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Ch 9. Differential Equations

Let $y = y(x)$ is an unknown function of x .

A differential equation for y is an equation relating y and (some of) its derivatives.

Ex. $\overset{dx}{\frac{dy}{dx}} = 2y \overset{dx}{\downarrow}$ TBD: solve for y .

$$\frac{1}{y} dy = \frac{2y dx}{y} \rightarrow \int \frac{1}{y} dy = \int 2 dx$$

$$\overset{e}{\ln|y|} = \overset{e}{2x + C}$$

$$y(x) = e^{2x+C} = e^C e^{2x} = C e^{2x}$$

$$\boxed{y(x) = C e^{2x}} \quad \text{solution}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} [C e^{2x}] = 2 \cdot \underline{C e^{2x}} = 2y$$

Ex. $\frac{dy}{\textcircled{dx}} = x^2 \rightarrow \int dy = \int x^2 dx$

$$\boxed{y = \frac{1}{3} x^3 + C}$$

Ex. $\frac{dy}{dx} = 5y + \frac{3}{10}$

$$dy = 5 \left(y + \frac{3}{10} \right) dx \rightarrow \int \frac{1}{y + \frac{3}{10}} dy = \int 5 dx$$

$$\ln \left(y + \frac{3}{10} \right) = 5x + C$$

$$y + \frac{3}{10} = C e^{5x}$$

$$y(x) = (e^{5x} - \frac{3}{10})$$

Linear Differential Equations

let $p(x)$ and $g(x)$ be continuous functions

A linear DE is of the form

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + p(x)y = g(x)$$

Ex. $x y' + y = 2x \rightarrow y' + \frac{1}{x} y = 2$

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{x} \leftarrow x \neq 0$$

$$g(x) = 2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{1}{x} y = 2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2 - \frac{1}{x} y = y \left(\frac{2}{y} - \frac{1}{x} \right) = \frac{1}{x} (2x - y)$$

Instead, suppose $\mu(x) > 0$. Then

$$\mu(x) \left[\frac{dy}{dx} + p(x)y = g(x) \right] \text{ has the same solution as our original DE.}$$

$$\mu(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + \mu(x) p(x) y = \mu(x) q(x)$$

Want: $\frac{d}{dx} [\mu(x) y(x)] = \mu(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{d\mu}{dx} y(x)$

Now Compare

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + \mu(x) p(x) y &= \mu(x) q(x) \\ \text{and} \quad \mu(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{d\mu}{dx} y &= \mu(x) q(x) \end{aligned}$$

For this to work, then μ must satisfy,

$$\frac{d\mu}{dx} = \mu p$$

We can solve it!

$$\int \frac{1}{\mu} d\mu = \int p(x) dx$$

$$\ln \mu = \int p(x) dx$$

so $\mu(x) = e^{\int p(x) dx}$ Integrating Factor

So we obtain $\frac{dy}{dx} + p(x) y = q(x)$ is equivalent to

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\mu(x) y(x)] = \mu(x) q(x)$$

$$\int d[\mu(x) y(x)] = \int \mu(x) q(x) dx$$

$$\mu(x) y(x) = \int \mu(x) q(x) dx + C$$

$$(*) \quad y = \frac{1}{\mu} \int \mu q dx + \frac{C}{\mu} \quad \text{w/} \quad \mu = e^{\int p dx}$$

Ex. $\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{1}{x} y = 2$

$p(x) = 1/x \leftarrow \text{find } \mu$
 $q(x) = 2$

$$\mu = e^{\int p dx} = e^{\int \frac{1}{x} dx} = e^{\ln x} = x$$

$$y = \frac{1}{\mu} \int \mu q dx + \frac{C}{\mu} = \frac{1}{x} \int x \cdot 2 dx + \frac{C}{x} \quad p(x) = 1/x, x \neq 0$$

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

$$\boxed{y = x + \frac{C}{x}} \quad \text{ll}$$

Ex. $\frac{dy}{dx} + 3x^2 y = 6x^2$

$p(x) = 3x^2 \leftarrow$
 $q(x) = 6x^2$

$\mu = e^{\int p dx}$

$$\mu = e^{\int 3x^2 dx} = \boxed{e^{x^3}}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{\mu} \int \mu q dx + \frac{C}{\mu} = \frac{1}{e^{x^3}} \int \underbrace{6x^2 e^{x^3}}_{u=x^3} dx + \frac{C}{e^{x^3}}$$

$u = x^3$
 $du = 3x^2 dx$

~~$\frac{u}{e^{x^3}}$~~

$$= e^{-x^3} \int 2 \cdot e^u du + C e^{-x^3}$$

$$= e^{-x^3} \cdot 2 \cdot e^{x^3} + C e^{-x^3}$$

$$\boxed{y = 2 + C e^{-x^3}}$$