

1. (diffeq:sep1)

Find a solution to the initial value problem

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= e^y x^3 \\ y(0) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Solution: In what follows, the value of the constant of integration may change from line to line.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= e^y x^3 \\ e^{-y} dy &= x^3 dx \\ \int e^{-y} dy &= \int x^3 dx \\ -e^{-y} &= \frac{1}{4}x^4 + C \\ e^{-y} &= -\frac{1}{4}x^4 + C \\ y &= -\ln\left(C - \frac{1}{4}x^4\right)\end{aligned}$$

Substituting the initial condition $0 = y(0) = -\ln(C)$, we find that $C = 1$ and $y(x) = -\ln(1 - \frac{1}{4}x^4)$

2. (diffeq:sep2)

Find a solution to the initial value problem

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= (1 + y^2)e^x \\ y(0) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= (1 + y^2)e^x \\ \frac{dy}{1 + y^2} &= e^x dx \\ \int \frac{dy}{1 + y^2} &= \int e^x dx \\ \arctan(y) &= e^x + C \\ y &= \tan(e^x + C)\end{aligned}$$

Substituting in the initial condition, we find that $0 = Y(0) = \tan(1 + C)$. A possible choice of C is $C = -1$. Our final answer is then $y(x) = \tan(e^x - 1)$.

3. (diffeq:sep3)

Find a solution to the initial value problem

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= y\sqrt{y^2 - 1} \cos(x) \\ y(0) &= 1\end{aligned}$$

Solution: First, we can observe that one solution to this problem is given by $y(x) = 1$.

We can find another solution by separating variables.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= y\sqrt{y^2 - 1} \cos(x) \\ \frac{dy}{y\sqrt{y^2 - 1}} &= \cos(x)dx \\ \int \frac{dy}{y\sqrt{y^2 - 1}} &= \int \cos(x)dx \\ \operatorname{arcsec}(y) &= \sin(x) + C \\ y &= \sec(\sin(x) + C)\end{aligned}$$

Substituting in the initial condition $y(0) = 1$ we find that

$$1 = y(0) = \sec(C)$$

So we may take, for example, $C = 0$. Our final solution is then either of $y(x) = 1$ or $y(x) = \sec(\sin(x))$.

4. (diffeq:sep4)

Find the general solution to the differential equation

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

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= x^2 + y^2 x^2 \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= x^2(1 + y^2) \\ \frac{dy}{1 + y^2} &= x^2 dx \\ \int \frac{dy}{1 + y^2} &= \int x^2 dx \\ \arctan(y) &= \frac{x^3}{3} + C \\ y(x) &= \tan\left(\frac{x^3}{3} + C\right)\end{aligned}$$

5. (diffeq:sep5)

Find the general solution to the differential equation

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

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{e^y \sqrt{1 - x^2}} \\ e^y dy &= \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}} \\ \int e^y dy &= \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}} \\ e^y &= \arcsin(x) + C \\ y &= \ln(\arcsin(x) + C)\end{aligned}$$

6. (diffeq:sep6)

Find the general solution to the differential equation

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

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{e^y(1+x^2)} \\ e^y dy &= \frac{dx}{(1+x^2)} \\ \int e^y dy &= \int \frac{dx}{(1+x^2)} \\ e^y &= \arctan(x) + C \\ y &= \ln(\arctan(x) + C)\end{aligned}$$

7. (diffeq:sep7)

Find a solution to the initial value problem

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= \sqrt{1-y^2} \sec^2(x) \\ y(0) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= \sqrt{1-y^2} \sec^2(x) \\ \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-y^2}} dy &= \int \sec^2(x) dx \\ \arcsin(y) &= \tan(x) + C \\ y(x) &= \sin(\tan(x) + C)\end{aligned}$$

Using the initial condition, we find that

$$0 = \sin(0 + C)$$

so $C = 0$ gives a solution. Our final answer is then $\sin(\tan(x))$.

8. (diffeq:fol1)

Find the general solution to the differential equation (for $x \neq 0$)

$$x \frac{dy}{dx} = -y + x$$

Solution: We rewrite the equation as

$$x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = x$$

and observe that this equation is already in the form

$$\frac{d(xy)}{dx} = x$$

which is separable. We solve

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d(xy)}{dx} &= x \\ \int d(xy) &= \int x dx \\ xy &= \frac{1}{2}x^2 + C \\ y(x) &= \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{C}{x}\end{aligned}$$

9. (diffeq:fol2)

Find the general solution to the differential equation

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

Solution: We begin by writing the problem in standard form as

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

The integrating factor for this problem is $m(x) = e^{\int -2x dx} = e^{-x^2}$. If we multiply through by e^{-x^2} , then the equation becomes separable and we can find the general solution directly.

$$\begin{aligned}e^{-x^2} \frac{dy}{dx} - 2xe^{-x^2} y &= 2x \\ \frac{d(e^{-x^2} y)}{dx} &= 2x \\ \int d(e^{-x^2} y) &= \int 2x dx \\ e^{-x^2} y &= x^2 + C \\ y(x) &= x^2 e^{x^2} + C e^{x^2}\end{aligned}$$

