

Ch 7.9 : Differential Equations

A differential equation involves the derivative of a function

e.g. $\frac{dy}{dx} = yx$

Antiderivatives are a (simple) kind of diff eq

(ex) $y(t)$ is a function with $y(0)=1, y(1)=10,$

and $y''(t) = 12t + 1$

What is $y(t)$?

$$y'(t) = 6t^2 + t + C$$

$$y(t) = 2t^3 + \frac{1}{2}t^2 + Ct + D$$

$$y(0) = 1:$$

$$1 = 0 + 0 + 0 + D$$

$D = 1$

$$y(1) = 10:$$

$$y(t) = 2t^3 + \frac{1}{2}t^2 + Ct + 1$$

$$10 = 2 + \frac{1}{2} + C + 1$$

$$6.5 = C$$

So:

$$y(t) = 2t^3 + \frac{1}{2}t^2 + \frac{13}{2}t + 1$$

Before we solve more diff eqs, let's practice understanding notation.

ex $\frac{dy}{dx} + x^2 - 1 = y$

(A) $y = x^2 + 1$

So $\frac{dy}{dx} + x^2 - 1 = y$

means

$2x + x^2 - 1 = x^2 + 1$

These two not same!

So $y = x^2 + 1$ is not a solution

which of the following are solutions:

(A) $y = x^2 + 1$

(B) $y = x^2 + 2x + 1$

(C) $y = -\frac{1}{3}x^3 + x$

(B) $(y = x^2 + 2x + 1)$

$\frac{dy}{dx} + x^2 - 1 = y$ means

$(2x + 2) + x^2 - 1 = x^2 + 2x + 1$

$x^2 + 2x + 1 = x^2 + 2x + 1$

True! So $y = x^2 + 2x + 1$ is a solution

© If $y = \frac{1}{3}x^3 + x$, then:

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

$$(-x^2 + 1) + x^2 - 1 = \frac{1}{3}x^3 + x$$

$$0 = \frac{1}{3}x^3 + x$$

Not same function

So $y = \frac{1}{3}x^3 + x$
not a solution.

ex

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{y}$$

Which are a solution?

(A)

$$y = -x$$

(B)

$$y = x + 5$$

(C) $y = \sqrt{x^2 + 5}$

$$\textcircled{A} \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = -1 \quad \frac{x}{y} = \frac{x}{-x} = -1$$

$$\text{So: } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{y}$$

$y = -x$ is a solution

$$\textcircled{B} \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 \quad \frac{x}{y} = \frac{x}{x+5} \neq 1$$

So $y = x+5$ is not a solution

$$\textcircled{C} \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x}{2\sqrt{x^2+5}} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+5}} = \frac{x}{y}$$

So $y = \sqrt{x^2+5}$ is a solution

Separable Differential Equations

Shorthand:

Idea: $g(y) \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = f(x)$

$$g(y) \frac{dy}{dx} = f(x)$$

• mult both sides by dx

• integrate

$$\int g(y) dy = \int f(x) dx$$

This is what we do in a u-sub (we call our function y instead of u)

$$\int g(y) \frac{dy}{dx} dx = \int f(x) dx$$

$$\int g(y) dy = \int f(x) dx$$

↑
no x's in here
y is my variable of integration

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

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

$$y^{-2} dy = x dx$$

Separate variables

$$\int y^{-2} dy = \int x dx$$

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

"implicit"
not: $y = \dots$

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

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

"explicit"

$$f(x) + C_1 = g(x) + C_2$$

C_1, C_2 any
constants

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = g(x) + (C_2 - C_1)$$

$$f(x) = g(x) + C$$

Set $C = C_2 - C_1$

That's why we can get away with
one constant C instead of 2

(ex) $\frac{dy}{dx} = x \sec y$

① separate variables

$$\frac{1}{\sec y} \frac{dy}{dx} = x$$

$$\frac{1}{\sec y} dy = x dx$$

② integrate

$$\int \frac{1}{\sec y} dy = \int x dx$$

$$\int \cos y dy = \frac{1}{2} x^2 + C$$

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

implicit

and $y(0) = 1$

③ Find C

If $y(0) = 1$:

$$\sin(1) = \frac{1}{2} 0^2 + C$$

$$\boxed{\sin 1 = C}$$

So:

$$\boxed{\sin y = \frac{1}{2} x^2 + \sin 1}$$

implicit

④ Find explicit formula:

$$\boxed{y = \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{2} x^2 + \sin 1\right)}$$

