

What is a differential equation? (phương trình vi phân)

Find a function  $y(x)$  satisfying  $y'(x) = y(x)$ .

Guess:  $y(x) = Ke^x$  ( $K$  constant)

Check:  $y'(x) = Ke^x = y(x)$  ✓

$y(x) = Ke^x$  is called a solution to  $\left[ y'(x) = y(x) \right]$

Find a function  $y(x)$  satisfying  $y''(x) = -y(x)$ .

Guess:  $y_1(x) = \sin x$ ,  $y_2(x) = \cos x$

Check:  $y_1 = \sin x$

$y_2 = \cos x$

$y_1' = \cos x$

$y_2' = -\sin x$

$y_1'' = -\sin x = -y_1(x)$

$y_2'' = -\cos x = -y_2(x)$

Observations:

① In the identity / equation,  
on both side we have  $x$  (independent variable)

$y = y(x)$ ,

and derivatives  $y', y'', y^{(3)}, \dots, y^{(n)}$ .

② we need to find a solution  
which is a function

Find a function  $y(x)$  satisfying  $\begin{cases} y'(x) = y(x) \\ y(0) = 2021 \end{cases}$  (initial value condition)  
(giá trị ban đầu)

$y(x) = Ke^x$  satisfies  $y' = y$

INITIAL VALUE PROBLEM

$$y(0) = 2021$$

$$\Rightarrow 2021 = K \cdot e^0 \Rightarrow K = 2021.$$

$$\text{So } y(x) = 2021 \cdot e^x \quad (\text{unique solution})$$

A differential equation has the form

$$F(x, y, y', y'', \dots, y^{(n)}) = 0$$

Order of a differential equation -

If a differential equation involves  $y^{(n)}$  but not  $y^{(k)}$  ( $k > n$ ), then we say the differential equation has order  $n$ .

•  $y' = y$  first-order differential equation

•  $y'' = -y$  second-order differential equation

We will start with first-order differential equations.

Cauchy's differential equation: (Initial Value Problem IVP)

$$\begin{cases} y' = f(x, y) \\ y(x_0) = y_0 \end{cases} \quad (\text{first-order differential equation})$$

•  $\begin{cases} y' = y \\ y'(0) = 2021 \end{cases}$   $\begin{cases} y' = e^x \cdot y \\ y'(0) = 2021 \end{cases}$

Theorem : Consider the differential equation

$$y' = f(x, y)$$

Suppose that  $\left. \begin{array}{l} f(x, y) \\ f_y(x, y) \end{array} \right\}$  are continuous in a domain  $D$  ;

$$(x_0, y_0) \in D.$$

Then there is an open neighborhood  $(x_0 - \varepsilon, x_0 + \varepsilon)$  of  $x_0$  such that there exists a unique function  $y(x)$  defined on  $(x_0 - \varepsilon, x_0 + \varepsilon)$  satisfying  $y' = f(x, y)$  and  $y(x_0) = y_0$ .

'local solution'

The theorem is useful when we have a method to find a solution to the IVP.

It is not easy to find such a solution !

We will learn many methods to solve an IVP / a first-order differential equation.

## Separable equation

A separable equation is a differential equation reduced to the form

$$f(x) dx = g(y) dy .$$

• example

$$y' = y$$

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

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

separable equation

Solving  $f(x) dx = g(y) dy =$

$$\int f(x) dx = \int g(y) dy$$

$$\underbrace{F(x) = G(y) + k}_{\text{solution of } f(x) dx = g(y) dy} \quad (k \text{ constant})$$

## Examples of separable equations

Tuesday, October 26, 2021 8:22 AM

Example 1  $(1+x)y \, dx + (1-y)x \, dy = 0$

move  $x$  to one side, move  $y$  to the other side

$$(1+x)y \, dx = (y-1)x \, dy$$

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

$$\left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right) dx = \left(1 - \frac{1}{y}\right) dy$$

$$\int \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right) dx = \int \left(1 - \frac{1}{y}\right) dy$$

$$x + \ln|x| = y - \ln|y| + k$$

$$\boxed{\ln|xy| + x - y = k} \quad (k \text{ constant})$$

this is a solution when  $x \neq 0, y \neq 0$

Example 2

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y^2 - 1}{x} \\ y(1) = 2 \end{cases} \quad \text{IVP}$$

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

'move  $x$  to one side,  
move  $y$  to the other side'

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{x}$$

move  $y$  to the other side

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

$$\frac{1}{2} \ln \left| \frac{y-1}{y+1} \right| = \ln|x| + k$$

$$\ln \left| \frac{y-1}{y+1} \right| = \ln|x|^2 + 2k \quad (k \text{ constant})$$

$$\left| \frac{y-1}{y+1} \right| = |x|^2 K \quad (K = e^{2k} > 0 \text{ constant})$$

$$\frac{y-1}{y+1} = K_1 \cdot x^2 \quad (K_1 = \pm K \text{ constant})$$

Now we use the initial value  $y(1) = 2$ ,

$$\text{so } \frac{2-1}{2+1} = K_1 \cdot 1^2 \Rightarrow K_1 = \frac{1}{3}$$

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

$$\text{We can solve for } y = 1 - \frac{1}{\frac{y+1}{y-1}} = \frac{x^2}{3}$$

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

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

$$y = \frac{3}{3-x^2} - 1 = \frac{x^2}{3-x^2}$$

An equation without y has the form

$$F(x, y') = 0$$

We may solve for  $x$  (in terms of  $y'$ )  $x = g(y')$

or solve for  $y'$  (in terms of  $x$ )  $y' = h(x)$

If we have  $y' = h(x)$  : we have a separable equation

If we have  $x = g(y')$  :

we make a change of variable : put  $t = y'$

and transform the original equation (not separable in  $x$  and  $y$ )

into an equation separable in  $t$  and  $y$ .



