

Example of a separable differential equation!

$$\dot{x} = e^{at+bx+c} = e^{at+bx+c} \quad x(0) = 1$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = e^{at+bx+c} \quad (\Rightarrow) \quad e^{-bx} dx = e^{at+c} dt \quad \text{i) Separate}$$

$$\int e^{-bx} dx = \int e^{at+c} dt$$
$$-\frac{1}{b} e^{-bx} = \frac{1}{a} e^{at+c} + A_1$$
$$\frac{-bx}{c} = -\frac{b}{a} e^{at+c} + \frac{-bA_1}{a}$$

ii) Integrate  
iii) Solve for x

~~Take~~ Take logs:

$$-bx = \ln\left(-\frac{b}{a} e^{at+c} + A\right)$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{b} \ln\left(A - \frac{b}{a} e^{at+c}\right)$$

General Solution

$$x(0) = 1 = -\frac{1}{b} \ln\left(A - \frac{b}{a} e^c\right)$$

$$-b = \ln\left(A - \frac{b}{a} e^c\right)$$

$$e^{-b} = A - \frac{b}{a} e^c$$

$$A = e^{-b} + \frac{b}{a} e^c$$

$$\ln x = x$$

$$x(t) = -\frac{1}{b} \ln\left(e^{-b} + \frac{b}{a} e^c - \frac{b}{a} e^{at+c}\right) \quad \text{Particular solution}$$

Checking the solution!

We say that  $\hat{X}(t) = -\frac{1}{b} \ln \left( A - \frac{b}{a} e^{at+c} \right)$

Solves  $\dot{X} = e^{at+c} e^{bx}$ , it and only it

$$\frac{d\hat{X}}{dt} = -\frac{1}{b} \frac{1}{A - \frac{b}{a} e^{at+c}} \left( -\frac{b}{a} a e^{at+c} \right) = \frac{e^{at+c}}{A - \frac{b}{a} e^{at+c}}$$

Substitute back to the original equation together

with  $X(t) = \hat{X}(t)$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{e^{at+c}}{A - \frac{b}{a} e^{at+c}} &= e^{at+c} e^{-\frac{1}{b} \ln \left( A - \frac{b}{a} e^{at+c} \right)} \\ &= e^{at+c} e^{\ln \left( A - \frac{b}{a} e^{at+c} \right)^{-1}} \\ &= e^{at+c} \left( A - \frac{b}{a} e^{at+c} \right)^{-1} \\ &= \frac{e^{at+c}}{A - \frac{b}{a} e^{at+c}} \quad \checkmark \end{aligned} \quad e^{\ln x} = x$$

## Linear differential equations (1st order)

Equations that are linear in the unknown function  $x$  are called linear differential equations.

$$\underline{\dot{x} + ax = b} \text{ Linear, } \underline{\dot{x} + ax^2 = b} \text{ nonlinear}$$

We focus on first order linear differential equations:

$$\dot{x} + a(t)x(t) = b(t)$$

Two ways to solve these:

i) Use a formula.  $x(t) = e^{-A(t)} \left( \int b(t) e^{A(t)} dt + C \right)$

$$A(t) = \int a(t) dt$$

ii) Use integrating factor:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( e^{A(t)} x(t) \right) = e^{A(t)} \dot{x} + a(t) e^{A(t)} x(t) = e^{A(t)} \left( \dot{x} + a(t)x(t) \right)$$

Multiply both sides with  $e^{A(t)}$

$$\cancel{e^{A(t)} (\dot{x} + a(t)x)} \quad \frac{d}{dt} \left( e^{A(t)} x \right) = e^{A(t)} b(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \left( e^{A(t)} x(t) \right) = e^{A(t)} b(t)$$

$$\int \left( e^{A(t)} x(t) \right) / \frac{d}{dt} = e^{A(t)} x(t) = \int e^{A(t)} b(t) dt + C$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = e^{-A(t)} \left( \int e^{A(t)} b(t) dt + C \right)$$

