Sample Quiz 4

Sample Quiz 4 Problem 1. The velocity of a crossbow arrow fired upward from the ground is given at different times in the following table.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time $t$ in seconds</th>
<th>Velocity $v(t)$ in ft/sec</th>
<th>Location</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>0.000</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>Ground</td>
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<tr>
<td>1.413</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>Maximum</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.980</td>
<td>-45</td>
<td>Near Ground Impact</td>
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(a) The velocity can be approximated by a quadratic polynomial

$$v(t) = at^2 + bt + c$$

which reproduces the table data. Find three equations for the coefficients $a, b, c$. Then solve for them to obtain $a \approx 2.238, b \approx -38.55, c = 50$.

(b) Assume a drag model $v' = -32 - \rho v$. Substitute the polynomial answer of (a) into this differential equation, then substitute $t = 0$ and solve for $\rho \approx 0.131$.

(c) Solve the model $w' = -32 - \rho w, w(0) = 50$ with $\rho = 0.131$.

(d) Compare $w(t)$ and $v(t)$ in a plot. Comment on the plot and what it means.

References. Edwards-Penney sections 2.3, 3.1, 3.2. Course documents on Linear algebraic equations and Newton kinematics.

Sample Quiz 4 Problem 2. Consider the system of differential equations

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\begin{align*}
x_1' &= -\frac{1}{6}x_1 + \frac{1}{6}x_3, \\
x_2' &= \frac{1}{6}x_1 - \frac{1}{3}x_2, \\
x_3' &= \frac{1}{3}x_2 - \frac{1}{6}x_3,
\end{align*}
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for the amounts $x_1, x_2, x_3$ of salt in recirculating brine tanks, as in the figure:

Recirculating Brine Tanks A, B, C

The volumes are 60, 30, 60 for A, B, C, respectively.

The steady-state salt amounts in the three tanks are found by formally setting $x_1' = x_2' = x_3' = 0$ and then solving for the symbols $x_1, x_2, x_3$. Solve the corresponding linear system of algebraic equations to obtain the answer $x_1 = x_3 = 2c, x_2 = c$, which means the total amount of salt is uniformly distributed in the tanks in ratio $2 : 1 : 2$.

References. Edwards-Penney sections 3.1, 3.2, 7.3 Figure 5. Course documents on Linear algebraic equations and Systems and Brine Tanks.