

FIGURE 1.1.7. The solutions of $y' = y^2$ defined by $y(x) = 2/(3 - 2x)$.

so $2C - 2 = 1$, and hence $C = \frac{3}{2}$. With this value of C we obtain the desired solution

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{\frac{3}{2} - x} = \frac{2}{3 - 2x}.$$

Figure 1.1.7 shows the two branches of the graph $y = 2/(3 - 2x)$. The left-hand branch is the graph on $(-\infty, \frac{3}{2})$ of the solution of the given initial value problem $y' = y^2$, $y(1) = 2$. The right-hand branch passes through the point $(2, -2)$ and is therefore the graph on $(\frac{3}{2}, \infty)$ of the solution of the different initial value problem $y' = y^2$, $y(2) = -2$.

The central question of greatest immediate interest to us is this: If we are given a differential equation known to have a solution satisfying a given initial condition, how do we actually *find* or *compute* that solution? And, once found, what can we do with it? We will see that a relatively few simple techniques—separation of variables (Section 1.4), solution of linear equations (Section 1.5), elementary substitution methods (Section 1.6)—are enough to enable us to solve a variety of first-order differential equations having impressive applications.

1.1 Problems

In Problems 1 through 12, verify by substitution that each given function is a solution of the given differential equation. Throughout these problems, primes denote derivatives with respect to x .

- $y' = 3x^2$; $y = x^3 + 7$
- $y' + 2y = 0$; $y = 3e^{-2x}$
- $y'' + 4y = 0$; $y_1 = \cos 2x$, $y_2 = \sin 2x$
- $y'' = 9y$; $y_1 = e^{3x}$, $y_2 = e^{-3x}$
- $y' = y + 2e^{-x}$; $y = e^x - e^{-x}$
- $y'' + 4y' + 4y = 0$; $y_1 = e^{-2x}$, $y_2 = xe^{-2x}$
- $y'' - 2y' + 2y = 0$; $y_1 = e^x \cos x$, $y_2 = e^x \sin x$
- $y'' + y = 3 \cos 2x$; $y_1 = \cos x - \cos 2x$, $y_2 = \sin x - \cos 2x$
- $y' + 2xy^2 = 0$; $y = \frac{1}{1 + x^2}$
- $x^2 y'' + xy' - y = \ln x$; $y_1 = x - \ln x$, $y_2 = \frac{1}{x} - \ln x$
- $x^2 y'' + 5xy' + 4y = 0$; $y_1 = \frac{1}{x^2}$, $y_2 = \frac{\ln x}{x^2}$
- $x^2 y'' - xy' + 2y = 0$; $y_1 = x \cos(\ln x)$, $y_2 = x \sin(\ln x)$

In Problems 13 through 16, substitute $y = e^{rx}$ into the given differential equation to determine all values of the constant r for which $y = e^{rx}$ is a solution of the equation.

- $3y' = 2y$
- $4y'' = y$
- $y'' + y' - 2y = 0$
- $3y'' + 3y' - 4y = 0$

In Problems 17 through 26, first verify that $y(x)$ satisfies the given differential equation. Then determine a value of the constant C so that $y(x)$ satisfies the given initial condition. Use a computer or graphing calculator (if desired) to sketch several typical solutions of the given differential equation, and highlight the one that satisfies the given initial condition.

- $y' + y = 0$; $y(x) = Ce^{-x}$, $y(0) = 2$
- $y' = 2y$; $y(x) = Ce^{2x}$, $y(0) = 3$
- $y' = y + 1$; $y(x) = Ce^x - 1$, $y(0) = 5$

- $y' = x - y$; $y(x) = Ce^{-x} + x - 1$, $y(0) = 10$
- $y' + 3x^2 y = 0$; $y(x) = Ce^{-x^3}$, $y(0) = 7$
- $e^y y' = 1$; $y(x) = \ln(x + C)$, $y(0) = 0$
- $x \frac{dy}{dx} + 3y = 2x^5$; $y(x) = \frac{1}{4}x^5 + Cx^{-3}$, $y(2) = 1$
- $xy' - 3y = x^3$; $y(x) = x^3(C + \ln x)$, $y(1) = 17$
- $y' = 3x^2(y^2 + 1)$; $y(x) = \tan(x^3 + C)$, $y(0) = 1$
- $y' + y \tan x = \cos x$; $y(x) = (x + C) \cos x$, $y(\pi) = 0$

In Problems 27 through 31, a function $y = g(x)$ is described by some geometric property of its graph. Write a differential equation of the form $dy/dx = f(x, y)$ having the function g as its solution (or as one of its solutions).

