

Summary of Chapter 2

1. Integration Techniques to remember:

- (a) Integration by parts (with a table)
- (b) Partial Fractions
- (c) Rationalization/simplification.

2. Analytic Solution Techniques:

- (a) Integrating Factor: $y' + p(t)y = g(t)$
- (b) Separable: $y' = f(t)g(y)$
Note that $y' = f(t)$ and $y' = f(y)$ are in this class.
- (c) Exact Equations: $f_x + f_y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$
Check by verifying that $f_{xy} = f_{yx}$
- (d) Homogeneous first order: $y' = f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$ Use the substitution: $v = \frac{y}{x}$, or $y = vx$. Note that $y' = v'x + v$.
- (e) Autonomous DEs: $y' = f(y)$ Be able to solve for and classify equilibrium solutions (in addition to obtaining a general solution). Be able to discuss how the equilibria change with respect to a given parameter (bifurcation).

3. Existence and Uniqueness Theory

- (a) For linear ODEs: Let $y' + p(t)y = g(t)$. If p, g are continuous for $\alpha \leq t \leq \beta$, then a solution exists and is unique for $t_0 \in (\alpha, \beta)$. Furthermore, the unique solution exists in that entire time interval.
- (b) For nonlinear ODEs: Let $y' = f(t, y)$, $y(t_0) = y_0$. If f is continuous at (t_0, y_0) , then a solution exists. If $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ is continuous at (t_0, y_0) , then that solution is also unique. The time interval is only guaranteed to be $t_0 - h \leq t \leq t_0 + h$, so to find the entire interval, we must actually solve the ODE.

4. Graphical Analysis.

- (a) Autonomous DEs: Be able to sketch the phase diagram, and from that, determine where the solution is increasing, decreasing, concave up and concave down.
- (b) Be able to use Maple to draw direction fields and solution curves using the `dfieldplot` and `phaseportrait` commands.
- (c) Determine the type of ODE from the Direction Field: (1) If the slopes along any vertical line are the same, the ODE has the form: $y' = f(t)$. (2) If the slopes along any horizontal line are the same, the ODE has the form: $y' = f(y)$ (so it is autonomous). (3) If the slopes along any line through the origin are the same, then the ODE has the form: $y' = f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$, and is homogeneous.

5. Modeling.

- (a) Know how to construct a model for the tank mixing problems. Be able to obtain and analyze solutions.
- (b) Given the model for Newton's Law of Cooling, be able to obtain and analyze solutions.
- (c) Given the model for population growth (with/without thresholds), be able to obtain and analyze solutions.
- (d) Be able to solve "half-life" problems assuming exponential growth/decay.