

GRE { ODE
Linear
exact
non-exact (integrating factors, homogeneous)

Def (ODE) An ordinary differential equation is an equation of the form

$$F(x, y, y', \dots, y^{(n)}) = 0$$

for $F: \mathbb{R}^{n+2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Def (Linearity) An ODE

$$F(x, y, \dots, y^{(n)}) = 0$$

is linear if $F(x, -): \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a linear map.

We can write a linear ODE of the form

$$a_n(x) y^{(n)}(x) + \dots + a_1(x) y'(x) + a_0(x) y(x) + f(x) = 0$$

for $a_i: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

- n is called an order (degree) of linear ODE
- Solutions to an ODE are often called integral curves

Def (Exact equations) Let $F, M, N: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be differentiable functions. Suppose

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = M(x, y), \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = N(x, y).$$

Then an ODE of the form

$$M(x, y) + N(x, y) \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

is called an exact equation

(also written in the form
 $M(x, y) dx + N(x, y) dy = 0$)

Def (IVP) An initial value problem is a differential equation along with an appropriate number of initial conditions (order - 1)

e.g $4y'' + yy' + e^x = 0 \quad y(0) = 1 \quad y'(0) = 2$

Separable equations

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{f(x)}{g(y)}$$

$$g(y) dy = f(x) dx$$

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

e.g $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{e^y}$ $y(0) = 0$

$$\int e^y dy = \int x dx$$

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

$$y = \log\left(\frac{1}{2}x^2 + C\right)$$

$$y(0) = \log C = 0 \quad C = 1$$

Homogeneous equations

$f(x, y)$ is homogeneous of degree n if

$$f(tx, ty) = t^n f(x, y)$$

$$M(x, y) dx + N(x, y) dy = 0$$

is homogeneous if M, N are homogeneous functions of the same degree.

e.g $(x^2 + y^2) dx - 2xy dy = 0$

$y = tx$ $\Rightarrow (x^2 + t^2 x^2) dx - 2x^2 t dy = 0$

$$\Rightarrow (1+t^2)dx - 2t d(tx) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-t^2)dx - 2tx dt = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} dx = \frac{2t}{1-t^2} dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln|x| = -\ln|1-t^2| + \ln C$$

$$\Rightarrow |x| = \frac{C}{|1-t^2|} = \frac{C}{|1-(y/x)^2|} \quad C > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - y^2 = Cx \quad C \neq 0$$

Exact equations

$$M(x,y)dx + N(x,y)dy = 0$$

is exact if

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}}$$

$$F_x = M(x,y)$$

$$F_y = N(x,y)$$

$$\text{sol: } F(x,y) = C$$

e.g. $(1-2xy)dx + (4y^2-x^2)dy = 0$

$$F = \int M dx = \int 1 - 2xy dx = x - x^2 y + g(y)$$

$$F_y = -x^2 + g'(y) = N = 4y^3 - x^2$$

$$g(y) = \int 4y^3 dy = y^4$$

$$\therefore F(x, y) = x - x^2 y + y^4 = C.$$

Integrating factors

$\nearrow \mu(x) \text{ or } \eta(y)$

x integrating
factor

Not exact



exact

$$\bullet \frac{(M_y - N_x)}{N} = f(x) \Rightarrow \mu(x) = e^{\int f(x) dx}$$

$$\bullet -\frac{M_y - N_x}{M} = g(y) \Rightarrow \eta(y) = e^{\int g(y) dy}$$

e.g. $(xy + x - 1) dx + x^2 dy = 0$

$$\frac{M_y - N_x}{N} = -\frac{1}{x} \Rightarrow \mu(x) = e^{\int -\frac{1}{x} dx}$$

$$= \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow (y+1-\frac{1}{x}) dx + x dy = 0$$

$$F = \int y+1-\frac{1}{x} dx = xy+x-\ln|x|+h(y)$$

$$F_y = N = x+h'(y) = x$$

$$F(x,y) = xy+x-\ln|x| = C.$$

1st order ODE

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

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

$$\mu y' + \mu P y = \mu Q$$

$$\Rightarrow (\mu y)' = \mu Q \quad (\mu' y = P \mu y)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{\mu} \int \mu Q dx$$

e.g $\frac{dy}{dx} = 5x - \frac{3y}{x}, \quad y(1)=2$

$$\mu = e^{\int \frac{3}{x} dx} = x^3$$

$$x^3 y = \int 5x^4 dx = x^5 + C$$

$$y = x^2 + \frac{C}{x^3}$$

$$y(1) = 1 + C \quad C = 1.$$

High order linear ODE w/ const Coeff

$$ay'' + by' + cy = d(x) \quad \sim (*)$$

$$y = y_p + y_h$$

y_p : particular solution of $(*)$

y_h : general solutions of $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$

Characteristic eq: $at^2 + bt + c = 0 \quad \sim (*)$

1. roots of $(*)$ are real and distinct:

$$t = m_1, m_2$$

$$y_h = c_1 e^{m_1 x} + c_2 e^{m_2 x}$$

2. roots are real and identical: $t = m$

$$y_h = c_1 e^{mx} + c_2 x e^{mx}$$

3. roots are not real $t = \alpha \pm \beta i$

$$y_h = e^{\alpha x} (C_1 \cos \beta x + C_2 \sin \beta x)$$