

7. Linear equations and the integrating factor (Notes on Diffy Qs, 1.4)

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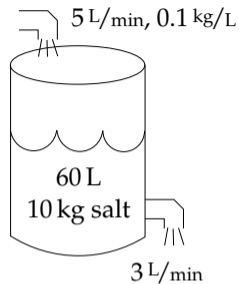
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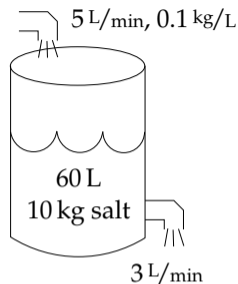
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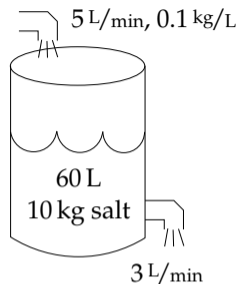


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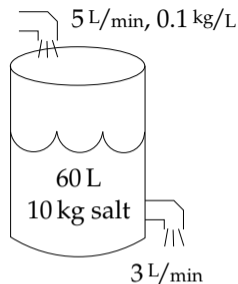
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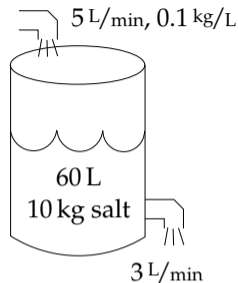


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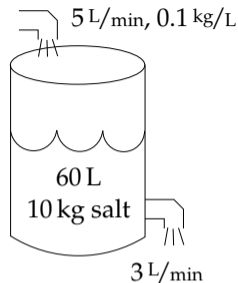
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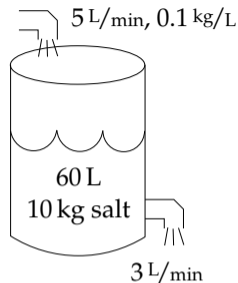
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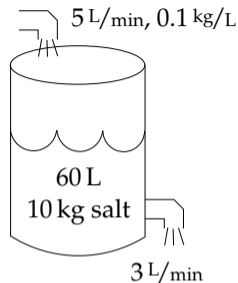
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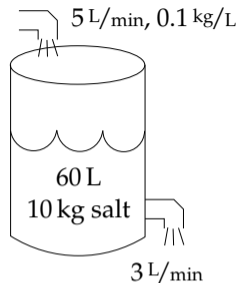
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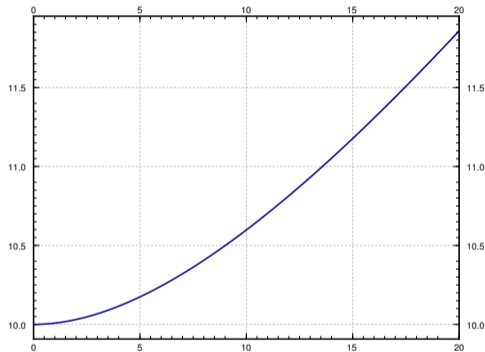
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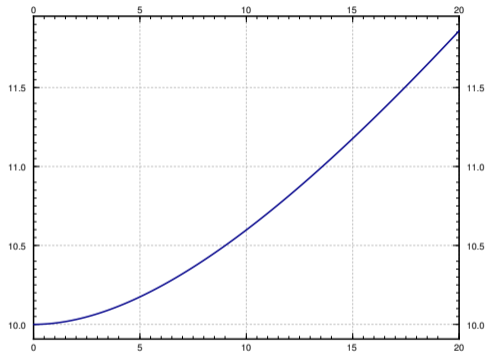
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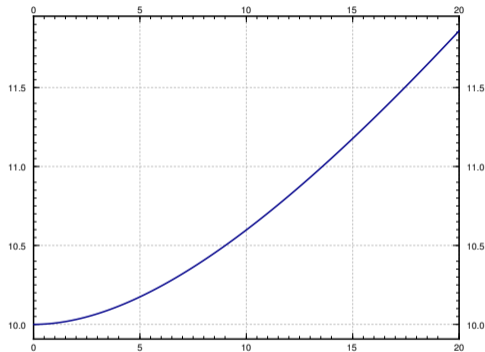


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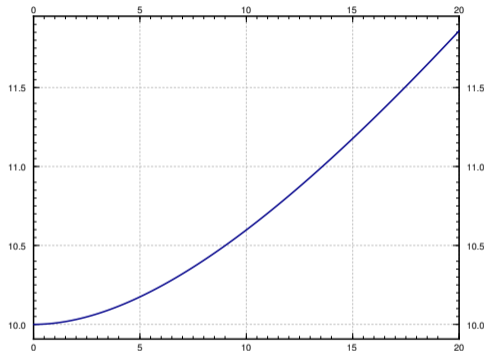
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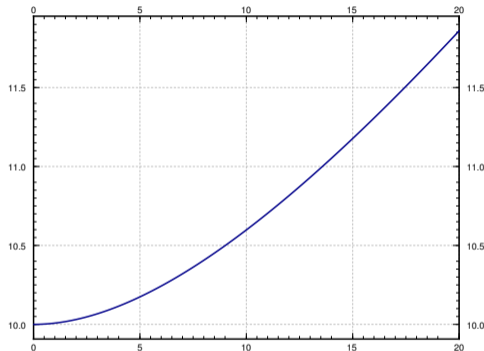
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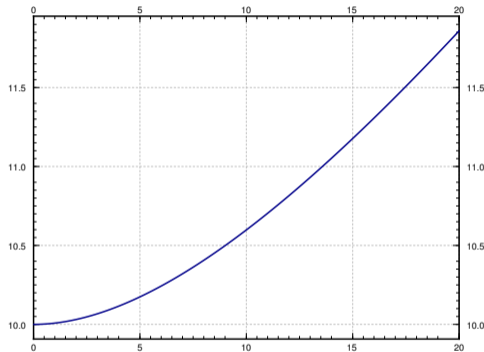
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