MA-240 Review

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Chapter 1: Introduction to Differential Equations

1.1: Definitions and Terminology

Differential Equation An equation containing the derivatives of one or more dependent variables with respect to one or more independent variables.

Classification by Order The order of the highest derivative in the equation.

Classification by Type Whether the differential equation has partial derivatives in it. If it does, it's called a Partial Differential Equation, otherwise it's called an Ordinary Differential Equation.

Classification By Linearity A differential equation is linear if it can be put in the form

$$a_n(x)\frac{d^n y}{dx^n} + a_{n-1}(x)\frac{d^{n-1} y}{dx^{n-1}} + \cdots + a_0 y = g(x)$$

where $a_i(x)$ and $g(x)$ depend at most on the independent variable.

Solutions Suppose ϕ is a function defined on some interval. If substituting ϕ into the ODE reduces the equation to an identity, then ϕ solves the ODE on the interval. The graph of ϕ is called a Solution Curve.

Particular Solution In general, an nth order Ordinary Differential Equation will be solved by an n-parameter family of solutions. A solution of a differential equation that is free of arbitrary parameters is said to be particular.

Singular Solution A particular solution which does not belong to an n-parameter family of solutions.

General Solution If the n-parameter family contains all the solutions, then the n-parameter family is said to be the general solution.

1.2: Initial-Value Problems

An Initial-Value Problem is an nth order Ordinary Differential Equation paired with conditions for the solution and it's first $(n-1)$ derivatives. Below is an example of an Initial-Value Problem.

$$y'' + 3y' - y = \sin x \qquad y(\pi) = 1 \qquad y'(\pi) = 3$$

Picard's Theorem discusses the existence of a unique solution. Suppose R is a region in the xy-plane containing (x_0, y_0). If $f(x, y)$ and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ are continuous on R, there exists some interval I which belongs to x_0 such that $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$ has one and only one solution passing through x_0.

1.3: Differential Equations as Mathematical Models

Population Dynamics The rate at which population grows at a certain time is proportional to the total population of the country at that time: $\frac{dP}{dt} = kP$

Radioactive Decay The rate at which the nuclei of a substance decays is proportional to the amount of substance remaining at a given time: $\frac{dA}{dt} = kA$

Newton's Law of Cooling The rate at which the temperature of a body changes is proportional to the difference between the temperature of the body and the temperature of the surrounding medium: $\frac{dT}{dt} = k(T - T_m)$

Mixtures The mixing of two salt solutions of differing concentrations results in a first-order differential equation for the amount of salt contained in a mixture: $\frac{dA}{dt} = R_{in} - R_{out}$

Chapter 2: First-Order Differential Equations

2.1: Solution Curves Without a Solution

It's not always easy to solve a differential equation, we may just want to know what they look like. This is where <u>Direction Fields</u> come in. They provide a visual representation of solutions. Evaluate some $y' = f(x, y)$ on a dense grid.

An <u>Autonomous</u> first-order differential equation is a differential equation which is only a function of y: $y' = f(x, y) = f(y)$. The points at which $f(x, y) = 0$ are called <u>Critical Points</u>. A constant solution of an Autonomous differential equation is called an <u>Equilibrium Solution</u>. A <u>Phase Portrait</u> depicts the behavior of the differential equation on certain intervals. When two arrowheads of a phase portrait point towards eachother, it is said to be an <u>attractor</u>, which is stable. When two arrowheads of a phase portrait point away from eachother, it is said to be a <u>repeller</u>.

2.2: Seperable Equations

A first-order equation of the following form is said to be <u>separable</u>.

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

This equation can be solved by integration.

$$\int p(y)y' dx = \int g(x)dx \;\; \rightarrow \;\; \int p(y)dy = \int g(x)dx$$

2.3: Linear Equations

Recall that a differential equation is linear if it can be put in the following form:

$$a_n(x)\frac{d^n y}{dx^n} + a_{n-1}(x)\frac{d^{n-1}y}{dx^{n-1}} + \cdots + a_0 y = g(x) \text{ where } y' = P(x)y$$

We look for a function μ by multiplying by μ on both sides of y'. We will get a derivative on one side.

$$\text{Let } \mu(x) = e^{\int P(x)dx} \;\; \rightarrow \;\; \frac{d}{dx}[\mu(x)y] = f(x)e^{\int P(x)dx}$$

For a linear differential equation, if $f(x) = 0$ we call the differential equation <u>homogeneous</u>, $f(x)$ is sometimes called a <u>forcing function</u>.

The error function and complimentary error function are defined as follows.

$$\text{erf}(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}\int_0^x e^{-t^2}dt \qquad \text{erfc}(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}\int_x^\infty e^{-t^2}dt$$

2.4: Exact Equations

Consider a differential equation of the following form:

$$\mathbf{M}(x, y)dx + \mathbf{N}(x, y)dy = 0 \;\; \rightarrow \;\; \mathbf{M}(x, y) + \mathbf{N}(x, y)y' = 0$$

If $z = f(x, y)$ is a 2-variable function with continuous partials in some region R, then on R, then on R, the total differential of z is said to be:

$$dz = f_x dx + f_y dy$$

of particular interest to us is the case where $f(x, y) = c$ so $f_x dx + f_y dy = 0$. $f(x, y) = c$ is a family of functions defined by the parameter c.

