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Week.10_Appl. of curve fitting- Approxm. & Inregration
Week.11_ Symbolic Mathematics

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Week 11

LECTURE # 11

SYMBOLIC MATHEMATICS

- Symbolic Objects
- Creating Symbolic Variables and Expressions Performing Symbolic Computations



SYMBOLIC MATH TOOLBOX

SYMBOLIC MATH TOOLBOX

- Symbolic Math Toolbox software lets you to perform symbolic computations within the **MATLAB** numeric environment. It provides tools for solving and manipulating symbolic math expressions and performing variable-precision arithmetic.
- Symbolic Math Toolbox software also includes the **MuPAD** language, which is optimized for handling and operating on symbolic math expressions.



SYMBOLIC OBJECTS

- Symbolic objects are a special MATLAB data type introduced by the Symbolic Math Toolbox software.
- They allow you to perform mathematical operations in the MATLAB workspace analytically, without calculating numeric values.
- Symbolic objects present symbolic variables, symbolic numbers, symbolic expressions and symbolic matrices.



SYMBOLIC VARIABLES

- To declare variables x and y as symbolic objects use the **syms** command:

```
syms x y
```

- You can manipulate the symbolic objects according to the usual rules of mathematics. For example:

```
x + x + y
ans =
2*x + y
```



SYMBOLIC NUMBERS

- Symbolic Math Toolbox software also enables you to convert numbers to symbolic objects. To create a symbolic number, use the **sym** command:

```
a = sym ('8')
```

Note: Symbolic results are not indented.



SYMBOLIC NUMBERS

- The following example illustrates the difference between a standard double-precision MATLAB data and the corresponding symbolic number.
- The MATLAB command `sqrt(2)` returns a double-precision floating-point number:

```
ans =
    1.4142
```

- On the other hand, if you calculate a square root of a symbolic number 2:

```
a = sqrt(sym(2))
```

you get the precise symbolic result:

```
a =
2^(1/2)
```



SYMBOLIC NUMBERS

- To evaluate a symbolic number numerically, use the `double` command:

```
double(a)
ans =
    1.4142
```

- You also can create a rational fraction involving symbolic numbers:

```
sym(2)/sym(5)
ans =
    2/5
```



CREATING SYMBOLIC VARIABLES AND EXPRESSIONS

- The `sym` command creates symbolic variables and expressions.
- For example, the commands


```
x = sym('x');
a = sym('alpha');
```

 create a symbolic variable `x` with the value `x` assigned to it in the MATLAB workspace and a symbolic variable `a` with the value `alpha` assigned to it.

- An alternate way to create a symbolic object is to use the `syms` command:

```
syms x;
a = sym('alpha');
```



CREATING SYMBOLIC VARIABLES AND EXPRESSIONS

- `findsym` determines variables in symbolic expression or matrix.
- Note: `findsym` is not recommended. Use `symvar` instead.

```
findsym(S)
findsym(S, n)
```

- `findsym(S, n)` returns the `n` variables alphabetically closest to `x`.



CREATING SYMBOLIC VARIABLES AND EXPRESSIONS

You can use `sym` or `syms` to create symbolic variables.

- The `syms` command:
 - Does not use parentheses and quotation marks: `syms x` can create multiple objects with one call.
 - Serves best for creating individual single and multiple symbolic variables
- The `sym` command:
 - Requires parentheses and quotation marks: `x = sym('x')`. When creating a symbolic number with 10 or fewer decimal digits, you can skip the quotation marks:


```
f = sym(5);
```
 - Creates one symbolic object with each call.
 - Serves best for creating symbolic numbers and symbolic expressions.
 - Serves best for creating symbolic objects in functions and scripts.



CREATING SYMBOLIC VARIABLES AND EXPRESSIONS

- Suppose you want to use a symbolic variable to represent the golden ratio . $\rho = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$
- The command
`rho = sym('(1 + sqrt(5))/2');` achieves this goal.
- Now you can perform various mathematical operations on rho. For example,
`f = rho^2 - rho - 1` returns;
`f =`
 $(5^{(1/2)}/2 + 1/2)^2 - 5^{(1/2)}/2 - 3/2$
- Note: Do not use `syms` command to create a symbolic expression that is a constant.



