

Find the general solution of:  $x' = x(1 - x) - h$

We expand into:  $x' = x - x^2 - h$  and rearrange:  $dx/dt = -x^2 + x - h$ . Now we manipulate to get:

$$1/(-x^2 + x - h)dx = dt \implies 1/(x^2 - x + h) = -dt \text{ and we integrate: } \int (1/(x^2 - x + h))dx = - \int dt$$

And we get:  $\int (1/(x^2 - x + h))dx = c - t$  where  $c$  is some general constant.

Now we consider the denominator in the left integral:  $x^2 - x + h$  which we observe has two solutions:  $x = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1-4h}}{2}$

Thus we can factor the fraction as follows:  $\frac{1}{x^2-x+h} = \frac{1}{(x+a)(x+b)}$  where  $a = \frac{1+\sqrt{1-4h}}{2}$  and  $b = \frac{1-\sqrt{1-4h}}{2}$  assuming that

both  $a, b$  are real here!

We now have:  $\int \frac{1}{(x+a)(x+b)}dx = c - t$  We now proceed to use partial fractions on the left integrand:

$$\frac{1}{(x+a)(x+b)} = A/(x+a) + B/(x+b) \text{ and expanding we get:}$$

$$1 = A(x+b) + B(x+a) \implies 1 = Ax + Ab + Bx + Ba \implies 1 = x(A+B) + Ab + Ba$$

We observe this can be represented as a matrix equation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x & x \\ b & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and we multiply by the inverse to get:}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{x(a-b)} \begin{bmatrix} a & -x \\ -b & x \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{x(a-b)} \begin{bmatrix} -x \\ x \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{a-b} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

We thus find that:  $A = -1/(a-b)$  and  $B = 1/(a-b)$

Our left integral is now:  $\int \frac{-1/(a-b)}{(x+a)} + \frac{1/(a-b)}{x+b}dx = \frac{-1}{a-b} \int \frac{1}{x+a}dx + \frac{1}{a-b} \int \frac{1}{x+b}dx$  and after integrating we get:

$$\frac{-1}{a-b} \ln|x+a| + \frac{1}{a-b} \ln|x+b| = c_2 - t \text{ where we have absorbed the constant from the left integration into the one on}$$

the right to create  $c_2$ .

We now do some simplifying:

$$\ln|x+b| - \ln|x+a| = (a-b)(c_2 - t) \implies \ln\left|\frac{x+b}{x+a}\right| = (a-b)(c_2 - t) \text{ And we place both left hand side and right hand}$$

side in exponent of base  $e$  to get:

$$\left|\frac{x+b}{x+a}\right| = e^{(a-b)(c_2-t)} \text{ and we solve to get:}$$

$$\frac{x+b}{x+a} = \pm e^{(a-b)(c_2-t)} \implies \frac{x+b}{x+a} = de^{(a-b)(c_2-t)} \text{ where we have used } d \text{ to absorb that irritating } \pm$$

$$x+b = (x+a)de^{(a-b)(c_2-t)} = xde^{(a-b)(c_2-t)} + ade^{(a-b)(c_2-t)}$$

$$x - xde^{(a-b)(c_2-t)} = ade^{(a-b)(c_2-t)} - b$$

$$x(1 - de^{(a-b)(c_2-t)}) = ade^{(a-b)(c_2-t)} - b$$

$$x = \frac{ade^{(a-b)(c_2-t)} - b}{1 - de^{(a-b)(c_2-t)}}$$

Work on the constants

$$a - b = \frac{1 + \sqrt{1-4h}}{2} - \frac{1 - \sqrt{1-4h}}{2} = \frac{1 - 1 + \sqrt{1-4h} + \sqrt{1-4h}}{2} = \sqrt{1-4h}$$

$$\text{We also observe that: } b = a - \sqrt{1-4h}$$

Thus plugging these in we find:

$$x(t) = \frac{\frac{(1 + \sqrt{1-4h})}{2} de^{\sqrt{1-4h}(c_2-t)} - \frac{1 - \sqrt{1-4h}}{2}}{1 - de^{\sqrt{1-4h}(c_2-t)}} \text{ and after simplifying the fraction we find:}$$

$$x(t) = [(1 + \sqrt{1-4h})de^{\sqrt{1-4h}(c_2-t)} - 1 + \sqrt{1-4h}] / [2(1 - de^{\sqrt{1-4h}(c_2-t)})]$$

Work on when we have imaginary roots...

We now proceed to work on the equation when:  $1 - 4h < 0$

We thus have two imaginary solutions:  $x = \frac{1 \pm i\sqrt{1-4h}}{2}$  which we shall again refer to as:  $a, b$ .

We know though that there exists  $c, d$  such that:  $a = c + di$  and  $b = c - di$  Our fraction in the left-hand integral thus becomes:

$$\frac{1}{(x+c+di)(x+c-di)} = \frac{1}{x^2+xc-xdi+xc+c^2-cdi+xd+cdi+d^2} = 1/(x^2 + 2xc + c^2 + d^2) = 1/((x+c)^2 + d^2)$$

We thus now have this situation:

$$\int 1/((x+c)^2 + d^2) dx = f - t \text{ where we have chosen } f \text{ to be our constant from the right-hand integration.}$$

We use a CAS to integrate the left-hand side.

$$\arctan((x+c)/d)/d = g - t \text{ where we have absorbed the constant from left hand integration into } f$$

$$\arctan((x+c)/d) = d(g-t)$$

$$(x+c)/d = \tan(d(g-t))$$

$$x+c = d \tan(d(g-t))$$

$$x = d \tan(d(g-t)) - c \text{ or in expanded form: ;)}$$

$$x(t) = (\sqrt{1-4h}/2) \tan[(\sqrt{1-4h}/2)(g-t)] - 1/2 \text{ is our second final solution.}$$

Thus the general solution is:

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} [(1 + \sqrt{1-4h})de^{\sqrt{1-4h}(c_2-t)} - 1] / [2(1 - de^{\sqrt{1-4h}(c_2-t)})] & \text{when } 1 - 4h > 0 \\ (\sqrt{1-4h}/2) \tan[(\sqrt{1-4h}/2)(g-t)] - 1/2 & \text{when } 1 - 4h < 0 \end{cases}$$

where  $d = \pm 1$  and  $c_2, g, h$  are constants to be determined.