

First-Order DEs

You can solve a first-order differential equation of the form

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

by multiplying every term by the **integrating factor**

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

Second-Order Differential Equations

1. The nature of the roots α and β of the *auxiliary equation* determines the **general solution** to **Second-order homogeneous differential equations**

$$a \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + b \frac{dy}{dx} + cy = 0$$

The **natures** of the roots α and β of the auxiliary equation

$$am^2 + bm + c = 0$$

- **Case 1:** $b^2 > 4ac$
two real roots α and β ($\alpha \neq \beta$). The general solution :

$$y = Ae^{\alpha x} + Be^{\beta x}$$

- **Case 2:** $b^2 = 4ac$
one repeated root α . The general solution:

$$y = (A + Bx)e^{\alpha x}$$

- **Case 3:** $b^2 < 4ac$
two complex conjugate roots α and β equal to $p \pm qi$. The general solution:

$$y = e^{px}(A \cos qx + B \sin qx)$$

2. To find the general solution to **non-homogeneous differential equation**.

$$a \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + b \frac{dy}{dx} + cy = f(x)$$

Form of $f(x)$	Form of particular integral
p	λ
$p + qx$	$\lambda + \mu x$
$p + qx + rx^2$	$\lambda + \mu x + \nu x^2$
pe^{kx}	λe^{kx}
$p \cos \omega x + q \sin \omega x$	$\lambda \cos \omega x + \mu \sin \omega x$

- Choose an appropriate form for the particular integral (P.I.) and substitute into the original equation to find the values of any coefficients.

- The general solution is:

$$y = \text{C.F.} + \text{P.I.}$$

4. You can use a given substitution to reduce second-order differential equations into differential equations of the form:

$$a \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + b \frac{dy}{dx} + cy = f(x)$$

Vector Operations

- **Scalar Multiplication:**

$$c\mathbf{v} = \langle cv_1, cv_2 \rangle.$$

- **Dot Product:**

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2.$$

- **Cross Product:**

$$\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} \\ u_1 & u_2 \\ v_1 & v_2 \end{vmatrix}.$$

Vector Field

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y) = P(x, y) \mathbf{i} + Q(x, y) \mathbf{j} = \langle P(x, y), Q(x, y) \rangle.$$

Gradient Fields

If $f(x, y)$ is a scalar function, its gradient is a vector field:

$$\nabla f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \mathbf{j}.$$

Directional Derivative

Gradient:

$$\nabla f(x, y) = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right)$$

Directional Derivative:

$$D_{\mathbf{u}} f(x, y) = \nabla f(x, y) \cdot \mathbf{u}$$

where if $\mathbf{u} = \langle a, b \rangle$,

$$D_{\mathbf{u}} f(x, y) = f_x(x, y)a + f_y(x, y)b.$$

Use unit vector:

$$\hat{\mathbf{u}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}}(x, y, z) \quad ***$$

The maximum of $D_{\mathbf{u}} f$ is $|\nabla f|$, direction is given by ∇f .

- If $\nabla f = 0$, then f is locally constant.
- If $\mathbf{F} = \nabla f$, f is called a **potential function**.
- Conservative field: $\mathbf{F} = -\nabla f$.

Divergence

The **divergence** of a vector field

$$\mathbf{F} = P\mathbf{i} + Q\mathbf{j} + R\mathbf{k}$$

on \mathbb{R}^3 is given by:

$$\text{div } \mathbf{F} = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial R}{\partial z}.$$

- If $\text{div } \mathbf{F} > 0$, the field behaves like a source.
- If $\text{div } \mathbf{F} < 0$, the field behaves like a sink.
- If $\text{div } \mathbf{F} = 0$, the field is incompressible.

Curl

If \mathbf{F} is a vector field on \mathbb{R}^3 and the partial derivatives of its components exist, then the curl of \mathbf{F} is given by:

$$\text{curl } \mathbf{F} = \nabla \times \mathbf{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ P & Q & R \end{vmatrix}$$

where $\mathbf{F} = P\mathbf{i} + Q\mathbf{j} + R\mathbf{k}$.

$$\text{curl } \mathbf{F} = \left(\frac{\partial R}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial Q}{\partial z} \right) \mathbf{i} + \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial R}{\partial x} \right) \mathbf{j} + \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) \mathbf{k}.$$

- If $\text{curl } \mathbf{F} = 0$, the field is irrotational (no local rotation).
- If $\text{curl } \mathbf{F} \neq 0$, the field has a swirling or rotational effect.

