

# Differential Equations & *Mathematica*

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## DE.01 Transition from Calculus to DiffEq: The Exponential Differential Equation

$y'[t] + r y[t] = f[t]$   
Literacy Sheet

*What you need to know when you're away from the machine.*

### □L.1)

Here are three diffeq's:

- a)  $y'[t] + 0.2 y[t] = 0$
- b)  $y'[t] - 0.2 y[t] = 0$
- c)  $y'[t] + 0.1 y[t] = 0$

Which of these diffeqs is solved by

$$y[t] = 13 E^{-0.2t} ?$$

### □L.2)

Here are three diffeq's:

- a)  $y'[t] + y[t] = E^{2t}$
- b)  $y'[t] - y[t] = E^{2t}$
- c)  $y'[t] = E^{2t}$

Which of these diffeqs is solved by

$$y[t] = 4 E^t + E^{2t} ?$$

### □L.3)

Here are three diffeq's:

- a)  $y'[t] + 2 t y[t] = 0$
- b)  $y'[t] - 2 t y[t] = 0$
- c)  $y'[t] + y[t] = 0$

Which of these diffeqs is solved by

$$y[t] = 8 E^{-t^2} ?$$

### □L.4)

Here are three diffeq's:

- a)  $y''[t] + 4 y[t] = 0$
- b)  $y''[t] + 9 y[t] = 0$
- c)  $y''[t] + 16 y[t] = 0$

Which of these diffeqs is solved by

$$y[t] = 5 \sin[3 t] ?$$

### □L.5)

Just to see that you can handle yourself away from the machine, come up with formulas for the solutions of the following diffeqs:

- a)  $y'[t] + 0.3 y[t] = 5 E^{-t}$  with  $y[0] = 5$ .
- b)  $y'[t] - 0.3 y[t] = 5$  with  $y[0] = 1$ .
- c)  $y'[t] + y[t] = \text{DiracDelta}[t - 3]$  with  $y[0] = 2$ .

### □L.6)

You know that  $y'[t] = a y[t]$  for all  $x$ 's and you know that  $a$  is positive and that  $y[0]$  is positive. Does  $y[t]$  go up or down as  $t$  advances from left to right?

### □L.7)

If  $a$  is negative, does the solution of  $y'[t] = a y[t]$  with  $y[0] = 10$  go up or down as  $t$  advances from left to right. Can the solution ever go negative?

Why or why not?

### □L.8)

The solution  $y[t]$  of

$$y'[t] + r y[t] = f[t] \text{ with } y[0] = \text{starter}$$

is given by

$$y[t] = E^{-rt} \text{starter} + E^{-rt} \int_0^t E^{rt} f[t] dt.$$

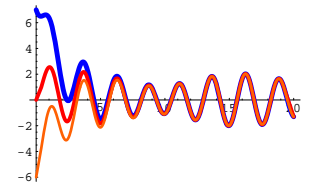
Explain this:

If  $r > 0$ , then, no matter what starter is, the plot of  $y[t]$  will eventually merge with the plot of

$$y_0[t] = E^{-rt} \int_0^t E^{rt} f[t] dt.$$

### □L.9)

Here are three plots of solutions of a certain forced exponential diffeq:



You are given that all three plots are all either solutions of

a)  $y'[t] + 0.6 y[t] = 4 \sin[2.5 t] + \cos[2 t]$   
or solutions of

b)  $y'[t] - 0.6 y[t] = 4 \sin[2.5 t] + \cos[2 t]$ .

Make your choice and say how you arrived at it.

### □L.10)

The solution  $y[t]$  of

$$y'[t] + r y[t] = f[t] \text{ with } y[0] = \text{starter}$$

is given by

$$y[t] = E^{-rt} \text{starter} + E^{-rt} \int_0^t E^{rt} f[t] dt.$$

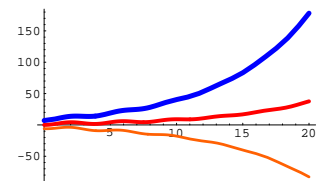
Explain this:

If  $r < 0$  then, unless starter = 0, the plot of  $y[t]$  will NOT eventually merge with the plot of

$$y_0[t] = E^{-rt} \int_0^t E^{rt} f[t] dt.$$

### □L.11)

Here are three plots of solutions of a certain forced exponential diffeq:



You are given that all three plots are all either solutions of

a)  $y'[t] + 0.15 y[t] = \sin[1.5 t] + 2 \sin[1.7 t]$   
or solutions of

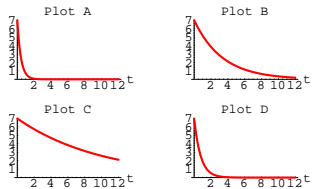
b)  $y'[t] - 0.15 y[t] = \sin[1.5 t] + 2 \sin[1.7 t]$ .

Make your choice and say how you arrived at it.

□L.12)

Here are plots of the solutions of  
 diffeq a):  $y'[t] + 0.01 y[t] = 0$   
 diffeq b):  $y'[t] + 0.3 y[t] = 0$ ,  
 diffeq c):  $y'[t] + 1.3 y[t] = 0$ ,  
 diffeq d):  $y'[t] + 2.3 y[t] = 0$ ,  
 all with the same starter  $y[0] = 7$ .

The plots are not in order. Your job is to match the differential equation with the plot of its solution.



