

List 8*First-order linear ODEs*

187. Evaluate the following integrals using integration by parts:

$$(a) \int x \sin(x) dx = \boxed{\sin(x) - x \cos(x) + C}$$

$$(b) \int 3x \ln(x) dx = \boxed{\frac{3}{2}x^2 \ln(x) - \frac{3}{4}x^2}$$

$$(c) \int e^{5t/2} \sin(5t) dt = \boxed{\frac{2}{25}e^{5t/2} \sin(5t) - \frac{4}{25}e^{5t/2} \cos(5t)}$$

An order n **linear** ODE for y can be written in the form

$$a_n y^{(n)} + \cdots + a_2 y'' + a_1 y' + a_0 y = f,$$

where $a_i = a_i(t)$ and $f = f(t)$ are functions. The equation is called **homogeneous** if $f(t) = 0$ and **non-homogeneous** otherwise. If every $a_i(t)$ is a constant function, the equation **has constant coefficients** (note $f(t)$ can still be non-constant).

188. For each ODE below, state whether it is linear or not:

$$(a) y \cdot y' = 5t + 2 \quad \boxed{\text{not linear}}$$

$$(b) y' + y = t^2 \quad \boxed{\text{linear}}$$

$$(c) y' + y^2 = t^2 \quad \boxed{\text{not linear}}$$

$$(d) y' + ty = t^3 \quad \boxed{\text{linear}}$$

$$(e) \frac{y''}{t^2} = 3e^t + y \quad \boxed{\text{linear}} \quad (\text{can be re-written as } y'' - t^2 y = 3t^2 \sin(t))$$

$$(f) y = y' - e^t \quad \boxed{\text{linear}}$$

$$(g) y' = e^y + t \quad \boxed{\text{not linear}}$$

189. What is the order of the linear ODE $t^4 y'' + t^3 y' - y = t^5$? order $\boxed{2}$ because of y'' .

190. The following ODEs are linear. Label each as homogeneous or non-homogeneous.

$$(a) y' + (3t^2 - 6t + 14)y = 0 \quad \boxed{\text{homogeneous}}$$

$$(b) 2x' + 3x = 4 \quad \boxed{\text{non-homogeneous}}$$

$$(c) x' + (3t - 1)x = t^2 x \quad \boxed{\text{homogeneous}} \quad (\text{can be re-written as } x' + (3t - 1 - t^2)x = 0)$$

$$(d) y'' = 9y \quad \boxed{\text{homogeneous}}$$

$$(e) y'' + 9y' + t = 0 \quad \boxed{\text{non-homogeneous}} \quad (y'' + 9y' + 0y = -t)$$

191. "Every homogeneous first-order linear ODE is autonomous." Either use formulas to explain why this is true *or* give an example that shows this claim is false. $\boxed{\text{False}}$. One example: $y' + y = 1$ is not autonomous.

192. “Every homogeneous first-order linear ODE is separable.” Either use formulas to explain why this is true *or* give an example that shows this claim is false. True: $y' + a(x)y = 0$ is also $y' = -a(x)y$, which is exactly $y' = h(x)g(y)$, and therefore separable, with $h(x) = -a(x)$ and $g(y) = y$.

The **homogeneous first-order linear ODE** $y' = -a(x) \cdot y$ has general solution

$$y = Ce^{-A(x)},$$

where $A(x)$ is any antiderivative of $a(x)$, meaning $A'(x) = a(x)$.

For the **non-homogeneous first-order linear ODE** $y' + a(x) \cdot y = f(x)$, the general solution is

$$y = \left(\int e^{A(x)} \cdot f(x) dx \right) e^{-A(x)}.$$

This can also be written as $y = \frac{1}{M(x)} \int M(x)f(x) dx$, where $M(x) = e^{A(x)}$ is called the “integrating factor”.

