

Sep 9, 2019

Announcements:

HW 1 posted to website after class
cims.nyu.edu/~corci/ode

Recitation instructor
will soon set office hours.

Due Mon, Sep 16 at the start of class. No late homework.

Last time:

Classification of ODEs:

- Linear vs. nonlinear

- Homogeneous vs. inhomogeneous

$$(y' + a(t)y = 0 \quad y' + a(t)y = b(t))$$

- Order of ODE is highest derivative appearing

Example

$$y' + \cos t y = 0$$

$$y(0) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{y'}{y} = -\cos t \quad \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \log |y| = -\cos t$$

$$\text{Integrate: } \int_0^t \frac{d}{d\tau} \log |y(\tau)| d\tau = - \int_0^t \cos \tau d\tau = -\sin t$$

$$\log \frac{|y(t)|}{|y(0)|} = -\sin t$$

$\leftarrow = 1$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = e^{-\sin t}$$

Solving Inhomogeneous DEs

$$Ly = b \quad \Rightarrow \quad y' + ay = b. \quad (**)$$

Can we use a similar integrating idea?
($\frac{d}{dt}(\text{?}) = b$, then integrate?)

Use an integrating factor $\mu = \mu(t)$.

Multiply (**) by μ :

$$\mu y' + a\mu y = \mu b.$$

Can μ be chosen such that $\mu y' + a\mu y = \frac{d}{dt}(\mu y)$?

$(\mu y)' = \mu y' + \mu' y$, and therefore we must

choose μ such that $\mu' = a\mu$.

This is easily solved, as above, to be

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

μ is called the integrating factor.

With this choice, we have:

$$\mu y' + a\mu y = b$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt}(\mu y) = b \quad \text{integrate...}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{\mu} \left(\int b(t) dt + c \right) = e^{-\int a(t) dt} \left(\int b(t) dt + c \right)$$

Example

$$y' + 2ty = t, \quad y(1) = 2$$

$$\text{Integrating factor: } \mu(t) = e^{\int 2t dt} = e^{t^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{t^2} y' + 2te^{t^2} y = te^{t^2}$$

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

$$\int_1^t e^{\tau^2} y(\tau) d\tau = \int_1^t \tau e^{\tau^2} d\tau$$

$$e^{t^2} y(t) - 2e = \frac{1}{2} e^{\tau^2} \Big|_1^t = \frac{e^{t^2}}{2} - \frac{e}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2} e^{-t^2}$$

Application: Carbon dating

Details of the "Vermeer forgeries" in the text book,

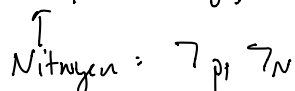
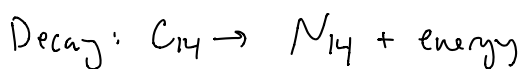
short story is that different pigments were found in the paints

and this was verified using CARBON DATING.

Curies/Rutherford: radioactive elements decay into others. (randomly)

Example: Carbon

Carbon-12	:	6 protons, 6 neutrons	99% of carbon
Carbon-13	:	7 neutrons,	1%
Carbon-14	:	8 neutrons	1-1.5 atoms per 10^{12} carbon atoms



"Half life" of C_{14} is 5730 years, meaning "half" of atoms have turned into N_{14} . If the original number was known, the substance could be dated.

Clearly the rate of N_{14} produced is proportional to original number of C_{14} : $N' = -\lambda N$

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 N = number of C_{14} . $N > 0$, $N' \leq 0$ always.

With initial condition $N(t_0) = N_0$ we can solve this ODE:

$$\int_{t_0}^t \frac{N'(\tau)}{N(\tau)} d\tau = \int_{t_0}^t -\lambda d\tau = -\lambda(t-t_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow N(\tau) = N_0 e^{-\lambda(t-t_0)} \quad (\text{from earlier})$$

If we are interested in when $\frac{N}{N_0} = \frac{1}{2}$, then we can solve:

$$\frac{1}{2} = e^{-\lambda(t-t_0)}$$

$$\log \frac{1}{2} = -\lambda(t-t_0) \Rightarrow t-t_0 = -\frac{1}{\lambda} \log \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\log 2}{\lambda}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{half-life } t_H = \frac{\log 2}{\lambda}$$

Ex: C_{14} : $t_H = 5730$

U_{238} : 4.5 BILLION Yrs

U_{235} : 700 MILLION Yrs

Different types of decay, different risks...

So, in order to DATE a substance, first compute $\frac{N_0}{N}$ ← estimate from chemistry
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 measure.

then the age of the substance:

$$t-t_0 = -\frac{1}{\lambda} \log \frac{N}{N_0}$$

See text for detailed chain of radioactive decay patterns,

starting with U_{238} .

In summary: Homogeneous equation: $y' + a(t)y = 0$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{y'}{y} = -a(t)$ direct integration

Inhomogeneous equation: $y' + a(t)y = b(t)$

\Rightarrow use integrating factor to rewrite

In each case, we separated these equation.

Any ODE of the form

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{g(t)}{f(y)}$$
 is called separable.

This can be written as:

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

Computing the anti-derivative of both sides we have

$$\int f(y) \frac{dy}{dt} dt = \int g(t) dt + C$$

$$\int f(y) dy = \int g(t) dt + C$$

$$= F(y), \text{ when } F'(y) = f(y).$$

Once $F(y)$ is computed, the equation

$$F(y) = \int g(t) dt + C \text{ must be solved for } y.$$

Example: $\frac{dy}{dt} = t^2/y^3$

$$\Rightarrow y^3 \frac{dy}{dt} = t^2 \Rightarrow \int y^3 dy = \int t^2 dt + C$$

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

$$y = \left(\frac{4}{3}t^3 + C \right)^{1/4}$$

Incorporating initial conditions is exactly the same as before:

Ex: $\frac{dy}{dt} = t^2/y^3$, $y(1) = 1$

Option 1 : insert and solve for c in $y = \left(\frac{4}{3}t^3 + c\right)^{1/4}$
 $\Rightarrow 1 = \frac{4}{3} + c \Rightarrow c = -\frac{1}{3}$

Option 2 : Insert limits of integration

$$\int_1^y w^3 dw = \int_1^t \tau^2 d\tau$$

$$\frac{1}{4}w^4 \Big|_1^y = \frac{1}{3}\tau^3 \Big|_1^t \Rightarrow \frac{1}{4}y^4 - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{3}t^3 - \frac{1}{3}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow y = \left(\frac{4}{3}t^3 - \frac{1}{3}\right)^{1/4}$$

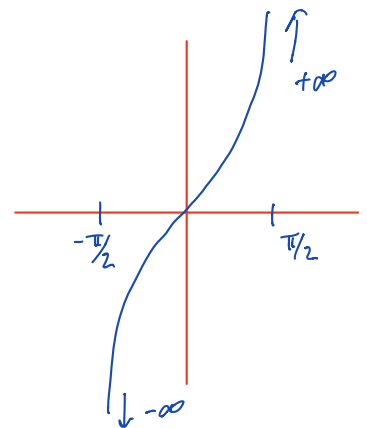
Let's examine another example where something goes wrong:

Ex: $y' = 1 + y^2$ $\Rightarrow \int_0^y \frac{1}{1+w^2} dw = \int_0^t d\tau$
 $y(0) = 0$

$$\arctan y = t$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \tan t.$$

Plot



What is the problem? The solution

cannot be smoothly extended outside the

interval $(-\pi/2, \pi/2)$. This is the case most of the time.

This interval is called the interval of existence.

(we will formalize this concept later on.)