

2.5 - Solutions by Substitution

We'll use substitutions to solve DEs (and IVPs) of the following types.

6. $(y^2 + yx) dx + x^2 dy = 0$

Bernoulli equation

16. $\frac{dy}{dx} - y = e^x y^2$

Sub: $u = y^{1-n}$

Here $u = y^{-1}$

$\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = f(x)y^n$

$y = \frac{1}{u}$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{u^2} \frac{du}{dx}$

26. $\frac{dy}{dx} = \sin(x + y)$

Sub: $u = x + y$

Form: $u = ax + by + c$

$\frac{du}{dx} - 1 = \sin u$

$\frac{du}{dx} = 1 + \frac{dy}{dx}$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{du}{dx} - 1$

$\frac{(1 - \sin u) du}{(1 + \sin u)} = dx$

$\frac{1 - \sin u}{\cos^2 u} du = dx$

$(\sec^2 u - \tan u \sec u) du = dx$

$\tan u - \sec u = x + C$

$\tan(x + y) - \sec(x + y) = x + C$

$$16. \frac{dy}{dx} - y = e^x y^2$$

$$n=2$$

$$u = y^{1-n}$$

$$u = y^{1-2} = \frac{1}{y}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{u}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{u^2} \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$-\frac{1}{u^2} \frac{du}{dx} - \frac{1}{u} = e^x \frac{1}{u^2}$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} + u = -e^x$$

Linear, $\mu = e^x$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(e^x u) = -e^{2x}$$

$$e^x u = -\frac{1}{2} e^{2x} + C_1$$

$$u = -\frac{1}{2} e^x + C_1 e^{-x}$$

But $u = \frac{1}{y}$

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

$$y = \frac{2e^x}{C - e^{2x}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{OR } y = (C e^{-x} - \frac{1}{2} e^x)^{-1}$$

$$6. (y^2 + yx) dx + x^2 dy = 0$$

This is a homogeneous equation

Suppose we replace $x \rightarrow tx$
and $y \rightarrow ty$.

$$\text{Then we have } (t^2 y^2 + t y t x) dx + t^2 x^2 dy = 0$$

$$t^2 [(y^2 + yx) dx + x^2 dy] = 0$$

$$\uparrow \\ t^\alpha$$

$$u = \frac{y}{x} \quad v = \frac{x}{y}$$

Substitution is either $y = ux$ or $x = vy$

If $y = ux$, then

$$dy = u dx + x du$$

if $x = vy$, then

$$dx = v dy + y dv$$

$$6. (y^2 + yx) dx + x^2 dy = 0$$

$$(u^2 x^2 + u x^2) dx + x^2 (u dx + x du) = 0$$

$$u^2 dx + u dx + u dx + x du = 0$$

$$(u^2 + 2u) dx + x du = 0$$

$$\int \frac{1}{x} dx + \int \frac{1}{u^2 + 2u} du = \int 0 dx$$

$$\frac{1}{u(u+2)} = \frac{A}{u} + \frac{B}{u+2} \Rightarrow 1 = A(u+2) + Bu$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} u=0 & A = \frac{1}{2} \\ u=-2 & B = -\frac{1}{2} \end{array}$$

$$\int \frac{1}{x} dx + \int \left(\frac{1/2}{u} - \frac{1/2}{u+2} \right) du = \int 0 dx$$

$$\ln|x| + \frac{1}{2} \ln|u| - \frac{1}{2} \ln|u+2|$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\ln|u| - \ln|u+2|)$$

$$e^{\ln|x| + \frac{1}{2} \ln|u| - \frac{1}{2} \ln|u+2|} = e^{\ln|C_1|}$$

$$x \sqrt{\frac{u}{u+2}} = C_1$$

$$\frac{u}{u+2} = \frac{C}{x^2}$$

But $u = \frac{y}{x}$, so

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

$$\frac{y}{y+2x} = \frac{C}{x^2} \Rightarrow \boxed{x^2 y = C(y+2x)}$$

$$x^2 dy + \sqrt{x^3 y + xy^3} dx = 0$$

$$x \rightarrow tx \quad y \rightarrow ty$$

$$t^2 x^2 dy + \sqrt{t^4 x^3 y + t^4 xy^3} dx = 0$$

$$\underline{t^2} (x^2) dy + \underline{t^2} \sqrt{x^3 y + xy^3} dx = 0$$

Given $M(x, y) dx + N(x, y) dy = 0$ (*)

\neq $M(tx, ty) dx + N(tx, ty) dy = 0$

becomes $t^\alpha (M(x, y) dx + N(x, y) dy) = 0$,

then (*) is homogeneous of order α .

$$f(x, y) \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$x^{3/2} dx + \sqrt{x} y dy = 0$$

$$\underline{(tx)^{3/2}} dx + \underline{\sqrt{tx} ty} dy = 0$$

$$t^{3/2}$$

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$$20. \quad 3(1+t^2) \frac{dy}{dt} = 2ty(y^3 - 1)$$

$$\underbrace{3(1+t^2) \frac{dy}{dt}}_{\text{linear}} = 2ty^4 - \underbrace{2ty}_{\text{linear}}$$

$$3(1+t^2) \frac{dy}{dt} + 2ty = 2ty^4 \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Bernoulli} \\ n=4 \end{array}$$

$$\text{sub: } u = y^{1-4} = y^{-3} \quad (y^{-3})^{-1/3} = u^{-1/3}$$

$$y = u^{-1/3}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -\frac{1}{3} u^{-4/3} \frac{du}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{2t}{3(1+t^2)} y = \frac{2ty^4}{3(1+t^2)}$$

$$-\frac{1}{3} u^{-4/3} \frac{du}{dt} + \frac{2t}{3(1+t^2)} u^{-1/3} = \frac{2tu^{-4/3}}{3(1+t^2)}$$

mult by $-3u^{4/3}$

$$\frac{du}{dt} - \frac{2t}{1+t^2} u = -\frac{2t}{1+t^2} \quad (\text{linear})$$

$$M = e^{-\int \frac{2t}{1+t^2} dt} = e^{-\ln(1+t^2)} = \frac{1}{1+t^2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{1+t^2} u \right) = - \frac{2t}{(1+t^2)^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{1+t^2} u = \frac{1}{1+t^2} + C$$

$$u = 1 + C(1+t^2)$$

$$y^{-3} = 1 + C(1+t^2)$$

Summary

Homogeneous eqn

Sub: $y = ux$ OR $x = vy$
 $dy = xdu + udx$ $dx = vdy + ydv$
all terms have the same "degree"

Bernoulli:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = f(x)y^n \quad u = y^{1-n}$$

linear

linear substitution:

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

2.4: Exact if $Mdx + Ndy = 0$
is such that $M_y = N_x$