

Midterm

mathematical methods in chemical
engineering first semester 2025



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1- Solve the following differential equations

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

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

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

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 Simultaneously, the well-mixed liquid is withdrawn from the tank at a rate of $2 \text{ m}^3/\text{h}$.

- 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 $\leftarrow 1) \frac{dy}{dx} = y/(1+x) \xrightarrow{1.5} \int \frac{dy}{y} = \int \frac{dx}{1+x}$

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

$$y = (1+x)e^C$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{to make it exact, } \mu &= \mu(x) = c e^{\int \frac{\mu y - y x}{y} dx} \quad \checkmark \\ &= c e^{\int \frac{2y - 0}{2y} dx} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{multiply by } \mu: \quad \mu = c e^x \quad \checkmark$$

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

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

* integrate μ w.r.t x :

$$\begin{aligned} F &= \int (y^2 + x + 1) e^x dx \\ &= e^x [y^2 + x] + h(y) \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

* diff. F w.r.t y

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

* equate to 0.

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

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

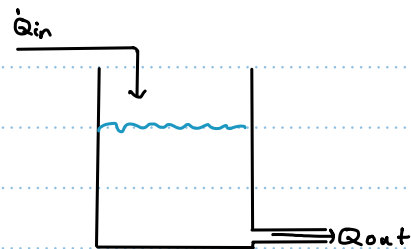
\rightarrow solu:

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

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



10 points \hookrightarrow problem 2 :



a)

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

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

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

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

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

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

c)

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

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

$$V \frac{dc}{dt} + c(1) = 6 - 2c \rightarrow \frac{V dc}{dt} = 6 - 3c$$

$$(V_0 + t) \frac{dc}{dt} = 6 - 3c \rightarrow \int \frac{dc}{6 - 3c} = \int \frac{dt}{V_0 + t}$$

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

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

