

2.5 Solution by Substitution

Homogeneous Equation .

If a function f possesses the property $f(tx, ty) = t^\alpha f(x, y)$ for some real number α , then f is said to be a homogeneous function of degree α .

Example

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

$$f(tx, ty) = t^3 x^3 + t^3 y^3 = t^3 f(x, y)$$

which is homogeneous function of degree 3.

* A first order DE in differential form

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

is said to be homogeneous if both coefficient functions M and N are homogeneous of the same degree e.g.

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

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

* If M and N are homogeneous functions of degree α , we can also write

$$M(x, y) = x^\alpha M(1, u)$$

where $u = y/x$

$$N(x, y) = x^\alpha N(1, u)$$

and

$$M(x, y) = y^\alpha M(v, 1)$$

$$N(x, y) = y^\alpha N(v, 1)$$

where $v = x/y$

Example Solve $(x^2+y^2)dx + (x^2-xy)dy = 0$. (1)

Solution

$$M(x,y) = x^2 + y^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} M(tx,ty) &= t^2x^2 + t^2y^2 \\ &= t^2(x^2 + y^2) \\ &= t^2 M(x,y) \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} N(tx,ty) &= t^2x^2 - t^2xy \\ &= t^2(x^2 - xy) \\ &= t^2 N(x,y) \end{aligned}$$

So $M(x,y)$ & $N(x,y)$ are homogeneous of degree 2.

Let $y = ux$

$$\text{so } dy = udx + xdu$$

Substituting in (1)

$$\begin{aligned} (x^2 + y^2)dx + (x^2 - xy)dy &= 0 \\ (x^2 + u^2x^2)dx + (x^2 - ux^2)(udx + xdu) &= 0 \\ x^2dx + u^2x^2dx + x^2u dx + x^3du - u^2x^2dx \\ - ux^3du &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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

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

$$\frac{-dx}{u} = \frac{1-u}{1+u} du$$

$$= \frac{1-1-u+1}{1+u} du$$

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

$$\frac{du}{u} = \left(-\frac{2}{1+u} + 1 \right) du$$

$$\ln u = -2 \ln |1+u| + u + \ln c$$

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

$$u = \ln \left| \frac{x(1+u)^2}{c} \right|$$

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

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

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

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

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

Bernoulli

Reduction to separation of variables.

A differential equation of the form

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(Ax+By+c)$$

can always be reduced to an equation with separable variable by substituting

$$u = Ax+By+c \quad B \neq 0$$

Example

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (-2x+y)^2 - 7 \quad y(0)=0$$

Solution

$$\text{let } u = -2x+y$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = 2 + \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{du}{dx} - 2$$

So eq becomes

$$\frac{du}{dx} + 2 = u^2 - 7.$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = u^2 - 89.$$

$$\frac{du}{u^2 - 89} = dx. \quad (1)$$

using partial fraction for $\frac{1}{u^2 - 9}$

$$\frac{1}{(u+3)(u-3)} = \frac{A}{u+3} + \frac{B}{u-3}$$

$$1 = A(u-3) + B(u+3)$$

$$\text{For } u=3, \quad B = 1/6$$

$$u=-3, \quad A = -1/6$$

$$\text{so } \frac{1}{u^2 - 9} = \frac{-1}{6(u+3)} + \frac{1}{6(u-3)}$$

so we get from (1)

$$\frac{du}{\left(\frac{-1}{6(u+3)} + \frac{1}{6(u-3)}\right)} du = dx$$

Integrating

$$\frac{-1}{6} \ln(u+3) + \frac{1}{6} \ln(u-3) = x + C$$

$$-\ln(u+3)^{\frac{1}{6}} + \ln(u-3)^{\frac{1}{6}} = x + C.$$

$$\frac{1}{6} \ln \left| \frac{u-3}{u+3} \right|^6 = x + C.$$

$$\ln \left| \frac{u-3}{u+3} \right| = 6x + 6C.$$

$$\frac{u-3}{u+3} = e^{6x+6C} = C_1 e^{6x}.$$

resubstituting $u = -2x + y$

$$u = \frac{3(1 + Ce^{6x})}{1 - Ce^{6x}} \Rightarrow -2x + y = \frac{3(1 + Ce^{6x})}{1 - Ce^{6x}}$$

$$y = 2x + \frac{3(1 + Ce^{6x})}{1 - Ce^{6x}}$$

Bernoulli Equation

The differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = f(x)y^n \quad (A)$$

where n is any real number, is called Bernoulli equation.

