

Part I: First Order ODEs

We define 1st order ODEs as any ODE such that

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

The highest order derivative is 1st order

Ex: $x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} - 4x = 6 \longrightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4x+6}{x^2}$

Ex: $\frac{dy}{dx} - x^2 y^2 = x^2 \longrightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 y^2 + x^2 = x^2 (y^2 + 1)$

Ex: $x \frac{dy}{dx} + dy = x^3 \longrightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^3 dy}{x}$

Ex: $\frac{dy}{dx} + \sin\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) = x$ 1st order

$$L_1 \frac{dy}{dx} + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) = 1 \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)$$

Ex: $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2xy^2 - 4xy = 2xy(y-2)$

$y=2 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

$\frac{dy}{dx} - (2xy^2 - 4xy) = 0 - (2x(4) - 4x(2))$
 $= 0 - 0 = 0 \checkmark$

So $y=2$ is a solution

What about $y=0$?

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} - (2xy^2 - 4xy) = 0 - (0 - 0) = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

So, $y=2$, and $y=0$ are solutions that are constant no matter what x is.

One last try:

$$y=1, \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} - (2xy^2 - 4xy) &= 0 - (2x(1)^2 - 4x(1)) \\ &= -2x - 4x = -6x \neq 0! \end{aligned}$$

Directly Integrable

$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x) \Rightarrow$ no constant solution. x is independent of y .

$$\text{Ex: } \frac{dy}{dx} = 2x \Rightarrow y(x) = x^2 + c \neq 0 \text{ for all } x.$$

Theorem: Consider the first order initial-value problem

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

with $y(x_0) = y_0$. If $F(x, y)$ and $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}$ are continuous on an open set of points (x, y) containing (x_0, y_0) , the initial-value problem has exactly one solution.

Separable Equation: A first order equation is ODE that can be rewritten as ④

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

where f is only a function of x and $g(y)$ is only a function of y .

Ex: $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2xy$ ✓

Ex: $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x + y$ ✓

Ex: $\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2$ ✓ $g(y) = 1$

Ex: $\frac{dy}{dx} = y^2$ ✓ $f(x) = 1$

Def: An ODE of the form

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

is said to be autonomous. Autonomous equations are separable.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{g(y)} \frac{dy}{dx} = 1$$

How to solve Sep. ODE

Ex: $\frac{dp}{dt} = \alpha p - \beta p^2$

$$p(0) = p_0$$