CREATING SYMBOLIC OBJECTS WITH IDENTICAL NAMES

- You can use the `syms` command to clear variables of definitions that you previously assigned to them in your MATLAB session



CREATING A MATRIX OF SYMBOLIC VARIABLES

- You can create a symbolic matrix A whose elements are a, b, and c, using the commands:
`syms a b c;`
`A = [a b c; c a b; b c a]`
`A =`
`[a, b, c]`
`[c, a, b]`
`[b, c, a]`
- Using symbolic objects is very similar to using regular MATLAB numeric objects.



CREATING SYMBOLIC VARIABLES AND EXPRESSIONS

- A particularly effective use of `sym` is to convert a matrix from numeric to symbolic form.
- To determine what symbolic variables are present in an expression, use the `symvar` command.
- For example, given the symbolic expressions f and g defined by
`syms a b n t x z;`
`f = x^n;`
`g = sin(a*t + b);`
you can find the symbolic variables in f by entering:
`symvar(f)`
`ans =`
`[n, x]`



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SIMPLIFYING SYMBOLIC

- Symbolic Math Toolbox provides a set of simplification functions allowing you to manipulate an output of a symbolic expression.

- For example, the following polynomial of the golden ratio

rho

```
rho = sym('(1 + sqrt(5))/2');
```

```
f = rho^2 - rho - 1
```

You can simplify this answer by entering `simplify(f)` and get a very short answer:

```
ans =
    0
```



SYMBOLIC MATH TOOLBOX

SUBSTITUTING IN SYMBOLIC EXPRESSIONS

- You can substitute a numeric value for a symbolic variable or replace one symbolic variable with another using the `subs` command.

- For example, to substitute the value $x = 2$ in the symbolic expression

```
syms x;
```

- $f = 2*x^2 - 3*x + 1$; enter the command

```
subs(f, 2)
```

```
ans =
    3      = 8 - 6 + 1
```



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SUBSTITUTING IN MULTIVARIATE EXPRESSIONS

- When your expression contains more than one variable, you can specify the variable for which you want to make the substitution.

- For example, to substitute the value $x = 3$ in the symbolic expression

```
syms x y;
```

```
f = x^2*y + 5*x*sqrt(y); enter the command
```

```
subs(f, x, 3)
```

```
ans =
    9*y + 15*y^(1/2)
```

- `subs(f, y, x)`

```
ans =
    x^3 + 5*x^(3/2)
```



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- CONVERSION

- `sym2poly` is used to get a row vector containing the numeric coefficients of the polynomial.

```
syms x;
```

```
f = x^3 - 15*x^2 - 24*x + 350;
```

```
b = sym2poly(f)
```

```
b =
```

```
1 -15 -24 350
```

- `poly2sym` converts polynomial coefficient vector to symbolic polynomial.

- The command `poly2sym([1 3 2])` returns;

```
ans =
    x^2 + 3*x + 2
```



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- CONVERSION
- You can convert the standard double-precision variable into a symbolic object:

```
t = 0.1;
sym(t)
ans =
    1/10
```



SYMBOLIC MATH TOOLBOX

- CONVERSION
- The technique for converting floating-point numbers is specified by the optional second argument, which can be 'f', 'r', 'e' or 'd'.

```
t = 0.1;    => fractional
• sym(t, 'f')
ans = 3602879701896397/36028797018963968
• sym(t, 'r') => ratio
ans = 1/10
• sym(t, 'e') => natural logarithmic
ans = eps/40 + 1/10
• sym(t, 'd')
ans = 0.10000000000000000555111512312578
```



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DIGITS

- To change the number of significant digits, use the `digits` command:

```
digits(7);
sym(t, 'd')
ans =
    0.1
```



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DIFFERENTIATING SYMBOLIC EXPRESSIONS

- With the Symbolic Math Toolbox software, you can find;
 - ✓ Derivatives of single-variable expressions,
 - ✓ Partial derivatives,
 - ✓ Second and higher order derivatives,
 - ✓ Mixed derivatives.



DIFFERENTIATING SYMBOLIC EXPRESSIONS

- To differentiate a symbolic expression, use the `diff` command.

