

MATH4410
Homework 2
Due February 19, 2021
Your Name Here

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1. Sometimes a differential equation can be solved by a clever change of variables. That is the theme of the first few problems.

- (a) Solve the first-order linear differential equation $y' = y + t$ by finding an integrating factor, as we have done many times by now.
- (b) You can also solve this differential equation with a change of variables. Substitute $y + t = z$, and eliminate y from the differential equation. The resulting differential equation is separable. Solve by separation of variables, and then remove z from the result and express y as a function of t .

2. The differential equation

$$y' - 2ty = ty^2$$

is not linear.

- (a) Show that this differential equation is separable, and solve by separation of variables.
- (b) This equation can also be solved with the substitution $z = y^{-1}$. Make that substitution, solve the resulting linear differential equation for z , and then remove z from the solution and express y as a function of t .

3. Make the substitution $y = tz$ to solve each of these differential equations:

(a) $y' = \frac{t + y}{t - y}$.

(b) $y' = \frac{y^2}{ty + t^2}$.

(c) $y' = \frac{t^2 + ty + y^2}{t^2}$.

(d) $y' = \frac{y + te^{-2y/t}}{t}$.

In most cases, you will only be able to find an equation relating y and t .

4. Each of the differential equations in the previous problem has the form $y' = f(t, y)$, where $f(kt, ky) = f(t, y)$ for any non-zero real number k . Show that every differential equation of this form becomes separable after making the substitution $y = tz$.

5. Suppose that $y = \phi(t)$ solves the differential equation

$$y' + (\cos t)y = e^{-\sin t}.$$

Suppose as well that k is any integer. Show that $\phi(k\pi) - \phi(0) = k\pi$.

6. In class, we solved the first-order linear differential equation

$$2y' + ty = 2$$

with an initial condition $y(0) = 1$. This is also in the text: section 2.1, example 5. Change the initial condition to be $y(0) = A$ for any real number A , repeat the process of solving the differential equation, and evaluate $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t)$. Your answer might depend on A .