

2.2 Linear Solutions: First Order

$I \subset \mathbb{R}$, $a, b : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Form:

$$y' + ay = b$$

Approach:

1. Hom. Solution f_1 for: $y' + ay = 0$

Note that \mathcal{S} has $\dim(\mathcal{S}) = 1$, so $f_1 \neq 0$ is a Basis for \mathcal{S}

2. Part. Solution f_0 for $y' + ay = b$

Solutions: $f_0 + zf_1$ for $z \in \mathbb{C}$

Explicit Homogeneous Solution

$A(x)$ is a primitive of a , $f(x_0) = y_0$

$$f_1(x) = z \cdot \exp(-A(x))$$

$$f_1(x) = y_0 \cdot \exp(A(x_0) - a(x))$$

Variation of Constants: Treating z as $z(x)$ yields:

Explicit Inhomogeneous Solution

$A(x)$ is a primitive of a

$$f_0(x) = \underbrace{\left(\int b(x) \cdot \exp(A(x)) \right)}_{z(x)} \cdot \exp(-A(x))$$

Method Educated Guess

Usually, y has a similar form to b :

$b(x)$	Guess
$a \cdot e^{\alpha x}$	$b \cdot e^{\alpha x}$
$a \cdot \sin(\beta x)$	$c \sin(\beta x) + d \cos(\beta x)$
$b \cdot \cos(\beta x)$	$c \sin(\beta x) + d \cos(\beta x)$
$a e^{\alpha x} \cdot \sin(\beta x)$	$e^{\alpha x} (c \sin(\beta x) + d \cos(\beta x))$
$b e^{\alpha x} \cdot \cos(\beta x)$	$e^{\alpha x} (c \sin(\beta x) + d \cos(\beta x))$
$P_n(x) \cdot e^{\alpha x}$	$R_n(x) \cdot e^{\alpha x}$
$P_n(x) \cdot e^{\alpha x} \sin(\beta x)$	$e^{\alpha x} (R_n(x) \sin(\beta x) + S_n(x) \cos(\beta x))$
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Remark If α, β are roots of $P(X)$ with multiplicity j , multiply guess with a $P_j(x)$.

2.3 Linear Solutions: Constant Coefficients

Form:

$$y^{(k)} + a_{k-1}y^{(k-1)} + \dots + a_1y' + a_0y = b$$

Where $a_0, \dots, a_{k-1} \in \mathbb{C}$ are constants, $b(x)$ is continuous.

2.3.1 Homogeneous Equations

The idea is to find a Basis of \mathcal{S} :

Def **Characteristic Polynomial** $P(X) = \prod_{i=1}^k (X - \alpha_i)$

Remark The unique roots $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l$ form a Basis:

$$\text{span}(\mathcal{S}) = \{x^j e^{\alpha_i x} \mid i \leq l, 0 \leq j \leq v_i\}$$

v_1, \dots, v_k are the Multiplicities of $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k$

Remark If $\alpha_j = \beta + \gamma i \in \mathbb{C}$ is a root, $\bar{\alpha}_j = \beta - \gamma i$ is too. To get a real-valued solution, apply:

$$e^{\alpha_j x} = e^{\beta x} (\cos(\gamma x) + i \sin(\gamma x))$$

Explicit Homogeneous Solution

Using $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k$ from $P(X)$ s.t. $\alpha_i \neq \alpha_j$, $z_i \in \mathbb{C}$ arbitrary

$$f(x) = \prod_{i=1}^k z_i \cdot e^{\alpha_i x} \quad \text{with} \quad f^{(j)(x)} = \prod_{i=1}^k z_i \cdot \alpha_i^j e^{\alpha_i x}$$

Multiple roots: same scheme, using the basis vectors of \mathcal{S}

Solutions exist $\forall Z = (z_1, \dots, z_k)$ since that system's $\det(M_Z) \neq 0$.

2.3.2 Inhomogeneous Equations

Method **Undetermined Coefficients:** An educated guess.

1. $b(x) = cx^d \cdot e^{\alpha x} \implies f_p(x) = Q(x)e^{\alpha x}$
 $\deg(Q) \leq d + v_\alpha$, where v_α is α 's multiplicity in $P(X)$

2. $b(x) = cx^d \cdot \cos(\alpha x)$
 $b(x) = cx^d \cdot \sin(\alpha x)$
 $\deg(Q_{i,2}) \leq d + v_\alpha$, where v_α is α 's multiplicity in $P(X)$

Remark **Applying Linearity**

If $b(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i(x)$, A solution for $b(x)$ is $f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(x)$
Sometimes called *Superposition Principle* in this context

2.4 Other Methods

Method **Change of Variable**

If $f(x)$ is replaced by $h(y) = f(g(y))$, then h is a sol. too.
Changes like $h(t) = f(e^t)$ may lead to useful properties.

Separation of Variables

Form:

$$y' = a(y) \cdot b(x)$$

Solve using:

$$\int \frac{1}{a(y)} dy = \int b(x) dx + c$$

Usually $\int 1/a(y) dy$ can be solved directly for $\ln|a(y)| + c$.