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```
syms x;
f = sin(x)^2;
diff(f)
ans =
    2*cos(x)*sin(x)
```



DIFFERENTIATING SYMBOLIC EXPRESSIONS

EXAMPLE:

- ```
syms x y;
f = sin(x)^2 + cos(y)^2;
diff(f, y)
ans =
 (-2)*cos(y)*sin(y)
```
- ```
diff(f, y, 2)
diff(diff(f, y))
ans =
    2*sin(y)^2 - 2*cos(y)^2
```



INTEGRATING SYMBOLIC EXPRESSIONS

- You can perform symbolic integration including:
 - ✓ **Indefinite** and **definite** integration
 - ✓ Integration of multivariable expressions

- ```
syms x;
f = sin(x)^2;
```
- To find the **indefinite integral**, enter `int(f)`

```
ans =
 x/2 - sin(2*x)/4
```



## INTEGRATING SYMBOLIC EXPRESSIONS

**EXAMPLE:**

- ```
syms x y n;
f = x^n + y^n;
int(f, y)
ans =
    x^n*y + (y*y^n)/(n + 1)
```
- To find a **definite integral**, pass the limits of integration as the final two arguments of the `int` function:

```
syms x y n;
f = x^n + y^n;
int(f, 1, 10)
ans =
    piecewise([n = -1, log(10) + 9/y],...
    [n <> -1, (10*10^n - 1)/(n + 1) + 9*y^n])
```



SOLVING EQUATIONS

- You can solve different types of symbolic equations including:
 - ✓ **Algebraic equations** with **one** symbolic variable
 - ✓ **Algebraic equations** with **several** symbolic variables
 - ✓ **Systems of algebraic equations**



SOLVING EQUATIONS

EXAMPLE:

- You can find the values of variable x for which the following expression is equal to zero:

```
syms x; solve(x^3 - 6*x^2 + 11*x - 6)
```

ans =

- 1
- 2
- 3

- By default, the `solve` command assumes that the right-side of the equation is equal to zero.

```
syms x; solve('x^3 - 6*x^2 + 11*x - 5 = 1')
```



SOLVING EQUATIONS

EXAMPLE:

```
syms x y;
f = 6*x^2 - 6*x^2*y + x*y^2 - x*y + y^3 - y^2;
```

- with respect to a symbolic variable y :

```
solve(f, y)
```

ans =

- 1
- 2*x
- 3*x



SOLVING EQUATIONS

EXAMPLE:

```
syms x y z;
[x, y, z]=solve('z=4*x', 'x=y', 'z=x^2+y^2')
```

x =

- 0
- 2

y =

- 0
- 2

z =

- 0
- 8



SYMBOLIC MATH TOOLBOX

DEFAULT SYMBOLIC VARIABLE

- When performing substitution, differentiation, or integration, if you do not specify a variable to use, MATLAB uses a default variable.
- The default variable is basically the one closest alphabetically to x .
- To find which variable is chosen as a default variable, use the `symvar(expression, 1)` command.

```
syms s t;
g = s + t;
symvar(g, 1)
ans =
    t
```



SYMBOLIC MATH TOOLBOX

SYMBOLIC FUNCTION PLOTTING

- You can create different types of graphs including:
 - ✓ Plots of **explicit functions**
 - ✓ Plots of **implicit functions**
 - ✓ **3-D parametric plots**
 - ✓ **Surface plots**



SYMBOLIC MATH TOOLBOX

EXPLICIT FUNCTION PLOTTING

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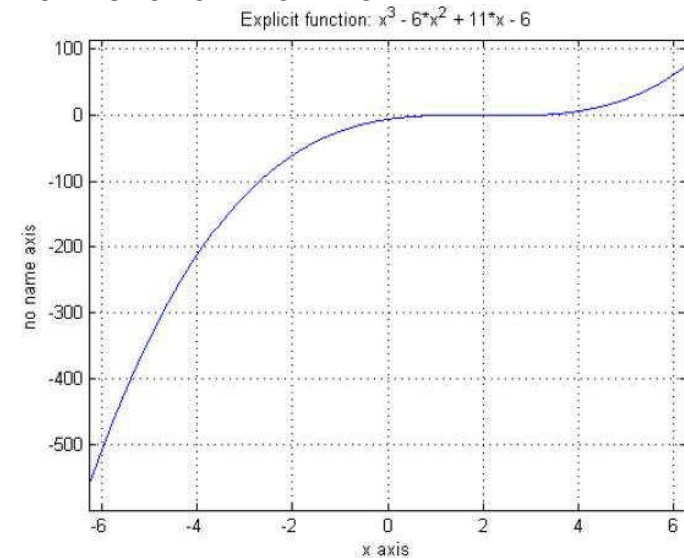
The simplest way to create a plot is to use the `ezplot` command:

