

**Solutions to Exam Questions on Differential Equations 1**

1. The differential equation can be solved by separating the variables and then integrating.

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 e^y \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 &\Rightarrow x^2 e^y dy = dx \Rightarrow \int e^y dy = \int \frac{1}{x^2} dx \\ &\Rightarrow \int e^y dy = \int x^{-2} dx \\ &\Rightarrow e^y = \frac{x^{-1}}{-1} + C \\ &\Rightarrow e^y = -\frac{1}{x} + C \\ &\Rightarrow e^y = C - \frac{1}{x}\end{aligned}$$

$$y = 0 \text{ when } x = 1 \Rightarrow e^0 = C - \frac{1}{1} \Rightarrow 1 = C - 1 \Rightarrow C = 2$$

$$\text{Hence } e^y = 2 - \frac{1}{x} \Rightarrow y = \ln\left(2 - \frac{1}{x}\right)$$

**Note**

The solution does not have to be written in the form  $y = f(x)$  before substituting the values of  $x$  and  $y$  to find  $C$ . You can substitute the values of  $x$  and  $y$  at any time after integrating.

2. The differential equation can be solved by separating the variables and then integrating.

$$\begin{aligned}y \frac{dy}{dx} - 3x &= x^4 \Rightarrow y \frac{dy}{dx} = x^4 + 3x \Rightarrow \int y dy = \int (x^4 + 3x) dx \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{y^2}{2} = \frac{x^5}{5} + \frac{3x^2}{2} + C\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}y = 2 \text{ when } x = 1 &\Rightarrow \frac{2^2}{2} = \frac{1^5}{5} + \frac{3(1)^2}{2} + C \\ &\Rightarrow 2 = \frac{1}{5} + \frac{3}{2} + C \\ &\Rightarrow 2 = \frac{17}{10} + C \\ &\Rightarrow C = \frac{3}{10}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Hence } \frac{y^2}{2} &= \frac{x^5}{5} + \frac{3x^2}{2} + \frac{3}{10} \Rightarrow y^2 = 2 \left( \frac{x^5}{5} + \frac{3x^2}{2} + \frac{3}{10} \right) \\ &\Rightarrow y^2 = \frac{2x^5}{5} + 3x^2 + \frac{3}{5} \\ &\Rightarrow y = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2x^5}{5} + 3x^2 + \frac{3}{5}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Note that when } x = 1, y > 0, \text{ hence } y = \sqrt{\frac{2x^5}{5} + 3x^2 + \frac{3}{5}}.$$

### **Note**

The solution does not have to be written in the form  $y = f(x)$  before substituting the values of  $x$  and  $y$  to find  $C$ . You can substitute the values of  $x$  and  $y$  at any time after integrating.

3. The differential equation can be solved by separating the variables and then integrating.

$$\begin{aligned}\cos^2 x \frac{dy}{dx} = y &\Rightarrow \cos^2 x dy = y dx \Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{y} dy = \int \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} dx \\ &\Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{y} dy = \int \sec^2 x dx \quad \left[ \text{since } \sec x = \frac{1}{\cos x} \right] \\ &\Rightarrow \ln y = \tan x + C \\ &\Rightarrow y = e^{\tan x + C} \\ &\Rightarrow y = e^{\tan x} e^C \\ &\Rightarrow y = Ae^{\tan x} \quad \left[ \text{where } A = e^C \right]\end{aligned}$$

$$y = 2 \text{ when } x = 0 \Rightarrow 2 = Ae^{\tan 0} \Rightarrow 2 = Ae^0 \Rightarrow 2 = A(1) \Rightarrow A = 2$$

Hence  $y = 2e^{\tan x}$ .

### **Note**

The question states that  $y > 0$ , so there is no need to include a modulus sign when finding

$$\int \frac{1}{y} dy.$$

4. The differential equation can be solved by separating the variables and then integrating.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= 3(1+y)\sqrt{1+x} \Rightarrow dy = 3(1+y)\sqrt{1+x} dx \\ &\Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{1+y} dy = \int 3\sqrt{1+x} dx \\ &\Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{1+y} dy = \int 3(1+x)^{\frac{1}{2}} dx \\ &\Rightarrow \ln(1+y) = \frac{3(1+x)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\frac{3}{2} \times 1} + C \\ &\Rightarrow \ln(1+y) = \frac{6\sqrt{(1+x)^3}}{3} + C \\ &\Rightarrow \ln(1+y) = 2\sqrt{(1+x)^3} + C \\ &\Rightarrow 1+y = e^{2\sqrt{(1+x)^3} + C} \\ &\Rightarrow 1+y = e^{2\sqrt{(1+x)^3}} e^C \\ &\Rightarrow 1+y = Ae^{2\sqrt{(1+x)^3}} \quad [\text{where } A = e^C] \\ &\Rightarrow y = Ae^{2\sqrt{(1+x)^3}} - 1\end{aligned}$$

**Note**

The question states that  $y > -1$ , so  $1+y > 0$  and there is no need to include a modulus sign

when finding  $\int \frac{1}{1+y} dy$ .

