This week you will get practice solving separable differential equations, as well as some practice with linear models

*Numbers in parentheses indicate the question has been taken from the textbook:

S. J. Schreiber, *Calculus for the Life Sciences*, Wiley,

and refer to the section and question number in the textbook.

1. (6.2) Solve the following differential equations.

   (a) $\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}t} = 5y$

   (b) $\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}t} = -y$

   (c) $\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x} = -3y$

   (d) $\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x} = 0.2y$

   (e) (6.2-17) $\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}t} = y^3$

   (f) (6.2-18) $\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}t} = y \sin t$

   (g) (6.2-20) $\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}t} = \frac{t}{y}$

   (h) (6.2-24) $\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x} = \frac{x}{y}\sqrt{1 + x^2}$

   (i) (6.2-26) $\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x} = \frac{\sin x}{\cos y}$

   (j) (6.2-30) $\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}t} = yt$ with $y(1) = -1$

   (k) (6.2-32) $\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}t} = e^{-y}t$ with $y(-2) = 0$

   (l) (6.2-34) $\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}t} = ty^2 + 3t^2y^2$ with $y(-1) = 2$

Solution: We begin by factorising the right hand side,

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}t} = (t + 3t^2)y^2.$$

We can now separate variables and integrate:

$$\int \frac{1}{y^2}\,\mathrm{d}y = \int t + 3t^2\,\mathrm{d}t$$

We integrate both sides using the power rule,

$$-\frac{1}{y} = \frac{1}{2}t^2 + t^3 + C$$

for an arbitrary constant C. Rearranging,

$$y(t) = -\frac{2}{t^2 + 2t^3 + C}.$$

Now we use the fact that $y(-1) = 2$:

$$2 = -\frac{2}{1 - 2 + C}$$

so $C = 0$ an the solution is

$$y(t) = -\frac{2}{t^2 + 2t^3}.$$

(m) $\frac{dy}{dx} = y \sin x + \frac{y}{(x+1)^2}$ with $y(0) = 1$

Solution: We begin by factorising the right hand side,

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = y \left(\sin x + \frac{1}{(x+1)^2} \right).$$

We can now separate variables and integrate:

$$\int \frac{1}{y} \, dy = \int \sin x + \frac{1}{(x+1)^2} \, dx$$

We integrate both sides,

$$\ln(y) = -\cos x - \frac{1}{(x+1)} + C$$

for an arbitrary constant C. Exponentiating both sides,

$$y(t) = C \exp\left(-\cos x - \frac{1}{(x+1)} \right).$$

Now we use the fact that $y(0) = 1$:

$$1 = C \exp(-1 - 1) = Ce^{-2}$$

so $C = e^2$ and the solution is

$$y(t) = \exp\left(2 - \cos x - \frac{1}{(x+1)} \right).$$

(n) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{y} e^{-x^2}$ with $y(0) = 1$

(o) $\frac{dy}{dx} = y + ye^x$ with $y(0) = e$

2. (6.2-44) Populations may exhibit seasonal growth in response to seasonal fluctuations in resource availability. A simple model accounting for seasonal fluctuations in the abundance N of a population is

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = (R + \cos t)N$$

where R is the average per-capita growth rate and t is measured in years.

(a) Assume $R = 0$ and find a solution to this differential that satisfies $N(0) = N_0$. What can you say about $N(t)$ at $t \to \infty$?

Solution: When $R = 0$ the equation is $N' = N \cos t$. Using separation of variables we find the solution $N(t) = Ce^{\sin t}$ and since $N(0) = N_0$ we see that $C = N_0$. As $N \to \infty$, this fluctuates between $N_0 e^{-1}$ and $N_0 e$.

(b) Assume $R = 1$ (more generally $R > 0$) and find a solution to this differential that satisfies $N(0) = N_0$. What can you say about $N(t)$ at $t \to \infty$?

Solution: When $R = 1$ the equation is $N' = N(1 + \cos t)$. Using separation of variables we find the solution $N(t) = Ce^{t+\sin t}$ and since $N(0) = N_0$ we see that $C = N_0$. As $N \to \infty$, the t dominates the $\sin t$ and the population grows exponentially.

