

Differential Equations.



what is a D.E.? An eqn involving an unknown variable, y & its derivatives

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y \cdot x, \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - 6e^{2x}, \quad y' \cdot y = x + 7, \quad y' \cdot x = x^2(y^2 + 1)$$

these are "1st order" or "degree 1" b/c it involves only the 1st derivative

Your task: solve a D.E. (i.e., find y , the function whose derivative is described by the D.E.)

Ex $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - 6e^{2x}$ this one is "directly integrable".

(1) Find all possible solutions "general sol'n"

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - 6e^{2x} \Rightarrow y = \int 1 - 6e^{2x} dx = \int 1 dx - \int 6e^{2x} dx$$

$$= x - 6 \cdot \frac{1}{2} e^{2x} + C = \underline{\underline{x - 3e^{2x} + C}}$$

(2) Often you'll be asked to solve an Initial Value Problem
Find the solution satisfying $y(0) = 5$

$$y(0) = 0 + 3e^{2 \cdot 0} + C = 3 + C \Rightarrow C = 2$$

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

Ex. $y' = y \cdot x$ this is a "separable" D.E.

(1) Find gen'l sol'n

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

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

$\ln|y| = \frac{x^2}{2} + C$ becomes an exponent

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

$$y = |y| = e^{\frac{x^2}{2} + C} = e^{\frac{x^2}{2}} \cdot e^C = A \cdot e^{\frac{x^2}{2}}$$

constant, $A = e^C$

separable D.E.

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

$\int \frac{1}{g(y)} \cdot dy = \int f(x) dx$

Separate x & y variables w/ x , y

Not separable $\frac{dy}{dx} = y + x$

$$e^{A+B} = e^A \cdot e^B$$

$$y = A e^{\frac{x^2}{2}}$$

general sol'n

(2) Solve the I.V.P. $y' = y \cdot x, y(4) = 5.$

use gen'l sol: $y = A e^{\frac{x^2}{2}}$

$$y(4) = A e^{\frac{4^2}{2}} = A e^8, \text{ solve for } A: A = \frac{5}{e^8} \approx .0017$$

$$\underline{\underline{y = 0.0017 \cdot e^{x^2/2}}}$$

Find the "particular sol'n" to

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 6xy^2 \quad w) y(0) = -1$$

see: separable

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \frac{1}{y^2} dy = 6x dx$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \int \frac{1}{y^2} dy = \int 6x dx$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad -y^{-1} = \frac{6x^2}{2} + C$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad \text{solve for } y: \quad -\frac{1}{y} = 3x^2 + C \Rightarrow y = \frac{-1}{3x^2 + C}$$

$$\textcircled{5} \quad \text{sub } 1 = y(0) = \frac{-1}{3x^2 + C} \quad \text{solve for } C: \quad 3x^2 + C = -1$$

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0 0 $C = -1$

particular sol'n

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

gen'l sol'n