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Math 2250-1
Quiz 2 Solutions
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1) Solve the following initial value problem.

$$\begin{aligned}x'(t) + 0.02 \cdot x(t) &= 1 \\x(0) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

(7 points)

This differential equation is both linear and separable. You can solve it either way. Probably most people solved it as a linear DE:

The integrating factor is

$$e^{\int P(t) \cdot dt} = e^{0.02 \cdot t},$$

so:

$$\begin{aligned}e^{0.02 \cdot t} \cdot (x'(t) + 0.02 \cdot x(t)) &= e^{0.02 \cdot t} \\ \frac{d}{dt} (e^{0.02 \cdot t} \cdot x(t)) &= e^{0.02 \cdot t} \\ e^{0.02 \cdot t} \cdot x(t) &= \int e^{0.02 \cdot t} \cdot dt = 50 \cdot e^{0.02 \cdot t} + C \\ \text{divide by } e^{0.02 \cdot t} &\Rightarrow x(t) = 50 + C \cdot e^{-0.02 \cdot t} \\ x(0) = 0 &\Rightarrow 0 = 50 + C \Rightarrow C = -50.\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$x(t) = 50 - 50 \cdot e^{-0.02 \cdot t}.$$

2) A tank contains 100 l of water, which is initially pure. At time $t=0$ valves are opened, so that a salt-water solution flows into the tank at a rate of $2 \frac{l}{s}$, with a salt concentration of $0.5 \frac{kg}{l}$; at the same time, well-mixed water begins to flow out of the tank at the same rate of $2 \frac{l}{s}$, maintaining the constant volume 100 l of water in the tank. Let $x(t)$ kg be the mass of (dissolved) salt in the tank at time t . Use input-output modeling to show that $x(t)$ satisfies the initial value problem in (1).

(3 points)

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = r_i \cdot c_i - r_o \cdot c_o$$

We see that $r_i = r_o = 2$, $c_i = 0.5$ and $c_o = \frac{x}{V} = \frac{x}{100}$ so

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 2 \cdot (0.5) - \frac{2 \cdot x}{100} = 1 - 0.02 \cdot x.$$

$$x'(t) + 0.02 \cdot x(t) = 1.$$

Since there is initially no salt in the tank water, $x(0) = 0$.