5. The differential equation can be solved by separating the variables and then integrating.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= e^{2x}(1+y^2) \Rightarrow dy = e^{2x}(1+y^2)dx \\ &\Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{1+y^2} dy = \int e^{2x} dx \\ &\Rightarrow \tan^{-1} y = \frac{1}{2}e^{2x} + C\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{When } x=0, y=1 &\Rightarrow \tan^{-1} 1 = \frac{1}{2}e^{2(0)} + C \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{1}{2}e^0 + C \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{1}{2}(1) + C \\ &\Rightarrow C = \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{1}{2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } \tan^{-1} y = \frac{1}{2}e^{2x} + \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow y = \tan\left(\frac{1}{2}e^{2x} + \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{1}{2}\right).$$

**Note**

The solution does not have to be written in the form  $y = f(x)$  before substituting the values of  $x$  and  $y$  to find  $C$ . You can substitute the values of  $x$  and  $y$  at any time after integrating.

- 6.(a) The differential equation can be solved by separating the variables and then integrating. Note that the two variables are  $M$  and  $t$  and that  $k$  is a constant.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dM}{dt} = kM &\Rightarrow dM = kMdt \Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{M} dM = \int kdt \\ &\Rightarrow \ln M = kt + C \\ &\Rightarrow M = e^{kt+C} \\ &\Rightarrow M = e^{kt} e^C \\ &\Rightarrow M = Ae^{kt} \quad [\text{where } A = e^C] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{When } t = 0, M = 100 &\Rightarrow 100 = Ae^{k(0)} \Rightarrow 100 = Ae^0 \Rightarrow 100 = A(1) \\ &\Rightarrow A = 100 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $M = 100e^{kt}$ .

**Note**

In the context of this question,  $M > 0$  and there is no need to include a modulus sign when finding  $\int \frac{1}{M} dM$ .

(b)  $M = 100e^{kt}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{When } t = 30, M = 50 &\Rightarrow 50 = 100e^{k(30)} \Rightarrow 100e^{30k} = 50 \\ &\Rightarrow e^{30k} = \frac{1}{2} \\ &\Rightarrow 30k = \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \\ &\Rightarrow k = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}{30} = -0.0231 \quad (\text{to 4 dp}) \end{aligned}$$

(c)  $M = 100e^{-0.0231t}$

$$\text{When } t = 35: M = 100e^{-0.0231(35)} = 100e^{-0.8085} = 44.55 \quad (\text{to 2 dp})$$

Hence 44.55% of the plant food is still effective after 35 days.

(d) **Method 1**

Calculate the percentage of the plant food which is still effective after 60 days.

$$\text{When } t = 60: M = 100e^{-0.0231(60)} = 100e^{-1.386} = 25.01 \quad (\text{to 2 dp})$$

25.01% of the plant food is still effective after 60 days, so more than 25% of the plant food is still effective after 60 days and the manufacturer is justified in calling its product “sixty day super food”.

**Method 2**

Calculate after how many days the plant food will be 25% effective.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{When } M = 25: 25 &= 100e^{-0.0231t} \Rightarrow e^{-0.0231t} = \frac{1}{4} \\ &\Rightarrow -0.0231t = \ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \\ &\Rightarrow t = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)}{-0.0231} = 60.01 \quad (\text{to 2 dp}) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $60.01 > 60$ , the plant food will still be effective after 60 days and the manufacturer is justified in calling its product “sixty day super food”.

7. The differential equation can be solved by separating the variables and then integrating. Note that the two variables are  $B$  and  $t$  and that  $k$  is a constant.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dB}{dt} = kB &\Rightarrow dB = kBdt \Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{B} dB = \int k dt \\ &\Rightarrow \ln B = kt + C \\ &\Rightarrow B = e^{kt+C} \\ &\Rightarrow B = e^{kt} e^C \\ &\Rightarrow B = Ae^{kt} \quad [\text{where } A = e^C] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{When } t = 1, B = 502 \Rightarrow 502 = Ae^{k(1)} \Rightarrow Ae^k = 502 \quad \dots(1)$$

$$\text{When } t = 4, B = 1833 \Rightarrow 1833 = Ae^{k(4)} \Rightarrow Ae^{4k} = 1833 \quad \dots(2)$$

To eliminate  $A$ , divide equation (2) by equation (1):

$$\begin{aligned} (2) \div (1) &\Rightarrow \frac{Ae^{4k}}{Ae^k} = \frac{1833}{502} \Rightarrow e^{3k} = \frac{1833}{502} \Rightarrow 3k = \ln\left(\frac{1833}{502}\right) \\ &\Rightarrow k = \frac{\ln(1833/502)}{3} = 0.4317 \quad (\text{to 4 dp}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Substitute in (1)} \Rightarrow Ae^{0.4317} = 502 \Rightarrow A = \frac{502}{e^{0.4317}} = 326$$

$$\text{Hence } B = 326e^{0.4317t}.$$

$$\text{When } t = 0: B = 326e^{0.4317(0)} = 326e^0 = 326(1) = 326$$

There are 326 strands of bacteria initially present.

### Note

In the context of this question,  $B > 0$  and there is no need to include a modulus sign

when finding  $\int \frac{1}{B} dB$ .

