

Lesson 21 - First-Order Linear Differential Equations ^{D.E.'s}

I. Definitions and Reminders

II Finding general solutions to 1st-order linear D.E.'s in standard form.

Announcement

Take-home quiz 6 Due @ start of class on
Mon 10/23

Definitions/Reminders

① A D.E. is a **1st-order linear D.E.** if it can be written in the form

$$A(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + B(x)y + C(x) = 0$$

$Ax + By + C = 0$
line

keys: ① y only appears in $\frac{dy}{dx} + y$

The **standard form** for a 1st-order linear D.E. is

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

② Everything else only involves x

No r, s other ops on y .

TODAY - solve 1st-order linear D.E.'s that are already in standard form.

Ex Separable? 1st-order linear? Both? Neither?

(A) $\frac{dy}{dx} + x^2 y = 2x^2$ linear
also separable

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x^2 - x^2 y$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 (2 - y)$$

(B) $\cos(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + 2xy = x^3 + 2$

linear only

$\cos(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + 2xy - (x^3 + 2) = 0$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^3 + 2 - 2xy}{\cos(x)}$$

Not separable
can't write RHS as $f(x)g(y)$

(C) $\frac{dy}{dx} = xy^2$

separable

Not 1st-order linear
because of square (²)
on y .

Reminders

① $\frac{d}{dx} [f(x)g(x)] = f(x)g'(x) + f'(x)g(x)$

② $\int \frac{d}{dx} [f(x)] dx = f(x) + C$

③ $\frac{d}{dx} \left[\int f(x) dx \right] = f(x)$

④ $\frac{d}{dx} \left[e^{\int f(x) dx} \right] = e^{\int f(x) dx} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \left[\int f(x) dx \right] = e^{\int f(x) dx} f(x)$
chain rule

std form: $\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = Q(x)$

II. Finding sol'ns of 1st-order linear D.E.'s in standard form:

Ex

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + 3y = 5$$

1st order linear
std form: $P(x) = 3$
 $Q(x) = 5$

① We are going to make LHS look like it came from product rule:

Rabbit: Multiply both sides by e^{3x}

$$e^{3x} \frac{dy}{dx} + 3e^{3x} y = 5e^{3x}$$

integrating factor.

Do you see product rule?

$$\frac{d}{dx} [e^{3x} y]$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [e^{3x} y] = 5e^{3x}$$

$$\int \frac{d}{dx} [e^{3x} y] dx = \int 5e^{3x} dx$$

$u = 3x$

→

$$e^{3x} y = \frac{5e^{3x}}{3} + C$$

integrating factor $y = \frac{5/3 e^{3x} + C}{e^{3x}}$ integrating factor

$$y = \frac{5}{3} + \frac{C}{e^{3x}} \quad \text{OR} \quad y = \frac{5}{3} + Ce^{-3x}$$

Procedure for solving 1st-order linear D.E.'s in std form

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = Q(x) \quad (*)$$

① Calculate the integrating factor

$$\beta(x) = e^{\int P(x) dx}$$

Don't add constant to $\int P(x) dx$

Last ex: $P(x) = 3$

$$\beta(x) = e^{\int 3 dx} = e^{3x}$$

② Multiply both sides of (*) by $\beta(x)$

$$e^{\int P(x) dx} \frac{dy}{dx} + e^{\int P(x) dx} P(x) y = e^{\int P(x) dx} Q(x)$$

1st 2nd' 1st' 2nd

③ Integrate both sides to find sol'n

$$e^{\int P(x) dx} y = \int e^{\int P(x) dx} Q(x) dx$$

$$\beta(x) y = \int \beta(x) Q(x) dx$$

④ Divide by $\beta(x)$ to solve for y .

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+c when you do \int on RHS

[Ex] (Edwards, et.al §1.5 #4)

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - 2xy = e^{x^2}$$

1st-order linear P(x) = -2x
std form (Ü) Q(x) = e^{x^2}

$$\textcircled{1} \beta(x) = e^{\int -2x dx} = e^{-x^2}$$

$$\textcircled{3} ye^{-x^2} = \int \underbrace{e^{-x^2} e^{x^2}}_{e^{-x^2+x^2} = e^0 = 1} dx$$

$$ye^{-x^2} = \int 1 dx$$

$$ye^{-x^2} = x + C$$

$$\textcircled{4} y = \frac{x + C}{e^{-x^2}} = \frac{x}{e^{-x^2}} + \frac{C}{e^{-x^2}}$$

$$y = xe^{x^2} + Ce^{x^2}$$

[Ex] $\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{2y}{x} = x^4$

Ans: $y = \frac{x^5}{5} + \frac{C}{x^2}$