

## P34: Some Special Second Order Equations:

I. Equations with the dependent variable missing  
"missing  $y$ ".

The general form of second order equations is

$$y'' = f(t, y, y')$$

when  $y$  is missing, the equation becomes

$$y'' = f(t, y')$$

let  $v = y'$ ,  $v' = y'' \Rightarrow v' = f(t, v)$  is 1<sup>st</sup> order eq.

solving this eq. for  $v$ , then we solve the eq.

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = v \text{ to get } y(t).$$

$$36. t^2 y'' + 2t y' - 1 = 0, t > 0$$

$$y'' + \frac{2}{t} y' = \frac{1}{t^2}$$

$$\text{let } v = y' \Rightarrow v' + \frac{2}{t} v = \frac{1}{t^2} \text{ "linear"}$$

$$\mu(t) = e^{\int \frac{2}{t} dt} = e^{2 \ln t} = t^2$$

$$v(t) = \frac{1}{t^2} \left[ \int t^2 \frac{1}{t^2} dt + c \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{t^2} [t + c] \Rightarrow v(t) = \frac{1}{t} + \frac{c}{t^2}$$

$$y'(t) = v(t) = \frac{1}{t} + \frac{c}{t^2} \Rightarrow y(t) = \ln t - \frac{c_1}{t} + c_2 t$$

II. Equations with independent variable missing: missing  $t$ .

$$y'' = f(y, y')$$

$$\text{let } v = y' \Rightarrow \frac{dv}{dt} = y'' \Rightarrow \frac{dv}{dy} = f(y, v)$$

this eq. has too many variables. We think

of  $y$  as independent variable, then,

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{dv}{dy} \frac{dy}{dt} = v \frac{dv}{dy}$$

the eq. becomes:  $v \frac{dv}{dy} = f(y, v)$

solving this eq. we get  $v$  as a function of  $y$

then we solve the separable equation

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = v(y)$$

from which we get  $y(t)$ , which is the/a solution of the original equation.

$$42. \quad yy'' + (y')^2 = 0$$

$$\text{let } v = y', \quad y'' = v' = v \frac{dv}{dy}$$

$$yv \frac{dv}{dy} + v^2 = 0 \Rightarrow v = 0 \text{ is a solution}$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = c \text{ is a solution}$$

$$\text{if } v \neq 0 \Rightarrow y \frac{dv}{dy} + v = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dy}(vy) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow v(y)y = c_1$$

$$v(y) = \frac{c_1}{y}$$

$$\text{but } v = \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{c_1}{y} \Rightarrow \int y dy = \int c_1 dt$$

$$\frac{y^2}{2} = c_1 t + c_2$$