- 8.(a) The differential equation can be solved by separating the variables and then integrating. Note that the two variables are  $P$  and  $t$  and that  $k$  is a constant.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dP}{dt} = kP &\Rightarrow dP = kPdt \Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{P} dP = \int kdt \\ &\Rightarrow \ln P = kt + C \\ &\Rightarrow P = e^{kt+C} \\ &\Rightarrow P = e^{kt} e^C \\ &\Rightarrow P = Ae^{kt} \quad [\text{where } A = e^C] \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $P$  is the **percentage** of the population infected  $t$  days after the initial outbreak.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{When } t = 0, P = \frac{100}{40000} \times 100 = 0.25(\%) &\Rightarrow 0.25 = Ae^{k(0)} \Rightarrow 0.25 = Ae^0 \\ &\Rightarrow 0.25 = A(1) \\ &\Rightarrow A = 0.25 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the percentage infected  $t$  days later is given by the formula  $P = 0.25e^{kt}$ .

### Note

In the context of this question,  $P > 0$  and there is no need to include a modulus sign when finding  $\int \frac{1}{P} dP$ .

(b)  $P = 0.25e^{kt}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{When } t = 7, P = \frac{500}{40000} \times 100 = 1.25(\%) &\Rightarrow 1.25 = 0.25e^{k(7)} \\ &\Rightarrow 0.25e^{7k} = 1.25 \\ &\Rightarrow e^{7k} = 5 \\ &\Rightarrow 7k = \ln 5 \\ &\Rightarrow k = \frac{\ln 5}{7} = 0.2299 \quad (\text{to 4 dp}) \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $P = 0.25e^{0.2299t}$ .

$$\text{When } t = 10: P = 0.25e^{0.2299(10)} = 0.25e^{2.299} = 2.49(\%)$$

So 2.49% of the population is infected after 10 days and the number of people infected after 10 days will be  $\frac{2.49}{100} \times 40000 = 996$ .

$996 - 500 = 496$ , so 496 more people will be infected after 10 days (compared with after 7 days).

- 9.(a) The differential equation can be solved by separating the variables and then integrating. Note that the two variables are  $T$  and  $t$  and that  $k$  is a constant.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dT}{dt} = k(T - 22) &\Rightarrow dT = k(T - 22)dt \Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{T - 22} dT = \int k dt \\ &\Rightarrow \ln(T - 22) = kt + C \\ &\Rightarrow T - 22 = e^{kt+C} \\ &\Rightarrow T - 22 = e^{kt} e^C \\ &\Rightarrow T - 22 = Ae^{kt} \quad [\text{where } A = e^C] \\ &\Rightarrow T = Ae^{kt} + 22 \end{aligned}$$

**Note**

In the context of this question,  $T > 22$  and  $T - 22 > 0$ , so there is no need to include a modulus sign when finding  $\int \frac{1}{T - 22} dT$ .

(b)  $T = Ae^{kt} + 22$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{When } t = 0, T = 82 &\Rightarrow 82 = Ae^{k(0)} + 22 \Rightarrow 82 = Ae^0 + 22 \\ &\Rightarrow 82 = A(1) + 22 \\ &\Rightarrow A = 60 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{When } t = 5, T = 82 - 20 = 62 &\Rightarrow 62 = Ae^{k(5)} + 22 \Rightarrow 62 = 60e^{5k} + 22 \\ &\Rightarrow 60e^{5k} = 40 \\ &\Rightarrow e^{5k} = \frac{2}{3} \\ &\Rightarrow 5k = \ln\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \\ &\Rightarrow k = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)}{5} \\ &\Rightarrow k = -0.0811 \quad (\text{to 4 dp}) \end{aligned}$$

$A = 60$  and  $k = -0.0811$ .

The temperature of the roll after  $t$  minutes is given by the formula  $T = 60e^{-0.0811t} + 22$ .

When  $t = 10$ :  $T = 60e^{-0.0811(10)} + 22 = 60e^{-0.811} + 22 = 48.7$  (to 1 dp)

The temperature of the roll after a further 5 minutes will be  $48.7^\circ\text{C}$ .

- 10.(a) The differential equation can be solved by separating the variables and then integrating. Note that the two variables are  $T$  and  $x$  and that  $k$  is a constant.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dT}{dx} &= k(180 - T) \Rightarrow dT = k(180 - T)dx \\ &\Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{180 - T} dT = \int k dx \\ &\Rightarrow -\ln(180 - T) = kx + C \quad [\times (-1)] \\ &\Rightarrow \ln(180 - T) = -kx + D \quad [\text{where } D = -C] \\ &\Rightarrow 180 - T = e^{-kx+D} \\ &\Rightarrow 180 - T = e^{-kx} e^D \\ &\Rightarrow 180 - T = Ae^{-kx} \quad [\text{where } A = e^D] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{When } x = 0, T = 4 \Rightarrow 180 - 4 = Ae^{-k(0)} \Rightarrow 176 = Ae^0 \Rightarrow 176 = A(1) \\ \Rightarrow A = 176 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } 180 - T = 176e^{-kx} \Rightarrow T = 180 - 176e^{-kx}$$

### Notes

- (1) In the context of this question,  $180 > T$  and  $180 - T > 0$ , so there is no need to include a modulus sign when finding  $\int \frac{1}{180 - T} dT$ .

- (2)  $\int \frac{1}{180 - T} dT = -\ln(180 - T) + C$  using  $\int \frac{1}{ax + b} = \frac{1}{a} \ln|ax + b| + C$ ;  
remember to divide by the coefficient of  $T$  when integrating.

