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The Andromeda Strain

"The mathematics of uncontrolled growth are frightening. A single cell of E. coli would under ideal circumstance, divide every **20 minutes**. That is not particularly disturbing until you think about it, but the fact is that bacteria multiply geometrically: one becomes 2, 2 becomes 4, 4 becomes 8, and so on. In this way, it can be shown that in a single day, one cell of E. coli could produce a super-colony in size and weight equal to the **entire planet earth.**"

Actually, it would take approximately **2 days**.

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Average mass of 1 E coli cell is approx. 10^{-12} gm

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Mass of the earth is approx. $(5.9763) \times 10^{24}$ kg

§9.3. Example: Orthogonal Trajectories.

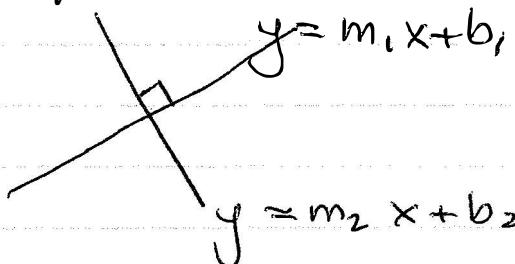
Consider lines:

$$y = m_1 x + b_1$$

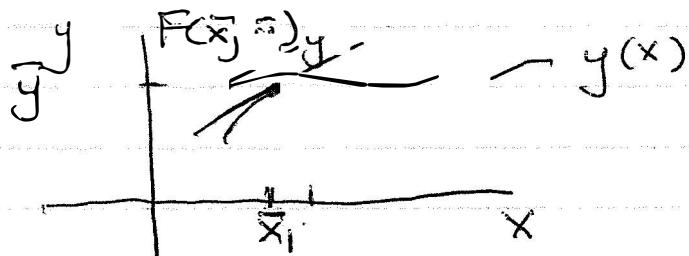
$$y = m_2 x + b_2$$

They are orthogonal (or perpendicular)

if $m_2 = -\frac{1}{m_1}$



ODE: $\frac{dy}{dx} = F(x, y)$



$F(x, y)$ is
the slope
of $y(x)$ at x_i

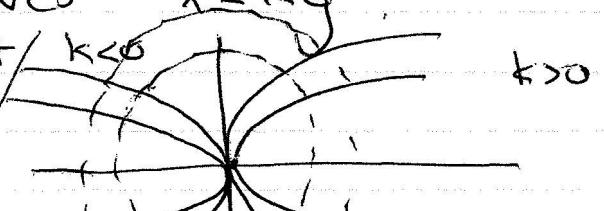
Curves that cross \perp have slope $\frac{1}{F(x, y)}$,

Aim: Given a family of curves,
find the orthogonal trajectories,
i.e. the family of curves that
cross these curves orthogonally.

Example: Find the orthogonal trajectories
to the family of curves: $x = ky^2$.

① Find the slope at each point $k < 0$

Method I: $\frac{x}{y^2} = k$



Use implicit differentiation.
thinking of y as a function of x ,
eliminate k .

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$$\cancel{y^2 - 2y'x} = 0$$

$$y(y - 2y'x) = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{y' = \frac{y}{2x} = F(x,y)}$$

Method II.

$$\begin{aligned} x &= ky^2 \quad \Rightarrow \text{Implicit diff.} \\ \downarrow & \quad \Rightarrow \quad i = k \cdot 2y \cdot y' \\ k &= \frac{x}{y^2} \quad \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{2ky} = \frac{1}{2\frac{x}{y^2}y} = \frac{y}{2x} = F(x,y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{2x} \leftarrow F(x,y)$$

Family of orthogonal trajectories has slope

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{F(x,y)} = -\frac{2x}{y}.$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{2x}{y}$$

Separable.

$$\int y \, dy = \int -2x \, dx$$

$$\frac{y^2}{2} = -\frac{2x^2}{2} + C, \text{ const.}$$

$$x^2 + \frac{y^2}{2} = C, \text{ const.}$$

Family of ellipses gives the orthogonal trajectories,

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Example: Mixing Problem -

Brine containing 3 kg/L of salt enters a tank fitted with 400 L of water containing 20 kg salt.

Brine enters at 10 L/min,

Mixture is well-stirred

Mixture leaves at the same rate.

Question: How much salt is in the tank after 10 minutes?

Sol'n Define variables,

Let $A(t)$ denote the amount of salt (in kg) in the tank at time t (in minutes),

$$\begin{array}{c} 10 \text{ L/min} \rightarrow \\ \downarrow \\ \frac{dA}{dt} \end{array} \quad \boxed{\begin{array}{c} A(t) \\ 400 \text{ L} \\ A(0) = 20 \text{ kg} \\ \pi \end{array}} \quad \rightarrow 10 \text{ L/min}$$

Change in amount = rate of amt of salt entering - rate of amt salt leaving
 $\frac{dA}{dt} = (3 \text{ kg}) \left(\frac{10 \text{ L}}{\text{min}} \right) - \left(\frac{A(t)}{400 \text{ L}} \right) 10 \text{ L/min}$

$$\text{I.V. } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{dA}{dt} = 30 - \frac{A(t)}{40} \\ A(0) = 20 \end{array} \right.$$

$$A(10) = ?$$

$$\text{Separable: } \frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{1200 - A(t)}{40}$$

$$\int \frac{40dA}{1200 - A} = \int dt.$$

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$$\Rightarrow -40 \ln |1200-A| = t + C \quad \text{arb.}$$

$$\ln |1200-A| = -\frac{1}{40}t - \frac{1}{40}C \quad \text{("K arb.)}$$

$$\ln |1200-A| = -\frac{1}{40}t + K \quad \text{"K arb."}$$

$$|1200-A| = e^{-\frac{1}{40}t} e^K$$

$$1200-A = \pm e^{-\frac{1}{40}t} e^K$$

$$1200-A = \tilde{k} e^{-\frac{1}{40}t} \quad \tilde{k} \neq 0, \text{ arb.}$$

$$A(t) = 1200 - \tilde{k} e^{-\frac{1}{40}t}$$

To find k , use the I.C. $A(0) = 20$.

$$20 = A(0) = 1200 - \tilde{k} e^{-\frac{1}{40} \cdot 0}$$

$$20 = 1200 - \tilde{k}$$

$$\tilde{k} = 1180.$$

$$\therefore A(t) = 1200 - 1180 e^{-\frac{t}{40}} \quad \text{kg.}$$

Ans. After 10 minutes, the amount of salt in the tank is

$$A(10) = 1200 - 1180 e^{-\frac{10}{40}} \quad \text{kg.}$$

$$\approx 281 \text{ kg.}$$