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# **MATH 537, Fall 2020**

# **Ordinary Differential Equations**

Lecture #1b

A Brief Review of Fundamental ODEs

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# Outline

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  - Homogeneous, linear ODEs with constant coefficients
  - Euler-Cauchy Equation
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# (1) Separable ODEs

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Many practically useful ODEs can be reduced to the form

(1)

$$g(y) y' = f(x)$$

Dependent vs.  
Independent variables

by purely algebraic manipulations. Then we can integrate on both sides with respect to  $x$ , obtaining

(2)

$$\int g(y) y' dx = \int f(x) dx + c.$$

On the left we can switch to  $y$  as the variable of integration. By calculus,  $y' dx = dy$ , so that

(3)

$$\int g(y) dy = \int f(x) dx + c.$$

If  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous functions, the integrals in (3) exist, and by evaluating them we obtain a general solution of (1). This method of solving ODEs is called the **method of separating variables**, and (1) is called a **separable equation**, because in (3) the variables are now separated:  $x$  appears only on the right and  $y$  only on the left.

# Separable ODEs: Examples

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equations	Initial conditions	solutions	remarks
$y' = 1 + y^2$	$y(0) = \tan(c)$	$y(x) = \tan(x + c)$	$-c - \frac{\pi}{2} < x < -c + \frac{\pi}{2}$
$y' = -2xy$	$y(0) = c$	$y(x) = ce^{-x^2}$	Bell-shaped

## (2) Linear First-Order ODEs

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A first-order ODE is said to be **linear** if it can be brought into the form

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

by algebra, and **nonlinear** if it cannot be brought into this form.

The defining feature of the linear ODE (1) is that it is linear in both the unknown function  $y$  and its derivative  $y' = dy/dx$ , whereas  $p$  and  $r$  may be *any* given functions of  $x$ . If in an application the independent variable is time, we write  $t$  instead of  $x$ .

**Homogeneous Linear ODE.**  $Q(x) = 0$

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$$(3) \quad y_h(x) = ce^{-\int P(x)dx} \quad (c = \pm e^{c^*} \text{ when } y \geq 0);$$

the **integrating factor**

$$I(x) = e^{\int P(x)dx} \propto y_h^{-1}$$

**Nonhomogeneous Linear ODE.**

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{I(x)} \left[ \int I(x) Q(x) dx + C \right]$$

Total output = response to the “**forcing**”  $Q$  + Response to the initial Data

## fyi: An Earlier Version

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

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

$$(I(x)y)' = I(x)Q(x)$$

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{I(x)} \left[ \int I(x)Q(x) dx + C \right]$$

### (3) Bernoulli Equations and Logistic Equations

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Linear ODEs:  $y' + P(x)y = Q(x)$

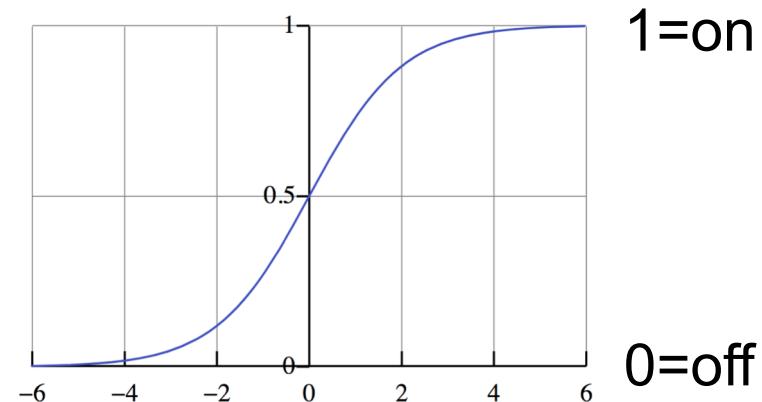
#### Bernoulli Equations

Equations	New variable	Linear ODE	Solutions
$y' + p(x)y = g(x)y^a$	$u(x) = y^{1-a}$	$u' + (1-a)p u = (1-a)g$	
$y' = Ay - By^2$ (Logistic Eq.)	$u = y^{-1}$	$u' + Au = B$	$y = \frac{1}{ce^{-At} + B/A}$ (sigmoid function)