- The slope of the graph of g at the point (x, y) is the sum of x and y .
- The line tangent to the graph of g at the point (x, y) intersects the x -axis at the point $(x/2, 0)$.
- Every straight line normal to the graph of g passes through the point $(0, 1)$. Can you *guess* what the graph of such a function g might look like?
- The graph of g is normal to every curve of the form $y = x^2 + k$ (k is a constant) where they meet.
- The line tangent to the graph of g at (x, y) passes through the point $(-y, x)$.

Differential Equations as Models

In Problems 32 through 36, write—in the manner of Eqs. (3) through (6) of this section—a differential equation that is a mathematical model of the situation described.

- The time rate of change of a population P is proportional to the square root of P .
- The time rate of change of the velocity v of a coasting motorboat is proportional to the square of v .
- The acceleration dv/dt of a Lamborghini is proportional to the difference between 250 km/h and the velocity of the car.

Suppose that a swimmer starts at the point $(-a, 0)$ on the west bank and swims due east (relative to the water) with constant speed v_S . As indicated in Fig. 1.2.5, his velocity vector (relative to the riverbed) has horizontal component v_S and vertical component v_R . Hence the swimmer's direction angle α is given by

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{v_R}{v_S}.$$

Because $\tan \alpha = dy/dx$, substitution using (18) gives the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{v_0}{v_S} \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{a^2} \right) \tag{19}$$

for the swimmer's trajectory $y = y(x)$ as he crosses the river.

Example 4 River crossing Suppose that the river is 1 mile wide and that its midstream velocity is $v_0 = 9$ mi/h. If the swimmer's velocity is $v_S = 3$ mi/h, then Eq. (19) takes the form

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3(1 - 4x^2).$$

Integration yields

$$y(x) = \int (3 - 12x^2) dx = 3x - 4x^3 + C$$

for the swimmer's trajectory. The initial condition $y(-\frac{1}{2}) = 0$ yields $C = 1$, so

$$y(x) = 3x - 4x^3 + 1.$$

Then

$$y\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - 4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + 1 = 2,$$

so the swimmer drifts 2 miles downstream while he swims 1 mile across the river. ■

1.2 Problems

In Problems 1 through 10, find a function $y = f(x)$ satisfying the given differential equation and the prescribed initial condition.

1. $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x + 1$; $y(0) = 3$
2. $\frac{dy}{dx} = (x - 2)^2$; $y(2) = 1$
3. $\frac{dy}{dx} = \sqrt{x}$; $y(4) = 0$
4. $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{x^2}$; $y(1) = 5$
5. $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+2}}$; $y(2) = -1$
6. $\frac{dy}{dx} = x\sqrt{x^2+9}$; $y(-4) = 0$
7. $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{10}{x^2+1}$; $y(0) = 0$
8. $\frac{dy}{dx} = \cos 2x$; $y(0) = 1$
9. $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$; $y(0) = 0$
10. $\frac{dy}{dx} = xe^{-x}$; $y(0) = 1$

In Problems 11 through 18, find the position function $x(t)$ of a moving particle with the given acceleration $a(t)$, initial position $x_0 = x(0)$, and initial velocity $v_0 = v(0)$.

11. $a(t) = 50$, $v_0 = 10$, $x_0 = 20$
12. $a(t) = -20$, $v_0 = -15$, $x_0 = 5$
13. $a(t) = 3t$, $v_0 = 5$, $x_0 = 0$
14. $a(t) = 2t + 1$, $v_0 = -7$, $x_0 = 4$
15. $a(t) = 4(t + 3)^2$, $v_0 = -1$, $x_0 = 1$
16. $a(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{t+4}}$, $v_0 = -1$, $x_0 = 1$
17. $a(t) = \frac{1}{(t+1)^3}$, $v_0 = 0$, $x_0 = 0$
18. $a(t) = 50 \sin 5t$, $v_0 = -10$, $x_0 = 8$

Velocity Given Graphically

In Problems 19 through 22, a particle starts at the origin and travels along the x -axis with the velocity function $v(t)$ whose graph is shown in Figs. 1.2.6 through 1.2.9. Sketch the graph of the resulting position function $x(t)$ for $0 \leq t \leq 10$.

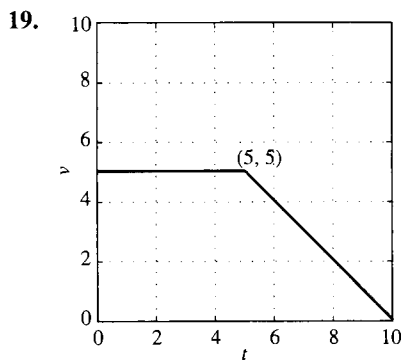


FIGURE 1.2.6. Graph of the velocity function $v(t)$ of Problem 19.

