Def: A first order differential equation is said to be *linear* if it can be written

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + p(x)y = q(x)$$

OR

$$\frac{dx}{dy} + p(y)x = q(y)$$

Form of Equation: $\frac{dy}{dx} + p(x)y = q(x)$

Method of Solution: The integrating Factor is $I.F. = e^{\int p(x)dx}$ Multiplying the equation with this factor gives,

$$e^{\int p(x)dx} \frac{dy}{dx} + p(x) y e^{\int p(x)dx} = q(x) e^{\int p(x)dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(y e^{\int p(x)dx} \right) = q(x) e^{\int p(x)dx}$$
Integrating w.r.to x , $\int d\left(y e^{\int p(x)dx} \right) = \int q(x) e^{\int p(x)dx} dx$

$$y e^{\int p(x)dx} = \int q(x) e^{\int p(x)dx} dx$$

$$\therefore y(x)(I.F) = \int q(x) \times (I.F.) dx + c$$

Equation Form:
$$\frac{dy}{dx} + p(x)y = q(x)$$

$$I.F. = e^{\int p(x)dx}$$

Solution:
$$y(x)(I.F) = \int q(x) \times (I.F.) dx + c$$

Equation Form:
$$\frac{dx}{dy} + p(y)x = q(y)$$

$$I.F. = e^{\int p(y)dy}$$

Solution:
$$x(y)(I.F) = \int q(y) \times (I.F.) dy + c$$

1. **Solve**:
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{x}$$

Solution: Given Eq. can be written as: $\frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{y}{x} = 0 \dots (i)$

Which is a first-order linear differential equation

Where,
$$p(x) = -\frac{1}{x}$$
, and $q(x) = 0$

:. I.F.
$$= e^{\int p(x)dx} = e^{\int -\frac{1}{x}dx} = e^{-\ln x} = e^{-\ln x} = \frac{\ln \frac{1}{x}}{x}$$

Therefore, the solution of Eq. (i) is:

$$y(x)(I.F.) = \int q(x)(I.F.) dx$$
or,
$$y(x) \frac{1}{x} = \int 0.e^{\int -\frac{1}{x}dx} dx + c$$

or,
$$y(x) \frac{1}{x} = 0 + c \implies y = cx$$

2. **Solve**:
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x - 3y$$

Solution: Given Eq. can be written as: $\frac{dy}{dx} + 3y = x \dots (i)$

Which is a first-order linear differential equation

Where,
$$p(x)=3$$
, and $q(x)=x$

$$\therefore I.F. = e^{\int p(x)dx} = e^{\int 3dx} = e^{3x}$$

Therefore, the solution of Eq. (i) is:

$$y(x)(I.F.) = \int q(x)(I.F.) dx$$
or, $y.e^{3x} = \int x.e^{3x} dx + c$
or, $y.e^{3x} = x \frac{e^{3x}}{3} - \frac{e^{3x}}{9} + c$

| + | X | $\frac{e^{3x}}{3}$ |
|---|---|--------------------|
| - | 1 | $\frac{e^{3x}}{9}$ |
| + | 0 | , |

Which is the required solution

Practice quiz: Linear first-order odes

1. The solution of $(1 + x^2)y' + 2xy = 2x$ with initial value y(0) = 0 is given by

$$a) \ y(x) = \frac{x}{1+x}$$

b)
$$y(x) = \frac{x}{1+x^2}$$

c)
$$y(x) = \frac{x^2}{1+x}$$

d)
$$y(x) = \frac{x^2}{1 + x^2}$$

2. The solution of $x^2y' = 1 - 2xy$ with initial value y(1) = 2 is given by

a)
$$y(x) = \frac{1+x}{x}$$

b)
$$y(x) = \frac{1+x}{x^2}$$

$$c) \ y(x) = \frac{1+x^2}{x}$$

d)
$$y(x) = \frac{1+x^2}{x^2}$$

3. The solution of $y' + \lambda y = a$ with initial value y(0) = 0 and $\lambda > 0$ is given by

a)
$$y(x) = a(1 - e^{\lambda x})$$

b)
$$y(x) = a(1 - e^{-\lambda x})$$

c)
$$y(x) = \frac{a}{\lambda}(1 - e^{\lambda x})$$

d)
$$y(x) = \frac{a}{\lambda}(1 - e^{-\lambda x})$$

Self study

1. Solve:
$$\frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = e^{-2x}$$
, with $y(0) = 3/4$.

2. Solve:
$$\frac{dy}{dx} - 2xy = x$$
, with $y(0) = 0$.

3. Solve:
$$\frac{dp}{dt} + pt = 3t$$
.

4. Solve the following linear odes:

(i)
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x - y$$
, with $y(0) = -1$;

