

Math 214.  
Lecture 3

Classification of ODEs :

- 1) ODEs vs. PDEs  
     $\nwarrow$  ordinary       $\nwarrow$  partial  
     $\frac{dy}{dt}$        $\frac{\partial y}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial y}{\partial x}$  etc.

- 2) systems of DE:  $\begin{cases} x' = f(x, y, t) \\ y' = g(x, y, t) \end{cases}$

vs. single DE  $x' = f(x, t)$   $\leftarrow$  explicit  
or  $f(x, x', t) = 0$   $\leftarrow$  implicit

- 3) Order of DE = order of highest derivative involved

ex.  ~~$y'''' + 2y' = 0$~~   $y = y(t)$

$$t^5 y''' + 2y' = 0$$

$$t y'' + (t^6 + 2t^4) y + \cos t = 0$$

$$t \cdot y \cdot y'' + 2y' = 0$$

- 4) Linear DE:  $b(t) = a_n(t)y^{(n)} + a_{n-1}(t)y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_1(t)y' + a_0(t)y$

others are nonlinear

Ex.  $t y'' + (t^6 + 2t^4) y + \cos t = 0$

$$a_2(t)y'' + a_1(t)y' + a_0(t)y = b(t)$$

$$a_2(t) = t \quad a_1(t) = 0 \quad a_0(t) = t^6 + 2t^4$$

$$b(t) = -\cos t$$

Ex.  $t^2 y''' + \frac{\cos t}{t} \cdot y' = t^4 + \tan t$  linear 3rd order  
 $t(y'')^2 + (t^2 + 2)y = 2 \leftarrow$  nonlinear 2nd order  
 $y \cdot y' + 2ty + \frac{1}{\tan t} = 0 \leftarrow$  nonlinear 1st order  
 $y^{(4)} + (\tan t)^{10} \cdot y' - \frac{y''}{t^2 + 1} = t^{100} \cdot y \leftarrow$  linear 4th order

## §2.1. Integrating factors.

$y' + p(t)y = q(t)$   
 Standard form  
 of 1st order linear ODE.

$a(t)y' + b(t)y = f(t)$   
 $\Rightarrow y' + \underbrace{\frac{b(t)}{a(t)}}_{p(t)} y = \underbrace{\frac{f(t)}{a(t)}}_{q(t)}$   
 if  $a(t) \neq 0$ .

Ex.  $y' + 2y = 3$

You know how to separate variables:

Method 1:  $\frac{dy}{dt} = -2y + 3$

$\frac{dy}{dt} = -2(y - \frac{3}{2})$

$\int \frac{dy}{y - \frac{3}{2}} = \int -2 dt \Rightarrow \ln|y - \frac{3}{2}| = -2t + C$   
 $\boxed{y = \frac{3}{2} + Ce^{-2t}}$

Method 2:  $y' + 2y = 3 \quad | \cdot e^{2t}$   $\mu = e^{2t}$   
 $y' \cdot e^{2t} + 2e^{2t}y = 3e^{2t}$  integrating factor

$\frac{d}{dt}(y \cdot e^{2t}) = y' \cdot e^{2t} + y \cdot (2e^{2t})$

$\Rightarrow \int (y \cdot e^{2t})' = \int 3e^{2t}$

$\Rightarrow y \cdot e^{2t} = \frac{3}{2}e^{2t} + C$

$\boxed{y(t) = \frac{3}{2} + Ce^{-2t}}$

/ divide by  $e^{2t}$

In general if  $y' + ay = b \Rightarrow \mu(t) = e^{at}$

$$e^{at}y' + ae^{at}y = (\mu(t) \cdot y)' = b\mu(t)$$

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

$$e^{at}y(t) = \int be^{at}dt + C$$

$$e^{at}y(t) = \frac{b}{a}e^{at} + C$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = \frac{b}{a} + Ce^{-at}$$

Most general case:

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

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

$$\mu(t)y' + p(t)y = g(t) \cdot \mu(t)$$

We want:  $(\mu(t) \cdot y)' = \mu(t) \cdot y' + \mu'(t) \cdot y$

Show:  $\mu'(t)y = \mu(t)p(t)y$

$$\mu'(t) = \mu(t)p(t)$$

$$\int \frac{d\mu(t)}{\mu(t)} = \int p(t)dt$$

$$\ln|\mu(t)| = \int p(t)dt + C$$

$$\mu(t) = C \cdot e^{\int p(t)dt}$$

Choose  $C=1$

So that  
integrating factor  
becomes  $\mu(t) = e^{\int p(t)dt}$

$\Rightarrow$  We get:  $(\mu(t) \cdot y)' = g(t) \cdot \mu(t)$

Integrate:  $\mu(t) \cdot y(t) = \int g(s)\mu(s)ds + C$

$$y(t) = e^{-\int p(t)dt} \cdot \left[ \int g(s)\mu(s)ds + C \right]$$

## Outline of the method:

- 1) Put ODE in standard form  
$$\boxed{y' + p(t)y = g(t)} \quad (*)$$
- 2) Identify  $p(t)$  and find integrating factor  $\mu(t) = e^{\int p(t) dt}$
- 3) Multiply both sides by  $\mu(t)$  to get  $(\mu \cdot y)' = \mu g(t)$
- 4) Integrate both sides and solve for  $y(t)$  which will give general solution of  $(*)$ .

Ex. 1.  $y' + \underbrace{\frac{1}{t}}_{p(t)} y = \underbrace{e^t}_{g(t)} \quad (\text{if } ty' + y = te^t)$

$$\mu(t) = e^{\int p(t) dt} = e^{\int \frac{1}{t} dt + \bar{C}} = Ce^{\ln t} = Ct$$

Put  $C=1$

Since we choose one solution of this family

$$ty' + y = te^t$$

$$(\mu(t) \cdot y)' = (t \cdot y)' = te^t \Rightarrow \text{Integrate } \int (ty)' = \int se^s + C$$

$$t \cdot y = \int_0^t se^s ds + C = te^t - e^t + C \leftarrow$$

$$\boxed{\int u dv = uv - \int v du \leftarrow \text{Integration by parts}}$$

$$\int_0^t se^s ds = te^t - \int e^s ds = te^t - e^t$$

$$u=s \quad dv=e^s$$

$$du=ds \quad v=e^s$$

$$\boxed{y(t) = e^t - \frac{e^t}{t} + \frac{C}{t}}, \quad t \neq 0$$

Ex. 2  $ty' + 2y = t^2$

$$\boxed{e^{a \ln t} = t^a}$$