* For $n=0, \& n=1$, equation (A) is linear.

* For $n \neq 0, \& n \neq 1$, the substitution $y^u = y^{1-n}$ reduces any equation of the form (A) into a linear equation.

Example

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

Solution

writing in the standard form

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

Here $n=2$, so we can substitute $u = y^{1-n} = y^{1-2} = y^{-1}$.
 $\Rightarrow y = u^{-1}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{dy}{du} \frac{du}{dx} \\ &= -\frac{1}{u^2} \frac{du}{dx} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } (1) \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{u^2} \frac{du}{dx} + \frac{1}{u} = \frac{x}{u^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} - \frac{u}{x} = -x.$$

Now finding the I.F $\Rightarrow e^{\int -\frac{1}{x} dx} = e^{-\ln x} = e^{\ln x^{-1}} = x^{-1}$

$$\Rightarrow x^{-1} \frac{du}{dx} - ux^{-2} = -1.$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(ux^{-1}) = -1.$$

Integrating

$$\Rightarrow x^{-1}u = -x + c$$

$$\Rightarrow u = -x^2 + cx.$$

Put $u = \frac{1}{y}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{y} = -x^2 + cx.$$

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

Exercise 2.5

Solve the given DE by using appropriate substitution

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

Let $y = ux$.

$\rightarrow (1)$

$$dy = u dx + x du$$

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

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

$$x^2 du = u^2 x^2 dx$$

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

Integrating

$$\Rightarrow \frac{u^{-1}}{-1} = \ln x + c$$

$$-\frac{1}{u} = \ln x + c$$

From (1), $u = y/x$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{x}{y} = \ln x + c$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{y}{x} = \frac{-1}{c + \ln x} = \frac{1}{c - \ln x}$$

$$y = \frac{x}{c - \ln x}$$

10 $x \frac{dy}{dx} = y + \sqrt{x^2 - y^2} \quad x > 0$

$$y = ux$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x \frac{du}{dx} + u$$

$$\Rightarrow ux + ux x \frac{du}{dx} = ux + \sqrt{x^2 - u^2 x^2}$$

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

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

Integrating

$$\Rightarrow \sin^{-1} u = \ln x + c.$$

$$\sin^{-1}(y/x) = \ln x + c.$$

$$y = x \sin(\ln x + c).$$

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$$y dx + x(\ln x - \ln y - 1) dy = 0 \quad y(1) = e.$$

Solution

$$\text{Let } x = vy.$$

$$dx = vdy + ydv$$

$$\Rightarrow y(vdy + ydv) + vy(\ln vy - \ln y - 1) dy = 0$$

$$vydy + y^2 dv + vy \ln vy dy - vy \ln y dy - vy dy = 0$$

$$dy(vy(\ln vy - \ln y)) = -y^2 dv$$

$$dy(vy \ln \left(\frac{vy}{y}\right)) = -y^2 dv$$

$$vy \ln v dy = -y^2 dv$$

$$-\frac{1}{y} dy = \frac{dv}{v \ln v}$$

Integrating

$$\Rightarrow -\int \frac{1}{y} dy = \int \frac{dv}{v \ln v}$$

$$\text{Let } u = \ln v \Rightarrow du = \frac{1}{v} dv$$

$$\Rightarrow -\int \frac{1}{y} dy = \int \frac{du}{u}$$

$$-\ln y = \ln u + \ln c$$

$$\ln c = \ln u + \ln y$$

$$\ln c = \ln uy$$

$$\Rightarrow c = uy$$

$$c = y \ln(v)$$

$$= y \ln(x/y)$$

$$c = y (\ln x - \ln y)$$

using initial condition $y(1) = e$

$$\Rightarrow c = 1 (\ln 1 - \ln e)$$

$$c = -e$$

\Rightarrow solution is

$$y \ln(x/y) = -e$$

Solve the given DE by using appropriate substitution.