(ii)
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x(1-y)$$
, with $y(0) = 0$.

Bernoulli Equations



Form of Equation: $\frac{dy}{dx} + p(x)y = q(x)y^n, n \in \mathbb{R}$.

(a) Bernoulli

Method of Solution: The substitution $z = y^{1-n}$ transform the Bernoulli's equation into a linear equation in z. This linear equation, after solving and back substituting the value of z gives the solution of the Bernoulli's equation.

Figure 9. (a) Jacob Bernoulli (1654-1705), Swiss mathematician, one of eight Bernoulli mathematicians (all related to each other), Leibniz's (Fig. 1) student and ally against Newton (Fig. 11), discoverer of e and of the Law of Large Numbers. His younger brother Johann was Euler's (Fig. 22) adviser (as well as l'Hôpital's). (b) Jacopo Francesco Riccati (1676-1754),

1. **Solve**:
$$\frac{dy}{dx} + 3y = xy^2 \dots \dots (i)$$

Solution: Put
$$z = y^{1-2}$$
 $\Rightarrow z = \frac{1}{z}$

$$\Rightarrow z = \frac{1}{y}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{7}$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{z^2} \frac{dz}{dx}$$

Equation (i) becomes,
$$-\frac{1}{z^2}\frac{dz}{dx} + 3\frac{1}{z} = x\frac{1}{z^2}$$

Or,
$$\frac{dz}{dx} - 3z = -x$$
 (ii)

Eq. (ii) is a first-order linear differential equation

Where,
$$p(x) = -3$$
, and $q(x) = -x$

$$IF = e^{\int p(x)dx} = e^{\int -3dx} = e^{-3x}$$

$$\therefore I.F. = e^{\int p(x)dx} = e^{\int -3dx} = e^{-3x}$$

Therefore, the solution of Eq. (ii) is:

$$z(I.F.) = \int q(x)(I.F.) dx$$

or,
$$ze^{-3x} = \int -xe^{-3x}dx + c$$

or,
$$ze^{-3x} = -\left(x\frac{e^{-3x}}{-3} - \frac{e^{-3x}}{9}\right) + c$$

or,
$$\frac{1}{y}e^{-3x} = \frac{xe^{-3x}}{3} + \frac{e^{-3x}}{9} + c$$

or,
$$\frac{1}{y} = \frac{x}{3} + \frac{1}{9} + ce^{3x}$$
 $\Rightarrow y = 1 / \left(\frac{x}{3} + \frac{1}{9} + ce^{3x}\right)$

| + | X | $\frac{e^{-3x}}{-3}$ |
|---|---|----------------------|
| - | 1 | $\frac{e^{-3x}}{9}$ |
| + | 0 | |

Which is the required solution

2. **Solve**:
$$\frac{dy}{dx} + xy = xy^2 \dots \dots (i)$$

Solution: Put
$$z = y^{1-2}$$
 $\Rightarrow z = \frac{1}{z}$

$$\Rightarrow z = \frac{1}{y}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{7}$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{z^2} \frac{dz}{dx}$$

Equation (i) becomes,
$$-\frac{1}{z^2}\frac{dz}{dx} + x\frac{1}{z} = x\frac{1}{z^2}$$

Or,
$$\frac{dz}{dx} - xz = -x \dots (ii)$$

Eq. (ii) is a first-order linear differential equation

Where,
$$p(x)=-x$$
, and $q(x)=-x$

$$\therefore I.F. = e^{\int p(x)dx} = e^{\int -xdx} = e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$$

$$\therefore I.F. = e^{\int p(x)dx} = e^{\int -xdx} = e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$$

