

# Quiz 5

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(10pts.) 1. An aquarium pool has volume  $2 \times 10^6$  liters. The pool initially contains pure fresh water. At  $t = 0$  minutes, water containing 10 grams/liter of salt is poured into the pool at a rate of 60 liters/minute. The salt water instantly and totally mixes with the fresh water, and the excess mixture is drained out of the pool at the same rate (60 liters/minute).

a. Write a differential equation for the amount of salt in the pool.

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = 60(10) - \frac{Q}{2 \times 10^6}(60)$$

b. Solve the differential equation (use information in the problem regarding the initial condition).

$$\int \frac{dQ}{60(10) - \frac{Q}{2 \times 10^6}(60)} = \int dt; -\frac{2 \times 10^6}{60} \ln(60(10) - \frac{Q}{2 \times 10^6}(60)) = t + C; Q = 2 \times 10^7 - A e^{-3 \times 10^{-5}t}; A = 2 \times 10^7.$$

c. What happens to the amount of salt as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ?

The quantity approaches  $2 \times 10^7$ , or the concentration approaches 10 grams per liter.

2.

(10pts.) a. Solve the following initial value problem:  $y'' + 4y' + 3y = 0, y(0) = -1, y'(0) = 0$ .

The characteristic equation is  $r^2 + 4r + 3 = (r + 3)(r + 1) = 0; r = -1, -3$ . The general solution is  $y = C_1 e^{-3t} + C_2 e^{-t}$ . Using the initial value, we get  $-1 = C_1 + C_2$  and  $0 = -3C_1 - C_2$ . Adding those equations together, we get  $-1 = -2C_1$ , so  $C_1 = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $C_2 = -\frac{3}{2}$ . Thus,  $y = \frac{1}{2}e^{-3t} - \frac{3}{2}e^{-t}$ .

b. Verify that your solution satisfies the differential equation.

The first derivative is  $y' = -\frac{3}{2}e^{-3t} + \frac{3}{2}e^{-t}$  and the second derivative is  $y'' = \frac{9}{2}e^{-3t} - \frac{3}{2}e^{-t}$ . When we plug this into the differential equation, we get  $\frac{9}{2}e^{-3t} - \frac{3}{2}e^{-t} + 4(-\frac{3}{2}e^{-3t} + \frac{3}{2}e^{-t}) + 3(\frac{1}{2}e^{-3t} - \frac{3}{2}e^{-t}) = (\frac{9}{2} - 4(\frac{3}{2}) + 3(\frac{1}{2}))e^{-3t} + (-\frac{3}{2} + 4(\frac{3}{2}) - 3(\frac{3}{2}))e^{-t} = 0$ .

c. Suppose this differential equation represents the motion of a mass on a spring: explain the physical meaning of 2 of the numbers in the equation in part a. (extra credit if you can explain the physical meaning of all of the numbers).

The 3 in front of the  $y$  term is the constant of proportionality from Hooke's Law; the 4 in front of the first derivative term is the constant due to air resistance; the -1 in the initial condition is the initial displacement; and the 0 in the initial condition is the initial velocity. Thus, this is a mass on a spring that is displaced 1 unit and then released.