2.5 Method Overview

Method	Use case
Variation of constants	LDE with $\text{ord}(F) = 1$
Characteristic Polynomial	Hom. LDE w/ const. coeff.
Undetermined Coefficients	Inhom. LDE w/ const. coeff.
Separation of Variables	ODE s.t. $y' = a(y) \cdot b(x)$
Change of Variables	e.g. $y' = f(ax + by + c)$

3 Differential Calculus in \mathbb{R}^n

Treating functions $f : X \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R}^m$, $m, n \geq 1$

Notation $f(x)$ for $f : I \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ means:
 $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$, $f(x) = f(f_1(x), \dots, f_m(x))$

3.1 Multivariate functions

Def **Linear map** $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$

In other words: $f(x) = \mathbf{A}x$, $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$

Linear Maps are continuous

Def **Affine Linear map** $f(x) \mapsto \mathbf{A}x + c$

Def **Quadratic form** $Q : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

In other words: $Q(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^m (a_{i,j} x_i x_j)$

Def **Monomials** $M(x) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mapsto \alpha x_1^{d_1} \cdots x_n^{d_n}$

For example: $f(x, y, z) = 16x^2yz^5$

Def $\deg(M) := e = \sum_{i=1}^n d_i$

For example: $\deg(16x^2yz^5) = 8$

Def **Polynomials** $P(x) := \sum_{i=0}^n M_i(x)$

For example: $P(x, y, z) = x^3 + 25x^2y^6z + xy$

Polynomials are continuous.

Def $\deg(P) := d \geq \max\{\deg(M_i) \mid M_i \text{ in } P\}$

For example: $\deg(x^3 + 25x^2y^6z + xy) = 9$

Visualisations for some function types:

Def **Graph** $G_f := \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid z = f(x, y)\}$

Only for $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Visually, this is a surface in \mathbb{R}^3

Def **Vector Plots** for $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$

Points in $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ are displayed as vectors $f(x, y)$

3.2 Sequences in \mathbb{R}^n

Def **Sequences in \mathbb{R}^n**

$(x_k)_{k \geq 1}$ s.t. $x_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$ where $x_k = (x_{k,1}, \dots, x_{k,n})$

Def **Convergence in \mathbb{R}^n**

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (x_k) = y \iff \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \geq 1 : \forall k \geq N : \|x_k - y\| < \epsilon$$

Using this definition preserves many familiar results:

Lem. **Equivalent conditions to Convergence**

$$(i) \quad \forall i \text{ s.t. } 1 \leq i \leq n : \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (x_{k,i}) = y_i$$

$$(ii) \quad \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|x_k - y\| = 0$$

Def **Continuity in \mathbb{R}^n**

f continuous at $x_0 \in X \iff \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0 :$

$$\|x - x_0\| < \delta \implies \|f(x) - f(x_0)\| < \epsilon$$

f continuous $\iff \forall x \in X : f$ continuous at x

$X \subset \mathbb{R}^n, \quad f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$

Lem. **Continuity using Sequences**

f continuous at x_0 if and only if:

$$\forall (x_k)_{k \geq 1} : \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (x_k) = x_0 \implies \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (f(x_k)) = f(x_0)$$

$X \subset \mathbb{R}^n, \quad f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$

Def **Limits at points**

$$\lim_{x \neq x_0 \rightarrow x_0} (f(x)) = y \iff \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0 :$$

$$\forall x \neq x_0 \in X : \|x - x_0\| < \delta \implies \|f(x) - y\| < \epsilon$$

$X \subset \mathbb{R}^n, \quad f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m, \quad x_0 \in X, \quad y \in \mathbb{R}^m$

The sequence test for Continuity works for point-limits too.

Lem. **Continuity of Compositions**

$f : X \rightarrow Y, g : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$ continuous $\implies g \circ f$ continuous

$X \subset \mathbb{R}^n, \quad Y \subset \mathbb{R}^m, \quad p \geq 1$

Lem. **Continuity using Coordinate Functions**

$f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ continuous $\iff \forall i \leq m : f_i$ continuous

3.3 Subsets of \mathbb{R}^n

Def **Bounded**

$X \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ bounded $\iff \{\|x\| \mid x \in X\} \subset \mathbb{R}$ bounded.

Example: The open disc $D = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|x - x_0\| < r\}$ is bounded.

Def **Closed**

$X \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ closed $\iff \forall (x_k)_{k \geq 1} \in X : \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (x_k) \in X$

Example: \emptyset, \mathbb{R}^n are closed.

Def **Compact** if closed and bounded.

Example: The closed Disc $\Lambda = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|x - x_0\| \leq r\}$ is compact.

Lem. The Cartesian Product preserves these properties.

Lem. Continuous functions preserve closedness

\forall closed $Y : f^{-1}(Y) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid f(x) \in Y\}$ is closed.

$f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is continuous, $Y \subset \mathbb{R}^m$

Min-Max Theorem

For compact, non-empty $X \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, continuous $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$:

$$\exists x_1, x_2 \in X : f(x_1) = \sup_{x \in X} f(x), \quad f(x_2) = \inf_{x \in X} f(x)$$

3.4 Partial Derivatives