

Dynamical Systems and Control
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Lecture – 01
Formulation of Dynamical System - I

Hello friends. Welcome to this lecture. In this lecture, we start with the definition of dynamical system. So let us discuss what we are going to discuss. So first let us define what is known as a system.

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Introduction

A system is defined as a collection, set or arrangement of objects which are related to each other by interactions and produce various outputs in response to different inputs.

Moreover, a system is called dynamical system if it varies with respect to time.

For example:

- Electromechanical machines such as motor car, aircraft.
- Biological systems such as human body.
- Economic structures of countries or regions.

In fact anything that evolves over time can be thought of as a dynamical system. Mathematically, a dynamical system is described by an initial value problem.

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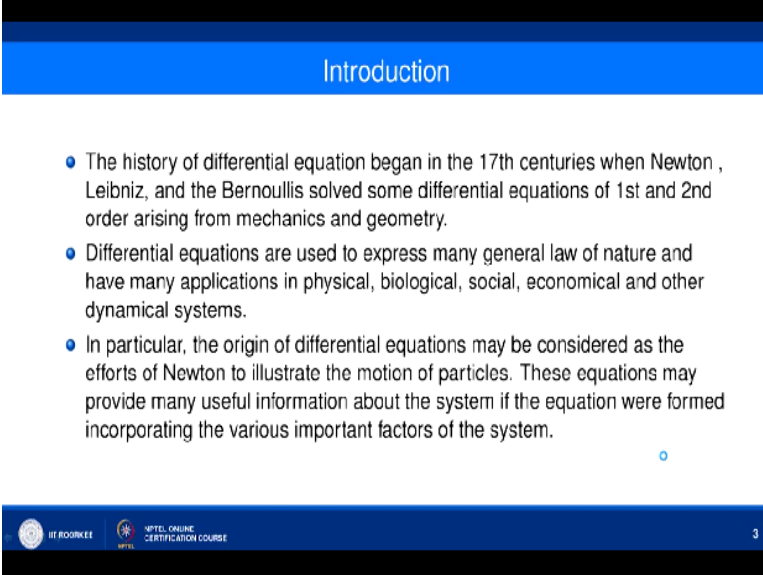
So a system is defined as a collection, set, or arrangement of objects. Basically, it is either collection of objects, set of objects or arrangement of objects in a way that they are related to each other by interactions and produce various outputs in response to different inputs. So if we have say some objects, they are collected or they are arranged in a way that they are interrelated and they produce different outputs corresponding to different inputs.

We call that kind of arrangement as a system. And a system is called dynamical system if it varies with respect to time t . So for example you take electromechanical machines such that motor, aircraft, washing machine, all these kind of electromechanical machines are coming under this dynamical system. And biological systems such as human body and the body of different species, they are all coming in the dynamical system.

And economic structures of countries or regions. So if you take, consider any country and consider the economic structure of that country, then it becomes a system which varies with respect to time t . And we call the structure as a dynamical system structure. And in fact, anything that evolves over time, can be thought of as a dynamical system. So any system which evolves over time, we call that as a dynamical system.

And if we model that dynamical system in terms of mathematical model, then generally a dynamical system is described by an initial value problem of differential equation. So in this particular lecture, we focus on concept related to initial value problem, what is initial value problem, what is differential equation and try to see certain examples of dynamical system at the end. So let us start with the history of differential equation.

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- The history of differential equation began in the 17th centuries when Newton , Leibniz, and the Bernoullis solved some differential equations of 1st and 2nd order arising from mechanics and geometry.
- Differential equations are used to express many general law of nature and have many applications in physical, biological, social, economical and other dynamical systems.
- In particular, the origin of differential equations may be considered as the efforts of Newton to illustrate the motion of particles. These equations may provide many useful information about the system if the equation were formed incorporating the various important factors of the system.

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So the history of differential equation began in the 17th century when Newton, Leibniz and Bernoulli's brothers solved some differential equation of first and second order arising from mechanics and geometry. So in the beginning, all these problems started with a problem of mechanics problem of geometry and they tried to solve these problems using geometrical tools and all that.

