

Math 116 Quiz 5: § 11.1-11.6
(Differential Equations)

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Name: _____ SOLUTIONS

You have 30 minutes to complete this quiz. Eyes on your own paper and good luck!

1. **Definitions/Concepts.** (1 pt ea) Consider a differential equation of the form

$$\frac{dH}{dt} = k(H - C),$$

where k and C are constants.

- (a) This is a 1st order differential equation.

- (b) What is the general solution to this equation?

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dH}{dt} &= k(H - C) \\ \frac{dH}{H - C} &= k dt \\ \int \frac{dH}{H - C} &= \int k dt \\ \ln|H - C| &= kt + C' \text{ (note the constant } C' \text{ is not the same as the constant } C) \\ H - C &= e^{kt+C'} \\ &= Ae^{kt} \text{ (where } A = e^{C'} \text{ is a nonzero constant)} \\ H(t) &= Ae^{kt} + C\end{aligned}$$

- (c) What is the equilibrium solution to this equation?

$$\begin{aligned}H - C &= 0 \\ H &= C\end{aligned}$$

2. **Questions/Problems.**

A box is dropped from an airplane. The downward velocity $v(t)$ of the box, once its parachute opens, satisfies the differential equation

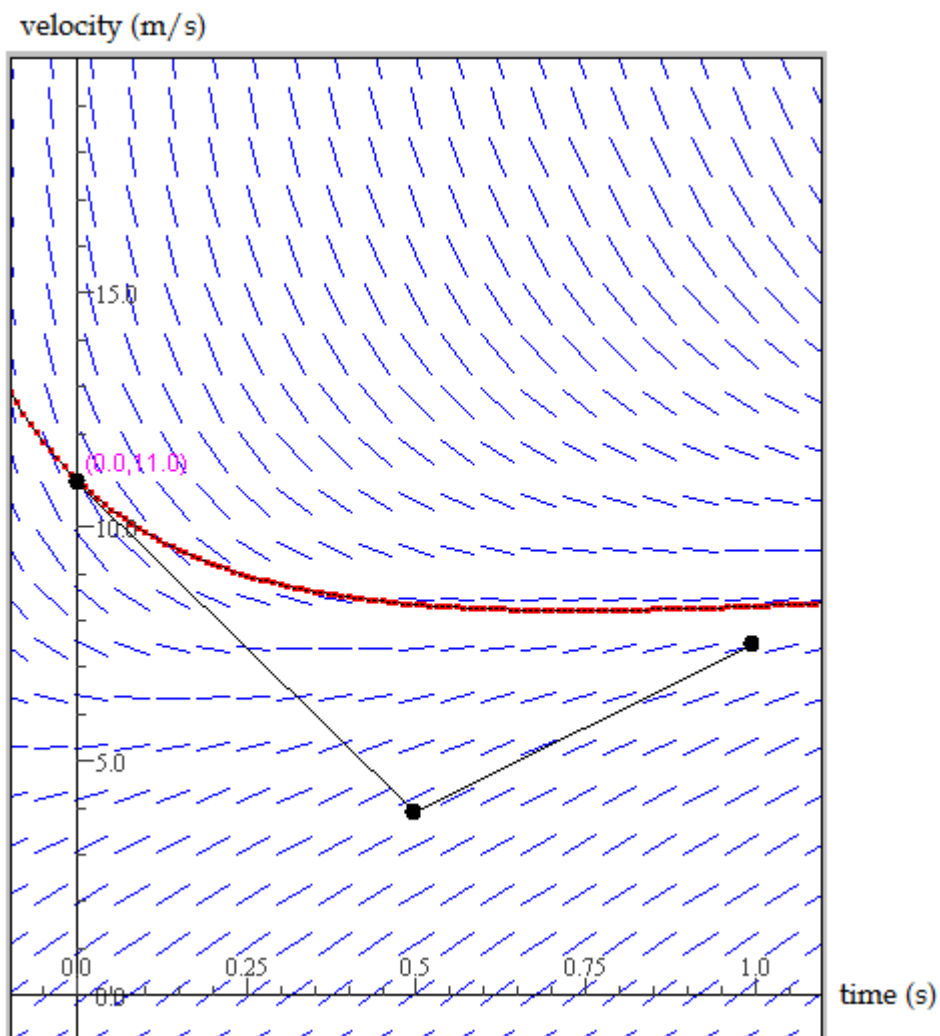
$$\frac{dv}{dt} = 10 - \frac{1}{10}(1 + e^{-t})v^2.$$

- (a) (3 pts) Suppose the parachute opens when the velocity of the box is 11 m/s. Use Euler's method with three steps to approximate the velocity of the box one second after the parachute opens.

t	$v(t)$	dv/dt	Δv
0	11	-14.2	-7.1
0.5	3.9	7.556	3.778
1	7.678		

What does your estimate say the velocity is after 1 second?
approximately 7.678 m/s

(b) (2 pts) Draw your Euler approximation on the following slope field:



(c) (2 pts) Say something **about slope fields** to argue whether your approximation is an overestimate or an underestimate.

The approximation lies below the red solution curve, so it is an underestimate.

3. **Computations/Algebra.** (1 pt ea) Find the solutions to the following differential equations subject to their given initial conditions.

(a) $\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{y}{3} = 0, \quad y(0) = 10$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{y}{3}$$

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$$\ln |y| = -\frac{1}{3}x + C$$

$$y = ke^{-\frac{1}{3}x}$$

$$10 = ke^{-\frac{1}{3}(0)}; \quad k = -10$$

$$y = 10e^{-\frac{1}{3}x}$$

(b) $2\frac{du}{dt} = u^2, \quad u(0) = 1$

$$2\frac{du}{u^2} = dt$$

$$-\frac{2}{u} = t + C$$

$$-\frac{2}{t+C} = u$$

$$1 = -\frac{2}{0+C}; \quad C = -2 \quad (\text{switching sides in the equation then using the initial value})$$

$$u = -\frac{2}{t-2}$$

(c) $\frac{dz}{dy} = zy, \quad z = 1 \text{ when } y = 0$

$$\frac{dz}{z} = y dy$$

$$\ln |z| = \frac{y^2}{2} + C$$

$$z = ke^{\frac{y^2}{2}}$$

$$1 = ke^{\frac{0^2}{2}}; \quad k = 1$$

$$z = e^{\frac{y^2}{2}}$$

(d) $\frac{dz}{dt} = te^z$, through the origin

$$e^{-z} dz = t dt$$

$$-e^{-z} = \frac{t^2}{2} + C$$

$$e^{-z} = -\frac{t^2}{2} + C \text{ (constant is different now)}$$

$$-z = \ln \left| -\frac{t^2}{2} + C \right|$$

$$z = -\ln \left| -\frac{t^2}{2} + C \right|$$

$$0 = -\ln \left| -\frac{0^2}{2} + C \right|; \quad C = 0$$

$$z = -\ln \left| -\frac{t^2}{2} + 1 \right| \quad (\text{assuming } |t| < \sqrt{2})$$

(e) $\frac{dw}{d\theta} = w + w\theta^2$, $w = 5$ when $\theta = 0$

$$\frac{dw}{w} = (1 + \theta^2) d\theta$$

$$\ln |w| = \theta + \frac{\theta^3}{3} + C$$

$$w = ke^{\theta + \frac{\theta^3}{3}}$$

$$5 = ke^{0 + \frac{0^3}{3}}; \quad k = 5$$

$$w = 5e^{\theta + \frac{\theta^3}{3}}$$