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p. 64 Section 2.5:Solutions by Substitutions

Sometimes

It is often necessary to transform a differential equation into another differential equation by means of a substitution:

For instance $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$

let $y = g(x, u)$ where u is a function of x , then by the Chain rule:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = g_x(x, u) + g_u(x, u) \frac{du}{dx}$$

but $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$ and $y = g(x, u)$

$$\therefore f(x, g(x, u)) = g_x(x, u) \frac{dx}{dx} + g_u(x, u) \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = \frac{f(x, g(x, u)) - g_x(x, u)}{g_u(x, u)} = F(x, u)$$

If $u = \phi(x)$ is a solution, then

$y = g(x, \phi(x))$ is a solution

to the original equation

We will discuss:

- ① Homogeneous Equations
- ② Bernoulli Equations
- ③ General Substitution

p.64 Homogeneous Equations

A function is a homogeneous function of degree α if:

$$f(tx, ty) = t^\alpha f(x, y) \text{ for some real number } \alpha.$$

Example: Let $f(x, y) = x^3 + y^3$

$$\begin{aligned} f(tx, ty) &= t^3 x^3 + t^3 y^3 = t^3 (x^3 + y^3) \\ &= t^3 f(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore f(x, y) = x^3 + y^3$ is homogeneous.

Try $f(x, y) = x^3 + y^3 + 1$

$$f(tx, ty) = t^3 x^3 + t^3 y^3 + 1 \neq t^\alpha f(x, y)$$

$f(x, y) = x^3 + y^3 + 1$ is NOT homogeneous

A First-order DE in differential form

$$M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy = 0$$

is homogeneous if

$$M(tx, ty) = t^\alpha M(x, y) \text{ and}$$

$$N(tx, ty) = t^\alpha N(x, y)$$

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If M and N are homogeneous functions of degree α then,

$$M(x, y) = x^\alpha M(1, u) \text{ and } N(x, y) = x^\alpha N(1, u)$$

$$\text{where } u = y/x$$

leave out \rightarrow
$$\begin{cases} M(x, y) = y^\alpha M(v, 1) \text{ and } N(x, y) = y^\alpha N(v, 1) \\ \text{where } v = x/y \text{ OR } x = vy \end{cases}$$

Rewriting the homogeneous equation $M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy = 0$, we have:

$$x^\alpha M(1, u)dx + x^\alpha N(1, u)dy = 0 \quad \text{OR}$$

$$M(1, u)dx + N(1, u)dy = 0$$

$$\text{where } u = y/x \text{ or } \boxed{y = ux}$$

$$\text{Since } \frac{dy}{dx} = u \frac{dx}{dx} + x \frac{du}{dx} \text{ we have}$$

$$\text{the differential } dy = u dx + x du$$

Substituting we have:

$$M(1, u)dx + N(1, u)[u dx + x du] = 0$$

$$\text{then } [M(1, u) + u N(1, u)]dx + x N(1, u) du = 0$$

$$\text{OR } \frac{dx}{x} + \frac{N(1, u) du}{M(1, u) + u N(1, u)} = 0$$

This is a separable ODE!

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p.65 Example 1: Solve the Homogeneous DE

$$(x^2 + y^2)dx + (x^2 - xy)dy = 0$$

Is it homogeneous?

$$M(x, y) = x^2 + y^2, N(x, y) = x^2 - xy$$

$$M(tx, ty) = t^2 x^2 + t^2 y^2 = t^2 (x^2 + y^2) = t^2 M(x, y)$$

$$N(tx, ty) = t^2 x^2 - tx ty = t^2 (x^2 - xy) = t^2 N(x, y)$$

Yes, it is homogeneous of degree 2

∴ let $y = ux$, then $dy = u dx + x du$

Substituting:

$$(x^2 + u^2 x^2) dx + (x^2 - x(ux))(u dx + x du) = 0$$

$$x^2(1+u^2) dx + x^2(1-u)(u dx + x du) = 0$$

$$(x^2 + \cancel{u^2 x^2} + x^2 u - \cancel{x^2 u^2}) dx + x^3(1-u) du = 0$$

$$x^2(1+u) dx + x^3(1-u) du = 0$$

$$\text{Separating: } \frac{dx}{x} + \frac{(1-u)}{(1+u)} du = 0$$

$$u+1 \overline{\begin{array}{r} -1 \\ -u-1 \\ \hline 2 \end{array}} = u+1; \frac{(1-u)}{(1+u)} = -1 + \frac{2}{1+u}$$

$$\frac{dx}{x} + \left[-1 + \frac{2}{1+u} \right] du = 0$$

$$\int \left[-1 + \frac{2}{1+u} \right] du + \int \frac{dx}{x} = \int 0 dx \quad (5)$$

$$-u + 2 \ln|1+u| + \ln|x| = C_1$$

Substituting $u = y/x$:

$$-\frac{y}{x} + 2 \ln \left| 1 + \frac{y}{x} \right| + \ln|x| = C_1 = \ln|c|$$

$$2 \ln \left| 1 + \frac{y}{x} \right| + \ln|x| - \ln|c| = \frac{y}{x}$$

Since $1 + \frac{y}{x} = \frac{x+y}{x}$ and $2 \ln \left| \frac{x+y}{x} \right| = \ln \left(\frac{x+y}{x} \right)^2$

$$\ln \left(\frac{x+y}{x} \right)^2 + \ln|x| - \ln c = \frac{y}{x}$$

$$\ln \left| \left(\frac{x+y}{x} \right)^2 \cdot x \div c \right| = \frac{y}{x}$$

