

## MATH 1A – QUIZ 6 – SOLUTIONS

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- (1) (3 points) Scientists recently discovered a drug called Peyamphetamine (Pa) which gives you a sudden boost of excitement as well as an eagerness to do math research! They discovered that when Pa is ingested in your body, the number of Pa–molecules grows at an exponential rate of 42 molecules/second. How long does it take until the number of Pa molecules in the body doubles?

We have  $y' = 42y$  (in general,  $k$  is called the relative growth rate, or the exponential growth rate), so  $y(t) = Ce^{42t}$ .

Now we want to find  $t$  such that:

$$\begin{aligned}y(t) &= 2y(0) \\ Ce^{42t} &= 2C \\ e^{42t} &= 2 \\ 42t &= \ln(2) \\ t &= \frac{\ln(2)}{42}\end{aligned}$$

- (2) (2 points) Solve the differential equation  $T'(t) = 3(T(t) - 2)$  with  $T(0) = 6$ .

If we let  $y(t) = T(t) - 2$ , then:

$$y' = T' = 3(T - 2) = 3y, \text{ so } y' = 3y, \text{ so } y = Ce^{3t}.$$

Now since  $y = T - 2$ ,  $C = y(0) = T(0) - 2 = 6 - 2 = 4$

Hence  $y(t) = 4e^{3t}$ , and so  $T(t) = y(t) + 2 = 4e^{3t} + 2$

**Other (similar) solution:** Same as before, where we get:  $y = Ce^{3t}$

But now  $T = y + 2 = Ce^{3t} + 2$ .

But  $6 = T(0) = C + 2$ , so  $C = 4$ , and hence  $T(t) = 4e^{3t} + 2$

- (3) (5 points) Peyam's utility function  $U$  is given by the following **implicit** equation, where  $B$  is the happiness from eating broccoli sprouts and  $C$  is the happiness from eating cakes:

$$(U^2 - e^B)^3 = U^3 \ln(C)$$

Assume that at this very moment:

- Peyam's happiness from eating broccoli is  $\ln(2)$  utils, and is decreasing by 2 utils/day
- Peyam's happiness from eating cake is  $e$  utils, and is increasing by  $\frac{3e}{2}$  utils/day

Is Peyam getting happier or sadder at this moment, and at what rate?

**Note:** Assume that  $U > 0$

**Note:** My apologies for those who were confused by the statement 'number of broccoli sprouts consumed'. What I meant to say was 'Happiness from eating broccoli sprouts'!

- (1) No picture needed
- (2) The equation is given:  $(U^2 - e^B)^3 = U^3 \ln(C)$
- (3) Differentiating with respect to time:

$$3(U^2 - e^B)^2 \left( 2U \frac{dU}{dt} - e^B \frac{dB}{dt} \right) = 3U^2 \frac{dU}{dt} \ln(C) + U^3 \frac{dC}{C}$$

- (4) We know  $B = \ln(2)$ ,  $\frac{dB}{dt} = -2$ ,  $C = e$ , and  $\frac{dC}{dt} = \frac{3e}{2}$ .

We need to figure out what  $U$  is, and for this we use the equation for  $U$ :

$$\begin{aligned} (U^2 - e^B)^3 &= U^3 \ln(C) \\ (U^2 - e^{\ln(2)})^3 &= U^3 \ln(e) \\ (U^2 - 2)^3 &= U^3 \\ U^2 - 2 &= U \\ U^2 - U - 2 &= 0 \\ (U - 2)(U + 1) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Which gives  $U = 2$  or  $U = -1$ . However, we know that  $U > 0$ , so  $U = 2$ .

Now all that's left to do is to plug in everything:

$$\begin{aligned}
3(U^2 - e^B)^2 \left( 2U \frac{dU}{dt} - e^B \frac{dB}{dt} \right) &= 3U^2 \frac{dU}{dt} \ln(C) + U^3 \frac{dC}{C} \\
3(2^2 - e^{\ln(2)})^2 \left( 2(2) \frac{dU}{dt} - e^{\ln(2)}(-2) \right) &= 3(2)^2 \frac{dU}{dt} \ln(e) + 2^3 \frac{3e}{e} \\
3(4 - 2)^2 \left( 4 \frac{dU}{dt} + 4 \right) &= 12 \frac{dU}{dt} + 8 \times \frac{3}{2} \\
48 \frac{dU}{dt} + 48 &= 12 \frac{dU}{dt} + 12 \\
36 \frac{dU}{dt} &= -36 \\
\frac{dU}{dt} &= -1
\end{aligned}$$

(5) Hence Peyam is getting **sadder** now, by 1 util per day.