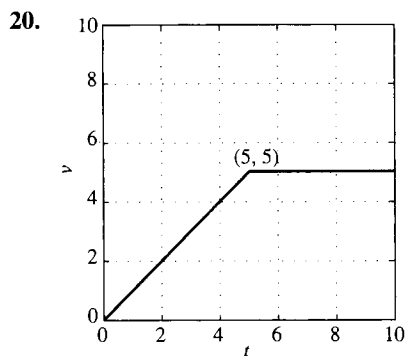


FIGURE 1.2.7. Graph of the velocity function $v(t)$ of Problem 20.

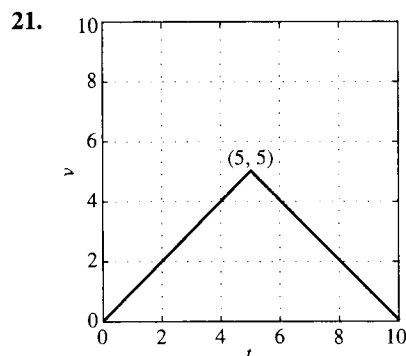


FIGURE 1.2.8. Graph of the velocity function $v(t)$ of Problem 21.

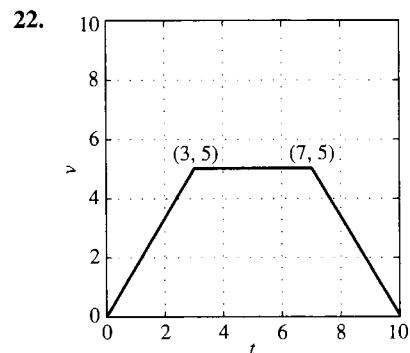


FIGURE 1.2.9. Graph of the velocity function $v(t)$ of Problem 22.

Problems 23 through 28 explore the motion of projectiles under constant acceleration or deceleration.

23. What is the maximum height attained by the arrow of part (b) of Example 3?
24. A ball is dropped from the top of a building 400 ft high. How long does it take to reach the ground? With what speed does the ball strike the ground?
25. The brakes of a car are applied when it is moving at 100 km/h and provide a constant deceleration of 10 meters per second per second (m/s^2). How far does the car travel before coming to a stop?
26. A projectile is fired straight upward with an initial velocity of 100 m/s from the top of a building 20 m high and falls to the ground at the base of the building. Find (a) its maximum height above the ground; (b) when it passes the top of the building; (c) its total time in the air.
27. A ball is thrown straight downward from the top of a tall building. The initial speed of the ball is 10 m/s. It strikes the ground with a speed of 60 m/s. How tall is the building?
28. A baseball is thrown straight downward with an initial speed of 40 ft/s from the top of the Washington Monument (555 ft high). How long does it take to reach the ground, and with what speed does the baseball strike the ground?
29. **Variable acceleration** A diesel car gradually speeds up so that for the first 10 s its acceleration is given by

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = (0.12)t^2 + (0.6)t \quad (\text{ft/s}^2).$$

If the car starts from rest ($x_0 = 0$, $v_0 = 0$), find the distance it has traveled at the end of the first 10 s and its velocity at that time.

Problems 30 through 32 explore the relation between the speed of an auto and the distance it skids when the brakes are applied.

30. A car traveling at 60 mi/h (88 ft/s) skids 176 ft after its brakes are suddenly applied. Under the assumption that the braking system provides constant deceleration, what is that deceleration? For how long does the skid continue?
31. The skid marks made by an automobile indicated that its brakes were fully applied for a distance of 75 m before it came to a stop. The car in question is known to have a constant deceleration of 20 m/s^2 under these conditions. How fast—in km/h—was the car traveling when the brakes were first applied?
32. Suppose that a car skids 15 m if it is moving at 50 km/h when the brakes are applied. Assuming that the car has the same constant deceleration, how far will it skid if it is moving at 100 km/h when the brakes are applied?

Problems 33 and 34 explore vertical motion on a planet with gravitational acceleration different than the Earth's.

