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## Introduction

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Definition

$$y'' = f(x, y, y') \tag{1}$$

is a second order differential equation in explicit form.

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#### Special cases

It is not easy to solve these kind of equations, but we have a special cases where we can reduce the order of the equation to first order then we can solve it using the methods we already now.

- ▶ f doesn't depend on  $x \iff y'' = f(y, y')$ .
- ► f doesn't depend on  $y \iff y'' = f(x, y')$ .

In both cases we try variable substitution p = y'.

Solve the following differential equation

$$y'' = \frac{y'^2}{y} \tag{2}$$

The equation can be written as y'' = f(y', y) to solve it we assume that:

$$y' = p(y(x)) \longrightarrow y'' = \frac{dp}{dy} \frac{dy}{dx} = p'p$$
 and we substitute in the equation.

$$pp' = \frac{p^2}{y}$$

$$\frac{dp}{dy} = \frac{p}{y}$$

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$$p = C_1 y = y'$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = C_1 y$$

$$\frac{dy}{y} = C_1 dx$$

$$y = C_2 e^{C_1 x}$$

Solve the following differential equation:

$$y'' = \frac{1}{y^3} \tag{3}$$

Solve the following (IVP) differential equation:

$$y''y' = \frac{1}{2} \tag{4}$$

If you know that y(1) = 0 and y'(1) = 1.

Solve the following (IVP) differential equation:

$$xy'' = 2x - y' \tag{5}$$

If you know that  $y(1) = \frac{1}{2}$  and y'(1) = 1.

The equation can be written as y'' = f(x, y') to solve it we assume that:  $y' = p(x) \longrightarrow y'' = p'$  and we substitute in the equation.

$$xp' + p = 2x$$

$$p' + \frac{p}{x} = 2$$

$$u = \frac{p}{x} \longrightarrow p = ux \longrightarrow p' = u + xu'$$

$$u + u'x + u = 2 \longrightarrow 2u - 2 = -\frac{xdu}{dx}$$

$$\frac{du}{u - 1} = \frac{-2dx}{x} \longrightarrow ln(u - 1) = -2ln(x) + C_1$$

$$u = \frac{C_1}{x^2} + 1 = \frac{p}{x}$$
$$p = \frac{C_1}{x} + x$$
$$y' = \frac{C_1}{x} + x = \frac{dy}{dx}$$
$$y = C_1 ln(x) + \frac{x^2}{2} + C_2$$

$$y'(1) = 1 \longrightarrow 1 = C_1 + 1 \longrightarrow C_1 = 0$$

$$y(1) = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} + C_2 = 0 \longrightarrow C_2 = 0$$

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

## **QUESTIONS**