

Example 31.18

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{t}{x^2}, & x \neq 0 \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{y}{t^2}, & t \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

Solve $\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{t}{x^2}$.

If $\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{t}{x^2}$, then $x^2 \frac{dx}{dt} = t$.

Int. both sides:

$$\int x^2 \frac{dx}{dt} dt = \int t dt$$

$$\int x^2 dx = \int t dt$$

$$\frac{1}{3} x^3 = \frac{1}{2} t^2 + \tilde{C}$$

$$\boxed{x = \left(\frac{3}{2} t^2 + C_1 \right)^{1/3}}$$

$$C_1 \doteq 3\tilde{C}$$

Solve $\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{y}{t^2}$, $t \neq 0$.

If $\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{y}{t^2}$, then $\frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{1}{t^2}$, so

$$\int \frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dt} dt = \int \frac{1}{t^2} dt, \text{ i.e., } \int \frac{1}{y} dy = \int \frac{1}{t^2} dt, \text{ or } \ln |y| = -\frac{1}{t} + \bar{C}.$$

That is, $|y| = e^{-\frac{1}{t} + \bar{C}}$, or $\boxed{y = c_2 e^{-\frac{1}{t}}}$, $c_2 \doteq \pm e^{\bar{C}}$.

So, ^a ~~the~~ sol'n to

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{t}{x^2} \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{y}{t^2} \end{cases}, \begin{matrix} x \neq 0 \\ t \neq 0 \end{matrix}$$

is $\begin{cases} x = \left(\frac{3}{2} t^2 + C_1 \right)^{1/3} \\ y = c_2 e^{-1/t} \end{cases}$.

Example 31.19

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = 2e^{2t} \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{x^2 - y}{t} \end{cases}, t \neq 0.$$

Solve $\frac{dx}{dt} = 2e^{2t}$. Int. both sides wrt. t :

$$\int \frac{dx}{dt} dt = \int 2e^{2t} dt$$

$$x = e^{2t} + c_1$$

Rewrite 2nd eqn: $\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{(e^{2t} + c_1)^2 - y}{t} = \frac{e^{4t} + 2c_1 e^{2t} + c_1^2 - y}{t}$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{1}{t} y = \frac{e^{4t} + 2c_1 e^{2t} + c_1^2}{t}$$

Let $\mu(t) := \exp\left(\int \frac{1}{t} dt\right) = \exp(\ln|t|) = |t|$.

Multiply ODE by t :

$$t \frac{dy}{dt} + y = e^{4t} + 2c_1 e^{2t} + c_1^2$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} [ty] = e^{4t} + 2c_1 e^{2t} + c_1^2$$

$$\int \frac{d}{dt} [ty] dt = \int e^{4t} + 2c_1 e^{2t} + c_1^2 dt$$

$$ty = \frac{1}{4} e^{4t} + c_1 e^{2t} + c_1^2 t + c_2$$

$$y = \frac{1}{4t} e^{4t} + \frac{c_1}{t} e^{2t} + c_1^2 + \frac{c_2}{t}$$

So the sol'n to the system was $\begin{cases} x = e^{2t} + c_1 \\ y = \frac{1}{4t} e^{4t} + \frac{c_1}{t} e^{2t} + c_1^2 + \frac{c_2}{t} \end{cases}$.

Lesson 35: turning higher-order ODEs into systems of 1st-order ODEs. 3

One kind of 2nd-order ODE is

$$y'' = f(y). \quad \text{Indep. var. is } t, \text{ dep. is } y.$$

Let $x(t) = \frac{dy}{dt}$. Then $y'' = \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = \frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{dy}{dt} \right] = \frac{dx}{dt}$.

[Let $x = y'$. Then $x' = y''$.]

So the ODE $y'' = f(y)$ becomes $x' = f(y)$, so

the system equivalent to the eqn is

$$\begin{cases} x = y' \\ x' = f(y) \end{cases} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{cases} x = \frac{dy}{dt} \\ \frac{dx}{dt} = f(y) \end{cases}.$$

Another type of 2nd-order ODE is

$$y'' = f(y, y', t).$$

Let $x(t) = \frac{dy}{dt}$. [i.e., let $x = y'$.] Then $x' = f(y, x, t)$,

so $\hat{\text{ODE}}$ is equivalent to the system:

$$\begin{cases} x = y' \\ x' = f(y, x, t) \end{cases}.$$

Example 35.17

$$y'' = 4y^{-3}, \quad \text{i.e.,} \quad y'' = \frac{4}{y^3},$$

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i.e. $y^3 y'' = 4$.

Let $x(t) = y'(t)$, so that $x'(t) = y''(t)$.

Then the ODE becomes $y^3 x'(t) = 4$, so the system of 1st-order ODEs that represents the 2nd order eq'n is

$$\begin{cases} y'(t) = x(t) \\ x'(t) = \frac{4}{y^3} \end{cases}$$

Multiply 2nd eq'n by $2x$:

$$\begin{aligned} 2x \frac{dx}{dt} &= \frac{8x}{y^3} \\ \underbrace{\quad} &= \frac{8}{y^3} \frac{dy}{dt} \\ = \frac{d}{dt} [x^2] &= \frac{8}{y^3} \frac{dy}{dt} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{so } \frac{d}{dt} [x^2] = \frac{8}{y^3} \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$\int \frac{d}{dt} [x^2] dt = \int \frac{8}{y^3} \frac{dy}{dt} dt$$

$$x^2 = \int \frac{8}{y^3} dy = 8 \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right) \frac{1}{y^2} + C_1 = -\frac{4}{y^2} + C_1$$

So ~~$x = \sqrt{-\frac{4}{y^2} + C_1}$~~ , and

~~$y' = x$ becomes $y' = \sqrt{-\frac{4}{y^2} + C_1}$~~

$$x^2 = \int \frac{8}{y^3} dy = 8 \left(-\frac{1}{2y^2} \right) + c_1$$

$$x^2 = -\frac{4}{y^2} + c_1$$

$$x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{4}{y^2} + c_1}$$

$$x = \pm \frac{y}{y} \sqrt{\frac{4}{y^2} + c_1}$$

$$= \pm \frac{1}{y} \sqrt{y^2 \left(\frac{4}{y^2} + c_1 \right)}$$

$$\rightarrow x = \pm \frac{1}{y} \sqrt{4 + c_1 y^2}, \text{ which exists}$$

only when $4 + c_1 y^2 \geq 0$, i.e., $y^2 \geq -\frac{4}{c_1}$,

$$\text{so } |y| \geq \sqrt{-\frac{4}{c_1}}, \text{ i.e., } y \geq \sqrt{-\frac{4}{c_1}} \text{ or } y \leq -\sqrt{-\frac{4}{c_1}}$$

$$y \geq \frac{-2}{\sqrt{c_1}} \text{ or } y \leq \frac{2}{\sqrt{c_1}}.$$

The $\begin{pmatrix} \text{1st} \\ \text{eq'n} \\ y' = x \end{pmatrix}$ becomes

$$y' = \pm \frac{1}{y} \sqrt{4 + c_1 y^2}.$$

$$\int \frac{dy}{dt} dt = \int \pm \frac{1}{y} \sqrt{4 + c_1 y^2} dt$$

$$c_1 y^2 = (c_1 t + c_1 c_2)^2 + 4$$