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vv256\_Assignment 1: Linear and nonlinear first-order ODEs.

Deadline: 2019-09-27

**Problem 1 [20 points]**

- Give a brief description of the math model of Newton's law of cooling with the constant temperature of the environment, and apply it to the following problem
- A body at temperature  $40^{\circ}\text{C}$  is placed in a room at temperature  $20^{\circ}\text{C}$ . It cools to  $30^{\circ}\text{C}$  in 10 minutes. **What is the temperature of the body after 20 minutes?**
- Explain what happens with the solution if the environment temperature is a function of time.

**Problem 2 [20 points]**

- Derive the mathematical model of radioactive elements decay and solve the arising differential equation. Eliminate the constant of proportionality in favor of the half-life  $t^*$ .
- All organisms contain two isotopes of Carbon: the stable  $^{12}\text{C}$  and the radioactive  $^{14}\text{C}$  (half-life of approximately 5,580 years). While alive, the amount of  $^{14}\text{C}$  in an organism is constantly replenished through inhaling, and so the ratio of the two Carbon isotopes remains constant. After death this ratio changes because  $^{14}\text{C}$  decays and is not replenished. A fossil is unearthed and it is found that the amount of  $^{14}\text{C}$  is 30% of what it would be for a living organism of similar size. **How old is the fossil?**

**Problem 3 [30 points]**

Consider a reservoir of constant volume  $V(\text{m}^3)$  with an inlet admitting a constant flow  $I (\text{m}^3/\text{s})$  and an outlet through which the flow is the same  $I$ . At time  $t$  the reservoir contains pollutant  $P(t) (\text{m}^3)$ .

- Derive a model to describe the rate of change of pollutant in the reservoir if the pollutant concentration in the inlet is a function of time (let the concentration of pollutant in the outflow be the same as in the reservoir). *Hint: the rate of change of pollutant equals inflow of pollutant minus outflow.*
- Find the general solution of the problem. Explain what happens if there are no pollutant flows into the reservoir at all and if the pollutant concentration in the inflow is a constant.
- Take  $V = 2 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^3$ ,  $I = 2 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  and assume that the reservoir is originally free of pollution. Between  $t_0 = 0 \text{ s}$  and  $t_1 = 10^6 \text{ s}$  a constant pollutant concentration of  $10^{-4}$  is present in the inflow. **What is the pollutant concentration in the reservoir for all times?** Plot the result using Matlab.

**Problem 4 [30 points]**

- Solve the following ODE [5 points each problem]

$$1) x^2 - y^2 + 2xyy' = 0, \quad 2) \ln(y^2 + 1) + \frac{2y(x-1)}{y^2 + 1}y' = 0, \quad 3) y' - \frac{y}{2x} = 10x^2y^5,$$

$$4) 2x^2y' = (x-1)(y^2 - x^2) + 2xy$$

- Describe the method of integrating factors applied to non-exact ODEs (use the recommended textbooks for a reference).
- Solve the DE  $y - xy' = 0$  using the method of integrating factors.