

§ 2.4 Linear Models: Mixing and Cooling

Mixing Model: (equation of continuity)

If $x(t)$ is the amount of dissolved substance, then

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \text{RATE IN} - \text{RATE OUT}$$

where $\text{RATE IN} = (\text{CONCENTRATION IN})(\text{FLOW RATE IN})$

$\text{RATE OUT} = (\text{CONCENTRATION OUT})(\text{FLOW RATE OUT})$
 [lb/min] [lb/gal] [gal/min]

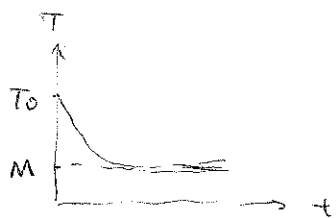
$$\text{Ex: } \begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = 4 - 0.1x \\ x(0) = 0 \\ x(t) = 40(1 - e^{-0.1t}) \end{cases}$$

Newton's Law of Cooling

The rate of change in the temperature T of an object placed in surroundings of uniform temperature M is proportional to the difference between the temperature of the object and the temperature of the surroundings.

Mathematically, $\frac{dT}{dt} = k(M - T)$

where $k > 0$ is a constant of proportionality.



$$\begin{cases} \frac{dT}{dt} = k(M - T) \\ T(0) = T_0 \end{cases}$$

$$T(t) = T_0 e^{-kt} + M(1 - e^{-kt})$$

Change of variable $y = M - T$, we have

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dy}{dt} = -ky \\ y(0) = M - T_0 \end{cases}$$

decay equation