

Homogeneous Equation:

Homogeneous: $M(x,y)dx + N(x,y)dy = 0 \rightarrow M(tx,ty) = t^x M(x,y), N(tx,ty) = t^y N(x,y)$
Substitution: $y=ux$ or $x=vy$

1) Solve

$$(y^2 + yx)dx - x^2 dy = 0$$

Test for homogeneity: $M(x,y) = y^2 + xy \rightarrow M(tx,ty) = t^2 y + t^2 yx = t^2(y + xy) = t^2 M(x,y)$
 $N(x,y) = -x^2 \rightarrow N(tx,ty) = -t^2 x^2 = t^2(-x^2) = t^2 N(x,y)$

Substitution: $y=ux$ (or $x=vy$), $dy = udx + xdu$

$$(y^2 + yx)dx - x^2 dy = 0 \iff (u^2 x^2 + ux^2)dx - x^2(udx + xdu) = 0$$

$$\iff (u^2 + u)dx - udx - xdu = 0$$

$$\iff u^2 dx = xdu$$

$$\iff \frac{1}{2} dx = \frac{1}{u} du$$

$$\iff \ln x = -\frac{1}{u} + C$$

$$\iff \ln x = -\frac{x}{y} + C \quad (u = \frac{y}{x})$$

Note: If I ask for a solution, $\ln x = -\frac{x}{y} + C$ is fine. However if I ask for an **explicit solution**, you must solve for y :

$$\ln x = -\frac{x}{y} + C \rightarrow \frac{x}{y} = -\ln x + C$$

$$\rightarrow y = \frac{x}{C - \ln x}$$

Linear Equations

Standard form: $\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = f(x)$

Integrating factor: $\mu = e^{\int P(x)dx}$

Solution: $y = \frac{1}{\mu} \int \mu f(x) dx + \frac{C}{\mu}$

2) Solve $2y' = y + e^{x/2}$

Standard form: $y' - \frac{1}{2}y = \frac{1}{2}e^{x/2}$, $P(x) = -\frac{1}{2}$, $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}e^{x/2}$

Integrating factor: $\mu = e^{\int P(x)dx} = e^{\int -\frac{1}{2}dx} = e^{-\frac{x}{2}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solution: } y &= \frac{1}{\mu} \int \mu f(x) dx + \frac{C}{\mu} \\ &= e^{\frac{x}{2}} \int e^{-\frac{x}{2}} \left(\frac{1}{2} e^{x/2} \right) dx + C e^{\frac{x}{2}} \\ &= \frac{x}{2} e^{\frac{x}{2}} + C e^{\frac{x}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Bernoulli's Equation

Standard form: $\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = f(x)y^n$, $n \neq 0, 1$

Substitution: $y = u^{\frac{1}{1-n}}$, $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{1-n} u^{\frac{n}{1-n}}$, $\frac{du}{dx}$

3) Solve $x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = \frac{1}{y^2}$

Standard form: $\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{y}{x} = \frac{1}{x} y^{-2}$, $n = -2$

Substitution: $y = u^{\frac{1}{1-n}} = u^{\frac{1}{3}}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{3} u^{-\frac{2}{3}} \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{y}{x} &= \frac{1}{x} y^{-2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{3} u^{-\frac{2}{3}} \frac{du}{dx} + \frac{u^{\frac{1}{3}}}{x} = \frac{1}{x} u^{-\frac{2}{3}} \\ \Leftrightarrow \frac{du}{dx} + 3 \frac{u}{x} &= \frac{3}{x} \end{aligned}$$

Solve linear Equation: $\frac{du}{dx} + 3 \frac{u}{x} = \frac{3}{x}$:

$$\mu = e^{\int \frac{3}{x} dx} = e^{3 \ln x} = x^3$$

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \frac{1}{\mu} \int \mu f dx + \frac{C}{\mu} = \frac{1}{x^3} \int x^3 \cdot \frac{3}{x} dx + \frac{C}{x^3} \\ &= \frac{1}{x^3} \int x^2 dx + \frac{C}{x^3} \\ &= 1 + \frac{C}{x^3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore y = u^{\frac{1}{3}} = \left(1 + \frac{C}{x^3}\right)^{1/3}$$