## The Tank Problem Dr. E. Jacobs



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$$e^{\frac{1}{8}t} x = \int \frac{1}{4} e^{\frac{1}{8}t} dt = 2e^{\frac{1}{8}t} + C$$
If  $x(0) = 0$  then  $C = -2$ 

$$x(t) = 2 - 2e^{-t/8}$$

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If 
$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -\frac{x}{8}$$
 then  $x = ae^{-\frac{1}{8}t}$ 

The initial condition x(0) = 1 implies that a = 1 $x(t) = e^{-\frac{1}{8}t}$ 

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{x}{8} - \frac{y}{8} = \frac{1}{8}e^{-\frac{1}{8}t} - \frac{y}{8}$$
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$$e^{\frac{1}{8}t}y = \frac{1}{8}t + C$$

The initial condition y(0) = 0 implies C = 0

$$y = \frac{1}{8}te^{-\frac{1}{8}t}$$



We have just solved a *system* of differential equations.

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -\frac{x}{8}$$
$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -\frac{x}{8} - \frac{y}{8}$$

## An interconnected tank problem.



Tanks A and B have 8 liters of brine. Pure water flowing into A at 3 liters/min Brine flowing from A to B at 4 liters/min Brine flowing from B to A at 1 liter/min Brine is draining from B through another pipe at 3 liter/min. Tanks A and B have 8 liters of brine. Pure water flowing into A at 3 liters/min Brine flowing from A to B at 4 liters/min Brine flowing from B to A at 1 liter/min

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