

EX 1: Solve the DE: $\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{2}{x}y = -(x^2 \cos x) y^2$.

Solution.

This is a Bernoulli DE. We use the substitution

$$v = y^{1-2} = \frac{1}{y}. \quad \text{So} \quad \frac{dv}{dx} = -\frac{1}{y^2} \frac{dy}{dx}.$$

The DE is transformed into the following:

$$-\frac{dv}{dx} + \frac{2}{x}v = -(x^2 \cos x)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{dv}{dx} - \frac{2}{x}v = x^2 \cos x$$

Integrating Factor: $\mu(x) = e^{\int -\frac{2}{x} dx} = x^{-2}$.

Multiplying both sides by x^{-2} , we get

$$\frac{d}{dx} [x^{-2} v] = \cos x.$$

$$\text{Hence } x^{-2} v = \int \cos x dx + c = \sin x + c$$

$$\text{Thus } v = x^2 (\sin x + c).$$

$$\text{Therefore } \boxed{y = \frac{1}{x^2 (\sin x + c)}}.$$

EX 2: Find the value of k that makes the following
DE: $(y^3 + kxy^4 - 2x)dx + (3xy^2 + 20x^2y^3)dy = 0$ ②
an exact DE; and solve it.

Solution:

Test of exactness: $\frac{\partial}{\partial y}(y^3 + kxy^4 - 2x) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(3xy^2 + 20x^2y^3)$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3y^2 + kxy^3 = 3y^2 + 40xy^3$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4kxy^3 = 40xy^3$$

We conclude that $k = 10$.

Now, let us solve the DE (for $k = 10$).

Let $F(x, y)$ be a potential of the differential form:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = y^3 + 10xy^4 - 2x \quad \text{①} \\ \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 3xy^2 + 20x^2y^3 \quad \text{②} \end{array} \right\}$$

From ①, we have $F(x, y) = y^3x + 5x^2y^4 - x^2 + g(y)$

Now, using ②, we obtain

$$3y^2x + 20x^2y^3 + g'(y) = 3xy^2 + 20x^2y^3$$

This yields $g'(y) = 0$; that is $g(y)$ is constant.

It follows that $F(x, y) = y^3x + 5x^2y^4 - x^2$ is a potential; the solutions are given implicitly by

the relation $\boxed{y^3x + 5x^2y^4 - x^2 = c}$

EX 3: Use an appropriate substitution to transform (3) the following DE:

$$x^5 dx + (x^2 y^3 + x^3 y^2) = 0$$

into a separable DE.

Solution:

The DE may be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= - \frac{x^5}{x^2 y^3 + x^3 y^2} = - \frac{x^3}{y^3 + xy^2} = - \frac{(x^3/x^3)}{y^3/x^3 + \frac{xy^2}{x^3}} \\ &= - \frac{1}{\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2} \end{aligned}$$

So the DE is homogeneous.

We use the substitution $v = \frac{y}{x}$ ($y = xv$).

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = v + x \frac{dv}{dx}$$

So the DE becomes: $v + x \frac{dv}{dx} = - \frac{1}{v^3 + v^2}$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{dv}{dx} = \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \left(\frac{-1}{v^2 + v^3} - v\right) = -\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \left[v + \frac{1}{v^2 + v^3}\right]$$

which is a separable DE.

EX 4: Solve the system below according to the values of the parameter m :

$$\begin{cases} x + 2y + 3z = 4 \\ x + 3y + 3z = 5 \\ 2x + 6y + 6z = m \end{cases}$$

Solution:

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The augmented matrix of the system is

$$M = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 6 & 6 & m \end{array} \right]$$

$$M \xrightarrow{R_3 - 2R_1} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & m - 10 \end{array} \right]$$

• If $m \neq 10$, then the system is inconsistent (has no solution).

• If $m = 10$, then by performing the elementary row operation $R_2 - R_1$, we get

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_1 - 2R_2} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

Thus the system is equivalent to $\begin{cases} x + 3z = 2 \\ y = 1 \end{cases}$

It follows that the solutions are given by

$$(x, y, z) = (2 - t, 1, t), \text{ where } t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

EX 5: Find the reduced row echelon form of the matrix

$$M = \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 3 & 1 & -1 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 5 \end{array} \right]$$

Solution:

$$M \xrightarrow{R_{1,3}} \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 5 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2 - 3R_1 \\ R_3 - 2R_1}} \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

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$$\xrightarrow{R_3 - R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{5}R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{3}{5} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \xrightarrow{R_1 - R_3} \\ \xrightarrow{R_2 + 4R_3} \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{7}{5} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{2}{5} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{3}{5} \end{bmatrix} = \text{RREF}(M).$$

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