

# First Order ODEs Continued

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Ex:  $\frac{dw}{dt} + t^2 w = 0$ ,  $a(t) = t^2$ . Find  $A(t)$  s.t.  $A'(t) = a(t) = t^2$

$A(t) = \frac{1}{3}t^3 + b \rightarrow$  educated guess  $\rightarrow w(t) = e^{-\frac{1}{3}t^3 - b} = e^{-\frac{1}{3}t^3} e^{-b}$   
 (guess integral of  $a(t)$ )  $\rightarrow$  Not all solutions

Other solutions:  $w(t) = 0$ ,  $w(t) = -5e^{-\frac{1}{3}t^3}$

$\rightarrow$  more general solution:  $w(t) = e^{-\frac{1}{3}t^3 - b} C$  or  $e^{-\frac{1}{3}t^3} C$   $\leftarrow$  include  $e^{-b}$  in constant

- This method works for linear homogeneous ODEs

## Non homogeneous ODEs

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + a(t)y = f(t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} (e^{A(t)} y) = e^{A(t)} A'(t) y + e^{A(t)} \frac{dy}{dt} = e^{A(t)} (A'(t) y + \frac{dy}{dt})$$

If  $A(t)$  satisfies  $A'(t) = a(t)$ ...

$$\frac{d}{dt} (e^{A(t)} y) = e^{A(t)} (\frac{dy}{dt} + a(t)y)$$

$B(t)$  then solve:

$$\frac{dB}{dt} = e^{A(t)} f(t)$$

Note: IVP  $\rightarrow$  Initial Value Problem

Example:  $\frac{dx}{dt} = -3x + e^{2t}$   $\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} + 3x = e^{2t}$ , initial value:  $x(0) = 2$   
 $a(t) = 3$ ,  $f(t) = e^{2t}$

$$\Rightarrow A(t) = \int a(t) dt = \int 3 dt = 3t$$

$$\Rightarrow B(t) = \int e^{A(t)} f(t) dt = \int e^{3t} e^{2t} dt = \int e^{5t} dt = \frac{1}{5} e^{5t} + C$$

$$X(t) = e^{-A(t)} B(t) = e^{-3t} (\frac{1}{5} e^{5t} + C)$$

$$X(t) = \frac{1}{5} e^{2t} + C e^{-3t} \quad x(0) = \frac{1}{5} + C = 2 \quad C = 9/5$$

Thm: If  $a(t)$  and  $f(t)$  are defined and continuous near  $t_I$ , then there is a unique solution to the IVP on the biggest interval around  $t_I$  on which  $a(t)$  and  $f(t)$  are defined / continuous.

Ex:  $dy/dt + (1/(1-t))y = \sin(t)$ ,  $y(0) = 0$

①  $I$  for is undefined:  $I = 0 = (-\infty, 1)$  (undefined at 1, ok for discontinuities)

$\rightarrow$  There is a solution (bc initial time is not undefined)