

## 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  $y(x)$ , obtaining

$$(y(x)P(x)y - y(x)Q(x))dx + y(x)dy = 0 \quad (3)$$

$y(x)$  is an integrating factor of (3) iff Equation (3) is exact,

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

$$\text{or } y(x)P(x) = \frac{dy}{dx} \quad (4)$$

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

$$\frac{dy}{y} = P dx$$

In integrating, we obtain the particular solution

$$\ln|y| = \int P dx$$

$$\text{or } y = e^{\int P dx} \quad (5).$$

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

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

$$\text{or } \frac{\partial (e^{\int P dx} y)}{\partial x} = Q e^{\int P dx}$$

Integrating this

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

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

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

Multiplying the equation by  $Q$ , 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  $(x^2+1)$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{4x}{(x^2+1)} y = \frac{x}{x^2+1}$

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

Multiplying  $Q(x)$ ,  $(x^2+1)^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + (x^2+1) 4xy = \frac{x(x^2+1)}{(x^2+1)^2}$

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

$(x^2+1)^2 y = \frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{x^2}{2} + C \Rightarrow y = 1 \text{ and } (x) = 2 \quad 25 = 4 + 2 + C$   
 $C = 19$

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

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(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

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

which is linear in  $x$ .

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

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

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

## 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  $n=0$ , then the equation (6) is separable.

Theorem Suppose that  $n \neq 0$ . Then the transformation  $v = y^{1-n}$  reduces the Bernoulli equation (6) to a linear equation in  $v$ .

Proof: We first multiply (6) by  $y^{-n}$ .

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Let  $v = \bar{y}^3 \Rightarrow \frac{dv}{dx} = -3\bar{y}^4 \frac{dy}{dx}$ . Transforming  $v = \bar{y}^3$ ,

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

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

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

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



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

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

or

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

Integrating, we find

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

or

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

But

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

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

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.  $\frac{dr}{d\theta} + r \tan \theta = \cos \theta.$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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  $\lambda$  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)  $x^4 \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} + 2x^3 y = 1$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{\cos^2 x - y \cos x}{1 + \sin x} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{\cos x}{1 + \sin x} y = \frac{\cos^2 x}{1 + \sin x}$$

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

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

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

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

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

$$10) \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{y}{x} = -\frac{y^2}{x}$$

$$11) x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = -2x^6 y^4$$

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

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

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

$$\frac{d(x^{-3}v)}{dx} = 6x^2 \Rightarrow x^{-3}v = 2x^3 + C \quad v = 2 + Cx^3 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{y^3} = 2 + Cx^3$$

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

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

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

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

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

$$e^{8x^2} v = 2e^{8x^2} + C \Rightarrow v = 2 + \frac{C}{e^{8x^2}}$$

$$y^4 = 2 + \frac{C}{e^{8x^2}}$$

$$13) \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{t+1}{2t} x = \frac{t+1}{x t} \quad (x^2 = 2 + C t^{-1} e^{-t})$$

Solve the initial value problem

$$14) x \frac{dy}{dx} - 2y = 2x^4 \quad y(2) = 8$$

$$15) \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} + 3x^2 y = x^2 \quad y(0) = 2$$

$$16) 2x(y+1) dx - (x^2+1) dy = 0 \quad y(1) = -5$$

Solution  $-\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} + \frac{2x(y+1)}{x^2+1} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} - \frac{2x}{x^2+1} y = \frac{2x}{x^2+1}$

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

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

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

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

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

$$-5 = -1 + C(1^2+1) \Rightarrow 2C = -4 \quad \underline{C = -2}$$

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

$$17) \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} + \frac{y}{2x} = \frac{x}{y^3} \quad y(1) = 2$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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