

Goal and idea - Module 7

GOAL:

For the final 1st-order DE in which we study, we turn to 1st-order homogeneous DEs and the technique of 'substitution.'

To do so, we:

- Define what 1st-order homogeneous equations are, and determine whether a DE is such an equation.
- Discuss how to solve such differential equations.
- Briefly discuss the unfortunate fact that we see another type of DE called 'homogeneous' later in the class that is very different from this current case.

IDEA:

By substituting variables, we are able to alter certain DEs (1st-order homogeneous DEs) into a separable equation which we can solve. We then re-substitute our variables to find a solution for the original equation.

Definition 1st-Order Homogeneous Differential Equation

[a] A differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$ is a 1st-Order Homogeneous Differential Equation if $f(x, y)$ is a homogeneous function of degree zero.

If you have this Differential Equation ; it does not have to be expressed in this normal form

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y), \text{ but the idea would be}$$

If you manipulate it into this form

- If you don't know if it's separable
- If you don't know if it's exact

If that is a homogeneous function of degree zero

THEN it is a 1st-Order Homogeneous DE

Example If we had...

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{xy^2 + x^3 \cos(\frac{2x}{3y})}{5y^2x + y^3}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(tx)(ty)^2 + (tx)^3 \cos(\frac{2(tx)}{3(ty)})}{5(ty)^2(tx) + (ty)^3} \\ & \rightarrow \frac{(t^{1+2}y^2) + (t^3x^3 \cos(\frac{2(tx)}{3(ty)}))}{t^{2+1}(5y^2x) + t^3y^3} \\ & \rightarrow \frac{1t^3(xy^2 + x^3 \cos(\frac{2x}{3y}))}{1t^3(5xy^2 + y^3)} = \frac{t^0 F(x, y)}{F(x, y)} \end{aligned}$$

This calculation seeing that it showed degree zero would tell us the whole DE would be a 1st-Order Homogeneous Differential Equation

[b] A differential equation in exact form

$M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy = 0$ 1st-Order Homogeneous Differential Equation if

Rearranging the expression gives

$$\begin{aligned} M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy = 0 & \rightarrow \frac{N(x, y)}{M(x, y)} \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{M(x, y)}{N(x, y)} \\ \rightarrow M(x, y) \frac{dx}{dx} + N(x, y) \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 & \rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{M(x, y)}{N(x, y)} \\ \rightarrow M(x, y) + N(x, y) \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 & \end{aligned}$$

$M(x, y)$ and $N(x, y)$ are Homogeneous functions of the same degree.

Definition [B]: If you are given a differential equation in differential form ($M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy = 0$) then you could ask Is it exact or is it homogeneous?

Definition Homogeneous

A function $f(x, y)$ is called **homogeneous** of degree α (alpha), α is a real number, if for $t = 0$ we have $f(tx, ty) = t^\alpha f(x, y)$

Ex Consider $f(x, y) = \sqrt{x+y}$

The Idea: We want to factor and modify this equation ($f(tx, ty) = \sqrt{tx+ty}$), So we get back our original function ($\sqrt{x+y}$)

Soln

$$\text{Then } f(tx, ty) = \sqrt{tx+ty}$$

$$\rightarrow \sqrt{tx+ty} = \sqrt{t(x+y)} = \sqrt{t} \sqrt{x+y}$$

$$\rightarrow \sqrt{t} \sqrt{x+y} = t^{\frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{x+y} = t^{\frac{1}{2}} f(x, y)$$

So $f(x, y)$ is homogeneous of degree $\frac{1}{2}$.

Ex Show $F(x, y) = \frac{xy^2 + x^3 \cos(\frac{2x}{3y})}{5y^2x + y^3}$

is homogeneous of degree zero.

