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Linear Equations and Bernoulli Equations.

Definition: A first-order ordinary differential equation is called linear if it can be written in the form

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = Q(x). \quad (1)$$

Let us write the equation (1) in the form

$$(P(x)y - Q(x))dx + dy = 0 \quad (2)$$

It is clear that the equation (2) is not exact unless $P(x)=0$ and not separable in general. Let us multiply equation (2) by $g(x)$,

$$\text{obtaining } (g(x)P(x)y - g(x)Q(x))dx + g(x)dy = 0 \quad (3)$$

that is $\frac{\partial(g(x)P(x)y - g(x)Q(x))}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial(g(x))}{\partial x}$

$$\text{or } g(x)P(x) = \frac{d}{dx}g(x) \quad (4)$$

It is clear that the equation (4) is separable, and so

$$\frac{dg}{g} = Pdx$$

In integrating, we obtain the particular solution

$$\ln|g| = \int Pdx$$

$$\text{or } g = e^{\int Pdx} \quad (5).$$

Thus the linear equation (1) possesses an integrating factor of the form (5). Multiplying (2.26) by (2.30) gives

$$e^{\int Pdx} \frac{dy}{dx} + e^{\int Pdx} P y = Q e^{\int Pdx}$$

$$\frac{d(e^{\int Pdx} y)}{dx} = Q e^{\int Pdx}$$

Integrating this

$$e^{\int Pdx} y = \int e^{\int Pdx} Q dx + C$$

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Theorem: The linear differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = Q(x)$ has an integrating factor of the form $e^{\int P dx}$. The general solution of this equation is

$$y = e^{-\int P dx} \left(\int e^{\int P dx} Q dx + c \right)$$

Example: (1) $\frac{dy}{dx} + \left(\frac{2x+1}{x}\right)y = e^{-2x}$

Here $P(x) = \frac{2x+1}{x}$, and hence

$$I.F. = e^{\int \frac{2x+1}{x} dx} = e^{\int \left(2 + \frac{1}{x}\right) dx} = e^{2x + \ln x} = x e^{2x}$$

Multiplying the equation by 3, we obtain

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

or

$$\frac{d(x e^{2x} y)}{dx} = x \Rightarrow x e^{2x} y = \frac{x^2}{2} + C$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{2} x e^{-2x} + \frac{C}{x} e^{-2x}$$

(2) Solve the initial-value problem

$$(x^2+1) \frac{dy}{dx} + 4xy = x \quad y(2) = 1.$$

Dividing by (x^2+1) , $\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{4x}{(x^2+1)} y = \frac{x}{x^2+1}$

$$P(x) = \frac{4x}{x^2+1} \Rightarrow I.F. = e^{\int \frac{4x}{x^2+1} dx} = e^{2 \ln(x^2+1)} = (x^2+1)^2$$

Multiplying by I.F., $(x^2+1)^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + (x^2+1)4x y = \frac{x(x^2+1)}{(x^2+1)}$

$$\frac{d[(x^2+1)^2 y]}{dx} = x^3 + x$$

$$(x^2+1)^2 y = \frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{x^2}{2} + C \Rightarrow y = 1 \text{ and } (x) = 2 \quad 25 = 4 + 2 + C \\ C = \frac{18}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow (x^2+1)^2 y = \frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{x^2}{2} + 19$$

(3) Solve the differential equation $y^2 dx + (3xy - 1) dy = 0$

Solving for $\frac{dy}{dx}$, $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y^2}{1-3xy}$ which is not linear in y .

Solving for $\frac{dx}{dy}$, $\frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{1-3xy}{y^2} = \frac{1}{y^2} - \frac{3x}{y}$. or

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

which is linear in x . $\int \frac{1}{y^2} dy = e^{\int 3y dy} = e^{3\ln|y|} = y^3$.

$$P(y) = \frac{3}{y} \Rightarrow Q(y) = e^{\int 3y dy} = e^{3\ln|y|} = y^3$$

$$y^3 \frac{dy}{dx} + 3y^2 x = y \Rightarrow \frac{d(y^3 x)}{dy} = y$$

$$y^3 x = \frac{y^2}{2} + C \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2y} + \frac{C}{y^3}$$

Bernoulli Equations

Definition: An equation of the form

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = Q(x)y^n \quad (6)$$

is called a Bernoulli Diff. Equation.

Notice that if $n \neq 1$, then the equation (6) is separable.

Theorem: Suppose that $n \neq 1$. Then the transformation $v = y^{1-n}$ reduces the Bernoulli equation (6) to a linear equation in v .