193. Solve the following differential equations:

- (a) $y' - 2y = 7$. Method 1: Multiply the whole thing by e^{-2x} to get

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-2x}y' - 2e^{-2x}y &= 7e^{-2x} \\ (e^{-2x}y)' &= 7e^{-2x} \\ e^{-2x}y &= \frac{-7}{2}e^{-2x} + C \\ y &= \boxed{\frac{-7}{2} + Ce^{2x}} \end{aligned}$$

Method 2: Use the formula from the box to get

$$y' = \left(\int e^{-2x} \cdot 7 dx \right) e^{2x} = \left(\frac{-7}{2}e^{-2x} + C \right) e^{2x} = \boxed{\frac{-7}{2} + Ce^{2x}}.$$

- (b) $y' = y + 2x - 3$.

This is of the form $y' + ay = b$ with $a(x) = -1$ and $b(x) = 2x - 3$. Let $A(x) = -x$. Then

$$y' = e^x \left(\int e^{-x}(2x - 3) dx \right) = e^x \left((1 - 2x)e^{-x} + C \right) = \boxed{Ce^x - 2x + 1}.$$

- (c) $y' + (\sin t)y = e^{\cos t}$. $y = e^{\cos t}(t + C)$

- (d) $y' - \left(\frac{3x^2 - 2x + 3}{x^2 + 1} \right) y - \frac{e^{3x}}{x^2 + 1} = 0$. $a(x) = \frac{3x^2 - 2x + 3}{x^2 + 1} = 3 - \frac{2x}{x^2 + 1}$.

$$A(x) = \ln(x^2 + 1) - 3x = \ln\left(\frac{x^2 + 1}{e^{3x}}\right) \text{ leads to } \boxed{y = \frac{e^{3x}}{x^2 + 1}(x + C)}.$$

194. Solve the following initial value problems:

- (a) $y' = y + 2x - 3$, $y(0) = 9$. From **Task 193b**, $y = Ce^x - 2x + 1$ for some C . For the IVP, $9 = Ce^0 - 2(0) + 1 = C + 1$, so $y = 8e^x - 2x + 1$.

- (b) $y' = \frac{-xy}{x+1}$, $y(1) = 3$. From $\int \frac{dy}{y} = \int \frac{-x}{x+1} dx$ we get $\ln(y) = \ln(x+1) - x + C$, and so the general solution is $y = Ce^{-x}(x+1)$. From $y(1) = 3$ we get $C = \frac{3e}{2}$ and so $y = \frac{3e}{2}e^{1-x}(x+1)$.

(c) $\frac{y'}{\cos(t)} + y \tan(t) = \frac{e^{\cos t}}{\cos(t)}$, $y(0) = e$. After multiplying this entire ODE by $\cos(t)$, it becomes exactly the ODE from **Task 193c**. The general solution is thus $y = e^{\cos t}(t+C)$, and $y(0) = e$ implies $C = 1$, so $y = e^{\cos t}(t+1)$.

(d) $x^2 y' = y^2$, $y(2) = 4$. General: $y = \frac{x}{Cx+1}$. Initial condition leads to $C = \frac{1}{4}$ and $y = \frac{4x}{4-x}$.

195. Solve the initial value problem

$$2y' - y = 4 \sin(3t), \quad y(0) = y_0,$$

and then answer the following questions:

- (a) For which values of y_0 does $y(t)$ go towards $+\infty$ as $t \rightarrow +\infty$?
- (b) For which values of y_0 does $y(t)$ go towards $-\infty$ as $t \rightarrow +\infty$?
- (c) For which values of y_0 does $y(t)$ remain bounded as $t \rightarrow +\infty$?

This is a linear first-order ODE with general solution

$$y = \frac{-4}{37}(\sin(3t) + 6 \cos(3t)) + Ce^{t/2}.$$

As $t \rightarrow \infty$, the trig part $\frac{-4}{37}(\dots)$ is bounded but the exponential part $Ce^{t/2}$ can go to $+\infty$, $-\infty$, or 0 depending on whether C is positive, negative, or 0.

