

1.8, 1.9 Linear equations

Def A first order DE for $y(t)$ is linear if it has the form

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = a(t)y + b(t)$$

- Solve linear DE by integrating factors.

Denote $g(t) = -a(t)$. Then

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + g(t)y = b(t)$$

Multiply by the integrating factor

$$\mu(t) = e^{\int g(t) dt}$$

$\mu(t)$ satisfies

$$\begin{aligned}\mu'(t) &= e^{\int g(t) dt} \cdot g(t) \\ &= \mu(t) \cdot g(t)\end{aligned}$$

$$\mu(t) \frac{dy}{dt} + \mu(t) g(t) y = \mu(t) b(t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\mu(t) y) = \mu(t) b(t)$$

Integrate on both sides

$$\mu(t) y = \int \mu(t) b(t) dt$$

$$y = \frac{1}{\mu(t)} \int \mu(t) b(t) dt$$

$$\begin{aligned}&\frac{d}{dt}(\mu(t) y) \\ &= \mu'(t) y + \mu(t) \frac{dy}{dt} \\ &= \mu(t) g(t) y + \mu(t) \frac{dy}{dt}\end{aligned}$$

- When calculating $\int g(t) dt$ in the integrating factor,
 - You don't need "+C"
 - If it involves $\ln|\dots|$, usually you don't need the absolute value.

Ex Solve $\frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{1}{t} y = t^2$

$\hookrightarrow g(t) = \frac{1}{t}$

$$\mu(t) = e^{\int \frac{1}{t} dt} = e^{\ln t} = t$$

$$t \frac{dy}{dt} + y = t^3$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(t y) = t^3$$

$$t y = \int t^3 dt = \frac{1}{4} t^4 + C$$

$$y = \frac{1}{4} t^3 + \frac{C}{t}$$

Ex Solve initial value problem

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

$$\frac{dy}{dt} - \frac{1}{t} y = t$$

$\hookrightarrow g(t) = -\frac{1}{t}$

$$\mu(t) = e^{\int -\frac{1}{t} dt} = e^{-\ln t} = e^{\ln(t^{-1})} = t^{-1} = \frac{1}{t}$$

$$\frac{1}{t} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} - \frac{1}{t^2} y = 1$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{t} y \right) = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{t} y = \int 1 dt = t + C$$

$$y = t^2 + Ct$$

initial condition $y(1) = 2$

$$2 = 1^2 + C \cdot 1 \quad C = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Sol'n } y = t^2 + t$$

Ex Solve $\frac{dy}{dt} = ty + t^3$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} - ty = t^3$$

$$g(t) = -t$$

$$\mu(t) = e^{\int -t dt} = e^{-\frac{1}{2}t^2}$$

$$e^{-\frac{1}{2}t^2} \frac{dy}{dt} - e^{-\frac{1}{2}t^2} ty = e^{-\frac{1}{2}t^2} t^3$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(e^{-\frac{1}{2}t^2} y \right) = e^{-\frac{1}{2}t^2} t^3$$

$$e^{-\frac{1}{2}t^2} y = \int e^{-\frac{1}{2}t^2} t^3 dt$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int e^{-\frac{1}{2}t^2} t^3 dt & w &= -\frac{1}{2}t^2 \\ & = \int e^w \cdot 2w dw & dw &= -t dt \\ & = 2 \int e^w w dw & u &= w \quad v = e^w \\ & = 2(w e^w - \int e^w dw) & du &= dw \quad dv = e^w dw \end{aligned}$$

$$= 2(we^w - e^w) + C$$

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

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

$$= -t^2 e^{-\frac{1}{2}t^2} - 2e^{-\frac{1}{2}t^2} + C$$

$$y = -t^2 - 2 + C e^{\frac{1}{2}t^2}$$

Ex A vat initially contains 10 gallons salty water w/ concentration 3oz/gallon. Salty water w/ concentration 1oz/gallon flows in at a rate of 4 gallon/sec. Well-mixed liquid flows out at a rate of 6 gallon/sec. What is the concentration of salt in the vat when it contains 4 gallons liquid?

Volume: $V(t) = 10 - 2t$

Amount of salt: $S(t)$ concentration: $\frac{S(t)}{10-2t}$

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = \underbrace{1 \times 4}_{\text{in flow}} - \underbrace{6 \cdot \frac{S(t)}{10-2t}}_{\text{out flow}} = 4 - \frac{3}{5-t} S, \quad S(0) = 30$$

$$\frac{dS}{dt} + \frac{3}{5-t} S = 4$$

$$g(t) = \frac{3}{5-t}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(t) &= e^{\int \frac{3}{5-t} dt} = e^{-3 \ln(5-t)} = e^{\ln((5-t)^{-3})} \\ &= (5-t)^{-3} = \frac{1}{(5-t)^3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{(5-t)^3} \frac{dS}{dt} + \frac{3}{(5-t)^4} S = 4 \cdot \frac{1}{(5-t)^3}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{(5-t)^3} S \right) = 4 \cdot \frac{1}{(5-t)^3}$$

$$\frac{1}{(5-t)^3} S = 4 \int \frac{1}{(5-t)^3} dt$$
$$= \frac{2}{(5-t)^2} + C$$

$$S = 2(5-t) + C(5-t)^3$$

Initial condition: $S(0) = 30$

$$\frac{1}{(5-0)^3} \cdot 30 = \frac{2}{(5-0)^2} + C$$

$$C = \frac{30}{125} - \frac{2}{25} = \frac{4}{25}$$

$$\Rightarrow S = 2(5-t) + \frac{4}{25}(5-t)^3$$

$$\text{When } V = 10 - 2t = 4, \quad t = 3$$

$$S(3) = 2(5-3) + \frac{4}{25}(5-3)^3 = 4 + \frac{4}{25} \cdot 8 = \frac{132}{25}$$

$$\text{Concentration: } \frac{\frac{132}{25}}{4} = \frac{33}{25}$$

$$\int \frac{1}{(5-t)^3} dt$$
$$= -\int \frac{1}{u^3} du \quad \begin{array}{l} u=5-t \\ du=-dt \end{array}$$
$$= -\frac{1}{u^2} \cdot \frac{1}{-2} + C$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{(5-t)^2} + C$$

• Higher order linear DE: (p-th order)

$$\frac{d^p y}{dt^p} + a_{p-1}(t) \frac{d^{p-1} y}{dt^{p-1}} + \dots + a_1(t) \frac{dy}{dt} + a_0(t) y = b(t)$$

• System of linear DEs : (first order)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{dy_1}{dt} = a_{11}(t)y_1(t) + a_{12}(t)y_2(t) + \dots + a_{1n}(t)y_n(t) + b_1(t) \\ \dots - - - \\ \frac{dy_n}{dt} = a_{n1}(t)y_1(t) + \dots + a_{nn}(t)y_n(t) + b_n(t) \end{array} \right.$$