

Midterm

mathematical methods in chemical
engineering first semester 2025



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1- Solve the following differential equations

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y / (1 + x) \rightarrow \text{use separation}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + x \cdot y - 1 = 0 \rightarrow \text{integrating factor}$$

$$2yy' + y^2 + x + 1 = 0 \rightarrow \text{exact method}$$

2) A perfectly mixed cylindrical tank (diameter = 2 m, height = 3 m, total volume = 9.42 m³) initially contains 5 m³ pure water. A salty solution with concentration of 2 mol/m³ is introduced into the tank at a fixed flow rate of 3 m³/h. Simultaneously, the well-mixed liquid is withdrawn from the tank at a rate of 2 m³/h.

- a- Formulate a differential equation describing the variation of the tank volume
- b- Determine the time required for the tank to become full.
- c- determine the concentration of the outlet stream (the well-mixed liquid leaving the tank) after 5 minutes.

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Midterm solution::

.. problem 1 ..

6 points ↵ 1) $\frac{dy}{dx} = y/1+x \rightarrow \int \frac{dy}{y} = \int \frac{dx}{1+x}$

$$\rightarrow \ln y = \ln(1+x) + C \quad \checkmark \quad 1.5$$

$$y = (1+x)e^C \quad \checkmark$$

$$y = C_2(1+x) \quad \checkmark \quad 1.5$$

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6 points ↵ 2) $\frac{dy}{dx} + xy - 1 = 0 \rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} + xy = 1 \quad \checkmark \quad 2$

$$\mu = e^{\int P(x)dx} = e^{\int xdx} = e^{\frac{x^2}{2}} \quad \checkmark \quad 2$$

$$y = \frac{1}{\mu} \int \mu Q(x)dx = \frac{1}{e^{\frac{x^2}{2}}} \int e^{\frac{x^2}{2}} dx = e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \int e^{\frac{x^2}{2}} dx \quad \checkmark \quad 2$$

8 points ↵ 3) $2yy' + y^2 + x + 1 = 0 \rightarrow (2y \frac{dy}{dx} + y^2 + x + 1 = 0) + dx$

$$\rightarrow 2y \frac{dy}{dx} + (y^2 + x + 1)dx = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 2y \quad \checkmark, \quad \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \neq \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} \quad (\text{non-exact})$$

to make it exact, $\mu = \mu(x) = c e^{\int \frac{\partial M - \partial N}{N} dx} \quad \checkmark$

$$= c e^{\int \frac{2y-0}{2y} dx}$$

multiply by $\mu \therefore \mu = c e^x \quad \checkmark$

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

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 2ye^x, \quad \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = 2ye^x \rightarrow (\text{exact}) \quad \checkmark$$

* integrate μ w.r.t x :

$$F = \int (y^2 + x + 1)e^x dx$$

$$= e^x [y^2 + x] + h(y) \quad \checkmark$$

* Diff. F w.r.t y

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 2ye^x + h'(y) \quad \checkmark$$

* equate to 0:

$$2ye^x + h'(y) = 2ye^x \quad \checkmark$$

$$\rightarrow h'(y) = 0 \rightarrow h(y) = C \quad \checkmark$$

→ solu::

$$F(x, y) = e^x [y^2 + x] = C \quad \checkmark$$

$$y = \pm \sqrt{C e^{-x} - x}$$



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10 points (x) :: problem 2 ::

a)

$$V_T = 9.42 \text{ m}^3$$

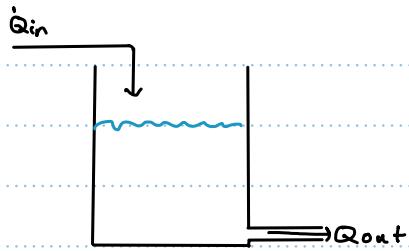
$$V_i = 5 \text{ m}^3$$

$$\dot{Q}_{in} = 3 \text{ m}^3/\text{h}, C_{in} = 2 \text{ mol/m}^3$$

$$\dot{Q}_{out} = 2 \text{ m}^3/\text{h}$$

$$\dot{Q}_{in} - \dot{Q}_{out} = \frac{dV}{dt} \rightarrow \frac{dV}{dt} = 3 - 2 \rightarrow \frac{dV}{dt} = 1$$

$$\int_{V_0}^V dV = \int_0^t dt \rightarrow V = V_0 + t \rightarrow 9.42 = 5 + t \rightarrow t = 4.42 \text{ h}$$



c)

$$\frac{d(Vc)}{dt} = \dot{Q}_{in} C_{in} - \dot{Q}_{out} C_{out}$$

$$V \frac{dc}{dt} + c \frac{dV}{dt} = (3)(2) - 2(0)$$

$$V \frac{dc}{dt} + c(0) = 6 - 2c \rightarrow \frac{Vdc}{dt} = 6 - 2c$$

$$(V_0 + t) \frac{dc}{dt} = 6 - 2c \rightarrow \int \frac{dc}{6-2c} = \int \frac{dt}{V_0 + t}$$

$$-\frac{1}{3} \ln[6-2c] = \ln[5+t] + k \rightarrow c = 2 - k(5+t)^{-3}$$

$$\text{at } t = 5 \text{ min} \rightarrow c = 0.0975 \text{ mol/m}^3$$

