

math 235 : Preliminars

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10 - 11:30 am
- [math.msu.edu/~gnagy](http://math.msu.edu/~gnagy) → teaching  
→ math 235 Spring 2010
- Textbook: Boyce, DiPrima 9<sup>th</sup> ed.
- We collect Homeworks. (13 out of 14)
- Three exams during semester. See dates in webpage
- common Final Exam: Tu May 4.
- Grade: The bigger of:

(1)	15 %	Hw	(2)	13%	Hw
	17 %	E1		34%	Best two Es.
	17 %	E2		51 %	FE
	17 %	E3			
	34 %	FE			

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- Lecture Notes : in webpage.
- Recitations meet tomorrow.

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- Plan:
- \* Overview of diff. eqs.
  - \* Linear ODE
  - \* Integrating factor method.

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Read: \* Direction field

Example 2, Sect. 1.1

\* Direction field plotters  
in internet.

see link in class webpage.

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## \* Overview of differential eqs.

- A differential eq. is an equation where the unknown is a function, and both the function and its derivatives appear in the eq.
- Differential eqs. are a central part in a physical description of nature.

\* Classical Mechanics: Newton's laws  
Lagrange eqs.

\* Electromagnetism: Maxwell's eqs.

\* Quantum Mechanics: Schrödinger's eqs.

\* Examples

(1) Newton's law of motion ( $ma = F$ )

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} \underline{x}(t) = \frac{1}{m} \underline{F}(t, \underline{x}(t))$$

ordinary differential eq. (ODE)

$\underline{x}(t)$  depends on only one variable,  $t$ .

(2) Wave eq. (sound propagation)

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} u(t, x) = v^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} u(t, x)$$

$v$ : wave speed,  $u$ : air density

partial differential eq. (PDE)

$u(t, x)$  depends on more than one variable,  $t, x$ , and their derivatives appear in the eq.

\* Linear ordinary differential eqs. (ODE)

Notation: Given  $\gamma: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , denote

$$\gamma'(t) = \frac{d\gamma}{dt}(t).$$

Def: [ Given  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , an ODE in the unknown function  $\gamma: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is the eq. ]

$$\gamma'(t) = f(t, \gamma(t))$$

Def: [ An ODE is linear iff ]

$$\gamma'(t) = -a(t)\gamma(t) + b(t)$$

$f(t, \gamma)$  is linear in  $\gamma$ .

\* Examples

$$(1) \quad y'(t) = -2 y(t) + 3$$

$$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}$$

$$f(t, y) = 2y + 3$$

constant coefficients ODE.

$$a(t) = 2, \quad b(t) = 3.$$

$$(2) \quad y'(t) = -\frac{2}{t} y(t) + 4t$$

$$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}$$

$$f(t, y) = -\frac{2y}{t} + 4t$$

variable coefficients ODE

$$a(t) = \frac{2}{t}, \quad b(t) = 4t.$$

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\* Solutions to linear ODE can be obtained using the integrating factor method.

(1) constant coefficient case

Thm: Given constants  $a_0, b_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $a_0 \neq 0$ , the linear ODE

$$y' = -a_0 y + b_0$$

has infinitely many sols.

$$y(t) = c_0 e^{-a_0 t} + \frac{b_0}{a_0}$$

where  $c_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ .

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Proof: (integrating factor method)

$$y' + a_0 y = b_0$$

$$\mu(t) (y' + a_0 y) = \mu(t) b_0$$

$\mu$  is an integrating factor iff

$$\mu (y' + a_0 y) = (\mu y)'$$

key idea.

Finding  $\mu$

$$\mu y' + \mu a_0 y = \mu' y + \mu y'$$

$$a_0 y \mu = \mu' y$$

$$a_0 \mu = \mu'$$

$$\frac{\mu'(t)}{\mu(t)} = a_0$$

eq. for  $\mu$ .



$$(\ln[\mu(t)])' = (a_0 t)'$$

$$\ln[\mu(t)] = a_0 t + c_1$$

$$\mu(t) = e^{a_0 t + c_1} = e^{c_1} e^{a_0 t}$$

choose  $c_1 = 0$

(we need just one solution.)

$$\mu(t) = e^{a_0 t}$$

integrating factor

Therefore:  $\mu(y' + a_0 y) = (\mu y)'$

$$(\mu y)' = b_0 \mu$$

$$(y(t) e^{a_0 t})' = b_0 e^{a_0 t}$$

$$\int (y(t) e^{a_0 t})' dt = \int b_0 e^{a_0 t} dt$$

$$y(t) e^{a_0 t} = \frac{b_0}{a_0} e^{a_0 t} + c_0$$

$$y(t) = c_0 e^{-a_0 t} + \frac{b_0}{a_0}$$

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\* Example :  $\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Find all functions } Y \text{ sol. of} \\ Y' = 2Y + 3. \end{array} \right]$