33. On the planet Gzyx, a ball dropped from a height of 20 ft hits the ground in 2 s. If a ball is dropped from the top of a 200-ft-tall building on Gzyx, how long will it take to hit the ground? With what speed will it hit?
34. A person can throw a ball straight upward from the surface of the earth to a maximum height of 144 ft. How high could this person throw the ball on the planet Gzyx of Problem 33?
35. **Velocity in terms of height** A stone is dropped from rest at an initial height h above the surface of the earth. Show that the speed with which it strikes the ground is $v = \sqrt{2gh}$.
36. **Varying gravitational acceleration** Suppose a woman has enough "spring" in her legs to jump (on earth) from the ground to a height of 2.25 feet. If she jumps straight upward with the same initial velocity on the moon—where the surface gravitational acceleration is (approximately) 5.3 ft/s^2 —how high above the surface will she rise?
37. At noon a car starts from rest at point A and proceeds at constant acceleration along a straight road toward point B . If the car reaches B at 12:50 P.M. with a velocity of 60 mi/h, what is the distance from A to B ?
38. At noon a car starts from rest at point A and proceeds with constant acceleration along a straight road toward point C , 35 miles away. If the constantly accelerated car arrives at C with a velocity of 60 mi/h, at what time does it arrive at C ?
39. **River crossing** If $a = 0.5 \text{ mi}$ and $v_0 = 9 \text{ mi/h}$ as in Example 4, what must the swimmer's speed v_S be in order that he drifts only 1 mile downstream as he crosses the river?
40. **River crossing** Suppose that $a = 0.5 \text{ mi}$, $v_0 = 9 \text{ mi/h}$, and $v_S = 3 \text{ mi/h}$ as in Example 4, but that the velocity of the river is given by the fourth-degree function

$$v_R = v_0 \left(1 - \frac{x^4}{a^4} \right)$$

rather than the quadratic function in Eq. (18). Now find how far downstream the swimmer drifts as he crosses the river.

41. **Interception of bomb** A bomb is dropped from a helicopter hovering at an altitude of 800 feet above the ground. From the ground directly beneath the helicopter, a projectile is fired straight upward toward the bomb, exactly 2 seconds after the bomb is released. With what initial velocity should the projectile be fired in order to hit the bomb at an altitude of exactly 400 feet?
42. **Lunar lander** A spacecraft is in free fall toward the surface of the moon at a speed of 1000 mph (mi/h). Its retrorockets, when fired, provide a constant deceleration of $20,000 \text{ mi/h}^2$. At what height above the lunar surface should the astronauts fire the retrorockets to insure a soft touchdown? (As in Example 2, ignore the moon's gravitational field.)
43. **Solar wind** Arthur Clarke's *The Wind from the Sun* (1963) describes Diana, a spacecraft propelled by the solar wind. Its aluminized sail provides it with a constant acceleration of $0.001g = 0.0098 \text{ m/s}^2$. Suppose this spacecraft starts from rest at time $t = 0$ and simultaneously fires a projectile (straight ahead in the same direction) that travels at one-tenth of the speed $c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$ of light. How long will it take the spacecraft to catch up with the projectile, and how far will it have traveled by then?
44. **Length of skid** A driver involved in an accident claims he was going only 25 mph. When police tested his car, they found that when its brakes were applied at 25 mph, the car skidded only 45 feet before coming to a stop. But the driver's skid marks at the accident scene measured 210 feet. Assuming the same (constant) deceleration, determine the speed he was actually traveling just prior to the accident.
45. **Kinematic formula** Use Eqs. (10) and (11) to show that $v(t)^2 - v_0^2 = 2a[x(t) - x_0]$ for all t when the acceleration $a = dv/dt$ is constant. Then use this "kinematic formula"—commonly presented in introductory physics courses—to confirm the result of Example 2.

1.3 Slope Fields and Solution Curves

Consider a differential equation of the form

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y) \quad (1)$$

where the right-hand function $f(x, y)$ involves both the independent variable x and the dependent variable y . We might think of integrating both sides in (1) with respect to x , and hence write $y(x) = \int f(x, y(x)) dx + C$. However, this approach does not lead to a solution of the differential equation, because the indicated integral involves the *unknown* function $y(x)$ itself, and therefore cannot be evaluated explicitly. Actually, there exists *no* straightforward procedure by which a general differential equation can be solved explicitly. Indeed, the solutions of such a simple-looking differential equation as $y' = x^2 + y^2$ cannot be expressed in terms of the ordinary

of the initial value problem $y' = -c\sqrt{y}$, $y(0) = 0$. The constant solution $y_1(t) \equiv 0$ corresponds to a tank that always has been and always will be empty, while $y_2(t)$ corresponds to a tank draining while $t < 0$ that empties precisely at time $t = 0$ and remains empty thereafter.

Thus this example provides a concrete physical situation described by an initial value problem with non-unique solutions. ■

1.4 Problems

Find general solutions (implicit if necessary, explicit if convenient) of the differential equations in Problems 1 through 18. Primes denote derivatives with respect to x .

