

1. Consider the initial value problem

$$\dot{x} = f(x, t) \quad \text{with} \quad x(t_0) = x_0.$$

- (i) State the existence and uniqueness theorem showing this ordinary differential equation has a unique solution on some open interval I containing t_0 .

If $f(x, t)$ and $f_x(x, t)$ are continuous for $x \in (a, b)$ and $t \in (c, d)$ then for any $x_0 \in (a, b)$ and $t_0 \in (c, d)$ the initial value problem

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has a unique solution on some open interval I containing t_0 .

- (ii) State the Runge-Kutta RK4 method for approximating this differential equation on the interval $[t_0, T]$.

Let $h = \frac{T - t_0}{n}$ and $t_k = t_0 + kh$ for $k = 0, \dots, n$. The RK4 method for approximating $x(t_k)$ by x_k is given by

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + \frac{h}{6} (f_1 + 2f_2 + 2f_3 + f_4) \quad \text{for } k = 0, \dots, n-1$$

where

$$f_1 = f(x_k, t_k), \quad f_2 = f\left(x_k + \frac{h}{2}f_1, t_k + \frac{h}{2}\right)$$

$$f_3 = f\left(x_k + \frac{h}{2}f_2, t_k + \frac{h}{2}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad f_4 = f(x_k + hf_3, t_k + h).$$

- (iii) State the definition of the Laplace transform $\mathcal{L}\{f\}$ of a function f .

$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sin(a+b) &= \sin a \cos b + \cos a \sin b \\ \cos(a+b) &= \cos a \cos b - \sin a \sin b \\ \cos(2x) &= \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x = 1 - 2\sin^2 x\end{aligned}$$

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2. Solve the initial value problem $\dot{x} = \sin^2(3t)$ with $x(0) = 2$.

$$x = \int \sin^2(3t) dt = \int \frac{1 - \cos 6t}{2} dt$$

$$x = \frac{t}{2} - \frac{1}{12} \sin 6t + C$$

$$x(0) = C \quad \text{so} \quad C = 2$$

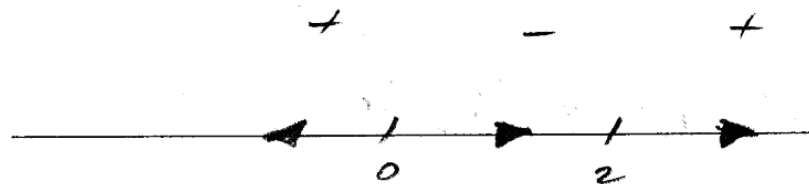
Unique solution is

$$x(t) = \frac{t}{2} - \frac{1}{12} \sin 6t + 2$$

3. Draw a phase diagram for the autonomous first-order ordinary differential equation $\dot{x} = x^3 - 4x^2 + 4x$ on the line below. Label the stationary points with a cross $\times$ and draw arrows on the line indicating the direction in which $x(t)$ is changing.

$$x^3 - 4x^2 + 4x = x(x^2 - 4x + 4) = x(x-2)^2$$

Fixed points at $x=0$ and $x=2$.



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4. Solve the initial value problem $\dot{x} - 2x = t$ with $x(0) = 1$.

$$I = e^{-2t} \quad \frac{d}{dt}(xe^{-2t}) = te^{-2t}$$

$$\begin{aligned} xe^{-2t} &= \int te^{-2t} dt = -\frac{1}{2} \int t d e^{-2t} = -\frac{1}{2} (te^{-2t} - \int e^{-2t} dt) \\ &= -\frac{t}{2} e^{-2t} + \frac{1}{2} \int e^{-2t} dt = -\frac{t}{2} e^{-2t} - \frac{1}{4} e^{-2t} + C \end{aligned}$$

$$x(t) = -\frac{t}{2} - \frac{1}{4} + C e^{2t}$$

$$x(0) = -\frac{1}{4} + C = 1, \quad C = 5/4$$

Unique soln:

$$x(t) = -\frac{t}{2} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{5}{4} e^{2t}$$

5. Find the general solution to $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{x^2} = 1 + (y/x)^2$, $u = y/x$

$$y = ux, \quad y' = u'x + u = 1 + u^2, \quad u'x = u^2 + u + 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{dx}{x} &= \int \frac{du}{u^2 + u + 1} = \int \frac{du}{(u - \frac{1}{2})^2 + 3/4} = \frac{4}{3} \int \frac{du}{\frac{4}{3}(u - \frac{1}{2})^2 + 1} \\ &= \frac{4}{3} \int \frac{du}{[\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}(u - \frac{1}{2})]^2 + 1} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \arctan\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}(u - \frac{1}{2})\right) + C \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\arctan\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}(y/x - 1/2)\right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \ln|x| + C$$

$$\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}(y/x - 1/2) = \tan\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \ln|x| + C\right)$$

$$y = x \left[\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \tan\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \ln|x| + C\right) + 1/2 \right]$$

6. Show that the ordinary differential equation

$$2xy - 9x^2 + (2y + x^2 + 1)y' = 0$$

is exact and find the general solution.

