

## 2.3 - Linear Equations

A linear equation has the form

$$a_1(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + a_0(x) y = g(x)$$

only one indep. variable  
no partial derivatives

1st-order, linear, ordinary DE.

(linear in  $y$ )

We'll rewrite in standard form: divide by  $a_1(x)$

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

$g(x)$  above or  
 $f(x)$  here can  
be called the input  
or forcing  
function.

$$R \frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{1}{C} q = E(t)$$

Consider #4.

$$3 \frac{dy}{dx} + 12y = 4 \rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = \frac{4}{3}$$

(Std. form)

Wha?

If we multiply both sides by  $e^{4x}$ ,

we get

$$e^{4x} \frac{dy}{dx} + 4e^{4x} y = \frac{4}{3} e^{4x}$$

Aside: differentiate

$e^{4x} y$  with respect to  $x$

2<sup>nd</sup> aside: implicit differentiation

$$x^2 y^3 + 4xy^2 = 5$$

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

$$\frac{d}{dx}[e^{4x} y] = e^{4x} \frac{dy}{dx} + 4e^{4x} y$$

$$\text{so, } e^{4x} \frac{dy}{dx} + 4e^{4x} y = \frac{4}{3} e^{4x}$$

can be written

$$\int \frac{d}{dx}(e^{4x} y) dx = \int \frac{4}{3} e^{4x} dx$$

$$e^{-4x} e^{4x} y = \frac{1}{3} e^{4x} \frac{e^{-4x}}{e} + C e^{-4x}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{3} + C e^{-4x}$$

$e^{4x}$  is called an integrating factor.

Where did  $e^{ux}$  come from?

For the eqn in std form

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = f(x), \quad (*)$$

$\mu - \mu u$

Suppose we have some function, say  $\mu(x)$  such that when we multiply (\*) by  $\mu$  we get

$$\mu \frac{dy}{dx} + \mu P y = \mu f(x).$$

If it happens that  $\frac{d\mu}{dx} = \mu P$ , then

the LHS becomes

$$\mu \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{d\mu}{dx} y = \mu f(x)$$

then we have  $\frac{d}{dx}(\mu y) = \mu f(x)$

To find  $\mu$ , solve the separable equation

$$\frac{d\mu}{dx} = \mu P \Rightarrow \frac{d\mu}{\mu} = P(x) dx$$

$$e \text{ In } \mu = \int P(x) dx$$

$$\mu = e^{\int P(x) dx}$$

In #4 we had  $\frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = \frac{4}{3}$

So  $P(x) = 4 \Rightarrow \int P(x) dx = \int 4 dx = 4x + C_1$

So  $\mu = C e^{4x}$   $C = e^{C_1}$  or  $C = -e^{C_1}$

But we don't use  $C$ . Why?

$$\cancel{C} e^{4x} \frac{dy}{dx} + 4 \cancel{C} e^{4x} y = \frac{4}{3} \cancel{C} e^{4x}$$

No "+C" in  $\mu$ .

In Problems 1–24 find the general solution of the given differential equation. Give the largest interval  $I$  over which the general solution is defined. Determine whether there are any transient terms in the general solution.

6.  $y' + 2xy = x^3$

Std form ✓

$P(x) = 2x \Rightarrow \int P(x) dx = x^2$

$\Rightarrow \mu = e^{x^2}$

$e^{x^2} y' + 2x e^{x^2} y = x^3 e^{x^2}$

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

$u = x^2 \quad dv = x e^{x^2} dx$   
 $du = 2x dx \quad v = \frac{1}{2} e^{x^2}$

$e^{x^2} y = \frac{1}{2} x^2 e^{x^2} - \int x e^{x^2} dx$

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

Solution

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

General solution because it contains  $C$ .

Interval:  $(-\infty, \infty)$

Note:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} C e^{-x^2} = 0$  so

$Ce^{-x^2}$  is called a transient term.

Typical integration techniques we'll use:

- Power Rule
- u-substitution
- Integration by parts
- Partial fraction decomposition
- exponential
  - inverse tangent
  - natural log
- some trig stuff

$$12. (1+x) \frac{dy}{dx} - xy = x + x^2 \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{x}{1+x} y = x \quad x \neq -1$$

$$P = -\frac{x}{1+x} \Rightarrow \int P(x) dx = \int -\frac{x}{1+x} dx$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 - \frac{1}{x+1} \\ x+1 \overline{) x} \\ \underline{-x-1} \\ -1 \end{array}$$

$$\text{OR} \quad \frac{x+1}{x+1} - \frac{1}{x+1}$$
$$1 - \frac{1}{x+1}$$

$$\mu = \int P(x) dx = \int -\left(1 - \frac{1}{x+1}\right) dx$$

$$= \ln|x+1| - x$$

$$\mu = e^{\int P(x) dx} = e^{\ln|x+1| - x} = e^{\ln|x+1|} e^{-x}$$

$$\mu = (1+x) e^{-x}$$

We had  $\frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{x}{1+x} y = x$

after multiplying by  $\mu$ , we have

$$(1+x) e^{-x} \frac{dy}{dx} - x e^{-x} y = (x+x^2) e^{-x}$$

$$\int \frac{d}{dx} \left[ (1+x) e^{-x} y \right] dx = \int (x+x^2) e^{-x} dx$$

$$[\mu y] \quad \begin{array}{l} u = x+x^2 \quad dv = e^{-x} dx \\ du = (1+2x) dx \quad v = -e^{-x} \end{array}$$

$$(1+x) e^{-x} y = -(x+x^2) e^{-x} + \int (1+2x) e^{-x} dx$$

$$\begin{array}{l} u = 1+2x \quad dv = e^{-x} dx \\ du = 2 dx \quad v = -e^{-x} \end{array}$$

$$(1+x) e^{-x} y = -(x+x^2) e^{-x} - (1+2x) e^{-x} - 2e^{-x} + C$$

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

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

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

Interval:  $(-\infty, -1) \cup (-1, \infty)$

No transient terms.

