

Sec 1.5 1st order linear eqs

1st order: 1st derivative is highest appearing

linear: dependent/output variable y, y' are okay, but no $y^2, y^3, \dots$
 $(y')^2, \dots$, nor yy'

• $\text{Ex: } \frac{dP}{dt} = P(3-P)$ $\times$ (not linear b/c $3P - P^2$)

• $F = mx''$ $\times$ (linear, but not 1st order)

• $A' + e^t A = \cos(t)$ $\checkmark$ ($A = A(t)$) ($A' = \frac{dA}{dt}$)

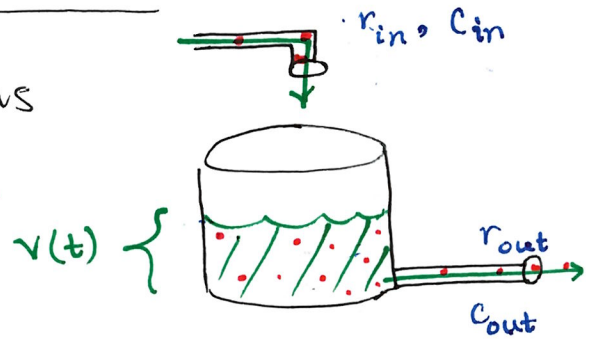
• $A' + t^3 A = t^7$ $\checkmark$

• $A' + t^3 A^2 = t^7$ $\times$

Motivation: Mixture Problems

Goal: Model the amount $A(t)$
of substance in solution
(kgs, lbs, ...)

over time



• $V(t)$ = volume of solution (gal, L, ...)

• r_{in}, r_{out} = flow rates ($\frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}}, \frac{\text{L}}{\text{hr}}, \dots$)

• C_{in}, C_{out} = concentration/density ($\frac{\text{lbs}}{\text{gal}}, \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{L}}, \dots$)

• r_{in}, r_{out}, C_{in} usually constant, but $C_{out} = C_{out}(t)$ varies.

During time Δt , amount changes

$$\Delta A = (A_{in} - A_{out})$$

$$\Delta A = \underbrace{(r_{in} C_{in} - r_{out} C_{out})}_{\text{lbs/min } \dots} \Delta t$$

So $\frac{\Delta A}{\Delta t} = r_{in} c_{in} - r_{out} c_{out}(t)$, so then with $\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0}$

$$\rightarrow \frac{dA}{dt} = r_{in} c_{in} - r_{out} c_{out}(t)$$

★ For simplicity, if solution is "well mixed", we can assume that $c_{out}(t) = \frac{A(t)}{V(t)}$, so our ODE is

$$\boxed{\frac{dA}{dt} = r_{in} c_{in} - \frac{r_{out}}{V(t)} A(t)}$$

or $\boxed{\frac{dA}{dt} + \frac{r_{out}}{V(t)} A(t) = r_{in} c_{in}}$ $\left(A' + P(t)A = Q(t) \right)$
 $y' + P(x)y = Q(x)$

General 1st order linear eq: $\alpha(x)y' + \beta(x)y = \gamma(x)$

• "normalize" by dividing by $\alpha(x)$ to get into standard form:

$$y' + P(x)y = Q(x)$$

- If $P(x) = 0 \rightarrow y' = Q(x)$ (separable) $\frac{dy}{dx} = Q(x) \rightarrow dy = Q(x)dx$
- If $Q(x) = 0 \rightarrow y' = -P(x)y$ (separable)

How to solve eq from standard form:

$$y' + P(x)y = Q(x)$$

Idea: "complement" both sides with an integrating factor

$$f(x) \rightarrow f y' + f P y = f Q$$

where f is picked to make $fP = f'$

Why? Because if $\boxed{p' = pP}$, then

$$py' + pPy = pQ$$

$$\rightarrow py' + p'y = pQ$$

$$\rightarrow (py)' = pQ$$

and we can solve for y then!

$$\rightarrow \int (py)' dx = \int pQ dx$$

$$p \cdot y + C = \int pQ dx$$

$$\boxed{y = \frac{\int p \cdot Q dx + C}{p}}$$

How do we find $p(x)$? We just need any ($\neq 0$)
solution of $p' = pP$ (separable)

$$\frac{dp}{dx} = pP$$

$$\int \frac{dp}{p} = \int P dx$$

$$|p| = C e^{\int P dx}$$

$$p = \underbrace{\pm C}_{\text{"C"}} e^{\int P dx}$$

so let's pick $\boxed{p = 1 e^{\int P dx}}$

Read examples 1 and 2 from posted notes.

Example 1: Find a general solution for $\{y' - y = 3e^{-x}\}$

Eq is 1st order linear, and is already in standard form:

$$y' - y = 3e^{-x} \longleftrightarrow y' + Py = Q \quad \begin{pmatrix} P = (-1) \\ Q = 3e^{-x} \end{pmatrix}$$

Step 1: "complement" eq with $p = e^{\int P dx} = e^{\int (-1) dx} = e^{-x+C}$ *

* Because we are just picking any p that works,

pick $C=0$ so $\boxed{p = e^{-x}}$

("Template")

$$y' - y = 3e^{-x} \longleftrightarrow y' + Py = Q$$

$$e^{-x}y' - e^{-x}y = 3e^{-2x}$$

$$py' + pPy = pQ$$

$$py' + p'y = pQ$$

$$e^{-x}y' + (e^{-x})'y = 3e^{-2x}$$

$$(e^{-x} \cdot y)' = 3e^{-2x}$$

$$(py)' = pQ$$

$$\int (e^{-x} \cdot y)' dx = \int 3e^{-2x} dx$$

$$\int (py)' dx = \int pQ dx$$

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

$$py = \int pQ dx + C$$

Step 2:
"integrate"

Step 3: "de-complement" (solve for y)

$$\underline{y = -\frac{3}{2}e^{-x} + Ce^x}$$

$$y = \frac{\int pQ dx + C}{p}$$

Example 2: Find a general solution for $\{xy' - 5y = x^6 \cos(x)\}$

Eq is 1st order linear, but not in standard form:

change to $y' - \frac{5}{x}y = x^5 \cos x \rightarrow y' + Py = Q, \checkmark$

$P = -5/x, Q = x^5 \cos x.$

pick $C=0$

Step 1: "complement": $p = e^{\int P dx} = e^{-5 \int \frac{1}{x} dx} = e^{-5 \ln|x| + C}$

Also, since we are picking p , we can leave out the abs. value,

and just use $f = e^{-5 \ln x} = e^{\ln(x^{-5})} = \boxed{x^{-5}}$.

So we "complement" with f : (multiply by f)

$$y' - \frac{5}{x}y = x^5 \cos x$$

$$x^{-5}y' - 5x^{-6}y = \cos x$$

$$x^{-5}y' + (x^{-5})'y = \cos x$$

$$\int (x^{-5}y)' = \int \cos x$$

$$x^{-5}y = \sin x + C$$

step 2, "integrate"

Step 3 "de-complement" (solve for y , by dividing by f)

$$\underline{y = x^5 \sin x + Cx^5} \quad (\text{general solution})$$

We can find a particular solution if asked:

given initial value $y(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 0$

$$\rightarrow 0 = \frac{\pi^5}{32} \sin(\pi/2) + C \frac{\pi^5}{32} = \frac{\pi^5}{32} (1 + C),$$

so $C = -1$, and thus

$$y(x) = x^5 \sin x - x^5 = x^5 (\sin(x) - 1)$$

is the solution for the IVP

$$\left\{ y' - \frac{5}{x}y = x^5 \cos x, \quad y\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0 \right\}$$

The graph looks like

