

Pure-time and
separable ODEs
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Pure-time ODEs: $y' = f(x)$


- Can solve via integration: $y = \int f(x) dx$

Ex. $y' = 2x + 5$

$$y = \int (2x + 5) dx$$

$$y = x^2 + 5x + C$$

general solution



Ex. $\dot{x} = \sin t - 1$

$$x = \int (\sin t - 1) dt$$

$$x = -\cos t - t + C$$


General vs Particular Solutions

- The general solution has some constant(s) in it, and covers all possible particular solutions.
- A particular solution assigns specific values to those constants.

Ex

$$y' = 2x + 5$$

$$y = x^2 + 5x + C \quad \leftarrow \text{gen. soln.}$$

$$y = x^2 + 5x + 1 \quad \leftarrow \text{particular soln.}$$

$$y = x^2 + 5x + \pi \quad \leftarrow \text{particular soln.}$$

Initial value problem (IVP)

- When you specify “initial conditions”, you choose a single particular solution out of the general solution.

Ex. $y = x^2 + 5x + C$

↓ plug. in for x

Initial value (IV): $y(1) = 10 \leftarrow$ plug in for y

$$\Rightarrow 10 = 1 + 5 + C$$

$$\Rightarrow C = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow y = x^2 + 5x + 4$$

particular solution to
IVP

Try it out

- $\dot{x} = \sin t - 1$

- What is the solution to the initial value problem $x(0) = 0$?

$$x = -\cos t - t + C \leftarrow \text{gen. soln.}$$

$$0 = -\cos 0 - 0 + C$$

$$0 = -1 + C$$

$$C = 1$$

$$x = -\cos t - t + 1 \leftarrow \text{part. soln.}$$

plug in for t
↓
plug in for x

A: $x = \sin t$

B: $x = -\cos t - t$

C: $x = -\cos t - t + 1$

D: $x = -\cos t - t + C$

E: None of the above

Separating the derivative

- Another way to think about pure-time ODEs:
- We can “split” the derivative $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x)$ by “multiplying” by dx on both sides: $dy = f(x)dx$, and then integrate on both sides.

Ex. $y' = 2x + 5$

Rewrite: $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x + 5$

$dy = (2x + 5)dx$

$\int dy = \int (2x + 5)dx$

$y + C_1 = x^2 + 5x + C_2$

$y = x^2 + 5x + C = C_2 - C_1$

Separable ODEs

- If we can split a first-order ODE so that one side has all of the dependent variable and the other side has all of the independent variable, then we can integrate on both sides.

Ex. $2yy' + x = 0$

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

$$2y dy = -x dx$$

$$\int 2y dy = \int -x dx$$

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

implicit gen. solution

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

explicit gen. solution

Implicit vs explicit solutions

- An explicit solution to an ODE with independent variable x and dependent variable y is of the form $y = f(x)$.

$$\begin{aligned} & 2yy' + x = 0 \\ & \text{IVP: } y(0) = 1 \end{aligned} \quad \Rightarrow \quad y = \pm \sqrt{-\frac{x^2}{2} + C} \quad \Rightarrow \quad y = \sqrt{-\frac{x^2}{2} + 1}$$

- An implicit solution to an ODE with independent variable x and dependent variable y is of the form $F(x, y) = 0$.
 - Sometimes, an implicit solution is the best we can do.
 - Example on next slide.

Implicit solution initial value problem

Ex. $y' = \frac{2x}{y + e^{5y}}$, $y(2) = 0$

$x=2$
 $y=0$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x}{y + e^{5y}}$$

I.V.P.: $\frac{0}{2} + \frac{1}{5} = 4 + C$

$$C = -\frac{19}{5}$$

$$\int (y + e^{5y}) dy = \int 2x dx$$

$$\frac{y^2}{2} + \frac{e^{5y}}{5} = x^2 + C$$

implicit gen. soln.

$$\frac{y^2}{2} + \frac{e^{5y}}{5} = x^2 - \frac{19}{5}$$

implicit particular soln.

Try it out: is the following separable?

• $y' - y^2 x \sin x^2 = 0$ YES $\frac{dy}{dx} = y^2 x \sin x^2$
 $\frac{dy}{y^2} = (x \sin x^2) dx$

• $\dot{x}x^2 + t^2 e^t = 4$ YES $x^2 \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} = 4 - t^2 e^t$
 $x^2 dx = (4 - t^2 e^t) dt$

• $\dot{x}t^2 + x^2 e^x = 4$ YES $\frac{dx}{dt} t^2 = 4 - x^2 e^x$
 $\frac{dx}{4 - x^2 e^x} = \frac{dt}{t^2}$

• $y' = xy$ YES $\frac{dy}{dx} = xy \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{y} = x dx$

• $y' = \sin(xy)$ NO $\frac{dy}{dx} = \sin(xy)$

- A: Separable
- B: Not separable
- C: Cannot tell
- D: ???
- E: None of the above

Example: $y' = xy$, where $y(1) = 1$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = xy$$

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

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

IVP $x=1$
 $y=1$

$$\ln |1| = \frac{1}{2} + C$$

$$0 = \frac{1}{2} + C$$

$$C = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\ln |y| = \frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$y = e$$

Try it out: $y' = 3x^2 e^{2y}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 e^{2y}$$

$$\int e^{-2y} dy = \int 3x^2 dx$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} e^{-2y} = x^3 + C$$

$$e^{-2y} = -2x^3 + C$$

$$-2y = \ln |-2x^3 + C|$$

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

A: $y = -\frac{1}{2}(-12x + C)$

B: $e^{-2y} = -12x + C$

C: $-\frac{1}{2}e^{-2y} = 6x + C$

D: All of the above

E: None of the above