Proof: We first multiply (6) by v^n .

$$v^n \frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)v^n y^{1-n} = Q(x) \quad (7)$$

Let $v = y^{1-n}$, then $\frac{dv}{dx} = (1-n)y^{-n} \frac{dy}{dx}$ and Equation (7) transforms

$$\text{into } \frac{1}{1-n} \frac{dv}{dx} + P(x)v = Q(x) \quad \text{or}$$

$$\frac{dv}{dx} + (1-n)P(x)v = (1-n)Q(x)$$

which is linear in v .

Examples (1) $\frac{dy}{dx} + y = xy^3$

Multiplying by \bar{y}^3 , $\bar{y}^3 \frac{dy}{dx} + \bar{y}^2 = x$

If $v = \bar{y}^2 \Rightarrow \frac{dv}{dx} = -2\bar{y}^3 \frac{dy}{dx}$. Then, transforming

$$\frac{dv}{dx} - 2v = -2x$$

$P(x) = -2 \Rightarrow g(x) = e^{\int -2 dx} = e^{-2x}$. Multiplying by e^{-2x}

$$e^{-2x} \frac{dv}{dx} - 2e^{-2x} v = -2x e^{-2x}$$

$$\frac{d(e^{-2x} v)}{dx} = -2x e^{-2x} \Rightarrow v = x + \frac{1}{2} + C e^{2x}$$

Thus $\frac{1}{y^2} = x + \frac{1}{2} + C e^{2x}$.

(2) $\frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{1}{2x} y = -2x^4 y^4$

Multiplying \bar{y}^4 , $\bar{y}^4 \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{1}{3x} \bar{y}^3 = -2x^4$.

If $v = \bar{y}^3 \Rightarrow \frac{dv}{dx} = -3\bar{y}^2 \frac{dy}{dx}$. Transforming $v = \bar{y}^3$,

$$\frac{1}{3} \frac{dv}{dx} - \frac{1}{3x} v = -2x^4 \text{ or } \frac{dv}{dx} + \frac{1}{x} v = 6x^4$$

$g(x) = e^{\int \frac{1}{x} dx} = e^{\ln|x|} = x$. Multiplying $\frac{d(x)}{dx} = x$

$$x \frac{dv}{dx} + v = 6x^5 \Rightarrow \frac{d(xv)}{dx} = 6x^5 \Rightarrow xv = x^6 + C \Rightarrow v = x^5 + \frac{C}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{y^3} = x^5 + \frac{C}{x} //.$$

Multiplying (2.41) by e^{-2x} , we find

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

or

$$\frac{d}{dx}[e^{-2x}y] = -2xe^{-2x}.$$

Integrating, we find

$$e^{-2x}y = \frac{1}{2}e^{-2x}(2x + 1) + c$$

or

$$y = x + \frac{1}{2} + ce^{2x}.$$

But

$$y = \frac{1}{y^2}.$$

Thus we obtain the solution of (2.39) in the form

$$\frac{1}{y^2} = x + \frac{1}{2} + ce^{2x}.$$

Exercises

Solve the given differential equations in Exercises 1 through 15.

1. $\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{3y}{x} = 6x^2$.

2. $x^4 \frac{dy}{dx} + 2x^3y = 1$.

3. $\frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{x}{t^2} = \frac{1}{t^2}$.

4. $(u^2 + 1) \frac{dy}{du} + 4uv = 3u$.

5. $x \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{2x+1}{x+1}y = x-1$.

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

7. $xdy + (xy + y - 1)dx = 0$.

8. $ydx + (xy^2 + x - y)dy = 0$.

9. $\frac{dr}{d\theta} + rtan\theta = cos\theta$.

10. $\cos\theta dr + (r\sin\theta - \cos^4\theta)d\theta = 0.$

11. $(\cos^2x - y\cos x)dx - (1 + \sin x)dy = 0.$

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

13. $x\frac{dy}{dx} + y = -2x^6y^4.$

14. $dy + (4y - 8y^{-3})xdx = 0.$

15. $\frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{t+1}{2t}x = \frac{t+1}{xt}.$

Solve the initial-value problems in Exercises 16 through 22.

16. $\begin{cases} x\frac{dy}{dx} - 2y = 2x^4 \\ y(2) = 8. \end{cases}$

17. $\begin{cases} \frac{dy}{dx} + 3x^2y = x^2 \\ y(0) = 2. \end{cases}$

18. $\begin{cases} 2x(y+1)dx - (x^2 + 1)dy = 0 \\ y(1) = -5. \end{cases}$

19. $\begin{cases} \frac{dr}{d\theta} + r\tan\theta = \cos^2\theta \\ r\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 1. \end{cases}$

20. $\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} - x = \sin 2t \\ x(0) = 0. \end{cases}$

21. $\begin{cases} \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{y}{2x} = \frac{x}{y^3} \\ y(1) = 2. \end{cases}$

22. $\begin{cases} x\frac{dy}{dx} + y = (xy)^{3/2} \\ y(1) = 4. \end{cases}$

23. Consider the equation $a\frac{dy}{dx} + by = ke^{-\lambda x}$, where a, b , and k are positive constants and λ is a nonnegative constant.

