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0.1 Linear first-order Ordinary Differential Equations

0.1.1 Linear ODEs

For some we can write:

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = f(t, y)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = q(t) - p(t)y$$

This can be solved by multiplying by an unknown function $\mu(t)$:

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + p(t)y = q(t)$$

$$\mu(t)\left[\frac{dy}{dt} + p(t)y\right] = \mu(t)q(t)$$

We can then set $\mu(t) = e^{\int p(t)dt}$. This means that $\frac{d\mu}{dt} = p(t)\mu(t)$

$$\frac{d}{dt}[\mu(t)y] = \mu(t)q(t)$$

$$\mu(t)y = \int \mu(t)q(t)dt + C$$

In some cases, this can then be solved.

0.1.2 Example

$$\frac{\delta y}{\delta x} = cy$$

$$y = Ae^{c(y+a)}$$

$$\frac{\delta^2 y}{\delta x^2} = cy$$

$$y = Ae^{\sqrt{c}(y+a)}$$