And in the process, they tried to solve some first and second order differential equation. Now

differential equation are used to express many general law of nature and have many applications in physical, biological, social, economical and other dynamical systems. And in particular, we can consider the origin of differential equation as the effort of Newton to illustrate the motion of particles.

And these equations may provide many useful information about the system if the equation were formed incorporating the various important factor of the system. So if you consider a real bird problem and then you consider the change in some kind of dependent variable and that dependent variable if it is a very important factor of the dynamical system, then by looking at their dynamical system, by solving their dynamical system, we are able to predict the behaviour of the dependent variable which plays a very vital role in that particular dynamical system.

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The slide is titled "Definition with examples" in a blue header. The main text defines a differential equation as a relation between independent variables, dependent variables, and their first or higher order derivatives. It then lists two types: Ordinary Differential Equations (ODE) and Partial Differential Equations (PDE). A specific definition for ODE is provided, stating that there is only one independent variable t on an interval $I := \{t : a < t < b\}$, and the function $y(t)$ is defined on this interval. The slide footer includes the IIT Roorkee logo and the text "NPTEL ONLINE CERTIFICATION COURSE" with the number "4" in the bottom right corner.

So let us say that a differential equation is a relation between independent variables. So most of the time when you deal with dynamical system and when you rewrite in terms of mathematical terms, it turns out to be a differential equation. So most often it is coming out to be for any differential equation. So here, we will focus in this lecture and in the subsequent lectures also, we will focus on dynamical system as a differential equation.

So here, let us start with what we call as differential equation. So a differential equation is a relation between independent variable, dependent variable and its first or higher order

derivatives. And depending on the number of independent variables, we may classify the differential equations into 2 parts. First one is ordinary differential equation. Second one is partial differential equation.

So in ordinary differential equation, the number of independent variable is only 1. And in partial differential independent variable equation, the number of independent variable is 2 or more than 2. So we will focus on ordinary differential equation. So let y define a function of t on an interval I where I is some non-trivial interval starting from a to b where b is bigger than a . Now by an ordinary differential equation we define an equation, an equation involving t , y and its one or more higher derivatives.

So any equation which involves the independent variable, dependent variable and its derivative say at least 1 derivative or say more than 1 derivative which may be first or high order derivatives. And that we call as, that equation we call as differential equation. So here are some examples of ordinary differential equation.

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Here are some examples of ordinary differential equations:

- 1 $\frac{dy}{dt} = \alpha y, \alpha > 0; \checkmark$
- 2 $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = g; \checkmark$
- 3 $\frac{dy}{dt} = \alpha y - \beta y^2, \alpha, \beta > 0; \checkmark$
- 4 $m \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = mg - \alpha \frac{dy}{dt}; \checkmark$



First one is $dy/dt = \alpha y$ where α is some positive constant and $d^2y/dt^2 = g$, g is some constant. And $dy/dt = \alpha y - \beta y^2$ where α , β are some positive constants and fourth one is $m d^2y/dt^2 = mg - \alpha dy/dt$. So these are some very trivial example of ordinary differential equation. And in fact all these examples have some, originated from some real work

problem.

For example, the first problem $dy/dt = \alpha y$ basically represents a very simple example of population dynamics where this y represents the population of a given species at time t . And this simply says that when there is no interaction with the environment, then the population growth can be given by this equation $dy/dt = \alpha y$. And if you look at the second equation, second equation is basically representing the freefall of a particle from a height, some height.

So it means that when your particle is say falling under the influence of gravity and there is no other say friction or there is no other hindrance, then the motion of the particle can be modelled by this equation $d^2y/dt^2 = g$. Now if you look at the equation number 3, then equation number 3 is slight modification of the differential equation given in 1 where we have considered one additional term that is βy^2 and we will see why this βy^2 is given.

