

# First order differential equations

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# 1 First order differential equations

The basic problem of the integral calculus:

*Given a function  $f(x)$  defined on the interval  $I$ , find the function  $y(x)$  defined on  $I$  which satisfies*

$$y'(x) = f(x) \tag{1}$$

*for every  $x \in I$ .*

The solution to this problem is known:

$$y(x) = \int f(x) dx + C, \tag{2}$$

where  $\int f(x) dx$  is an arbitrary antiderivative of the function  $f$  and  $C$  is an arbitrary constant.



(Bridge)



(Dog curve)

A slight modification of the basic problem of the integral calculus:

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**Definition (initial value problem).** Let  $\alpha, \beta$  be real numbers,  $\alpha \in I$ . The problem to find the function  $y = y(x)$  which satisfies equation (3) and an *initial condition*

$$y(\alpha) = \beta \quad (4)$$

is called an *initial value problem* (shortly *IVP*).

The solution of the IVP (3), (4) is called a *particular solution*.

The graph of the particular solution is called an *integral curve*.

Example 2. The solution of equation  $y' = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2)$  passing through the point  $[2, 1]$  has the slope  $\frac{1}{2}(2^2 + 1^2) = \frac{5}{2}$  in this point. Hence the line

$$y = \frac{5}{2}(x - 2) + 1$$

is a tangent to this integral curve in  $[2, 1]$ .

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## 2 DE with separated variables

Definition (ODE with separated variables). ODE in the form

$$y' = f(x)g(y), \quad (5)$$

where  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous functions on some open intervals is said to be *ordinary differential equation with separated variables*.

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- Using cross multiplication we convert expressions with variable  $x$  to one of the sides and expressions with  $y$  to the other side of the equation.
- From the condition  $y(0) = 0.1$  we know that the solution is a nonzero function (at least in some neighborhood of the point  $x = 0$ ).

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$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y \cdot \cos x$$
$$\int \frac{1}{y} dy = \int \cos x \, dx$$

We write integrals to both sides of the equation. The variable of integration on the left is  $y$  and on the right  $x$ .

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$$\ln y = \sin x + C$$

- We evaluate the integrals. The function  $y$  is positive (at least in some neighborhood of the point  $x = 0$ ). We consider only one of the constants of integration.
- We obtain an equation which describes all solutions of the equation  $y' = y \cdot \cos x$ .

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We use the initial condition  $y(0) = 0.1$  to find the value of the constant of integration.

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We substitute  $C$  into the equation which describes all solutions and find a particular solution of the initial value problem. This solution is written in the implicit form.

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We convert logarithms into one side.

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$$\ln \frac{y}{0.1} = \sin x$$

We subtract logarithms.



Find the function  $y(x)$  satisfying  $y' = y \cos x$  and  $y(0) = 0.1$

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We use the inverse function to remove logarithms.

Find the function  $y(x)$  satisfying  $y' = y \cos x$  and  $y(0) = 0.1$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= y \cdot \cos x \\ \int \frac{1}{y} dy &= \int \cos x \, dx \\ \ln y &= \sin x + C \\ \ln 0.1 &= \sin 0 + C \\ C &= \ln 0.1 \\ \ln y &= \sin x + \ln 0.1\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\ln y - \ln 0.1 &= \sin x \\ \ln \frac{y}{0.1} &= \sin x \\ \frac{y}{0.1} &= e^{\sin x} \\ y &= 0.1 \cdot e^{\sin x}\end{aligned}$$

We isolate  $y$ . This is an explicit form of the solution of the initial value problem.

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Notation:

**differential equation** + **initial condition** = *initial value problem*,  
**general solution**, **particular solution** (solution of IVP)

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We look for constant solutions first. Since the derivative of a constant function is zero, the constant solution produces zero on both sides for any admissible  $x$ .

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We cross-multiply the equation in order to convert the expressions in variable  $x$  on one of the sides and expressions in variable  $y$  on the other side.

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We integrate both sides and consider only one of the constants of integration. This gives the general solution of the equation.



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If the initial condition is given, we find the value of the constant  $C$  for which the initial condition is satisfied.

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$$y' = \frac{y^2 - 1}{y} \frac{1}{1 - x^2}$$

From this relation it is clear that the equation has separated variables. The equation is meaningful for  $y \neq 0$  and  $x \neq \pm 1$ .

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We write the derivative as the quotient of differentials.

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$$\frac{y}{y^2 - 1} dy = \frac{1}{1 - x^2} dx$$

We separate the variables. We multiply the equation by the factor  $\frac{y}{y^2 - 1}$ . This is possible if  $y \neq \pm 1$ . This is guaranteed by the initial condition.

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We add the integrals. . .

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$$\frac{1}{2} \ln |y^2 - 1| =$$

... and evaluate. The first integral is (up to the constant multiple) the

integral of the type  $\int \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} dx$ .



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$$\frac{1}{2} \ln |y^2 - 1| = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left| \frac{1+x}{1-x} \right| + c$$

The second integral is either the rule, or we can expand into partial fractions

$$\frac{1}{1-x^2} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{1-x} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{1+x} \text{ and from here}$$

$\int \frac{1}{1-x^2} dx = -\frac{1}{2} \ln |1-x| + \frac{1}{2} \ln |1+x|$ , which is equivalent to the blue expression.

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According to the init. cond. , we can omit both absolute values and multiply by the number 2.

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We write  $2c$  in the logarithmic form  $\ln e^{2c} \dots$

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... and add the logarithms.

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$$\cancel{\ln}(y^2 - 1) = \cancel{\ln} \left( \frac{1+x}{1-x} e^{2c} \right)$$

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

Logarithm is one-to-one function and can be omitted from both sides of equation.

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The general solution. Here  $C = e^{2c}$  is a new constant.

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We substitute from the **initial condition**...

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We simplify. The problem has been solved.

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The equation has separated variables and is meaningful for  $y \neq 1$ . To find the solution we multiply the equation by  $2(y - 1)$

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We add integrals

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$$y^2 - 2y = x^2 + x + C$$

We integrate both sides of the equation. We have

$$\int 2y - 2 dy = y^2 - 2y$$

and  $\int 2x + 1 dx = x^2 + x$ . We use the constant of integration on the right-hand side and get the general solution of the equation.

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We complete square on the left. . .



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$$(y-1)^2 = x^2 + x + C + 1$$

$$y-1 = \pm\sqrt{x^2+x+K}$$

Let  $K = C + 1$  be new constant. We take the second root of both sides of equation...

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$$y = 1 \pm \sqrt{x^2 + x + K}$$

$$y_1 = 1 + \sqrt{x^2 + x + K}$$

$$y_2 = 1 - \sqrt{x^2 + x + K}$$

This shows that there are two explicit formulas for general solution. Since  $y_1(x) \geq 1$  and  $y_2(x) \leq 1$  for all  $x$ , we consider the solution  $y_2$  only (see the initial condition).

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$$y = 0$$

~~$$y_1 = 1 + \sqrt{x^2 + x + K}$$~~

$$y_2 = 1 - \sqrt{x^2 + x + K}$$

$$0 = 1 - \sqrt{4 + 2 + K}$$

We substitute the initial condition into  $y_2$ .

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The solution of  $0 = 1 - \sqrt{4 + 2 + K}$  is  $K = -5$ .

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$$y_p = 1 - \sqrt{x^2 + x - 5}$$

We use the obtained value of  $K$  in the formula for  $y_2$ . The initial value problem has been solved.

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The right-hand side equals zero for  $y = 1$ . Hence the constant function  $y(x) = 1$  is a solution. This can be verified by direct substitution.

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Let us continue with the cases in which  $y \neq 1$ . In this case we can multiply the equation by the factor  $\frac{3y^2}{y^3 - 1}$ . This separates the variables.

Solve DE  $3xy^2y' = (y^3 - 1)(x^3 - 1)$ .

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y' = \frac{y^3 - 1}{3y^2} \cdot \frac{x^3 - 1}{x}$$

The function  $y \equiv 1$  is a solution. From now suppose  $y \neq 1$ .

$$\frac{3y^2}{y^3 - 1} dy = \frac{x^3 - 1}{x} dx$$

The variable  $y$  is on the left and  $x$  on the right.