(a) Solve this equation.

(b) Show that if $\lambda = 0$ every solution approaches k/b as $x \rightarrow \infty$ but if $\lambda > 0$ every solution approaches 0 as $x \rightarrow \infty$.

24. Solve the initial-value problem

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dy}{dx} + y = f(x), & \text{where } f(x) = \begin{cases} 2, & 0 \leq x < 1, \\ 0, & x \geq 1, \end{cases} \\ y(0) = 0. \end{cases}$$

25. Solve the initial-value problem

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dy}{dx} + y = f(x), & \text{where } f(x) = \begin{cases} 5, & 0 \leq x < 10, \\ 1, & x \geq 10, \end{cases} \\ y(0) = 6. \end{cases}$$

26. Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = 0$.

(a) Show that if f and g are two solutions of this equation and c_1 and c_2 are arbitrary constants, then $c_1f + c_2g$ is also a solution of this equation.

(b) Extending the result of (a), show that if f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n are n solutions of this equation and c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n are n arbitrary constants, then

$$\sum_{k=1}^n c_k f_k$$

is also a solution of this equation.

27. Consider the differential equation

$$(A) \quad \frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = 0,$$

where P is continuous on a real interval I .

(a) Show that the function f such that $f(x) = 0$ for all $x \in I$ is a solution of this equation.

(b) Show that if f is a solution of (A) such that $f(x_0) = 0$ for some $x_0 \in I$, then $f(x) = 0$ for all $x \in I$.

(c) Show that if f and g are two solutions of (A) such that $f(x_0) = g(x_0)$ for some $x_0 \in I$, then $f(x) = g(x)$ for all $x \in I$.

28. (a) Prove that if f and g are two different solutions of

$$(A) \quad \frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = Q(x),$$

then $f - g$ is a solution of the equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = 0.$$

(b) Thus show that if f and g are two different solutions of Equation (A) and c is an arbitrary constant, then

$c(f - g) + f$
is a general solution of (A).

29. (a) Let f_1 be a solution of

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = Q_1(x)$$

and f_2 be a solution of

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = Q_2(x),$$

where P , Q_1 , and Q_2 are all defined on the same real interval I . Prove that $f_1 + f_2$ is a solution of

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = Q_1(x) + Q_2(x)$$

on I .

- (b) Use the result of (a) to solve the equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + y = 2\sin x + 5\sin 2x.$$

30. (a) Extend the result of Exercise 29(a) to cover the case of the equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = \sum_{k=1}^n Q_k(x),$$

where P , $Q_k (k = 1, 2, \dots, n)$ are all defined on the same real interval I .

- (b) Use the result obtained in (a) to solve the equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + y = \sum_{k=1}^5 \sin kx.$$

31. (a) Show that the transformation $v = f(y)$ reduces the equation

$$\frac{df(y)}{dy} \frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)f(y) = Q(x)$$

to a linear equation in v .

- (b) Use the result of (a) to solve the equation

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

32. The equation

$$(A) \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = A(x)y^2 + B(x)y + C(x)$$

is called Riccati's Equation.

- (a) Show that if $A(x) = 0$ for all x , then Equation (A) is a linear equation, whereas if $C(x) = 0$ for all x , then equation (A) is a Bernoulli equation.

- (b) Show that if f is any solution of the equation (A), then the transformation

$$y = f + \frac{1}{v}$$

reduces (A) to a linear equation in v .

- (c) Consider the Riccati equation

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

Exercises

Solve the given differential equations below.

$$1) \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = 6x^2$$

$$2) x^4 \frac{dy}{dx} + 2x^3 y = 1$$

$$3) \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{x}{t^2} = \frac{1}{t^2}$$

Solution $P(t) = \frac{1}{t^2} \Rightarrow g(t) = e^{\int \frac{1}{t^2} dt} = e^{-\frac{1}{t}}$

$$\Rightarrow e^{-\frac{1}{t}} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{t}}}{t^2} x = \frac{1}{t^2} \Rightarrow \frac{d(e^{-\frac{1}{t}} x)}{dt} = \frac{1}{t^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow d(e^{-\frac{1}{t}} x) = \int \frac{1}{t^2} dt \Rightarrow e^{-\frac{1}{t}} x = \frac{-1}{t} + C \Rightarrow x = 1 + C e^{\frac{1}{t}}$$