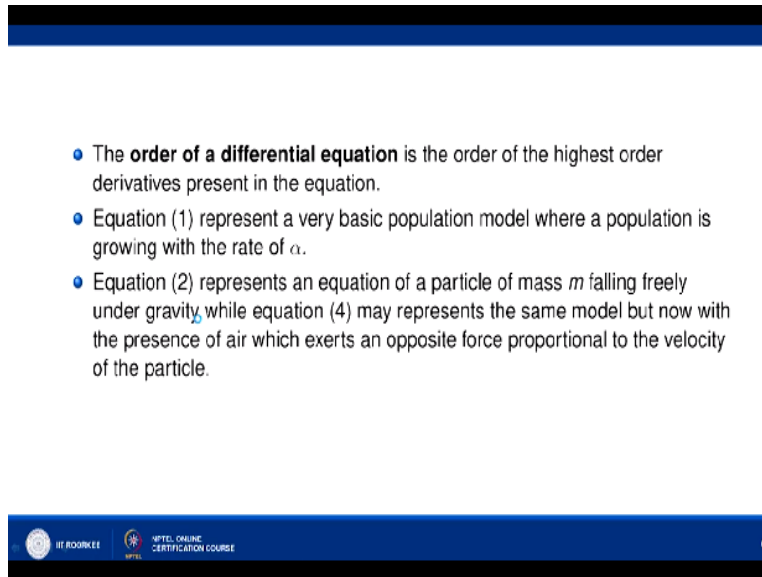
So this is say modification of simple population model and this model is also known as logistic model. We will discuss more about this model further time of duration. And the fourth is $md^2y/dt^2 = mg - \alpha dy/dt$. If you look at in this, if $\alpha = 0$, then it reduces to the differential equation given in 2. And if α is non-0, then it will turn out to be this. In fact, it is representing the same, the motion of a particle falling from some height.

The only thing is that now we are also considering that there is some kind of resistance due to air and that resistance is proportional to the velocity of the particle. So here resistance means it is negating the motion of the particle. So in that case, your motion of particle can be given as $md^2y/dt^2 = mg - \alpha dy/dt$. Here g represents the gravitational force. So in second and fourth, here g represents the gravitational force.

So it means that fourth is representing the differential equation which represents motion of particle when there is some kind of resistance due to air. So these are some simple examples of ordinary differential equation. Now we define certain basic things so that we can discuss more about differential equations. So first important part is the order of a differential equation. So what is order of a differential equation? Order of a differential equation is order of the highest order

derivative present in the equation.

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- The **order of a differential equation** is the order of the highest order derivatives present in the equation.
- Equation (1) represent a very basic population model where a population is growing with the rate of α .
- Equation (2) represents an equation of a particle of mass m falling freely under gravity, while equation (4) may represents the same model but now with the presence of air which exerts an opposite force proportional to the velocity of the particle.

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So you consider equation and look at the highest order present in that particular equation. That is considered to be the order of the differential equation. For example, in the first, the highest order derivative present is only 1 that is dy/dt . So this is first order differential equation. Similarly, this equation number third is also first order differential equation. While as your equation number 4 and 2, there are 2 derivatives present.

One is dy/dt . Another one is d^2y/dt . And the highest order is d^2y/dt . So it means that here, the second order derivative is present. So the order of the differential equation is coming out to be 2. So it means that equation number 2 and equation number 4 is an example of second order ordinary differential equation where as this equation number 1 and 3 is an example of first order differential equation. So first we try to know what is order of differential equation.

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Basic concepts

An ordinary differential equation of n^{th} order is defined as

$$F(t, y, \dots, y^{(n)}) = 0, \quad (1)$$

here $y^{(i)}$, ($i = 1, \dots, n$), represents the i th derivatives of the unknown function y . Here F is defined in some subset of \mathbb{R}^{n+2} and provides a relation between the $(n+2)$ variables $t, y, \dots, y^{(n)}$.

Because of the implicit nature of $F(t, y, \dots, y^{(n)}) = 0$, equation (1) may represent a collection of differential equations rather than a single differential equation.

Then look at the basic concept of ordinary differential equation. So as we have already discussed that an ordinary differential equation of n th order is defined as a relation, an equation between t independent variable, y dependent variable and its higher order derivatives 1 or more higher order derivatives. So any relation between t, y, y dash up to $y^{(n)}=0$, this is known as ordinary differential equation and the highest order present is given here $y^{(n)}$.