(c) Assume $R = -1$ (more generally $R < 0$) and find a solution to this differential that satisfies $N(0) = N_0$. What can you say about $N(t)$ at $t \to \infty$?

> **Solution:** When $R = -1$ the equation is $N' = N(-1 + \cos t)$. Using separation of variables we find the solution $N(t) = Ce^{-t + \sin t}$ and since $N(0) = N_0$ we see that $C = N_0$. As $N \to \infty$, the e^{-t} dominates the $e^{\sin t}$ and the population decreases to zero.

3. (6.3-25) In 1990 the gross domestic product (GDP) of the United States was $\$5,464$ billion. Suppose the growth rate from 1989 to 1990 was 5.08%. Predict the GDP in 2003.

   (Hint: You should assume that the percentage growth rate is constant - not very realistic!)

4. (6.3-28) According to the Department of Health and Human Services, the annual growth rate in the number of marriages per year in 1990 in the United States was 9.8% and there were $2,448,000$ marriages that year. How many marriages will there be in 2004 if the annual growth rate in the number of marriages per year is constant?

> **Solution:** Let $M(t)$ be the number of marriages per year at time
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> $$t$$
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> . If the growth rate in marriages is 9.8% then the number of marriages is modelled by
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> $$\frac{dM}{dt} = 0.098M$$
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> So $M(t) = Ce^{0.098t}$ and using the initial condition, $M(0) = 2448000$ gives $M(t) = 2448000e^{0.047t}$. The number of marriages in 2004 is $M(14) \approx 9,653,000$.

5. (6.3-30) Calculate the infusion rate in milligrams per hour required to maintain a long-term drug concentration of 50 mg/L (i.e., the rate of change of drug in the body equals zero when the concentration is 50 mg/L). Assume that the half-life of the drug is 3.2 hours and that the patient has 5 L of blood.

6. (6.3-31) Calculate the infusion rate in milligrams per hour required to maintain a desired drug concentration of 2 mg/L. Assume the patient has 5.6 L of blood and the half-life of the drug is 2.7 hours.

> **Solution:** The amount of drug (in mg) in the body $y(t)$ at time t will obey a differential equation of the form
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> $$\frac{dy}{dt} = \text{ rate in } - \text{ rate out }.$$
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> If the drug is being infused at a rate of a mg/h then this is the rate in. If the drug has a half-life of 2.7 hours, this means, after t hours, the fraction of the drug that is left in the body is given by
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> $$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{t}{2.7}} = e^{-\frac{\ln 2}{2.7}t}.$$
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> Thus, in the absence of any infusion, the drug is being expelled by the body at a rate of
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> $$\frac{d}{dt}e^{-\frac{\ln 2}{2.7}t} = -\frac{\ln 2}{2.7}e^{-\frac{\ln 2}{2.7}t} = -\frac{\ln 2}{2.7}(\text{current level of drug}).$$

Thus if $y(t)$ is the current level of drug in the body, then at time t the drug is being expelled at a rate of $-\frac{\ln 2}{2.7}y(t)$ mg/h. This is the rate out. Our differential equation becomes

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = a - \frac{\ln 2}{2.7}y.$$

Over the long term, the solution of this equation will approach the equilibrium solution $y(t) = \frac{2.7a}{\ln 2}$. Over the long term we would like the concentration of the drug to be 2 mg/L, since the patient has 5.6 L of blood, that means we would like there to be 11.2 mg of drug in the body in the long term. I.e. we want

$$\frac{2.7a}{\ln 2} = 11.2$$

Rearranging, we get

$$a = \frac{11.2\ln 2}{2.7} \approx 2.88 \text{ mg/h}.$$

7. (6.3-34) A drug is given at an infusion rate of 50 mg/h. The drug concentration value determined at 3 hours after the start of the infusion is 8 mg/L. Assuming the patient has 5 L of blood, estimate the half-life of this drug.