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...and evaluate. The integral on the left is of the type  $\int \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} dx$  and the integral on the right can be written as the integral

$$\int \frac{x^3 - 1}{x} dx = \int x^2 - \frac{1}{x} dx = \frac{x^3}{3} - \ln|x|.$$

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$$\ln|y^3 - 1| = \ln\left(e^{x^3/3} \frac{1}{|x|} e^c\right)$$

We write the expressions  $\frac{x^3}{3}$  and  $c$  in logarithmic forms  $\ln e^{x^3/3}$  and  $\ln e^c$  and add (subtract) logarithms.

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Logarithm is one-to-one function and can be removed from both sides of equation.



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$$y^3 - 1 = (\pm e^c) e^{x^3/3} \frac{1}{x}$$

If we omit the absolute values, the right and left side can differ by the sign. We add this sign to the constant factor  $e^c \dots$

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... and introduce new constant  $C = \pm e^c$ . Since  $c$  can take arbitrary real value, the expression  $e^c$  can take arbitrary positive value and  $\pm e^c$  can take arbitrary real nonzero value.

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$$C = \pm e^c \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$$

$$y^3 - 1 = \frac{C}{x} e^{x^3/3}$$

$$C \in \mathbb{R}$$

If we allow  $C = 0$ , the general solution gives  $y = 1$  which is also a solution. Hence  $C$  can be arbitrary real value.

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The equation has been solved.

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The right-hand side is zero for  $y = 0$ .



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$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{e^x}{e^x + 1}y$$

We substitute  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  for  $y'$ .

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$$\frac{dy}{y} = -\frac{e^x}{1 + e^x} dx$$

We multiply by  $dx$  and divide by  $y$ . Since  $y \neq 0$ , we can do the division.

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$$\int \frac{dy}{y} = -\int \frac{e^x}{1 + e^x} dx$$

We write integral signs.

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$$\ln |y| = -\ln(1 + e^x) + c$$

We evaluate the integrals. In the integral on the right we have the derivative of denominator in numerator.

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

The function  $y \equiv 0$  is a solution. In the following suppose  $y \neq 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= -\frac{e^x}{e^x + 1}y \\ \int \frac{dy}{y} &= -\int \frac{e^x}{1 + e^x} dx \\ \ln |y| &= -\ln(1 + e^x) + c\end{aligned}$$

$$\ln[|y|(1 + e^x)] = \ln e^c$$

We convert logarithms to the left-hand side and add. Further we convert the number  $c$  into logarithmic form.

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$$\begin{aligned}\cancel{\ln} \left[ |y|(1 + e^x) \right] &= \cancel{\ln} e^c \\ |y|(1 + e^x) &= e^c\end{aligned}$$

Logarithmic function is one-to-one and can be removed from both sides on equation.

Solve DE  $(1 + e^x)y' + e^x y = 0$

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

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$$\begin{aligned}\ln[|y|(1 + e^x)] &= \ln e^c \\ |y|(1 + e^x) &= e^c \\ y(1 + e^x) &= K \quad K = \pm e^c\end{aligned}$$

We remove the absolute value. This yields  $\pm$  sign on the right. We join this sign to the number  $e^c$  which gives a new constant  $K$ .

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We solve the obtained relation for  $y$ .



Solve DE  $(1 + e^x)y' + e^x y = 0$

$$(1 + e^x)y' = -e^x y$$

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The choice  $K = 0$  gives  $y \equiv 0$ , which gives the **constant solution**.

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We factor the exponential function  $e^{x^2+y}$ . This separates the variables in the exponent.

Solve DE  $y' e^{x^2+y} = -\frac{x}{y}$

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx} e^{x^2} e^y = -x \frac{1}{y}$$

We substitute  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  for  $y'$ .

Solve DE  $y' e^{x^2+y} = -\frac{x}{y}$

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx} e^{x^2} e^y = -x \frac{1}{y}$$

$$y e^y dy = -x e^{-x^2} dx$$

We multiply by  $y$  and divide by  $e^{x^2}$ . The latter is equivalent to the multiplication by  $e^{-x^2}$ .

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We write integral sings.

Solve DE  $y' e^{x^2+y} = -\frac{x}{y}$

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$$\int y e^y dy = -\int x e^{-x^2} dx$$

$$y e^y - e^y =$$

On the left we integrate by parts:

$$\int y e^y dy \quad \boxed{\begin{array}{l} u = y \quad u' = 1 \\ v' = e^y \quad v = e^y \end{array}} = y e^y - \int e^y dy = y e^y - e^y$$



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

On the right we use a the substitution suggested by the inside function. Hence

$$- \int x e^{-x^2} dx \quad \begin{array}{l} -x^2 = t \\ -2x dx = dt \\ -x dx = \frac{1}{2} dt \end{array} = \frac{1}{2} \int e^t dt = \frac{1}{2} e^t = \frac{1}{2} e^{-x^2}$$

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

$$C \in \mathbb{R}$$

We multiply the equation by the number 2. This gives the general solution in its implicit form. Unfortunately, we cannot solve explicitly this relation with respect to  $y$ . We keep the solution in its implicit form.

Solve DE  $y' e^{x^2+y} = -\frac{x}{y}$

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The problem is resolved.

### 3 Linear equation

**Definition (first order linear ODE).** Let  $a, b \in C(I)$ . The equation

$$y' + a(x)y = b(x) \quad (6)$$

is said to be the *first order linear ordinary differential equation* (shortly *LDE*). If  $b(x) \equiv 0$  on  $I$ , then the equation is called *homogeneous* and *nonhomogeneous* otherwise.

**Definition (associated homogeneous equation).** The equation

$$y' + a(x)y = 0 \quad (7)$$

is said to be a *homogeneous equation associated with the nonhomogeneous equation (6)*.

Remark 2. Every IVP for the linear equation possesses a **unique solution** defined on the interval  $I$ .

### Example 3. Equations

$$y' - 2y \ln(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x} \quad \text{and} \quad y' = y + x$$

are linear. Equations

$$y' - y^2 = x^2 \quad \text{and} \quad yy' = x^2$$

are not linear. The linearity is broken because of the presence of the square  $y^2$  in the first equation and the product  $yy'$  in the second one.

Remark 3 (trivial solution of homogeneous LDE). Homogeneous LDE

$$y' + a(x)y = 0$$

possesses the constant solution  $y(x) = 0$  for an arbitrary coefficient  $a(x)$ . The solution  $y(x) = 0$  is called a *trivial solution* and can be obtained by the initial condition  $y(\alpha) = 0$  for  $\alpha$  arbitrary.

Remark 4 (operator  $L[\cdot]$ ). Let  $L[\cdot]$  be an operator defined on the set of smooth functions by the relation

$$L[y](x) = y'(x) + a(x)y(x).$$

Then the linear equation (6) and the corresponding homogeneous equation take the form  $L[y] = b(x)$  and  $L[y] = 0$ .

Remark 5 (linearity of  $L[\cdot]$ ). The operator  $L[\cdot]$  satisfies

$$L[C_1y_1 + C_2y_2] = C_1L[y_1] + C_2L[y_2]$$

for all real numbers  $C_1, C_2$  and all differentiable functions  $y_1(x), y_2(x)$ .

Really

$$\begin{aligned} L[C_1y_1 + C_2y_2](x) &= \left( C_1y_1(x) + C_2y_2(x) \right)' + a(x) \left( C_1y_1(x) + C_2y_2(x) \right) \\ &= C_1y_1'(x) + C_2y_2'(x) + a(x)C_1y_1(x) + a(x)C_2y_2(x) \\ &= C_1 \left( y_1'(x) + a(x)y_1(x) \right) + C_2 \left( y_2'(x) + a(x)y_2(x) \right) \\ &= C_1L[y_1](x) + C_2L[y_2](x). \end{aligned}$$

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In plain words: If the function  $y_1$  solves equation  $y' + a(x)y = b_1(x)$  and  $y_2$  solves  $y' + a(x)y = b_2(x)$ , then the function  $y = C_1y_1 + C_2y_2$  is a solution of the equation

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Homogeneous LDE  $y' + a(x)y = 0$  via separation of variables.

$y(x) = 0$  is a solution and in the sequel we consider  $y \neq 0$ .

The homogeneous linear differential equation can be solved by separation of variables.

Homogeneous LDE  $y' + a(x)y = 0$  via separation of variables.

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$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -a(x)y$$

We isolate  $y'$  and substitute  $y'$  by the quotient  $\frac{dx}{dy}$ .

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$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -a(x)y$$
$$\frac{1}{y} dy = -a(x) dx,$$

We separate variables.

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$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= -a(x)y \\ \int \frac{1}{y} dy &= - \int a(x) dx, \\ \ln |y| &= - \int a(x) dx + c, \quad c \in \mathbb{R}\end{aligned}$$

We integrate both sides of the equation.



