

1. Use an integrating factor to determine the general solution $x(t)$ of the linear ODE

$$x' + \left(\frac{2}{t}\right)x = \frac{\cos t}{t^2},$$

then find the unique solution satisfying $x(\pi) = 0$.

Multiply by μ , the integrating factor to be determined:

$$\mu x' + \mu \cdot \left(\frac{2}{t}\right)x = \mu \cdot \left(\frac{\cos t}{t^2}\right)$$

Must equal $(x\mu)' = \mu x' + \mu' x$, so

$$\text{need } \mu' = \mu \cdot \left(\frac{2}{t}\right) \Rightarrow \frac{\mu'}{\mu} = \frac{2}{t}$$

Integrate: $\ln|\mu| = 2\ln|t| = \ln(t^2)$,
so $\mu = t^2$.

→ with $\mu = t^2$, this becomes

$$(t^2 x)' = \cos t$$

General solution:

$$\text{Integrate: } t^2 x = \sin t + c \Rightarrow x(t) = \frac{\sin t + c}{t^2}$$

$$x(\pi) = 0: \quad 0 = \frac{\sin(\pi) + c}{\pi^2} = \frac{c}{\pi^2} \Rightarrow c = 0,$$

$$\underline{x(t) = \frac{\sin t}{t^2}}, \quad \text{solution of IVP.}$$

2. Use an integrating factor to determine the general solution $x(t)$ of the linear ODE

$$tx' + x = t^2,$$

then find the unique solution satisfying the initial condition $x(1) = 1$.

Divide by t to put the ODE in standard form:

$$x' + \left(\frac{1}{t}\right)x = t$$

Multiply by μ : $\underbrace{\mu x' + \mu \cdot \left(\frac{1}{t}\right)x}_{(\mu x)'} = \mu t$

$$(\mu x)' = \mu x' + \mu' x, \text{ so } \mu' = \mu \cdot \left(\frac{1}{t}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\mu'}{\mu} = \frac{1}{t} \Rightarrow \overset{\text{integrate:}}{\ln|\mu| = \ln|t|}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu(t) = t.$$

Then the ODE returns to its original form (sneaky!):

$$(tx)' = t^2$$

General:

$$\text{Integrate } \Rightarrow tx = \frac{1}{3}t^3 + c \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{x(t) = \frac{1}{3}t^2 + \frac{c}{t}}}$$

$$\text{specific solution: } x(1) = 1 \Rightarrow 1 = \frac{1}{3} + c \Rightarrow c = \frac{2}{3},$$

$$\underline{\underline{x(t) = \frac{1}{3}t^2 + \frac{2}{3t}}}$$