

Lesson 57 – Linear Differential Equations

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Lesson Objectives

- Review the previous types of First Order Diff Eqns that we already know how to solve
- Introduce linear Diff Eqns and then solving using an “integration factor”

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(A) Linear Diff Eqns

- Consider the following Diff Eqns. Two are linear Diff Eqns and two are not

$$(a) \frac{dy}{dx} + 2xy = x^2$$

$$(b) \frac{dy}{dx} + 2xy^2 = \tan x$$

$$(c) \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{1}{x}y = \cos x$$

$$(d) \frac{dy}{dx} + x\sqrt{y} = 2x$$

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(A) Linear ODEs

A differential equation is **linear**, if

1. dependent variable and its derivatives are of degree one,
2. coefficients of a term does not depend upon dependent variable.

A linear first order equation is an equation that can be expressed in the form

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = Q(x)$$

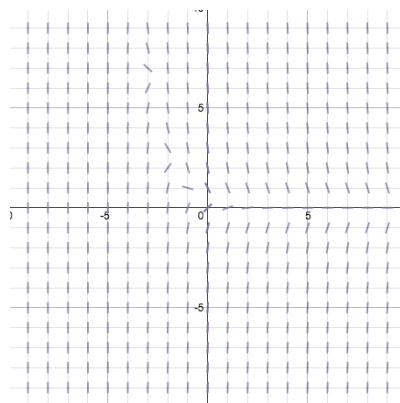
Where P and Q are functions of x

(B) Example to Discuss

- Solve the linear Diff Eqn

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + 3y = e^{-x}$$

- Here is our graphical solution (slope field diagram)



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(B) Example to Discuss

- Solve the linear Diff Eqn $\frac{dy}{dx} + 3y = e^{-x}$

- Multiply through by e^{3x}

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- So we get
$$e^{3x} \frac{dy}{dx} + 3e^{3x}y = e^{-x} \times e^{3x}$$

NOTICE.....??

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(B) Example to Discuss

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$$\frac{dy}{dx} + 3y = e^{-x}$$

- Multiply through by e^{3x} So we get

$$e^{3x} \frac{dy}{dx} + 3e^{3x}y = e^{-x} \times e^{3x}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(ye^{3x}) = e^{2x}$$

$$\int \frac{d}{dx}(ye^{3x}) = \int e^{2x}$$

$$ye^{3x} + k = \frac{1}{2}e^{2x} + c$$

$$ye^{3x} = \frac{1}{2}e^{2x} + C$$

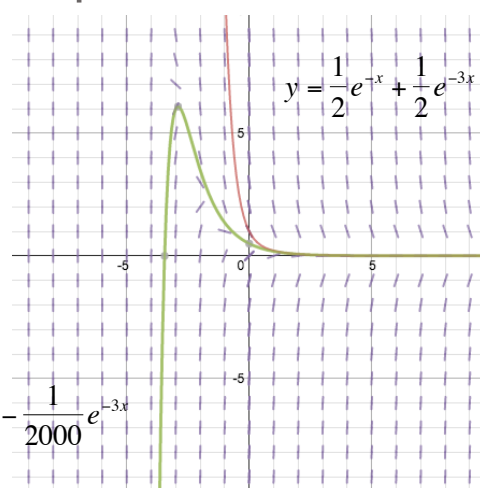
$$y = \frac{1}{2}e^{-x} + Ce^{-3x}$$

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(B) Example to Discuss



$$y = \frac{1}{2}e^{-x} - \frac{1}{2000}e^{-3x}$$

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(B) Example to Discuss

- Solve the linear Diff Eqn $\frac{dy}{dx} + 3y = e^{-x}$
- Multiply through by e^{3x}
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- So HOW did we get e^{3x} as the “integrating factor”?
- We use $IF = e^{\int P(x)dx}$
- (To see WHY, read through [Paul Dawkins notes](#) Link also at end of ppt)

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(C) Examples for Practice

- Solve the following linear Diff Eqns

$$(a) \frac{dv}{dt} = 9.8 - 0.196v$$

$$(b) \frac{dy}{dx} = -4y$$

$$(c) \frac{dy}{dx} - 2y = x$$

$$(d) \frac{dy}{dx} + 3x^2y = x^5$$

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(D) Further Examples for Practice

- Solve the following linear Diff Eqns

$$(a) \frac{1}{x} y' - \frac{2}{x^2} y = x \cos x \quad \text{for } x > 0$$

$$(b) \frac{dx}{dt} - x \cos(t) = \cos(t)$$

$$(c) y' + y \tan(x) = \cos(x^2) \quad \text{and } y(0) = 2$$

$$(d) \frac{dy}{dx} = \cos^2(x) - y \sec(x)$$

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(D) Further Examples for Practice

- Solve the following linear Diff Eqns

$$(a) \frac{dy}{dx} + 4xy = x$$

$$(b) y' - 2y = t^2 e^{2t}$$

$$(c) (1+t^2)y' + 4ty = \frac{1}{(1+t^2)^2}$$

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Further Practice ..

- <http://www.cse.salford.ac.uk/physics/gsmcdonald/H-Tutorials/ordinary-differential-equations-integrating-factor.pdf>

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(G) Resources

- Detailed Notes & explanations/derivations from Paul Dawkins
- <http://tutorial.math.lamar.edu/Classes/DE/Linear.aspx>

- From patrickJMT:
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Et4Y41ZNyao>
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RnYzatmp-_s

- From Mathispower4u
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HAb9JbBD2ig>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zN0TmKEXFh8>

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