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We convert both side into logarithmic form.

Homogeneous LDE  $y' + a(x)y = 0$  via separation of variables.

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- The logarithm is one-to-one function and can be removed from both sides.
- We remove the absolute value and rename the constant.

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$$y = C e^{-\int a(x) dx}, \quad C = \pm e^c \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$$

$C = 0$  is also possible

$y = C e^{-\int a(x) dx}, \quad C \in \mathbb{R}$  ... the general solution

For  $C = 0$  we obtain the trivial solution. Hence  $C$  can take arbitrary real values.

Homogeneous LDE  $y' + a(x)y = 0$  via educated guessing.

$$\left( e^{f(x)} \right)' = e^{f(x)} \cdot f'(x)$$

$$y' = -a(x) \cdot y$$

We compare the chain rule for the exponential function and the homogeneous differential equation.

Homogeneous LDE  $y' + a(x)y = 0$  via educated guessing.

$$\begin{aligned} (e^{f(x)})' &= e^{f(x)} \cdot f'(x) \\ y' &= -a(x) \cdot y \\ y &= e^{-\int a(x) dx}, \end{aligned}$$

- Both formulas are equivalent, provided  $y = e^{f(x)}$  and  $f' = -a(x)$ . Hence  $f(x) = -\int a(x) dx$ .
- This is a *particular solution* of the equation.

Homogeneous LDE  $y' + a(x)y = 0$  via educated guessing.

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$$y = C \cdot e^{-\int a(x) dx}, C \in \mathbb{R}$$

The general solution is an arbitrary constant multiple of any nontrivial particular solution.

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$y_{GH} = Ce^{-\int a(x) dx}, C \in \mathbb{R}$  ... the general solution

Nonhomogeneous LDE  $y' + a(x) \cdot y = b(x)$  via variation of constant.

- Now consider the nonhomogeneous equation.
- Recall that if  $y_P(x)$  is a particular solution of nonhomogeneous LDE and  $y_{GH}(x)$  is a general solution of the associated homogeneous LDE, then the function

$$y(x, C) = y_P(x) + y_{GH}(x)$$

is a general solution of nonhomogeneous LDE.



Nonhomogeneous LDE  $y' + a(x) \cdot y = \cancel{b(x)}$  via variation of constant.

The associated hom. eq.  $y' + a(x)y = 0$

The gen. sol. of the assoc. hom eq.  $y_{GH}(x) = Ce^{-\int a(x) dx} = C \cdot y_{PH}(x)$

- We consider the associated homogeneous equation first.
- This equation can be solved by separation of variables, as has been shown before.

Nonhomogeneous LDE  $y' + a(x) \cdot y = b(x)$  via variation of constant.

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$y_P(x) = K(x) \cdot y_{PH}(x)$

variation of constant

- Now it is sufficient to find any particular solution of the nonhomogenous equation.
- We replace the constant  $C$  in the general solution of the associated homogeneous equation by a function  $K(x)$  and try to find condition on the function  $K(x)$  which guarantee that this function is a (particular) solution of the nonhomogenous equation.

Nonhomogeneous LDE  $y' + a(x) \cdot y = b(x)$  via variation of constant.

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$$y_P(x) = K(x) \cdot y_{PH}(x)$$

$$y'_P(x) = K'(x) \cdot y_{PH}(x) + K(x) \cdot y'_{PH}(x)$$

- We have to find the function  $K(x)$ .
- We have to evaluate the derivative  $y'$  and substitute into the equation.
- We use the chain rule  $(uv)' = u' \cdot v + u \cdot v'$

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$$\underbrace{y'}_{K'(x)y_{PH}(x) + K(x)y'_{PH}(x)}$$

We substitute into the equation.

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$$\overbrace{K'(x)y_{PH}(x) + K(x)y'_{PH}(x)}^{y'} + a(x) \cdot \overbrace{K(x)y_{PH}(x)}^y = b(x)$$

We substitute into the equation.

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$$K'(x)y_{PH}(x) + K(x)[y'_{PH}(x) + a(x)y_{PH}(x)] = b(x)$$

We factor out the last two terms on the left hand side.

Nonhomogeneous LDE  $y' + a(x) \cdot y = b(x)$  via variation of constant.

The associated hom. eq.  $y' + a(x)y = 0$

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$$K'(x)y_{PH}(x) + K(x)[y'_{PH}(x) + a(x)y_{PH}(x)] = b(x)$$

$$K'(x)y_{PH}(x) = b(x)$$

The highlighted expression equals to zero.

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$$K'(x)y_{PH}(x) + K(x)[y'_{PH}(x) + a(x)y_{PH}(x)] = b(x)$$

$$K'(x)y_{PH}(x) = b(x)$$

$$K'(x) = \frac{b(x)}{y_{PH}(x)}$$

The resulting equation does not contain the function  $K(x)$ , but only its derivative  $K'(x)$ . We isolate  $K'(x)$ .



Nonhomogeneous LDE  $y' + a(x) \cdot y = b(x)$  via variation of constant.

The associated hom. eq.  $y' + a(x)y = 0$

The gen. sol. of the assoc. hom eq.  $y_{GH}(x) = Ce^{-\int a(x) dx} = C \cdot y_{PH}(x)$

$$y_P(x) = K(x) \cdot y_{PH}(x)$$

$$y'_P(x) = K'(x) \cdot y_{PH}(x) + K(x) \cdot y'_{PH}(x)$$

$$\overbrace{K'(x)y_{PH}(x) + K(x)y'_{PH}(x)}^{y'} + a(x) \cdot \overbrace{K(x)y_{PH}(x)}^y = b(x)$$

$$K'(x)y_{PH}(x) + K(x)[y'_{PH}(x) + a(x)y_{PH}(x)] = b(x)$$

$$K'(x)y_{PH}(x) = b(x)$$

$$K(x) = \int \frac{b(x)}{y_{PH}(x)} dx$$

Integrating we get  $K(x)$ . The constant of integration can be arbitrary.

Nonhomogeneous LDE  $y' + a(x) \cdot y = b(x)$  via variation of constant.

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$$K'(x)y_{PH}(x) + K(x)[y'_{PH}(x) + a(x)y_{PH}(x)] = b(x)$$

$$K'(x)y_{PH}(x) = b(x)$$

$$K(x) = \int \frac{b(x)}{y_{PH}(x)} dx$$

We keep the important informations only.

Nonhomogeneous LDE  $y' + a(x) \cdot y = b(x)$  via variation of constant.

The associated hom. eq.  $y' + a(x)y = 0$

The gen. sol. of the assoc. hom eq.  $y_{GH}(x) = Ce^{-\int a(x) dx} = C \cdot y_{PH}(x)$

$$y_P(x) = K(x) \cdot y_{PH}(x)$$

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$$K(x) = \int \frac{b(x)}{y_{PH}(x)} dx$$

$$y_P(x) = y_{PH}(x) \cdot \int \frac{b(x)}{y_{PH}(x)} dx$$

We use the function  $K(x)$  to get the particular solution of the equation.

Nonhomogeneous LDE  $y' + a(x) \cdot y = b(x)$  via variation of constant.

The associated hom. eq.  $y' + a(x)y = 0$

The gen. sol. of the assoc. hom.  $y_{GH}(x) = Ce^{-\int a(x) dx} = C \cdot y_{PH}(x)$

$$y_P(x) = K(x) \cdot y_{PH}(x)$$

$$K(x) = \int \frac{b(x)}{y_{PH}(x)} dx$$

$$y_P(x) = y_{PH}(x) \cdot \int \frac{b(x)}{y_{PH}(x)} dx$$

$$y(x) = y_P(x) + y_{GH}(x)$$

We add the particular solution of the nonhomogenous equation and the general solution of the homogeneous equation. The equation has been solved.

Nonhomogeneous LDE  $y' + a(x) \cdot y = b(x)$  via variation of constant.

The associated hom. eq.  $y' + a(x)y = 0$

The gen. sol. of the assoc. hom.  $y_{GH}(x) = Ce^{-\int a(x) dx} = C \cdot y_{PH}(x)$

$$y_P(x) = K(x) \cdot y_{PH}(x)$$

$$K(x) = \int \frac{b(x)}{y_{PH}(x)} dx$$

$$y_P(x) = y_{PH}(x) \cdot \int \frac{b(x)}{y_{PH}(x)} dx$$

$$y(x) = y_P(x) + y_{GH}(x) = e^{-\int a(x) dx} \int b(x)e^{\int a(x) dx} dx + Ce^{-\int a(x) dx}$$

Substituting for  $y_{GH}$  and  $y_P$  we obtain an explicit formula for the solution of the (nonhomogeneous) linear equation.

