

1.4 Separable Differential Eqs.

recall $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x$ solution is easy because only x on right side

$$y = \int 2x dx = x^2 + C \quad \text{easy because } x \text{ and } y \text{ are not together}$$

but $\frac{dy}{dx} = xy$ can't be solved the same way: y on the right
need to know y in terms of $x \rightarrow$ solution

notice if we treat $\frac{dy}{dx}$ as a fraction: dy over dx

we can divide by y and multiply by dx

$$\frac{1}{y} dy = x dx \quad \text{we can now integrate both sides}$$

$$\int \frac{1}{y} dy = \int x dx$$

$$\ln |y| + C_1 = \frac{1}{2} x^2 + C_2$$

goal: y as a function of x
if possible (explicit form)
if not, implicit

$$\ln |y| = \frac{1}{2} x^2 + \boxed{C_2 - C_1} \rightarrow C_2 - C_1 \text{ is still constant}$$

call it C

$$\ln |y| = \frac{1}{2} x^2 + C \rightarrow \text{implicit solution}$$

$$y = e^{\frac{1}{2} x^2 + C} = e^{\frac{1}{2} x^2} \cdot \boxed{e^C}$$

C is a const. e is const.
so e^C is const.
call it C again

$$\boxed{y = C e^{\frac{1}{2} x^2}}$$

explicit form

this kind of differential eq. is called separable

→ separate x and y by multiplication or division

can't separate this: $\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 + y^2$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - y^2 = x^2$$

no addition/sub

mult. by dx

$$dy - y^2 dx = x^2 dx$$

division doesn't work either

$$\frac{1}{\underbrace{x^2 + y^2}} dy = dx$$

can't "move" it to the x side

NOT all differential eqs. are separable

example

$$(1+x)y' = y$$

$$(1+x) \frac{dy}{dx} = y$$

$$\frac{1}{y} dy = \frac{1}{1+x} dx \quad \text{separated.}$$

$$\int \frac{1}{y} dy = \int \frac{1}{1+x} dx$$

$$\ln|y| = \ln|1+x| + C \quad \text{explicit implicit}$$

$$e^{\ln|y|} = e^{\ln|1+x| + C} = e^{\ln|1+x|} \cdot e^C = e^{\ln|1+x|} \cdot C$$

$$y = (1+x) \cdot C$$

$$\boxed{y = C(1+x)}$$

explicit form

example $y' = xy^2 - y^2$ $y(1) = 2$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = xy^2 - y^2 = y^2(x-1)$$

$$\frac{1}{y^2} dy = (x-1) dx$$

$$\int \frac{1}{y^2} dy = \int (x-1) dx$$

$$-\frac{1}{y} = \frac{1}{2}x^2 - x + C$$

we can solve for C now

$$y(1) = 2 \rightarrow \text{when } x=1 \text{ } y=2$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} - 1 + C$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} = -\frac{1}{2} + C \quad \text{so } C=0$$

$$\rightarrow -\frac{1}{y} = \frac{1}{2}x^2 - x$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}x^2 - x}$$

or we can solve for "c" after finding explicit solution

$$-\frac{1}{y} = \frac{1}{2}x^2 - x + c$$

multiply by -1: $\frac{1}{y} = -\frac{1}{2}x^2 + x + c$

$$y = \frac{1}{-\frac{1}{2}x^2 + x + c} \quad y(1) = 2$$

$$2 = \frac{1}{-\frac{1}{2} + c} \quad \frac{1}{2} + c = \frac{1}{2} \quad c = 0$$

$$y = \frac{1}{-\frac{1}{2}x^2 + x} \quad \text{same!}$$

separable shows up in a lot of applications

population: $\frac{dP}{dt} = kP$ $P(t)$: population at t
growth constant ($k > 0$)

radioactive decay: $\frac{dP}{dt} = kP$ $P(t)$: amount of something
decay constant ($k < 0$)
for uranium 235 $k = -3.12 \times 10^{-17}$