#### Logistic activation function

$$S(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} = \frac{e^x}{e^x + 1}.$$

(Wikipedia)





## (4) Exact ODEs

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$$du = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dy.$$

Consider  $Mdx + Ndy$

Seek  $Mdx + Ndy = f_x dx + f_y dy = \nabla f \cdot d\vec{r} = df$

when  $N_y - M_x = 0$ ,

i.e.,  $M = f_x$  and  $N = f_y$

$f$  : potential function

**11 Theorem** If  $\mathbf{F} = P\mathbf{i} + Q\mathbf{j} + R\mathbf{k}$  is a vector field on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $P$ ,  $Q$ , and  $R$  have continuous second-order partial derivatives, then

$$\operatorname{div} \operatorname{curl} \mathbf{F} = 0$$

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$$\operatorname{div} H = 0 \Rightarrow H = \operatorname{curl} F \quad \psi : \text{stream function}$$

**3 Theorem** If  $f$  is a function of three variables that has continuous second-order partial derivatives, then

$$\operatorname{curl}(\nabla f) = \mathbf{0}$$

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$$\operatorname{curl} H = 0 \Rightarrow H = \nabla f \quad \text{Conservative}$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{F} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{F} = \nabla f \quad f : \text{potential function}$$

## Review: 2<sup>nd</sup> order ODEs

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$$P(x) \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + Q(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + R(x)y = 0$$

Two basic facts enable us to solve homogeneous linear equations. The first of these says that if we know two solutions  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  of such an equation, then the **linear combination**  $y = c_1y_1 + c_2y_2$  is also a solution.

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**Theorem** If  $y_1(x)$  and  $y_2(x)$  are both solutions of the linear homogeneous equation (2) and  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are any constants, then the function

$$y(x) = c_1y_1(x) + c_2y_2(x)$$

is also a solution of Equation 2.

# Are $y_1$ and $y_2$ Linearly Independent?

## Linear Dependence and Independence of Solutions

Let the ODE (1) have continuous coefficients  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  on an open interval  $I$ . Then two solutions  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  of (1) on  $I$  are **linearly dependent** on  $I$  if and only if their “**Wronskian**”

$$(6) \quad W(y_1, y_2) = y_1 y'_2 - y_2 y'_1$$

is 0 at some  $x_0$  in  $I$ . Furthermore, if  $W = 0$  at an  $x = x_0$  in  $I$ , then  $W = 0$  on  $I$ ; hence, if there is an  $x_1$  in  $I$  at which  $W$  is not 0, then  $y_1, y_2$  are linearly independent on  $I$ .

$$W(y_1, y_2) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y'_1 & y'_2 \end{vmatrix}$$

## Two Types of 2<sup>nd</sup> Order ODEs

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- Homogeneous Linear ODEs with Constant Coefficients

- $ay'' + by' + c = 0$   $(P, Q, R \rightarrow a, b, c)$

- $y = e^{rx}$   $\Rightarrow ar^2 + br + c = 0$

- Euler-Cauchy Equations

- $x^2y'' + axy' + b = 0$

- $y = x^m$   $\Rightarrow m^2 + (a - 1)m + b = 0$

# Key Concepts within Selected 2nd Order ODEs

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- Homogenous
- Linear
- Basis functions
- Linearly Independent
- Wronskian
- Superposition Principle

## Fundamental Theorem for the Homogeneous Linear ODE (2)

*For a homogeneous linear ODE (2), any linear combination of two solutions on an open interval  $I$  is again a solution of (2) on  $I$ . In particular, for such an equation, sums and constant multiples of solutions are again solutions.*

# (I): Homogeneous Linear ODEs with Constant Coefficients

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$$ay'' + by' + cy = 0$$

where  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  are constants and  $a \neq 0$ .

