

MATH 213 (Important Results)

Separable ODE

- **Goal:** separate functions and derivatives of x and y to either side of the equation

$$f(x) = g(y)y' \\ \implies \int f(x)dx = \int g(y)dy \quad \text{then integrate both sides as normal}$$

Exact ODE

$$M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy = 0 \\ = du \quad \text{where } u \text{ is some function of } x \text{ and } y$$

- **Goal:** find function $u(x, y) = C$ (aka. an implicit solution of y)
- The equation is **exact** if & only if $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$

$$u = \int Mdx + k(y) \\ \text{then set } N = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \quad \text{to solve for } k(y)$$

- Alternatively,

$$u = \int Ndy + k(x) \\ \text{then set } M = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \quad \text{to solve for } k(x)$$

- If equation is **not exact**, find the **integrating factor** μ such that:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y}\mu M = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\mu N \\ \text{then solve as } \mu M(x, y)dx + \mu N(x, y)dy = 0$$

First-Order Linear ODE (With Variable Coefficients)

- **Homogeneous:** $y' + p(x)y = 0$

$$y(x) = Ce^{-h}, \quad h = \int p(x)dx$$

- **Nonhomogeneous:** $y' + p(x)y = q(x)$

$$y(x) = e^{-h} \left(\int e^h q(x)dx + C \right), \quad h = \int p(x)dx$$

Nth-Order Linear ODE (Homogeneous)

$$y^{(n)} + p_1(x)y^{(n-1)} + \dots + p_{n-1}(x)y' + p_n y = r(x) \\ = L[y] \quad \text{(differential operator)}$$

- **General solution:**

$$y = c_1 y_1 + \dots + c_n y_n$$

where $y_1 \dots y_n$ are linearly independent particular solutions

Nth-Order Linear ODE (Homogeneous w/ Constant Coefficients)

- **Characteristic equation** of $L[y] = 0$ is:

$$\lambda^n + a_{n-1}\lambda^{n-1} + \dots + a_1\lambda + a_0 = 0 \quad \text{with roots } \lambda_1 \dots \lambda_n$$

- **General solution:**

$$y = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 x} + \dots + c_n e^{\lambda_n x}$$

where every $y = e^{\lambda x}$ is linearly independent if every λ is distinct

- **Repeated roots:** for a root λ of order k ,

$$e^{\lambda x}, x e^{\lambda x}, x^2 e^{\lambda x} \dots x^{k-1} e^{\lambda x} \quad \text{are linearly independent solutions}$$

- **Complex roots:** for two complex roots $\lambda_1 = ik, \lambda_2 = -ik$,

$$y = c_1 e^{ikx} + c_2 e^{-ikx} = A \cos(kx) + B \sin(kx)$$

Nth-Order Linear ODE (Nonhomogeneous)

$$L[y] = f_1(x) + \dots + f_k(x)$$

- **General solution:**

$$y = y_h + y_{p1} + \dots + y_{pk}$$

where y_h is a general solution of $L[y] = 0$

and y_{pi} is a particular solution of $L[y] = f_i(x)$

- **Method of undetermined coefficients:**

$$\blacksquare f_i(x) \rightarrow y_{pi}(x) = \text{sum of linear independent derivatives}$$

$$\blacksquare f_i(x) = e^{kx} \rightarrow y_{pi}(x) = C e^{kx}$$

$$\blacksquare f_i(x) = x^n, n \geq 0 \rightarrow y_{pi}(x) = C_n x^n + \dots + C_1 x + C_0$$

- $f_i(x) = \cos(kx), \sin(kx) \rightarrow y_p i(x) = A \cos(kx) + B \sin(kx)$
- $f_i(x) = e^{rx} \cos(kx), e^{rx} \sin(kx) \rightarrow y_p i(x) = e^{rx} A \cos(kx) + B \sin(kx)$
- Substitute y_p into LHS and match coefficients with RHS:

$$L[y_p] = f(x) \quad \text{and solve for constants}$$

Laplace Transform

$$F(s) = L\{f\}(t) = \int_0^\infty f(t)e^{-st}dt$$

- **Transforms of derivatives:**

$$L\{f'\} = sF - f(0)$$

$$L\{f^{(n)}\} = s^n F - s^{n-1}f(0) - \dots - sf^{(n-2)}(0) - f^{(n-1)}(0)$$

- **Transforms of integrals:**

$$L\left\{\int_0^t f(r)dr\right\} = \frac{F}{s}$$

- **Derivatives of transforms (multiplication):**

$$L\{tf(t)\} = -F'(s)$$

- **Integrals of transforms (division):**

$$L\left\{\frac{f(t)}{t}\right\} = \int_s^\infty F(r)dr$$

- **S-shifting:**

$$L\{e^{at}f(t)\} = F(s-a)$$

- **T-shifting:**

$$L\{f(t-a)H(t-a)\} = e^{-as}F(s)$$

- **Dirac's delta function:**

$$L\{\delta(t-a)f(t)\} = e^{-as}f(a)$$

- **Periodic functions:** if $f(t+T) = f(t)$ for all t in domain,

$$L\{f(t)\} = \frac{1}{1-e^{-sT}} \int_0^T f(t)e^{-st}dt$$

- **Convolution:**

$$F(s)G(s) = L\{f(t) * g(t)\} = L\left\{\int_0^t f(r)g(t-r)dr\right\}$$

- **Initial value theorem:** if f is continuous, f' is piecewise continuous, and f, f' are of exponential order,

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s) = f(0)$$