

LECTURE SUMMARY 7.2

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SOLVING LINEAR FIRST ORDER ODES

1. Method of integrating factor.
2. Examples.

LINEARITY

Definition: Linear differential equations are in the form

$$L(x, y, y', \dots, y^{(n)}) = g(x),$$

where L satisfies the following two conditions:

1. If y_1 is a solution of $L = 0$, and C is any constant, then Cy_1 is also a solution of $L = 0$.
2. If y_1 and y_2 are solutions of $L = 0$, then $y_1 + y_2$ is also a solution of $L = 0$.