So this is an example of n th order ordinary differential equation. Because number of independent variable is only 1, that is t here. So here this $y^{(i)}$, where i is running from 1 to n , represents the i th derivative of the unknown function y . And here F is defined in some subset of \mathbb{R}^{n+2} here and provides a relation between the $n+2$ th variable that is t, y, y dash t, y double dash t up to $y^{(n)} t$. So basically this 1 represents the n th order ordinary differential equation.

But there is a small thing we need to consider here that here this function F may be an implicit function of t, y and y dash. So here equation 1 may represent a collection of differential equations rather than a single differential equation. So here because of it may happen that your function F is defined in implicit manner, then this equation number 1 may represent more than 1 differential equation at a time. In fact, here in this particular thing here y is representing a scalar valued function.

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Consider the following differential equation $(y')^3 - 3t^2y'^2 + 3yy' = 0$. It is given in the form (1) but it represents a combination of more than one ordinary differential equations.

$$\begin{aligned} (y')^3 - 3t^2(y')^2 + yy' &= 0, \checkmark \\ \Rightarrow y' \{(y')^2 - 3t^2y' + 3y\} &= 0, \\ \Rightarrow y' = 0 \text{ or } y' &= (3t^2 \pm \sqrt{9t^4 - 12y})/2. \end{aligned}$$

So in order to avoid the ambiguity, we assume that given ordinary differential equation is solvable in terms of the highest order derivative and written as in the following form known as normal form or canonical form

$$y^n = g(t, y, \dots, y^{n-1}). \checkmark \quad (2)$$



So consider the following differential equation, $y^3 - 3t^2y^2 + 3yy' = 0$. If you look at this as a equation, this is a relation between t , y . So t here y , y' and y . So basically it is a relation between t , y and y' . So I can call this as a differential equation. But here you can see that here y' , this is an implicit differential equation in terms of implicit relation between t , y and y' .

So what we try to do here. We try to see that this actually represents more than 1 ordinary differential equation. If you simplify this further, then I can write this as $y^3 - 3t^2y^2 + yy' = 0$. So y' * this thing, that is $y^3 - 3t^2y^2 + 3y = 0$. So I can write this as $y' = 0$ or $y' = (3t^2 \pm \sqrt{9t^4 - 12y})/2$.

So basically this simple one ordinary differential equation may give rise to your 3 different ordinary differential equations. So here rather than considering this kind of relation, we assume that to order, to avoid the ambiguity, we assume that the given differential equation is solvable in terms of the highest order derivative. So highest order derivative is here in this y' , so it means that if it is solvable in terms of the highest order derivative, then we can rewrite the equation number 1 as in this manner, that is $y^n = g(t, y, y', \dots, y^{n-1})$.

So here, this, in this way we say that if y is a scalar valued function, then this will represent a

single ordinary differential equation. Rather than considering the multiple ordinary differential equation as a one group, we consider the normal form or canonical form. And from now onwards, we assume that whenever we talk about ordinary differential equation, we are talking about the ordinary differential equation given in terms of normal form or canonical form.

So it means that your differential equation is solvable in terms of the highest order derivative and assuming the form given in 2. Now consider, once we know what is differential equation, then we try to know what is the solution of the differential equation. So we define solution of the differential equation as follows.

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Definition 1
A function $\phi(t)$ is called a solution of (2) on $t \in I := (a, b)$ if it satisfies the following conditions

- $\phi(t)$ is defined and n times differentiable on I ,
- $\phi(t)$ satisfies the equation (2) for each $t \in I$. ✓

The aim of the study of ordinary differential equation is to find the unknown function represented in an explicit form, preferably in terms of elementary function. In the absence of an explicit form, one need to study the behavior of solutions by available analytical methods.

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A function $\phi(t)$ is called a solution of equation number 2 given in normal form on an interval I which is given as a, b where b is bigger than a and if it satisfies the following condition that $\phi(t)$ is defined on this interval and it should be n times differentiable on this interval I . And second thing that $\phi(t)$ satisfies the equation 2 for each $t \in I$. So if we are able to find out such a function, we call such a function as a solution of the differential equation given in normal form that is this kind of form.

