

Today

- Comment on pre-lecture problems
- Finish up with integrating factors
- The structure of solutions
- Separable equations

Pre-lecture assignment comments

Consider the initial value problem

$$\frac{dy}{dt} - 6y = 5e^{2t}, \quad y(0) = A.$$

a. Find the solution.

$y =$

b. For what values of A does the above solution tend to ∞ , 0 or $-\infty$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$?

As $t \rightarrow \infty$,

$y \rightarrow \infty$ if $A \in$

$y \rightarrow 0$ if $A \in$

$y \rightarrow -\infty$ if $A \in$

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Problem Number

$$y' - 6y = 5e^{2t}$$
$$(e^{-6t}y)' = 5e^{-4t}$$

Correct Answers

$$e^{-6t}y = -\frac{5}{4}e^{-4t} + C$$

$$y(t) = -\frac{5}{4}e^{2t} + Ce^{6t}$$

$$y(0) = -\frac{5}{4} + C = A$$

$$C = A + \frac{5}{4}$$

$$y(t) = -\frac{5}{4}e^{2t} + \left(A + \frac{5}{4}\right)e^{6t}$$

Desmos demo.

Pre-lecture assignment comments

Solve the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{9y}$.

a. Find the equation of the solution through the point $(x, y) = (1, -3)$. [help \(equations\)](#)

b. Find the equation of the solution through the point $(x, y) = (20, -3)$. [help \(equations\)](#)

$$9yy' = x$$

$$\left(\frac{9}{2}y^2\right)'$$

$$\frac{9}{2}y^2 = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + C$$

$$9y^2 = x^2 + \frac{C}{2}$$

$$9y^2 = x^2 + D$$

$$9(1)^2 = (-3)^2 + D$$

$$D = 0$$

$$9y^2 = x^2$$

$$3y = \pm x$$

$$y = -\frac{x}{3}$$

Which technique should you use to find...

$$\int \frac{1}{(x-1)(x-2)} dx$$

- (A) Substitution
- (B) Integration by parts
- (C) Partial fraction decomposition
- (D) Trig substitution

Which technique should you use to find...

$$\int x e^x dx$$

- (A) Substitution
- (B) Integration by parts
- (C) Partial fraction decomposition
- (D) Trig substitution

Method of integrating factors

- Given that $\frac{d}{dt} (t^2 y(t)) = t^2 \frac{dy}{dt} + 2ty$

- if you're given the equation $t^2 \frac{dy}{dt} + 2ty = 0$

- you can rewrite it as $\frac{d}{dt} (t^2 y(t)) = 0$

- so the solution is $t^2 y(t) = C$ or equivalently $y(t) = \frac{C}{t^2}$.

arbitrary constant
that appeared at an
integration step



Method of integrating factors

- Solve the equation $t^2 \frac{dy}{dt} + 2ty(t) = \sin(t)$ (not brute force checking).

(A) $y(t) = -\cos(t) + C$

(B) $y(t) = \frac{C - \cos(t)}{t^2}$

(C) $y(t) = \sin(t) + C$

(D) $y(t) = -\frac{1}{t^2} \cos(t)$

(E) Don't know.

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(A) $y(t) = -\cos(t) + C$

(B) $y(t) = \frac{C - \cos(t)}{t^2}$

← general solution
(although that's not
obvious)

(C) $y(t) = \sin(t) + C$

(D) $y(t) = -\frac{1}{t^2} \cos(t)$

← a particular solution

(E) Don't know.

Initial conditions (IC) and initial value problems (IVP)

- An initial condition is an added constraint on a solution.

- e.g. Solve $t^2 \frac{dy}{dt} + 2ty(t) = \sin(t)$ subject to the IC $y(\pi) = 0$.

(A) $y(t) = -\frac{C + \cos(\pi)}{\pi^2}$

(B) $y(t) = -\frac{1 - \cos(t)}{t^2}$

(C) $y(t) = \frac{1 + \cos(t)}{t^2}$

(D) $y(t) = -\frac{1 + \cos(t)}{t^2}$

(E) Don't know.

- An Initial Value Problem (IVP) is a ODE together with an IC.

Method of integrating factors

- What function should we multiply through by to make the LHS a perfect product rule?

$$t \frac{dy}{dt} + 2y(t) = 1 \quad \rightarrow f(t) = t$$

$$t^2 \frac{dy}{dt} + 4ty(t) = \frac{1}{t} \quad \rightarrow f(t) = t^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + y(t) = 0 \quad \rightarrow f(t) = e^t$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + \cos(t)y(t) = 0 \quad \rightarrow f(t) = e^{\sin(t)}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + g'(t)y(t) = 0 \quad \rightarrow f(t) = e^{g(t)}$$

Technical definition of integrating factor

- For the general first order linear ODE

$$a(t)y' + b(t)y = g(t)$$

- Divide through by $a(t)$ and define $p(t) = b(t) / a(t)$ and $q(t) = g(t) / a(t)$:

$$y' + p(t)y = q(t)$$

- The function that, when multiplied through, make the LHS a perfect product rule is called the integrating factor.

Method of integrating factors

- General case - all first order linear ODEs can be written in the form

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + p(t)y = q(t)$$

- The appropriate integrating factor is $e^{\int p(t)dt}$.

- The equation can be rewritten $\frac{d}{dt} \left(e^{\int p(t)dt} y \right) = e^{\int p(t)dt} q(t)$ which

is solvable provided you can find the antiderivative of the right hand side.

$$e^{\int p(t)dt} y(t) = \int e^{\int p(t)dt} q(t) dt + C$$

$$y(t) = e^{-\int p(t)dt} \int e^{\int p(t)dt} q(t) dt + C e^{-\int p(t)dt}$$

The structure of solutions

- When the equation is of the form (called homogeneous)

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + p(t)y = 0$$

- the solution is

$$y(t) = C\mu(t)^{-1}$$

- where

$$\mu(t) = \exp\left(\int p(t)dt\right)$$

- is the integrating factor.

The structure of solutions

- When the equation is of the form (called nonhomogeneous)

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + p(t)y = q(t)$$

- the solution is $y(t) = k(t) + C\mu(t)^{-1}$
- where $k(t)$ involves no arbitrary constants.
- Think about this expression as $y(t) = y_p(t) + y_h(t)$
- Directly analogous to solving the vector equations $A\bar{x} = 0$ and $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$.

Examples

- Find the general solution to

$$t \frac{dy}{dt} + 2y = 4t^2$$

- and plot a few of the integral curves.
- Integral curve - the graph of a solution to an ODE.

$$y(t) = t^2 + C \frac{1}{t^2}$$

- Steps: divide through by t , calculate $I(t)$, take antiderivatives, solve for y .
Or shortcut.