- ```
syms x;
ezplot(x^3 - 6*x^2 + 11*x - 6);
hold on;
xlabel('x axis');
ylabel('no name axis');
title('Explicit function: x^3 - 6*x^2 + 11*x - 6');
grid on;
hold off
```



## SYMBOLIC MATH TOOLBOX

### EXPLICIT FUNCTION PLOTTING





### • IMPLICIT FUNCTION PLOTTING

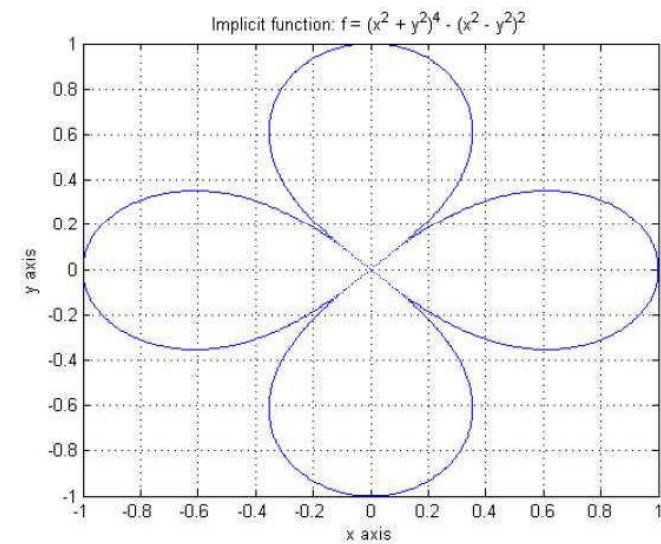
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- Create a plot for the following implicit function over the domain  $-1 < x < 1$ :

```
syms x y;
f = (x^2 + y^2)^4 - (x^2 - y^2)^2;
ezplot(f, [-1 1]);
hold on;
xlabel('x axis');
ylabel('y axis');
title('Implicit function: f=(x^2+y^2)^4 - (x^2-y^2)^2');
grid on;
hold off
```



### • IMPLICIT FUNCTION PLOTTING



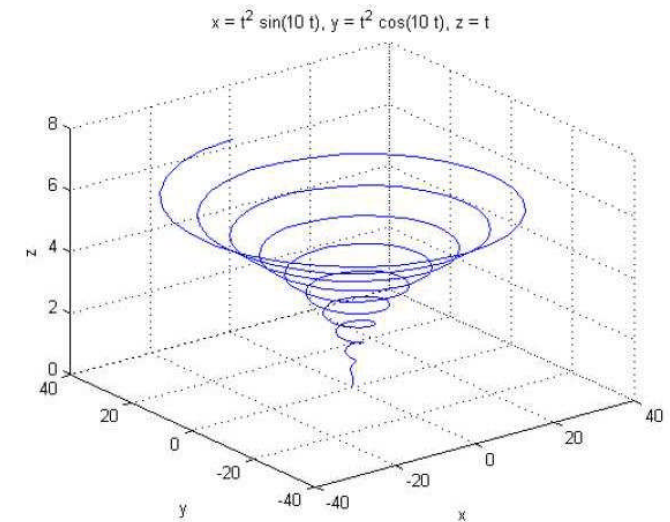
### 3-D PLOT

- To create a 3-D plot, use the `ezplot3` command.

```
syms t;
ezplot3(t^2*sin(10*t), t^2*cos(10*t), t);
```



### 3-D PLOT





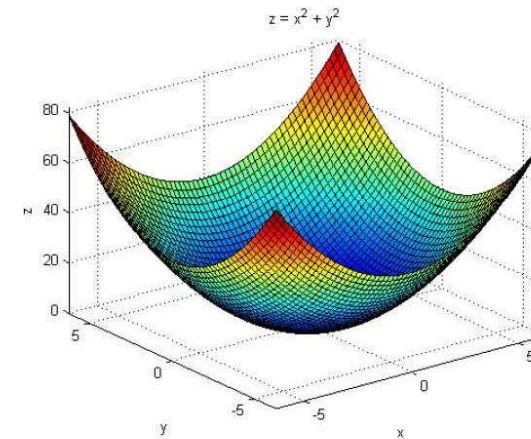
SURFACE PLOT

- If you want to create a surface plot, use the `ezsurf` command.
- For example, to plot a paraboloid  $z = x^2 + y^2$ , enter:

```
syms x y;
ezsurf(x^2 + y^2);
hold on;
zlabel('z');
title('z = x^2 + y^2');
hold off
```



• SURFACE PLOT



`pretty`

- The command `pretty(T)` prints  $T$  in a format resembling typeset mathematics:
- $T = (49x^6) / 131220 + (5x^4) / 1458 + (2x^2) / 81 + 1 / 9$

$$\frac{49x^6}{131220} + \frac{5x^4}{1458} + \frac{2x^2}{81} + \frac{1}{9}$$



SIMPLIFICATIONS

- Here are three different symbolic expressions.

