

Closing Today: HW_7B,7C (8.1)

Closing Next Wed: HW_9A,9B,9C

Final Exam, Saturday, March 11

1:30-4:20pm

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Entry Task: Implicitly differentiate

$$x^2 + y^3 = 8$$

and solve for $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

9.3: Separable Diff. Equations

A **separable** differential equation is one that can be written as:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x)g(y).$$

$$\left(\text{or } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{f(x)}{g(y)} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{g(y)}{f(x)}.\right)$$

The idea is that we will separate and integrate.

(But truly we are reversing *implicit differentiation*).

Example: Find the general explicit solution for

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{y^4}$$

Example: Find the general explicit solution to

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 y^2 + x^2$$

Example: Find the general explicit solution to

$$\frac{dP}{dt} + 4 = P$$

Initial Conditions:

Example: Find the explicit solution to

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\cos(x)}{y} \text{ with } y(0) = -5$$

Old Final Question:

Example: Find the explicit solution to

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x \sqrt{1 + x^2}}{e^y} \text{ with } y(0) = 0$$

Another Old Final

Example: Find the explicit solution to

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

Applications:

1. Law of Natural Growth/Decay:

Assumption: *“The rate of growth/decay is proportional to the function value.”*

Example:

A population has 500 bacteria at $t = 0$. After 3 hours there are 8000 bacteria. Assume the population grows at a rate proportional to its size. Find $B(t)$.

Example:

The *half-life* of cesium-137 is 30 years. Suppose we start with a 100-mg sample. The mass function $m(t)$ decays at a rate proportional to its size. Find $m(t)$.