Nonhomogeneous LDE  $y' + a(x) \cdot y = b(x)$  via integrating factor.

$$y' + a(x)y = b(x)$$

We derive the explicit formula for the solution of LDE using the so called *integrating factor*.

Nonhomogeneous LDE  $y' + a(x) \cdot y = b(x)$  via integrating factor.

$$y' + a(x)y = b(x)$$

$$y' e^{\int a(x) dx} + a(x)y e^{\int a(x) dx} = b(x) e^{\int a(x) dx}$$

We multiply both sides of the equation by the *integrating factor*  $e^{\int a(x) dx}$ .



Nonhomogeneous LDE  $y' + a(x) \cdot y = b(x)$  via integrating factor.

$$y' + a(x)y = b(x)$$

$$y' e^{\int a(x) dx} + a(x)y e^{\int a(x) dx} = b(x) e^{\int a(x) dx}$$

$$\left( y e^{\int a(x) dx} \right)' = b(x) e^{\int a(x) dx}$$

The left hand side can be written as derivative of product. Really

$$\begin{aligned} \left( y e^{\int a(x) dx} \right)' &= y' e^{\int a(x) dx} + y \left( e^{\int a(x) dx} \right)' \\ &= y' e^{\int a(x) dx} + y e^{\int a(x) dx} a(x) \end{aligned}$$

Nonhomogeneous LDE  $y' + a(x) \cdot y = b(x)$  via integrating factor.

$$y' + a(x)y = b(x)$$

$$y' e^{\int a(x) dx} + a(x) y e^{\int a(x) dx} = b(x) e^{\int a(x) dx}$$

$$\left( y e^{\int a(x) dx} \right)' = b(x) e^{\int a(x) dx}$$

$$y e^{\int a(x) dx} = \int b(x) e^{\int a(x) dx} dx + C$$

Integrating we remove the derivative.

Nonhomogeneous LDE  $y' + a(x) \cdot y = b(x)$  via integrating factor.

$$y' + a(x)y = b(x)$$

$$y' e^{\int a(x) dx} + a(x) y e^{\int a(x) dx} = b(x) e^{\int a(x) dx}$$

$$\left( y e^{\int a(x) dx} \right)' = b(x) e^{\int a(x) dx}$$

$$y e^{\int a(x) dx} = \int b(x) e^{\int a(x) dx} dx + C$$

$$y = e^{-\int a(x) dx} \left[ \int b(x) e^{\int a(x) dx} dx + C \right]$$

We isolate  $y$ . Finished.

Solve DE  $y' + \frac{2}{x} y = \frac{1}{x+1}$

The equation is a linear differential equation.

Solve DE  $y' + \frac{2}{x} y = \frac{1}{x+1}$

$$y' + \frac{2}{x} y = 0$$

- We write the corresponding homogeneous equation.
- We replace the function on the right hand side by zero.

Solve DE  $y' + \frac{2}{x}y = \frac{1}{x+1}$

$$y' + \frac{2}{x}y = 0$$

$$y_{GH}(x) = Ke^{-\int \frac{2}{x} dx}$$

- The general solution of  $y' + a(x)y = 0$  is given by formula  $y = Ke^{-\int a(x) dx}$ .
- In our problem we have  $a(x) = \frac{2}{x}$ .

Solve DE  $y' + \frac{2}{x}y = \frac{1}{x+1}$

$$y' + \frac{2}{x}y = 0$$

$$y_{GH}(x) = Ke^{-\int \frac{2}{x} dx} = Ke^{-2 \ln |x|}$$

We integrate...

Solve DE  $y' + \frac{2}{x}y = \frac{1}{x+1}$

$$y' + \frac{2}{x}y = 0$$

$$y_{GH}(x) = Ke^{-\int \frac{2}{x} dx} = Ke^{-2 \ln |x|} = Ke^{\ln x^{-2}}$$

... simplify ...



Solve DE  $y' + \frac{2}{x}y = \frac{1}{x+1}$

$$y_{GH}(x) = Kx^{-2}$$

$$y' + \frac{2}{x}y = 0$$

$$y_{GH}(x) = Ke^{-\int \frac{2}{x} dx} = Ke^{-2 \ln|x|} = Ke^{\ln x^{-2}} = Kx^{-2}$$

and simplify even more. Remember that exponential function is inverse to logarithmic function and hence the composition of these functions is identity.

Solve DE  $y' + \frac{2}{x} y = \frac{1}{x+1}$

$$y_{GH}(x) = Kx^{-2}$$

$$y_{PN}(x) = K(x) \cdot x^{-2}$$

- Now we look for the particular solution of nonhomogeneous equation.
- Suppose that  $K$  is a function in  $y_{GH}(x)$ .

Solve DE  $y' + \frac{2}{x} y = \frac{1}{x+1}$

$$y_{GH}(x) = Kx^{-2}$$

$$y_{PN}(x) = K(x) \cdot x^{-2}$$

$$y'_{PN} = K'(x)x^{-2} + (-2)K(x)x^{-3}$$

- We find the derivative  $y'_{PN}(x)$ .
- We use the product rule for derivatives:  $(uv)' = u'v + uv'$ .

Solve DE  $y' + \frac{2}{x}y = \frac{1}{x+1}$

$$y_{GH}(x) = Kx^{-2}$$

$$y_{PN}(x) = K(x) \cdot x^{-2}$$

$$y'_{PN} = K'(x)x^{-2} + (-2)K(x)x^{-3}$$

$$\underbrace{K'(x)x^{-2} + (-2)K(x)x^{-3}}_{y'} + \frac{2}{x} \underbrace{K(x)x^{-2}}_y = \frac{1}{x+1}$$

We substitute into nonhomogeneous equation.

Solve DE  $y' + \frac{2}{x}y = \frac{1}{x+1}$

$$y_{GH}(x) = Kx^{-2}$$

$$y_{PN}(x) = K(x) \cdot x^{-2}$$

$$y'_{PN} = K'(x)x^{-2} + (-2)K(x)x^{-3}$$

$$\overbrace{K'(x)x^{-2} + (-2)K(x)x^{-3}}^{y'} + \frac{2}{x}\overbrace{K(x)x^{-2}}^y = \frac{1}{x+1}$$

$$K'(x) = \frac{x^2}{x+1}$$

- We solve the last equation with respect to  $K'$ .
- The expressions with  $K$  cancel. Really:  $(-2)Kx^{-3} + \frac{2}{x}Kx^{-2} = 0$ .

$$\text{Solve DE } y' + \frac{2}{x} y = \frac{1}{x+1}$$

$$y_{GH}(x) = Kx^{-2}$$

$$y_{PN}(x) = K(x) \cdot x^{-2}$$

$$y'_{PN} = K'(x)x^{-2} + (-2)K(x)x^{-3}$$

$$\overbrace{K'(x)x^{-2} + (-2)K(x)x^{-3}}^{y'} + \frac{2}{x} \overbrace{K(x)x^{-2}}^y = \frac{1}{x+1}$$

$$K'(x) = \frac{x^2}{x+1}$$

$$K'(x) = x - 1 + \frac{1}{x+1}$$

- The function  $K$  can be obtained from  $K'$  by integration.
- We would like to integrate the improper rational function. We have to use the long division first.

Solve DE  $y' + \frac{2}{x}y = \frac{1}{x+1}$

$$y_{GH}(x) = Kx^{-2}$$

$$y_{PN}(x) = K(x) \cdot x^{-2}$$

$$y'_{PN} = K'(x)x^{-2} + (-2)K(x)x^{-3}$$

$$\overbrace{K'(x)x^{-2} + (-2)K(x)x^{-3}}^{y'} + \frac{2}{x}\overbrace{K(x)x^{-2}}^y = \frac{1}{x+1}$$

$$K'(x) = \frac{x^2}{x+1}$$

$$K'(x) = x - 1 + \frac{1}{x+1}$$

$$K(x) = \int x - 1 + \frac{1}{x+1} dx$$

We integrate...

