

Chapter 01 :

1st order Différential Equations

Definition 01:

An Ordinary Differential Equation (ODE) of order n is an equation where the unknown is a function $y(t)$. It is of the form

$$F(t, y, y', y'', \dots, y^{(n)}) = 0,$$

With :

- F : is a continues function.
- y : The unknown function of the variable t (to be determined)
- t : is the real variable (in physics, representing time).
- n : It is the highest order of the derivative of y , which is also the order of the ODE.

Definition 02 : A first-order ordinary differential equation (ODE) is of the form:

$$y' = F(t, y) \quad \dots (1)$$

Remark : To find the solution of an ODE, one must search for a function $y(t)$ that satisfies this ODE, according to each type. Integration is the process that allows us to do this.

1. Separable Variable Equation:

Definition 03: The ODE (1) is said to be in separated variables form if it is of the form:

$$f(y)dy = g(t)dt$$

Where f and g are two real (continuous) functions of the real variable.

Resolution method: To find the solution from (1), you need to follow the following steps:

1. Use the relation $y' = \frac{dy}{dt}$.
2. **Separate the y terms from the t variable:** Put the y terms on one side and what depends on t on the other side.
3. **Integrate both sides of the equation with respect to both t and y .**

Example: Solve the following ODE:

$$y^2 - (1 + 3t)y' = 0 \quad \dots \dots (E)$$

- From the relation $y' = \frac{dy}{dt}$, we obtain :

$$y^2 - (1 + 3t)y' = 0 \Leftrightarrow y^2 - (1 + 3t)\frac{dy}{dt} = 0$$

- To begin, we separate the variables, we have

$$y^2 - (1 + 3t)y' = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad y^2 = (1 + 3t) \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{(1 + 3t)} = \frac{1}{y^2} y'$$

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

- By integrating each side of the equation:

$$\int \frac{1 \cdot dt}{(1 + 3t)} = \int \frac{1}{y^2} dy \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \frac{1}{3} \ln|1 + 3t| + c = -\frac{1}{y}$$

- Finally, the solution is:

$$y = -\frac{1}{\frac{1}{3} \ln|1 + 3t| + c}$$

2. Homogeneous Differential Equation:

Definition 04 : A homogeneous differential equation is written as:

$$y' = f\left(\frac{y}{t}\right) \dots (2)$$

Resolution method: Let's consider the differential equation $y' = f\left(\frac{y}{t}\right)$,

- Introduce the change of variable : $u(t) = \frac{y(t)}{t} \Rightarrow y(t) = t \cdot u(t)$
- Use the derivative: $y' = t \cdot u'(t) + u(t)$
- Replace the values of u and y' in equation (2).
- Use the method of separated variables to solve the resulting equation.
- Find the final solution $y(t)$.

Example: Solve the following ODE:

$$ty' + y = t$$

Solution :

We have,

$$ty' + y = t$$

In order to express (E) in the form $y' = f\left(\frac{y}{t}\right)$, We need to divide everything by t .

$$\begin{aligned} ty' + y = t & \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \frac{t \cdot y'}{t} + \frac{y}{t} = \frac{t}{t} \\ & \Rightarrow y' = 1 - \frac{y}{t} \dots (E) \end{aligned}$$

Let's introduce a variable transformation

$$u(t) = \frac{y(t)}{t} \Rightarrow y(t) = t \cdot u(t)$$

The derivative is $y' = t \cdot u'(t) + u(t)$

By substituting into (E)

$$y' = 1 - \frac{y}{t}$$

We get ,

$$t \cdot u'(t) + u(t) = 1 - u$$

$$\Rightarrow t \cdot u'(t) = 1 - 2u$$

- Using the method of separated variables, we solve the equation:

$$t \cdot u'(t) = \frac{1}{2} - 2u$$

Remark that $u'(t) = \frac{du}{dt}$, so ,

$$t \cdot u'(t) = 1 - 2u \Leftrightarrow t \cdot \frac{du}{dt} = 1 - 2u$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{du}{1 - 2u} = \frac{dt}{t}$$

We integrate both sides.

$$\int \frac{du}{1 - 2u} = \int \frac{dt}{t}$$

$$\frac{-1}{2} \ln|1 - 2u| = \ln|t| + c_1$$

Then ,

$$\ln|1 - 2u| = -2\ln|t| + c \Leftrightarrow e^{\ln|1 - 2u|} = e^{-2\ln|t| + c}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |1 - 2u| = e^{-\ln|t|^2} \cdot e^c$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 1 - 2u = \pm e^{\ln \frac{1}{t^2}} \cdot e^c$$

$$\Leftrightarrow u = \frac{-1}{2} \left(\pm \frac{1}{t^2} \cdot e^c - 1 \right)$$

Then the solution is

$$u(t) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{k}{t^2} + 1 \right) \quad \text{where } k = \mp e^c$$

- In order to find $y(t)$, we simply substitute the value of u into the solution, such that,

$$u(t) = \frac{y(t)}{t} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{k}{t^2} + 1 \right)$$

Finally, the solution is :

$$y(t) = \frac{t}{2} \left(\frac{k}{t^2} + 1 \right) = \frac{k}{2t} + \frac{t}{2}, \quad k \in \mathbb{R}$$

