

Lecture 4

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* Spiritual thought: to build a house, one needs to build the foundation first. Every complicated task should start with a simple step.

The simplest kind of differential eqs. is the 1st order linear ODE.

$$a(t)y' + b(t)y + c(t) = 0$$

$$\rightsquigarrow y' + p(t)y = q(t) \quad (*)$$

How to solve this equation?

Method of integrating factor: multiply both sides of (*) by a factor $\mu(t)$ such that the left hand side is an exact derivative.

$$\underbrace{\mu y' + \mu p y}_{= (\dots)'} = \mu q$$

$$= (\dots)'$$

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 μy

$$\rightsquigarrow \text{Want } \mu' = \mu p \rightsquigarrow \frac{\mu'}{\mu} = p$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \ln \mu = \int p$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \boxed{\mu = e^{\int p}}$$

This is an integrating factor.

Algorithm of solving $y' + p(t)y = g(t)$: (*)

- Find one antiderivative of p : $P(x) = \int p dx$
- Integrating factor $\mu(x) = e^{P(x)}$
- Multiplying both sides of (*) by μ :

$$(\mu y)' = \mu g \quad \leadsto \quad \mu y = \int \mu g$$

$$\leadsto y(x) = \frac{1}{\mu(x)} \int \mu g dx$$

Ex: $x^2 y' + xy = 1$, $y(1) = 2$

$$\leadsto y' + \underbrace{\frac{1}{x}}_{p(x)} y = \underbrace{\frac{1}{x^2}}_{g(x)} \quad (*)$$

$$P(x) = \int p(x) dx = \ln x$$

Integrating factor: $\mu(x) = e^{P(x)} = e^{\ln x} = x$

$$(*) \leadsto xy' + y = \frac{1}{x} \leadsto (xy)' = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\leadsto xy = \int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln x + C$$

$$\leadsto y = \frac{1}{x} (\ln x + C)$$

$$y(1) = 2 \leadsto C = 2 \leadsto \boxed{y = \frac{1}{x} (\ln x + 2)}$$

Ex

$$x^2 y' + xy = 1, \quad y(-1) = 2$$

$$\rightarrow y' + \frac{1}{x}y = \frac{1}{x^2} \rightarrow (xy)' = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\rightarrow xy = \ln(-x) + C$$

$$\rightarrow y = \frac{1}{x} (\ln(-x) + C)$$

$$y(-1) = 2 \rightarrow -C = 2 \rightarrow C = -2$$

$$y = \frac{1}{x} (\ln(-x) - 2)$$

Use Mathematica to visualize the direction field:

$$y' = -\frac{1}{x}y + \frac{1}{x^2}$$

Separation of variables

$$y' = yt^2 \rightarrow \frac{y'}{y} = t^2 \rightarrow \ln|y| = \frac{t^3}{3} + C \rightarrow \dots$$

y and t are separated

Rewrite: $\frac{dy}{dt} = yt^2 \rightarrow \frac{dy}{y} = t^2 dt \rightarrow$ Integrate both sides

$$y(6) = 1 \quad \text{vs} \quad y(0) = -1.$$