Plugging in $t = 0$ gives $y(0) = \frac{-24}{37} + C$, and this must equal y_0 , so $C = \frac{24}{37} + y_0$.

a) $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t) = \infty$ when $C > 0$, which is when $\frac{24}{37} + y_0 > 0$, or $y_0 > \frac{-24}{37}$.

b) When $C < 0$, which is $y_0 < \frac{-24}{37}$.

b) When $C = 0$, which is $y_0 = \frac{-24}{37}$.

196. Solve the non-homogeneous first-order linear ODE

$$y' - \tan(t)y = 2t \sec(t) \tag{*}$$

in three different ways:

(a) "Variation of parameters." The solution to the homogeneous equation

$$y' - \tan(t)y = 0$$

is $y = C \sec(t)$ for a constant number C . Assume that the solution to (*) is of the form

$$y = g(t) \cdot \sec(t)$$

for some function $g(t)$, and determine what $g(t)$ must be.

$y' = g(t) \sec(t) \tan(t) + g'(t) \sec(t)$, so

$$y' - \tan(t)y = g(t) \sec(t) \tan(t) + g'(t) \sec(t) - \tan(t)g(t) \sec(t)$$

$$y' - \tan(t)y = g'(t) \sec(t)$$

$$2t \sec(t) = g'(t) \sec(t)$$

gives that $g'(t) = 2t$, so $g(t) = t^2 + C$, and thus $y = (t^2 + C) \sec(t)$.

(b) “Integrating factor.” Multiplying (*) by any function $M(t)$ gives

$$My' - M \tan(t) y = M 2t \sec(t).$$

If $M(t) \tan(t)$ were exactly $-M'(t)$, then we could re-write this as

$$My' + M'y = M 2t \sec(t)$$

$$(My)' = M 2t \sec(t).$$

The solution to $M \tan(t) = -M'$ is $M = e^{(-\int \tan(t) dt)}$. Use this to solve (*).

$$y = \frac{1}{\cos(t)} \int \cos(t) 2t \sec(t) dt = \sec(t) \int 2t dt = \boxed{(t^2 + C) \sec(t)}.$$

(c) Big formula. $y' + a(t)y = f(t)$ is always solved by $y = \left(\int e^{A(t)} f(t) dt \right) e^{-A(t)}$, where $A'(t) = a(t)$. Use $a(t) = -\tan(t)$ and $f(t) = 2t \sec(t)$ in this formula to solve (*).

$$\begin{aligned} A(t) &= -\log(\cos(t)), \text{ so } y = \left(\int e^{\log(\cos(t))} 2t \sec(t) dt \right) e^{-\log(\cos(t))} \\ &= \left(\int 2t dt \right) \sec(t) = \boxed{(t^2 + C) \sec(t)}. \end{aligned}$$

197. Solve the ODE

$$t y' + y = t^3$$

using any of the three methods from the previous task.

Standard form: $y' + \frac{1}{t}y = t^2$. General solution: $y = \frac{t^3}{4} + \frac{C}{t}$.

The **Laplace transform** of a function $f = f(t)$ is written $\mathcal{L}[f]$ and is the function

$$F(s) = \int_0^\infty f(t)e^{-st} dt = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^b f(t)e^{-st} dt.$$

Note that $\mathcal{L}[f]$ is a function of “ s ” while f was a function of “ t ” (these are the most common letters to use; what is important is that they are not the same variable). Instead of computing integrals every time, we often use these common examples:

$f(t)$	t^n	e^{rt}	$\sin(\omega t)$	$\cos(\omega t)$
$F(s)$	$\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$	$\frac{1}{s-r}$	$\frac{\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2}$	$\frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2}$

☆ 198. Find $\mathcal{L}[t^2]$ by computing $\int_0^\infty t^2 e^{-st} dt$. This requires integration by parts twice.