Laplace Operator

For a scalar function $f(x, y, z)$, the Laplacian is defined as:

$$\nabla^2 f = \nabla \cdot (\nabla f) = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2}.$$

commonly used in physics, in Laplace's equation: $\nabla^2 f = 0$.

Line Integrals

$$\int_C f(x, y) ds = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i^*, y_i^*) \Delta s_i,$$

provided the limit exists. Using the arc length formula:

$$ds = \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt} \right)^2} dt,$$

we obtain:

$$\int_C f(x, y) ds = \int_a^b f(x(t), y(t)) \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt} \right)^2} dt.$$

$$\int_C f(x, y) ds = \int_{C_1} f(x, y) ds + \int_{C_2} f(x, y) ds + \cdots + \int_{C_n} f(x, y) ds.$$

Line Integrals in Space

If C is a smooth space curve given by parametric equations

$$x = x(t), \quad y = y(t), \quad z = z(t), \quad a \leq t \leq b,$$

and f is a function of three variables, then the line integral of f along C is

$$\int_C f(x, y, z) ds = \int_a^b f(x(t), y(t), z(t)) \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{dz}{dt} \right)^2} dt.$$

Observe that the integrals can be written in the more compact vector notation:

$$\int_C f(x, y, z) ds = \int_a^b f(\mathbf{r}(t)) \|\mathbf{r}'(t)\| dt.$$

Line Integral of Vector Fields

If \mathbf{F} is a continuous vector field defined on a smooth curve C given by a vector function $\mathbf{r}(t)$, $a \leq t \leq b$, then its line integral of \mathbf{F} along C is given by:

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_a^b \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}(t)) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(t) dt.$$

Double and Surface Integrals

Double Integrals

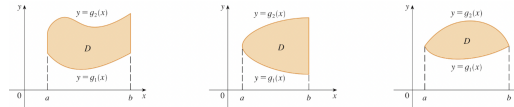
If f is continuous on the rectangle $R = [a, b] \times [c, d]$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_R f(x, y) dA &= \int_a^b \left(\int_c^d f(x, y) dy \right) dx \\ &= \int_c^d \left(\int_a^b f(x, y) dx \right) dy. \end{aligned}$$

Double Integrals over General Regions

Type I

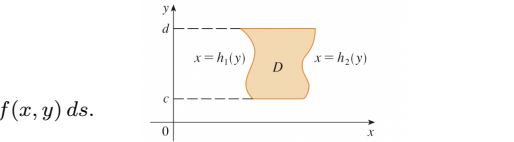
$$\iint_R f(x, y) dA = \int_a^b \left(\int_{g_1(x)}^{g_2(x)} f(x, y) dy \right) dx$$



$$R = \{(x, y) \mid a \leq x \leq b, g_1(x) \leq y \leq g_2(x)\}.$$

Type II

$$\iint_R f(x, y) dA = \int_c^d \left(\int_{h_1(y)}^{h_2(y)} f(x, y) dx \right) dy$$



$$R = \{(x, y) \mid c \leq y \leq d, h_1(y) \leq x \leq h_2(y)\}.$$

Surface Integral

$\mathbf{r}(u, v) = x(u, v) \mathbf{i} + y(u, v) \mathbf{j} + z(u, v) \mathbf{k}, \quad (u, v) \in D.$

$$\iint_S f(x, y, z) dS = \iint_D f(\mathbf{r}(u, v)) \|\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v\| dA.$$

With the formula for a line integral:

$$\int_C f(x, y, z) ds = \int_a^b f(\mathbf{r}(t)) \|\mathbf{r}'(t)\| dt.$$

$$\iint_S 1 dS = \iint_D \|\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v\| dA = A(S).$$