10. (diffeq:fol3)

Find a solution to the initial value problem

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

Solution: We begin by writing the differential equation in standard form as

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

The integrating factor for this problem is $m(x) = e^{\int \frac{2}{x} dx} = e^{2 \ln(x)} = x^2$. Multiplying through by x^2 converts this problem to

$$x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + 2xy = \cos(x)$$
$$\frac{d(x^2 y)}{dx} = \cos(x)$$
$$\int d(x^2 y) = \int \cos(x) dx$$
$$x^2 y = \sin(x) + C$$
$$y(x) = \frac{\sin(x)}{x^2} + \frac{C}{x^2}$$

We substitute in the initial condition $y(\pi) = 1$ to find that

$$y(\pi) = \underbrace{\frac{\sin(\pi)}{\pi^2}}_0 + \frac{C}{\pi^2}$$

so $C = \pi^2$ and $y(x) = \frac{\sin(x)}{x^2} + \frac{\pi^2}{x^2}$.

11. (diffeq:fol4)

Find a solution to the initial value problem

$$\cos(x) \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - \sin(x)y$$
$$y(0) = 1$$

Solution: We begin by writing the equation in standard form

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + \tan(x)y = \sec(x)$$

The integrating factor for this problem is $m(x) = e^{\int \tan(x)dx} = e^{-\ln(\cos(x))} = \sec(x)$. Multiplying through by $m(x)$ makes this equation separable.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} + \tan(x)y &= \sec(x) \\ \sec(x)\frac{dy}{dx} + \sec(x)\tan(x)y &= \sec^2(x) \\ \frac{d(\sec(x)y)}{dx} &= \sec^2(x) \\ \int d(\sec(x)y) &= \int \sec^2(x)dx \\ \sec(x)y &= \tan(x) + C \\ y &= \sin(x) + C \cos(x)\end{aligned}$$

Substituting in $y(0) = 1$ we find that $C = 1$ and $y(x) = \sin(x) + \cos(x)$.

12. (diffeq:fol5)

Find a solution to the initial value problem

$$\begin{aligned}x\frac{dy}{dx} + 2y &= -\frac{\sin(x)}{x} \\ y\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) &= 1\end{aligned}$$

Solution: We begin by writing the differential equation in standard form as

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

The integrating factor for this problem is $m(x) = e^{\int \frac{2}{x}dx} = e^{2\ln(x)} =$

x^2 . Multiplying through by x^2 converts this problem to

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + 2xy &= -\sin(x) \\ \frac{d(x^2 y)}{dx} &= -\sin(x) \\ \int d(x^2 y) &= -\int \sin(x) dx \\ x^2 y &= \cos(x) + C \\ y(x) &= \frac{\cos(x)}{x^2} + \frac{C}{x^2}\end{aligned}$$

Substituting in the initial condition, we find that

$$1 = y\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \underbrace{\frac{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)}{\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2}}_0 + \frac{C}{\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2}$$

so that $y(x) = \frac{\cos(x)}{x^2} + \frac{\pi^2}{4} \frac{1}{x^2}$.

13. (diffeq:twoBranches)

Find a solution to the initial value problem

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= (y-1)\frac{1}{x} \\ y(-1) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= (y-1)\frac{1}{x} \\ \frac{1}{y-1} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{x} \\ \frac{1}{y-1} dy &= \frac{1}{x} dx \\ \int \frac{1}{y-1} dy &= \int \frac{1}{x} dx \\ \ln|y-1| &= \ln|x| + c \\ y-1 &= \pm|x|e^c \\ y &= 1 \pm |x|e^c\end{aligned}$$

We are working near -1 , so $|x| = -x$. Plugging in $y(-1) = 0$,

$$0 = 1 \pm e^c \underbrace{(-(-1))}_{|-1|}$$

e^c is always positive, so we must have

$$0 = y(-1) = 1 - e^c$$

Thus $1 = e^c$ and we get as our final answer

$$\begin{aligned} y(x) &= 1 - e^c(-x) \\ y(x) &= 1 + x \end{aligned}$$

14. (diffeq:fol6)

Find the general solution to the differential equation

$$\cos(x) \frac{dy}{dx} = y + \sin(x) + 1$$

where we assume that $-\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$.

Solution: We begin by writing the differential equation in standard form

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(x) \frac{dy}{dx} &= y + \sin(x) + 1 \\ \frac{dy}{dx} - \sec(x)y &= \tan(x) + \sec(x) \end{aligned}$$

The integrating factor is $m(x) = e^{\int -\sec(x)dx} = e^{-\ln|\sec(x)+\tan(x)|}$. Recalling that we assumed $-\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$, this is $\frac{1}{\sec(x)+\tan(x)}$. Multiplying through, we find that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{y}{\sec(x) + \tan(x)} \right) &= 1 \\ \int d \left(\frac{y}{\sec(x) + \tan(x)} \right) &= \int dx \\ \frac{y}{\sec(x) + \tan(x)} &= x + C \\ y(x) &= x(\sec(x) + \tan(x)) + C(\sec(x) + \tan(x)) \end{aligned}$$

15. (diffeq:fol7)

Find the general solution to the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{1}{x^2 - 1}y = \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{1+x}$$

where we assume that $x > 1$.

