

1. Find an explicit solution of the initial value problem  $y' = (2x+1)y^2$ ,  $y(0) = 1/2$ . What is the largest interval  $\alpha < x < \beta$  (containing the initial point  $x = 0$ ) in which your solution exists?

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (2x+1)y^2 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{y^2} = (2x+1)dx \stackrel{\int}{\Rightarrow} -\frac{1}{y} = x^2 + x + C$$

Since  $y(0) = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $C = -2$ . Thus,  $y(x) = \frac{-1}{x^2 + x - 2}$

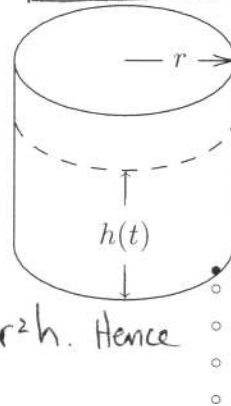
Let's find where  $y$  is well-defined, by finding where it is not:

$$x^2 + x - 2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4(-2)}}{2} = \frac{-1 \pm 3}{2} \Leftrightarrow x = \begin{cases} 1 \\ -2 \end{cases} \text{ or}$$

but  $0 \in (-2, 1)$ . Thus, the largest interval is  $\boxed{-2 < x < 1}$

2. Water leaks out of a small hole in a cylindrical tank at a rate (cubic feet per hour) which is a constant  $C$  times the depth (in feet) of water in the tank. The tank has radius  $r$  feet.

(a) The depth  $h(t)$  of water in the tank at time  $t$  satisfies a differential equation  $h' = -kh$  for some constant  $k > 0$ . Find  $k$  in terms of the given data.



We are given that  $\frac{dV}{dt} = -Ch$  where

$V(t)$  is the volume at time  $t$ . But  $V(t) = \pi r^2 h$ . Hence

$$\pi r^2 \frac{dh}{dt} = -Ch$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{dh}{dt} = -\frac{C}{\pi r^2} h. \text{ Thus, } \boxed{k = \frac{C}{\pi r^2}}$$

(b) At noon the depth of water is 10 foot, and at 2:00 P.M. it is 8 foot. Find the depth at time  $t$  (i.e.,  $t$  hours after noon). You can assume here the result of (a):  $h' = -kh$ .

We know

$$\begin{aligned} h(0) &= 10 & \& & \frac{dh}{dt} &= -kh \quad (*) \\ h(2) &= 8 \end{aligned}$$

From  $(*)$ , we have that

$$h(t) = ce^{-kt} \quad \text{for some constant } c.$$

To satisfy the conditions,

$$10 = ce^{-k \cdot 0} \Rightarrow c = 10$$

$$8 = ce^{-2k} \Rightarrow \frac{8}{10} = e^{-2k} \Rightarrow k = -\frac{1}{2} \ln(0.8)$$

Thus,

$$\boxed{h(t) = 10e^{\ln(0.8) \cdot t} = 10(0.8)^t}$$