4512 Homework 1

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Section 1.4 Question 3

Find the general solution: $\frac{dy}{dt} = 1 - t + y^2 - ty^2$.

Section 1.5 Question 12

given $\frac{dp}{dt} = bp^2 - ap, \quad a, b > 0$, show that $p(t)$ approaches 0 as $t \to \infty$ if $p_0 < a/b$.

Section 1.8 Question 13

Find the orthogonal trajectory: $y^2 - x^2 = c$.

Section 1.8 Question 18

$y(t) =$ number of living bacteria at time t.

$T(t) =$ number of toxins at time t.

Also, production of toxins begin at time $t = 0$, so $T(0) = 0$.

Finally, $\frac{dT}{dt} = c$.

(a) **Find a first-order differential equation satisfied by** $y(t)$

$\frac{dy}{dt} =$ (bacteria birth) - (bacteria death).

Bacteria grows proportionally to the amount present y with a proportionality constant b.

Bacteria dies proportionally to both the amount present y and the number of toxins present T. The proportionality constant for bacteria death is a.

Therefore, $\frac{dy}{dt} \propto y - yT = by - ayT = y(b - aT)$.

(b) **Solve the differential equation to obtain $y(t)$. What happens to $y(t)$ as $t \to \infty$?**

First let's find $T(t)$...

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = c \Rightarrow T(t) = \int c\, dt = ct + C$$

Since $T(0) = 0$, we know $C = 0$, so $T(t) = ct$. Now we can plug this into our equation for $\frac{dy}{dt}$.

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = y(b - aT) = y(b - act) \Rightarrow \int \frac{dy}{y} = \int (b - act)\, dt \Rightarrow \ln|y(t)| = bt - \frac{1}{2}act^2 + C_1$$

Ultimately giving us...

$$y(t) = Ce^{bt - \frac{1}{2}act^2}$$

As $t \to \infty$, the exponent in the equation is becoming more and more negative. This is because $-\frac{1}{2}act^2$ is growing much faster than bt, so the exponent approaches $-\infty$, making the whole equation approach zero. This basically means that the bacteria is slowly getting wiped out by the toxins.

Section 1.10 Question 5

Show that the solution $y(t)$ of the initial value problem exists on the given interval...

$$y' = y + e^{-y} + e^{-t}, \quad y(0) = 0, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1$$

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