Solution: The rate in is 50 and the rate out is given by the half life of λ. Using the formula we learnt, this gives

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = 50 - \frac{\ln 2}{\lambda}y$$

where $y(t)$ is the amount of drug in the system at time t. Solving the ODE gives

$$y(t) = \frac{50\lambda}{\ln 2} - Ce^{-t(\ln 2)/\lambda}$$

Using the initial condition $y(0) = 0$ we find that $C = \frac{50\lambda}{\ln 2}$. Thus

$$y(t) = \frac{50\lambda}{\ln 2}\left(1 - e^{-t(\ln 2)/\lambda}\right).$$

To find λ we use $y(3) = 8 \cdot 5 = 40$. Plugging this in produces

$$40 = \frac{50\lambda}{\ln 2}\left(1 - e^{-3(\ln 2)/\lambda}\right).$$

This is not something we can solve using normal methods, so we could just plug it into a computer to get an approximate value: $\lambda \approx 1.07$.

8. (6.3-37) After one hydrodynamic experiment, a tank contains 300 L of a dye solution with a dye concentration of 2 g/L. To prepare for the next experiment, the tank is to be rinsed with water flowing in at a rate of 2 L/min, with the well-stirred solution flowing out at the same rate. Write an equation that describes the amount of dye in the container. Be sure to identify variables and their units.

9. (6.3-38) At midnight the coroner was called to the scene of the brutal murder of Casper Cooly. The coroner arrived and noted that the air temperature was 70° F and Cooly's body temperature was 85° F. At 2a.m., she noted that the body had cooled to 76° F. The police arrested Cooly's business partner Tatum Twit and charged her with the murder. She has an eyewitness who said she left the theater at 11p.m. Does her alibi help?

10. (*Note: this question is a challenge! It would be too difficult for an exam*) A cylindrical water tank, 2 meters in diameter and 5 meters tall, has a small hole in its base of radius 0.05 meters. From the *Bernoulli principle* in fluid dynamics one can derive the fact that if the tank is filled to a level of h meters then the water is flowing out of the hole at a rate of

$$A\sqrt{2gh} \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

where A is the area (in meters squared) of the hole and g is acceleration due to gravity (you may assume $g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$). Rainwater is caught by a guttering system and is pouring into the tank at a constant rate of $I \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$.

(a) Write a differential equation that describes the change in the volume of water (in m^3/s) held by the tank, over time.

> **Solution:** The hole has a radius of 0.05 m so it's area is $A = 0.0025\pi = \pi/400 \text{ m}^2$. Furthermore, if $V(t)$ is the volume at time t and $h(t)$ is the height of the water at time t then $V(t) = \pi h(t)$ (since the tank has radius 1 m). Thus by the formula given in the question, water is flowing out of the hole at a rate of
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> $$\frac{\pi}{400}\sqrt{20h(t)} = \frac{\pi}{400}\sqrt{\frac{20}{\pi}}V^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{ m}^3/\text{s}.$$
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> Thus the total rate of change is given by the rate flowing in, minus the rate flowing out, so
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> $$\frac{\mathrm{d}V}{\mathrm{d}t} = I - \frac{\pi}{400}\sqrt{\frac{20}{\pi}}V^{\frac{1}{2}} = I - \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{40\sqrt{5}}V^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

(b) Find the equilibrium solution for this equation (leave your answer in terms of I and π).

> **Solution:** The equilibrium solution occurs when $\mathrm{d}V/\mathrm{d}t = 0$. I.e. when
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> $$0 = I - \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{40\sqrt{5}}V^{\frac{1}{2}}$$
> $$\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{40\sqrt{5}}V^{\frac{1}{2}} = I$$
> $$V^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{40\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{\pi}}I$$
> $$V = \frac{8000I^2}{\pi}.$$

(c) If the tank is initially filled up to the 3 meter mark, describe how the volume of the tank behaves over the long term, for different values of I.

> **Solution:** If the tank is initially full to the 3 meter mark, then it contains $3\pi \text{ m}^3$ of water. Thus if
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> $$3\pi = V = \frac{8000I^2}{\pi}$$
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> i.e. if
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> $$I = \sqrt{\frac{3\pi^2}{8000}} \approx 0.06 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

then the volume of the water neither increases or decreases over time. Note that the equilibrium solution is $V = 3\pi \approx 9.2$.

If $I > 0.06$ then the rate of change in the volume is positive and thus the volume of water in the tank increases and approaches the equilibrium. If the equilibrium is greater than 5π, that is

$$\frac{8000 I^2}{\pi} > 5\pi$$

so if $I > \pi/40$, then the tank eventually overflows. If $I < 0.06$ then the water in the tank decreases and approaches the equilibrium from above.

