inductance L , and Resistance R . The current is i .

Measurable Quantities:

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

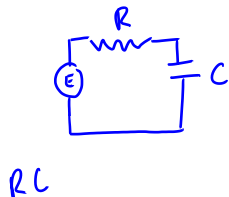
Current is the rate of change of charge with respect to time: $i = \frac{dq}{dt}$.

Component	Potential Drop
Inductor	$L \frac{di}{dt}$
Resistor	Ri i.e. $R \frac{dq}{dt}$
Capacitor	$\frac{1}{C} q$

Kirchhoff's Law

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

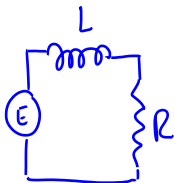
In other words, the sum of potential drops across the passive components is equal to the applied electromotive force.



$$Ri + \frac{1}{C} q = E \quad \text{as } i = \frac{dq}{dt}$$

$$R \frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{1}{C} q = E \quad \text{1st order linear ODE}$$

for charge q



$$L \frac{di}{dt} + Ri = E$$

1st order, linear ODE
for current i .

Example

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

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

$$E = 200 \text{ volts}$$

$$R = 1000 \Omega$$

$$C = 5 \cdot 10^{-6} f$$

$$q'(0) = i(0) = 0.4 A$$

$$1000 \frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{1}{5 \cdot 10^{-6}} q = 200$$

$$\text{Note } \frac{1}{1000} \cdot \frac{1}{5 \cdot 10^{-6}} = \frac{10^6}{5 \cdot 10^3} = \frac{10^3}{5} = 200$$

Standard form

$$\frac{dq}{dt} + 200q = \frac{1}{5}, \quad q'(0) = 0.4$$

$$P(t) = 200 \quad \mu = e^{\int P(t) dt} = e^{\int 200 dt} = e^{200t}$$

$$\text{Hence} \quad \frac{d}{dt} \left[e^{200t} q \right] = \frac{1}{5} e^{200t}$$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow q = \frac{1}{1000} + k e^{-200t}, \quad q'(t) = -200k e^{-200t}$$

$$\text{Apply } q'(0) = 0.4 \quad 0.4 = -200k e^0 = -200k$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \frac{0.4}{-200} = -\frac{4}{10(200)} = \frac{-2}{1000} = -\frac{1}{500}$$

$$\text{Finally, } q(t) = \frac{1}{1000} - \frac{1}{500} e^{-200t}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} q(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{1000} - \frac{1}{500} e^{-200t} \right) = \frac{1}{1000} - \frac{1}{500} \cdot 0 = \frac{1}{1000}$$

$$q \rightarrow \frac{1}{1000} C \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty.$$

A Classic Mixing Problem

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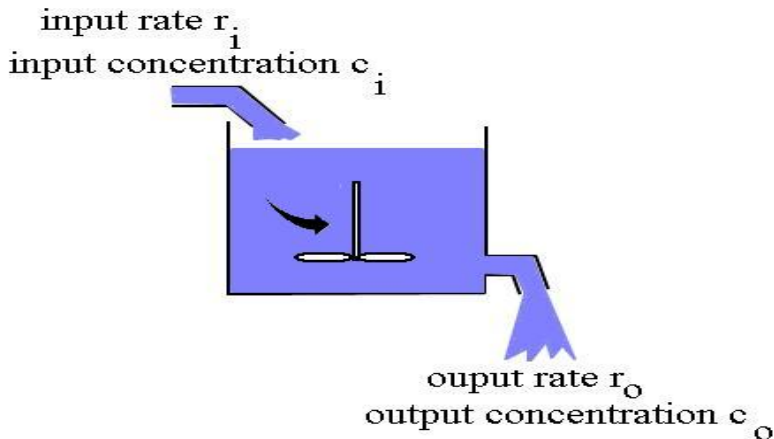


Figure: Spatially uniform composite fluids (e.g. salt & water, gas & ethanol) being mixed. Concentration of the substance in the tank changes in time.

Building an Equation

The rate of change of the amount of salt

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{input rate} \\ \text{of salt} \end{array} \right) - \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{output rate} \\ \text{of salt} \end{array} \right)$$

The input rate of salt is

$$\text{fluid rate in} \cdot \text{concentration of inflow} = r_i \cdot C_i.$$

The output rate of salt is

$$\text{fluid rate out} \cdot \text{concentration of outflow} = r_o \cdot C_o.$$

Building an Equation

c_0 = concentration in the tank.

The concentration of the outflowing fluid is

$$\frac{\text{total salt}}{\text{total volume}} = \frac{A(t)}{V(t)} = \frac{A(t)}{V(0) + (r_i - r_o)t}$$

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = r_i \cdot c_i - r_o \frac{A}{V}$$

$V(0)$ = initial fluid volume

This equation is first order linear.

$$\frac{dA}{dt} + \frac{r_o}{V(t)} A = r_i \cdot c_i$$

Solve the Mixing Problem

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$$\frac{dA}{dt} + \frac{r_o}{V} A = r_i c_i$$

$$r_i = 5 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}}$$

$$c_i = 2 \text{ lb/gal}$$

$$r_o = 5 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V &= 500 \text{ gal} + \left(5 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}} - 5 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}} \right) t \text{ min} \\ &= 500 \text{ gal} \end{aligned}$$

Initial condition $A(0) = 0$ (initially pure water)

$$\frac{dA}{dt} + \frac{5 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}}}{500 \text{ gal}} A = 5 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}} \cdot 2 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{gal}}$$

$$\frac{\text{lb}}{\text{min}} \rightarrow \frac{dA}{dt} + \frac{1}{100} \frac{1}{\text{min}} A = 10 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{min}}$$

Solve the IVP $\frac{dA}{dt} + \frac{1}{100} A = 10 \quad A(0) = 0$

$$P(t) = \frac{1}{100}, \quad \mu = e^{\int P(t) dt} = e^{\int \frac{1}{100} dt} = e^{\frac{1}{100} t}$$

$$\text{so } \frac{d}{dt} [e^{\frac{1}{100} t} A] = 10 e^{\frac{1}{100} t}$$

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

$$e^{\frac{1}{100} t} A = \frac{10}{\frac{1}{100}} e^{\frac{1}{100} t} + C$$

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

Apply $A(0) = 0$

$$0 = 1000 + C e^0 = 1000 + C \Rightarrow C = -1000$$

so the amount of salt

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

When $t = 5$, the concentration is

$$C = \frac{A(5)}{V(5)} = \frac{1000 - 1000 e^{-\frac{1}{100} \cdot 5}}{500} \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{gal}} \approx 0.098 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{gal}}$$