1. $\frac{dy}{dx} + 2xy = 0$
2. $\frac{dy}{dx} + 2xy^2 = 0$
3. $\frac{dy}{dx} = y \sin x$
4. $(1+x)\frac{dy}{dx} = 4y$
5. $2\sqrt{x}\frac{dy}{dx} = \sqrt{1-y^2}$
6. $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3\sqrt{xy}$
7. $\frac{dy}{dx} = (64xy)^{1/3}$
8. $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x \sec y$
9. $(1-x^2)\frac{dy}{dx} = 2y$
10. $(1+x)^2\frac{dy}{dx} = (1+y)^2$
11. $y' = xy^3$
12. $yy' = x(y^2 + 1)$
13. $y^3\frac{dy}{dx} = (y^4 + 1)\cos x$
14. $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1 + \sqrt{x}}{1 + \sqrt{y}}$
15. $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(x-1)y^5}{x^2(2y^3 - y)}$
16. $(x^2 + 1)(\tan y)y' = x$
17. $y' = 1 + x + y + xy$ (Suggestion: Factor the right-hand side.)
18. $x^2y' = 1 - x^2 + y^2 - x^2y^2$

Find explicit particular solutions of the initial value problems in Problems 19 through 28.

19. $\frac{dy}{dx} = ye^x$, $y(0) = 2e$
20. $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2(y^2 + 1)$, $y(0) = 1$
21. $2y\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 - 16}}$, $y(5) = 2$
22. $\frac{dy}{dx} = 4x^3y - y$, $y(1) = -3$
23. $\frac{dy}{dx} + 1 = 2y$, $y(1) = 1$
24. $\frac{dy}{dx} = y \cot x$, $y\left(\frac{1}{2}\pi\right) = \frac{1}{2}\pi$
25. $x\frac{dy}{dx} - y = 2x^2y$, $y(1) = 1$
26. $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2xy^2 + 3x^2y^2$, $y(1) = -1$
27. $\frac{dy}{dx} = 6e^{2x-y}$, $y(0) = 0$
28. $2\sqrt{x}\frac{dy}{dx} = \cos^2 y$, $y(4) = \pi/4$

Problems 29 through 32 explore the connections among general and singular solutions, existence, and uniqueness.

29. (a) Find a general solution of the differential equation $dy/dx = y^2$. (b) Find a singular solution that is not included in the general solution. (c) Inspect a sketch of typical solution curves to determine the points (a, b) for which the initial value problem $y' = y^2$, $y(a) = b$ has a unique solution.
30. Solve the differential equation $(dy/dx)^2 = 4y$ to verify the general solution curves and singular solution curve that are illustrated in Fig. 1.4.5. Then determine the points (a, b) in the plane for which the initial value problem $(y')^2 = 4y$, $y(a) = b$ has (a) no solution, (b) infinitely many solutions that are defined for all x , (c) on some neighborhood of the point $x = a$, only finitely many solutions.
31. Discuss the difference between the differential equations $(dy/dx)^2 = 4y$ and $dy/dx = 2\sqrt{y}$. Do they have the same solution curves? Why or why not? Determine the points (a, b) in the plane for which the initial value problem $y' = 2\sqrt{y}$, $y(a) = b$ has (a) no solution, (b) a unique solution, (c) infinitely many solutions.
32. Find a general solution and any singular solutions of the differential equation $dy/dx = y\sqrt{y^2 - 1}$. Determine the points (a, b) in the plane for which the initial value problem $y' = y\sqrt{y^2 - 1}$, $y(a) = b$ has (a) no solution, (b) a unique solution, (c) infinitely many solutions.
33. **Population growth** A certain city had a population of 25,000 in 1960 and a population of 30,000 in 1970. Assume that its population will continue to grow exponentially at a constant rate. What population can its city planners expect in the year 2000?
34. **Population growth** In a certain culture of bacteria, the number of bacteria increased sixfold in 10 h. How long did it take for the population to double?
35. **Radiocarbon dating** Carbon extracted from an ancient skull contained only one-sixth as much ^{14}C as carbon extracted from present-day bone. How old is the skull?
36. **Radiocarbon dating** Carbon taken from a purported relic of the time of Christ contained 4.6×10^{10} atoms of ^{14}C per gram. Carbon extracted from a present-day specimen of the same substance contained 5.0×10^{10} atoms of ^{14}C per gram. Compute the approximate age of the relic. What is your opinion as to its authenticity?
37. **Continuously compounded interest** Upon the birth of their first child, a couple deposited \$5000 in an account that pays 8% interest compounded continuously. The interest payments are allowed to accumulate. How much will the account contain on the child's eighteenth birthday?