(b)  $T = 180 - 176e^{-kx}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{When } x = 1, T = 30 \Rightarrow 30 &= 180 - 176e^{-k(1)} \\ &\Rightarrow 30 = 180 - 176e^{-k} \\ &\Rightarrow 176e^{-k} = 150 \\ &\Rightarrow e^{-k} = \frac{150}{176} = \frac{75}{88} \\ &\Rightarrow -k = \ln\left(\frac{75}{88}\right) \\ &\Rightarrow k = -\ln\left(\frac{75}{88}\right) = 0.16 \quad (\text{to 2 dp}) \end{aligned}$$

(c)  $T = 180 - 176e^{-0.16x}$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{When } T = 80: \quad 80 &= 180 - 176e^{-0.16x} \Rightarrow 176e^{-0.16x} = 100 \\ &\Rightarrow e^{-0.16x} = \frac{100}{176} = \frac{25}{44} \\ &\Rightarrow -0.16x = \ln\left(\frac{25}{44}\right) \\ &\Rightarrow x = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{25}{44}\right)}{-0.16} = 3.53 \quad (\text{to 2 dp})\end{aligned}$$

The turkey will be cooked after 3.53 hours.

**Note**

Although not necessary, the answer can also be given in hours and minutes:  
 $0.53 \times 60 = 31.8$ , so the turkey will be cooked after about 3 hours 32 minutes.

11.(a) The differential equation can be solved by separating the variables and then integrating.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{dh}{dt} = -\frac{\sqrt{h}}{10} &\Rightarrow 10dh = -\sqrt{h}dt \Rightarrow \int \frac{10}{\sqrt{h}} dh = \int -dt \\
 &\Rightarrow \int 10h^{-\frac{1}{2}} dh = \int -1dt \\
 &\Rightarrow \frac{10h^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\frac{1}{2}} = -t + C \\
 &\Rightarrow 20\sqrt{h} = C - t \\
 &\Rightarrow \sqrt{h} = D - \frac{t}{20} \quad [\text{where } D = \frac{C}{20}] \\
 &\Rightarrow h = \left(D - \frac{t}{20}\right)^2
 \end{aligned}$$

The general solution is  $h = \left(D - \frac{t}{20}\right)^2$  for some constant  $D$ .

(b) When  $t = 0$ ,  $h = 4$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{To find } D, \text{ substitute } t = 0 \text{ and } h = 4 \text{ into } \sqrt{h} = D - \frac{t}{20} &\Rightarrow \sqrt{4} = D - \frac{0}{20} \\
 &\Rightarrow D = 2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } h = \left(2 - \frac{t}{20}\right)^2.$$

(c) Now when  $t = 0$ ,  $h = 9$  and the value of  $D$  must be calculated again.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{To find } D, \text{ substitute } t = 0 \text{ and } h = 9 \text{ into } \sqrt{h} = D - \frac{t}{20} &\Rightarrow \sqrt{9} = D - \frac{0}{20} \\
 &\Rightarrow D = 3
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } h = \left(3 - \frac{t}{20}\right)^2.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{The pool is drained when } h = 0 &\Rightarrow 0 = \left(3 - \frac{t}{20}\right)^2 \Rightarrow 3 - \frac{t}{20} = 0 \\
 &\Rightarrow \frac{t}{20} = 3 \\
 &\Rightarrow t = 60
 \end{aligned}$$

It will take 60 minutes (1 hour) to drain the pool on this occasion.

12.(a) The differential equation can be solved by separating the variables and then integrating.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{2-x}{5} &\Rightarrow 5dx = (2-x)dt \Rightarrow \int \frac{5}{2-x} dx = \int 1dt \\ &\Rightarrow -5\ln(2-x) = t + C \quad [\div (-5)] \\ &\Rightarrow \ln(2-x) = -\frac{t}{5} + D \quad [\text{where } D = -\frac{C}{5}] \\ &\Rightarrow 2-x = e^{-\frac{t}{5}+D} \\ &\Rightarrow 2-x = e^{-\frac{t}{5}}e^D \\ &\Rightarrow 2-x = Ae^{-\frac{t}{5}} \quad [\text{where } A = e^D] \end{aligned}$$

The tank initially holds 20 litres of pure water, so when  $t = 0$ ,  $x = 0$  (remember that  $x$  kg is the amount of salt in the tank at time  $t$  minutes).

$$\text{When } t = 0, x = 0 \Rightarrow 2 - 0 = Ae^0 \Rightarrow 2 = A(1) \Rightarrow A = 2$$

$$\text{Hence } 2 - x = 2e^{-\frac{t}{5}} \Rightarrow x = 2 - 2e^{-\frac{t}{5}} \text{ or } x = 2\left(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{5}}\right)$$

**Note**

$$\int \frac{5}{2-x} dx = -5\ln(2-x) + C \quad \text{using } \int \frac{1}{ax+b} = \frac{1}{a}\ln|ax+b| + C;$$

remember to divide by the coefficient of  $x$  when integrating.

(b)  $x = 2\left(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{5}}\right)$

$$\text{When } t = 20: x = 2\left(1 - e^{-\frac{20}{5}}\right) = 2(1 - e^{-4}) = 1.96 \quad (\text{to 2 dp})$$

There will be 1.96 kg of salt present after 20 minutes.

