

Problem 1 : Higher-order ODEs

$$\bullet \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} - \frac{1}{y} \left(\frac{dy}{dt} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{y} = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \ddot{y} - \dot{y}^2 / y - 1/y = 0$$

$$\ddot{y} = \frac{\dot{y}^2}{y} + \frac{1}{y} \quad - \textcircled{1}$$

Assume, $u = \dot{y}$

Substituting in $\textcircled{1}$,

$$\dot{u} = \frac{u^2}{y} + \frac{1}{y}$$

Therefore, the given DE can be composed into a system of first-order ODEs as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dt} &= u \\ \frac{du}{dt} &= \frac{u^2}{y} + \frac{1}{y} \end{aligned}$$

$$\bullet \frac{1}{t^2} \frac{d}{dt} \left(t^2 \frac{dy}{dt} \right) + y = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \left(t^2 \frac{dy}{dt} \right) + yt^2 = 0$$

$$2t \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} t^2 + yt^2 = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + \frac{2}{t} \frac{dy}{dt} + y = 0$$

$$\ddot{y} = -\frac{2}{t} \dot{y} + y \quad \text{--- ①}$$

Assume, $\dot{y} = u$.

Substituting in ①,

$$\dot{u} = -\frac{2}{t} u + y$$

Therefore, the given DE can be composed into a system of first-order ODEs as follows:

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dt} &= u \\ \frac{du}{dt} &= -\frac{2}{t} u + y \end{aligned}}$$

$$\bullet \frac{d^3 y}{dt^3} + 2 \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} - \frac{dy}{dt} - t = 0$$

$$\ddot{y} = -2\ddot{y} + \dot{y} + t - \textcircled{1}$$

Assume, $\dot{y} = u$. Substituting in $\textcircled{1}$,

$$\ddot{u} = -2\ddot{u} + u + t - \textcircled{2}$$

Now, Assume $\dot{u} = v$. Substituting in $\textcircled{2}$,

$$\dot{v} = -2v + u + t$$

Therefore, the given DE can be composed into a system of first-order ODEs as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dt} &= u \\ \frac{du}{dt} &= v \\ \frac{dv}{dt} &= -2v + u + t \end{aligned}$$