An expression $\mathbf{M}dx + \mathbf{N}dy$ is an exact differential form if there exists a function on a region R such that $\mathbf{M} = f_x$ and $\mathbf{N} = f_y$ are continuous. A differential equation is exact if:

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

If $\mathbf{M}_y \neq \mathbf{N}_x$, then multiply both sides by a factor μ such that $(\mu \mathbf{M})_y = (\mu \mathbf{N})_x$.

$$\mu_x + \left(\frac{\mathbf{N}_x - \mathbf{M}_y}{\mathbf{N}} \right) \mu = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \mu_y + \left(\frac{\mathbf{M}_y - \mathbf{N}_x}{\mathbf{M}} \right) \mu = 0$$

2.5: Solutions by Substitutions

A function f is homogeneous if $f(tx, ty) = t^\alpha f(x, y)$ for all t, x, y of degree α. A differential equation $\mathbf{M}dx + \mathbf{N}dy = 0$ is homogeneous if $\mathbf{M}$ and $\mathbf{N}$ are homogeneous of the same degree. Substitutions for y and x are made as follows:

$$y = ux \quad \text{or} \quad x = vy$$

Bernoulli's Equation is as follows.

$$y' + P(x)y = f(x)y^n \qquad \text{Substitution: } u = y^{1-n}$$

Chapter 3: Modeling with First-Order Differential Equations

3.1: Linear Models

Growth and Decay	**Newton's Law of Cooling**	**Mixtures**
$\dfrac{dx}{dt} = kx$	$\dfrac{dT}{dt} = k(T - T_m)$	$\dfrac{dA}{dt} = R_{in} - R_{out}$

Series Circuits

$$L\frac{di}{dt} + Ri = E(t) \qquad R\frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{1}{C}q = E(t)$$

Chapter 4: Higher-Order Differential Equations

4.1: Preliminary Theory - Linear Equations

An nth-order Initial-Value Problem is defined as

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n} a_i(x) y^{(i)}(x) = g(x) \text{ such that } y(x_0) = y_0, y'(x_0) = y_1, \cdots, y^{(n-1)}(x_0) = y_{(n-1)}$$

Let a_i be continuous on I. $a_n(x) \neq 0$ for all $x \in I$, then there is a unique solution to the nth-order Initial-Value Problem on I. A boundary-value problem is defined as

$$a_2(x) y'' + a_1(x) y' + a_0(x) y = g(x) \text{ such that } y(c) = y_0 \text{ and } y(b) = y_1$$

If $g(x) = 0$ in an nth-order Initial-Value Problem, the differential equation is homogeneous. Otherwise, it's not homogeneous. The differential operator is defined as follows:

$$Df = f'$$

If $\{y_i\}_{i=1}^{k}$ are solutions to the homogeneous n^{th}-order Initial-Value Problem, then

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k} c_i y_i$$

is also a solution to the homogeneous n^{th}-order Initial-Value Problem. This is called the superposition principle.

A set of functions $\{f_i\}_{i=1}^{n}$ is linearly independent if

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i f_i(x) = 0$$

This implies $c_i = 0$ for all i otherwise it's linearly dependent. This means that there exists a set of constants $\{c_i\}$ that are not all zero such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i f_i(x) = 0$$

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Let F be a set of functions. If $0 \in F$, then F is linearly dependent. $F = \{f_1, f_2\}$ is linearly dependent if and only if $f_1 = k f_2$. The Wronskian of a set of functions $\{f_i\}_{i=1}^{n}$ where f_i are differentiable up to $n - 1$ degrees is:

$$W(f_1, \cdots, f_n) = \begin{vmatrix} f_1 & f_2 & \cdots & f_n \\ f_1' & f_2' & \cdots & f_n' \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ f_1^{(n-1)} & f_2^{(n-1)} & \cdots & f_n^{(n-1)} \end{vmatrix}$$

A set of n solutions to the homogeneous n^{th}-order Initial-Value Problem is linearly independent if and only if the Wronskian is nonzero everywhere. If $\{y_i\}_{i=1}^{n}$ are solutions to the homogeneous n^{th}-order Initial-Value Problem, then $W(y_1, \cdots, y_n)$ is always or never zero on I. A set of linearly independent solutions to the homogeneous n^{th}-order Initial-Value Problem $\{y_i\}_{i=1}^{n}$ is called a fundamental set. There is always a fundamental set for the homogeneous n^{th}-order Initial-Value Problem.

