

Lecture 1:

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Motivation: (Newton's 2nd Law)

High school: $a = \frac{F}{m}$

Diagram: The equation $a = \frac{F}{m}$ is enclosed in a blue box. A blue arrow points from the word "const" above the box to the letter 'a'. Another blue arrow points from the word "const" below the box to the letter 'a'.

const \rightsquigarrow $\begin{cases} v(t) = v_0 + at \\ x(t) = x_0 + v_0 t + at^2 \end{cases}$

Calculus: $x''(t) = f(t)$

or $\begin{cases} v'(t) = f(t) \\ x'(t) = v(t) \end{cases}$

Def: An ordinary differential equation is an equation involves derivatives $y^{(0)}(t) = y(t), \dots, y^{(n)}(t)$

$$F(t, y^{(0)}(t), \dots, y^{(n)}(t)) = 0$$

- n is called the order of the equation.
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 we usually refer to the non-trivial order.

Notation:

1. Independent variable : t
 2. Interval of definition : $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$
 $y: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is the domain.
 3. dependent variable : y
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Example: (Calculus)

1. $y' = \cos t$ (1st order ODE)

Solve: $y = \int \cos t = \sin t + C \in \mathbb{R}$

2. $y'' = \cos t$ (2nd order ODE)

Solve:

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= \sin t + C_1 \\ y &= \int (\sin t + C_1) \\ &= -\cos t + C_1 t + C_2, \quad C_i \in \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

3. $y^{(n)} = 0$ (n-th order ODE)

Solve: $y = a_{n-1} t^{n-1} + \dots + a_0, \quad a_i \in \mathbb{R}$

Observation:

There are infinitely many solutions to an ODE.

Question:

How to describe all of them?

Back to Example:

or any $t_0 \in I$

1. We fix C by prescribing $y(t_0) = y_0$

2. We fix C_1 by prescribing $y'(t_0)$
 C_2 by \dots $y(t_0)$

3. We fix a_i 's by prescribing
 $y^{(n-1)}(t_0), \dots, y(t_0)$

Observation: # of initial conditions needed
is the same as the order of the ODE

Def: An IVP (initial value problem) to an

n -th order ODE: $F(t, y^{(0)}, \dots, y^{(n)}) = 0$

is $t_0, \dots, t_{n-1} \in I$, C_0, \dots, C_{n-1}

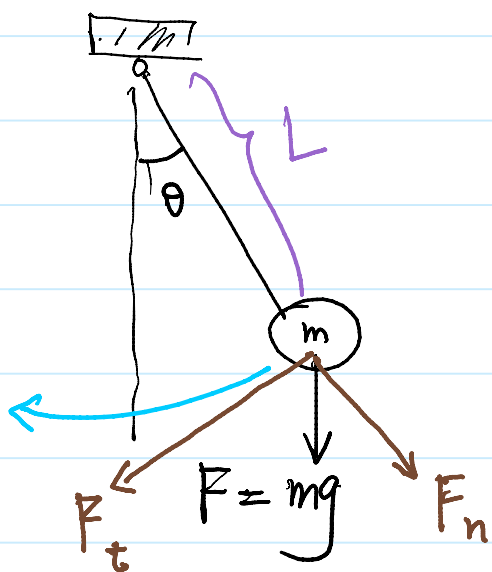
s.t. $y^{(0)}(t_0) = C_0, \dots, y^{(n-1)}(t_{n-1}) = C_{n-1}$

Def: • A Linear ODE if F is Linear in the sense

$$F(t, y^{(0)}, \dots, y^{(n)}) = a_n(t)y^{(n)} + \dots + a_0(t)y^{(0)} - f(t)$$

- A Linear ODE is called homogeneous if $f(t) \equiv 0$.
- It is said to have constant coefficient if $a_i(t) \equiv a_i$.

Example: (Non-linear equation)



tangential force

$$: F_t = mg \sin \theta$$

normal force

$$: F_n = mg \cos \theta$$

Let tangential velocity = $v(t)$.

$$\Rightarrow v(t) = L \theta'(t).$$

Newton's 2nd law along tangential direction

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{L\theta''(t) = -g \sin\theta}$$

non-linear!

Example (population). $y(t)$: population at time t .

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \underbrace{h(y)} \cdot y.$$

growth rate proportional to y

$h(y)$ need to satisfy:

1) $h(y) > 0$ for y small

(less competition)

2) $h(y) < 0$ for y large enough

$h'(y) < 0$ for y " "

(more competition for house, education etc)

For example: simplest model we can take

$$h(y) = r - ay$$

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reproduction rate

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elimination rate

The ODE become: $\frac{dy}{dt} = (r - ay) y$

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non-linear ODE.