Newton's Law of Cooling: $\frac{dT}{dt} = k(M - T)$

\leftarrow temp
 \leftarrow time
 \leftarrow surrounding

Solve this: big T and little t are variables like x and y
rest are constants

$$\int \frac{1}{M-T} dT = \int k dt$$

$$-\ln|M-T| = kt + C$$

$$\ln|M-T| = -kt + C$$

$$M-T = e^{-kt} \cdot e^C = Ce^{-kt}$$

$$\boxed{T = M - Ce^{-kt}}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} T = M$$

1.5 Linear First-Order Differential Eq.

eg. of this form: $\frac{dy}{dx} + \underline{P(x)}y = \underline{Q(x)}$

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cannot contain y

$y' + xy = \cos x$ is linear: $P(x) = x$, $Q(x) = \cos x$

$y' - y^2 = 1$ is NOT: $\underbrace{y' - yy}_{P \text{ contains } y} = 1$

how to solve linear 1st-order?

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{1}{x}y = 0$$

multiply \underline{x} : $x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = 0$

→
integrating factor

$$\frac{d}{dx}(xy) = 0$$

so, $xy = C$ because its deriv. is 0

$$y = \frac{C}{x}$$

ALL linear 1st-order can be solved by multiplying
by an integrating factor, turn left into derivative
of a product

Then solve by integration

How to find integrating factor

$$y' + p(x)y = Q(x)$$

the integrating factor is $I = e^{\int p(x) dx}$

example

$$\underline{y' - 4y = e^{4x}}$$

no y , so linear

integrating factor: $I = e^{\int p(x) dx} = e^{\int -4 dx}$

$$I = e^{-4x}$$

ANY constant of integration works, for simplicity we normally choose 0

multiply both sides by I

$$e^{-4x} (y' - 4y) = e^{4x} \cdot e^{-4x}$$

$$e^{-4x} y' - 4e^{-4x} y = 1 \rightarrow e^{4x} \cdot e^{-4x} = e^{4x-4x} = e^0$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (e^{-4x} y) = 1$$

ALWAYS $\frac{d}{dx} (Iy)$

$$\rightarrow \frac{d(e^{-4x} y)}{dx} = 1$$

$$d(e^{-4x} y) = dx$$

$$e^{-4x} y = \int 1 \cdot dx$$

$$= x + C$$

THIS C is important

$$y = (x + C) e^{4x}$$

$$y = x e^{4x} + C e^{4x}$$

why does the C in I not matter?

$$y' - 4y = e^{4x}$$

$$P(x) = -4 \quad I = e^{\int -4 dx} = e^{-4x + C} = e^{-4x} \cdot e^C$$

$$I = C e^{-4x}$$

↑ 1 if 'c' is 0

multiply by I on both sides

$$C e^{-4x} (y' - 4y) = e^{4x} \cdot C e^{-4x}$$

$$C (e^{-4x} y' - 4e^{-4x} y) = C$$

can divide out

terminal velocity: $\frac{dv}{dt} = g - \frac{c}{m}v$

for ease of calculation, let $g = 10$ $\frac{c}{m} = 2$

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = 10 - 2v \quad \text{separable?} \quad \text{yes.}$$

$$\frac{1}{10-2v} dv = dt$$

linear? yes.

$$\frac{dv}{dt} + 2v = 10 \quad \text{"standard form" of linear eq.}$$

let's solve it as linear

$$I = e^{\int 2 dt} = e^{2t}$$

$$e^{2t} \left(\frac{dv}{dt} + 2v \right) = 10 \cdot e^{2t}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} (e^{2t} v) = 10 e^{2t}$$

$$e^{2t} v = \int 10 e^{2t} dt = 5 e^{2t} + C$$

$$v(t) = 5 + C e^{-2t}$$

↑ terminal velocity

C: depend on initial condition
 $v(0) = v_0$