Since $\frac{\partial}{\partial y}(2xy - 9x^2) = 2x$ and $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(2y + x^2 + 1) = 2x$ are the same, the equation is exact. We now look for f such that $f_x = 2xy - 9x^2$ and $f_y = 2y + x^2 + 1$.

$$f = \int (2xy - 9x^2) dx = x^2y - 3x^3 + C(y)$$

$$f_y = x^2 - 0 + C'(y) = 2y + x^2 + 1.$$

$$C'(y) = 2y + 1 \quad C(y) = \int (2y + 1) dy = y^2 + y + C$$

Therefore the general solution is

$$x^2y - 3x^3 + y^2 + y = C.$$

7. Find the general solution to the differential equation

$$xy' - 2y = -x^3y^2.$$

This is Bernoulli equation with $n=2$. Then $u = y^{1-n} = 1/y$.

$$u' = -1/y^2 \cdot y' = -\frac{1}{y^2} \left(\frac{2y}{x} - x^2y^2 \right) = -\frac{2}{x}u + x^2$$

$$\text{We obtain } u' + \frac{2}{x}u = x^2, \quad I = e^{\int \frac{2}{x} dx} = e^{2 \ln x} = x^2$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(ux^2) = x^4$$

$$ux^2 = \int x^4 = \frac{1}{5}x^5 + C, \quad \frac{1}{y}x^2 = \frac{1}{5}x^5 + C$$

The general solution

$$y(x) = \frac{x^2}{\frac{1}{5}x^5 + C}.$$

8. Consider the differential equation $\ddot{x} + 5\dot{x} + 6x = \sin 3t$.

(i) Find a particular solution for this differential equation.

$$\begin{aligned} x_p &= A \sin 3t + B \cos 3t \\ \dot{x}_p &= 3A \cos 3t - 3B \sin 3t \\ \ddot{x}_p &= -9A \sin 3t - 9B \cos 3t \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 6x_p &= 6A \sin 3t + 6B \cos 3t \\ 5\dot{x}_p &= -15B \sin 3t + 15A \cos 3t \\ \ddot{x}_p &= -9A \sin 3t - 9B \cos 3t \end{aligned}$$

$$\sin 3t = (-3A - 15B) \sin 3t + (15A - 3B) \cos 3t$$

$$\begin{aligned} -3A - 15B &= 1 & 15A - 3B &= 0 & 5A - B &= 0 \\ & & \rightarrow -15A - 75B &= & & \end{aligned}$$

$$-78B = 5 \quad B = -\frac{5}{78}$$

$$A = \frac{B}{5} = -\frac{1}{78}$$

$$x_p(t) = -\frac{1}{78} \sin 3t - \frac{5}{78} \cos 3t$$

(ii) Find the general solution to this differential equation.

$$r^2 + 5r + 6 = (r+3)(r+2) \quad r = -3, -2$$

Complementary solution

$$x_c(t) = C_1 e^{-3t} + C_2 e^{-2t}$$

General solution

$$x(t) = x_c(t) + x_p(t)$$

$$= C_1 e^{-3t} + C_2 e^{-2t} - \frac{1}{78} \sin 3t - \frac{5}{78} \cos 3t$$

(iii) Find the unique solution such that $x(0) = 0$ and $\dot{x}(0) = 2$.

$$x(0) = C_1 + C_2 - \frac{5}{78} = 0$$

$$\dot{x}(t) = -3C_1 e^{-3t} - 2C_2 e^{-2t} - \frac{3}{78} \cos 3t + \frac{15}{78} \sin 3t$$

$$\dot{x}(0) = -3C_1 - 2C_2 - \frac{3}{78} = 2$$

$$2C_1 + 2C_2 - \frac{10}{78} = 0$$

$$3C_1 + 3C_2 - \frac{15}{78} = 0$$

$$-C_1 = 2 + \frac{13}{78} = \frac{13}{6}$$

$$C_2 = 2 + \frac{18}{78} = \frac{29}{13}$$

Therefore the unique solution is

$$x(t) = -\frac{13}{6} e^{-3t} + \frac{29}{13} e^{-2t} - \frac{1}{78} \sin 3t - \frac{5}{78} \cos 3t$$

9. Consider the initial value problem

$$y'' - 2y' + 2 = e^{-t} \quad \text{with} \quad y(0) = 3, \quad y'(0) = -1.$$

Use Laplace transforms to solve for $Y(s) = \mathcal{L}\{y\}$. Do not invert to find y .

$$\mathcal{L}\{y''\} - 2\mathcal{L}\{y'\} + \mathcal{L}\{2\} = \mathcal{L}\{e^{-t}\}$$

$$s^2 \mathcal{L}\{y\} - sy(0) - y'(0) - 2[s\mathcal{L}\{y\} - y(0)] + \frac{2}{s} = \frac{1}{s+1}$$

$$s^2 Y(s) - 3s + 1 - 2sY(s) + 6 + \frac{2}{s} = \frac{1}{s+1}$$

$$(s^2 - 2s)Y(s) = 3s - 7 - \frac{2}{s} + \frac{1}{s+1}$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{3s - 7 - \frac{2}{s} + \frac{1}{s+1}}{s(s-2)}$$

10. Find the following inverse Laplace transforms:

$$(i) \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{e^{-2s}}{s^2 + s - 2}\right\}(t) = u_2(t) \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{(s+2)(s-1)}\right\}(t-2)$$

$$\frac{1}{(s+2)(s-1)} = \frac{A}{s+2} + \frac{B}{s-1}$$

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

$$0 = A + B$$

$$1 = -A + 2B, \quad B = 1/3, \quad A = -1/3$$

$$\dots = u_2(t) \left[-\frac{1}{3} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s+2}\right\}(t-2) + \frac{1}{3} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s-1}\right\}(t-2) \right]$$

$$= u_2(t) \left[-\frac{1}{3} e^{-2(t-2)} + \frac{1}{3} e^{t-2} \right] = \frac{1}{3} u_2(t) (e^{t-2} - e^{-2(t-2)})$$

$$(ii) \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{2s+1}{4s^2+4s+5}\right\}(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{2s+1}{(s+1)^2+4}\right\}(t)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{s+1}{(s+1)^2+4}\right\}(t/2) = \frac{1}{2} e^{-t/2} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{s}{s^2+4}\right\}(t/2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} e^{-t/2} \cos[2(t/2)] = \frac{1}{2} e^{-t/2} \cos t.$$