```
syms x
f = x^3 - 6*x^2 + 11*x - 6;
g = (x - 1)*(x - 2)*(x - 3);
h = -6 + (11 + (-6 + x)*x)*x;
```

- Here are their *prettyprinted* forms, generated by

```
pretty(f);
pretty(g);
pretty(h)
```

- $x^3 - 6x^2 + 11x - 6$   
 $(x - 1)(x - 2)(x - 3)$   
 $x(x(x - 6) + 11) - 6$



## SYMBOLIC MATH TOOLBOX

### SIMPLIFICATIONS

- These expressions are three (3) different representations of the same mathematical function, a cubic polynomial in  $x$ .
- Polynomial form, factored form, Horner or nested form
- Polynomial form is simply a linear combination of the powers of  $x$ .
- Factored form displays the roots of the polynomial and is the most accurate for numerical evaluation near the roots.
- For numerical evaluation, Horner or nested form involves the fewest arithmetic operations and is the most accurate for some other ranges of  $x$ .



## SYMBOLIC MATH TOOLBOX

### SIMPLIFICATIONS

#### collect

- The statement `collect(f)` views  $f$  as a polynomial in its symbolic variable,
- `syms x;`  
`f = x*(x*(x - 6) + 11) - 6;`  $\Rightarrow$  symbolic  
`collect(f)`  
`ans =`  
`x^3 - 6*x^2 + 11*x - 6`  $\Rightarrow$  polynomial
- `syms x t;`  
`f = (1+x)*t + x*t;`  
`collect(f)`  
`ans =`  
`(2*t)*x + t`



## SYMBOLIC MATH TOOLBOX

### SIMPLIFICATIONS

#### expand

- The statement `expand(f)` distributes products over sums and applies other identities involving functions of sums
- `syms x y;`  
`f = cos(x + y);`  
`expand(f)`  
`ans =`  
`cos(x)*cos(y) - sin(x)*sin(y)`



## SYMBOLIC MATH TOOLBOX

### SIMPLIFICATIONS

#### horner

- The statement `horner(f)` transforms a symbolic polynomial  $f$  into its horner, or nested, representation as shown in the following examples. iççe geçmiş
- `syms x;`  
`f = x^3 - 6*x^2 + 11*x - 6;`  
`horner(f)`  
`ans =`  
`x*(x*(x - 6) + 11) - 6`



### SIMPLIFICATIONS

#### factor

- If  $f$  is a polynomial with rational coefficients, the statement `factor(f)` expresses  $f$  as a product of polynomials of lower degree with rational coefficients.

```

syms x;
f = x^6 + 1;
factor(f)
ans =
 (x^2 + 1)*(x^4 - x^2 + 1)

```



### LINEAR ALGEBRA

- Basic algebraic operations on symbolic objects are the same as operations on MATLAB objects.

```

syms t;
G = [cos(t) sin(t); -sin(t) cos(t)]
A = G^2
A =
[cos(t)^2 - sin(t)^2, 2*cos(t)*sin(t)]
[-2*cos(t)*sin(t), cos(t)^2 - sin(t)^2]

```



### LINEAR ALGEBRA & OPERATIONS

- `A = simple(A)`
- ```

A =
[ cos(2*t), sin(2*t)]
[ -sin(2*t), cos(2*t)]
    
```
- The command `H = hilb(3)` generates the 3-by-3 Hilbert matrix.
With format short, MATLAB prints

```

H =
1.0000 0.5000 0.3333
0.5000 0.3333 0.2500
0.3333 0.2500 0.2000
    
```



ALGEBRAIC OPERATIONS

- Converting H to a symbolic matrix

```
H = sym(H)
```

gives

```

H =
[ 1, 1/2, 1/3]
[ 1/2, 1/3, 1/4]
[ 1/3, 1/4, 1/5]
    
```



ALGEBRAIC OPERATIONS

`inv(H)` produces

```
ans =
[ 9, -36, 30]
[-36, 192, -180]
[ 30, -180, 180]
```

`det(H)`

```
ans =
1/2160
```



SYMBOLIC SUMMATION

- You can compute symbolic summations, when they exist, by using the `symsum` command. For example, the p-series