We will learn:

1. (1st order ODE) $y'(t) = f(t, y)$.
(chapter 2)

2. (2nd order linear equation) (chapter 3)

$$a(t)y''(t) + b(t)y'(t) + c(t)y(t) = f(t).$$

3. (higher order linear equation) (chapter 4)

$$a_n(t)y^{(n)}(t) + \dots + a_0(t)y(t) = f(t)$$

4. System of 1st order ODE: (chapter 7)

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_1'(t) \\ \vdots \\ y_n'(t) \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{A(t)}_{\substack{n \times n \text{ matrix} \\ \text{of function.}}} \begin{pmatrix} y_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ y_n(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

5. Behaviour of solution of (non-linear)
1st order ODE (system) (chapter 9)

6. (If time allow) Fourier series (chapter 10)

7. (If time allow) Prove existence and uniqueness

We may study ODE by:

1. Find an explicit formula for $y(t)$.

i) in terms of elementary functions
 e^{ct} , $\sin ct$, $\cos ct$ etc.

(O.K. for linear with constant coefficient
and nice $f(t)$)

ii) in terms of integral formula

2. Abstract Existence and Uniqueness results

Aim: IVP has a unique solution locally for
a short period of t .

i) Describe the behaviour of the solution as t
varies.

ii) Do numerical approximation (Not in this
course)

1st order equation: $y' = f(t, y)$

Example: IVP $\begin{cases} y' = ay + b \\ y(t_0) = y_0 \end{cases}$

constant
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Two cases:

i) $(a = 0) \quad y' = b$

$$\Rightarrow y = bt + c$$

$$y(t_0) = bt_0 + c = y_0$$

$$\Rightarrow c = y_0 - bt_0$$

$$\Rightarrow y = y_0 + b(t - t_0)$$

ii) $(a \neq 0)$

$$y' - ay = b$$

$$(e^{-at} y)' = b \cdot e^{-at}$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{-at} y = \frac{-b}{a} e^{-at} + c$$

$$y = \frac{-b}{a} + c \cdot e^{at}$$

$$y(t_0) = y_0$$

$$\Rightarrow y_0 = \frac{-b}{a} + c e^{at_0}$$

$$c = \left(y_0 + \frac{b}{a}\right) e^{-at_0}$$

Hence
$$y = \left(y_0 + \frac{b}{a}\right) e^{a(t-t_0)} - \frac{b}{a}.$$

Rk: The explicit formula of the solution may depend on the value of coefficient

Ex 2: $y' = p(t)y$, find general sol.

Idea:
$$\frac{y'}{y} = p(t)$$

$$(\log |y|)' = p(t)$$

$$\leadsto \log |y| = \int p(t) dt + c$$

$$|y| = k e^{\int p(t) dt} \quad \text{where } k = e^c$$

Precisely:
$$\left(e^{\int p(t) dt} y(t) \right)' = e^{-\int p(t) dt} (y'(t) - p(t)y(t))$$

Therefore we can write equation as

$$\left(e^{-\int p(t) dt} y(t) \right)' = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = \kappa e^{\int p(t) dt} \quad \text{a general solution}$$

Integration factor:

$$\begin{cases} y' = p(t)y + q(t) \\ y(t_0) = y_0 \end{cases}$$

Recall: when $p(t) = a$

$$\text{we can write } e^{-at} (y' - ay) = (e^{-at} y)'$$

and solve the equation.

In general: want $\mu(t) \neq 0$ for $t \in I$ st.

$$\left(\mu(t) y(t) \right)' = \mu(t) (y'(t) - p(t)y(t))$$

Such $\mu(t)$ is call integrating factor.

Solving for integrating factor:

$$\text{Equation: } (u'(t) + p(t)u(t))y(t) = 0$$

We want: $u'(t) + p(t)u(t) = 0$

solve: $u(t) = \kappa e^{-\int p(t)dt}$

With an integration factor:

$$y' - py = q$$

(multiple by u) $\mu y' - \mu p y = q \mu$

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

$$\Rightarrow \mu y = \int q \mu dt + c$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{\mu} \left[\int q \mu dt + c \right]$$

Remark: For $\mu = \kappa e^{-\int p dt}$

- there is an freedom to choose $\kappa \neq 0$.
- Observe that in the result for y , we have

$$y = \frac{1}{\mu} \left[\int q \mu dt + c \right]$$

and the effect of κ cancel

Choose $k = 1$:

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

Example :

$$ty' + 2y = 4t^2$$

Step 1 : write it into standard form

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

$$y' = \underbrace{\left(\frac{2}{t}\right)}_{p(t)} y + \underbrace{(4t)}_{q(t)} = q(t)$$

Notice : $p(t)$ Not define for $t=0$

Step 2 : solve for integrating factor

$$\mu(t) = e^{\int \frac{2}{t} dt} = e^{2 \log|t|} = t^2$$

Step 3 : plug into the formula

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \frac{1}{t^2} \left[\int t^2 \cdot 4t dt + C \right] \\ &= t^2 + \frac{C}{t^2} \end{aligned}$$

Rk: For $C \neq 0$, $y(t)$ is NOT defined at $t \neq 0$

- So we can only talk about the equation on $t \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, +\infty)$
- As we will see from the uniqueness theorem IVP with $t_0 \in (0, +\infty)$ will determine the solution on $(0, +\infty)$.
- So we will talk about the equation on either one of the interval.