- 38. Continuously compounded interest** Suppose that you discover in your attic an overdue library book on which your grandfather owed a fine of 30 cents 100 years ago. If an overdue fine grows exponentially at a 5% annual rate compounded continuously, how much would you have to pay if you returned the book today?
- 39. Drug elimination** Suppose that sodium pentobarbital is used to anesthetize a dog. The dog is anesthetized when its bloodstream contains at least 45 milligrams (mg) of sodium pentobarbital per kilogram of the dog's body weight. Suppose also that sodium pentobarbital is eliminated exponentially from the dog's bloodstream, with a half-life of 5 h. What single dose should be administered in order to anesthetize a 50-kg dog for 1 h?
- 40. Radiometric dating** The half-life of radioactive cobalt is 5.27 years. Suppose that a nuclear accident has left the level of cobalt radiation in a certain region at 100 times the level acceptable for human habitation. How long will it be until the region is again habitable? (Ignore the probable presence of other radioactive isotopes.)
- 41. Isotope formation** Suppose that a mineral body formed in an ancient cataclysm—perhaps the formation of the earth itself—originally contained the uranium isotope ^{238}U (which has a half-life of 4.51×10^9 years) but no lead, the end product of the radioactive decay of ^{238}U . If today the ratio of ^{238}U atoms to lead atoms in the mineral body is 0.9, when did the cataclysm occur?
- 42. Radiometric dating** A certain moon rock was found to contain equal numbers of potassium and argon atoms. Assume that all the argon is the result of radioactive decay of potassium (its half-life is about 1.28×10^9 years) and that one of every nine potassium atom disintegrations yields an argon atom. What is the age of the rock, measured from the time it contained only potassium?
- 43. Cooling** A pitcher of buttermilk initially at 25°C is to be cooled by setting it on the front porch, where the temperature is 0°C . Suppose that the temperature of the buttermilk has dropped to 15°C after 20 min. When will it be at 5°C ?
- 44. Solution rate** When sugar is dissolved in water, the amount A that remains undissolved after t minutes satisfies the differential equation $dA/dt = -kA$ ($k > 0$). If 25% of the sugar dissolves after 1 min, how long does it take for half of the sugar to dissolve?
- 45. Underwater light intensity** The intensity I of light at a depth of x meters below the surface of a lake satisfies the differential equation $dI/dx = (-1.4)I$. (a) At what depth is the intensity half the intensity I_0 at the surface (where $x = 0$)? (b) What is the intensity at a depth of 10 m (as a fraction of I_0)? (c) At what depth will the intensity be 1% of that at the surface?
- 46. Barometric pressure and altitude** The barometric pressure p (in inches of mercury) at an altitude x miles above sea level satisfies the initial value problem $dp/dx = (-0.2)p$, $p(0) = 29.92$. (a) Calculate the barometric pressure at 10,000 ft and again at 30,000 ft. (b) Without prior conditioning, few people can survive when the pressure drops to less than 15 in. of mercury. How high is that?
- 47. Spread of rumor** A certain piece of dubious information about phenylethylamine in the drinking water began to spread one day in a city with a population of 100,000. Within a week, 10,000 people had heard this rumor. Assume that the rate of increase of the number who have heard the rumor is proportional to the number who have not yet heard it. How long will it be until half the population of the city has heard the rumor?
- 48. Isotope formation** According to one cosmological theory, when uranium was first generated in the early evolution of the universe following the "big bang," the isotopes ^{235}U and ^{238}U were produced in equal amounts. Given the half-lives of 4.51×10^9 years for ^{238}U and 7.10×10^8 years for ^{235}U , calculate the length of time required to reach the present distribution of 137.7 atoms of ^{238}U for each atom of ^{235}U .
- 49. Cooling** A cake is removed from an oven at 210°F and left to cool at room temperature, which is 70°F . After 30 min the temperature of the cake is 140°F . When will it be 100°F ?
- 50. Pollution increase** The amount $A(t)$ of atmospheric pollutants in a certain mountain valley grows naturally and is tripling every 7.5 years.
- If the initial amount is 10 pu (pollutant units), write a formula for $A(t)$ giving the amount (in pu) present after t years.
 - What will be the amount (in pu) of pollutants present in the valley atmosphere after 5 years?
 - If it will be dangerous to stay in the valley when the amount of pollutants reaches 100 pu, how long will this take?
- 51. Radioactive decay** An accident at a nuclear power plant has left the surrounding area polluted with radioactive material that decays naturally. The initial amount of radioactive material present is 15 su (safe units), and 5 months later it is still 10 su.
- Write a formula giving the amount $A(t)$ of radioactive material (in su) remaining after t months.
 - What amount of radioactive material will remain after 8 months?
 - How long—total number of months or fraction thereof—will it be until $A = 1$ su, so it is safe for people to return to the area?
- 52. Growth of languages** There are now about 3300 different human "language families" in the whole world. Assume that all these are derived from a single original language and that a language family develops into 1.5 language families every 6 thousand years. About how long ago was the single original human language spoken?
- 53. Growth of languages** Thousands of years ago ancestors of the Native Americans crossed the Bering Strait from Asia and entered the western hemisphere. Since then, they have fanned out across North and South America. The single language that the original Native Americans spoke has

since split into many Indian "language families." Assume (as in Problem 52) that the number of these language families has been multiplied by 1.5 every 6000 years. There are now 150 Native American language families in the western hemisphere. About when did the ancestors of today's Native Americans arrive?

