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Bernoulli's Differential Equation



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Step 1 : Divide throughout by y^n to obtain

$$\frac{1}{y^n} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} + Py^{1-n} = Q$$

Step 2 : Take the substitution $y^{1-n} = z$, then

$$(1 - n)y^{-n}\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dz}{dx}$$

and

$$\frac{dz}{dx} + P'z = Q'$$

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Example 1.

Solve : $\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{y}{x} = y^2 x$

Solution : The given equation is the Bernoulli's equation of the form,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + \mathbf{P}y = \mathbf{Q}y^n \quad (\text{Linear in } y)$$

where $\mathbf{P} = \frac{1}{x}$, $\mathbf{Q} = x$ and $\mathbf{n} = 2$.

- Dividing throughout by y^2 , $\frac{1}{y^2} \frac{dy}{dx} + \left(\frac{1}{xy}\right) = x$
- Taking the substitution, $y^{-1} = z$, we obtain $\frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{-1}{y^2} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}$

On simplifying, $-\frac{dz}{dx} + \frac{1}{x} \cdot z = x$ or $\frac{dz}{dx} - \frac{z}{x} = -x$

This is a linear differential equation of the form $\frac{dz}{dx} + \mathbf{P}'z = \mathbf{Q}'$

Example 1.

where $P' = -\frac{1}{x}$ and $Q' = x$

$$\text{Integrating Factor} = IF = e^{-\int P' dx} = e^{-\int \frac{1}{x} dx} = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\text{General Solution : } z(IF) = \int Q' \cdot (IF) dx + c$$

$$\Rightarrow z \cdot \frac{1}{x} = \int -x \cdot \frac{1}{x} dx + c$$

$$\Rightarrow z \cdot \frac{1}{x} = -x + c$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{xy} = -x + c \text{ is the required solution.}$$

Example 2.

Solve : $\frac{dr}{d\theta} = r \tan \theta - \frac{r^2}{\cos \theta}$

Solution : The given equation can be written as

$$\frac{dr}{d\theta} - r \tan \theta = -\frac{r^2}{\cos \theta}$$

This is the Bernoulli's equation linear in r
where $P = -\tan \theta$, $Q = -1/\cos \theta$ and $n = 2$

- Dividing throughout by r^2 ,

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{dr}{d\theta} - \frac{1}{r} \tan \theta = -\frac{1}{\cos \theta} = -\sec \theta$$

Example 2.

- Taking the substitution, $\frac{1}{r} = t$, we obtain $\frac{dt}{d\theta} = \frac{-1}{r^2} \cdot \frac{dr}{d\theta}$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Therefore } -\frac{dt}{d\theta} - t \cdot \tan\theta &= -\sec\theta \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dt}{d\theta} + t \cdot \tan\theta &= \sec\theta\end{aligned}$$

This is a linear differential equation of the form $\frac{dt}{dx} + P't = Q'$
where $P' = \tan\theta$ and $Q' = \sec\theta$

Example 2.

$$\text{Integrating Factor} = IF = e^{\int P' d\theta} = e^{\int \tan\theta d\theta} = e^{\log(\sec\theta)} = \sec\theta$$

$$\text{General Solution : } t(IF) = \int Q' \cdot (IF) d\theta + c$$

$$\Rightarrow t \sec\theta = \int \sec^2\theta d\theta + c$$

$$\Rightarrow t \sec\theta = \tan\theta + c$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sec\theta}{r} = \tan\theta + c \text{ is the required solution.}$$



THANK YOU

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