Graphical Surfaces

Any surface S with equation $z = g(x, y)$ can be regarded as a parametric surface with parametric equations:

$$x = x, \quad y = y, \quad z = g(x, y)$$

and so we have

$$\mathbf{r}_x \times \mathbf{r}_y = -\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \mathbf{i} - \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$$

and

$$|\mathbf{r}_x \times \mathbf{r}_y| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)^2 + 1}.$$

Therefore, in this case, the surface integral becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} &\iint_S f(x, y, z) dS \\ &= \iint_D f(x, y, g(x, y)) \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)^2 + 1} dA. \end{aligned}$$

Differentiation

f(x)	f'(x)
sin x	cos x
cos x	sin x
tan kx	k sec ² kx
sec x	sec x tan x
cot x	− csc ² x
csc x	− csc x cot x
$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$	$\frac{f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{(g(x))^2}$
arcsin x	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$
arccos x	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$
arctan x	$\frac{1}{1+x^2}$

Integration (+ constant)

f(x)	$\int f(x) \, dx$
sec ² kx	$\frac{1}{k} \tan kx$
tan x	ln sec x
cot x	ln sin x
csc x	$-\ln \csc x + \cot x ,$ $\ln \left \tan \left(\frac{1}{2}x \right) \right $
sec x	$\ln \sec x + \tan x ,$ $\ln \left \tan \left(\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \right $
$\frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2-x^2}}$	arcsin $\left(\frac{x}{a} \right)$ ($ x < a$)
$\frac{1}{a^2+x^2}$	$\frac{1}{a} \arctan \left(\frac{x}{a} \right)$
$\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2-a^2}}$	$\ln \left(x + \sqrt{x^2-a^2} \right)$ ($x > a$)
$\frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2+x^2}}$	$\ln \left(x + \sqrt{x^2+a^2} \right)$
$\frac{1}{a^2-x^2}$	$\frac{1}{2a} \ln \left \frac{a+x}{a-x} \right $ ($ x < a$)
$\frac{1}{x^2-a^2}$	$\frac{1}{2a} \ln \left \frac{x-a}{x+a} \right $
$\int u \frac{dv}{dx} \, dx = uv - \int v \frac{du}{dx} \, dx$	

Trigonometric identities

sin(A ± B) ≡ sin A cos B ± cos A sin B

cos(A ± B) ≡ cos A cos B ∓ sin A sin B

tan(A ± B) ≡ $\frac{\tan A \pm \tan B}{1 \mp \tan A \tan B}$ $\left(A + B \neq \left(k + \frac{1}{2} \right) \pi \right)$

sin A + sin B ≡ 2 sin $\frac{A+B}{2}$ cos $\frac{A-B}{2}$

sin A − sin B ≡ 2 cos $\frac{A+B}{2}$ sin $\frac{A-B}{2}$

cos A + cos B ≡ 2 cos $\frac{A+B}{2}$ cos $\frac{A-B}{2}$

cos A − cos B ≡ −2 sin $\frac{A+B}{2}$ sin $\frac{A-B}{2}$

sin²(θ) = $\frac{1 - \cos(2\theta)}{2}$

cos²(θ) = $\frac{1 + \cos(2\theta)}{2}$

x	0	$\frac{\pi}{6}$	$\frac{\pi}{4}$	$\frac{\pi}{3}$	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	π	$\frac{3\pi}{2}$	2π
cos x	1	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	−1	0	1
sin x	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	1	0	−1	0

Maclaurin’s and Taylor’s Series

$$f(x) = f(0) + x f'(0) + \frac{x^2}{2!} f''(0) + \cdots + \frac{x^r}{r!} f^{(r)}(0) + \cdots$$

$$f(x) = f(a) + (x-a)f'(a) + \frac{(x-a)^2}{2!} f''(a) + \cdots + \frac{(x-a)^r}{r!} f^{(r)}(a)$$

$$f(a+x) = f(a) + x f'(a) + \frac{x^2}{2!} f''(a) + \cdots + \frac{x^r}{r!} f^{(r)}(a)$$

$$e^x = \exp(x) = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \cdots + \frac{x^r}{r!} \quad \text{for all } x$$

$$\ln(1+x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \cdots + (-1)^{r+1} \frac{x^r}{r} \quad (-1 < x \leq 1)$$

$$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \cdots + (-1)^r \frac{x^{2r+1}}{(2r+1)!} \quad \text{for all } x$$

$$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \cdots + (-1)^r \frac{x^{2r}}{(2r)!} \quad \text{for all } x$$

$$\arctan x = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \cdots + (-1)^r \frac{x^{2r+1}}{2r+1} \quad (-1 \leq x \leq 1)$$

