# MA 266 Lecture 7

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### Sec 1.6-a Substitution Methods

• Consider the first order differential equation:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y) \tag{1}$$

- Suppose there exists a function:
- Suppose we can solve \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_:
- Then, by applying the \_\_\_\_\_:
- Replacing \_\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_, and solving for \_\_\_\_\_:

• If this eq'n is *linear or separable*, then we can apply the methods from Sec. 1.4 or 1.5.

**Example 1.** Solve the differential equation:

$$x\frac{dy}{dx} = y + 2\sqrt{xy}.$$

- For \_\_\_\_\_, we rewrite the differential equation as:
- Let's try the substitution:
- Then

• So, the transformed equation is

• Separating variables:

• The general solution is:

#### Homogeneous Equations

**Definition 1.** *A* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ first-order differential equation is one that can be written in the form:

• If we make the substitution:

• The \_\_\_\_\_\_ is transformed into the \_\_\_\_\_\_:

• Thus every \_\_\_\_\_\_ first-order differential equation can be reduced

to an integration problem by means of the substitutions in \_\_\_\_\_.

**Example 2.** Find general solutions of the differential equation:

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

• For \_\_\_\_\_, we rewrite the differential equation as:

• Substituting

• Separating variables:

• The general solution is:

## Bernoulli Equation

Consider:

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

The above equation is called a \_\_\_\_\_\_. If either \_\_\_\_\_,

The substitution

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**Example 3.** Consider the homogeneous equation:

$$2xy\frac{dy}{dx} = 4x^2 + 3y^2$$

- This is a *Bernoulli* equation:
- We use the substitution:
- This gives:

**Example 4.** Find the general solution of the differential equation:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y + y^3$$

- Rewrite the differential equation as:
- We use the substitution:
- The substitution gives:

**Example 5.** *The equation* 

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = A(x)y^2 + B(x)y + C(x)$$

is called a **Riccati Equation**. Suppose that one particular solution  $y_1(x)$  of this equation is known. Show that the substitution:

$$y = y_1 + \frac{1}{v}$$

transforms the Riccati equation into the linear equation:

$$\frac{dv}{dx} + (B + 2Ay_1)v = -A.$$

#### Flight Trajectories

Suppose an airplane departs from the point (a, 0) located due east of its intended destination –an airport located at the origin (0, 0). The plane travels with constant speed  $v_0$  relative to the wind, which is blowing due north with constant speed w. Let's assume the plane's pilot maintains its heading directly toward the origin.

• The velocity components relative to the ground are:

• The trajectory \_\_\_\_\_\_ of the plane satisfies the differential eq'n:

• Setting:

- Then \_\_\_\_\_\_ takes the \_\_\_\_\_\_ form:
- Use the substitution: