

Lecture 3

Review:

Order - highest derivative in an ordinary differential equation (ODE)

Linearity - An ODE is linear if all of the dependent variables show linearly

Examples

$$y''' + y' + y^3 = x$$

↑ 3rd order ↑ non linear term ↓ 2nd order

$$yy' + e^y + \sin(y) + x^7 y + x^6 \frac{1}{y} = (y'')^2$$

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y - dep. variable , x - indep. variable

1st-order ODE:

$$y' = f(x, y)$$

1st-order Linear ODE:

$$a_1(x) y' + a_2(x) y = b(x)$$

Why is e^y nonlinear?

$$e^y = 1 + y + \frac{1}{2}y^2 + \frac{1}{6}y^3 + \frac{1}{24}y^4 + \dots$$

linear Non linear terms

"Solving" ODEs

Ex.

$$x(t) = 5e^{3t} \text{ solves } \frac{dx}{dt} = 3x$$

Plug in, and make sure both sides match!

$x=1$ is a solution of $x^2 - 2x + 1 = 0$
 check: $1^2 - 2 \cdot 1 + 1 = 0 \quad \checkmark$

Lefthand Side (LHS)

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} 5e^{3t} = 5 \cdot 3e^{3t} = 15e^{3t}$$

$$3x = 3 \cdot (5e^{3t}) = 15e^{3t} \quad \begin{matrix} \nearrow \\ \text{Same!} \end{matrix}$$

Right Hand Side (RHS)

Ex 2 show that

$$y(x) = x^2 - x^{-1} \text{ solves } \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - \frac{2}{x^2}y = 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x + x^{-2}$$

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

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - \frac{2}{x^2}y = (2 - 2x^{-3}) - \frac{2}{x^2}(x^2 - x^{-1})$$

$$= \cancel{2} - \cancel{2x^{-3}} - \cancel{2} + \cancel{2x^{-3}} = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

Ex 3 Show that

$y = c_1 e^{-x} + c_2 e^{2x}$ solves $y'' - y' - 2y = 0$

where $c_1 \notin c_2$ are constants

$$y' = \frac{d}{dx} (c_1 e^{-x} + c_2 e^{2x}) = -c_1 e^{-x} + 2c_2 e^{2x}$$

$$y'' = \frac{d}{dx} (-c_1 e^{-x} + 2c_2 e^{2x}) = c_1 e^{-x} + 4c_2 e^{2x}$$

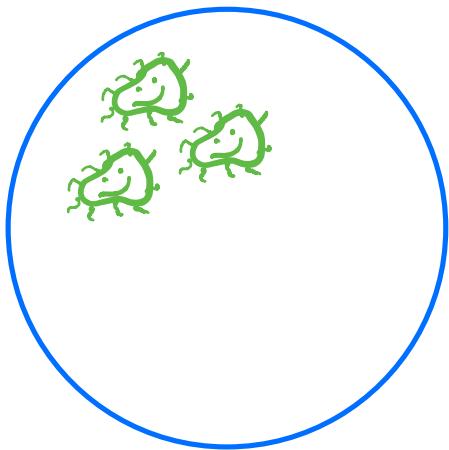
$$\Rightarrow y'' - y' - 2y = c_1 e^{-x} + 4c_2 e^{2x} - (-c_1 e^{-x} + 2c_2 e^{2x}) \\ - 2(c_1 e^{-x} + c_2 e^{2x})$$

$$= c_1 e^{-x} + 4c_2 e^{2x} + c_1 e^{-x} - 2c_2 e^{2x} - 2c_1 e^{-x} - 2c_2 e^{2x}$$

$$= (\cancel{c_1} + \cancel{c_1} - \cancel{2c_1}) e^{-x} + (4\cancel{c_2} - 2\cancel{c_2} - \cancel{2c_2}) e^{2x}$$

