

1.4) Separable Equations and Applications

An o.d.e. of the form

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = g(x)h(y) \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{g(x)}{f(y)}$$

is called separable. $\left[h(y) = \frac{1}{f(y)} \right]$

Sol'n procedure:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{g(x)}{f(y)} \Rightarrow \boxed{\int f(y)dy = \int g(x)dx}$$

↑ separate the variables

Also in this lecture, we will discuss:

- singular sol'ns
- explicit sol'ns
- implicit sol'ns
- heat transfer

Examples:

$$(\# 2) \quad \frac{dy}{dx} + 2xy^2 = 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -2xy^2$$

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

$$-y^{-1} = -x^2 + C_1$$

Solve for y :

$$y^{-1} = x^2 - C_1$$

$$y = \frac{1}{x^2 - C_1}$$

Note:

We divided by y^2 , which is only allowed for $y^2 \neq 0$ (ie $y \neq 0$).

Let $C = -C_1$.

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

$\therefore y(x) \equiv 0$ is a singular sol'n.

Note: $y(x) \equiv 0$ is also a sol'n, but is not of the form given here.



$$(\#3) \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = y \sin x$$

$$\int \frac{dy}{y} = \int \sin x \, dx$$

Note: $y \neq 0$
here,

$$\ln|y| = -\cos x + C_1$$

Solve for y :

$$\boxed{\exp(x) = e^x}$$

$$\exp(\ln|y|) = \exp(-\cos x + C_1)$$

$$|y| = e^{-\cos x + C_1}$$

$$|y| = e^{-\cos x} \cdot e^{C_1}$$

$$y = \pm e^{C_1} \cdot e^{-\cos x}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{y(x) = C \cdot e^{-\cos x}}$$

Let $C = \pm e^{C_1}$.
Then C is any

nonzero constant.

Note: $y(x) \equiv 0$ is also

a sol'n (is a singular sol'n), which we include with letting $C=0$.

Implicit Sol'ns

In the examples above, we obtained explicit formulas

$$y(x) = \dots$$

for the sol'ns of the o.d.e.'s.

Sometimes it is not possible to solve for y , and instead sol'ns are implicitly given by an equation of the form

$$K(x, y) = 0.$$

[recall implicit differentiation in
your calculus courses]

Example:

$$(\#12) \quad yy' = x(y^2 + 1)$$

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

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

Note: $y^2 + 1 \neq 0$
for all y .

$$\begin{cases} u = y^2 + 1 \\ du = 2y dy \end{cases}$$

$$\int \frac{1}{2} \frac{du}{u} = \int x dx$$

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

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

$$\begin{cases} \text{Note: } y^2 + 1 \geq 1, \text{ so} \\ |y^2 + 1| = y^2 + 1. \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \ln(y^2 + 1) = \frac{1}{2} x^2 + C_1$$

$$\ln(y^2 + 1) = x^2 + 2C_1$$

$$\exp(\ln(y^2+1)) = \exp(x^2 + 2C_1)$$

$$y^2+1 = e^{x^2} \cdot e^{2C_1}$$

$$C = e^{2C_1}$$

$$y^2 = Ce^{x^2} - 1$$

$$C > 0$$

implicit
sol'n

In fact, both

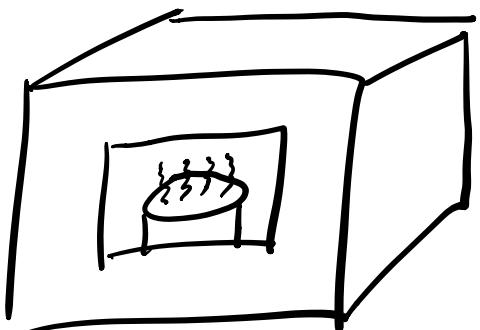
$$y(x) = \sqrt{Ce^{x^2}-1} \text{ and } y(x) = -\sqrt{Ce^{x^2}-1}$$

are explicit sol'n's.



[geogebra.org demo]

Application: Cooling and heating



← baking cake in
the oven

$T(t)$ = temp. of cake at time t

A = ambient temp. inside the oven

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = k(A - T), \quad k > 0$$

Example:

(#49) We remove the cake from the oven and measure its temperature at 210°F .

The room temperature is 70°F . After 30 min. the cake is 140°F . When will the cake be 100°F ?

Sol'n:

$$T(0) = 210 \quad A = 70$$

$$T(30) = 140 \quad T(t) = 100 ?$$

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = k(A - T)$$

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = k(70 - T)$$

$$\int \frac{dT}{70 - T} = \int k dt$$

Note:
 $70 - T \neq 0$

$$\ln |70 - T| = kt + C_1$$

[Note: $T > 70$, so $|70 - T| = T - 70$.]

$$\ln(T - 70) = kt + C_1$$

$$T - 70 = e^{kt} \cdot e^{C_1}$$

$$T = 70 + C e^{kt}$$

$$C = e^{C_1}$$
$$C > 0$$

$$T(0) = 210$$

$$70 + Ce^{k \cdot 0} = 210$$

$$C = 210 - 70$$

$$\boxed{C = 140}$$

$$T(30) = 140$$

$$70 + 140 e^{k \cdot 30} = 140$$

$$140 e^{30k} = 70$$

$$e^{30k} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$30k = \ln(2^{-1}) = -\ln 2$$

$$\boxed{k = \frac{-\ln 2}{30}} = -0.0231\dots$$

$$\therefore T(t) = 70 + 140 \exp\left(-\frac{\ln 2}{30} t\right)$$

$$T(t) = 100 ?$$

$$70 + 140 \exp\left(-\frac{\ln 2}{30} t\right) = 100$$

$$\exp\left(-\frac{\ln 2}{30} t\right) = \frac{30}{140}$$

$$-\frac{\ln 2}{30} t = \ln\left(\frac{3}{14}\right)$$

$$t = -\frac{\ln\left(\frac{3}{14}\right)}{\ln 2} \cdot 30$$

$$= 66.67 \dots$$

∴ After 1 h 6m 40s, the
cake will be 100°F.