Solve DE  $y' + \frac{2}{x}y = \frac{1}{x+1}$

$$y_{GH}(x) = Kx^{-2}$$

$$y_{PN}(x) = K(x) \cdot x^{-2}$$

$$y'_{PN} = K'(x)x^{-2} + (-2)K(x)x^{-3}$$

$$\overbrace{K'(x)x^{-2} + (-2)K(x)x^{-3}}^{y'} + \frac{2}{x}\overbrace{K(x)x^{-2}}^y = \frac{1}{x+1}$$

$$K'(x) = \frac{x^2}{x+1}$$

$$K'(x) = x - 1 + \frac{1}{x+1}$$

$$K(x) = \int x - 1 + \frac{1}{x+1} dx$$
$$= \frac{x^2}{2} - x + \ln|x+1|$$

... and  $K(x) = \frac{x^2}{2} + x + \ln|x+1|$ .



Solve DE  $y' + \frac{2}{x} y = \frac{1}{x+1}$

$$y_{GH}(x) = Kx^{-2}$$

$$y_{PN}(x) = K(x) \cdot x^{-2}$$

$$y'_{PN} = K'(x)x^{-2} + (-2)K(x)x^{-3}$$

$$\underbrace{K'(x)x^{-2} + (-2)K(x)x^{-3}}_y + \frac{2}{x} \underbrace{K(x)x^{-2}}_y = \frac{1}{x+1}$$

$$K'(x) = \frac{x^2}{x+1}$$

$$K'(x) = x - 1 + \frac{1}{x+1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} K(x) &= \int x - 1 + \frac{1}{x+1} dx \\ &= \frac{x^2}{2} - x + \ln|x+1| \end{aligned}$$

We keep the important computations only.

Solve DE  $y' + \frac{2}{x} y = \frac{1}{x+1}$

$$y_{GH}(x) = Kx^{-2}$$

$$y_{PN}(x) = K(x) \cdot x^{-2}$$

$$K(x) = \frac{x^2}{2} - x + \ln|x+1|$$

The function  $K(x)$  is known and it can be used in the formula for  $y_{PN}(x)$ .

Solve DE  $y' + \frac{2}{x} y = \frac{1}{x+1}$

$$y_{GH}(x) = Kx^{-2}$$

$$y_{PN}(x) = K(x) \cdot x^{-2}$$

$$K(x) = \frac{x^2}{2} - x + \ln|x+1|$$

$$y_{PN}(x) = \left( \frac{x^2}{2} - x + \ln(x+1) \right) \cdot x^{-2}$$

We use this  $K(x)$ ...

Solve DE  $y' + \frac{2}{x} y = \frac{1}{x+1}$

$$y_{GH}(x) = Kx^{-2}$$

$$y_{PN}(x) = K(x) \cdot x^{-2}$$

$$K(x) = \frac{x^2}{2} - x + \ln|x+1|$$

$$y_{PN}(x) = \left( \frac{x^2}{2} - x + \ln(x+1) \right) \cdot x^{-2} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{x} + \frac{\ln(x+1)}{x^2}$$

... and simplify

Solve DE  $y' + \frac{2}{x} y = \frac{1}{x+1}$

$$y_{GH}(x) = Kx^{-2}$$

$$y_{PN}(x) = K(x) \cdot x^{-2}$$

$$K(x) = \frac{x^2}{2} - x + \ln|x+1|$$

$$y_{PN}(x) = \left( \frac{x^2}{2} - x + \ln(x+1) \right) \cdot x^{-2} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{x} + \frac{\ln(x+1)}{x^2}$$

$$y_{GN}(x) = y_{GH}(x) + y_{PN}(x)$$

The general solution  $y_{GN}(x)$  of nonhomogeneous equation is a sum of  $y_{GH}(x)$  and  $y_{PN}(x)$ .

Solve DE  $y' + \frac{2}{x} y = \frac{1}{x+1}$

$$y_{GH}(x) = Kx^{-2}$$

$$y_{PN}(x) = K(x) \cdot x^{-2}$$

$$K(x) = \frac{x^2}{2} - x + \ln|x+1|$$

$$y_{PN}(x) = \left( \frac{x^2}{2} - x + \ln(x+1) \right) \cdot x^{-2} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{x} + \frac{\ln(x+1)}{x^2}$$

$$y_{GN}(x) = y_{GH}(x) + y_{PN}(x) = \frac{K}{x^2} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{x} + \frac{\ln(x+1)}{x^2}$$

We substitute for  $y_{PN}$  and  $y_{GH}$ .

Solve DE  $y' + \frac{2}{x} y = \frac{1}{x+1}$

$$y_{GH}(x) = Kx^{-2}$$

$$y_{PN}(x) = K(x) \cdot x^{-2}$$

$$K(x) = \frac{x^2}{2} - x + \ln|x+1|$$

$$y_{PN}(x) = \left( \frac{x^2}{2} - x + \ln(x+1) \right) \cdot x^{-2} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{x} + \frac{\ln(x+1)}{x^2}$$

$$y_{GN}(x) = y_{GH}(x) + y_{PN}(x) = \frac{K}{x^2} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{x} + \frac{\ln(x+1)}{x^2}, \quad K \in \mathbb{R}$$

The problem is resolved.

Solve DE  $y' = 1 + 3y \operatorname{tg} x$ .



Solve DE  $y' = 1 + 3y \operatorname{tg} x$ .

$y' - 3y \operatorname{tg} x = 1 \dots$  original equation

We convert the linear equation into the form

$$y' - a(x)y = b(x).$$

Hence  $a(x) = -3 \operatorname{tg} x$  and  $b(x) = 1$ .

Solve DE  $y' = 1 + 3y \operatorname{tg} x$ .

$y' - 3y \operatorname{tg} x = \color{red}{X}$ ... original equation

$y' - 3y \operatorname{tg} x = 0$ ... associated homogeneous equation

We write the corresponding homogeneous equation. We replace the right-hand side by zero.

Solve DE  $y' = 1 + 3y \operatorname{tg} x$ .

$y' - 3y \operatorname{tg} x = 1$ ... original equation

$y' - 3y \operatorname{tg} x = 0$ ... associated homogeneous equation

$$y_{GH}(x) = Ce^{-\int -3 \operatorname{tg} x \, dx}$$

The general solution of

$$y' + a(x)y = 0$$

is given by the formula  $y = Ce^{-\int a(x) \, dx}$ .

Solve DE  $y' = 1 + 3y \operatorname{tg} x$ .

$y' - 3y \operatorname{tg} x = 1$ ... original equation

$y' - 3y \operatorname{tg} x = 0$ ... associated homogeneous equation

$$y_{GH}(x) = Ce^{-\int -3 \operatorname{tg} x \, dx} = Ce^{-3 \ln \cos x}$$

We evaluate the integral as follows:

$$\int -3 \operatorname{tg} x \, dx = \int 3 \frac{-\sin x}{\cos x} \, dx = 3 \ln |\cos x|.$$

Here we used the formula  $\int \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} \, dx = \ln |f(x)|$ . In the following we will suppose that we work on the interval, where  $\cos x > 0$ . In this case we omit the absolute value.

Solve DE  $y' = 1 + 3y \operatorname{tg} x$ .

$y' - 3y \operatorname{tg} x = 1$ ... original equation

$y' - 3y \operatorname{tg} x = 0$ ... associated homogeneous equation

$$y_{GH}(x) = Ce^{-\int -3 \operatorname{tg} x \, dx} = Ce^{-3 \ln \cos x} = Ce^{\ln \cos^{-3} x}$$

We convert the function into the form in which the exponential function follows the logarithmic function.

Solve DE  $y' = 1 + 3y \operatorname{tg} x$ .

$y' - 3y \operatorname{tg} x = 1$  ... original equation

$y' - 3y \operatorname{tg} x = 0$  ... associated homogeneous equation

$$y_{GH}(x) = Ce^{-\int -3 \operatorname{tg} x \, dx} = Ce^{-3 \ln \cos x} = Ce^{\ln \cos^{-3} x} = C \cos^{-3} x$$

The functions  $\ln(x)$  and  $e^x$  are mutually inverse function and the composition  $e^{\ln x}$  is identity.

Solve DE  $y' = 1 + 3y \operatorname{tg} x$ .

$y' - 3y \operatorname{tg} x = 1$ ... original equation

$y' - 3y \operatorname{tg} x = 0$ ... associated homogeneous equation

$$y_{GH}(x) = Ce^{-\int -3 \operatorname{tg} x \, dx} = Ce^{-3 \ln \cos x} = Ce^{\ln \cos^{-3} x} = C \cos^{-3} x$$

$$y_{PN}(x) = K(x) \cos^{-3} x$$

- Now we have the general solution of homogeneous equation.
- We look for the particular solution of nonhomogeneous equation in the form, in which the constant from  $y_{GH}$  is replaced by the function  $K(x)$ .