(c)  $x = 2\left(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{5}}\right)$

$$\text{As } t \rightarrow \infty, e^{-\frac{t}{5}} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{and } x \rightarrow 2(1-0) = 2.$$

In the long term, the limiting amount of salt in the tank will be 2 kg.

13. The differential equation can be solved by separating the variables and then integrating.

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = V(10-V) \Rightarrow dV = V(10-V)dt \Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{V(10-V)} dV = \int dt \quad \dots(*)$$

To find  $\int \frac{1}{V(10-V)} dV$ , first express  $\frac{1}{V(10-V)}$  in partial fractions.

Note that the denominator contains distinct linear factors.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{V(10-V)} &= \frac{A}{V} + \frac{B}{10-V} \\ &= \frac{A(10-V) + BV}{V(10-V)} \end{aligned}$$

$$1 = A(10-V) + BV$$

$$\text{Let } V = 10 \Rightarrow 1 = A(0) + B(10) \Rightarrow 1 = 10B \Rightarrow B = \frac{1}{10}$$

$$\text{Let } V = 0 \Rightarrow 1 = A(10) + B(0) \Rightarrow 1 = 10A \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{10}$$

$$\text{Hence } \frac{1}{V(10-V)} = \frac{1/10}{V} + \frac{1/10}{10-V}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{From } (*) : \int \frac{1}{V(10-V)} dV = \int dt &\Rightarrow \int \left( \frac{1/10}{V} + \frac{1/10}{10-V} \right) dV = \int 1 dt \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{10} \ln V - \frac{1}{10} \ln(10-V) = t + C \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V(0) = 5, \text{ so when } t = 0, V = 5 &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{10} \ln 5 - \frac{1}{10} \ln(10-5) = 0 + C \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{10} \ln 5 - \frac{1}{10} \ln 5 = C \\ &\Rightarrow C = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Hence } \frac{1}{10} \ln V - \frac{1}{10} \ln(10 - V) = t &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{10} (\ln V - \ln(10 - V)) = t \\
&\Rightarrow \frac{1}{10} \ln\left(\frac{V}{10 - V}\right) = t \\
&\Rightarrow \ln\left(\frac{V}{10 - V}\right) = 10t \\
&\Rightarrow \frac{V}{10 - V} = e^{10t} \\
&\Rightarrow V = e^{10t}(10 - V) \\
&\Rightarrow V = 10e^{10t} - Ve^{10t} \\
&\Rightarrow V + Ve^{10t} = 10e^{10t} \\
&\Rightarrow V(1 + e^{10t}) = 10e^{10t} \\
&\Rightarrow V = \frac{10e^{10t}}{1 + e^{10t}}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } V(t) = \frac{10e^{10t}}{1 + e^{10t}}.$$

$$\text{As } t \rightarrow \infty, e^{10t} \approx 1 + e^{10t} \text{ and } V(t) = 10\left(\frac{e^{10t}}{1 + e^{10t}}\right) \approx 10(1) = 10.$$

Hence  $V(t) \rightarrow 10$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  and the limiting value of  $V(t)$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  is 10.

### Notes

- (1) The partial fractions can be written as  $\frac{1}{10V} + \frac{1}{10(10 - V)}$  but there is no need to do this.
- (2) Since  $0 < V < 10$ ,  $V > 0$  and  $10 - V > 0$ , so there is no need to include modulus signs when finding  $\int \frac{1/10}{V} dV$  and  $\int \frac{1/10}{10 - V} dV$ .
- (3)  $\int \frac{1/10}{10 - V} dV = -\frac{1}{10} \ln(10 - V) + C$  using  $\int \frac{1}{ax + b} = \frac{1}{a} \ln|ax + b| + C$  ;  
remember to divide by the coefficient of  $V$  when integrating.

14.(a) The denominator contains distinct linear factors.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{900}{(30-Q)(15-Q)} &= \frac{A}{30-Q} + \frac{B}{15-Q} \\ &= \frac{A(15-Q) + B(30-Q)}{(30-Q)(15-Q)}\end{aligned}$$

$$900 = A(15-Q) + B(30-Q)$$

$$\text{Let } Q = 15 \Rightarrow 900 = A(0) + B(15) \Rightarrow 900 = 15B \Rightarrow B = 60$$

$$\text{Let } Q = 30 \Rightarrow 900 = A(-15) + B(0) \Rightarrow 900 = -15A \Rightarrow A = -60$$

$$\text{Hence } \frac{900}{(30-Q)(15-Q)} = \frac{-60}{30-Q} + \frac{60}{15-Q} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{900}{(30-Q)(15-Q)} = \frac{60}{15-Q} - \frac{60}{30-Q}.$$

(b) The differential equation can be solved by separating the variables and then integrating.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dQ}{dt} &= \frac{(30-Q)(15-Q)}{900} \Rightarrow 900dQ = (30-Q)(15-Q)dt \\ &\Rightarrow \int \frac{900}{(30-Q)(15-Q)} dQ = \int dt \\ &\Rightarrow \int \left( \frac{60}{15-Q} - \frac{60}{30-Q} \right) dQ = \int 1dt \\ &\Rightarrow -60 \ln(15-Q) + 60 \ln(30-Q) = t + C \\ &\Rightarrow 60 \ln(30-Q) - 60 \ln(15-Q) = t + C \\ &\Rightarrow 60(\ln(30-Q) - \ln(15-Q)) = t + C \\ &\Rightarrow 60 \ln \left( \frac{30-Q}{15-Q} \right) = t + C\end{aligned}$$

$$A = 60$$

$$\begin{aligned}Q(0) = 0, \text{ so when } t = 0, Q = 0 &\Rightarrow 60 \ln \left( \frac{30-0}{15-0} \right) = 0 + C \\ &\Rightarrow 60 \ln 2 = C\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $A = 60$  and  $C = 60 \ln 2$ .