```
1 + 1/2^2 + 1/3^2 + ...
sums to pi^2/6, while the geometric series
1 + x^2 + x^3 + ...
sums to 1/(1-x), provided |x| < 1.
```

- `syms x k`
`s1 = symsum(1/k^2, 1, inf)`
`s2 = symsum(x^k, k, 0, inf)`
`s1 =`
`pi^2/6`
`s2 =`
`piecewise([1 <= x, Inf], [abs(x) < 1, -1/(x - 1)])`



TAYLOR SERIES

```
syms x
f = 1/(5 + 4*cos(x));
T = taylor(f, 8) return;

T =
(49*x^6)/131220 + (5*x^4)/1458 + (2*x^2)/81 + 1/9
```

- which is all the terms up to, but not including, order eight in the Taylor series for $f(x)$:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (x - a)^n \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}$$



TAYLOR SERIES

These commands

```
syms x
g = exp(x*sin(x))
t = taylor(g, 12, 2);
```

- generate the first 12 nonzero terms of the Taylor series for g about $x = 2$.



SINGLE DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION

- The function `dsolve` computes symbolic solutions to ordinary differential equations.
- The equations are specified by symbolic expressions containing the letter ***D*** to denote differentiation.
- The symbols $D2, D3, \dots, DN$, correspond to the second, third,, Nth derivative, respectively.
- Thus, $D2y$ is the toolbox equivalent of d^2y/dt^2 .



SINGLE DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION

- The dependent variables are those preceded by D and the default independent variable is t .
- Note that names of symbolic variables should not contain D .
- The independent variable can be changed from t to some other symbolic variable by including that variable as the last input argument.
- Initial conditions can be specified by additional equations. If initial conditions are not specified, the solutions contain constants of integration, $C1, C2$, etc.

```
y = dsolve('Dy = t*y', 'y(0) = 2')
y =
    2*exp(t^2/2)
```



SINGLE DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION

- Nonlinear equations may have multiple solutions, even when initial conditions are given:

```
x = dsolve('(Dx + x)^2 = 1', 'x(0) = 0')
```

results in;

```
x =
    1/exp(t) - 1
    1 - 1/exp(t)
```



SINGLE DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION

- Here is a second-order differential equation with two initial conditions, and the default independent variable changed to x . The commands

```
y = dsolve('D2y = cos(2*x) - y', 'y(0) = 1',
'Dy(0) = 0', 'x');
simplify(y)
```

produce

```
ans =
    1 - (8*(cos(x)/2 - 1/2)^2)/3
```



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SINGLE DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION

- The key issues in this example are the order of the equation and the initial conditions. To solve the ordinary differential equation

$$\frac{d^3u}{dx^3}$$

$$u(0) = 1, \quad u'(0) = -1, \quad u''(0) = \pi,$$

- with x as the independent variable, type

$$u = \text{dsolve}('D3u = u', 'u(0) = 1', 'Du(0) = -1', 'D2u(0) = \pi', 'x')$$

$$u = (\pi \cdot \exp(x))/3 - (\cos((3^{1/2} \cdot x)/2) \cdot (\pi/3 - 1))/\exp(x/2) \dots \\ - (3^{1/2} \cdot \sin((3^{1/2} \cdot x)/2) \cdot (\pi + 1))/(3 \cdot \exp(x/2))$$



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SEVERAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

- The function `dsolve` can also handle several ordinary differential equations in several variables, with or without initial conditions. For example, here is a pair of linear, first-order equations:

$$S = \text{dsolve}('Df = 3*f + 4*g', 'Dg = -4*f + 3*g')$$



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SEVERAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

- The computed solutions are returned in the structure S . You can determine the values of f and g by typing;

$$f = S.f$$

$$g = S.g$$

$$f =$$

$$C2 \cdot \cos(4 \cdot t) \cdot \exp(3 \cdot t) + C1 \cdot \sin(4 \cdot t) \cdot \exp(3 \cdot t)$$

$$g =$$

$$C1 \cdot \cos(4 \cdot t) \cdot \exp(3 \cdot t) - C2 \cdot \sin(4 \cdot t) \cdot \exp(3 \cdot t)$$



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SEVERAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

- If you prefer to recover f and g directly as well as include initial conditions, type;

$$[f, g] = \text{dsolve}('Df= 3*f+4*g, Dg= -4*f+3*g', \dots \\ 'f(0) = 0, g(0) = 1')$$

$$f =$$

$$\sin(4 \cdot t) \cdot \exp(3 \cdot t)$$

$$g =$$

$$\cos(4 \cdot t) \cdot \exp(3 \cdot t)$$



References for Week 11

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Have a nice Week End