14.  $xy' + (1+x)y = e^{-x} \sin 2x$

$$y' + \frac{1+x}{x} y = \frac{e^{-x}}{x} \sin 2x \quad \text{assuming } x > 0$$

$$P = 1 + \frac{1}{x} \Rightarrow \int P dx = \int 1 + \frac{1}{x} dx = x + \ln x$$

$$e^{\int P dx} = x e^x$$

$$x e^x y' + x e^x \frac{1+x}{x} y = \frac{e^{-x}}{x} x e^x \sin 2x$$

$$\int \frac{d}{dx} [x e^x y] dx = \int \sin 2x dx$$

My

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

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

Interval:  $(0, \infty)$  It's all transient.

Review: ↙ linear  
Given  $a_1(x)y' + a_0(x)y = g(x)$

Rewrite:  $y' + P(x)y = f(x)$ .

Integrating factor:  $\mu = e^{\int P(x)dx}$

Then  $\frac{d}{dx}(\mu y) = \mu f(x)$

Integrate, solve for  $y$ .

The DE is nonlinear if we see things like  $\sin y$ ,  $y^2$ ,  $\frac{1}{y}$ ,  $yy'$

$$22. \frac{dP}{dt} + 2tP = P + 4t - 2$$

indep:  $t$   $\frac{dy}{dx}$

dep:  $P$

$$\frac{dP}{dt} + (2t-1)P = 4t-2$$

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

$$\int \frac{d}{dt} (e^{t^2-t} P) dt = \int e^{t^2-t} (4t-2) dt$$

$$u = t^2 - t$$
$$du = (2t-1)dt$$

$$e^{t^2-t} P = 2e^{t^2-t} + C$$

$$P(t) = 2 + C e^{t-t^2}$$

Interval:  $(-\infty, \infty)$ ,  $C e^{t-t^2}$  is transient

24.  $(x^2 - 1) \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = (x + 1)^2$

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

$$\int \frac{2}{x^2-1} dx \qquad \frac{2}{x^2-1} = \frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{B}{x-1}$$

$(x+1)(x-1)$

$$\int \left( \frac{1}{x-1} - \frac{1}{x+1} \right) dx$$

$$2 = A(x-1) + B(x+1)$$

$$x = -1 \Rightarrow A = -1$$

$$x = 1 \Rightarrow B = 1$$

$$\mu = e^{\ln|x-1| - \ln|x+1|} = e^{\ln \left| \frac{x-1}{x+1} \right|}$$

$$\mu = \frac{x-1}{x+1}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{x-1}{x+1} y \right) = 1$$

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

Interval:  $(1, \infty)$ , NO transient terms

In Problems 37–40 proceed as in Example 6 to solve the given initial-value problem. Use a graphing utility to graph the continuous function  $y(x)$ .

40.  $(1 + x^2) \frac{dy}{dx} + 2xy = f(x), \quad y(0) = 0$ , where

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x, & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ -x, & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

$0 \leq x < 1$

$$(1+x^2) \frac{dy}{dx} + 2xy = x$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \mu &= e^{\int \frac{2x}{1+x^2} dx} \\ &= e^{\ln(1+x^2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mu = 1+x^2$$

$$\int \frac{d}{dx} [(1+x^2)y] dx = \int x dx$$

$$(1+x^2)y = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + C_1$$

$0 \leq x < 1$

$$y = \frac{x^2}{2(1+x^2)} + \frac{C_1}{1+x^2}$$

$x \geq 1$

$$(1+x^2) \frac{dy}{dx} + 2xy = -x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [(1+x^2)y] = -x$$

$x \geq 1$

$$y = -\frac{x^2}{2(1+x^2)} + \frac{C_2}{1+x^2}$$

We were given  $y(0) = 0$

$$C_1 = 0.$$

$$y = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2}{2(1+x^2)}, & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ -\frac{x^2}{2(1+x^2)} + \frac{C_2}{1+x^2}, & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Continuous:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} y = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} y$

Let  $x=1$ :  $\frac{1}{4} = -\frac{1}{4} + \frac{C_2}{2} \Rightarrow C_2 = 1$

so  $y = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2}{2(1+x^2)}, & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ -\frac{x^2}{2(1+x^2)} + \frac{1}{1+x^2}, & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$

•  $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{2(x^2+1)}, (0 \leq x \leq 1)$   
•  $g(x) = \frac{2-x^2}{2(x^2+1)}, (1 \leq x \leq \dots)$   
+ Input...