### Note

$$\int \frac{60}{15-Q} dQ = -60 \ln(15-Q) + C \quad \text{and} \quad \int \frac{60}{30-Q} dQ = -60 \ln(30-Q) + C \text{ using}$$

$$\int \frac{1}{ax+b} = \frac{1}{a} \ln|ax+b| + C; \text{ remember to divide by the coefficient of } Q \text{ when integrating.}$$

$$(i) \quad 60 \ln \left( \frac{30-Q}{15-Q} \right) = t + 60 \ln 2$$

$$\text{When } Q = 5: \quad 60 \ln \left( \frac{30-5}{15-5} \right) = t + 60 \ln 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 60 \ln \left( \frac{25}{10} \right) = t + 60 \ln 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 60 \ln \left( \frac{5}{2} \right) = t + 60 \ln 2$$

$$\Rightarrow t = 60 \ln \left( \frac{5}{2} \right) - 60 \ln 2 = 13.39 \quad (\text{to 2 dp})$$

It takes 13.39 minutes to form 5 grams of Z.

**Note**

Although not necessary, the answer can also be given in minutes and seconds:  
 $0.39 \times 60 = 23.4$ , so it takes about 13 minutes 23 seconds to form 5 grams of Z.

$$(ii) \quad 60 \ln \left( \frac{30-Q}{15-Q} \right) = t + 60 \ln 2$$

$$\text{When } t = 45: \quad 60 \ln \left( \frac{30-Q}{15-Q} \right) = 45 + 60 \ln 2 \quad [\text{divide all terms by 60}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln \left( \frac{30-Q}{15-Q} \right) = \frac{3}{4} + \ln 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln \left( \frac{30-Q}{15-Q} \right) = 1.443 \quad (\text{to 3 dp})$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{30-Q}{15-Q} = e^{1.443}$$

$$\Rightarrow 30 - Q = e^{1.443} (15 - Q)$$

$$\Rightarrow 30 - Q = 15e^{1.443} - Qe^{1.443}$$

$$\Rightarrow Qe^{1.443} - Q = 15e^{1.443} - 30$$

$$\Rightarrow Q(e^{1.443} - 1) = 15e^{1.443} - 30$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = \frac{15e^{1.443} - 30}{e^{1.443} - 1} = 10.36 \quad (\text{to 2 dp})$$

10.36 grams of Z will be formed 45 minutes after the reaction begins.

15.(a) The denominator contains distinct linear factors.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{10000}{N(20000-N)} &= \frac{A}{N} + \frac{B}{20000-N} \\ &= \frac{A(20000-N) + BN}{N(20000-N)}\end{aligned}$$

$$10000 = A(20000 - N) + BN$$

$$\text{Let } N = 20000 \Rightarrow 10000 = A(0) + B(20000) \Rightarrow 10000 = 20000B \Rightarrow B = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Let } N = 0 \Rightarrow 10000 = A(20000) + B(0) \Rightarrow 10000 = 20000A \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Hence } \frac{10000}{N(20000-N)} = \frac{1/2}{N} + \frac{1/2}{20000-N}.$$

The differential equation can be solved by separating the variables and then integrating.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dN}{dt} &= \frac{N(20000-N)}{10000} \Rightarrow 10000 dN = N(20000-N)dt \\ &\Rightarrow \int \frac{10000}{N(20000-N)} dN = \int dt \\ &\Rightarrow \int \left( \frac{1/2}{N} + \frac{1/2}{20000-N} \right) dN = \int 1 dt \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \ln N - \frac{1}{2} \ln(20000-N) = t + C \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} (\ln N - \ln(20000-N)) = t + C \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{N}{20000-N} \right) = t + C \\ &\Rightarrow \ln \left( \frac{N}{20000-N} \right) = 2t + D \quad [\text{where } D = 2C]\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } \ln \left( \frac{N}{20000-N} \right) = 2t + C \quad \text{for some constant } C.$$

## Notes

(1) The partial fractions can be written as  $\frac{10000}{N(20000-N)} = \frac{1}{2N} + \frac{1}{2(20000-N)}$  but there is no need to do this.

(2) Since  $0 < N < 20000$ ,  $N > 0$  and  $20000 - N > 0$ , so there is no need to include modulus signs when finding  $\int \frac{1/2}{N} dN$  and  $\int \frac{1/2}{20000-N} dN$ .