So this is the definition of solution of the differential equation. And we, in all the problems, we are trying to find out the solution of differential equation defined in terms of this definition. So the aim of the study of the ordinary differential equation is to find the unknown function

represented it in an explicit form that it should be, that y is defined in terms of t using some elementary functions.

So what are elementary functions, some examples of elementary functions are these sine function, trigonometric functions, polynomials and logarithmic functions. So it means that our primary aim is to represent y in terms of t in terms of elementary, using elementary functions. And in the absence of an explicit form, we need to study the behaviour of solutions by available analytical methods.

So in case of when we are not able to find out the solution given in terms of explicit form, we try to focus on the properties of the solution given in terms of implicit form.

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Classification

Before looking for a solution or any qualitative properties, we want to know the class or group in which the equation belongs to. There are various ways available to classify the given ordinary differential equation. Some of the commonly used classification are listed as follows.

- ✓ • Classification based on dependent variables: Linear or Nonlinear.
- ✓ • Classification based on conditions: Initial value Problem (IVP) or boundary value problem (BVP).

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So we know what is the solution and what is the aim of the study. Now to start with the solution procedure, we classify our differential equation. So the classification is basically based on, mainly based on 2 categories. First is classification based on dependent variables that is linear or nonlinear. So the classification based on dependent variable gives you a linear differential equation or a nonlinear differential equation.

And the second one is a classification based on conditions whether it is initial value problem or say boundary value problem. So we will discuss one by one what are these classifications and

how we can classify a given differential equation. So first consider the differential equation given in normal form that is $y^{(n)} = g(t, y, y', \dots, y^{(n-1)})$.

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Linear and Non-linear Differential Equation

Consider the differential equation

$$y^{(n)} = g(t, y, \dots, y^{(n-1)}). \quad (3)$$

If the relation g is linear in its arguments $y, \dots, y^{(n-1)}$, then the differential equation (3) is called a linear ordinary differential equation otherwise it is called a nonlinear ordinary differential equation.

- $y' + ky = 0$, k is a real constant. (Linear)
- $\frac{dy}{dt} = y^2$. (Non-linear)
- $y' + |y| = 0$. (Linear or nonlinear?)

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And if the relation g , this relation, is linear in its argument. Argument here is $t, y, y', \dots, y^{(n-1)}$ but the linearity or nonlinearity will depend on the dependent variable and its derivative. So if g is linear in $y, y', \dots, y^{(n-1)}$, then the differential equation (3) is called a linear ordinary differential equation; otherwise, it is called a nonlinear ordinary differential equation.

So for example if you look at this $y' + ky = 0$, we can see that here y, y' coming in a linear manner. So we call this a linear differential equation. And whereas the second problem that is $\frac{dy}{dt} = y^2$, here if you look at, here y^2 is not linear. This term y^2 is not linear. So we say that it is a nonlinear differential equation. If we simply say that linearity means that they are the present in the equation in a linear, in the sense that they have only 1 power.

And the coefficient of y or derivative of y may be only the function of t only, the independent variable. But if you follow this kind of definition, then it is very difficult to check whether this third equation, that is $y' - \text{modulus of } y = 0$ is a linear or a nonlinear differential equation. Because here, it looks that y and y' are coming in a linear manner. Their power is only 1.

So the procedure that checking that whether the y or the derivatives of y are present in the

equation in a linear manner, may not give you a proper definition of linear and nonlinear differential equation. So here to give a proper definition of a linear and nonlinear differential equation, we use the concept of operator and we say that if we define suitably what is the operator based on equation number 3 and if the operator is linear, the corresponding differential equation is also linear.

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Linear and Non-linear Differential Equation

Let us consider the following differential equation of order two, written in operator form:

$$L(y) := y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = r(t), \Rightarrow L(y) = r(t)$$

here the notation $L(y)$ suggest that the operator L operates on a function y to give $y'' + py' + qy$ as its value.

