

Solutions to HW problems
section 2.3

2) The ODE is $v' = -kv$. Solving, we get:

$$v(t) = Ae^{-kt}$$

$$v(0) = v_0 \Rightarrow A = v_0 \Rightarrow$$

$$v(t) = v_0 e^{-kt}$$

But $x' = v = v_0 e^{-kt}$. We integrate, and get

$$x(t) = -\frac{v_0}{k} e^{-kt} + B$$

$$x(0) = x_0 \Rightarrow -\frac{v_0}{k} + B = x_0 \Rightarrow \underline{B = x_0 + \frac{v_0}{k}}$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = x_0 + \frac{v_0}{k} (1 - e^{-kt})$$

QED

4) ODE: $v' = -kv^2$

$$\frac{v'}{v^2} = -k \quad (\text{if } v(t) \neq 0)$$

Integrating, we get

$$-\frac{1}{v(t)} = -kt + C$$

$$\Rightarrow v(t) = \frac{1}{kt - C}$$

$$v(0) = v_0 \Rightarrow v_0 = -\frac{1}{C} \Rightarrow v = \frac{1}{kt + \frac{1}{v_0}}$$

$$\Rightarrow v = \frac{v_0}{kv_0 t + 1}$$

4) (continued)

$$\text{Thus, } x' = \frac{v_0}{kv_0 t + 1}$$

We integrate, and get:

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \frac{v_0}{kv_0} \ln |kv_0 t + 1| + C \\ &= \frac{1}{k} \ln |kv_0 t + 1| + C \end{aligned}$$

$$x(0) = x_0 \Rightarrow C = x_0$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = x_0 + \frac{1}{k} \ln |kv_0 t + 1|$$

In problem 2, resistance is $\frac{dv}{dt} = -kv$

In problem 4, resistance is $\frac{dv}{dt} = -kv^2$

Thus, if $|v(t)| < 1$, then $|v^2| < |v|$, so there will be less resistance in the case of problem 4, if the object is moving slowly.

$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} v(t) = 0$ in both cases,

so if t is very large, then $|v(t)| < 1$, and we see that the object travels an infinite distance in problem 4, but only a finite distance in problem 2. QED

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10) ODE: $v' = -pv - g$

* $0 \leq t \leq 20$:

Eq. 5 gives, using $v_0 = 0$

$$v(t) = \frac{g}{p} e^{-pt} - \frac{g}{p}$$

$$g \approx 32.2 \text{ ft/s}^2, \quad p = 0.15$$

$$\boxed{v(20) \approx -203.98 \text{ ft/s}}$$

Eq. 9 gives:

$$y(t) = 10000 + v_T t + \frac{1}{p} (v_0 - v_T) (1 - e^{-pt})$$

$$v_T = -\frac{g}{p} \Rightarrow \boxed{v_T \approx -214.7 \text{ ft/s}}$$

$$y(20) = 10000 - 214.7 \times 20 + \frac{1}{0.15} \cdot 214.7 (1 - e^{-0.15 \times 20})$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{y(20) \approx 7066.1 \text{ ft/s}}$$

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10) (continued)

* $t \gg 20$:

$$\text{Let } \tilde{t} = t - 20$$

$p = 1.5$ (different from before)

$$y_0 \approx 7066.1 \text{ ft/s}$$

$$v_0 \approx -203.98 \text{ ft/s}$$

$$v_T \approx -21.5 \text{ ft/s}$$

Using eq. 9, we want to find \tilde{t} s.t. $y(\tilde{t}) = 0$, i.e.

$$0 = 7066.1 - 21.5 \tilde{t} + \frac{1}{1.5} (-204 + 21.5)(1 - e^{-1.5\tilde{t}})$$

solving using command `fsolve` in Maple:

$$\tilde{t} \approx 323 \text{ s}$$

$$\Rightarrow t \approx 323 + 20 \approx 343 \text{ s} \approx 5 \text{ min. } 43 \text{ s}$$

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22) $p = 0.075$ (in fps units, with $g = 32 \text{ ft/s}^2$)

Terminal speed

$$|v_T| = \sqrt{\frac{g}{p}} = \sqrt{\frac{32}{0.075}} \approx 20.67 \text{ ft/s}$$

$$v(t) = \sqrt{\frac{g}{p}} \tanh(c_2 - t\sqrt{pg})$$

$$c_2 = \tanh^{-1}\left(v_0 \sqrt{\frac{p}{g}}\right) = 0 \quad (\text{since } v_0 = 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow v(t) = -\sqrt{\frac{g}{p}} \tanh(t\sqrt{pg})$$

$$y(x) = 10000 - \frac{1}{0.075} \ln |\cosh(t\sqrt{pg})| \Big|_{t=0}^{t=4.85} = 0$$

Then, using Maple's `fsolve` command:

$$t \approx 4.85 \text{ s} \approx 8 \text{ min } 5 \text{ s.}$$