

1. A mass  $m$  is subjected to a force  $F(t, v)$  where  $t$  is the time and  $v(t)$  is the velocity of the mass. It also experiences a resistive force  $\eta v(t)$  where  $\eta$  is a constant. The motion of the mass is governed by the differential equation

$$m \frac{dv}{dt} = F - \eta v.$$

Assuming that  $F(t) = \alpha e^{-\beta t} v^3$ , obtain a solution for  $v(t)$ . Assume that the initial velocity is  $v_0$ .

Plot the direction fields and four solution curves for each of the following three sets of data:

- (a)  $m = 10, \eta = 0, \alpha = 0.1, \beta = 0.1,$
- (b)  $m = 10, \eta = 0.5, \alpha = 0.1, \beta = 0.1,$
- (c)  $m = 10, \eta = 5.0, \alpha = 0.1, \beta = 0.1.$

For the solution curves, take  $v_0 = 0.5, 1, 2.0$  and  $2.5$ .

Interpret the solutions: What will the solution tend to as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  in the presence and absence of the resistive force? Will the force be resistive if  $\eta < 0$ ? Is there any resistance to motion if  $\eta = 0$ ?

2. Obtain the general solution  $y(x)$  for the homogeneous differential equation

$$(5x^2 - 2y^2)dx - xydy = 0.$$

3. The differential equation

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = k(T^4 - T_\infty^4)$$

governs the temperature of a lumped mass cooling or heating due to radiation.

- (a) Solve the above equation for  $T(t)$  assuming that  $T(0) = T_0$ .
- (b) Show that the differential equation takes the same form as the differential equation for lumped heat transfer by convection (discussed in the class) when  $|T - T_\infty|$  is small compared to  $T_\infty$ .