

Method (4): Solution by Substitution method

Core 1 \rightarrow Bernoulli's Eqⁿ

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + p(x)y = q(x)y^a \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} a \in \mathbb{R} \\ a \neq 0, 1 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow$$

If $a = 0$
ODE is linear
If $a = 1$
ODE is separable

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{y^a} \frac{dy}{dx} + p(x) \frac{1}{y^{a-1}} = q(x) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Take $z = \frac{1}{y^{a-1}}$

$$\Rightarrow z = y^{1-a}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dz}{dx} = (1-a) y^{-a} \frac{dy}{dx} = (1-a) \frac{1}{y^a} \frac{dy}{dx}$$

By putting above values in (1), we obtain

$$\frac{1}{(1-a)} \frac{dz}{dx} + p(x)z = q(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dz}{dx} + (1-a)p(x)z = (1-a)q(x)$$

Solve above linear equation for z and do back substitution for $z = y^{1-a}$.

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

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

Take $z = \frac{1}{y}$ i.e. $\frac{dz}{dx} = -\frac{1}{y^2} \frac{dy}{dx}$

by using above values, the ODE becomes

$$-\frac{dz}{dx} - \frac{1}{x}z = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dz}{dx} + \frac{1}{x}z = 1$$

\rightarrow This is a linear equation in z and x ,

$$\text{IF } u = e^{\int \frac{1}{x} dx} = x$$

$$z \cdot x = \int x dx + C$$

$$\Rightarrow z \cdot x = \frac{x^2}{2} + C$$

$$\Rightarrow z = \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{C}{x}$$

Use back substitution!

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

Answer

Case 2

Generalized linear/Bernoulli's Equation

$$f(y) \frac{dy}{dx} + p(x)f(y) = q(x)$$

Take $z = f(y)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dz}{dx} = f'(y) \frac{dy}{dx}$$

Thus, equation reduces to

$$\frac{dz}{dx} + p(x)z = q(x)$$

It is linear. Solve it and use back substitution to find y .

Example

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

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

$$\Rightarrow e^y \frac{dy}{dx} + e^x e^y = e^{2x}$$

Take $z = e^y \Rightarrow \frac{dz}{dx} = e^y \frac{dy}{dx}$

Thus, using the above substitution, equation reduces to

$$\frac{dz}{dx} + e^x z = e^{2x}$$

The above equation is linear.

$$\rightarrow \text{IF } u(x) = e^{\int e^x dx} = e^{e^x}$$

$$\rightarrow z \cdot e^{e^x} = \int e^{2x} \cdot e^{e^x} dx + C$$

$$\Rightarrow z = e^x - 1 + C e^{-e^x}$$

Use back substitution to get

$$e^y = e^x - 1 + C e^{-e^x} \quad \underline{\underline{\text{Ans.}}}$$

Case 3

Homogeneous ODEs of 1st order

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \quad \leftarrow \text{why homogeneous?}$$

Take $y = zx$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = z + x \frac{dz}{dx}$$

So ODE reduces to

$$z + x \frac{dz}{dx} = f(z)$$

$$\Rightarrow x \frac{dz}{dx} = f(z) - z$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dz}{f(z) - z} = \frac{dx}{x} \rightarrow \text{separable in } z \text{ and } x. \text{ solve it and use back substitution.}$$

Two types of Substitution

New var. = combination of old variables

Direct Substitution

Old variable = combination of a few old and new variables

Indirect substitution

Example: Solve: $xy \frac{dy}{dx} + 4x^2 + y^2 = 0$ — (ODE)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{4x^2 + y^2}{xy} = -\frac{4 + \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2}{\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)}$$

Now, by substitution $y = zx$, the ODE reduces to

$$z + x \frac{dz}{dx} = -\frac{4 + z^2}{z}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \frac{dz}{dx} = -\frac{4 + z^2}{z} - z = -\frac{4 + 2z^2}{z} = -2 \frac{2 + z^2}{z}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{z}{2 + z^2} dz = -\frac{2}{x} dx$$

Its solution is $\frac{1}{2} \ln(2 + z^2) + \ln x^2 = C$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 \sqrt{2 + z^2} = C \Rightarrow z^2 + 2 = \frac{C}{x^4}$$

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

Back substitution

Exercise

Find an interval of validity for IVP $\begin{cases} \text{ODE} \\ y(2) = -7 \end{cases}$

$$\downarrow$$

$$(-\sqrt{114}, \sqrt{114})$$

Answer =

Case 4

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(ax+by+c)$$

a, b, c are constants

Take $z = ax+by+c$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dz}{dx} = a + b \frac{dy}{dx}$$

Thus ODE reduces to

$$\frac{1}{b} \left(\frac{dz}{dx} - a \right) = f(z)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dz}{dx} = bf(z) + a$$

The above ODE is separable in variables z and x .