Final answer: $\frac{2}{s^3}$

199. For each of the functions below, find $F(s) = \mathcal{L}[f(t)]$ using the table of common Laplace transforms.

(a) $f(t) = 1$. $\mathcal{L}[t^0] = \frac{0!}{s^{0+1}} = \frac{1}{s}$ or $\mathcal{L}[e^{0t}] = \frac{1}{s-0} = \frac{1}{s}$

(b) $f(t) = t \cdot \frac{1}{s^2}$

(c) $f(t) = t^5 \cdot \frac{120}{s^6}$

(d) $f(t) = e^t \cdot \frac{1}{s-1}$

(e) $f(t) = e^{-t} \cdot \frac{1}{s+1}$

(f) $f(t) = \sin(9t) \cdot \frac{9}{s^2 + 81}$

200. Give $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{-2}{s^2+4}\right]$, the inverse Laplace transform of $\frac{-2}{s^2+4}$. That is, find a function $f(t)$ for which $F(s) = \mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \frac{-2}{s^2+4}$. $\sin(-2t) = \boxed{-\sin(2t)}$

201. Solve the equation

$$sY - 4 - 3Y = \frac{1}{s-5}$$

for Y . (This is only an algebra task. It could have been on List 0.)

$$Y = \frac{4s-19}{s^2-8s+15}$$

202. Find numbers A and B such that $\frac{5s-28}{s^2-10s+16} = \frac{A}{s-2} + \frac{B}{s-8}$.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{5s-28}{(s-2)(s-8)} &= \frac{A}{s-2} + \frac{B}{s-8} \\ 5s-28 &= A(s-8) + B(s-2) \\ 5s-28 &= As-8A+Bs-2B \\ 5s-28 &= (A+B)s + (-8A-2B)\end{aligned}$$

Therefore $\begin{cases} A+B=5 \\ -8A-2B=-28 \end{cases}$. The solution to this system is $\boxed{A=3, B=2}$.

203. Solve

$$6F(s) + s \cdot F(s) - 4 = \frac{8}{s}$$

for $F(s)$ and then give the partial fraction decomposition of $F(s)$.

$$F(s) = \frac{-4s+8}{s^2+6s} = \frac{4/3}{s} + \frac{-16/3}{s+6}$$

Properties:

- $\mathcal{L}[c \cdot f(t) + g(t)] = c \mathcal{L}[f(t)] + \mathcal{L}[g(t)]$ for constant c .
- $\mathcal{L}[f(ct)] = \frac{1}{c} F\left(\frac{s}{c}\right)$ for constant c .
- $\mathcal{L}[e^{kt} \cdot f(t)] = F(s-k)$ for constant k .
- $\mathcal{L}[t \cdot f(t)] = -\frac{dF}{ds}$. This implies $\mathcal{L}[t^n f] = (-1)^n \cdot F^{(n)}(s)$.
- $\mathcal{L}[f'(t)] = s \cdot F(s) - f(0)$. This implies $\mathcal{L}[f''] = s^2 \cdot F(s) - s \cdot f(0) - f'(0)$.

204. For the functions

$$x(t) = te^t, \quad y(t) = e^{5t} \sin(2t), \quad z(t) = 2t^2 + e^{5t}t^3,$$

find $X(s) = \mathcal{L}[x(t)]$ and $Y(s) = \mathcal{L}[y(t)]$ and $Z(s) = \mathcal{L}[z(t)]$.

For x , Method 1: $\int_0^\infty te^te^{-st} dt = \int_0^\infty te^{(1-s)t} dt = \frac{1}{(s-1)^2}$ using integration by parts.

Method 2: Set $f(t) = t$, so $F(s) = \frac{1}{s^2}$. Then $\mathcal{L}[e^{1t}f(t)] = F(s-1) = \frac{1}{(s-1)^2}$.

Method 3: Set $g(t) = e^t$, so $G(s) = \frac{1}{s-1}$. Then $\mathcal{L}[tg(t)] = -G'(s) = \frac{1}{(s-1)^2}$.

$$Y(s) = \frac{2}{(s-5)^2 + 4}$$

$$Z(s) = \frac{4}{s^3} + \frac{6}{(s-5)^4}$$

205. Find the function from its Laplace transform:

(a) $F(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + 16} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \sin(4t)$

(b) $F(s) = \frac{9}{s^2 + 3s} \cdot F(s) = \frac{9}{s(s+3)} = \frac{3}{s} + \frac{-3}{s+3}$, so $f(t) = 3 - 3e^{-3t}$.

