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Section _____

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1. A rocket sled having an initial speed of 150 mi/h is slowed by a channel of water. During the braking process, the acceleration a is $a(v) = -\mu v^2$, where v is the velocity and μ is a constant. Use the chain rule $dv/dt = v(dv/dx)$ to solve for v in terms of x . If it requires a distance of half a mile to slow the sled to 15 mi/h, determine μ .

$$v_0 = 150 \text{ mi/h}$$

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = -\mu v^2, \text{ with } \frac{dv}{dt} = v \frac{dv}{dx} \Rightarrow v \frac{dv}{dx} = -\mu v^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{dv}{v} = \int -\mu dx$$

$$\text{Integrating: } \ln|v| = -\mu x + C \text{ or } v = C e^{-\mu x}$$

$$\text{As } v(0) = v_0 = 150, \quad \boxed{v = 150 e^{-\mu x}}$$

$$\text{Now, } 15 = 150 e^{-\mu(0.5)} \Rightarrow \boxed{\mu = -\ln\left(\frac{15}{150}\right) \left(\frac{1}{.5}\right)}$$

2. For the initial value problem

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{1+t^2}{3y-y^2}, \quad y(1) = 2,$$

provide a rectangle R where the hypotheses of the Theorem of existence and uniqueness are satisfied.

$$\text{Let } f(t, y) = \frac{1+t^2}{3y-y^2}. \text{ Then } \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{-(1+t^2)(3-2y)}{(3y-y^2)^2}$$

Both f and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ are continuous everywhere except for points for which $3y-y^2=0$.

This is $y(3-y)=0$ or $y=0, y=3$.

For $(1, 2)$, the rectangle R

$$\text{is } -\infty < t < \infty \\ 0 < y < 3.$$

