

Last Class :

Lecture 2  
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DE: equation containing derivative, for example

ODE  
 $y(t)$

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PDE

$y(t, x, z)$

$\frac{\partial y}{\partial t}$ ,  $\frac{\partial y}{\partial x}$ ,  $\frac{\partial y}{\partial z}$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = y(t)$$

- Linear vs. nonlinear

$$a(t) \frac{dy}{dt} + b(t) y(t) = c(t)$$

- Order of an ODE: highest derivative

\*  $yy'$  NO

\*  $y^2$  NO

\*  $e^y$  NO

\*  $\tan y$  NO

⋮

Today:

1. Separable Equations.

2. Integrating factor Method.

# 1. Separable Equation :

General Form:  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \overbrace{f(x)}^{\text{only function of } x} \cdot \underbrace{g(y)}_{\text{only function of } y}$

Goal  $\downarrow$  Solve this for  $y(x)$

How we solve :

We rewrite the equation to separate the two parts.

$$\frac{x \, dx}{g(y)} \Rightarrow \frac{\overbrace{dy}^{\text{terms with } y}}{g(y)} = \underbrace{f(x) \, dx}_{\text{terms with } x}$$

Integrate :  $\int \frac{dy}{g(y)} = \int f(x) \, dx + C$

Use integration techniques to compute integrals.

Example 1. Solve  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^2}{y} \\ y(0) = 1 \end{array} \right.$

$$y' = \frac{x^2}{y}$$

$$y'y = x^2$$

$$y' - \frac{x^2}{y} = 0$$

Non-linear

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x) \cdot g(y) = \overset{f(x)}{x^2} \cdot \overset{g(y)}{\frac{1}{y}}$$

Cross-multiply :

$$y \, dy = x^2 \, dx$$

\* Each integral gives a constant, we make them into one constant C.

Integrate :

$$\int y \, dy = \int x^2 \, dx + C$$

$$\frac{1}{2} y^2 = \frac{1}{3} x^3 + C$$

Implicit form : x and y combined, y has powers other than 1

Explicit form :  $y = f(x)$

We solve for y to change to explicit:

$$\frac{x^2}{2C} \rightarrow C$$

$$y^2 = \frac{2}{3} x^3 + C$$

\* Note : Constant C might be different in each step, but we usually show them by C.

$$y = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2}{3} x^3 + C}$$

Let's pick  $\oplus$  :

$$\boxed{y = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3} x^3 + C}} \quad \text{General Solution}$$

Use  $y(0) = 1$  to find C:

$$1 = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3} \cdot 0 + C} \Rightarrow \sqrt{C} = 1 \Rightarrow \boxed{C = 1}$$

$$\boxed{y = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}x^3 + 1}}$$

particular solution.

Observations : ~~\*~~ We need to choose +/-

If we choose  $y = -\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}x^3 + C}$

$$1 = -\sqrt{C} \Rightarrow \sqrt{C} = -1 \quad \times \text{NOT possible}$$

~~\*~~ If  $x$  is too negative then the solution fails to exist  $\rightarrow$  under root becomes negative.

$\rightarrow$  In most cases, the given situation will give us an idea of how to determine signs based on the context of the question.

Ex 2: Solve  $\begin{cases} y' = xy + x + y + 1 \\ y(0) = 2 \end{cases}$

Is it separable?

Factor:  $y' = x(y+1) + (y+1)$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y' = \underbrace{(y+1)}_{g(y)} \underbrace{(x+1)}_{f(x)} \quad \text{Separable } \checkmark$$

$$\boxed{y' + (x+1)y = x+1}$$

Linear.  
( $a(x)y' + b(x)y = c(x)$ )

Separate:

$$\frac{dy}{y+1} = (x+1) dx$$

$$\int \frac{dy}{y+1} = \int (x+1) dx + C$$

or  $\ln|y+1|$

$$\ln(y+1) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + x + C \quad \rightsquigarrow y = \dots$$

take e:  $y+1 = e^{\frac{1}{2}x^2 + x + C} = e^{\frac{1}{2}x^2 + x} \cdot e^C$

$$y+1 = C e^{\frac{1}{2}x^2 + x}$$

$e^C$   
A new constant

(this is always  $\oplus$ , so we can ignore | | for the ln integral)

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

$$y(0) = 2 \Rightarrow 2 = C e^{\cancel{0}} - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{C = 3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{y = 3 e^{\frac{1}{2}x^2 + x} - 1}$$

\* Check that  $y$  is a solution.

plug it into the equation.

Practice Problem : Solve 
$$\begin{cases} (t^2 + 1) - \frac{1}{x^2 + 1} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} = 0 \\ x(0) = 0 \\ \text{in } (-\pi, \pi) \end{cases}$$

Answer :

$$x(t) = \tan\left(t + \frac{t^3}{3}\right)$$

\* Always Start with checking for a separable eqt.  
What if it's NOT separable?!

Ex 3. Solve  $\frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{2}{t} y = 3$

linear  
1<sup>st</sup> order.

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = 3 - \frac{2}{t} y \rightarrow \frac{dy}{y} = \left( \frac{3}{y} - \frac{2}{t} y \right) dt$$

↙ Can NOT make it separable.

Magic: Multiply through  $t^2$  → integrating factor

$$t^2 \frac{dy}{dt} + 2t y = 3t^2$$

? Where did  $t^2$  come from?!  
We'll see soon 😊

Observe:

$$\frac{d}{dt} (t^2 y) = t^2 \frac{dy}{dt} + 2t \cdot y = \text{LHS}$$

product  
Rule

Do reverse product rule and rewrite:

$$\frac{d}{dt} (t^2 y) = 3t^2$$

integrate

$$t^2 y = \int 3t^2 dt + C$$

\*  $\int \frac{d}{dt}(\text{whatever}) = \text{whatever}$

$$t^2 y = t^3 + C$$

$\div t^2$

$$\boxed{y = t + \frac{C}{t^2}}$$

general  
solution

## 2. Integrating Factor Method

↳ Always works for a 1<sup>st</sup> order linear ODE

General form:  $a(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + b(x) y = c(x)$

$\div a(x)$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{b(x)}{a(x)} y = \frac{c(x)}{a(x)}$$

$p(x) : \text{known}$        $g(x) : \text{known}$

$$\boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} + p(x) y = g(x)} \quad \star$$

Goal: Find a function  $r(x)$  and multiply by  $r(x)$   
so that we make LHS into

$$\frac{d}{dx} (\text{something}) \rightarrow \text{reverse product}$$

Now, let's see how we find  $r(x)$ :

rule can be  
applied then

multiply  $\star$  by  $r(x)$

$$r(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + \underbrace{p(x) r(x)}_y = g(x) r(x)$$

Make it  $\frac{d}{dx} ( \quad )$

Compare

Observe:

$$\frac{d}{dx} ( r(x) y(x) ) = \underbrace{r(x) \frac{dy}{dx}}_y + \underbrace{y \frac{dr}{dx}}$$

So we must have  $\left| \frac{dr}{dx} = p(x) r(x) \right|$

Next class we solve  $\downarrow$ , it'll give us  $r(x)$

and we can solve  $(\star)$  then.