

Separable First-Order Differential Equations.

General solution : $A(x)dx + B(y)dy = 0 \Rightarrow \int A(x)dx + \int B(y)dy = c$

Solutions to
Initial Value
Problem :

$$A(x)dx + B(y)dy = 0, y(x_0) = y_0.$$

$$\int_{x_0}^x A(x)dx + \int_{y_0}^y B(y)dy = 0$$

Reduction of
Homogenous Eqns :

Homogenous differential equation

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

can be transferred into a separable equation by making substitution

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = v + x \frac{dv}{dx}$$

Example :

$$\text{Solve } xdx - y^2 dy = 0$$

$$A(x) = x, B(y) = -y^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int x dx + \int (-y^2) dy &= c \Rightarrow x^2/2 - y^3/3 = c \\ &\Rightarrow y = \left(\frac{3}{2}x^2 + K \right)^{1/3}, K = -3c. \end{aligned}$$

Example :

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= y^2 x^3 \Rightarrow x^3 dx - (1/y^2) dy = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \int x^3 dx + \int (-1/y^2) dy = c \\ &\Rightarrow y = \frac{-4}{x^4 + K}, K = -4c. \end{aligned}$$

Example :

$$\begin{aligned} dy &= 2t(y^2 + 9)dt \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{y^2 + 9} - 2t dt = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \int \frac{dy}{y^2 + 9} - \int 2t dt = 0. \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{3} \arctan(y/3) - t^2 = c \\ &\Rightarrow y = 3 \tan(3t^2 + K) \end{aligned}$$

Example : $\frac{dx}{dt} = x^2 - 2x + 2 \Rightarrow \int \frac{dx}{x^2 - 2x + 2} - \int dt = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{dx}{(x-1)^2 + 1} - \int dt = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \arctan(x-1) - t = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 1 + \tan(t+c)$$

Example : $e^x dx - y dy = 0, y(0) = 1$

$$\int e^x dx + \int (-y) dy = c \Rightarrow y^2 = 2e^x + k$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \sqrt{2e^x - 1} \quad \text{using boundary condition}$$

Example :

$$y' = \frac{y+x}{x} \Rightarrow v + x \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{xv+x}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \frac{dv}{dx} = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{1}{x} dx - dv = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{x} dx - \int dv = c$$

$$\Rightarrow v = \ln|x| - c$$

$$\Rightarrow v = \ln|kx|$$

Example :

$$y' = \frac{2y^4 + x^4}{xy^3}$$

$$\text{Let } f(x,y) = \frac{2y^4 + x^4}{xy^3} \quad \text{where } f(tx,ty) = \frac{2(ty)^4 + (tx)^4}{(tx)(ty)^3} = \frac{t^4}{t^4} \cdot \frac{2y^4 + x^4}{xy^3}$$

\therefore Eqn is homogenous.

$$v + x \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{2(xv)^4 + x^4}{x(xv)^3}$$

$$x \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{v^4 + 1}{v^3} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{1}{x} dx - \frac{v^3}{v^4 + 1} dv = 0$$

$$\int \frac{1}{x} dx - \int \frac{v^3}{v^4 + 1} dv = c$$

$$\Rightarrow |x| - \frac{1}{4} \ln(v^4 + 1) = c$$

$$\Rightarrow v^4 + 1 = (kx)^4$$

$$\Rightarrow y^4 = c_1 x^3 - x^4 \quad (c_1 = k)$$