An operator $L : V(\mathbb{K}) \rightarrow V(\mathbb{K})$ is said to be a linear operator on a vector space V defined on a scalar field \mathbb{K} if it satisfies the following equality

$$L[\alpha x + \beta y] = \alpha L[x] + \beta L[y], \forall x, y \in V \text{ and } \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{K}. \quad (4)$$

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So let us consider the following differential equation of order 2. So let us take example and we taken the example of differential equation of order 2. And define Ly as $y'' + py' + qy$ and your differential equation is this that $y'' + py' + qy = r$. So basically I can write this that $Ly = r$ is your differential equation and where Ly is defined as this that $Ly = y'' + py' + qy$.

So here once operator is defined, now we check whether this operator is a linear operator or not. If you look at here the notation this Ly suggests that the operator L operates on a function y and gives this value. The output is $y'' + py' + qy$ and input is your y . So basically operator is basically what?

An operator L defined on vector space V with the scalar field K to vector space V/K is said to be a linear operator on a vector space V defined on a scalar field K if it satisfies the following equality that L of $\alpha x + \beta y = \alpha Lx + \beta Ly$ where these x, y is coming from vector

space and these alpha, beta is coming from this scalar field. If an operator satisfy these properties given in equation number 4, then we call this operator as a linear operator.

And if it is a linear operator and it is associated with differential equation in this way, then this differential equation that is $y'' + p_1 y' + p_2 y = r(t)$ is a linear differential equation. So here now let us look at here.

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\bullet $y' + ky = 0$, k is a real constant.
 \bullet $y' + a(t)y = b(t)$, $a(t), b(t)$ are continuous functions defined on the interval I .
 \bullet $y' + |y| = 0$.
 \bullet $(y')^2 + y = 0$.

The differential equation $y' + |y| = 0$ is a nonlinear ordinary differential equation. Similarly, we can see that the equations (1) and (2) are linear differential equation while equations (3) and (4) are nonlinear differential equation.

$L(y) = y' + |y|$
 $L(\alpha x_1 + \beta x_2) = (\alpha x_1 + \beta x_2)' + |\alpha x_1 + \beta x_2|$
 $\alpha L(x_1) + \beta L(x_2) = \alpha(x_1' + |x_1|) + \beta(x_2' + |x_2|)$

So look at this $y' + |y|$, so you define Ly as your $y' + |y|$. So it is an operator, it takes the input value y and giving the output as $y' + |y|$. And then now look at whether it is a linear operator or not, so look at $\alpha y_1 + \beta y_2$ and this is what? $\alpha y_1 + \beta y_2$ derivative + modulus $\alpha y_1 + \beta y_2$, right.

And if you look at $\alpha Ly_1 + \beta Ly_2$, then it will give you $\alpha y_1' + \beta y_2' + \alpha |y_1| + \beta |y_2|$, there is a small problem here. It is, here it is α is outside. So here you can write it like this. And $\beta y_2' + \beta |y_2|$ here, right. So $\alpha Ly_1 + \beta Ly_2$ is given by this. And you can check that though these terms are same that if you simplify, this is nothing but $\alpha y_1' + \beta y_2' + \alpha |y_1| + \beta |y_2|$.

But this term is not equal to, so let me write it here. If we simplify this, what you will get? If you simplify, you will get $\alpha y_1' + \beta y_2' + \alpha |y_1| + \beta |y_2|$, here you can get $\beta y_2' + \beta |y_2| + \alpha |y_1|$.

$y_1 + \beta \cdot \text{modulus of } y_2$. So it means that this term is same as this term but this term is not equal to modulus of $\alpha y_1 + \beta y_2$. So it means that here, your operator L define in this way $y \text{ dash} + \text{mod of } y$ is not a linear operator.

So it means that the differential equation $+ \text{mod of } y = 0$ is not a linear differential equation. So we say that this is an example of a nonlinear differential equation. Similarly, we can consider the other example. For example, let us consider the second example. And here you define $L y$ as $y \text{ dash} + \alpha y$. Basically, when we check a linearity, we are checking the linearity in terms of dependent variable and its derivative.

