

Lecture #13: Separable Eqns & Population Models Date: Mon. 11/6/18Separable Equations

Def A separable equation is a 1st order ODE that can be written in the form

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = M(x)N(y)$$

i.e. as a function of x mult. by a fcn of y

To solve this type of eqn we write it in differential form

$$\frac{1}{N(y)} dy = M(x) dx$$

We then just integrate each side of this equation

$$\int \frac{1}{N(y)} dy = \int M(x) dx$$

Ex. 1 Solve $\frac{dy}{dx} = x\sqrt{y}$

Soln.

Rewriting in diff. form we have

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

Integrating,

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

$$\frac{y^{1/2}}{1/2} = \frac{x^2}{2} + C$$

So the general solution is

$$y^{1/2} = \frac{x^2}{4} + C$$

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A few things to note:

- We only need 1 constant of integration

Since

$$2y^{1/2} + C_1 = \frac{x^2}{2} + C_2$$

$$\Rightarrow y^{1/2} = \frac{x^2}{4} + \underbrace{C_2 - C_1}_{= C_3}$$

- This is an implicit soln. These are totally fine to have!

In this case we could rewrite as an explicit soln as follows:

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = \left(\frac{x^2}{4} + C \right)^2$$

Ex. 2 Solve the IVP

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = xe^y, \quad y(0) = 0$$

Rewriting:

$$e^{-y} \frac{dy}{dx} = xe^y \cdot e^{-y}$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{-y} dy = x dx$$

Integrating

$$\int e^{-y} dy = \int x dx \Rightarrow -e^{-y} = \frac{x^2}{2} + C$$

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$$-e^{-y} = \frac{x^2}{2} + C$$

$$e^{-y} = -\frac{x^2}{2} + C$$

We don't need to explicitly solve in order to apply the I.C.

Given $y(0) = 0$ i.e. $y(x=0) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow e^{-(0)} = -\frac{(0)^2}{2} + C \Rightarrow C = 1$$

So particular (Implicit) soln is

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

Explicit soln:

$$\ln(e^{-y}) = \ln\left(-\frac{x^2}{2} + 1\right)$$

$$-y = \ln\left(-\frac{x^2}{2} + 1\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = -\ln\left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2}\right)$$

$$= -\ln\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}x^2\right)$$

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Exponential (Natural) Growth

Let $p(t)$ be the value of a population @ time t .

If the rate of change w.r.t. t is proportional to its size @ time t then

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = P'(t) = K P(t)$$

This is known as exponential or natural growth.

This is a separable eqn.

Given an initial condition $P(0) = P_0$ we can find the general soln to the eqn.

Rewriting, $\frac{dP}{dt} = KP \Rightarrow \frac{1}{P} dP = K dt$

Integrating, $\frac{1}{P} dP = \int K dt$

$$\Rightarrow \ln(P) = Kt + C$$

Exponentiating,

$$e^{\ln(P)} = e^{(Kt+C)}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(t) = e^{(Kt+C)} = e^C e^{Kt} = C e^{Kt}$$

For $P(0) = P_0 \Rightarrow P_0 = C e^{K(0)} \Rightarrow C = P_0$

So the gen. soln to the exponential growth eqn is

$$P(t) = P_0 e^{Kt}$$

Where

r is the rate of growth

P_0 is the initial population

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This is also used to model Continuously Compounding interest.

$$S(t) = S_0 e^{rt}$$

Where

r is the interest rate

S_0 is the initial deposit

This can also be modified to include migration in & out of an area (or deposits/withdrawals in an account)

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = kP - m$$

To solve:

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = kP - m$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{kP - m} dP = \int 1 dt$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{using } u \text{ sub } u &= kP - m \\ du &= k dP \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{k} du &= dP \end{aligned} \quad \Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{u} \left(\frac{1}{k} du\right) = \frac{1}{k} \int \frac{1}{u} du$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{k} \ln(u) \\ &= \frac{1}{k} \ln(kP - m) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{k} \ln(kP - m) = t + C$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln((kP - m)^{1/k}) = t + C$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{\ln((kP - m)^{1/k})} = e^{t+C}$$

$$\Rightarrow (kP - m)^{1/k} = Ce^t$$

$$kP - m = (Ce^t)^{1/k}$$

$$\Rightarrow kP = Ce^{t/k} + m$$

$$\Rightarrow P = \frac{1}{k} (Ce^{t/k} + m) = Ce^{t/k} + \frac{m}{k}$$

For $P(0) = P_0$

$$\Rightarrow P = \frac{1}{k} e^0 + \frac{m}{k} = \frac{1}{k} + \frac{m}{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow P = \left(\frac{1}{k} + \frac{m}{k}\right) e^{t/k} + \frac{m}{k} = \frac{1}{k} ((1+m)e^{t/k} + m)$$

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Logistic Growth

For logistic growth we assume that when the pop. is small

$$\frac{dP}{dt} \approx rP$$

but that it will level off @ some pt due to limited resources.

Def Logistic growth is given by eqns of the form

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = rP \left(1 - \frac{P}{K} \right), \quad P(0) = P_0$$

where

K is the carrying capacity

r is the rate of growth

the solution to the logistic growth eqn is given by

$$P(t) = \frac{K}{1 + \left(\frac{K - P_0}{P_0} \right) e^{-rt}}$$

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$$\frac{dP}{dt} = 0.08P\left(1 - \frac{P}{1000}\right), \quad P(0) = 100$$

What is the carrying capacity?

$$K = 1000$$

What is the growth rate?

$$r = 0.08$$

Soln has gen. form

$$\begin{aligned} P(t) &= \frac{K}{1 + \left(\frac{K - P_0}{P_0}\right)e^{-rt}} \\ &= \frac{1000}{1 + \left(\frac{1000 - 100}{100}\right)e^{-0.08t}} \\ &= \frac{1000}{1 + 9e^{-0.08t}} \end{aligned}$$