(3)  $\int \frac{1/2}{20000-N} dN = -\frac{1}{2} \ln(20000-N) + C$  using  $\int \frac{1}{ax+b} = \frac{1}{a} \ln|ax+b| + C$  ;  
remember to divide by the coefficient of  $N$  when integrating.

$$(b) \ln\left(\frac{N}{20000-N}\right) = 2t + C$$

$$\text{When } t = 0, N = 100 \Rightarrow \ln\left(\frac{100}{20000-100}\right) = 2(0) + C$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln\left(\frac{100}{19900}\right) = C$$

$$\Rightarrow C = \ln\left(\frac{1}{199}\right)$$

$$\text{Hence } \ln\left(\frac{N}{20000-N}\right) = 2t + \ln\left(\frac{1}{199}\right) \Rightarrow \ln\left(\frac{N}{20000-N}\right) - \ln\left(\frac{1}{199}\right) = 2t$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln\left(\frac{\frac{N}{20000-N}}{\frac{1}{199}}\right) = 2t$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln\left(\frac{199N}{20000-N}\right) = 2t$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{199N}{20000-N} = e^{2t}$$

$$\Rightarrow 199N = e^{2t}(20000 - N)$$

$$\Rightarrow 199N = 20000e^{2t} - Ne^{2t}$$

$$\Rightarrow 199N + Ne^{2t} = 20000e^{2t}$$

$$\Rightarrow N(199 + e^{2t}) = 20000e^{2t}$$

$$\Rightarrow N = \frac{20000e^{2t}}{199 + e^{2t}}$$

16. The differential equation can be solved by separating the variables and then integrating.

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = P(1000 - P) \Rightarrow dP = P(1000 - P)dt \Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{P(1000 - P)} dP = \int dt \quad \dots(*)$$

To find  $\int \frac{1}{P(1000 - P)} dP$ , first express  $\frac{1}{P(1000 - P)}$  in partial fractions.

Note that the denominator contains distinct linear factors.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{P(1000 - P)} &= \frac{A}{P} + \frac{B}{1000 - P} \\ &= \frac{A(1000 - P) + BP}{P(1000 - P)} \end{aligned}$$

$$1 = A(1000 - P) + BP$$

$$\text{Let } P = 1000 \Rightarrow 1 = A(0) + B(1000) \Rightarrow 1 = 1000B \Rightarrow B = \frac{1}{1000}$$

$$\text{Let } P = 0 \Rightarrow 1 = A(1000) + B(0) \Rightarrow 1 = 1000A \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{1000}$$

$$\text{Hence } \frac{1}{P(1000 - P)} = \frac{1/1000}{P} + \frac{1/1000}{1000 - P}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{From } (*) : \int \frac{1}{P(1000 - P)} dP &= \int dt \Rightarrow \int \left( \frac{1/1000}{P} + \frac{1/1000}{1000 - P} \right) dV = \int 1 dt \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{1000} \ln P - \frac{1}{1000} \ln(1000 - P) = t + C \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{1000} (\ln P - \ln(1000 - P)) = t + C \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{1000} \ln \left( \frac{P}{1000 - P} \right) = t + C \\ &\Rightarrow \ln \left( \frac{P}{1000 - P} \right) = 1000t + D \quad [\text{where } D = 1000C] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } \ln \left( \frac{P}{1000 - P} \right) = 1000t + C \quad \text{for some constant } C.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\ln\left(\frac{P}{1000-P}\right) &= 1000t + C \Rightarrow \frac{P}{1000-P} = e^{1000t+C} \\
&\Rightarrow \frac{P}{1000-P} = e^{1000t} e^C \\
&\Rightarrow \frac{P}{1000-P} = Ae^{1000t} \quad [\text{where } A = e^C] \\
&\Rightarrow P = Ae^{1000t}(1000 - P) \\
&\Rightarrow P = 1000 Ae^{1000t} - APe^{1000t} \\
&\Rightarrow P + APe^{1000t} = 1000 Ae^{1000t} \\
&\Rightarrow P(1 + Ae^{1000t}) = 1000 Ae^{1000t} \\
&\Rightarrow P = \frac{1000Ae^{1000t}}{1 + Ae^{1000t}} \quad [\text{divide all terms by } e^{1000t}] \\
&\Rightarrow P = \frac{1000A}{\frac{1}{e^{1000t}} + A} = \frac{1000A}{e^{-1000t} + A}
\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $P(t) = \frac{1000K}{K + e^{-1000t}}$  for some constant  $K$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
P(0) = 200, \text{ so when } t = 0, P = 200 &\Rightarrow 200 = \frac{1000K}{K + e^{-1000(0)}} \\
&\Rightarrow 200 = \frac{1000K}{K + e^0} \\
&\Rightarrow 200 = \frac{1000K}{K + 1} \\
&\Rightarrow 200(K + 1) = 1000K \\
&\Rightarrow 200K + 200 = 1000K \\
&\Rightarrow 200 = 800K \\
&\Rightarrow K = \frac{1}{4}
\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $P(t) = \frac{1000\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)}{\frac{1}{4} + e^{-1000t}} = \frac{250}{\frac{1}{4} + e^{-1000t}} = \frac{1000}{1 + 4e^{-1000t}}$  [multiplying all terms in the fraction by 4 to simplify]

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{When } P(t) = 900 : \quad 900 &= \frac{1000}{1 + 4e^{-1000t}} \Rightarrow 900(1 + 4e^{-1000t}) = 1000 \\
&\Rightarrow 900 + 3600e^{-1000t} = 1000 \\
&\Rightarrow 3600e^{-1000t} = 100 \\
&\Rightarrow e^{-1000t} = \frac{1}{36} \\
&\Rightarrow 900 + 3600e^{-1000t} = 1000 \\
&\Rightarrow 3600e^{-1000t} = 100 \\
&\Rightarrow e^{-1000t} = \frac{1}{36} \\
&\Rightarrow -1000t = \ln\left(\frac{1}{36}\right) \\
&\Rightarrow t = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{1}{36}\right)}{-1000} = 0.0036 \quad (\text{to 4 dp})
\end{aligned}$$

$P(t) = 900$  when  $t = 0.0036$ .