(c) $X(s) = \frac{s-4}{s^2-4} \cdot F(s) = \frac{s-4}{(s+2)(s-2)} = \frac{3/2}{s+2} + \frac{-1/2}{s-2}$, so $f(t) = \frac{3}{2}e^{-2t} - \frac{1}{2}e^{2t}$.

(d) $Y(s) = \frac{7s+6}{s^2+9} \cdot F(s) = 7\left(\frac{s}{s^2+9}\right) + 2\left(\frac{3}{s^2+9}\right)$, so $f(t) = 7 \cos(3t) + 2 \sin(3t)$.

(e) $F(s) = \frac{5s-28}{s^2-10s+16} \cdot F(s) = \frac{3}{s-2} + \frac{2}{s-8}$ from **Task 202**, so $f(t) = 3e^{2t} + 2e^{8t}$.

206. Re-write $\mathcal{L}[x'] = \mathcal{L}[3x - 7y]$ as an equation with X, Y, s , and the number $x(0)$. Here $X = X(s)$ is the Laplace transform of $x = x(t)$, and similarly $Y = \mathcal{L}[y]$.

$$sX - x(0) = 3X - 7Y$$

207. Solve the non-homogeneous first-order linear IVP

$$y' - 3y = e^{5t}, \quad y(0) = 4$$

in four different ways:

- (a) "Variation of parameters"
- (b) "Integrating factor"
- (c) "Big formula"
- (d) "Laplace transformation"

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}[y'] - 3\mathcal{L}[y] &= \mathcal{L}[e^{5t}] \\ (sY - 4) - 3Y &= \frac{1}{s-5} \end{aligned}$$

Solving this last equation for Y (see **Task 201**) gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 Y &= \frac{4s - 19}{s^2 - 8s + 15} \\
 y &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{4s - 19}{s^2 - 8s + 15}\right] \\
 y &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{7/2}{s - 3} + \frac{1/2}{s - 5}\right] \\
 y &= \frac{7}{2}\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s - 3}\right] + \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s - 5}\right] \\
 \boxed{y} &= \frac{7}{2}e^{3t} + \frac{1}{2}e^{5t}
 \end{aligned}$$

208. Solve the IVP

$$x' + 6x = 8, \quad x(0) = -4$$

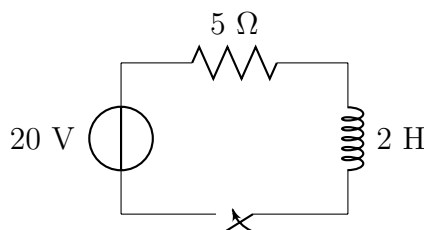
using any of the four methods from the previous task.

Laplace: $(sX - 4) + 6X = \frac{8}{s}$. From **Task 203**,

$$X = \frac{-4s + 8}{s^2 + 6s} = \frac{4/3}{s} + \frac{-16/3}{s + 6}$$

so $\boxed{x = \frac{4}{3} - \frac{16}{3}e^{-6t}}$.

209. *RL circuit (DC)*: When the switch in the circuit



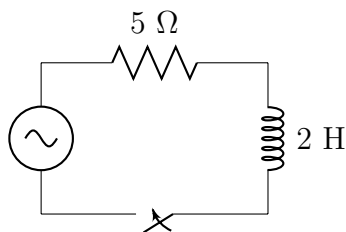
is closed, the current $i = i(t)$ flowing through the circuit satisfies

$$2\frac{di}{dt} + 5i = 20, \quad i(0) = 0.$$

Solve this IVP.