Soln

$$F(tx, ty) = \frac{(tx)(ty)^2 + (tx)^3 \cos(\frac{2(tx)}{3(ty)})}{5(ty)^2(tx) + (ty)^3}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{(t^{1+2}y^2) + (t^3x^3 \cos(\frac{2(tx)}{3(ty)}))}{t^{2+1}(5y^2x) + t^3y^3}$$

Recall
 $t^0 = 1$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1t^3(xy^2 + x^3 \cos(\frac{2x}{3y}))}{1t^3(5xy^2 + y^3)} =$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{(xy^2 + x^3 \cos(\frac{2x}{3y}))}{(5xy^2 + y^3)} = \frac{t^0 F(x, y)}{F(x, y)}$$

To solve such a DE

Step 1 Substitute $y=ux$

Step 2 Replace " $\frac{dy}{dx}$ " with " $x\frac{du}{dx}+u$ "

→ "U" is a function of "x"

$$\rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{d}{dx}(ux) = u'x + ux' = \frac{du}{dx} \cdot x + u \\ = x\frac{du}{dx} + u$$

Step 3 Solve the separable equation

* Problem the separable equation is now in terms of "xs" and "us"

Step 4 Plug back-in " $y=ux$ ", that is, " $u=\frac{y}{x}$ "

Ex Solve $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-3y}{3x-7y}$

Soln

Check:

$$\frac{-3(ty)}{3(tx)-7(ty)} = \frac{t(-3y)}{t(3x-7y)} = \frac{-3y}{3x-7y}$$

So it's a 1st-order homogeneous differential equation

Step 1 & 2 We have $y=ux$, $\frac{dy}{dx}=x\frac{du}{dx}+u$, this gives:

$$x\frac{du}{dx} + u = \frac{-3ux}{3x-7ux}$$

$$\rightarrow x\frac{du}{dx} = \frac{-3ux}{3x-7ux} - u$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = \frac{-3ux}{3x-7ux} - \frac{u}{x}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = -\frac{3ux-u(3x-7ux)}{3x^2-7ux^2}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = \frac{-3u-u(3x-7x)}{3x-7ux}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = \frac{-6u+7u^2}{x(3x-7u)}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{3-7u}{7u^2-6u} du = \frac{1}{x} dx$$

we want $\int \frac{3-7u}{7u^2-6u} du = \int \frac{1}{x} dx$

$$w = 7u^2 - 6u$$

$$dw = (14u-6) \rightarrow du = \frac{dw}{14u-6}$$

$$= \int \frac{3-7u}{w} \frac{dw}{14u-6} = -\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{w} dw$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \ln|w| + C_1 = -\frac{1}{2} \ln|7u^2-6u| + C_1$$

$$\rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} \ln|7u^2-6u| + C_1 = \ln|x| + C_2$$

$$\rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} \ln|7u^2-6u| = \ln|x| + C$$

Step 3 Solve the separable equation

$$-\frac{1}{2} \ln|7u^2-6u| = \ln|x| + C$$

$$\rightarrow \ln|7u^2-6u| = -2 \ln|x| + C$$

Recall: $\alpha \ln|x| = \ln|x^\alpha|$

$$\rightarrow e^{\ln|7u^2-6u|} = e^{-2 \ln|x| + C}$$

$$e^{\ln|x^{-2}|}, e^C = C$$

$$\rightarrow 7u^2-6u = Cx^{-2}$$

Step 4 Plug Back-in " $u=\frac{y}{x}$ "

$$\frac{7y^2-6yx}{x^2} = Cx^{-2}$$

$$\rightarrow 7y^2-6yx = C$$

Is an implicit solution

Expectation checklist - Module 7

At the completion of this module, you should:

- know the definitions introduced, and in particular
 - homogeneous function of degree α , and
 - 1st-order homogeneous differential equation;
- be able to determine if a function is homogeneous and of what degree;
- if given a 1st-order homogeneous differential equation, solve it using a substitution;
- be able to do this also for 1st order homogeneous differential equations expressed in differential form.

You will be assessed on your understanding of these concepts:

- within the homework,
- on the quizzes, and
- later, on the exam.

Coming up next, we:

- Higher order differential equations!