(d) Solve the differential equation assuming that $I = 0$ (i.e. it is not raining).

Solution: If $I = 0$ then the equation we would like to solve is

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}V}{\mathrm{d}t} = -\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{40\sqrt{5}} V^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Separating variables and integrating we get

$$\int V^{-\frac{1}{2}} \, \mathrm{d}V = \int -\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{40\sqrt{5}} \, \mathrm{d}t$$

The right hand side is just the integral of a constant and the left hand side is the integral of a square root so we can use the power law to get

$$2V^{\frac{1}{2}} = -\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{40\sqrt{5}} t + C.$$

Initially we have that $V(0) = 3\pi$ so

$$2\sqrt{3\pi} = C.$$

Putting this into the above solution and solving for V we get

$$V(t) = \left(\sqrt{3\pi} - \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{80\sqrt{5}} t \right)^2.$$

(e) Under the above assumptions, how long would it take for the tank to drain? Here we will declare that the tank is drained once it contains less than 0.001 m^3 of water.

Solution: In the case $I = 0$, the derivative is always negative, so V is always decreasing. Thus we just want to know when $V(t) = 0.001$. We simple put this into our solution found above

and solve for t:

$$0.001 = \left(\sqrt{3\pi} - \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{80\sqrt{5}}t\right)^2$$

$$\sqrt{0.001} = \sqrt{3\pi} - \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{80\sqrt{5}}t$$

$$\sqrt{0.001} - \sqrt{3\pi} = -\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{80\sqrt{5}}t$$

$$-\frac{80\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{\pi}}\sqrt{0.001} + \frac{80\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{\pi}}\sqrt{3\pi} = t.$$

Using a calculator we obtain $t \approx 307$ seconds (5 minutes and 7 seconds).

(f) Solve the differential equation assuming that $I = 0.5$ but leave the answer as an implicit function (do not try to solve for $V(t)$).

Solution: We begin by separating the variables and integrating,

$$\int \frac{1}{0.5 - \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{40\sqrt{5}}V^{\frac{1}{2}}} \, dV = \int \, dt.$$

The integral on the left can be rearranged to

$$2 \int \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{20\sqrt{5}}V^{\frac{1}{2}}} \, dV.$$

Now we use the substitution $u = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{20\sqrt{5}}V^{\frac{1}{2}}$, with this choice we have that

$$\frac{du}{dV} = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{40\sqrt{5}}V^{-\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Now we apply the substitution:

$$2\int \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{20\sqrt{5}}V^{\frac{1}{2}}} \, dV = 2 \int \frac{\frac{40\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{\pi}}V^{\frac{1}{2}}}{1 - \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{20\sqrt{5}}V^{\frac{1}{2}}} \left(\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{40\sqrt{5}}V^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right) \, dV$$

$$= \frac{8000}{\pi} \int \frac{\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{20\sqrt{5}}V^{\frac{1}{2}}}{1 - \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{20\sqrt{5}}V^{\frac{1}{2}}} \left(\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{40\sqrt{5}}V^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right) \, dV$$

$$= \frac{8000}{\pi} \int \frac{u}{1 - u} \, du.$$

Note that we can use polynomial long division to rewrite

$$\int \frac{u}{1 - u} \, du = \int \frac{1}{1 - u} - 1 \, du$$

$$= -\ln(1 - u) - u.$$

Thus

$$2\int \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{20\sqrt{5}}V^{\frac{1}{2}}} \, dV = \frac{8000}{\pi}\left(-\ln(1 - u) - u\right) + C$$

$$= \frac{8000}{\pi}\left(-\ln\left(1 - \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{20\sqrt{5}}V^{\frac{1}{2}}\right) - \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{20\sqrt{5}}V^{\frac{1}{2}}\right) + C$$

We can now equate this will the right hand side of the equation above to obtain

$$\frac{8000}{\pi}\left(-\ln\left(1-\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{20\sqrt{5}}V^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)-\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{20\sqrt{5}}V^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)=t+C$$

for an arbitrary constant C. To find the value of this constant we use the fact that $V(0)=3\pi$.

