

**Fundamentals of Differential Equations  
by Nagle, Saff, and Snider (7th edition)**

Section 2.2 (p. 46)- Separable Equations

12. Solve the DE  $x \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{1 - 4v^2}{3v}$ .

The DE is separable.

$$x \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{1 - 4v^2}{3v} \Rightarrow \frac{3v}{1 - 4v^2} dv = \frac{dx}{x} \Rightarrow$$

the solution to the DE is given by the equation

$$\int \frac{3v}{1 - 4v^2} dv = \int \frac{dx}{x} + C.$$

Let  $u = 1 - 4v^2 \Rightarrow du = -8v dv$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{3v}{1 - 4v^2} dv &= \frac{-3}{8} \int \frac{-8v}{1 - 4v^2} dv = \frac{-3}{8} \int \frac{du}{u} \\ &= -\frac{3}{8} \ln|1 - 4v^2| \quad \text{and} \quad \int \frac{dx}{x} = \ln|x|. \end{aligned}$$

The solution to the DE is

$$-\frac{3}{8} \ln|1 - 4v^2| = \ln|x| + C \quad \text{or better using } \ln|C|$$

in place of  $C$ ,

$$-\frac{3}{8} \ln|1 - 4v^2| = \ln|x| + \ln|C| \Rightarrow$$

$$-3 \ln|1 - 4v^2| = 8 \ln|x| + 8 \ln|C| \Rightarrow$$

$$\ln|1 - 4v^2|^{-3} = \ln|Cx|^8 \Rightarrow |1 - 4v^2|^{-3} = |Cx^8|$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 - 4v^2)^{-3} = Cx^8 \Rightarrow (1 - 4v^2)^3 = \frac{C}{x^8}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - 4v^2 = \sqrt[3]{\frac{C}{x^8}} \Rightarrow 4v^2 = 1 - Cx^{-8/3}$$

or if you want  $4v^2 = 1 + Cx^{-8/3}$ .

15. Solve the DE  $y^{-1}dy + ye^{\cos x} \sin x dx = 0$ .

Divide the DE

$$y \sin x e^{\cos x} dx + y^{-1} dy = 0$$

by  $y$  and we get the DE  $\sin x e^{\cos x} dx + y^{-2} dy = 0$ .

The solution to the DE is given by

$$\int \sin x e^{\cos x} dx + \int y^{-2} dy + C = 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \sin x e^{\cos x} dx &= - \int e^u du \\ &\text{(where } u = \cos x, du = -\sin x dx) \\ &= -e^u = -e^{\cos x}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\int y^{-2} dy = \frac{y^{-1}}{-1} = -\frac{1}{y}.$$

Therefore the solution to the DE is

$$-e^{\cos x} - \frac{1}{y} + C = 0 \Rightarrow C - e^{\cos x} = 1/y \Rightarrow$$

$$y = \frac{1}{C - e^{\cos x}}.$$

19. Solve the initial value problem

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2\sqrt{y+1} \cos x; y(\pi) = 0.$$

The solution to the DE is given by

$$\int \frac{dy}{2\sqrt{y+1}} = \int \cos x dx + C.$$

$$\int \frac{dy}{2\sqrt{y+1}} = \cos x dx \Leftarrow u = y+1; du = dy$$

$$= \int \frac{du}{2u^{1/2}} = \frac{u^{1/2}}{2(1/2)} = \sqrt{y+1} \text{ and } \int \cos x \, dx = \sin x .$$

The general solution to the DE is

$$\sqrt{y+1} = \sin x + C \Rightarrow \sin x = \sqrt{y+1} + C .$$

Since  $y(\pi) = 0$ ,

$$\sin \pi = 1 + C \Rightarrow C = -1$$

The specific solution is  $\sin x = -1 + \sqrt{y+1} \Rightarrow$

$$\sqrt{y+1} = \sin x + 1 \Rightarrow y+1 = (\sin x + 1)^2 \Rightarrow$$

$$\mathbf{y = \sin^2 x + 2 \sin x .}$$

24. Solve the initial value problem

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 8x^3 e^{-2y}; \quad y(1) = 0 .$$

The solution is given by

$$\int e^{2y} dy = \int 8x^3 dx + C \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{e^{2y}}{2} = 2x^4 + C \Rightarrow e^{2y} = 4x^4 + C .$$

Since  $y(1) = 0$ ,

$$1 = 4 + C \Rightarrow C = -3 \text{ and the specific solution is}$$

$$e^{2y} = 4x^4 - 3 \Rightarrow 2y = \ln(4x^4 - 3) \Rightarrow$$

$$\mathbf{y = \frac{1}{2} \ln(4x^4 - 3) .}$$

34. The Thermometer Problem.

a) Solve the DE  $\frac{dT}{dt} = k(T - M)$  ← I use  $T - M$  because  
 $T > M$  in part b.

$$\frac{dT}{T - M} = k dt \Rightarrow \ln|T - M| = kt + C \Rightarrow$$

$$\ln(T - M) = kt + C \Rightarrow T - M = e^{kt+C} \text{ or better } Ce^{kt}$$

$$\Rightarrow T - M = Ce^{kt} \Rightarrow \mathbf{T = M + Ce^{kt}}.$$

b) At time 0,  $T = 100$  and  $M = 70^\circ$ .

$$T = M + Ce^{kt} \Rightarrow 100 = 70 + C \Rightarrow C = 30.$$

$$\text{Therefore } T = 70 + 30e^{kt}.$$

Since after 6 minutes,  $T = 80^\circ$ ,

$$80 = 70 + 30e^{k6} \Rightarrow 30e^{6k} = 10 \Rightarrow$$

$$6k = \ln(1/3) \Rightarrow 6k = -\ln(3) \Rightarrow k = -\frac{\ln 3}{6}.$$

$$T = 70 + 30e^{-t \ln(3)/6} = 70 + 30(e^{\ln 3})^{-t/6} \Rightarrow$$

$$T = 70 + 30 \cdot 3^{-t/6}.$$

$$\text{After 20 minutes, } T = 70 + 30(3^{-20/6}) = \mathbf{70.77^\circ}.$$