

Separable Differential Equations

- Formula

$$- y' = \frac{a(x)}{b(y)}$$

- Method of Solution

– First check if $y' = 0$, solve for y and see if this equation is a solution

– Then we can rearrange the equation to: $b(y)dy = a(x)dx$ and integrate

- Example

– Population $P(t)$ can be described as $P' = (k \cos t)P$. Find the solution if the initial population is 100, and $k = 5$

$$* \int \frac{1}{P} dP = \int (k \cos t) dt$$

$$* P = C e^{k \sin t}$$

$$* P = 100 e^{5 \sin t}$$

Linear First-Order Equations

- Formula

$$- y' + P(x)y = Q(x)$$

- Method of Solution

– Calculate integrating factor $\mu(x) = e^{\int P(x) dx}$

$$- y = \frac{\int \mu(x) Q(x) dx + C}{\mu(x)}$$

- Example

– Solve $y' + 3x^2 y = x^2$ with initial condition $y(0) = 2$.

$$- \mu(x) = e^{x^3}$$

$$- y = \frac{\int e^{x^3} x^2 dx}{e^{x^3}} \rightarrow u = x^3 \rightarrow du/3 = x^2 dx \rightarrow y = \frac{\int e^u du}{3e^{x^3}} = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{c}{3e^{x^3}}$$

$$- 2 = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{c}{3e^0} = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{c}{3} \rightarrow c = 5$$

Exact Equations

- Formula

$$- M(x, y) + N(x, y) \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

– We must either show $\int M(x, y) dx = \int N(x, y) dy = F(x, y)$ or

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y}M(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}N(x, y) = \frac{\partial^2 F(x, y)}{\partial x \partial y}$$

- Method of Solution

- Integrate M and N in terms of x and y, respectively, and solve for F.
- $F(x, y) + c = 0$ is an implicit solution

- Example

- $M = (x + y)^2$; $N = (2xy + x^2 + y^2)$

- $\int M dx = \frac{(x + y)^3}{3} + g(y) = \frac{x^3}{3} + x^2y + xy^2 + \frac{y^3}{3} + g(y)$

- $\int N dy = xy^2 + x^2y + \frac{y^3}{3} + h(x)$

- $h(x) = \frac{x^3}{3} + c$, $g(y) = c$

- $F(x, y) = \frac{(x + y)^3}{3} + c = 0$

- $c = -\frac{8}{3}$

Special Integrating Factors

- Formula:

- $M(x, y) + N(x, y) y' = 0$

- We must either show:

- * Case 1: $\frac{M_y - N_x}{N}$ is solely a function of x, or

- * Case 2: $\frac{N_x - M_y}{M}$ is solely a function of y

- Method of solution:

- Multiply both sides of equation by integrating factor $\mu(x) = e^{\int \frac{M_y - N_x}{N} dx}$ (Case 1) or

- $\mu(y) = e^{\int \frac{N_x - M_y}{M} dy}$ (Case 2)

- The equation is now exact and we can solve it as described previously

- Example:

- Solve $x + (x^2y + 4y)y' = 0$, $y(4) = 0$

- $M = x$, $N = x^2y + 4y \rightarrow M_y = 0$, $N_x = 2xy$

- $\frac{M_y - N_x}{N} = \frac{-2x}{(x^2 + 4)}$, $\frac{N_x - M_y}{M} = 2y$

- Multiply by $\mu(y) = e^{y^2}$ on both sides, so new equation is $xe^{y^2} + (x^2y + 4y)e^{y^2}y' = 0$

- $M_{exact} = xe^{y^2}$, $N_{exact} = (x^2 + 4)ye^{y^2}$

$$\int xe^{y^2} dx = \frac{x^2 e^{y^2}}{2} + g(y)$$

$$- \int (x^2 + 4)ye^{y^2} dy \rightarrow u = y^2 \rightarrow \frac{du}{2} = ydy \rightarrow \int (x^2 + 4)e^u du =$$

$$(x^2 + 4) \frac{e^{y^2}}{2} + h(x) = \frac{x^2 e^{y^2}}{2} + 2e^{y^2} + h(x)$$

$$- g(y) = 2e^{y^2} + c, h(x) = c$$

$$- F(x, y) = \frac{x^2 e^{y^2}}{2} + 2e^{y^2} + c = 0$$

$$- c = -10$$

Homogeneous Linear Second-Order ODEs with Constant Coefficients

- Equation:
- Method of solution:
 - Assuming that this equation will have a solution of the form $y = e^{mx}$
 - Solve the *characteristic equation*: $am^2 + bm + c = 0$ using quadratic formula:

$$m = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$
 - Three cases for our solution:
 - * Two real roots: general solution is $y = c_1 e^{m_1 x} + c_2 e^{m_2 x}$
 - * One real root: general solution is $y = c_1 e^{mx} + c_2 x e^{mx}$
 - * Imaginary roots: general solution is $y = e^{\alpha x} [c_1 \cos \beta x + c_2 \sin \beta x]$, where $m = \alpha \pm \beta i$
- Example:
 - Solve $3y'' + 2y' + y = 0$, $y(0) = 5$, $y'(0) = 1$
 - $3m^2 + 2m + 1 = 0 \rightarrow m = -\frac{1}{3} \pm i \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}$
 - $y = e^{-x/3} \left[c_1 \cos \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} x \right) + c_2 \sin \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} x \right) \right]$
 - After taking derivative and substituting for initial conditions we get $c_1 = 5$, $c_2 = 4\sqrt{2}$