

Section 5: First Order Equations Models and Applications

RC Series Circuit: The charge $q(t)$ on the capacitor of an RC-series circuit with resistance R , capacitance C , and implied electromotive force E is governed by

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

LR Series Circuit: The current $i = \frac{dq}{dt}$ in an LR-series circuit with resistance R , inductance L , and implied electromotive force E is governed by

$$L \frac{di}{dt} + Ri = E(t).$$

Measurable Quantities & Units

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: $i = \frac{dq}{dt}$.

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 $t \rightarrow \infty$.

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

$$R = 1000\Omega, \quad C = 5 \cdot 10^{-6} f$$

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

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

$$E(t) = 200$$

Get it in standard form:

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

$$\frac{10^6}{5(10^3)} = \frac{10^3}{5} = 200$$

$$\frac{dq}{dt} + 200q = \frac{1}{5}, \quad q'(0) = \frac{2}{5}$$

Get Integrating factor:

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

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

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

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

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

Apply $q'(0) = \frac{2}{5}$ $q'(t) = 0 + k e^{-200t} (-200)$

$$\text{@ } t=0 \quad \frac{2}{5} = -200k e^0 = -200k$$

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

The charge q on the capacitor is

given by $q(t) = \frac{1}{1000} - \frac{1}{500} e^{-200t}$

Letting $t \rightarrow \infty$, the long term charge

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

A Classic Mixing Problem

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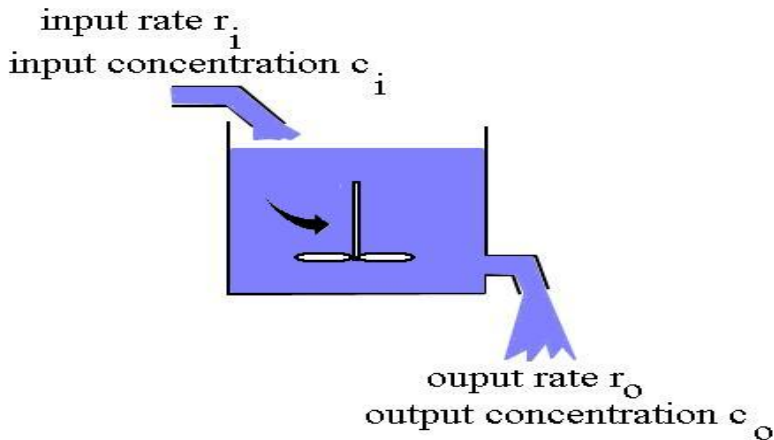


Figure: Spatially uniform composite fluids (e.g. salt & water, gas & ethanol) being mixed. Concentrations of substance change in time.

Building an Equation

The rate of change of the amount of salt

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

The input rate of salt is

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

The output rate of salt is

$$\text{fluid rate out} \cdot \text{concentration of outflow} = r_o(c_o).$$

Building an Equation

= concentration
in the
tank

The concentration of the outflowing fluid is

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

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

This equation is first order linear.

Rearrange

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

1st order
linear

Solve the Mixing Problem

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$$\frac{dA}{dt} + \frac{r_o}{V} A = r_i C_i \quad A(0) = A_0$$

$$r_i = 5 \text{ gal/min} \quad C_i = 2 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{gal}}$$

$$r_o = 5 \text{ gal/min} \quad V(0) = 500 \text{ gal} \quad \text{so}$$

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

$$= 500 \text{ gal}$$

pure water $\Rightarrow A(0) = 0$

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

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

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

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(e^{\frac{1}{100}t} A \right) = 10 e^{\frac{1}{100}t}$$

$$\int \frac{d}{dt} \left(e^{\frac{1}{100}t} A \right) dt = \int 10 e^{\frac{1}{100}t} dt$$

$$e^{\frac{1}{100}t} A = 10(100) e^{\frac{1}{100}t} + k$$

$$A = 1000 + k e^{-\frac{1}{100}t}$$

using $A(0) = 0$ @ $t = 0$

$$0 = 1000 + k e^0$$

$$k = -1000$$

The amount of salt

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

After 5 minutes, the concentration in the

tank is

$$\frac{A(5)}{V(5)} = \frac{1000 - 1000 e^{-\frac{1}{100}(5)}}{500} \approx 0.01 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{gal}}$$