Therefore, the solution of Eq. (ii) is:

$$z(I.F.) = \int q(x)(I.F.) dx$$
or, $ze^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} = \int -xe^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx + c$

or,
$$ze^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} = \int -xe^{-x^2/2} \frac{d(-x^2/2)}{-2x/2} + c$$

or,
$$ze^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} = \int e^{-x^2/2} d(-x^2/2) + c$$

or,
$$\frac{1}{y}e^{-x^2/2} = e^{-x^2/2} + c$$

$$\therefore$$
 y=1/(1+ $ce^{x^2/2}$) Which is the required solution

Self study

1. Solve:
$$\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{y}{x} = (\log x)y^2$$
, $y(1)=1$

2. Solve:
$$xy - \frac{dy}{dx} = y^3 \cdot e^{-x^2}$$
.

3. Solve:
$$\frac{dy}{dx} + y = xy^3$$

Exact Equations

A differential equation

$$M(x,y)dx + N(x,y)dy = 0.$$

is exact if there exists a function g(x, y) such that

$$dg(x,y) = M(x,y)dx + N(x,y)dy.$$

Test for exactness: If M(x,y) and N(x,y) are continuous functions and have continuous first partial derivatives on some rectangle of the xy-plane, then

$$M(x,y)dx + N(x,y)dy = 0$$

is exact if and only if

$$\frac{\partial M(x,y)}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N(x,y)}{\partial x}.$$

How to obtain an exact equation from a function?

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

$$\frac{\partial f(x,y)}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial f(x,y)}{\partial y} dy = 0,$$

$$M(x,y)dx + N(x,y)dy = 0.$$

First Order Exact Differential Equations

Equation Form:
$$M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy = 0$$

Test for exactness:
$$\frac{\partial M(x,y)}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N(x,y)}{\partial x}$$

General Solution:
$$\int M(x, y) dx + \int N_{\text{(Terms free from } x)} dy = 0.$$

First Order Exact Differential Equations

1. **Solve**:
$$(2x^3 + 4y)dx + (4x + y - 1)dy = 0 \dots (i)$$

Solution:

Let
$$M = 2x^3 + 4y$$
 and $N = 4x + y - 1$.

$$\therefore \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 4 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = 4.$$

Gives,
$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$$
.

: Equation (i) is an exact equation.

Therefore the general solution is:

$$\int M(x,y)dx + \int N_{\text{(Terms free from }x)} dy = c.$$

Or,
$$\int (2x^3 + 4y) dx + \int (y - 1) dy = c$$
.
Or, $\frac{2x^4}{4} + 4yx + \frac{y^2}{2} - y = c$. $\Rightarrow \frac{x^4}{2} + 4xy + \frac{y^2}{2} - y = c$.

First Order Exact Differential Equations

2. **Solve**: $(y^3 - y^2 \sin x - x) dx + (3xy^2 + 2y \cos x) dy = 0 \dots (i)$

Solution: Let $M = y^3 - y^2 \sin x - x$ and $N = 3xy^2 + 2y \cos x$.

$$\therefore \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(y^3 - y^2 \sin x - x \right) \text{ and } \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(3xy^2 + 2y \cos x \right)$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 3y^2 - 2y\sin x \text{ and } \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = 3y^2 - 2y\sin x.$$

Gives,
$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$$
.

: Equation (i) is an exact equation.

Therefore the general solution is:

$$\int M(x,y)dx + \int N_{\text{(Terms free from }x)} dy = c.$$

Or,
$$\int (y^3 - y^2 \sin x - x) dx + \int 0 dy = c.$$

Or,
$$y^3x + y^2 \cos x - \frac{x^2}{2} = c$$
.

Self study

1. Solve:
$$\cos(x+y)dx + (3y^2 + 2y + \cos(x+y))dy = 0$$
.

2. Solve:
$$(1+2xy^3)dx + 3x^2y^2dy = 0$$

3. Solve:
$$(ye^{xy}\cos 2x - 2e^{xy}\sin 2x + 2x)dx + (xe^{xy}\cos 2x - 3)dy = 0.$$



Thank you

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