

Solution of 1st order separable ODE (More formally)

We consider the separable ODE

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

and an interval $y \in (A, B)$ in the domain
 $g(y)$ such that $g(y) \neq 0$

We want to show that the ODE
has implicit solution

$$H(y(x)) = F(x) + C$$

where $H(y)$ is the anti-derivative of $\frac{1}{g(y)}$

$F(x)$ is the anti-derivative of $f(x)$

Proof

$$H(y) = \int \frac{1}{g(y)} dy$$

$$\text{We have } \frac{d}{dy} H(y) = \frac{1}{g(y)}$$

We want to show that $H(y(x))$ is the anti-derivative $f(x)$

$$\frac{d H(y(x))}{dx} = f(x) \quad *$$

because this implies

$$H(y(x)) = F(x) + C$$

Let us consider

$$\frac{d}{dx} H(y(x)) = \frac{dH}{dy} \stackrel{= \frac{1}{g(y)}}{\frac{dy}{dx}} = \frac{1}{g(y)} \underbrace{f(x) g(y)}_{\frac{dy}{dx}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} H(y(x)) = f(x)$$

$$H(y(x)) = F(x) + G'$$

If $H(y) = u$ admits an explicit expression for its inverse function/functions when we need to consider all inverse functions

$$y = H^{-1}(u)$$

Explicit solution

$$y = H^{-1}(F(x) + G')$$

Reducible to separable 1st order ODE

We consider ODE of the type

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(ax + by + c)$$

where $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ are constant parameters

These equations are NOT separable
but they are REDUCIBLE TO SEPARABLE

Solve of 1st order reducible to
separable ODE.

Step 1 Introduce the variable z

$$z = ax + by + c \quad *$$

$$f(ax + by + c) = f(z)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(z)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{z - ax - c}{b}$$

Step 2 Observe that the ODE for $z(x)$
is SEPARABLE

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} (ax + by + c) = a + b \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\text{But } \frac{dy}{dx} = f(z)$$

$$\boxed{\frac{dz}{dx} = a + b f(z)} \quad \text{SEPARABLE} \\ **$$

Step 3 Solve ** by separation variables

Step 4 Set $y(x) = \frac{z(x) - ax - c}{b}$

Example $y' = e^{-(3x+y)} - 3$.

$$y' = f(ax + by + c)$$

$$a = +3$$

$$b = +1$$

$$c = 0$$

Step 1

$$z = 3x + y$$

$$\Rightarrow y = z - 3x$$

$$y' = e^{-z} - 3$$

Step 2

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = 3 + \frac{dy}{dx} = \cancel{3} + e^{-z} - \cancel{3}$$

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = e^{-z} \cdot 1 \text{ *** }$$

Step 3 Solve ***

$$\int \frac{dz}{e^{-z}} = \int dx + C$$

$$\text{LHS: } H(z) = \int \frac{1}{e^{-z}} dz = \int e^z dz = e^z$$

$$\text{RHS: } F(x) = \int dx = x$$

$$H(z) = F(x) + C$$

$$e^z = x + C$$

$$z = \ln(x + C) \quad \text{for } x + C > 0$$

Step 4

$$y = z - 3x$$

$$y(x) = \ln(x + C) - 3x$$

for
 $x + C > 0$

Summary for solving separable ODEs

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

- ① Identify $f(x)$, $g(y)$
- ② Separate the variables

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

for $g(y) \neq 0$

$$\text{LHS: } H(y) = \int \frac{dy}{g(y)}$$

$$\text{RHS: } F(x) = \int f(x) dx$$

$$\boxed{H(y) = F(x) + C}$$

Implicit
solution

④ Express $y(x) = H^{-1}(F(x) + c)$
if you can for all inverse functions
otherwise just give the implicit
solution

A) $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3y^{2/3}$

① $f(x) = 1$ $g(y) = 3y^{2/3}$
 $y=0$ is a root
 $y(x)=0$ is a solution

② $H(y) = \int \frac{1}{g(y)} dy = \int \frac{1}{3y^{2/3}} dy$
 $= \int \frac{1}{3} y^{-2/3} dy = y^{1/3}$

$$F(x) = \int 1 dx = x$$

$$H(y) = F(x) + C$$

$$y^{1/3} = x + C$$

$$y = (x + C)^3$$

$$y = 0$$

(B)

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

$$f(x) = x$$

$$g(y) = \frac{1}{y}$$

$$H(y) = \int y dy = \frac{1}{2}y^2$$

$$F(x) = \int x dx = \frac{1}{2}x^2$$

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

$$H(y) = u$$

$$\frac{y^2}{2} = u$$

$$y = H^{-1}(u)$$

$$y = \begin{cases} \sqrt{2u} \\ -\sqrt{2u} \end{cases}$$

$$y(x) = \begin{cases} + \sqrt{2(F(x) + C)} & = \sqrt{x^2 + 2C} \\ - \sqrt{2(F(x) + C)} & = -\sqrt{x^2 + 2C} \end{cases}$$