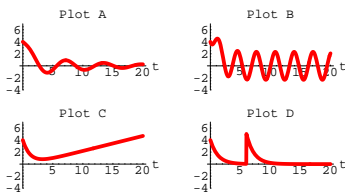
diffeq a) -----> Plot.....      diffeq b) -----> Plot.....  
 diffeq c) -----> Plot.....      diffeq d) -----> Plot.....

□L.13)

Do you expect solutions of  
 $y'[t] - 0.6 y[t] = 0$   
 to decay to 0 as t gets large?  
 Why or why not?

□L.14)

Here are plots of solutions of the forced exponential diffeq  
 $y'[t] + 0.8 y[t] = f[t]$   
 with  
 $y[0] = 4.0$   
 for five choices of forcing functions  $f[t]$ :



The four forcing functions  $f[t]$  used in these plots are:

- f1[t] = 0.2 t,
- f2[t] = 5 DiracDelta[t - 6],
- f3[t] = 2.3 E<sup>-0.1t</sup> Cos[t],
- f4[t] = 5 Sin[2t].

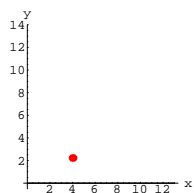
Your job is to match the plots to the forcing functions:

f1[t]-----> Plot.....      f2[t]-----> Plot.....  
 f3[t]-----> Plot.....      f4[t]-----> Plot.....

□L.15)

Give the formula for the solution of  
 $y'[x] = 0.2 y[x]$  with  $y[0] = 1$   
 and pencil in a rough sketch of the solution on the axes below.

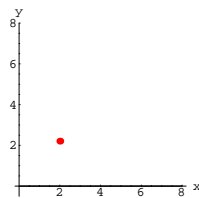
The plotted point is on the curve.



□L.16)

Give the formula for the solution of  
 $y'[x] = -0.5 y[x]$  with  $y[0] = 6$   
 and pencil in a rough sketch of the solution on the axes below.

The plotted point is on the curve.

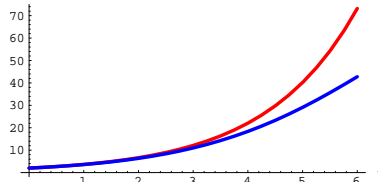


□L.17)

You are given that  
 $y[t] = 37.3 E^{-0.045t}$   
 Write down a differential equation that  $y[t]$  solves.  
 Include starter data.

□L.18)

Here are plots of solutions of  
 $y'[t] = 0.6 y[t]$  with  $y[0] = 2$   
 and  
 $y'[t] = 0.6 y[t] (1 - \frac{y[t]}{100})$  with  $y[0] = 2$ :

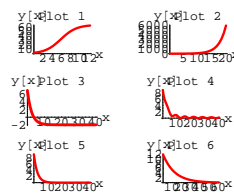


Explain why as t advances from 0, the plots of both of these solutions had no choice but to share a lot of ink initially.  
 Explain why for larger t's, the plots had no choice but to pull apart, with one plot eventually sailing way above the other.

□L.19)

Here are six plots: They are plots of:  
 a. a solution of  $y'[x] = r y[x]$  with  $r > 0$ .  
 b. a solution of  $y'[x] = r y[x]$  with  $r < 0$ .  
 c. none of the above

Which is which?



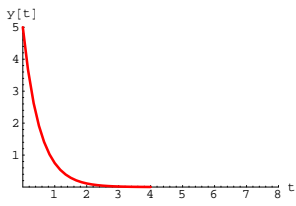
Plot 1 ---->.....      Plot 2 ---->.....      Plot 3  
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 Plot 4 ---->.....      Plot 5 ---->.....      Plot 6 ---->.....

□L.20)

a) You are given a solution  $y[t]$  of  
 $y'[t] + 5 y[t] = 6 \text{DiracDelta}[t - 4.7]$   
 What happens to  $y[t]$  at  $t = 4.7$ ?  
 b) How does your response indicate that  
 $\text{DiracDelta}[t - 4.7] \neq 2 \text{DiracDelta}[t - 4.7]$  ?

□L.21)

Here is the part of the plot of the solution of  
 $y'[t] + 1.9 y[t] = 5 \text{DiracDelta}[t - 3]$  with  $y[0] = 5$ .  
 Your job is to sketch in the rest of the plot.



□L.22)

a) Write down the values of

$$\int_0^{4.99999} \text{DiracDelta}[t - 5] dt$$

$$\int_0^{5.00001} \text{DiracDelta}[t - 5] dt$$

$$\int_{5.00001}^{100} \text{DiracDelta}[t - 5] dt.$$

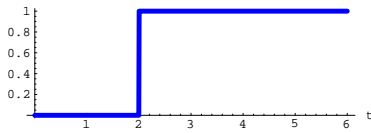
b) Write down the values of

$$\int_0^{2.99999} E^t \text{DiracDelta}[t - 3] dt$$

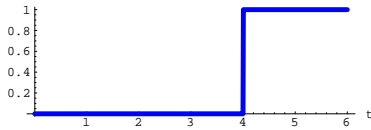
$$\int_{2.99999}^{3.00001} E^t \text{DiracDelta}[t - 3] dt$$

$$\int_{3.00001}^{100000} E^t \text{DiracDelta}[t - 3] dt$$

c) Here's a plot of UnitStep[t - 2]:



And here's a plot of UnitStep[t - 4]:



Digest the two plots and explain the result of this *Mathematica* calculation:

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Clear[t, x]
Integrate[Sin[x] DiracDelta[x - 5] dx, {x, 0, t}]
Sin[5] UnitStep[-5 + t]
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