Solve DE  $y' = 1 + 3y \operatorname{tg} x$ .

$y' - 3y \operatorname{tg} x = 1$ ... original equation

$y' - 3y \operatorname{tg} x = 0$ ... associated homogeneous equation

$$y_{GH}(x) = Ce^{-\int -3 \operatorname{tg} x \, dx} = Ce^{-3 \ln \cos x} = Ce^{\ln \cos^{-3} x} = C \cos^{-3} x$$

$$y_{PN}(x) = K(x) \cos^{-3} x$$

$$y'_{PN}(x) = K'(x) \cos^{-3} x + K(x)(-3) \cos^{-4} x(-\sin x)$$

- When evaluating the derivative of  $y'_{PN}(x)$  we use the product rule  $(uv)' = u'v + uv'$ .
- The derivative of  $\cos^{-3} x$  is evaluated by chain rule.



Solve DE  $y' = 1 + 3y \operatorname{tg} x$ .

$y' - 3y \operatorname{tg} x = 1$  ... original equation

$y' - 3y \operatorname{tg} x = 0$  ... associated homogeneous equation

$$y_{GH}(x) = Ce^{-\int -3 \operatorname{tg} x \, dx} = Ce^{-3 \ln \cos x} = Ce^{\ln \cos^{-3} x} = C \cos^{-3} x$$

$$y_{PN}(x) = K(x) \cos^{-3} x$$

$$y'_{PN}(x) = K'(x) \cos^{-3} x + K(x)(-3) \cos^{-4} x(-\sin x)$$

$$\underbrace{K'(x) \cos^{-3} x + K(x)(-3) \cos^{-4} x(-\sin x)}_{y'} - \underbrace{3K(x) \cos^{-3} x}_{y} \operatorname{tg} x = 1$$

We substitute for  $y$  and  $y'$  into the original equation.

Solve DE  $y' = 1 + 3y \operatorname{tg} x$ .

$y' - 3y \operatorname{tg} x = 1$ ... original equation

$y' - 3y \operatorname{tg} x = 0$ ... associated homogeneous equation

$$y_{GH}(x) = Ce^{-\int -3 \operatorname{tg} x dx} = Ce^{-3 \ln \cos x} = Ce^{\ln \cos^{-3} x} = C \cos^{-3} x$$

$$y_{PN}(x) = K(x) \cos^{-3} x$$

$$y'_{PN}(x) = K'(x) \cos^{-3} x + K(x)(-3) \cos^{-4} x(-\sin x)$$

$$\overbrace{K'(x) \cos^{-3} x + K(x)(-3) \cos^{-4} x(-\sin x)}^{y'} - \overbrace{3K(x) \cos^{-3} x \operatorname{tg} x}^y = 1$$

We clean the informations which are no more important.

Solve DE  $y' = 1 + 3y \operatorname{tg} x$ .

Summary:  $y_{GH}(x) = C \cos^{-3} x$        $y_{PN}(x) = K(x) \cdot \cos^{-3}(x)$

$$\overbrace{K'(x) \cos^{-3} x + K(x)(-3) \cos^{-4} x(-\sin x)}^{y'} - \overbrace{3K(x) \cos^{-3} x \operatorname{tg} x}^y = 1$$

$$K'(x) \cos^{-3} x = 1$$

The term with  $K(x)$  disappear, since

$$K(x)(-3) \cos^{-4} x(-\sin x) - 3K(x) \cos^{-3} x \operatorname{tg} x = 0.$$

We obtain the equation for  $K'(x)$ .

Solve DE  $y' = 1 + 3y \operatorname{tg} x$ .

Summary:  $y_{GH}(x) = C \cos^{-3} x$        $y_{PN}(x) = K(x) \cdot \cos^{-3}(x)$

$$\overbrace{K'(x) \cos^{-3} x + K(x)(-3) \cos^{-4} x(-\sin x)}^{y'} - \overbrace{3K(x) \cos^{-3} x \operatorname{tg} x}^y = 1$$

$$K'(x) \cos^{-3} x = 1$$

$$K'(x) = \cos^3 x$$

We solve that equation for  $K'(x)$ ...

Solve DE  $y' = 1 + 3y \operatorname{tg} x$ .

Summary:  $y_{GH}(x) = C \cos^{-3} x$        $y_{PN}(x) = K(x) \cdot \cos^{-3}(x)$

$$\overbrace{K'(x) \cos^{-3} x + K(x)(-3) \cos^{-4} x(-\sin x)}^{y'} - \overbrace{3K(x) \cos^{-3} x \operatorname{tg} x}^y = 1$$

$$K'(x) \cos^{-3} x = 1$$

$$K'(x) = \cos^3 x$$

$$K(x) = \int \cos^3 x \, dx$$

... and integrate. This gives  $K(x)$ .

Solve DE  $y' = 1 + 3y \operatorname{tg} x$ .

Summary:  $y_{GH}(x) = C \cos^{-3} x$        $y_{PN}(x) = K(x) \cdot \cos^{-3}(x)$

$$\overbrace{K'(x) \cos^{-3} x + K(x)(-3) \cos^{-4} x(-\sin x)}^{y'} - \overbrace{3K(x) \cos^{-3} x \operatorname{tg} x}^y = 1$$

$$K'(x) \cos^{-3} x = 1$$

$$K'(x) = \cos^3 x$$

$$K(x) = \int \cos^3 x \, dx = \int (1 - \sin^2 x) \cos x \, dx$$

We write  $\cos^3 x$  in the form

$$\cos^3 x = \cos^2 x \cos x = (1 - \sin^2 x) \cos x.$$

Solve DE  $y' = 1 + 3y \operatorname{tg} x$ .

Summary:  $y_{GH}(x) = C \cos^{-3} x$        $y_{PN}(x) = K(x) \cdot \cos^{-3}(x)$

$$\overbrace{K'(x) \cos^{-3} x + K(x)(-3) \cos^{-4} x(-\sin x)}^{y'} - \overbrace{3K(x) \cos^{-3} x \operatorname{tg} x}^y = 1$$

$$K'(x) \cos^{-3} x = 1$$

$$K'(x) = \cos^3 x$$

$$\begin{aligned} K(x) &= \int \cos^3 x \, dx = \int (1 - \sin^2 x) \cos x \, dx \\ &= \sin x - \frac{\sin^3 x}{3} \end{aligned}$$

The integral is ready for substitution  $\sin x = t$ ,  $\cos x \, dx = dt$ . This converts the integral into

$$\int (1 - t^2) \, dt = t - \frac{t^3}{3} = \sin x - \frac{\sin^3 x}{3}.$$

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$$K'(x) = \cos^2 x$$

$$K(x) = \int \cos^3 x \, dx = \int (1 - \sin^2 x) \cos x \, dx$$

$$= \sin x - \frac{\sin^3 x}{3}$$

$$y_{PN}(x) = \left( \sin x - \frac{\sin^3 x}{3} \right) \cdot \cos^{-3} x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos^3 x} - \frac{\sin^3 x}{3 \cos^3 x}$$

We use the function  $K$  in the formula for  $y_{PN}$ .



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$$K'(x) = \cos^3 x$$

$$K(x) = \int \cos^3 x \, dx = \int (1 - \sin^2 x) \cos x \, dx$$

The general solution of nonhomogeneous equation is a sum of particular solution of that equation and general solution of homogeneous equation.

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$$y_{GN}(x) = y_{GH}(x) + y_{PN}(x)$$

Solve DE  $y' = 1 + 3y \operatorname{tg} x$ .

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$$K'(x) \cos^{-3} x = 1$$

$$K'(x) = \cos^3 x$$

$$K(x) = \int \cos^3 x \, dx = \int (1 - \sin^2 x) \cos x \, dx$$

Both  $y_{GH}$  and  $y_{PN}$  are known and we can substitute.

$$y_{PN}(x) = \left( \sin x - \frac{\sin^3 x}{3} \right) \cdot \cos^{-3} x \quad \left( \frac{\sin x}{\cos^3 x} - \frac{\sin^3 x}{3 \cos^3 x} \right)$$

$$y_{GN}(x) = y_{GH}(x) + y_{PN}(x) = \frac{C}{\cos^3 x} + \frac{\sin x}{\cos^3 x} - \frac{\sin^3 x}{3 \cos^3 x}, \quad C \in \mathbb{R}$$

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The problem is resolved.

$$y_{PN}(x) = \left( \sin x - \frac{\sin^3 x}{3} \right) \cdot \cos^{-3} x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos^3 x} - \frac{\sin^3 x}{3 \cos^3 x}$$

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$$y' + \frac{1}{x}y = \ln(x + 1)$$

- We write the equation in its normal form  $y' + a(x)y = b$ .
- We divide by  $x$ . Hence we look for the solution either on  $(-1, 0)$  (see the logarithmic function) or on  $(0, \infty)$ .