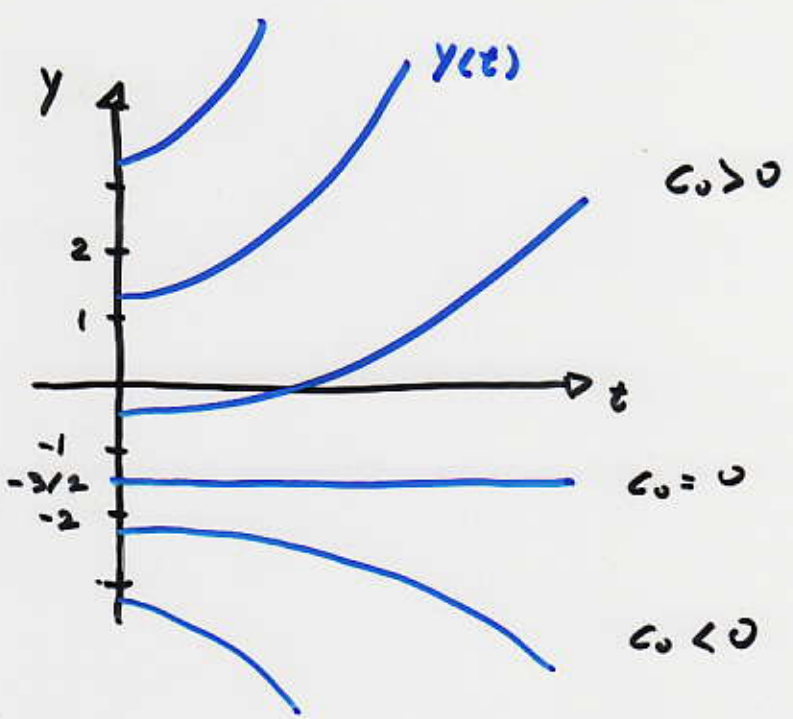
Sol.

$$Y' = -a_0 Y + b_0, \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} a_0 = -2 \\ b_0 = 3 \end{array} \right]$$

$$Y(t) = c_0 e^{-a_0 t} + \frac{b_0}{a_0}$$

$$Y(t) = c_0 e^{2t} - \frac{3}{2}$$

$$c_0 \in \mathbb{R}$$



Verification

$$Y' = 2 c_0 e^{2t}$$

$$c_0 e^{2t} = Y + \frac{3}{2}$$

$$Y' = 2Y + 3 \quad \checkmark$$

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\* The initial value problem (IVP)

Def: Given constants  $a_0, b_0, t_0, y_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  
find  $y: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  Sol. of

$y' = a_0 y + b_0$	(1)
$y(t_0) = y_0$	(2)

IVP: differential eq. (1)  
and  
initial condition (2)

\* [The initial condition selects only  
one of the solutions of (1).]

\* [Read Thm 1.4 in L.N.]

\* Example: Find  $y: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  Sol. of IVP

$$y' = 2y + 3 \quad (1)$$

$$y(0) = 1 \quad (2)$$

Sol:

All solutions of (1) are

$$y(t) = c_0 e^{2t} - \frac{3}{2}$$

The initial condition (2) selects only one solution.

$$1 = y(0) = c_0 - \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow c_0 = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$y(t) = \frac{5}{2} e^{2t} - \frac{3}{2}$$

\* Linear ODE: Variable coefficients

- Integration factor method.

Thm:

Given continuous functions  $a, b: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , and constants  $t_0, y_0 \in \mathbb{R}$   
The IVP

$$y'(t) = -a(t)y(t) + b(t) \tag{1}$$

$$y(t_0) = y_0 \tag{2}$$

has the unique sol.

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{\mu(t)} \left[ y_0 + \int_{t_0}^t \mu(s) b(s) ds \right],$$

where

$$\mu(t) = e^{A(t)}, \quad A(t) = \int_{t_0}^t a(s) ds.$$

\*  $\mu(t)$ : Integration factor

\* See the proof in L.N.

\* The Thrm includes the constant coeffs.

If  $a(t) = a_0$ ,  $b(t) = b_0$

and  $t_0 = 0$ , then

$$A(t) = \int_0^t a_0 ds \Rightarrow A(t) = a_0 t$$

$$\mu(t) = e^{A(t)} \Rightarrow \mu(t) = e^{a_0 t}$$

$$\int_{t_0}^t \mu(s) b(s) ds = \int_0^t e^{a_0 s} b_0 ds$$

$$= \frac{b_0}{a_0} (e^{at} - 1)$$

$$y(t) = e^{-a_0 t} \left[ y_0 + \frac{b_0}{a_0} e^{at} - \frac{b_0}{a_0} \right]$$

$$y(t) = \left( y_0 - \frac{b_0}{a_0} \right) e^{-a_0 t} + \frac{b_0}{a_0}$$



constant  
coeff. case.

\* Example : Find  $y: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  sol. of IVP

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} t y' + 2y = 4t^2 \quad (1) \\ y(1) = 2 \quad (2) \end{array} \right]$$

Sol:

$$(1) \Rightarrow y' = -\frac{2}{t} y + 4t$$

$$a(t) = \frac{2}{t}, \quad b(t) = 4t.$$

$$(2) \Rightarrow t_0 = 1, \quad y_0 = 2.$$

$$A(t) = \int_{t_0}^t a(s) ds = \int_1^t \frac{2}{s} ds$$

$$\begin{aligned} A(t) &= 2 \left[ \ln(t) - \ln(1) \right] \\ &= 2 \ln(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$A(t) = \ln(t^2)$$



\* The integrating factor  $\mu$  :

$$\mu(t) = e^{A(t)} = e^{\ln(t^2)} \Rightarrow$$

$$\boxed{\mu(t) = t^2}$$

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{\mu(t)} \left[ y_0 + \int_{t_0}^t \mu(s) b(s) ds \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{t^2} \left[ 2 + \int_1^t s^2 \cdot 4s ds \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{t^2} \left[ 2 + 4 \int_1^t s^3 ds \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{t^2} \left[ 2 + 4 \cdot \frac{1}{4} (s^4|_1^t) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{t^2} \left[ 2 + t^4 - 1 \right]$$

$$\boxed{y(t) = \frac{1}{t^2} + t^2}$$

(Verify the solution)