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

$$4) (u^2+1) \frac{du}{du} + 4uv = 3u$$

$$5) x \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{2x+1}{x+1} y = x^{-1}$$

$$6) x dy + (xy+y-1) dx = 0$$

Solution: $\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{xy+y-1}{x} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} + (1+\frac{1}{x})y = \frac{1}{x}$

$$\int (1+\frac{1}{x}) dx = e^{x+\ln(x)} = xe^x$$

$$g(x) = e$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d(xe^x y)}{dx} = e^x \Rightarrow xe^x y - e^x + C \Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{C}{xe^x}$$

$$7) y dx + (x y^2 + x - y) dy = 0$$

$$8) \frac{\partial r}{\partial \theta} + r \tan \theta = \log \theta$$

$$9) (\cos^2 x - y \cos x) dx - (1 + \sin x) dy = 0$$

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

$$I = \int \frac{\cos x}{1 + \sin x} dx = \int \frac{du}{u} \quad \Rightarrow \ln|u| = \ln|1 + \sin x| \Rightarrow y(x) = 1 + \sin x$$

$$u = 1 + \sin x \Rightarrow du = \cos x dx$$

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

$$I = \int \cos^2 x dx = \int \frac{\cos 2x + 1}{2} dx = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} \sin 2x + x \right) + C$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 + \sin x) y = \frac{1}{4} \sin 2x + \frac{x}{2} + C$$

$$10) \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{y}{x} = -\frac{y^3}{x}$$

$$11) x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = -2x^5 y^4$$

$$\text{Solution: } \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{1}{x} y = -2x^5 y^4 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{1}{x} y^3 = -2x^5$$

$$v = y^3 \Rightarrow \frac{dv}{dx} = -3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} \Rightarrow \frac{dv}{dx} + \frac{-3}{x} v = 6x^5$$

$$y(x) = e^{\int -\frac{3}{x} dx} = e^{-3 \ln|x|} = x^{-3} \quad x^{-3} \frac{dv}{dx} - 3x^{-4} v = 6x^2$$

$$\frac{d(x^{-3}v)}{dx} = 6x^2 \Rightarrow x^{-3}v = 2x^3 + C \quad v = 2 + x^3 \Rightarrow (x^3 y^3 = 2x^3 + C)$$

$$12) dy + (4y^3 - 8y^{-3}) x dx = 0$$

$$\text{Solution: } \frac{dy}{dx} + 4y^3 - 8y^{-3} x = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} + 4y^3 x = 8y^{-3} x$$

$$y^3 \frac{dy}{dx} + 4y^4 x = 8x \quad v = y^4 \Rightarrow \frac{dv}{dx} = 4y^3 \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\frac{dv}{dx} + 16xv = 32x \quad y(x) = e^{\int 16x dx} = e^{8x^2}$$

$$e^{8x^2} \frac{dv}{dx} + 16x e^{8x^2} v = 32x \cdot e^{8x^2} \Rightarrow \frac{d(e^{8x^2} v)}{dx} = 32x e^{8x^2}$$

$$e^{8x^2} v = 2e^{8x^2} + C \Rightarrow v = 2 + \frac{C}{e^{8x^2}} \quad \underline{y^4 = 2 + \frac{C}{e^{8x^2}}}$$

$$(3) \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{t+1}{2t} x = \frac{t+1}{x^2} \quad (x^2 = 2 + C t^2 e^{-t})$$

Solve the initial value problem

$$(4) x \frac{dy}{dx} - 2y = 2x^4 \quad y(2) = 8$$

$$(5) \frac{dy}{dx} + 5x^2 y = x^2 \quad y(0) = 2$$

$$(6) 2x(y+1) dx - (x^2+1) dy = 0 \quad y(1) = -5$$

$$\text{Solution: } -\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{2x(y+1)}{x^2+1} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{2x}{x^2+1} y - \frac{2x}{x^2+1} = 0$$

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

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

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

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

$$\frac{1}{x^2+1} y = \frac{-1}{x^2+1} + C \Rightarrow y = -1 + C(x^2+1)$$

$$-5 = -1 + C(1+1) \Rightarrow 2C = -4 \quad C = -2$$

$$y = -1 - 2(x^2+1)$$

$$(7) \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{y}{2x} = \frac{x}{y^3} \quad y(1) = 2$$

$$\text{Solution: } \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{1}{2x} y = x y^3 \Rightarrow y^3 \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{1}{2x} y^4 = x$$

$$u = y^4 \Rightarrow 4y^3 \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{du}{dx} \quad \frac{du}{dx} + \frac{2}{x} u = 4x$$

$$y(x) = e^{\int \frac{2}{x} dx} = e^{2 \ln x} = x^2$$

$$x^2 \frac{du}{dx} + 2xu = 4x^3 \Rightarrow \frac{d(x^2 u)}{dx} = 4x^3 \Rightarrow x^2 u = x^4 + C$$

$$u = x^2 + Cx^{-2} \Rightarrow y^4 = x^2 + Cx^{-2} \quad 16 = 1 + C \Rightarrow C = 15$$

$$y^4 = x^2 + \frac{15}{x^2} //$$