Solve DE  $xy' + y = x \ln(x + 1)$

$$y' + \frac{1}{x}y = \cancel{\ln(x+1)} \quad y' + \frac{1}{x}y = 0$$

We write the corresponding homogeneous equation.

Solve DE  $xy' + y = x \ln(x + 1)$

$$y' + \frac{1}{x}y = \ln(x + 1) \quad y' + \frac{1}{x}y = 0$$

$$y_{GH} = Ce^{-\int \frac{1}{x} dx}$$

The general solution of the homogeneous equation

$$y' + a(x)y = 0$$

is

$$y_{GH} = Ce^{-\int a(x) dx}.$$

In our case we have  $a(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ .

Solve DE  $xy' + y = x \ln(x + 1)$

$$y' + \frac{1}{x}y = \ln(x + 1) \quad y' + \frac{1}{x}y = 0$$

$$y_{GH} = Ce^{-\int \frac{1}{x} dx} = Ce^{-\ln|x|}$$

We evaluate the integral...



Solve DE  $xy' + y = x \ln(x + 1)$

$$y' + \frac{1}{x}y = \ln(x + 1) \quad y' + \frac{1}{x}y = 0$$

$$y_{GH} = Ce^{-\int \frac{1}{x} dx} = Ce^{-\ln|x|} = Ce^{\ln|x|^{-1}}$$

... and simplify.

Solve DE  $xy' + y = x \ln(x + 1)$

$$y' + \frac{1}{x}y = \ln(x + 1) \quad y' + \frac{1}{x}y = 0$$

$$y_{GH} = Ce^{-\int \frac{1}{x} dx} = Ce^{-\ln|x|} = Ce^{\ln|x|^{-1}} = C|x|^{-1} = \frac{C}{|x|}$$

The composition  $e^{\ln x}$  is identity.

Solve DE  $xy' + y = x \ln(x + 1)$

$$y' + \frac{1}{x}y = \ln(x + 1) \quad y' + \frac{1}{x}y = 0$$

$$y_{GH} = Ce^{-\int \frac{1}{x} dx} = Ce^{-\ln|x|} = Ce^{\ln|x|^{-1}} = C|x|^{-1} = \frac{C}{|x|} = \frac{K}{x}$$

If we introduce the new constant  $C = \pm K$ , we can write the general solution of homogeneous equation in the form  $y_{GH} = \frac{K}{x}$

Solve DE  $xy' + y = x \ln(x + 1)$

$$y' + \frac{1}{x}y = \ln(x + 1)$$

$$y' + \frac{1}{x}y = 0$$

$$y_{GH} = \frac{K}{x} = K \cdot \frac{1}{x}$$

$$y_{PN} = K(x) \frac{1}{x}$$

- Now let us look for the solution of nonhomogeneous equation.
- We replace the constant  $K$  in the formula for  $y_{GH}$  by the function  $K(x)$ .

Solve DE  $xy' + y = x \ln(x + 1)$

$$y' + \frac{1}{x}y = \ln(x + 1)$$

$$y' + \frac{1}{x}y = 0$$

$$y_{GH} = \frac{K}{x} = K \cdot \frac{1}{x}$$

$$y_{PN} = K(x) \frac{1}{x}$$

$$y'_{PN} = K'(x) \frac{1}{x} + K(x)(-1)x^{-2}$$

We evaluate the derivative of the function  $y_{PN}$  by the product rule

$$(uv)' = u'v + uv'$$

We differentiate the function  $\frac{1}{x}$  as a power function  $x^{-1}$ . Hence

$$\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)' = (x^{-1})' = (-1)x^{-2}.$$

Solve DE  $xy' + y = x \ln(x + 1)$

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$$y' + \frac{1}{x}y = 0$$

$$y_{GH} = \frac{K}{x} = K \cdot \frac{1}{x}$$

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$$y'_{PN} = K'(x) \frac{1}{x} + K(x)(-1)x^{-2}$$

$$\overbrace{K'(x) \frac{1}{x} + K(x)(-1)x^{-2}}^{y'} + \frac{1}{x} \overbrace{K(x) \frac{1}{x}}^y = \ln(x + 1)$$

We substitute for  $y'$  and  $y$  into original equation

$$y' + \frac{1}{x}y = \ln(x + 1).$$

Solve DE  $xy' + y = x \ln(x + 1)$

$$y' + \frac{1}{x}y = \ln(x + 1)$$

$$y' + \frac{1}{x}y = 0$$

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$$\overbrace{K'(x) \frac{1}{x} + K(x)(-1)x^{-2}}^{y'} + \frac{1}{x} \overbrace{K(x) \frac{1}{x}}^y = \ln(x + 1)$$

$$K'(x) \frac{1}{x} = \ln(x + 1)$$

The terms with  $K(x)$  cancel and only  $K'(x)$  remains.

Solve DE  $xy' + y = x \ln(x + 1)$

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$$\overbrace{K'(x) \frac{1}{x} + K(x)(-1)x^{-2}}^{y'} + \frac{1}{x} \overbrace{K(x) \frac{1}{x}}^y = \ln(x + 1)$$

$$K'(x) \frac{1}{x} = \ln(x + 1)$$

$$K'(x) = x \ln(x + 1)$$

We solve the equation for  $K'(x)$  ...



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$$K(x) = \int x \ln(x + 1) dx$$

... and integrate.

Solve DE  $xy' + y = x \ln(x + 1)$

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$$K(x) = \int x \ln(x + 1) dx = \frac{x^2}{2} \ln(x + 1) - \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \ln(x + 1)$$

We use integration by parts with

$$\begin{array}{ll} u = \ln(x + 1) & u' = \frac{1}{x + 1} \\ v' = x & v = \frac{x^2}{2} \end{array}$$

. This gives

$$\begin{aligned} \int x \ln(x + 1) dx &= \frac{x^2}{2} \ln(x + 1) - \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{x^2}{x + 1} dx \\ &= \frac{x^2}{2} \ln(x + 1) - \frac{1}{2} \int x - 1 + \frac{1}{x + 1} dx \end{aligned}$$

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We substitute for  $K(x)$  into the relation for  $y_{PN}(x)$

Solve DE  $xy' + y = x \ln(x + 1)$

$$y' + \frac{1}{x}y = \ln(x + 1)$$

$$y' + \frac{1}{x}y = 0$$

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$$y_{GN} = y_{GH} + y_{PN} = \frac{K}{x} + \frac{x}{2} \ln(x + 1) - \frac{x}{4} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2x} \ln(x + 1), \quad K \in \mathbb{R}$$

We use that solutions...

Solve DE  $xy' + y = x \ln(x + 1)$

$$y' + \frac{1}{x}y = \ln(x + 1)$$

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$$K(x) = \int x \ln(x + 1) dx = \frac{x^2}{2} \ln(x + 1) - \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \ln(x + 1)$$

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$$y_{GN} = y_{GH} + y_{PN} = \frac{K}{x} + \frac{x}{2} \ln(x + 1) - \frac{x}{4} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2x} \ln(x + 1), \quad K \in \mathbb{R}$$

... and the problem is resolved.

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$$y' + \frac{x+1}{x}y = x$$

We write the equation in the standard form

$$y' + a(x)y = b(x).$$



Solve IVP  $xy' + xy + y - x^2 = 0$ ,  $y(1) = -1$ .

$$y' + \frac{x+1}{x}y = x$$

$$a(x) = \frac{x+1}{x} \quad \text{and} \quad b(x) = x$$

The comparison with

$$y' + a(x)y = b(x)$$

gives  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$ .

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$$y' + \frac{x+1}{x}y = x$$

$$a(x) = \frac{x+1}{x}$$

and

$$b(x) = x$$

$$\int a(x) dx$$

The solution of

$$y' + a(x)y = b(x)$$

is

$$y(x) = \frac{C + \int b(x)A dx}{A}, \quad \text{where } A = e^{\int a(x) dx}.$$

We evaluate  $\int a(x) dx$ .