Note: this task is **not** starred. I will never require you to analyze a circuit in this class, but I do expect you to be able to solve $2y' + 5y = 20$, $y(0) = 0$, which is exactly this task using different letters. $\boxed{i(t) = 4 - 4e^{-2.5t}}$

210. *RL circuit (AC)*: If the direct-current battery in Task 209 is replaced by an alternating current source $\mathcal{E} = 20 \sin(5t)$,



the differential equation becomes

$$2 \frac{di}{dt} + 5i = 20 \sin(5t), \quad i(0) = 0.$$

Solve this IVP.

Int. factor: $M = e^{\int \frac{5}{2} dt} = e^{2.5t}$, and (see **Task 187c**)

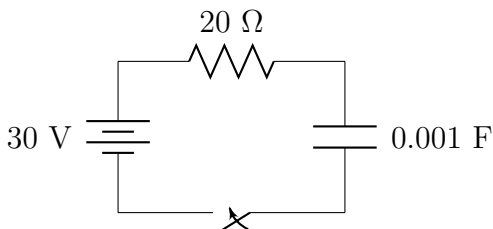
$$\int M f dt = 20 \int e^{2.5t} \sin(5t) dt = 20 \left(\frac{2}{25} e^{2.5t} \sin(5t) - \frac{4}{25} e^{2.5t} \cos(5t) \right)$$

Laplace: $5I - 2sI = 20 \left(\frac{5}{s^2 + 25} \right)$, so

$$I = \frac{100}{(2s + 5)(s^2 + 25)} = \frac{16}{10s + 25} + \frac{4}{s^2 + 25} - \frac{8s}{5s^2 + 125}$$

Either way, $i = \frac{8}{5} e^{-2.5t} + \frac{4}{5} \sin(5t) - \frac{8}{5} \cos(5t)$

211. *RC circuit, charging:* When the switch in the circuit



is closed, the charge $q = q(t)$ in the capacitor satisfies

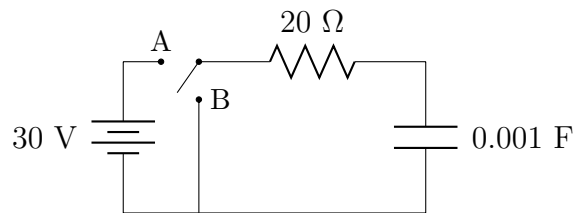
$$20 \frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{1}{0.001} q = 30, \quad q(0) = 0.$$

Solve the IVP, and then determine $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} q(t)$.

$q = 0.03(1 - e^{-50t})$, so as $t \rightarrow \infty$ we get $q \rightarrow 0.03$, or 30 mC.

Note: $\text{---} \parallel \parallel \text{---}$ and $\text{---} \bigcirc \text{---}$ and $\text{---} (+) \bigcirc \text{---}$ are basically all the same.

212. *RC circuit, discharging:* When the switch in the circuit



is at position A, the circuit behaves like the one in Task 211. When the switch moves to position B at $t = 0$, the capacitor starts discharging according to

$$20 \frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{1}{0.001}q = 0, \quad q(0) = 0.03$$

Solve this IVP. $q = 0.03e^{-50t}$

☆ 213. For each of the following, your formula for $q(t)$ will have some or all of R, C, \mathcal{E}, Q_0 as constants.

(a) Charging from zero: Solve $q' + \frac{1}{RC}q = \frac{\mathcal{E}}{R}$, $q(0) = 0$. $q(t) = C\mathcal{E}(1 - e^{-t/(RC)})$

(b) Discharging: Solve $q' + \frac{1}{RC}q = 0$, $q(0) = Q_0$. $q(t) = Q_0e^{-t/(RC)}$

(c) Charging from a non-zero start: Solve $q' + \frac{1}{RC}q = \frac{\mathcal{E}}{R}$, $q(0) = Q_0$.

$$q(t) = C\mathcal{E} + (Q_0 - C\mathcal{E})e^{-t/(RC)}$$

(d) Compare part (c) to Task 182, Newton's Law of Cooling. They are basically the same, just with different names for the constants!

$$\text{function}(t) = a + be^{-ct}$$