

Lecture 9

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* Prayer

* Spiritual thoughts

* In our ODE toolbox:

- Integrating factor: multiply both sides by a suitably chosen factor so that we can integrate.
- Separation of variables: split the variables on two sides so that we can integrate.
- Graphic methods for $y' = f(t, y)$: direction fields, phase line.
- **Exact differential equation**: use the chain rule of differentiation.

Ex: $xy' + y = 1 \Rightarrow (xy)' = 1$
 $x + y' \sin y = 1 \Rightarrow \left(\frac{x^2}{2} - \cos y\right)' = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{2} - \cos y = x + C$
 $y + 2x + y'x = 1 \Rightarrow (yx + x^2)' = 1 \Rightarrow yx + x^2 = x + C$

Generally, we deal with an ODE of the form

$$\underbrace{M(x,y)} + \underbrace{N(x,y)}y' = 0 \quad (*) \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{matrix} M(x,y) \\ N(x,y) \end{matrix}} \right\} \text{exact differential form}$$

want: $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}$

so that (*) becomes $\frac{d}{dx} \phi(x,y(x)) = 0$

$$\leadsto \phi(x,y) = C$$

Ex: $(\underbrace{3x^2 - 2xy + 2}_M) + (\underbrace{6y^2 - x^2 + 3}_N)y' = 0$

Test: $\left. \begin{matrix} M_y = -2x \\ N_x = -2x \end{matrix} \right\} \text{in exact diff. form}$

ODE of second order: $F(t, y, y', y'') = 0$.

Linear ODE of second order:

$$y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = g(t) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} g(t) \equiv 0: \text{homogeneous} \\ g(t) \neq 0: \text{nonhomogeneous} \end{array} \right.$$

We need two initial conditions to get a unique solution. (In theory, we have to integrate twice to get y , which then gives us two undetermined constants to find. One way is $y(t_0) = y_0$, $y'(t_0) = y'_0$.)

An interesting feature of linear ODE is that one can split it into simpler ODEs and then solve them independently.

$$\underline{\text{Ex}} \quad y' + 2y = x + e^x + \sin x$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow y_1' + 2y_1 = x \\ \rightarrow y_2' + 2y_2 = e^x \\ \rightarrow y_3' + 2y_3 = \sin x \end{array} \right\} y = y_1 + y_2 + y_3$$

In general, there are no general methods that can solve any 2nd ODE.

However, if the ODE has only constant coefficients then we can solve for the solution.

$$\underline{\text{Ex}} \quad y'' + 3y' + 2y = 0$$

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Method: try $y = e^{rt}$ where r is a constant to be determined.