## Summary of Cases I–III

Case	Roots of (2)	Basis of (1)	General Solution of (1)
I	Distinct real $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$	$e^{\lambda_1 x}, e^{\lambda_2 x}$	$y = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 x} + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 x}$
II	Real double root $\lambda = -\frac{1}{2}a$	$e^{-ax/2}, xe^{-ax/2}$	$y = (c_1 + c_2 x)e^{-ax/2}$
III	Complex conjugate $\lambda_1 = -\frac{1}{2}a + i\omega,$ $\lambda_2 = -\frac{1}{2}a - i\omega$	$e^{-ax/2} \cos \omega x$ $e^{-ax/2} \sin \omega x$	$y = e^{-ax/2}(A \cos \omega x + B \sin \omega x)$

# Type I: Characteristic Equations

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$$ay'' + by' + cy = 0$$

$$y = e^{rx}$$

where  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  are constants and  $a \neq 0$ .

is equal to 0. We know that the exponential function  $y = e^{rx}$  (where  $r$  is a constant) has the property that its derivative is a constant multiple of itself:  $y' = re^{rx}$ . Furthermore,  $y'' = r^2e^{rx}$ . If we substitute these expressions into Equation 5, we see that  $y = e^{rx}$  is a solution if

$$ar^2e^{rx} + bre^{rx} + ce^{rx} = 0$$

or

$$(ar^2 + br + c)e^{rx} = 0$$

But  $e^{rx}$  is never 0. Thus  $y = e^{rx}$  is a solution of Equation 5 if  $r$  is a root of the equation

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$$ar^2 + br + c = 0$$

Equation 6 is called the **auxiliary equation** (or **characteristic equation**) of the differential equation  $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$ . Notice that it is an algebraic equation that is obtained from the differential equation by replacing  $y''$  by  $r^2$ ,  $y'$  by  $r$ , and  $y$  by 1.

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# Case I: Two Distinct Real Roots

$$ar^2 + br + c = 0$$

$$r = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Distinct real roots c

## CASE I $b^2 - 4ac > 0$

In this case the roots  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  of the auxiliary equation are real and distinct, so  $y_1 = e^{r_1 x}$  and  $y_2 = e^{r_2 x}$  are two linearly independent solutions of Equation 5. (Note that  $e^{r_2 x}$  is not a constant multiple of  $e^{r_1 x}$ .) Therefore, by Theorem 4, we have the following fact.

- 8 If the roots  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  of the auxiliary equation  $ar^2 + br + c = 0$  are real and unequal, then the general solution of  $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$  is

$$y = c_1 e^{r_1 x} + c_2 e^{r_2 x}$$

$y_1$  and  $y_2$  are LI.



**EXAMPLE 1** Solve the equation  $y'' + y' - 6y = 0$ .

## Case II: Double Root

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Double root

CASE II  $b^2 - 4ac = 0$

- 10 If the auxiliary equation  $ar^2 + br + c = 0$  has only one real root  $r$ , then the general solution of  $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$  is

$$y = c_1 e^{rx} + c_2 x e^{rx}$$

How to find the 2<sup>nd</sup> solution as a basis function?

The method of variation of parameters:

$$y_2 = u(x)y_1$$

$$u'' = 0$$

$$u = x \quad y_2 = xy_1 = xe^r x$$

# Case III: Complex Roots

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## Complex roots

**CASE III**  $b^2 - 4ac < 0$

- 11 If the roots of the auxiliary equation  $ar^2 + br + c = 0$  are the complex numbers  $r_1 = \alpha + i\beta$ ,  $r_2 = \alpha - i\beta$ , then the general solution of  $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$  is

$$y = e^{\alpha x}(c_1 \cos \beta x + c_2 \sin \beta x)$$

# Review: A Brief Summary for Type (I) ODEs

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$$ay'' + by' + cy = 0$$

where  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  are constants and  $a \neq 0$ .

## Summary of Cases I–III

what is the most tricky part?