Toricelli's Law

Problems 54 through 64 illustrate the application of Torricelli's law.

54. A tank is shaped like a vertical cylinder; it initially contains water to a depth of 9 ft, and a bottom plug is removed at time $t = 0$ (hours). After 1 h the depth of the water has dropped to 4 ft. How long does it take for all the water to drain from the tank?
55. Suppose that the tank of Problem 54 has a radius of 3 ft and that its bottom hole is circular with radius 1 in. How long will it take the water (initially 9 ft deep) to drain completely?
56. At time $t = 0$ the bottom plug (at the vertex) of a full conical water tank 16 ft high is removed. After 1 h the water in the tank is 9 ft deep. When will the tank be empty?
57. Suppose that a cylindrical tank initially containing V_0 gallons of water drains (through a bottom hole) in T minutes. Use Torricelli's law to show that the volume of water in the tank after $t \leq T$ minutes is $V = V_0 [1 - (t/T)]^2$.
58. A water tank has the shape obtained by revolving the curve $y = x^{4/3}$ around the y -axis. A plug at the bottom is removed at 12 noon, when the depth of water in the tank is 12 ft. At 1 P.M. the depth of the water is 6 ft. When will the tank be empty?
59. A water tank has the shape obtained by revolving the parabola $x^2 = by$ around the y -axis. The water depth is 4 ft at 12 noon, when a circular plug in the bottom of the tank is removed. At 1 P.M. the depth of the water is 1 ft. (a) Find the depth $y(t)$ of water remaining after t hours. (b) When will the tank be empty? (c) If the initial radius of the top surface of the water is 2 ft, what is the radius of the circular hole in the bottom?
60. A cylindrical tank with length 5 ft and radius 3 ft is situated with its axis horizontal. If a circular bottom hole with a radius of 1 in. is opened and the tank is initially half full of water, how long will it take for the liquid to drain completely?
61. A spherical tank of radius 4 ft is full of water when a circular bottom hole with radius 1 in. is opened. How long will be required for all the water to drain from the tank?
62. Suppose that an initially full hemispherical water tank of radius 1 m has its flat side as its bottom. It has a bottom hole of radius 1 cm. If this bottom hole is opened at 1 P.M., when will the tank be empty?
63. Consider the initially full hemispherical water tank of Example 8, except that the radius r of its circular bottom hole is now unknown. At 1 P.M. the bottom hole is opened and at 1:30 P.M. the depth of water in the tank is 2 ft. (a) Use Torricelli's law in the form $dV/dt = -(0.6)\pi r^2 \sqrt{2gy}$

(taking constriction into account) to determine when the tank will be empty. (b) What is the radius of the bottom hole?

64. A 12 h water clock is to be designed with the dimensions shown in Fig. 1.4.10, shaped like the surface obtained by revolving the curve $y = f(x)$ around the y -axis. What should this curve be, and what should the radius of the circular bottom hole be, in order that the water level will fall at the constant rate of 4 inches per hour (in./h)?

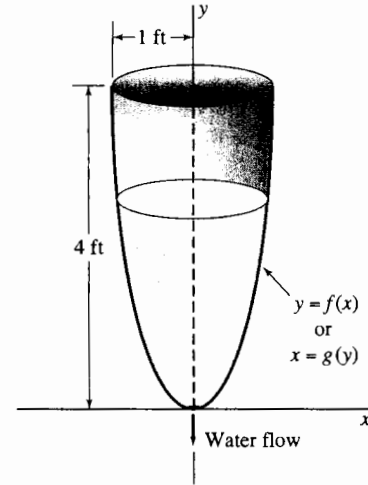


FIGURE 1.4.10. The clepsydra.

