

Lecture 30: notes

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We've seen that not all first order differential equations are **separable**, but luckily there is another class we can consider.

Def'n. A first order differential equation is called **linear** if we can write it in the form,

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

continuous
functions of x .

For the following answer the questions, (1) is it linear, and (2) if so what are $p(x)$ and $q(x)$.

$$(A) \quad \frac{dy}{dx} - 3x = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 3x$$

$$(1) \text{ Yes } (2) \text{ } p(x) = 0 \quad q(x) = 3x$$

(1) Yes (2) $p(x) = 0$, $q(x) = x$

$$(B) \frac{dy}{dx} + xy^2 = x$$

(1) Not linear

$$(C) \frac{dy}{dx} = \sin(x) \cdot y + \cos(x)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - \sin(x) \cdot y = \cos(x)$$

(1) Yes (2) $p(x) = -\sin(x)$, $q(x) = \cos(x)$

$$(D) x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} = y \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{y}{x^2} = 0$$

(1) Yes (2) $p(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2}$, $q(x) = 0$

Once we have a solution in the appropriate form we can learn how to solve,

$\mu(x)$ - **integrating factor**



We will define $\mu(x)$ explicitly later. For now we define it as the function that satisfies

$$y' + py = q$$

$$\mu y' + p\mu y = \mu q$$

multiply through
by μ

$$\mu y' + p\mu y = \mu q$$

$$\mu y' + \mu' y = \mu q$$

Notice the LHS is the
product rule of diff.

$$(\mu y)' = \mu q$$

$$\int (\mu y)' dx = \int \mu q dx$$

integrate
both sides

$$\mu y = \int \mu q dx$$

$$y = \frac{\int \mu q dx}{\mu}$$

make sure to add
the constant from
integration.

So now the question becomes what is
 $\mu(x)$?

$$\mu' = p\mu$$

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$$\frac{\mu'}{\mu} = p$$

$$(\log \mu)' = p$$

$$\log \mu = \int p(x) dx$$

not necessary to
add constant of
integration

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

Ex 1. $\frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{y}{x} = 1$

From the above we see that $p(x) = -\frac{1}{x}$
and $q(x) = 1$.

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(x) &= e^{\int -\frac{1}{x} dx} \\ &= e^{-\log x} = e^{\log x^{-1}} \Rightarrow \mu(x) = \frac{1}{x} \end{aligned}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{\mu(x)} \int q(x) \mu(x) dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{\frac{1}{x}} \int 1 \cdot \frac{1}{x} dx = x \cdot (\log x + C) \\ &= x \log x + Cx \end{aligned}$$

Let's check the solution we get:

$$y' = \log x + 1 + C$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS: } & \log x + 1 + C - \frac{x \log x + Cx}{x} \\ & = \cancel{\log x} + \cancel{1} + \cancel{C} - \cancel{\log x} - \cancel{C} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{RHS: } 1$$

The process is as follows,

(1) Put the equation in the form
$$\frac{dy}{dx} + p(x)y = q(x)$$

(2) Compute $\mu(x)$.

(3) Compute $y(x)$

(4) Check (optional).

Ex2.
$$\frac{dy}{dx} + 2xy = -2x^3$$

(1) ✓

(2) $\mu(x) = e^{\int 2x dx}$

$$(2) \mu(x) = e^{-x^2}$$

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

$$= \frac{-1}{e^{x^2}} \int 2x^3 e^{x^2} dx$$

$$u = x^2$$

$$du = 2x dx$$

$$= \int u e^u du$$

$$= u e^u - e^u = x^2 e^{x^2} - e^{x^2}$$

$$y(x) = -x^2 + 1 + \frac{C}{e^{x^2}}$$

(4) exercise.

Ex 3. $y' + y(\cos x) = \cos x$, $y(0) = 2$.

(1) ✓

$$(2) \mu(x) = e^{\int \cos x dx} \\ = e^{\sin x}$$

$$(3) \quad y(x) = \frac{1}{e^{\sin x}} \cdot \int \cos x \cdot e^{\sin x} dx$$
$$= \frac{1}{e^{\sin x}} \cdot (e^{\sin x} + C)$$

$$y(x) = 1 + Ce^{-\sin x}$$

(3') *apply initial condition*

$$2 = 1 + Ce^{-\sin 0}$$

$$2 = 1 + C$$

$$1 = C$$

$$y(x) = 1 + e^{-\sin x}$$

(4) exercise.

Practice problems:

$$(1) \quad y' = x + 5y$$

$$(2) \quad y' - 3y = e^x$$

$$(3) x^2 y' + 2xy = \cos x \quad (x > 0)$$

$$(4) y' + y = x + e^x, \quad y(0) = 0$$

$$(5) (1+x^2)y' + 2xy = 3\sqrt{x}, \quad y(0) = 2.$$