## Examples of equations without y

Tuesday, October 26, 2021 8:43 AM

$$F(x, y') = 0$$

Example 1

$$y' = x \cdot e^x$$

this equation is separable

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x e^x$$

$$\int dy = \int \underbrace{x \cdot e^x}_{\text{integrate by parts}} dx$$

$$y = x e^x - e^x + k.$$

Example 2 :  $x = y' + y'^2$

this equation is not separable

Change variable = put  $t = y'(x) = \frac{dy}{dx}$

$$\cdot x = t + t^2, \quad dx = (1 + 2t) dt$$

$$\cdot \text{from } t = \frac{dy}{dx}, \text{ we have}$$

$$dy = t dx$$

$$dy = t(1 + 2t) dt \quad (\text{separable in } y \text{ and } t)$$

$$\int dy = \int t(1 + 2t) dt$$

$$y = \frac{t^2}{2} + \frac{2t^3}{3} + k \quad (k \text{ constant})$$

Therefore we have

$$\begin{cases} x = t + t^2 \\ y = \frac{t^2}{2} + \frac{2t^3}{3} + k \quad (k \text{ constant}) \end{cases}$$

Is this a solution for  $x = y' + y'^2$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Check: } y' &= y'(x) = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} \\ &= \frac{t + 2t^2}{1 + 2t} = t \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } y' + y'^2 = t + t^2 = x \quad \checkmark$$

Yes, this is a solution in terms of a parameter  $t$   
" parametrized solution /  
parametric solution "

## Equations without x

Tuesday, October 26, 2021 8:56 AM

$$F(y, y') = 0$$

We may solve for  $y$  in terms of  $y'$  .  $y = g(y')$   
or solve for  $y'$  in terms of  $y$  .  $y' = h(y)$

If  $y' = h(y)$  , then  $\frac{dy}{dx} = h(y)$

we have a separable equation .

If  $y = g(y')$  , we make a change of variables .

Put  $t = y'$  .

Then we transform the original equation without  $x$   
(not separable in  $x$  and  $y$ )

to an equation separable in  $x$  and  $t$  .

Example 1

$$y' = y^2 + 4$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y^2 + 4 \quad \text{separable!}$$

$$\int \frac{dy}{y^2 + 4} = \int dx$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \arctan \frac{y}{2} = x + k \quad (k \text{ constant})$$

$$y = 2 \tan(2x + k_1) \quad (k_1 = 2k \text{ constant})$$

Example 2

$$y = y' + y'^3$$

This is not separable in  $x$  and  $y$ .

We change variables Put  $t = y'(x) = \frac{dy}{dx}$

$$y = t + t^3, \quad dy = (1 + 3t^2) dt$$

$$\text{from } t = \frac{dy}{dx}, \text{ we have}$$

$$dy = t dx$$

$$(1 + 3t^2) dt = t dx \quad (\text{separable in } x \text{ and } t)$$

$$\int \left( \frac{1}{t} + 3t \right) dt = \int dx$$

$$\ln |t| + \frac{3}{2} t^2 = x + k \quad (k \text{ constant})$$

$$\ln|t| + \frac{3}{2}t^2 + k = x \quad (k \text{ constant})$$

$$\text{So } \begin{cases} x = \frac{3}{2}t^2 + \ln|t| + k & (k \text{ constant}) \\ y = t + t^3 \end{cases}$$

Is this a solution for  $y = y' + y'^3$ ?

$$y' = y'(x), \text{ not } y'(t)!$$

$$y'(x) = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt}$$

$$= \frac{1 + 3t^2}{3t + \frac{1}{t}} = t$$

$$\text{therefore } y' + y'^3 = t + t^3 = y. \quad \checkmark$$

Thus we have a solution for  $y = y' + y'^3$ !

## First-order Differential Equations

Tuesday, November 2, 2021 7:26 AM

$F(x, y, y') = 0$  first-order differential equation

• separable first-order differential equation

$$g(y)dy = h(x)dx$$

• DE without  $x$   $F(y, y') = 0$

• DE without  $y$   $F(x, y') = 0$

## Homogenous first-order differential equations

Tuesday, November 2, 2021 9:26 AM

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

Put  $u = \frac{y}{x}$  (change variable to make the equation separable)

$$y = ux$$

$$y' = u'x + u$$

$$u'x + u = f(u)$$

$$u'x = f(u) - u$$

$$\frac{du}{f(u) - u} = \frac{dx}{x} \quad : \text{ separable}$$