Solve it and get y by using back substitution.

Ex: $\frac{dy}{dx} = e^{9y-x}$

Take $z = -x + 9y$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dz}{dx} = -1 + 9 \frac{dy}{dx}$$

Thus ODE reduces to

$$\frac{1}{9} \left(\frac{dz}{dx} + 1 \right) = e^z$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dz}{dx} = 9e^z - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dz}{9e^z - 1} = dx = \frac{e^{-z}}{9 - e^{-z}} dz = dx$$

Solution: $\ln(9 - e^{-z}) = x + C$

$$\Rightarrow -z = \ln(9 - Ce^x)$$

Using back substitution obtain

$$y = \frac{1}{9} [x - \ln(9 - Ce^x)]$$

See the ODE is already in separable form

$$e^{-9y} dy = e^{-x} dx$$

Solution is:

$$-\frac{1}{9} e^{-9y} = -e^{-x} + C$$

Case 5

$$(a_1x + b_1y + c_1)dx + (a_2x + b_2y + c_2)dy = 0$$

$$\text{and } \frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{a}{b} \text{ (say)}$$

where a_i 's, b_i 's, c_i 's are constants.

$$\text{Take } z = ax + by$$

Then ODE reduces into a separable equation in z and x .

Example. Solve: $(x + 2y + 3)dx + (2x + 4y - 1)dy = 0$

$$\text{Take } z = x + 2y \Rightarrow dz = dx + 2dy$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dz}{dx} = 1 + 2 \frac{dy}{dx} \Rightarrow dy = \frac{1}{2}(dz - dx)$$

Thus equation reduces to

$$(z + 3)dx + (2z - 1)\left(\frac{dz - dx}{2}\right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{7}{2}dx + \frac{1}{2}(2z - 1)dz = 0$$

$$\text{Its solution is } \frac{7}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}(z^2 - z) = C$$

$$\Rightarrow 7x + z^2 - z = C$$

by back substitution

$$7x + (x + 2y)^2 - (x + 2y) = C$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x^2 + 4y^2 + 4xy + 6x - 2y = C} \quad \underline{\underline{\text{Ans.}}}$$

Case 6

$$(a_1x + b_1y + c_1)dx + (a_2x + b_2y + c_2)dy = 0$$

$$\frac{a_1}{a_2} \neq \frac{b_1}{b_2}$$

a_i, b_i, c_i are constants

ODE will become homogeneous if you remove constant terms c_1 and c_2 from M and N , respectively.

For, we shift coordinate, i.e.

Take

$$z_1 = x - h$$

$$z_2 = y - k$$

where h and k are constants such that

$$a_1h + b_1k + c_1 = 0$$

$$a_2h + b_2k + c_2 = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } \begin{bmatrix} h \\ k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} -c_1 \\ -c_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

By above substitution, ODE reduces to a homogeneous equation in variables z_1 and z_2 .

Ex. Solve $(x - 2y + 1)dx + (4x - 3y - 6)dy = 0$

↳ (Not homogeneous and not exact also).

Take $z_1 = x - h$ where h, k solve the system

$$z_2 = y - k$$

$$h - 2k + 1 = 0$$

$$4h - 3k - 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} h \\ k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 4 & -3 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus, by using substitution $\begin{matrix} z_1 = x - 3 \\ z_2 = y - 2 \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} dz_1 = dx \\ dz_2 = dy \end{matrix}$

the ODE reduces to

$$(z_1 + 3 - 2z_2 - 4 + 1)dz_1 + (4z_1 + 12 - 3z_2 - 6 - 6)dz_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{(z_1 - 2z_2)dz_1 + (4z_1 - 3z_2)dz_2 = 0}$$

→ Solve it in z_1 and z_2 and then use back substitution.

Summary

ODE	Substitution	ODE reduces to
$\frac{dy}{dx} + p(x)y = q(x)y^a$ (Bernoulli's equations)	$z = \frac{1}{y^{a-1}} = y^{1-a}$	linear ODE
$f'(y) \frac{dy}{dx} + p(x)f(y) = q(x)$ (Generalized linear ODE)	$z = f(y)$	linear ODE
$\frac{dy}{dx} = f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$ (Homogeneous ODE)	$y = zx$	separable form in z and x
$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(ax+by+c)$	$z = ax+by+c$	separable form in z and x
$(a_1x + b_1y + c_1)dx$ $+ (a_2x + b_2y + c_2)dy$ $\left(\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{a}{b} \text{ say}\right)$	$z = ax+by$	separable form in z and x
Above ODE $\left(\frac{a_1}{a_2} \neq \frac{b_1}{b_2}\right)$	$z_1 = x-h$ $z_2 = y-k$ where $a_1h + b_1k + c_1 = 0$ $a_2h + b_2k + c_2 = 0$	homogeneous ODE in z_1 and z_2