

First-order ODEs

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Introduction

Order := order of the highest derivative it contains

eg. $\frac{dy}{dx}$ is first order, $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ is second order.

Degree := power highest order derivative is raised, after being rationalised to only contain integer powers

eg. $\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} + x \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)^{3/2} + x^2 y = 0$

is order: 3, degree: 2

General solution is most general function $y(x)$ that satisfies the ODE

↳ contains constants of integration found from the BCs

↳ General solution to n^{th} Order ODE will contain n constants of integration.

Particular solution is a general solution with BCs applied

Given a group of functions that each are a solution

$$y = f(x, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$$

eg. $y = a_1 \sin x + a_2 \cos x$

A group of functions with n parameters satisfies an n^{th} order ODE in general

Only contain $\frac{dy}{dx}$ as a function of x and y

Can be written in the form $\frac{dy}{dx} = F(x,y)$, $A(x,y)dx + B(x,y)dy = 0$

$$\hookrightarrow F(x,y) = - \frac{A(x,y)}{B(x,y)}$$

Separable-variable equations

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

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

Example:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= x + xy \\ &= (1 + y)x \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{1+y} dy = x dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{1+y} dy = \int x dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln(y+1) = \frac{x^2}{2} + C$$

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

$$= Ae^{\frac{x^2}{2}} - 1$$

Exact ODE is of the form :

$$A(x,y)dx + B(x,y)dy = 0 \quad \& \quad \frac{\partial A}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial B}{\partial x}$$

Solution: $U(x,y) = \int A(x,y)dx + F(y)$

$F(y)$ is found by differentiating and equating to $B(x,y)$ with respect to y

Example:

$$x \frac{dy}{dx} + 3x + y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow xdy + (3x+y)dx = 0$$

$$A(x,y) = 3x+y \quad B(x,y) = x$$

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial y} = 1$$

$$\frac{\partial B}{\partial x} = 1 \Rightarrow A_y = B_x$$

$$U(x,y) = \int 3x+y dx + F(y)$$

$$= \frac{3}{2}x^2 + xy + c_1 + F(y)$$

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial y} = x + \frac{dF}{dy} = B(x,y) = x$$

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$$\frac{dF}{dy} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad F(y) = C_2$$

$$\text{Solution: } \frac{3}{2}x^2 + xy + C = 0$$

$$A(x,y)dx + B(x,y)dy = 0 \quad \text{where} \quad \frac{\partial A}{\partial y} \neq \frac{\partial B}{\partial x}$$

is an inexact equation

Can be made exact by multiplying by $\mu(x,y)$

$$\frac{\partial(\mu A)}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial(\mu B)}{\partial x}$$

Assume μ is a function of x

$$\text{then} \quad \mu \frac{\partial A}{\partial y} = \mu \frac{\partial B}{\partial x} + B \frac{d\mu}{dx}$$

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

$$\mu(y) = e^{\int g(y) dy}$$

Example:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{2}{y} - \frac{3y}{2x}$$

$$= \frac{-4x - 3y^2}{2xy}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2xydy + (4x + 3y^2)dx = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} (4x + 3y^2) = 6y$$

\therefore not exact need an integrating factor

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (2xy) = 2y$$

$$\frac{1}{B} \left(\frac{\partial A}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial B}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{2}{x}$$

$$\mu(x) = e^{2 \int \frac{1}{x} dx} = e^{2 \ln x} = x^2$$

$$(4x^3 + 3x^2y^2)dx + 2x^3ydy = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x^3dx + (3x^2y^2dx + 2x^3ydy) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^4 + y^2x^3 = C$$

Special case of exact

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

Multiply by integrating factor $\mu(x) = e^{\int P(x)dx}$

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} [\mu(x)y(x)] = \mu(x)Q(x) \quad (\text{by product rule})$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu(x)y(x) = \int \mu(x)Q(x)dx$$

Example:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + 2xy = 4x$$

$$\mu(x) = e^{\int 2x dx} = e^{x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{x^2} \frac{dy}{dx} + 2xe^{x^2}y = 4xe^{x^2} \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{multiply through by} \\ e^{x^2} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow d \left[e^{x^2} y \right] = 4x e^{x^2} dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} e^{x^2} \\ y \end{bmatrix} = 4xe^{x^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} e^{x^2} y &= \int 4xe^{x^2} dx \\ &= 2e^{x^2} + C \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{A(x, y)}{B(x, y)} = f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

Where A and B is homogeneous of degree n if, for any λ , it obeys $f(\lambda x, \lambda y) = \lambda^n f(x, y)$

Solve by substituting $y = vx$

Example:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{x} + \tan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

$$\text{Let } y = vx$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx}(vx) = v + \tan v$$

$$\Rightarrow \cancel{x} + x \frac{dv}{dx} = \cancel{x} + \tan v$$

$$\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \int \cot(v) dv$$

$$\ln x = \ln |\sin v|$$

$$x = A \sin v$$

$$= \sin\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

$$y = x \arcsin(Dx)$$

$$\left[r(x) y' \right]' + \left[q(x) + \lambda p(x) \right] y = 0$$

Sturm - Liouville equation

Example: Legendre's equation

$$(1-x^2)y'' - 2xy' + n(n+1)y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[(1-x^2)y' \right]' + \lambda y = 0$$

$$k_1 y(a) + k_2 y'(a) = 0$$

$$l_1 y(b) + l_2 y'(b) = 0$$

Sturm - Liouville Problem