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Lesson 88

Separable Differential Equations

A Differential Equation is an Equation that contains one or more derivatives or differentials.

Examples: ① $\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 + x \cdot \ln(x)$ ② $dy = 7x \cos(x) dx$

The Solution to a differential Equation is the set of all functions which satisfy the differential equation.

To find the Solution:

① Guess / check

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \sin(x)$$

Ex.

$$y = -\cos(x) + C$$

② Use different procedures mathematicians have developed based on the type of differential Equation.

First Type: Separable - if all terms with y can be moved to one side

with all terms of x on the others. (i.e. separate x and y)

Ex. (1) $e^y \frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 \Rightarrow e^y dy = x^2 dx$

Solve by integration:

$$\int e^y dy = \int x^2 dx$$

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

Called the General Solution to (1)

$$\text{so } y = \ln\left(\frac{x^3}{3} + C\right)$$

family of functions

★ Only works for

Separable Differential Equations!

If also given that $C = 5$ (for example)then $y = \ln\left(\frac{x^3}{3} + 5\right)$ is called a particular solution to (1).Ex. Find the general solution to $x dx - y^2 dy = 0$.

$$y^2 dy = x dx \Rightarrow \frac{y^3}{3} = \frac{x^2}{2} + C \Rightarrow$$

$$y = \sqrt[3]{\frac{3x^2}{2} + 3C}$$

Ex. 88.5 Given the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = 4x^2y^2$, find the particular solution y that passes through the point $(1, -1)$.

$$y^{-2} dy = 4x^2 dx \Rightarrow \frac{y^{-1}}{-1} = \frac{4x^3}{3} + C$$

$$\text{So } y = \frac{-3}{4x^3 + 3C}$$

$$\text{When } y = -1, x = 1: \quad -1 = \frac{-3}{4 + 3C} \Rightarrow -4 - 3C = -3$$

$$C = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{So the particular solution is } y = \frac{-3}{4x^3 - 1}$$

Ex. 88.2 The rate at which a certain bacteria colony is growing is proportional to the number of bacteria present at that time. At $t=0$ there are 1000 bacteria and at $t=1$ there are 1050 bacteria. Write an equation for the number of bacteria present at time t .

Pre-Calc Recall: $N(t) = P_0 e^{kt}$ but we'll use calculus.

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = kN \Rightarrow \dot{N} \frac{dN}{dt} = k \Rightarrow \ln(N) = kt + C$$

$$\text{So } N(t) = e^{kt+C} = e^C \cdot e^{kt} = A e^{kt}$$

Where A, C, k are constants.

To find A and k use:

$$N(0) = 1000 \quad \text{and} \quad N(1) = 1050$$

$$\text{So } A = 1000 \quad 1050 = 1000 e^k \Rightarrow k = \ln\left(\frac{105}{100}\right) = \ln(1.05)$$

$$N(t) = 1000 e^{\ln(1.05)t}$$

Note: The rate at which something Y increases/decreases is proportional to the something Y at time t } $\frac{dY}{dt} = kY$

The solution is always $Y = A e^{kt}$, A and k constants
[Good to know to save time]