

EXAMPLE: $(x^2 + xy + y^2) - x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ for $x > 0$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} M(x, y) &= x^2 + xy + y^2 \\ N(x, y) &= -x^2 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{homogeneous of degree 2}$$

- For $x \neq 0$: $x^2 + xy + y^2 = x^2 \left(1 + \frac{y}{x} + \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2\right)$
- The DE becomes: $\left(1 + \frac{y}{x} + \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2\right) - \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$
- Change of variable: $u = \frac{y}{x}$, i.e. $y = xu$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}(xu) = u + x \frac{du}{dx}$$

CHAIN RULE:

$y = f(u, x)$ where u regarded as function of x :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dx} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \frac{du}{dx} \\ &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \frac{du}{dx} \end{aligned}$$

- Substitute in the DE:

$$(1 + \cancel{u} + u^2) - \left(\cancel{u} + x \frac{du}{dx}\right) = 0$$

$$x \frac{du}{dx} - (1 + u^2) = 0 \quad \text{SEPARABLE}$$

$$\frac{1}{1+u^2} \frac{du}{dx} = \frac{1}{x} \quad \left[du = \frac{du}{dx} dx \right]$$

$$\int \frac{1}{1+u^2} du = \int \frac{1}{x} dx \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \arctan(u) = \ln|x| + C = \ln x + C$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i.e. } u &= \tan(\ln x + C), \text{ i.e. } \frac{y}{x} = \tan(\ln x + C) \\ y &= x \tan(\ln x + C) \end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE $(x^2 + xy + y^2) \frac{dy}{dx} - y^2 = 0 \leftarrow y=0$ is a solution

Replace $\frac{dy}{dx}$ by $\frac{dx}{dy}$: $(x^2 + xy + y^2) - y^2 \frac{dx}{dy} = 0$

The DE becomes $\left(\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{x}{y}\right) + 1\right) - \frac{dx}{dy} = 0$

Change of variable: $v = \frac{x}{y}$, i.e. $x = yv$

$$\frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{d}{dy}(yv) = v + y \frac{dv}{dy}$$

Substitute in the DE: $(v^2 + \cancel{v} + 1) - \left(\cancel{v} + y \frac{dv}{dy}\right) = 0$

Continue as in the previous example.

EXAMPLE $y' - \frac{1}{t}y + \frac{1}{t^2}y^2 = 0, t > 0$

Bernoulli diff. equation
[$y' + q(t)y = r(t)y^m$ with
 $q(t) = -\frac{1}{t}, r(t) = -\frac{1}{t^2}, m = 2$]

$y=0$ is a solution.

suppose now that $y \neq 0$:

$$\frac{1}{y^2}y' - \frac{1}{t}\frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{t^2} = 0$$

change of variables: $u = \frac{1}{y}$

$$\frac{du}{dt} = -\frac{1}{y^2} \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} u = y^{1-m} \\ u' = (1-m)y^{-m}y' \end{array} \right]$$

Substitution: $-u' - \frac{1}{t}u + \frac{1}{t^2} = 0$

(*) $u' + \underbrace{\frac{1}{t}}_{\mu(t)}u = \frac{1}{t^2}$ linear, 1st order

- $\int \mu(t)dt = \int \frac{1}{t}dt = \ln(t) + C$ (recall $t > 0$): Can fix $C = 0$
and choose $\mu(t) = e^{\ln(t)} = t$

- multiply both sides of (*) by μ :

$$\underbrace{tu' + u}_{(tu)'} = \frac{1}{t} \Rightarrow tu = \int \frac{1}{t} dt + C = \ln(t) + C$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{t}{y} = \ln(t) + C$$

i.e. $y = \frac{t}{\ln(t) + C}$