Example  $\dot{x} + x = t$   $(\dot{x} + a(t)x = b(t))$

$$x(t) = e^{-A(t)} \left( \int e^{A(t)} b(t) dt + C \right) \quad \text{Formula}$$

$$b(t) = t \quad A(t) = \int 1 dt \quad (= \int a(t) dt)$$

$= t$   $\text{fg} - \int f'g$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = e^{-t} \left( \int e^t \cdot t dt + C \right) = e^{-t} \left( e^t \cdot t - \int e^t dt + C \right)$$

$f'(t) = 1$   $g'(t) = e^t$   $\text{int. by parts.}$   
 $f(t) = t$   $g(t) = e^t$

$$= e^{-t} (e^t \cdot t - e^t + C) = t - 1 + e^{-t} C$$

Example:  $c > 0$   $r > 0$  up to  $t = T$ ,  $X(T) = 0$

$\dot{X} - rX = -c$  (Formula:  $X(t) = e^{+rt} \left( \int (-c) e^{-rt} dt + A \right)$ )

$\frac{d}{dt} (e^{-rt} X) = -e^{-rt} c$

$e^{-rt} X = -\int e^{-rt} c dt + A$  //  $e^{rt}$

$X = e^{+rt} \left( -\int e^{-rt} c dt + A \right) = e^{+rt} \left( +\frac{1}{r} e^{-rt} c + A \right)$

$= \frac{c}{r} + e^{rt} A$  General Solution

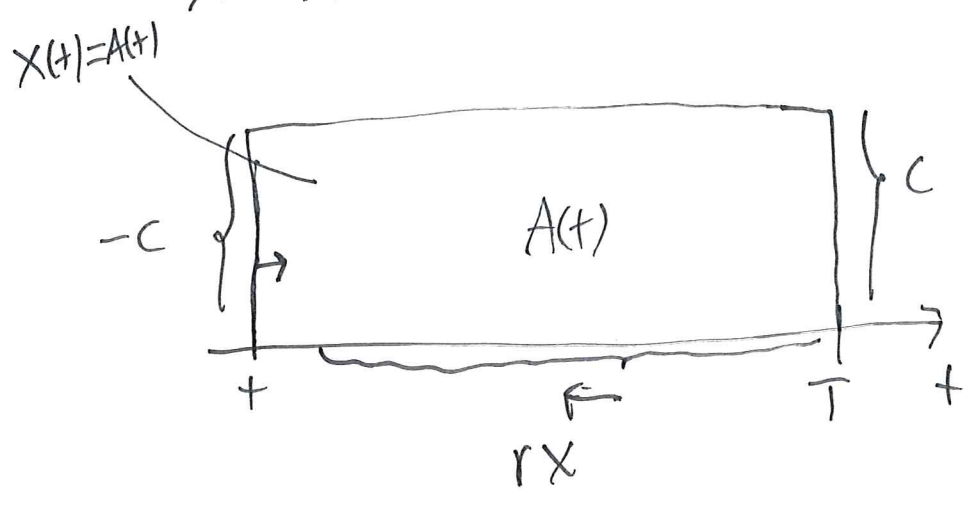
$X(T) = 0 = \frac{c}{r} + e^{rT} A \Leftrightarrow A = -e^{-rT} \frac{c}{r}$   
 $A = -\frac{c}{r} e^{-rT}$

$\Rightarrow X(t) = \frac{c}{r} + e^{rt} \left( -e^{-rT} \frac{c}{r} \right) = \frac{c}{r} e^{-r(T-t)}$