$$\frac{8000}{\pi}\left(-\ln\left(1-\frac{\pi\sqrt{3}}{20\sqrt{5}}\right)-\frac{\pi\sqrt{3}}{20\sqrt{5}}\right)=C\approx 20.5.$$

Noting also that $\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{20\sqrt{5}}\approx 0.04$ and $8000/\pi\approx 2546.5$ we have the final relationship is given by

$$-2546.5\ln(1-0.04\sqrt{V})-101.9\sqrt{V}=t+20.5.$$

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11. A river flows into a small lake and another river flows out of the lake such that the lake has a constant volume of 2000 m³ (the rate of water flowing in equals the rate of water flowing out). The river flowing into the lake contains a pollutant present at 0.5 mg/m³. In this question you will model the total amount of pollutant, $y(t)$, present at time t (Note that $y(t)$ is the total amount of pollutant in the lake and not a concentration).

   (a) Assume that the river flowing in, flows at a constant rate of 20 m³/h. At what rate is the pollutant flowing into the lake (in mg/h)?

   > **Solution:** Every hour there is 0.5 milligrams of pollutant entering the lake *per meter cubed* of water. Since there are 20 m³ of water entering the lake every hour, there is 10 g/h of pollutant entering the lake.

   (b) Under the above assumption, write a differential equation describing the change in the level of pollution in the lake.

   > **Solution:** The differential equation will take the form
   >
   > $$\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}t}=\text{rate in }-\text{ rate out}.$$
   >
   > Thus we need to find the rate out. There are 20 m³ flowing out every hour. At time t the concentration of pollutant in the lake is
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   > $$\frac{y(t)}{2000}\ \text{mg/m}^3.$$
   >
   > Thus at time t there is
   > $$\frac{20y(t)}{2000}=\frac{y(t)}{100}\ \text{mg/h}$$
   > of pollutant leaving the lake. Thus our differential equation is
   >
   > $$\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}t}=10-\frac{y}{100}$$

   (c) Assuming that initially there is no pollutant in the lake, solve this differential equation.

Solution: We can use the general solution of the linear model to get

$$y(t) = 1000 - Ce^{-0.01t}.$$

We assume that $y(0) = 0$ to get that

$$0 = 1000 - C$$

so the final solution is

$$y(t) = 1000 \left(1 - e^{-0.01t}\right)$$

(d) Now assume that there is some seasonal variability and that the river flowing in (and thus also the river flowing out), flow at a rate of $40 \sin^2 t$ m^3/h. Write and solve a differential equation to model this situation, assuming there is initially no pollution in the lake.

Solution: Here we repeat the analysis above with the changed assumption. At time t, there is $40 \sin^2 t$ m^3 of water entering the lake every hour. Thus there is $20 \sin^2 t$ g/h of pollutant entering the lake at time t.

Now, at time t, there is $y(t)$ milligrams of pollutant in the lake and thus the concentration of pollutant is

$$\frac{y(t)}{2000} \text{ mg/m}^3.$$

Thus there is

$$\frac{40y(t)\sin^2 t}{2000} = \frac{y(t)\sin^2 t}{50} \text{ mg/h}$$

flowing out of the lake. The differential equation is

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}t} = 20\sin^2 t - \frac{y(t)\sin^2 t}{50} = \left(20 - \frac{y}{50}\right)\sin^2 t.$$

To solve this we separate variables and integrate

$$\int \frac{50}{1000 - y} \,\mathrm{d}y = \int \sin^2 t \,\mathrm{d}t.$$

We use the hint to obtain

$$-50\ln(1000 - y) = \frac{1}{2}(t - \sin(t)\cos(t)) + C.$$

Rearranging we get that the solution is

$$y(t) = 1000 - C\exp\left(-0.01(t - \sin(t)\cos(t))\right)$$

We can use the fact that $y(0) = 0$ to get

$$C = 1000$$

so the final solution is

$$y(t) = 1000 \left(1 - e^{-0.01(t-\sin(t)\cos(t))}\right).$$

(e) Compare the long term behaviour of the two solutions.

Solution: In the long term, both solution approach 1000 as the $\sin(t)\cos(t)$ term becomes insignificant.