

Closing today: HW8A,8B,8C (8.3,9.1)

Closing Next Wed: HW9A, 9B (9.3, 9.4)

Final: March 10<sup>th</sup>, 1:30-4:20 in KANE 210

### 9.3: Separable Differential Equations

*Entry Task: (Motivation)*

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

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

Idea: separate and integrate both sides.

*Entry Task continued:*

Find the *explicit* solution for  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2x}{3y^2}$   
with  $y(0) = 2$ .

### 9.3: Separable Differential Equations

A **separable** differential equation can be written as:

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

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

*Example:* Find the explicit solution to

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{y^4} \text{ with } y(0) = 1.$$

*Example:* Find the explicit solution to

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x \sin(2x)}{3y} \quad \text{with } y(0) = -1.$$

*Example:* Find the explicit solution to

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

## Law of Natural Growth

Assumption: “*The rate of growth of a population is proportional to the size of the population.*”

$P(t)$  = population at year  $t$ ,

$\frac{dP}{dt}$  = rate of change of the  
population

The law of natural growth assumes

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = kP,$$

for some constant  $k$

(we call  $k$  the relative growth rate).

Find the explicit solution to

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = kP \text{ with } P(0) = P_0$$

1. 500 bacteria are in a dish at  $t=0$ hr.  
8000 bacteria are in the dish at  $t=3$ hr.  
Assume the population grows at a  
rate proportional to its size.  
Find the function,  $B(t)$ , for the  
bacteria population with respect to  
time.

2. The *half-life* of cesium-137 is 30 years. Suppose we start with a 100-mg sample. The mass decays at a rate proportional to its size.

Find the function,  $m(t)$ , for the mass with respect to time.

3. You invest \$10,000 into a savings account and never make any deposits or withdrawals. The balance grows at a rate proportional to its size (i.e. *interest* is a percentage of the balance at any time). In 3 years, you notice your balance is \$10,400.

Find the function,  $A(t)$ , for the amount of money in the account with respect to time.