$$\underline{20} \quad 3(1+t^2) \frac{dy}{dt} = 2ty(y^3-1). \quad (1)$$

$$3(1+t^2) \frac{dy}{dt} + 2ty = 2ty^4$$

dividing both sides by y^4

$$\frac{3(1+t^2)}{y^4} \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{2t}{y^3} = 2t \quad (1).$$

$$\text{Let } u = \frac{1}{y^3}, \quad \frac{du}{dy} = -\frac{3}{y^4}$$

Now

$$\frac{du}{dt} = \frac{du}{dy} \frac{dy}{dt} = -\frac{3}{y^4} \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{y^4} \frac{dy}{dt} = -1 - \frac{du}{dt}$$

Substituting in (1)

$$\Rightarrow -(1+t^2) \frac{du}{dt} + 2tu = 2t.$$

$$-(1+t^2) \frac{du}{dt} = 2t(1-u)$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{du}{1-u} = \frac{2t}{1+t^2} dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln|1-u| = \ln|1+t^2| + \ln c.$$

$$1-u = c(1+t^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow u = 1 - c(1+t^2)$$

$$\frac{1}{y^3} = 1 - c(1+t^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{(1 - c(1+t^2))^{1/3}}$$

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Let $u = y^{3/2}$

$$\frac{du}{dy} = \frac{3}{2} y^{1/2}.$$

now $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \frac{du}{dx}$
 $= \frac{2}{3} y^{-1/2} \frac{du}{dx}$

$$y^{1/2} \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{du}{dx}$$

put in given DE

$$\frac{2}{3} \frac{du}{dx} + u = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{3} \frac{du}{dx} = 1-u.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} + \frac{3}{2} u = 3/2.$$

$$\text{I.F. } e^{\int \frac{3}{2} dx} = e^{3/2 x}$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{\frac{3}{2}x} \frac{du}{dx} + \frac{3}{2} e^{\frac{3}{2}x} u = \frac{3}{2} e^{3/2 x}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(e^{\frac{3}{2}x} u \right) = \frac{3}{2} e^{\frac{3}{2}x}$$

Integrating

$$\Rightarrow e^{\frac{3}{2}x} u = \frac{3}{2} \frac{e^{(3/2)x}}{3/2} + C$$

$$u = 1 + C e^{-\frac{3}{2}x}$$

$$y^{3/2} = 1 + C e^{(-3/2)x}$$

$$\text{using I.C. } y(0) = 4$$

$$0(4)^{3/2} = 1 + C e^0$$

$$8 = 1 + C \Rightarrow C = 7.$$

$$\Rightarrow y^{3/2} = 1 + 7e^{-\frac{3}{2}x}$$

$$\underline{24} \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1-x-y}{x+y}$$

$$\text{Let } u = x+y \Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = 1 + \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{du}{dx} - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} - 1 = \frac{1-u}{u} = \frac{1}{u} - 1$$

$$udu = dx$$

Integrating

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

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

$$27 \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = 2 + \sqrt{y-2x+3}$$

Let $u = y - 2x + 3 \rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dx} - 2$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{du}{dx} + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 + \frac{du}{dx} = x + \sqrt{u}$$

$$u^{-1/2} du = dx$$

Integrating

$$\frac{u^{1/2}}{1/2} = x + c \Rightarrow u^{1/2} = \frac{1}{2}x + c$$

$$\sqrt{y-2x+3} = \frac{x}{2} + c$$

$$29 \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \cos(x+y) \quad y(0) = \pi/4.$$

$$\text{Let } u = x+y.$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} - 1 = \cos u.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = \cos u + 1.$$

$$\frac{1}{1+\cos u} du = dx.$$

$$\frac{1}{1+\cos u} \cdot \frac{(1-\cos u)}{1-\cos u} du = dx \Rightarrow \frac{1-\cos u}{1-\cos u} du = dx.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1-\cos u}{\sin^2 u} du = dx \Rightarrow (\csc^2 u - \cot u \csc u) du = dx.$$

Integrating

$$-\cot u + \csc u = x + c$$

$$-\cot(x+y) + \csc(x+y) = x + c$$

using I.C
 $\Rightarrow -\cot(\pi/4) + \csc(\pi/4) = c \Rightarrow c = -1 + \sqrt{2}$

$$\Rightarrow -\cot(x+y) + \csc(x+y) = x - 1 + \sqrt{2}$$