OR $\ln \left| \frac{(x+y)^2}{cx} \right| = \frac{y}{x}$

$$\therefore \boxed{(x+y)^2 = cx e^{y/x}}$$

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Example (#2, p. 67):

$$(x+y) dx + x dy = 0 \quad \text{Homogeneous?}$$

$$M(tx, ty) = t(x+y), N(tx, ty) = tx \quad \checkmark$$

Homogeneous of degree 1

$$\therefore y = ux, \quad dy = u dx + x du$$

$$(x+ux) dx + x(u dx + x du) = 0$$

$$(x+2ux) dx + x^2 du = 0$$

$$\cancel{x}(1+2u) dx + x^2 du = 0$$

$$\frac{dx}{x} + \frac{du}{(1+2u)} = 0$$

$$\ln|x| + \frac{1}{2} \ln|1+2u| = C$$

$$\ln\left[x \left(\sqrt{1+2u}\right)\right] = C$$

$$x \sqrt{1+2u} = C_1$$

$$x^2 \left(1 + \frac{2y}{x}\right) = C_2$$

$$\boxed{x^2 + 2xy = C_2}$$

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Example (#4, p.67):

$$y dx = 2(x+y) dy \quad \text{Homogeneous?}$$

$$M(tx, ty) = ty, N(tx, ty) = 2t(x+y) \quad \checkmark \text{ yes.}$$

$$y dx - 2(x+y) dy = 0$$

$$\text{Try } \underline{y = ux} \text{ or } \underline{x = vy}?$$

$$ux dx - 2(x+ux)(u dx + x du) = 0$$

$$\text{Would } x = vy \text{ be easier?}$$

$$y(v dy + y dv) - 2(vy + y) dy = 0$$

$$(yv - 2vy - 2y) dy + y^2 dv = 0$$

$$-(vy + 2y) dy + y^2 dv = 0$$

$$-(v + 2) dy = -y dv$$

$$\frac{dy}{y} = \frac{dv}{(v+2)}, \quad \ln|y| = \ln|v+2| + c$$

$$\ln\left|\frac{y}{v+2}\right| = c,$$

$$\ln\left|\frac{y}{\frac{x}{y} + 2}\right| = c, \quad \ln\left|\frac{y^2}{x+2y}\right| = c,$$

$$\boxed{y^2 = C(x+2y)}$$

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Try solving with $y = ux$:

$$u x dx - 2 [x u dx + x^2 du + u^2 x dx + u x^2 du] = 0$$

collect terms:

$$(u x - 2u x - 2u^2 x) dx - (x^2 + u x^2) du = 0$$

$$-x(2u^2 + 2u - u) dx - x^2(1 + u) du = 0$$

$$\frac{dx}{x} + \frac{(1+u)}{u(2u+1)} du = 0$$

$$\frac{dx}{x} + \left[\frac{1}{u(2u+1)} + \frac{1}{(2u+1)} \right] du = 0$$

Partial Fractions: $\frac{1}{u(2u+1)} = \frac{A}{u} + \frac{B}{(2u+1)}$

$$1 = A(2u+1) + Bu \Rightarrow u=0, A=1$$

$$u = -1/2, B = -2$$

$$\therefore \int \frac{dx}{x} - \int \frac{1 du}{(2u+1)} + \int \frac{du}{u} = 0$$

$$\ln|x| - \ln|2u+1| + \ln|u| = C,$$

$$\ln \left| \frac{x \cdot u}{2u+1} \right| = C, u = \frac{y}{x}$$

$$\frac{xy}{2(2\frac{y}{x}+1)} = C = \frac{xy}{2(\frac{2y+x}{x})} = C$$

$$\boxed{x^2 = C \left[\frac{2y+x}{y} \right]}$$

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Example (#12, p. 67)

Solve the initial value problem:

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

$$\text{let } y = ux, \quad dy = u dx + x du$$

$$(x^2 + 2u^2x^2) dx - ux^2(u dx + x du) = 0$$

$$x^2(1 + u^2) dx - ux^3 du = 0$$

$$\frac{dx}{x} - \frac{u du}{1 + u^2} = 0$$

$$\ln|x| - \frac{1}{2} \ln(1 + u^2) = C$$

$$\frac{x^2}{1 + u^2} = C_1, \quad x^4 = C_1(x^2 + y^2)$$

For the point $(-1, 1)$ we have

$$1 = C_1(1 + 1), \quad C_1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

∴ The solution is

$$\boxed{x^4 = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2)}$$