Solve IVP  $xy' + xy + y - x^2 = 0$ ,  $y(1) = -1$ .

$$y' + \frac{x+1}{x}y = x$$

$$a(x) = \frac{x+1}{x}$$

and

$$b(x) = x$$

$$\int a(x) dx = \int \frac{x+1}{x} dx$$

This is  $\int a(x) dx$ .

Solve IVP  $xy' + xy + y - x^2 = 0$ ,  $y(1) = -1$ .

$$y' + \frac{x+1}{x}y = x \qquad a(x) = \frac{x+1}{x} \qquad \text{and} \qquad b(x) = x$$

$$\int a(x) dx = \int \frac{x+1}{x} dx = \int \left( 1 + \frac{1}{x} \right) dx$$

We divide the numerator...

Solve IVP  $xy' + xy + y - x^2 = 0$ ,  $y(1) = -1$ .

$$y' + \frac{x+1}{x}y = x \qquad a(x) = \frac{x+1}{x} \qquad \text{and} \qquad b(x) = x$$

$$\int a(x) dx = \int \frac{x+1}{x} dx = \int \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right) dx = x + \ln|x|$$

... and integrate.

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$$y' + \frac{x+1}{x}y = x \qquad a(x) = \frac{x+1}{x} \qquad \text{and} \qquad b(x) = x$$

$$\int a(x) dx = \int \frac{x+1}{x} dx = \int \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right) dx = x + \ln|x|$$

$$A = e^{\int a(x) dx} = e^{x+\ln x}$$

Since the initial condition is given in  $x = 1$ , the absolute value can be omitted. Now we evaluate  $A = e^{\int a(x) dx}$ .

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$$\int a(x) dx = \int \frac{x+1}{x} dx = \int \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right) dx = x + \ln|x|$$

$$A = e^{\int a(x) dx} = e^{x+\ln x} = e^{\ln x} e^x$$

We use the rule  $e^{a+b} = e^a e^b \dots$

Solve IVP  $xy' + xy + y - x^2 = 0$ ,  $y(1) = -1$ .

$$y' + \frac{x+1}{x}y = x \qquad a(x) = \frac{x+1}{x} \qquad \text{and} \qquad b(x) = x$$

$$\int a(x) dx = \int \frac{x+1}{x} dx = \int \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right) dx = x + \ln|x|$$

$$A = e^{\int a(x) dx} = e^{x+\ln x} = e^{\ln x} e^x = xe^x$$

... and the fact that the composition of exponential and logarithm is identity.



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$$y' + \frac{x+1}{x}y = x$$

$$a(x) = \frac{x+1}{x} \quad \text{and} \quad b(x) = x$$

$$\int a(x) dx = x + \ln|x|$$

$$A = e^{\int a(x) dx} = xe^x$$

$$\int b(x)A dx = \int b(x)e^{\int a(x) dx}$$

Now we evaluate  $\int b(x)A dx$ , i.e.  $\int b(x)e^{\int a(x) dx} dx$ .

Solve IVP  $xy' + xy + y - x^2 = 0$ ,  $y(1) = -1$ .

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$$\int b(x)A dx = \int b(x)e^{\int a(x) dx} = \int x^2 e^x dx$$

Substitution for  $b(x)$  and  $e^{\int a(x) dx}$  gives this integral.

Solve IVP  $xy' + xy + y - x^2 = 0$ ,  $y(1) = -1$ .

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$$a(x) = \frac{x+1}{x} \quad \text{and} \quad b(x) = x$$

$$\int a(x) dx = x + \ln|x|$$

$$A = e^{\int a(x) dx} = xe^x$$

$$\int b(x)A dx = \int b(x)e^{\int a(x) dx} = \int x^2 e^x dx = e^x(x^2 - 2x + 2)$$

We integrate two times by parts.

$$\begin{aligned} \int x^2 e^x dx &= x^2 e^x - 2 \int x e^x dx \\ &= x^2 e^x - 2(xe^x - \int e^x dx) \\ &= x^2 e^x - 2(xe^x - e^x) \end{aligned}$$

Solve IVP  $xy' + xy + y - x^2 = 0$ ,  $y(1) = -1$ .

$$y' + \frac{x+1}{x}y = x$$

$$a(x) = \frac{x+1}{x} \quad \text{and} \quad b(x) = x$$

$$\int a(x) dx = x + \ln|x|$$

$$A = e^{\int a(x) dx} = xe^x$$

$$\int b(x)A dx = \int b(x)e^{\int a(x) dx} = \int x^2 e^x dx = e^x(x^2 - 2x + 2)$$

$$y = \frac{C + e^x(x^2 - 2x + 2)}{xe^x}$$

The formula for the general solution is

$$y(x) = \frac{C + \int b(x)A dx}{A}$$

Solve IVP  $xy' + xy + y - x^2 = 0$ ,  $y(1) = -1$ .

$$y' + \frac{x+1}{x}y = x$$

$$a(x) = \frac{x+1}{x} \quad \text{and} \quad b(x) = x$$

$$\int a(x) dx = x + \ln|x|$$

$$A = e^{\int a(x) dx} = xe^x$$

$$\int b(x)A dx = \int b(x)e^{\int a(x) dx} = \int x^2 e^x dx = e^x(x^2 - 2x + 2)$$

$$y = \frac{C + e^x(x^2 - 2x + 2)}{xe^x} = \frac{C}{xe^x} + x - 2 + \frac{2}{x}$$

After simplification we obtain the general solution in the explicit form.

Solve IVP  $xy' + xy + y - x^2 = 0$ ,  $y(1) = -1$ .

$$y' + \frac{x+1}{x}y = x$$

$$a(x) = \frac{x+1}{x} \quad \text{and} \quad b(x) = x$$

$$\int a(x) dx = x + \ln|x|$$

$$A = e^{\int a(x) dx} = xe^x$$

$$\int b(x)A dx = \int b(x)e^{\int a(x) dx} = \int x^2 e^x dx = e^x(x^2 - 2x + 2)$$

$$y = \frac{C + e^x(x^2 - 2x + 2)}{xe^x} = \frac{C}{xe^x} + x - 2 + \frac{2}{x}$$

$$y(1) = -1$$

We have to solve the initial value problem.

Solve IVP  $xy' + xy + y - x^2 = 0$ ,  $y(1) = -1$ .

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We substitute from the initial condition to the **general solution**. We put  $x = 1$  and  $y = -1$ .

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We use this constant in the **general solution**...

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... and simplify.

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The initial value problem is resolved.

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

We divide the equation by  $x$ . This removes the term  $x$  which multiplies the derivative  $y'$ .

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Equation is now in its standard form  $y' + a(x)y = b(x)$ . We can identify the functions  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$ .

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The formula for the general solution is

$$y(x) = \frac{C + \int b(x)A dx}{A}, \quad \text{where } A = e^{\int a(x) dx}.$$

We evaluate  $\int a(x) dx$ .

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This integral is simple.



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We convert the result into the form of logarithm.

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We continue with evaluation of the quantity  $A$  from the general formula.

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We substitute for the integral in the exponent.

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Exponential function and logarithm are mutually inverse functions. The composition of the function and its inverse gives identity function. Hence the argument of logarithm remains only.

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$$\int b(x)A dx$$

The last expression from general formula was this expression.

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We substitute for  $A$  and  $b(x)$ .

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We simplify.

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The composite function  $e^{-x^2}$  suggests substitution  $(-x^2) = t$ ,  $-2x dx = dt$ .  
This substitution gives

$$\int x e^{-x^2} dx = -\frac{1}{2} \int e^t dt = -\frac{1}{2} e^t = -\frac{1}{2} e^{-x^2}.$$



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$$y = \frac{1}{x^2} \left[ C - \frac{1}{2} e^{-x^2} \right]$$

Now we use our results in the general formula for solution.

$$y = \frac{1}{A} \left[ C + \int b(x)A dx \right]$$

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We take out the factor  $\frac{1}{2}$  from the brackets. This yields the constant  $2C$  inside. We replace this constant  $2C$  by new constant  $K$

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The problem is resolved.

## Real world applications (local links)

- Suspension bridges
- Sociologic diffusion

## Further reading

- <http://eqworld.ipmnet.ru/en/solutions/ode/ode-toc1.htm>
- [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Examples\\_of\\_differential\\_equations](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Examples_of_differential_equations)
- <http://www.sosmath.com/diffeq/first/separable/separable.html>
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