

Calculus 1/4

§ First order linear diff. eq.

$$y' + p(x) \cdot y = q(x) \quad (*)$$

To solve $(*)$, we consider

$$H(x) = \int p(x) dx$$

i.e. choose $H(x)$ s.t.

$$H'(x) = p(x)$$

Multiply $(*)$ by $e^{H(x)}$:

$$e^{H(x)} \cdot y' + \boxed{e^{H(x)} \cdot p(x)} y = e^{H(x)} \cdot q(x)$$

$$= (e^{H(x)} \cdot y)'$$

Thus,

$$e^{H(x)} y = \int e^{H(x)} q(x) dx$$

$$\Rightarrow y = e^{-H(x)} \int e^{H(x)} f(x) dx$$

$$= e^{-H(x)} \left(\int_a^x e^{H(t)} f(t) dt + C \right) \quad \#$$

Example

① Solve $y' + 1 \cdot y = 1$

p(x)

Sol

Consider

$$H(x) = \int p(x) dx = x \quad (+c)$$

Multiply the eq. by $e^{H(x)} = e^x$:

$$e^x (y' + y) = e^x$$

$$= e^x y' + (e^x)' \cdot y = (e^x y)'$$

$$\Rightarrow e^x y = e^x + C$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 1 + C \cdot e^{-x}$$

for some constant C #

② Solve

$$\begin{cases} y' + 2xy = x & \text{"initial value problem"} \\ y(0) = 2 \end{cases}$$

sol

Consider

$$H(x) = \int 2x dx = x^2 (+c)$$

Multiply the eq. by e^{x^2} :

$$e^{x^2} \cdot y' + \underbrace{e^{x^2} \cdot 2x}_{(e^{x^2})'} \cdot y = x \cdot e^{x^2}$$

$$= (e^{x^2} \cdot y)'$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{x^2} \cdot y = \int \underbrace{x \cdot e^{x^2}}_{= (\frac{1}{2} e^{x^2})'} dx$$

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

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

Solve C by $y(0) = 2$:

$$2 = y(0) = \frac{1}{2} + C \cdot e^{-0^2} = \frac{1}{2} + C$$

$$\Rightarrow C = 2 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{2}$$

So

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2} e^{-x^2} \quad \#$$

(3) (Newton's law of cooling)

Suppose it's 15°C and



$T(t)$ = temperature of coffee
at time t (minutes)

Assume

$$T(0) = 85^{\circ}\text{C}$$

$$T(3) = 65^{\circ}\text{C}$$

Then how many minutes do
you expect to wait for
the coffee to cool down
to 40°C ?

sol

By Newton,

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = -k(T-15)$$

where k is a constant.

↪ i.e. $T' + kT = 15k$

Consider

$$H(t) (= \int k dt) = kt$$

Multiply eq by e^{kt} :

$$e^{kt} \cdot T' + \underbrace{e^{kt} \cdot k \cdot T}_{=(e^{kt})'} = 15k \cdot e^{kt}$$

$$= (e^{kt} \cdot T)'$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{kt} \cdot T = \int 15k e^{kt} dt$$

$$\underbrace{\quad} \underbrace{\quad}^{kt} \underbrace{\quad}$$

$$= 15e + C$$

$$\Rightarrow T(t) = 15 + C \cdot e^{-kt}$$

(C and k are constant.)

Recall

$$\begin{cases} T(0) = 85 = 15 + C \cdot e^{-k \cdot 0} \\ \quad \quad \quad = 15 + C \\ T(3) = 65 = 15 + C \cdot e^{-k \cdot 3} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow C = 85 - 15 = 70$$

$$\Rightarrow \overset{50}{\cancel{65}} = \cancel{15} + 70 \cdot e^{-3k}$$

$$\Rightarrow -3k = \ln \frac{5}{7} \Rightarrow k = -\frac{1}{3} \cdot \ln \frac{5}{7} \\ \approx 0.11$$

Want:

$$T(t) \approx 15 + 70 e^{-0.11t} = 40$$

$$\Rightarrow t \approx \left(\ln \frac{25}{70} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{-0.11} \approx 9.4$$

(minutes)
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