

1. This differential equation is separable. We integrate to get

$$-\int \frac{dy}{(y-5)^2} = \int \frac{dt}{t}$$

$$\frac{1}{y-5} = \ln t + c.$$

Using our initial value, we find that  $c = 1$ . Solving for  $y$ , we get

$$y = \frac{1}{\ln t + 1} + 5.$$

2. This is linear, so we put it into the proper form

$$y' + \frac{2}{t}y = a.$$

We find the multiplying factor

$$\mu(t) = e^{2 \ln t} = t^2.$$

So we have

$$t^2 y' = \int (at^2 dt) = \frac{at^3}{3} + c.$$

Solving for  $y$ , we get

$$y = \frac{at}{3} + \frac{c}{t^2}.$$

3. If  $y$  denotes the mass of dye in the tank, then salt flows in at a rate of  $30e^{-t/10}$  and out at a rate of  $3y/10$ . So the initial value problem we want to solve is

$$y' = 30e^{-t/10} - 3y/10, \quad y(0) = 10.$$

This is a linear differential equation, and the multiplying factor is  $e^{3t/10}$ . So we get

$$y = e^{-3t/10} \int 30e^{t/5} dt = e^{-3t/10}(150e^{t/5} + c) = 150e^{-t/10} + ce^{-3t/10}$$

The constant is  $-140$ , but then we need to divide everything by volume ( $= 10$  L) to get concentration of dye. The final answer is

$$y = 15e^{-t/10} - 14e^{-3t/10}.$$

4. The differential equation is  $y' = ry - d$ . It is linear and separable, so you can use either method to find the solution  $y = d/r + ce^{rt}$ . The initial condition gives  $c = P_0 - d/r$ , so the final solution is

$$y = \frac{d}{r} + \left( P_0 - \frac{d}{r} \right) e^{rt}.$$

5. (c) The equilibrium points are  $y=1, 2$ , and  $3$ . The equilibrium  $y = 2$  is stable, and the other two are unstable.