Solution: The equation is already in standard form, so we can solve for the integrating factor $m(x) = e^{\int \frac{1}{x^2-1} dx} = e^{\ln \sqrt{|\frac{x-1}{x+1}|}} = \sqrt{\frac{x-1}{x+1}}$ for $x > 1$. Multiplying through, we find that

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{\frac{x-1}{x+1}} \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{1}{x^2-1} \sqrt{\frac{x-1}{x+1}} y &= \frac{3}{2} \sqrt{\frac{x-1}{x+1}} \sqrt{1+x} \\ \frac{d}{dx} y \sqrt{\frac{x-1}{x+1}} &= \frac{3}{2} \sqrt{x-1} \\ \int d \left(y \sqrt{\frac{x-1}{x+1}} \right) &= \frac{3}{2} \int \sqrt{x-1} dx \\ y \sqrt{\frac{x-1}{x+1}} &= (x-1)^{\frac{3}{2}} + C \\ y(x) &= (x-1) \sqrt{x+1} + C \sqrt{\frac{x+1}{x-1}} \end{aligned}$$

16. (diffeq:fol8)

Find a solution to the initial value problem

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} - 2xy &= x^4 \cos(x) \\ y(\pi) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Solution: We begin by putting the differential equation into standard form

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} - 2xy &= x^4 \cos(x) \\ \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{2}{x}y &= x^2 \cos(x) \end{aligned}$$

The integrating factor is then $m(x) = e^{-2 \int \frac{1}{x} dx} = e^{-\ln |x|} = \frac{1}{x^2}$. We

multiply through to find that

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{2}{x}y &= x^2 \cos(x) \\ \frac{1}{x^2} \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{2}{x^3}y &= \cos(x) \\ \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{x^2}y \right) &= \cos(x) \\ \int d \left(\frac{1}{x^2}y \right) &= \int \cos(x) dx \\ \frac{1}{x^2}y &= \sin(x) + C \\ y(x) &= x^2 \sin(x) + Cx^2\end{aligned}$$

Substituting in the initial condition, we find that

$$1 = y(\pi) = \pi^2 \sin(\pi) + C\pi^2 = C\pi^2$$

so that $C = \frac{1}{\pi^2}$ and $y(x) = x^2 \sin(x) + \frac{x^2}{\pi^2}$.

17. (diffeq:fol9)

Find a solution to the initial value problem

$$\begin{aligned}(1+x^2)\arctan(x)\frac{dy}{dx} &= (1+x^2)e^x - y \\ y(\tan(1)) &= e^{\tan(1)}\end{aligned}$$

Solution: We begin by putting the equation into standard form

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

Notice that

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{1}{\arctan(x)(1+x^2)} dx &= \int \frac{1}{u} du & u &= \arctan(x) & du &= \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx \\ &= \ln|u| + C \\ &= \ln|\arctan(x)| + C\end{aligned}$$

We are working near $\tan(1) > 0$ so we may assume that $\arctan(x) > 0$.

$$\begin{aligned}
m(x) &= e^{\int \frac{1}{\arctan(x)(1+x^2)} dx} \\
&= e^{\ln(\arctan(x))} \\
&= \arctan(x)
\end{aligned}$$

Multiplying through by the integrating factor, we find that

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d}{dx} (\arctan(x)y) &= e^x \\
\int d(\arctan(x)y) &= \int e^x dx \\
\arctan(x)y &= e^x + C \\
y(x) &= \frac{e^x}{\arctan(x)} + \frac{C}{\arctan(x)}
\end{aligned}$$

Substituting in the initial condition

$$\begin{aligned}
e^{\tan(1)} = y(\tan(1)) &= \frac{e^{\tan(1)}}{\arctan(\tan(1))} + \frac{C}{\arctan(\tan(1))} \\
&= e^{\tan(1)} + C
\end{aligned}$$

so $C = 0$ and $y(x) = \frac{e^x}{\arctan(x)}$.

18. (diffeq:fol10)

Find a particular solution to the differential equation

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1+x^3}{3x^2} \frac{dy}{dx} &= 1 - y(x) \\
y(1) &= 2
\end{aligned}$$

Solution: We first put the equation into standard form

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{3x^2}{1+x^3} y = \frac{3x^2}{1+x^3}$$

The integrating factor for this problem is $m(x) = (1+x^3)$ and the solution is

$$\begin{aligned}
y(x) &= \frac{1}{1+x^3} \left(\int 3x^2 dx \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{1+x^3} (x^3 + C)
\end{aligned}$$

The initial condition $y(1) = 2$ gives that $\frac{1+C}{2} = 2$, so $C = 3$ and $y(x) = \frac{3+x^3}{1+x^3}$.