### Notes

- (1) The partial fractions can be written as  $\frac{1}{1000P} + \frac{1}{1000(1000-P)}$  but there is no need to do this.
- (2) Since  $0 < P < 1000$ ,  $P > 0$  and  $1000 - P > 0$ , so there is no need to include modulus signs when finding  $\int \frac{1/1000}{P} dP$  and  $\int \frac{1/1000}{1000-P} dP$ .
- (3)  $\int \frac{1/1000}{1000-P} dP = -\frac{1}{1000} \ln(1000-P) + C$  using  $\int \frac{1}{ax+b} = \frac{1}{a} \ln|ax+b| + C$ ;  
remember to divide by the coefficient of  $P$  when integrating.

17. Measure time in minutes from the time the beaker of liquid was placed in the fridge and at 12 noon, let  $t = n$ .

To determine the time the liquid was placed in the fridge, we must find the value of  $n$ .

Before starting to solve the differential equation, interpret the information given mathematically.

- The constant temperature of the fridge is  $4^{\circ}\text{C}$ .  
This means that  $T_F = 4$ .
- When first placed in the fridge, the temperature of the liquid was  $25^{\circ}\text{C}$ .  
This means that when  $t = 0$ ,  $T = 25$ .
- At 12 noon, the temperature of the liquid was  $9.8^{\circ}\text{C}$ .  
This means that when  $t = n$ ,  $T = 9.8$ .
- At 12:15 pm, the temperature of the liquid had dropped to  $6.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ .  
This means that when  $t = n + 15$ ,  $T = 6.5$ .

The differential equation can be solved by separating the variables and then integrating. Note that the two variables are  $T$  and  $t$  and that  $k$  is a constant.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dT}{dt} = -k(T - T_F) &\Rightarrow \frac{dT}{dt} = -k(T - 4) \Rightarrow dT = -k(T - 4)dt \\ &\Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{T - 4} dT = \int -k dt \\ &\Rightarrow \ln(T - 4) = -kt + C \\ &\Rightarrow T - 4 = e^{-kt+C} \\ &\Rightarrow T - 4 = e^{-kt} e^C \\ &\Rightarrow T - 4 = Ae^{-kt} \quad [\text{where } A = e^C] \\ &\Rightarrow T = 4 + Ae^{-kt} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{When } t = 0, T = 25 &\Rightarrow 25 = 4 + Ae^{-k(0)} \Rightarrow 25 = 4 + Ae^{(0)} \\ &\Rightarrow 25 = 4 + A(1) \\ &\Rightarrow A = 21 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } T = 4 + 21e^{-kt}$$

$$\text{When } t = n, T = 9 \cdot 8 \Rightarrow 9 \cdot 8 = 4 + 21e^{-kn} \Rightarrow 21e^{-kn} = 5 \cdot 8 \dots(1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{When } t = n + 15, T = 6 \cdot 5 &\Rightarrow 6 \cdot 5 = 4 + 21e^{-k(n+15)} \\ &\Rightarrow 21e^{-k(n+15)} = 2 \cdot 5 \\ &\Rightarrow 21e^{-kn-15k} = 2 \cdot 5 \\ &\Rightarrow 21e^{-kn}e^{-15k} = 2 \cdot 5 \\ &\Rightarrow (21e^{-kn})e^{-15k} = 2 \cdot 5 \\ &\Rightarrow 5 \cdot 8e^{-15k} = 2 \cdot 5 \quad [\text{since } 21e^{-kn} = 5 \cdot 8] \\ &\Rightarrow e^{-15k} = \frac{2 \cdot 5}{5 \cdot 8} \\ &\Rightarrow -15k = \ln\left(\frac{2 \cdot 5}{5 \cdot 8}\right) \\ &\Rightarrow k = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{2 \cdot 5}{5 \cdot 8}\right)}{-15} = 0 \cdot 0561 \quad (\text{to 4 dp}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Substitute } k = 0 \cdot 0561 \text{ into equation (1)} &\Rightarrow 21e^{-kn} = 5 \cdot 8 \\ &\Rightarrow 21e^{-0 \cdot 0561n} = 5 \cdot 8 \\ &\Rightarrow e^{-0 \cdot 0561n} = \frac{5 \cdot 8}{21} \\ &\Rightarrow -0 \cdot 0561n = \ln\left(\frac{5 \cdot 8}{21}\right) \\ &\Rightarrow n = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{5 \cdot 8}{21}\right)}{-0 \cdot 0561} = 22 \cdot 9 \quad (\text{to 1 dp}) \end{aligned}$$

Hence 12 noon occurs when  $t = 22 \cdot 9$  meaning that the liquid was first placed in the fridge 22.9 minutes before 12 noon.

So the liquid was first placed in the fridge at approximately 11:37 am.

### **Note**

In the context of this question,  $T > 4$ , so  $T - 4 > 0$  and there is no need to include a modulus sign when finding  $\int \frac{1}{T-4} dT$ .