$$= 0 \quad \checkmark$$

Basic Mathematical Models



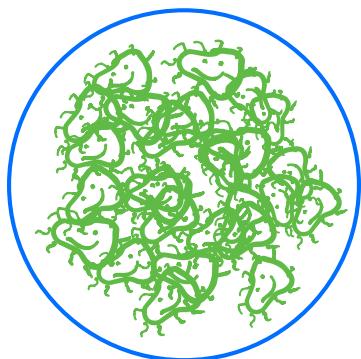
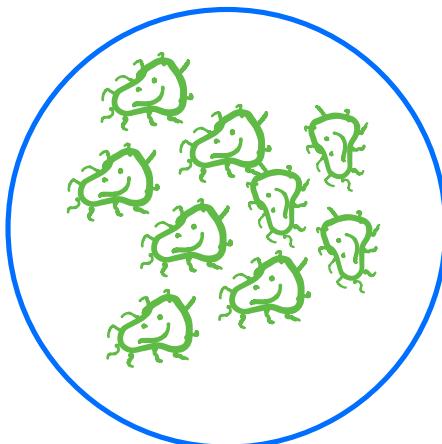
- Start with 1 bacteria
- After 1 hour, 2 more have grown.

$$P(t) = 1 \quad \leftarrow \text{Population}$$

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = 2 \frac{\text{bacteria}}{\text{hour}}$$

After another hour,
the 3 bacteria have
grown to 9 bacteria

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = 6 \frac{\text{bacteria}}{\text{hour}}$$



After another hour,
9 bacteria \rightarrow 27 bacteria

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = 18 \frac{\text{bacteria}}{\text{hour}}$$

Collect the Data

$P(t)$	$P=1$	$P=3$	$P=9$	$P=27$
$\frac{dP}{dt}$	$P'=2$	$P'=6$	$P'=18$	$P'=54$



2nd row is Double the 1st row!

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{dP}{dt} = 2P}$$

Solution $P(t) = C e^{2t}$

LHS: $\frac{dP}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} Ce^{2t} = 2Ce^{2t}$

RHS: $2P = 2Ce^{2t}$ Same! ✓

Falling Object

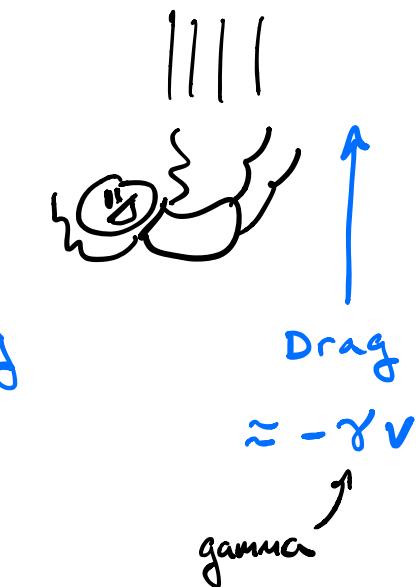
Newton's 2nd Law

$$F = ma, \quad a = \frac{dv}{dt}$$

$$F \approx mg - \gamma v$$

$$mg - \gamma v = m \frac{dv}{dt}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{dv}{dt} = -\frac{\gamma}{m} v + g}$$



$$m = 1 \text{ kg.}$$

$$\gamma = 2 \text{ kg/s}$$

$$g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} v(t) &= \frac{mg}{\gamma} + C e^{-\frac{\gamma}{m}t} \\ &= 5 + C e^{-2t} \end{aligned}$$

What about C ? (constant of integration)

Need an Initial Condition

$$\text{Example: } v(0) = 0$$

Plug $t=0$ into $V(t) \Rightarrow$ solve for C

$$V(0) = 5 + C e^{-2 \cdot 0} = 5 + C e^0$$

$$= 5 + C \cdot 1 = 5 + C = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow C = -5$$

$$V(t) = 5 - 5e^{-2t}$$

What happens for large t ?

(i.e. what happens when $t \rightarrow \infty$)

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} V(t) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{mg}{\gamma} + C e^{-\frac{\gamma}{m} t} \right) \\ &= \frac{mg}{\gamma} + C \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\frac{\gamma}{m} t} \quad \text{red arrow pointing to } e^{-\frac{\gamma}{m} t} \\ &= \frac{mg}{\gamma} \leftarrow \text{terminal velocity}\end{aligned}$$

(Does it not depend on initial condition)

Exponentials come up a lot in ODEs

Basic Properties

Basics : $e^0 = 1$, $\ln(e^x) = x$

Products : $e^x e^y = e^{x+y}$, $e^x / e^y = e^{x-y}$

Powers : $e^{-x} = 1/e^x$, $(e^x)^y = e^{xy}$

Limits : $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^x = \infty$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} e^{-x} = 0$

Calculus : $\frac{d}{dx} e^{ax} = ae^{ax}$, $\int e^{ax} dx = \frac{e^{ax}}{a} + C$