

and we can see that a unique solution of y is obtained if the boundary condition:

$$y(x_0) = y_0$$

is given. What is left is to do the integral — often not possible in closed form — and then solve for y in terms of x , which is also not necessarily possible.

Ex:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y^{\frac{1}{2}(1-p)} \sqrt{1-y^{1+p}}$$

With $y(0) = 0$. Then:

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

$$x = \int_0^y \frac{s^{\frac{1}{2}(p-1)} ds}{\sqrt{1-s^{p+1}}}$$

Let: $\sin u = s^{\frac{1}{2}(p+1)}$

$$\cos u du = \frac{1}{2}(p+1) s^{\frac{1}{2}(p-1)} ds$$

$$x = \frac{2}{p+1} \int \frac{\cos u du}{\sqrt{1-\sin^2 u}} = \frac{2}{p+1} u$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(p+1)x = u \Rightarrow \sin\left[\frac{1}{2}(p+1)x\right] = \sin u$$

$$\sin\left[\frac{1}{2}(p+1)x\right] = y^{\frac{1}{2}(p+1)} \Rightarrow y = \left[\sin\left[\frac{1}{2}(p+1)x\right]\right]^{\frac{2}{p+1}}$$