

Sec 1.4 Separable ODEs

No far, looked at first order eq $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x,y)$ (no y'' , y''' , ...)

• Eqs $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x)$ can be solved by just integrating.

• Separable Eq: ODE $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x,y)$ in which $f(x,y)$ can be separated as a product $f(x,y) = g(x) \cdot h(y)$

• Ex: Find a general soln for $\left\{ \frac{dy}{dx} = -6xy \right\}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (-6x)(y) \rightarrow \int \frac{dy}{y} \stackrel{*}{=} \int -6x dx \quad \text{* for now, assume } y \neq 0$$

$$\ln|y| = -3x^2 + C$$

$$|y| = e^C \cdot e^{-3x^2}$$

$$y = \boxed{\pm e^C} e^{-3x^2}$$

"C"

initially, since we said $y \neq 0$, we have to say $C \neq 0$ too.

a general solution is $\boxed{y = C e^{-3x^2} \quad (C \neq 0)}$

But is $y=0$ actually also a solution?

$$\rightarrow \text{plug in, } y' = 0, y = 0 \rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} y' = -6xy \\ 0 = -6x \cdot 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

so $y \equiv 0$ ($\equiv$ means "equal everywhere") is a solution,

so our "full" general solution is

(explicit general solution) $\hookrightarrow \boxed{y = C e^{-3x^2}} \quad \boxed{C \in \mathbb{R}}$ "in" (b/c "element of") ("C can be any real #")

• "Extra" solution that is a constant (ex: $y \equiv 0$) is an "equilibrium solution"

"Natural Growth/Decay" Eq: $\frac{dy}{dx} = ky$ or $\frac{dx}{dt} = kx$, etc...

★ Read examples 3 & 4 in book.

Ex of Separable Eq: Newton's Law of Cooling

If an ambient temperature of $A = 400^\circ$, const. $k = 3/2$, and an initial temperature of object, $T(0) = 60^\circ$, are given, then "model" the temperature $T(t)$ over time.

(* find solution of diff eq)

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = k(A - T) \rightarrow \frac{dT}{dt} = \frac{3}{2}(400 - T)$$

$$\rightarrow \int \frac{dT}{400 - T} = \int \frac{3}{2} dt$$

$$-\ln|400 - T| = \frac{3}{2}t + C$$

$$|400 - T| = e^{-C} e^{-3/2 t}$$

$$400 - T = \boxed{\pm e^{-C}} e^{-\frac{3}{2}t}$$

$$\boxed{T = 400 + C e^{-3/2 t}}$$

general solution for $\left\{ \frac{dT}{dt} = \frac{3}{2}(400 - T) \right\}$

To find particular solution with $T(0) = 60$, solve for C :

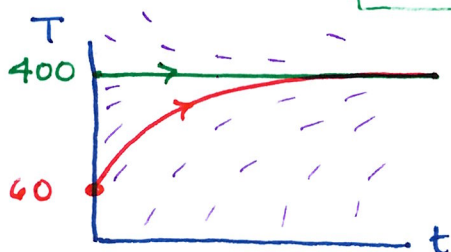
$$60 = 400 + C e^{0 \rightarrow 1}$$

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$$C = -340$$

(* $T(t) \equiv 400$ is an equilibrium soln)

particular solution is $\boxed{T(t) = 400 - 340 e^{-3/2 t}}$



Ex: Find an "implicit" general solution for

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4-2x}{3y^2-5},$$

then find a particular solution having $y(1) = 3$

implicit soln: $F(x,y) = C$

$$\int (3y^2 - 5) dy = \int (4 - 2x) dx$$

$$y^3 - 5y + C_1 = 4x - x^2 + C_2$$

$$\boxed{y^3 - 5y + x^2 - 4x = C} \text{ implicit general solution.}$$

• For particular solution with $y(1) = 3$, remember this means curve(s) pass through $(x=1, y=3)$, plug that in

$$\rightarrow 3^3 - 5(3) + 1^2 - 4(1) = C$$

$$\cancel{27} - \cancel{15} + 1 - 4 = C$$

$$\text{particular sol: } y^3 - 5y + x^2 - 4x = 9$$