

1. Consider the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x(y^2 - 1)}{y^2}. \quad (1)$$

(a) 3 Find an implicit general solution to (1).

Lost  $y=1, y=-1$   $\rightarrow \int \frac{y^2}{y^2-1} dy = \int x dx$

Note:  $\frac{y^2}{y^2-1} = \frac{y^2-1}{y^2-1} + \frac{1}{y^2-1} = 1 + \frac{1}{2(y-1)} - \frac{1}{2(y+1)}$

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

$$y + \frac{1}{2} \ln|y-1| - \frac{1}{2} \ln|y+1| = \frac{x^2}{2} + C \quad \text{or } y=1 \quad \text{or } y=-1$$

(\*)

(b) 1 Find a solution<sup>1</sup> to (1) satisfying  $y(0) = 1$ .

$y=1$  . Note: there is no C so that (\*) satisfies  $y(0)=1$

2. 3 Find an explicit general solution to

$$xy' - 2y = x^3.$$

$$y' - \frac{2}{x}y = x^2 \quad \text{so } \mu(x) = e^{\int -\frac{2}{x} dx} = e^{-2 \ln|x|} = x^{-2}$$

$$x^{-2}y' - 2x^{-3}y = 1$$

$$(x^{-2}y)' = 1$$

$$x^{-2}y = \int dx = x + C$$

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

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<sup>1</sup>Did you lose anything in part (a)?

3. 3 Consider the equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y-x}{x+y}. \quad (2)$$

Equation (2) is neither separable nor linear. Please read the first few pages of Section 2.6 regarding Homogeneous equations. The equation is homogeneous since it can be rewritten as

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y/x - 1}{1 + y/x}.$$

Using the substitution  $v = y/x$  so that  $\frac{dy}{dx} = v + x \frac{dv}{dx}$  converts (2) into

$$v + x \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{v-1}{1+v}. \quad (3)$$

Equation (3) is now separable. Find an implicit general solution in terms of  $v$  and  $x$ .

$$x \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{v-1}{1+v} - v = \frac{v-1-v-v^2}{1+v} = -\frac{v^2+1}{v+1}$$

$$\int \frac{v+1}{v^2+1} dv = \int -\frac{dx}{x}$$

$$\int \left( \frac{v}{v^2+1} + \frac{1}{v^2+1} \right) dv = -\ln|x| + C$$

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

Using the original substitution  $v = y/x$ , find an implicit general solution to (2) in terms of the original variables,  $y$  and  $x$ .

$$\frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \left( \frac{y}{x} \right)^2 + 1 \right) + \arctan \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) = C - \ln|x|$$