Power series solution

$$y = c_0 + c_1 x + c_2 x^2 + c_3 x^3 + \cdots$$

of the differential equation

$$y'' - 2xy' + x^2 y = 0.$$

$$y' = c_1 + 2c_2 x + 3c_3 x^2 + 4c_4 x^3 + 5c_5 x^4 + 6c_6 x^5 + \cdots,$$

$$y'' = 2c_2 + 6c_3 x + 12c_4 x^2 + 20c_5 x^3 + 30c_6 x^4 + \cdots.$$

Substitute into the equation:

$$y'' - 2xy' + x^2 y = (2c_2 + 6c_3 x + 12c_4 x^2 + 20c_5 x^3 + \cdots) - 2x (c_1 + 2c_2 x + 3c_3 x^2 + 4c_4 x^3 + \cdots) + x^2 (c_0 + c_1 x + c_2 x^2 + c_3 x^3 + \cdots).$$

Simplifying and combining terms:

$$2c_2 + (6c_3 - 2c_1)x + (12c_4 - 4c_2 + c_0)x^2 + (20c_5 - 6c_3 + c_1)x^3 + (30c_6 - 8c_4 + c_2)x^4 + \cdots = 0.$$

This equation must hold for all *x*, each coefficient must be zero:

$$2c_2 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad c_2 = 0,$$

$$6c_3 - 2c_1 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad c_3 = \frac{1}{3}c_1,$$

$$12c_4 + c_0 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad c_4 = -\frac{1}{12}c_0,$$

$$20c_5 - 6c_3 + c_1 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 20c_5 - 6 \cdot \frac{1}{3}c_1 + c_1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad 20c_5 = c_1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad c_5 = \frac{1}{20}c_1.$$

Thus, the solution is:

$$y = c_0 \left(1 - \frac{1}{12}x^4 \right) + c_1 \left(x + \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \frac{1}{20}x^5 \right).$$

Define:

$$y_1(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{12}x^4, \qquad y_2(x) = x + \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \frac{1}{20}x^5.$$

The general solution is:

$$y = c_0 y_1(x) + c_1 y_2(x),$$

which represents two linearly independent solutions.

Boundary conditions

Find *y* in terms of *x*, given that

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - y = 2e^x,$$

with initial conditions

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad y = 0 \quad \text{at} \quad x = 0.$$

First, consider the homogeneous equation:

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - y = 0.$$

$$m^2 - 1 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad m = \pm 1.$$

So, the complementary function (C.F.) is:

$$y = Ae^x + Be^{-x}.$$

let *y* = λ*x**e^x*Then:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \lambda x e^x + \lambda e^x,$$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \lambda x e^x + \lambda e^x + \lambda e^x = \lambda x e^x + 2\lambda e^x.$$

Substitute into the equation:

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - y = 2e^x,$$

$$\lambda x e^x + 2\lambda e^x - \lambda x e^x = 2e^x,$$

$$2\lambda e^x = 2e^x \quad \Rightarrow \quad \lambda = 1.$$

The general solution is:

$$y = Ae^x + Be^{-x} + x e^x.$$

Using the initial conditions:

Since *y* = 0 at *x* = 0:

$$0 = A + B \quad \Rightarrow \quad A + B = 0.$$

Differentiate the general solution:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = Ae^x - Be^{-x} + e^x + x e^x.$$

Substitute *x* = 0 into $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ Solving the simultaneous equations:

$$A + B = 0,$$

$$A - B = -1.$$

$$A = -\frac{1}{2}, B = \frac{1}{2}.$$

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