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EXTRA (SKIP)

- LET $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ OPEN INTERVAL
- LET $a: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $b: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ CONTINUOUS
- LET $g: I \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ $g(t, y) = a(t)y + b(t)$

THE EQUATION (*) $y' = a(t)y + b(t)$ IS A LINEAR SCALAR EQUATION OF FIRST ORDER

TERMINOLOGY

- IF $b(t) = 0$ THE EQUATION IS HOMOGENEOUS
- IF $b(t) \neq 0$ THE EQUATION IS NOT HOMOGENEOUS
- $a(t)$ COEFFICIENT
- $b(t)$ "CONSTANT TERM" (TERMINE NOTO)

THEOREM

- LET $A(t) \in \int a(t) dt$ BE A PRIMITIVE OF a ON I
- LET $B(t) \in \int e^{-A(t)} b(t) dt$ BE A PRIMITIVE OF $e^{-A} b$ ON I

THEN THE GENERAL SOLUTION OF (*) $y' = a(t)y + b(t)$ IS GIVEN BY (**) $y(t) = e^{A(t)} [B(t) + c]$, $c \in \mathbb{R}$ $t \in I$

PROOF

1) WE NEED TO SHOW THAT y LIKE IN (**) SOLVES (*)

$$\text{IF } y(t) = e^{A(t)} [B(t) + c], \quad c \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$y'(t) = e^{A(t)} \underbrace{A'(t)}_{=a(t)} [B(t) + c] + e^{A(t)} \underbrace{B'(t)}_{=e^{-A(t)} b(t)} = a(t) \underbrace{e^{A(t)} [B(t) + c]}_{=y(t)} + \underbrace{e^{A(t)} e^{-A(t)}}_{=1} b(t) = a(t)y(t) + b(t)$$

2) WE NEED TO SHOW THAT IF y SOLVES (*) THEN y IS OF THE FORM (**) FOR SOME $c \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\text{IF } y'(t) = a(t)y(t) + b(t) \text{ THEN } y'(t) - a(t)y(t) = b(t); \quad \underbrace{e^{-A(t)} y'(t) - e^{-A(t)} a(t)y(t)}_{= \frac{d}{dt} (e^{-A(t)} y(t))} = e^{-A(t)} b(t);$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} (e^{-A(t)} y(t)) = e^{-A(t)} b(t); \quad e^{-A(t)} y(t) = B(t) + c, \quad c \in \mathbb{R}; \quad y(t) = e^{A(t)} [B(t) + c], \quad c \in \mathbb{R} \quad t \in I$$