(ex) $\frac{dy}{dx} = y(4x^3 - 1)$ and $y(0) = -2$
Find an explicit formula for y .

$$\int \frac{1}{y} dy = \int (4x^3 - 1) dx \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \cdot dx \\ \div y \end{array} \right)$$

$$\ln|y| = x^4 - x + C$$

$$\text{If } x=0, y=-2$$

$$\ln|-2| = 0^4 - 0 + C$$

$$\ln 2 = C$$

$$\text{So: } \ln|y| = x^4 - x + \ln 2$$

$$|y| = e^{x^4 - x + \ln 2} = e^{x^4 - x} e^{\ln 2} = 2e^{x^4 - x}$$

This describes two possible functions:

$$y = 2e^{x^4 - x}$$

$$y = -2e^{x^4 - x}$$

We need to choose

1st case: $y(0) = 2e^0 = 2$ ✗

2nd case: $y(0) = -2e^0 = -2$ ✓

$$\boxed{y = -2e^{x^4 - x}}$$

If y is a function of x , it passes vertical line test
i.e. for any x in domain, only one y

1st-order diff eg:

involves y'
(no y'' etc)

eg $y' = y$
 $y' + 1 = y$

2nd-order diff eg:

involve y'' (maybe y')
(not y''' etc)

eg $y'' = y$
 $y'' + y' + y = 0$

Linear first-order diff eg:

$$y' = ky + b$$

linear in
 y

Really common!

(ex) $\frac{dy}{dt} = ky + b = k(y + b/k)$

$$\int \frac{1}{y + b/k} dy = \int k dt$$

$$\ln|y + b/k| = kt + C$$

$$|y + b/k| = e^{kt} e^C$$

$$|y + b/k| = C e^{kt}$$

$$y + \frac{b}{k} = \pm C e^{kt}$$

$$y + \frac{b}{k} = C e^{kt}$$

$y = C e^{kt} - b/k$ solutions to $y' = ky + b$

(memorize)

C - ^{arbitrary} constant

e^C - another constant
might as well write

C instead of e^C

$\pm C$: just another constant

Ex

Solve

$$y' = 3y + 7,$$

$k=3$ $b=7$

$$y(2) = 5$$

Plug in:

$$y = Ce^{3t} - 7/3$$

Find C

$$5 = Ce^{3 \cdot 2} - 7/3$$

$$\frac{15}{3} + \frac{7}{3} = Ce^6$$

$$\frac{22}{3} = Ce^6$$

$$C = \frac{22}{3e^6}$$

So:

$$y = \frac{22}{3e^6} e^{3t} - 7/3$$

When we solve a diff eq, we can check
(like multiple choice at start of class)

$$y' = 3y + 7$$

$$\text{If } y = \frac{22}{3e^6} e^{3t} - 7/3 :$$

$$\left(\frac{22}{3e^6} e^{3t} \cdot 3 \right) \stackrel{=?}{=} 3 \left(\frac{22}{3e^6} e^{3t} - 7/3 \right) + 7$$

$$\frac{22}{e^6} e^{3t}$$

$\stackrel{=?}{=}$

$$\frac{22}{e^6} e^{3t} \quad \cancel{7} \quad \cancel{+7}$$

TRUE:

So our solution is correct

(ex)

$$y' = 2y + 8 :$$

Then

$$y = Ce^{kt} - b/k$$

$$\boxed{y = Ce^{2t} - 4}$$

$$k=2$$

$$b=8$$

← If you forget this,
solve using separation
of variables.