So here now we write $L y$ as $y \text{ dash} + \alpha y$ and now we check whether this define a linear operator or not. So you check that $\alpha y_1 + \beta y_2$ is coming out to be $\alpha \cdot L y_1 + \beta \cdot L y_2$. In fact, this is what? This is $\alpha y_1 + \beta y_2 \text{ dash} + \alpha t$. Here it is $\alpha y_1 + \beta y_2$ and when you simplify it, you will get $\alpha y_1 \text{ dash} + \alpha \alpha y_1 + \beta y_2 \text{ dash} + \beta \alpha y_2$ and this you can write it $\alpha \cdot L$ of $y_1 + \beta \cdot L$ of y_2 , that is your right hand side.

So here your $L y$ defined as $y \text{ dash} + \alpha y$ satisfy the property of linearity. So we say that this differential equation defined as $L y = b t$ is a linear differential equation. So this is the classification based on say a dependent variable and we say that since this differential equation is linear in terms of dependent variable and its derivatives, we call these kind of differential equations as linear differential equation or nonlinear differential equation, if it satisfy the nonlinearity. Now let us look at the classification based on the conditions provided with the differential equation.

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Initial and Boundary Value Problem

Consider the following differential equation

$$y'(t) - \alpha y(t) = 0, t \in \mathbb{R} \quad (5)$$

which may represent the population growth model in a single species. We may easily check that $y(t) = ce^{\alpha t}$, where c is an arbitrary constant, is a solution of the differential equation (5).

Here, we get a one parameter family of solution (consisting of infinitely many solution). Frequently, we are interested only to find those solutions of (5) which also satisfy certain other conditions. Such conditions may be represented in several forms, but two of the important forms are initial conditions and boundary conditions.

So consider the following differential equation, $y' - \alpha y = 0$, $t \in \mathbb{R}$. Then this represents the population growth model in a single species as we have pointed out. Now we may easily find out the solution of this. And the solution is given as $y = ce^{\alpha t}$ because it is a simplest differential equation we have already considered. And here c is an arbitrary constant and this will act as a solution of the equation given in 5.

Now here if you look at c is an arbitrary constant. So it means that if we vary our c , we will have different solution of the equation number 5. But our real model problem, basically this equation number 5 is coming through some kind of a real situation, so it means that we are expecting a unique answer to that particular problem. So it means that we have to find out rather than in finding many solution, we have to find out the unique solution.

So for that, we have to prescribe some kind of condition associated with the differential equation. So in this case, we may provide the conditions in terms of the initial condition. So it means that frequently we are interested only to find out those solutions which also satisfy certain other conditions. And such conditions may be represented in several forms. but the most important forms are given in terms of initial condition and boundary conditions.

Now we try to understand what is the initial condition and what is boundary condition. So that we can understand with the help of some example.


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Initial and Boundary Value Problem

We want to find out the population of the species at any given time t provided that the population at time t_0 was given as y_0 .

- if we have $y(t_0) = y_0 = 0 \Rightarrow c = 0$ and the population $y(t)$ will remain zero for all future time t .
- if $y_0 = 1$, then $c = e^{-\alpha t_0}$ and the population will be $y(t) = e^{\alpha(t-t_0)}$.
- if $y(t_0 = 0) = y(0) = y_0 \Rightarrow c = y_0$ and then the population will be $y(t) = y_0 e^{\alpha t}$.

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 $y(t) = c e^{\alpha t}$
 $0 = c e^{\alpha t_0} \Rightarrow c = 0$
 $1 = c e^{\alpha t_0} \Rightarrow c = e^{-\alpha t_0}$
 $y(t_0) = y_0 \Rightarrow y(t)$



So first let us consider that we want to find out the population of the species at given time t provided that the population at time t_0 is given by y_0 . So it means that initial condition, the condition associated with the differential equation is given in terms of that $t=t_0$, your population is given as y_0 . So it means that y at t_0 is your y_0 . And now we want to find out the y , population at time t .