65. **Time of death** Just before midday the body of an apparent homicide victim is found in a room that is kept at a constant temperature of 70°F . At 12 noon the temperature of the body is 80°F and at 1 P.M. it is 75°F . Assume that the temperature of the body at the time of death was 98.6°F and that it has cooled in accord with Newton's law. What was the time of death?
66. **Snowplow problem** Early one morning it began to snow at a constant rate. At 7 A.M. a snowplow set off to clear a road. By 8 A.M. it had traveled 2 miles, but it took two more hours (until 10 A.M.) for the snowplow to go an additional 2 miles. (a) Let $t = 0$ when it began to snow, and let x denote the distance traveled by the snowplow at time t . Assuming that the snowplow clears snow from the road at a constant rate (in cubic feet per hour, say), show that
- $$k \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{t}$$
- where k is a constant. (b) What time did it start snowing? (Answer: 6 A.M.)
67. **Snowplow problem** A snowplow sets off at 7 A.M. as in Problem 66. Suppose now that by 8 A.M. it had traveled 4 miles and that by 9 A.M. it had moved an additional 3 miles. What time did it start snowing? This is a more difficult snowplow problem because now a transcendental equation must be solved numerically to find the value of k . (Answer: 4:27 A.M.)
68. **Brachistochrone** Figure 1.4.11 shows a bead sliding down a frictionless wire from point P to point Q . The

brachistochrone problem asks what shape the wire should be in order to minimize the bead's time of descent from P to Q . In June of 1696, John Bernoulli proposed this problem as a public challenge, with a 6-month deadline (later extended to Easter 1697 at George Leibniz's request). Isaac Newton, then retired from academic life and serving as Warden of the Mint in London, received Bernoulli's challenge on January 29, 1697. The very next day he communicated his own solution—the curve of minimal descent time is an arc of an inverted cycloid—to the Royal Society of London. For a modern derivation of this result, suppose the bead starts from rest at the origin P and let $y = y(x)$ be the equation of the desired curve in a coordinate system with the y -axis pointing downward. Then a mechanical analogue of Snell's law in optics implies that

$$\frac{\sin \alpha}{v} = \text{constant}, \quad (\text{i})$$

where α denotes the angle of deflection (from the vertical) of the tangent line to the curve—so $\cot \alpha = y'(x)$ (why?)—and $v = \sqrt{2gy}$ is the bead's velocity when it has descended a distance y vertically (from $\text{KE} = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = mgy = -\text{PE}$).

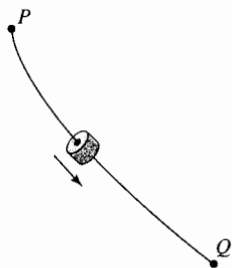


FIGURE 1.4.11. A bead sliding down a wire—the brachistochrone problem.

- (a) First derive from Eq. (i) the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \sqrt{\frac{2a - y}{y}}, \quad (\text{ii})$$

where a is an appropriate positive constant.

- (b) Substitute $y = 2a \sin^2 t$, $dy = 4a \sin t \cos t dt$ in (ii) to derive the solution

$$x = a(2t - \sin 2t), \quad y = a(1 - \cos 2t) \quad (\text{iii})$$

for which $t = y = 0$ when $x = 0$. Finally, the substitution of $\theta = 2t$ in (iii) yields the standard parametric equations $x = a(\theta - \sin \theta)$, $y = a(1 - \cos \theta)$ of the cycloid that is generated by a point on the rim of circular wheel of radius a as it rolls along the x -axis [See Example 5 in Section 9.4 of Edwards and Penney, *Calculus: Early Transcendentals*, 7th edition, Hoboken, NJ: Pearson, 2008.]

69. **Hanging cable** Suppose a uniform flexible cable is suspended between two points $(\pm L, H)$ at equal height located symmetrically on either side of the x -axis (Fig. 1.4.12). Principles of physics can be used to show that the shape $y = y(x)$ of the hanging cable satisfies the differential equation

$$a \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2},$$

where the constant $a = T/\rho$ is the ratio of the cable's tension T at its lowest point $x = 0$ (where $y'(0) = 0$) and its (constant) linear density ρ . If we substitute $v = dy/dx$, $dv/dx = d^2 y/dx^2$ in this second-order differential equation, we get the first-order equation

$$a \frac{dv}{dx} = \sqrt{1 + v^2}.$$

Solve this differential equation for $y'(x) = v(x) = \sinh(x/a)$. Then integrate to get the shape function

$$y(x) = a \cosh\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + C$$

of the hanging cable. This curve is called a *catenary*, from the Latin word for *chain*.

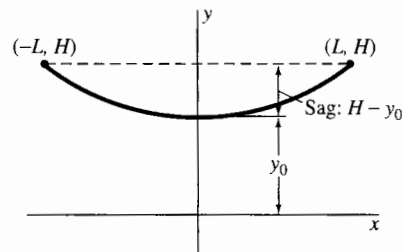


FIGURE 1.4.12. The catenary.

1.4 Application The Logistic Equation



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As in Eq. (7) of this section, the solution of a separable differential equation reduces to the evaluation of two indefinite integrals. It is tempting to use a symbolic algebra system for this purpose. We illustrate this approach using the *logistic differential equation*

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = ax - bx^2 \quad (\text{C})$$