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## (Real) Double Root

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$$\lim_{r \rightarrow r_1} \frac{e^{rx} - e^{r_1 x}}{r - r_1}$$

L'Hospital's Rule     $\frac{\partial}{\partial r} = \lim_{r \rightarrow r_1} \frac{x e^{rx}}{1}$

$$= x e^{r_1 x}$$

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## Type (II): Euler–Cauchy Equations

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$$x^2y'' + axy' + by = 0$$

$$y = x^m, \quad y' = mx^{m-1}, \quad y'' = m(m-1)x^{m-2}$$

$$m^2 + (a - 1)m + b = 0.$$

- Case #1 of two distinct roots,  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ :

$$y = c_1 x^{m_1} + c_2 x^{m_2}$$

- Case #2 of one real repeated root,  $m$ :

$$y = c_1 x^m \ln(x) + c_2 x^m$$

- Case #3 of complex roots,  $\alpha \pm \beta i$ .

$$y = c_1 x^\alpha \cos(\beta \ln(x)) + c_2 x^\alpha \sin(\beta \ln(x))$$

# Real Double Root

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$$\lim_{r \rightarrow r_1} \frac{e^{rx} - e^{r_1 x}}{r - r_1}$$

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow m_1} \frac{x^m - x^{m_1}}{m - m_1}$$

L'Hospital's Rule

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} = \lim_{r \rightarrow r_1} \frac{x e^{rx}}{1} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial m} \lim_{m \rightarrow m_1} \frac{x^m \ln(x)}{1}$$

$$= x e^{r_1 x}$$

$$x^{m_1} \ln(x)$$

## Additional Detail for the Previous Slide

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Let  $A = x^m$

Goal:  $\frac{\partial A}{\partial m}$

From the first Eq., we have

$$\ln(A) = m \ln(x)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial m}$$

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial m} = \ln(x)$$

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial m} = A \ln(x) = x^m \ln(x)$$

# Relation between Two Types of 2<sup>nd</sup> Order ODEs

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- Homogeneous Linear ODEs with Constant Coefficients

- $ay'' + by' + c = 0$

- $y = e^{\color{red}rx}$

- Euler-Cauchy Equations

- $x^2y'' + axy' + b = 0$

- $y = x^m \quad \rightarrow \quad x = e^t \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + (a - 1)\frac{dy}{dt} + by = 0$

(Constant Coefficients)

# An Outlook → ODEs in M537

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- Homogeneous Linear ODEs with Constant Coefficients

- $ay'' + by' + c = 0$

- $y = e^{rx}$                       →               $y = e^{s(x)}$

W.K.B. method for ODEs with  
non-constant coefficients

- Euler-Cauchy Equations

- $x^2y'' + axy' + b = 0$

- $y = x^m$                       →               $y = x^m \sum a_n x^n$                       → asymptotic

Frobenious method                      series

# An Outlook: A System of First Order ODEs

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For example, consider a second-order constant coefficient equation of the form

$$x'' + ax' + bx = 0.$$

If we let  $y = x'$ , then we may rewrite this equation as a system of first-order equations

$$\begin{aligned}x' &= y \\y' &= -bx - ay.\end{aligned}$$

## An Outlook: Planar Linear System

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We now further restrict our attention to the most important class of planar systems of differential equations, namely, linear systems. In the autonomous case, these systems assume the simple form

$$\begin{aligned}x' &= ax + by \\y' &= cx + dy\end{aligned}$$

where  $a, b, c$ , and  $d$  are constants. We may abbreviate this system by using the *coefficient matrix*  $A$  where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then the linear system may be written as

$$X' = AX.$$

# An Outlook with Type (I) ODEs: $ax'' + bx' + cx = 0$

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(A)  $y = e^{rt}$

(B)

$$x'' + \frac{b}{a}x' + \frac{c}{a}x = 0$$

$$ar^2 + br + c = 0$$

let

obtain

$$x' = y$$

$$y' = -\frac{c}{a}x - \frac{b}{a}y$$

define

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}; \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -c/a & -b/a \end{pmatrix}$$

$$X' = AX$$

assume  $X = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix} e^{\lambda t}$ ;

eigenvalue problem  $|A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} 0 - \lambda & 1 \\ -\frac{c}{a} & -\frac{b}{a} - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$

Characteristic Equation

$$a\lambda^2 + b\lambda + c = 0$$