And we say that if you look at different value of this y_0 and t_0 , you may have a different solution of the same differential equation. For example, if I take y_0 as 0, then we can get $c=0$. So if I look at y_t is basically what? $y_t = c e^{\alpha t}$ to the power αt . So it means that if I assume that y_0 is 0, that is $0 = c e^{\alpha t_0}$, then the only possibility that we will get this equation valid that c has to be 0.

And this case, when the initial population is 0, then y_t will remain 0 for all future time t . And if you replace $y_0=1$ and this case, $1 = c e^{\alpha t_0}$. So we can find out the value of c that is coming out to be $c = e^{-\alpha t_0}$. And your population is given as $y_t = e^{\alpha(t-t_0)}$. Now in case of when t_0 is replaced by 0 and y_0 is given by some value say y_0 , then you can consider the, we can calculate the value of c as y_0 and your population at time t is given by $y_t = y_0 e^{\alpha t}$.

So here we can say that by defining different conditions at the initial point that is t_0 , we may have different possibilities of the solution. So it means that the defining the condition creates a lot of impact on the solution procedure. So the condition defined at 1 point or say initial point is known as initial conditions. And the differential equation associated with the initial conditions is known as an initial value problem here. Now look at another example.

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Initial and Boundary Value Problem: Example 1

Consider the following differential equation for the motion of simple pendulum:



$$y'' + y = 0, \quad (6)$$

Solution of the given equation is $y(t) = \alpha \sin t + \beta \cos t$, where $t \in \mathbb{R}$ and α, β are arbitrary constants.

(a) If $y(0) = 0, y(\pi/2) = 0, \Rightarrow y(t) = 0$. ✓

(b) If $y(0) = 0, y(\pi/2) = 1, \Rightarrow y(t) = \sin t$. ✓

Note that in example 1, conditions are given at one point while in example 2, conditions are given at two different points. Conditions given at the same value of t are known as initial conditions while the conditions defined at two (generally at the end point of interval) or more different points are called boundary conditions.



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Here we are again considering a very simple example, $y'' + y = 0$ which may be considered as an example originated from motion of simple pendulum $y'' + y = 0$. And if we already know how to solve it and we can solve this and we can get $y = \alpha \sin t + \beta \cos t$. By the way, here I am assuming that you know how to solve some simple ordinary differential equation.

For example, linear differential equation, exact differential equation, or say reducible to exact differential equation or highest order equation involving say constant coefficient. That I am assuming that you know. So here once we know the solution, then if we define condition, since it is a second order, we need to fix 2 arbitrary constants that are alpha and beta. So we need 2 conditions.

So let us define conditions as $y(0) = 0$ and $y(\pi/2) = 0$. And if you do this, you can easily check that your alpha and beta, both are coming out to be 0. For example, if $y(0) = 0$, then it is your

$\alpha + \beta$. So this implies that $\beta = 0$. Now y of $\pi/2$, this implies that since β is already 0, so α and \sin of $\pi/2$ that is 1. So this implies that α is also 0. So it means that if we assign these conditions, that is $y_0 = 0$ and $y_{\pi/2} = 0$, then solution is coming out to be $y = 0$.

But if we replace with conditions like this $y_0 = 0$ and $y_{\pi/2} = 1$, then your solution is now coming out to be non-0 and it is coming out to be $y = \sin t$. So look at these 2 examples and look at that in example 1, that is this example, here your condition is given at point $t = t_0$ here. Whereas in this example, your conditions are given at 2 different points, that is 0 and $\pi/2$. So it means that condition given at the same value of t are known as initial conditions.

So condition given at 1 point is then known as initial condition. Whereas the condition defined at 2, generally it should be the end point of the interval, or more different points are called boundary conditions, right. So this is the classification based on the conditions associated with the differential equation. So we know what is differential equation.

We know how to define the solution and how to classify the differential equation such as linear, nonlinear, initial value problem, or boundary value problem. So far we have discussed the classification and definition of differential equation, solution and the required information related to this differential equation. And in next lecture, we will continue from this. So here we will stop and we will conclude this lecture. Thank you very much for listening. Thank you.