If $\{y_i\}_{i=1}^n$ are solutions to the homogeneous n^{th}-order Initial-Value Problem and y_p is a solution to the non-homogeneous n^{th}-order Initial-Value Problem then

$$\sum_{i=1}^n c_i y_i + y_p$$

is a solution to the non-homogeneous n^{th}-order Initial-Value Problem. If $\{y_i\}_{i=1}^n$ are a fundamental set for the homogeneous n^{th}-order Initial-Value Problem and y_p solves the non-homogeneous n^{th}-order Initial-Value Problem, then the general solution of the non-homogeneous n^{th}-order Initial-Value Problem is

$$y = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i y_i + y_p$$

To solve a non-homogeneous n^{th}-order Initial-Value Problem, solve for the homogeneous case first, find the particular solution, then find the general solution. Say that y_{p_j} solves

$$\sum_{i=0}^n a_i(x) y_i^{(i)} = g_j(x) \text{ for } j = 1, \cdots, m$$

then

$$\sum_{j=1}^m y_{p_j} \text{ solves } \sum_{i=0}^n a_i(x) y_i^{(i)} = \sum_{j=1}^m g_j(x)$$

4.2: Reduction of Order

Say y_1 is a known solution of

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

If y_2 is another solution and $\{y_1, y_2\}$ is a fundamental set, then we've found our solution. Use the following to find the second solution.

$$y_2(x) = u(x)y_1(x)$$

Below is the formula the textbook provides for reduction of order.

$$y_2(x) = y_1(x) \int \frac{e^{-\int P(x)dx}}{y_1(x)^2} dx$$

4.3: Homogeneous Linear Equations with Constant Coefficients

The equation that is trying to be solved is

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

The characteristic equation of the above equation can be written as follows

$$am^2 + bm + c = 0$$

There are three cases that can be analyzed based on the discriminant $(b^2 - 4ac)$ of the above characteristic equation. The first case is when the discriminant is greater than zero, and the characteristic equation has two distinct real roots m_1 and m_2.

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

The second case is when the discriminant is equal to zero, and the characteristic equation has a repeated root m.

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

The third case is when the discriminant is less than zero, and the characteristic equation has complex conjugate roots $m_1 = \alpha + i\beta$ and $m_2 = \alpha - i\beta$.

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

4.4: Undetermined Coefficients - Superposition Approach

The Method of Undetermined Coefficients is one way of determining a particular solution. In solving differential equations, find the complementary solution, then find the particular solution, then put them both together using the superposition principle.

Guess a solution based on the non-homogeneous component of the differential equation and determine the coefficients of the guessed particular solution. Below are some examples of some guesses.

$g(x)$	Form of y_p
1	A
$5x + 7$	$Ax + B$
$3x^2 - 2$	$Ax^2 + Bx + C$
$\sin(4x)$	$A\cos(4x) + B\sin(4x)$
e^{5x}	Ae^{5x}
$(9x - 2)e^{5x}$	$(Ax + B)e^{5x}$
$(x^2)e^{5x}$	$(Ax^2 + Bx + C)e^{5x}$
$e^{3x}\sin(4x)$	$Ae^{3x}\cos(4x) + Be^{3x}\sin(4x)$
$xe^{3x}\sin(4x)$	$(Ax + B)e^{3x}\cos(4x) + (Cx + D)e^{3x}\sin(4x)$

4.6: Variation of Parameters

Variation of Parameters is another approach to determining a particular solution. The formula below is used:

$$y_p = y_1 \int \frac{y_1 f(x)}{W(y_1, y_2)}dx + y_2 \int \frac{y_2 f(x)}{W(y_1, y_2)}dx$$

A more general form:

$$y_p = \sum_{i=1}^{n} u_i y_i \quad \text{where} \quad u_i' = \frac{\Delta_i}{W(y_1, \cdots, y_n)}$$

Where $\Delta_i = W(y_1, \cdots, y_2)$ where the ith column is $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ f(x) \end{bmatrix}$

4.7: Cauchy-Euler Equation

The Cauchy-Euler Equation is a linear differential equation of the following form:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n} a_i x^i y^{(i)}(x) = g(x)$$

The characteristic equation for a Cauchy-Euler Equation is

$$am(m - 1) + bm + c = 0$$

There are three cases that can be analyzed based on the discriminant $(b^2 - 4ac)$ of the above characteristic equation. The first case is when the discriminant is greater than zero, and the characteristic equation has two distinct real roots m_1 and m_2.

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

The second case is when the discriminant is equal to zero, and the characteristic equation has a repeated root m.

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

The third case is when the discriminant is less than zero, and the characteristic equation has complex conjugate roots $m_1 = \alpha + i\beta$ and $m_2 = \alpha - i\beta$.

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

Chapter 5: Modeling with Higher-Order Differential Equations

5.1: Linear Models: Initial-Value Problems

Linear models can describe simple harmonic motion. The equation for the oscillator below is said to be undamped.

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \omega^2 x = 0 \text{ where } \omega^2 = \frac{k}{m}$$

Sometimes, damping forces act on an oscillator. The equation for a damped oscillator with damping constant β is

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 2\lambda \frac{dx}{dt} + \omega^2 x = 0 \text{ where } 2\lambda = \frac{\beta}{m} \text{ and } \omega^2 = \frac{k}{m}$$

Sometimes, driving forces act on an oscillator. The equation for a driven oscillator with driving force $f(t)$ is

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 2\lambda \frac{dx}{dt} + \omega^2 x = F(t) \text{ where } 2\lambda = \frac{\beta}{m}, \ \omega^2 = \frac{k}{m}, \text{ and } F(t) = \frac{f(t)}{m}$$