

2.2 Separable DE's

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Remark. Any 1st order DE can be written as

$$\dot{y} = \frac{dy}{dt} = f(t, y)$$

- If we can separate the variables one on each side, then the DE is called **separable**
- **Separable** DE's can be solved by integrating each side with respect to its variable.

Exp Solve the DE: $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^2}{1-y^2}$

Sep. DE

$$(1-y^2) dy = x^2 dx$$

nonlinear ✓

$$y - \frac{y^3}{3} = \frac{x^3}{3} + C \Rightarrow \text{Implicit solution}$$

Exp solve the IVP: $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y \cos x}{1+3y^3}$, $y(0) = 1$

$$(1+3y^3) dy = y \cos x dx$$

nonlinear ✓

$$\int \left(\frac{1}{y} + 3y^2 \right) dy = \int \cos x dx$$

Sep. DE

$$\ln|y| + \frac{y^3}{3} = \sin x + C$$

To find c we use IC:

$$\ln 1 + \frac{1^3}{3} = \sin 0 + C$$

$$1 = C$$

$$\ln|y| + \frac{y^3}{3} = \sin x + 1$$

\Rightarrow Implicit solution

Exp Consider the IVP: $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3x^2 + 4x + 2}{2y - 2}$, $y(0) = -1$

1) Solve this IVP for implicit sol.

sep. DE
nonlinear ✓

$$\int (2y - 2) dy = \int (3x^2 + 4x + 2) dx$$

$$y^2 - 2y = x^3 + 2x^2 + 2x + C$$

⇒ To find c
⇒ $x=0, y=-1$

$$(-1)^2 - 2(-1) = 0 + 0 + 0 + C$$

$$1 + 2 = C \Rightarrow C = 3$$

$$y^2 - 2y = x^3 + 2x^2 + 2x + 3 \Rightarrow \text{Implicit Solution}$$

2) Find Explicit Solution

$$y^2 - 2y + 1 = x^3 + 2x^2 + 2x + 4$$

$$(y - 1)^2 = x^3 + 2x^2 + 2x + 4$$

$$|y - 1| = \sqrt{x^2(x + 2) + 2(x + 2)}$$

$$y - 1 = \pm \sqrt{(x^2 + 2)(x + 2)}$$

$$y(x) = 1 \pm \sqrt{(x^2 + 2)(x + 2)}$$

3) Find interval where the sol. is defined

The sol. is defined on

$$I = (-2, \infty)$$

$$y_1(x) = 1 - \sqrt{(x^2 + 2)(x + 2)}$$

✓ only sol. since it satisfies the IC: $y(0) = -1$

$$y_2(x) = 1 + \sqrt{(x^2 + 2)(x + 2)}$$

✗ not solution since it does not satisfy the IC: $y(0) = -1$

Exp Solve the IVP: $y' = y^{\frac{1}{3}}$, $y(0) = 0$

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$$\frac{dy}{dt} = y^{\frac{1}{3}} \Rightarrow \int y^{-\frac{1}{3}} dy = \int dt$$

sep. PE

nonlinear ✓

$$\frac{3}{2} y^{\frac{2}{3}} = t + c$$

To find c we use IC:

$$\frac{3}{2} (0) = 0 + c$$

$$\Rightarrow c = 0$$

$$\frac{3}{2} y^{\frac{2}{3}} = t$$

$$\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 y^2 = t^2$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 = \frac{8}{27} t^3$$

$$|y| = \sqrt{\frac{8}{27} t^3}$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = \pm \sqrt{\frac{8}{27} t^3}$$

$y_1(t) = \sqrt{\frac{8}{27} t^3}$ is sol. since it also satisfies the IC

$y_2(t) = -\sqrt{\frac{8}{27} t^3}$ is sol. since it also satisfies the IC

$y_3(t) = 0$ is also sol.

Note that if $y(0) = 1$ in the above Exp, then there is a unique sol. which is

$$y(t) = \sqrt{\left(\frac{2}{3}t + 1\right)^3}$$

Exp solve the DE $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{4x+3y}{2x+y}$

• $(2x+y) dy = -(4x+3y) dx$ not sep. DE
nonlinear

• This DE is not separable

Question Can we change it to sep. DE?

Answer: Yes if the DE is homogenous.
 That is

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

If we can rewrite F as function of $V = \frac{y}{x}$
 then the DE is homogenous and so the DE
 can be changed to separable DE

$$V = \frac{y}{x} \qquad y' = \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{4 + 3\frac{y}{x}}{2 + \frac{y}{x}}$$

$$y = xV$$

$$y' = x \frac{dV}{dx} + V$$

$$xV' + V = -\frac{4 + 3V}{2 + V}$$

Homo.

$$x \frac{dV}{dx} = -V - \frac{4 + 3V}{2 + V}$$

$$-x \frac{dV}{dx} = V + \frac{4 + 3V}{2 + V}$$

$$= \frac{2V + V^2 + 4 + 3V}{2 + V}$$

$$= \frac{V^2 + 5V + 4}{2 + V}$$

$$-x \frac{dV}{dx} = \frac{(V+1)(V+4)}{2+V}$$

$$\int \frac{2+v}{(v+1)(v+4)} dv = \int -\frac{dx}{x} \quad \text{sep. DE} \quad \checkmark$$

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$$\int \left(\frac{A}{v+1} + \frac{B}{v+4} \right) dv = -\ln|x| + C$$

$$A = \frac{2 + \boxed{-1}}{\boxed{-1} + 4} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$B = \frac{2 + \boxed{-4}}{\boxed{-4} + 1} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\int \left(\frac{\frac{1}{3}}{v+1} + \frac{\frac{2}{3}}{v+4} \right) dv = -\ln|x| + C$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \ln|v+1| + \frac{2}{3} \ln|v+4| = -\ln|x| + C$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \ln\left|\frac{y}{x} + 1\right| + \frac{2}{3} \ln\left|\frac{y}{x} + 4\right| = -\ln|x| + C$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \ln\left|\frac{y+x}{x}\right| + \frac{2}{3} \ln\left|\frac{y+4x}{x}\right| = -\ln|x| + C$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \ln|y+x| - \cancel{\frac{1}{3} \ln|x|} + \frac{2}{3} \ln|y+4x| - \cancel{\frac{2}{3} \ln|x|} =$$

$$\cancel{-\ln|x| + C}$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \ln|y+x| + \frac{2}{3} \ln|y+4x| = C$$

Implicit solution

Exp (1) $\dot{y} = \frac{x^3 + y^3}{x^3 - y^3}$ is homogenous DE

(2) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^2 - y}{x}$ is not homogenous DE