Particular solution

$= \int_t^T e^{-r(T-s)} c ds = \text{"Cash flow from } t \text{ to } T"$

$\dot{X} - rX = -c \Leftrightarrow \dot{X} = rX - c$



Example from the book:

$$\text{GDP: } X(t) = 0.2 K(t)$$

$$\text{Capital } \dot{K}(t) = 0.1 X(t) + H(t)$$

$$\text{FDI: } H(t) = 10 e^{0.04t}$$

i) Derive differential equation for  $K(t)$ :

$$\dot{K}(t) = 0.1 - 0.2 K(t) + 10 e^{0.04t} = 0.02 K(t) + 10 e^{0.04t}$$

ii) Solve it with  $K(0) = 200$

$$\dot{K} - 0.02 K = 10 e^{0.04t}$$

$$A(t) = -0.02t$$

$$A(t) = \int a(t) dt$$

Using the formula:

$$X(t) = e^{-A(t)} \left( \int b(t) e^{A(t)} dt + C \right)$$

~~$$= e^{-0.02t} \left( \int 10 e^{0.04t} dt + C \right)$$~~

$$= e^{0.02t} \left( \int 10 e^{0.04t - 0.02t} dt + C \right) = e^{0.02t} \left( \int 10 e^{0.02t} dt + C \right)$$

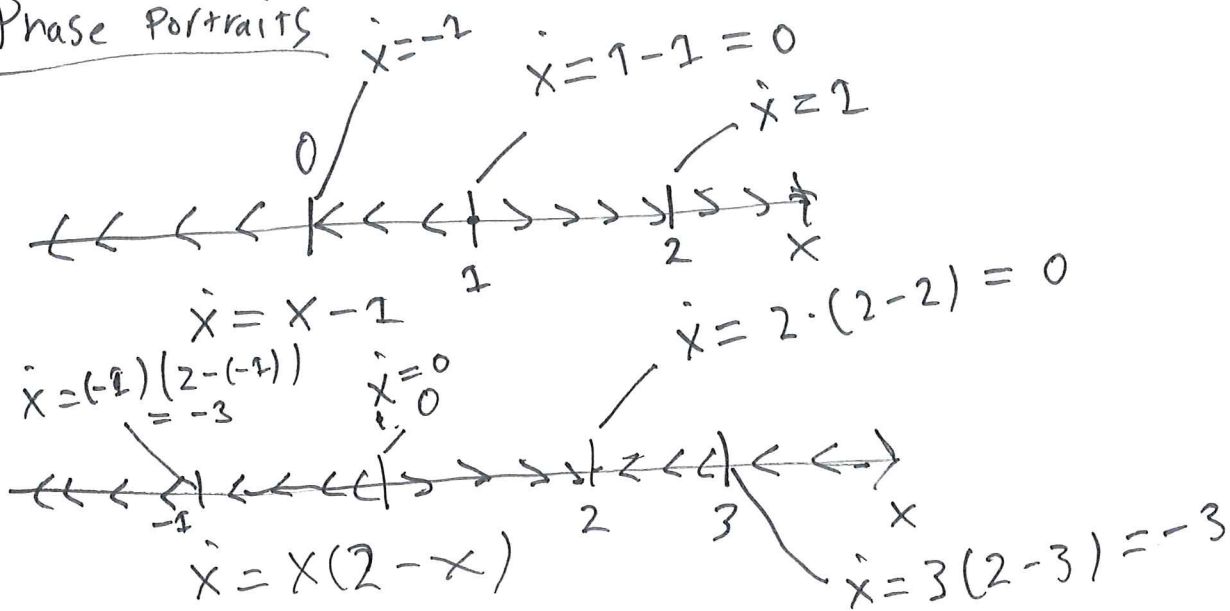
$$= e^{0.02t} \left( \frac{10}{0.02} e^{0.02t} + C \right) = \underbrace{500 e^{0.04t}} + \underbrace{e^{0.02t} C}_{\text{General solution}}$$

$$K(0) = 200 = 500 + C$$

$$C = -300$$

$$K(t) = 500 e^{0.04t} - 300 e^{0.02t}$$

# Phase Portraits



This only works if RHS differential equation does not depend on time!

$$\dot{x} + ax = C$$

$$\dot{x} + ax = C(t)$$

→ does not work

More generally we can draw direction fields:

